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Four Terriers help Team Canada to women's ice hockey top medal

# Olympic Gold

IF THE 2014 WINTER Olympic Games handed out medals for Most Valuable Player, it's safe to say that Marie-Philip Poulin would have snagged one. With just 54.6 seconds left in regulation in the US–Canada women's ice hockey gold medal game last February, Poulin (SED'15) tied it at 2–2, then scored the game-winning overtime goal just a few minutes later. Those two goals brought Canada back from the brink of defeat to beat Team USA 3–2 and scoop up the gold.

It was the second time in just four years that Quebec native Poulin earned a gold medal as part of Team Canada. In the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, she scored both goals during Canada's 2–0 gold medal round win over the United States.

At 22, Poulin is not only one of the youngest players

on the team, she has scored four of the last five goals for her country in gold medal games.

"It looked like the United States had it in hand, and then one of those small miracles happened," says BU women's hockey head coach Brian Durocher (SED'78). "When it went to overtime, Poulin got another chance to be the hero, and I'm not surprised she delivered."

Poulin was joined on the medal podium by Terrier alums Catherine Ward (GSM'12), Jenn Wakefield (CAS'12), and Tara Watchorn (CAS'12), all of whom played a vital role in Canada's undefeated run in Sochi. It was also Ward's second gold medal—like Poulin, she played for Team Canada four years ago. For Wakefield and Watchorn, Sochi was their first Olympic appearance.

Poulin, Ward, Wakefield,



Marie-Philip Poulin (SED'15) won her second gold medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi; she scored four of Team Canada's five gold medal round goals, two in 2010 and two this year.

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and Watchorn join a long list of Terrier Olympic hockey standouts, including the famous 1980 "Miracle on Ice" squad members, team captain Mike Eruzione (SED'77), Jim Craig (SED'79), Jack O'Callahan (CAS'79), and Dave Silk (CAS'80, MET'92, GSM'93), and 2014 Team USA men's hockey defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk (CAS'11), who plays for the NHL's St. Louis Blues. The US men's team lost in the bronze medal round to Finland in Sochi.

Poulin had taken a yearlong hiatus from Boston University to train for the 2014 Olympics and plans to return for her final year of Terrier

eligibility in the fall. She set a program record for assists while leading BU to the Frozen Four during the 2012–2013 season.

"Her teammates were running up and down the halls and cheering during the game," says Durocher. "And that's just another example of what she means to the players. She's the consummate team player, a highly respected leader, and her return will be fantastic for the program."

The two-time gold medalist doesn't plan to rest on her laurels. Poulin now has her sights set on another goal: leading BU to a Frozen Four title.

The Terriers have lost in the national championship game twice during Poulin's three years of eligibility, and she told *USA Today* that returning to that stage is now her top priority.

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MEMBERS OF Team Canada's women's ice hockey team, among them Terriers Tara Watchorn and Catherine Ward (second row, fifth and sixth from left), Jenn Wakefield (top row, far right), and Marie-Philip Poulin (below Wakefield).