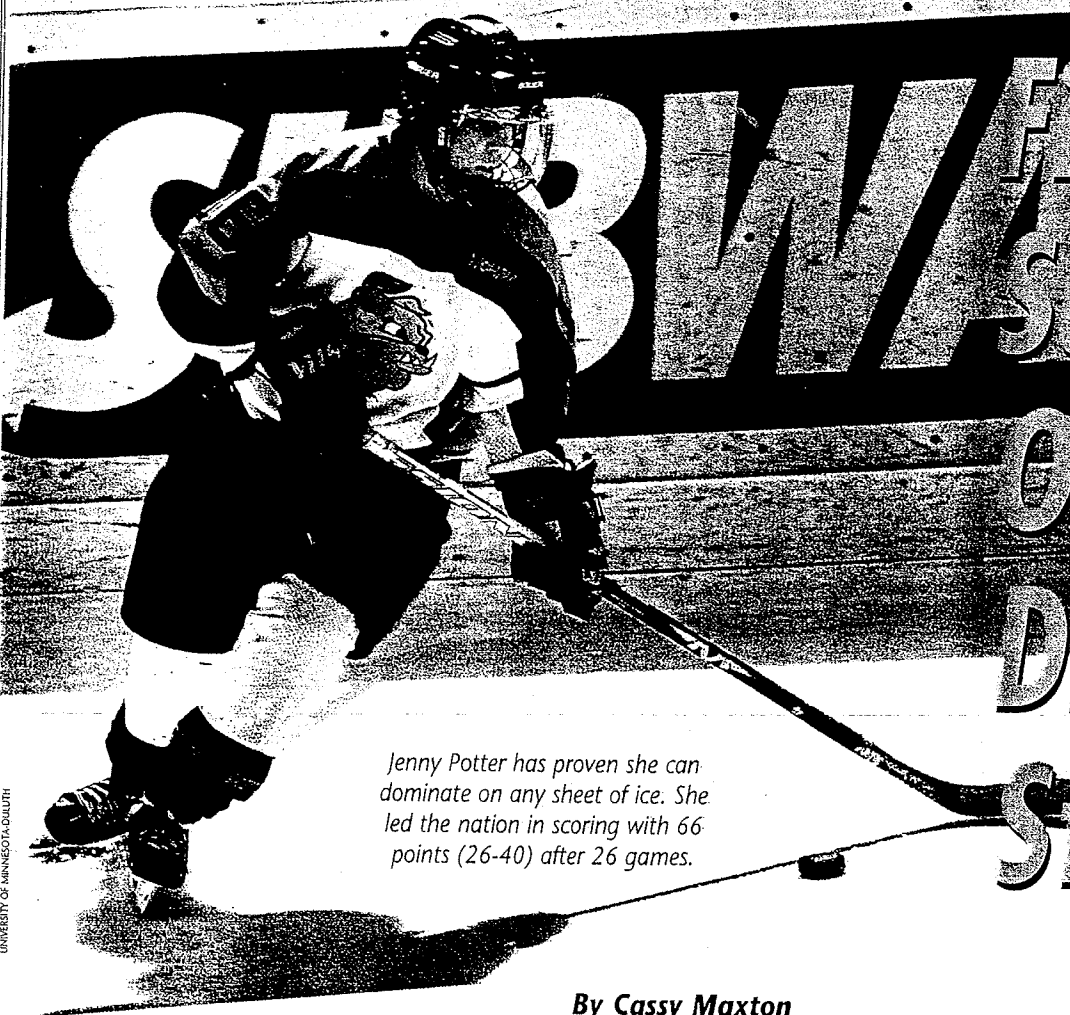


UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-DULUTH



Jenny Potter has proven she can dominate on any sheet of ice. She led the nation in scoring with 66 points (26-40) after 26 games.

Finding Success On A Different Stage



By **Cassy Maxton**

So, what does one do for an Olympic encore?

Go to college, of course.

Leading up to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, some of the world's best female hockey players put college on hold so they could pursue their Olympic dreams in Salt Lake City. But now that the Games are over and the medals hang in their places of honor, a number of national team players have returned to the university ranks to once again prove that they belong among hockey's elite.

