

Journey to Winning the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup

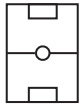
The U.S. Women's National Team's journey to winning the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup began at the 2014 CONCACAF Women's Championship. The USWNT qualified for the World Cup by reaching the semifinals of the tournament, which they then went on to win as well. The team qualified for the 2015 World Cup on October 24, 2014 when they beat Mexico 3 - 0 playing at PPL Park in Chester, Pennsylvania.

The 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup set to be played in Canada would be the first ever FIFA Women's World Cup with 24 teams, compared to 16 in years past. The group draw for the 2015 Women's World Cup on December 6, 2014 saw the USWNT drawn into the 'Group of Death.' Group D, made up of the United States, Sweden, Australia, and Nigeria, was coined the 'Group of Death' due to the fact that the group had the highest total of combined FIFA points of all six groups, and included three teams in the Top 10 FIFA rankings.

The USWNT, complete with a 23 player roster, proceeded to play seven total matches at the FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada, playing at five of the six total venues. The United States made it through the group stage along with Australia and Sweden. They then went on to beat Colombia (Group F), China (Group A), Germany (Group B), and Japan (Group C). The USWNT beat Japan to win the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, making that three wins (1991, 1999, 2015) in 8 appearances for the USWNT and the team received \$2 million for winning the tournament.

The final of the 2015 Women's World Cup became the most-watched soccer match in United States history at 25.4 million viewers, setting a new precedent for the popularity of women's soccer in the United States. Following the World Cup, the USWNT embarked on a 10-game Victory Tour in ten cities across the country.

TOTAL MATCHES PLAYED



7

TOTAL GOALS SCORED



12

GOALS PER MATCH



1.71

MOST GOALS SCORED BY A SINGLE PLAYER



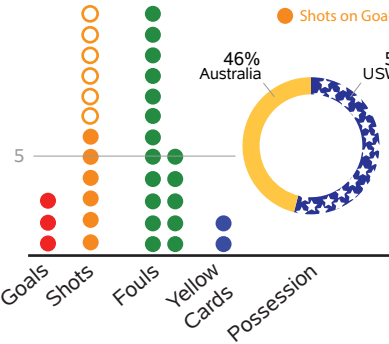
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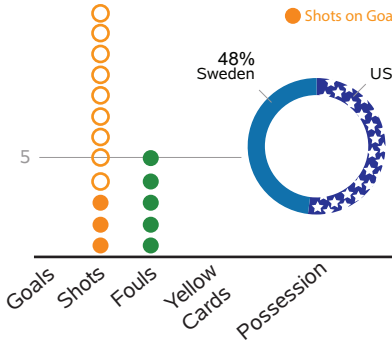
⑥ Number of Match Played
Stadium Name
City Name
Game Attendance and Date

Group Stage

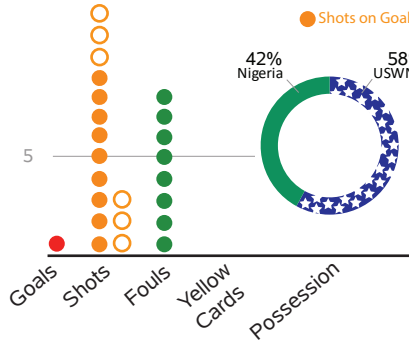
8 June
USWNT v. Australia (3 - 1)



12 June
USWNT v. Sweden (0 - 0)

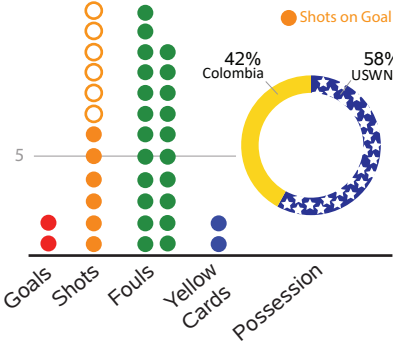


16 June
USWNT v. Nigeria (1 - 0)



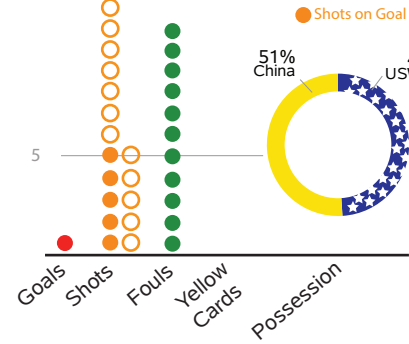
Round of 16

22 June
USWNT v. Colombia (2 - 0)



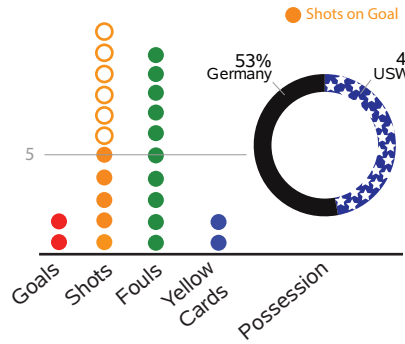
Quarterfinals

26 June
USWNT v. China (1 - 0)



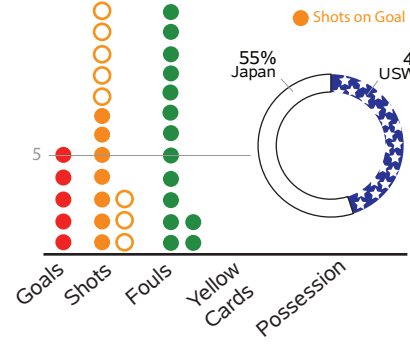
Semifinals

30 June
USWNT v. Germany (2 - 0)

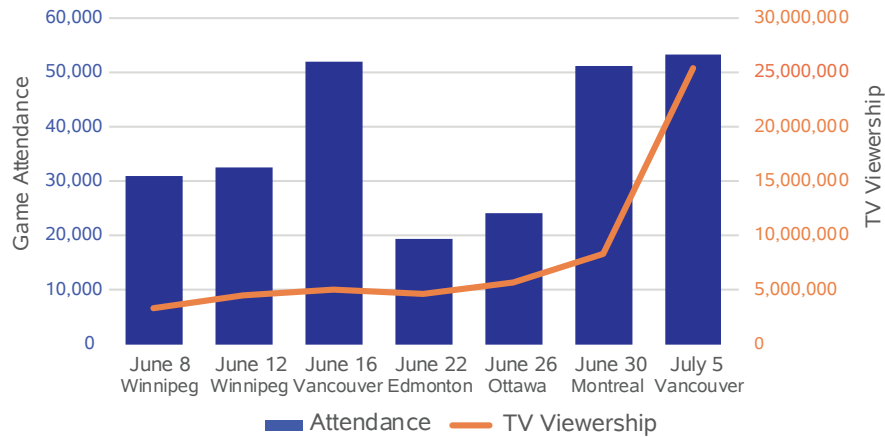


Final

5 July
USWNT v. Japan (5 - 2)



World Cup Game Statistics



This graph compares the in-person game attendance of each of the U.S. Women's National Team's games during the tournament with the overall television viewership of the matches in the United States. The WWC final versus Japan became the most-watched soccer game in U.S. history, peaking at 25.4 million viewers.