Of the 10 women named finalists for The 2003 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, seven played for their respective Olympic teams in Salt Lake City, including 2001 winner and Canadian gold medallist Jennifer Botterill of Harvard.

University of Minnesota-Duluth junior Jenny Potter leads the pack of those who have converted their international experience into collegiate success worthy of a Kazmaier nod. After finishing as one of the leading scorers for Team USA, Potter led the nation in scoring and assists for most of the season.

"I think it helps college hockey to have

all these players with international experience returning to the collegiate scene," said Potter, who was a Top 10 finalist in 2000, her freshman year. "These veterans bring a great deal of know-how to their respective teams and help

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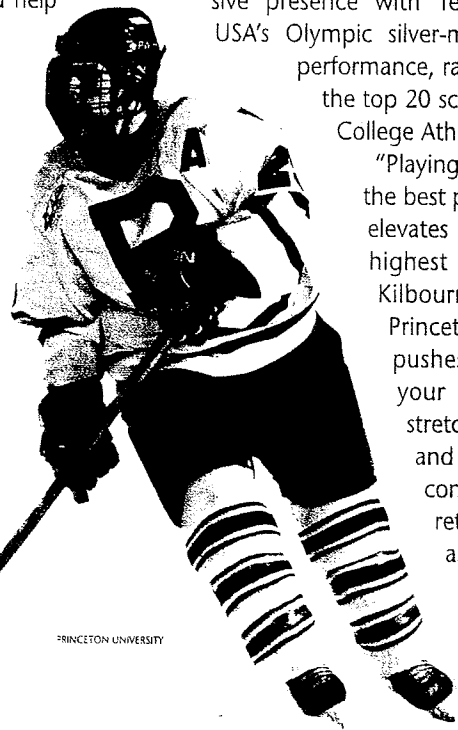
boost the level of hockey throughout the college ranks."

Finalist Andrea Kilbourne, a strong defensive presence with Team USA's Olympic silver-medal

performance, ranks among the top 20 scorers in the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

"Playing with and against the best players in the world elevates your game to the highest levels," said Kilbourne, a senior at Princeton University. "It pushes you to realize your full potential, to stretch your capabilities and it gives you great confidence when you return to the college arena."

After finishing a successful stint with the U.S. Women's



PRINCETON UNIVERSITY



As a freshman, Natalie Darwitz has made quite a splash at the University of Minnesota, where she ranks third in the nation in scoring while leading the Golden Gophers toward a national title.

National and Olympic teams, Krissy Wendell and Natalie Darwitz are now packing a potent 1-2 scoring punch at the University of Minnesota. Darwitz is currently third in the nation in scoring, with Wendell ranking sixth.

Harvard University defenseman Angela Ruggiero, a mainstay on the U.S. blueline since 1996, is currently the nation's leading defensive scorer and fourth overall.

Other Kazmaier candidates include University of Minnesota-Duluth's goaltender Maria Rooth, who picked up an Olympic bronze with Sweden,

completes the sweep by earning her fourth Kazmaier Top 10 nomination.

The remaining finalists include Dartmouth's leading scorer Carly Haggard, who ranks ninth in the country in scoring and was one of three finalists for the 2002 award; Northeastern netminder Chanda Gunn, who ranks fourth in the nation in save percentage and was one of last year's Top 10; and Kelli Halcisak of Providence College, who leads the Friars defensemen in scoring.

"It's an honor to be counted among such a talent group of athletes," said Potter, "especially in light of who Patty Kazmaier was and what she accomplished."

"With all the talent out there this year, this is the best women's college hockey that I've ever seen," added Kilbourne.

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1. Who led the nation in scoring with 66 points?
2. What did some of the Olympic players do to pursue their Olympic dreams?
3. What elevates a players game to the top?
4. What college does Kilbourne attend?
5. What ranking did Jenny Potter hold in college?
6. Who is the nation's leading defensive scorer?
7. Which two players are considered the 1-2 punch for Minnesota?
8. Who helped lead the Golden Gophers to a National Title?
9. Which goalie was ranked fourth in the nation in save percentage?
10. When is the Patty Kazmaier Award presented?