


GOLD

a celebration of
THE 1980 U.S. OLYMPIC HOCKEY TEAM
in words and photographs 
with an Introduction by **AL MICHAELS** and an
Afterword by **PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER**



In *Gold*, dynamic photographs capture the spirit that led to the triumph and glory of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey team, images that transcend their frozen moment in time by allowing us to recall the energy and excitement of those magical days in Lake Placid. Then, through personal thoughts and quotes gathered thirty years later, we are allowed a glimpse into the minds of the young American men who carried the nation to new heights. We come to know how those experiences shaped these men and their perspectives on life, culture and history.

Gold is not a play-by-play account of hockey games played decades ago, nor is it a narrative crafted from the point of view of any one player or commentator. It is, rather, an insightful recounting of a very special moment in the history of sports. It is a series of thoughts and reflections that define the meaning of those games, of those times, as told by those who were the closest to the action: the players themselves. Their thoughts, and those of sportscaster Al Michaels in his Introduction and President Jimmy Carter in his Afterword, cast this event in an important new light. While the players and the culture have changed drastically in the years since 1980, the recollection of those days remains as sharply focused as ever. *Gold* reveals how the tremendous cultural impact of that particular Olympic victory still resonates with us, articulating clearly just what that moment in the nation's history really meant.

Gold is a hand-crafted, fine press book meticulously printed in a very small edition of only 100 copies. 70 numbered copies are being offered for sale (the additional 30 copies are not for sale). Each book is hand numbered and personally signed by all 20 members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team. **February 2010.**

Bill Baker

Bill Baker 6 Defense

Neal Broten

Neal Broten 9 Forward

Dave Christian

Dave Christian 23 Defense

Steve Christoff

Steve Christoff 11 Forward

Jim Craig

Jim Craig 30 Goaltender

Mike Eruzione

Mike Eruzione 21 Forward, Captain

John Harrington

John Harrington 28 Forward

Steve Janaszak

Steve Janaszak 1 Goaltender

Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson 10 Forward

Rob McClanahan

Rob McClanahan 24 Forward





Ken Morrow
Ken Morrow 3 Defense

Jack O'Callahan
Jack O'Callahan 17 Defense

Mark Pavelich
Mark Pavelich 16 Forward

Mike Ramsey
Mike Ramsey 5 Defense

Buzz Schneider
Buzz Schneider 25 Forward

Dave Silk
Dave Silk 8 Forward

Eric Strobel
Eric Strobel 19 Forward

Bob Suter
Bob Suter 20 Defense

Phil Verchota
Phil Verchota 27 Forward

Mark Wells
Mark Wells 15 Forward

President Jimmy Carter Looking back, the 1980 “Miracle on Ice” was much more than an Olympic upset, more than the underdogs defeating the favorite in a hockey game.... When the American team skated onto the ice all those years ago, the result seemed to be a foregone conclusion. Showing the kind of grit and determination that is the very essence of being an “American,” those boys showed us, showed the world the meaning of the word “miracle.” In 1980 we were in dire need of something to celebrate, and those young Americans responded. In doing so they lifted the spirits of an entire nation, and it is a moment that holds a special place in my heart.

Jim Craig Memories of what we did continue to lift spirits. They continue to inspire. They teach us that all is possible.

Eric Strobel Lake Placid is a quaint little village in the middle of nowhere. There was no Internet back then and while we were there, we didn’t comprehend what winning the gold medal meant to the country. On our way to the White House, people were lining the streets. That’s when the enormity of what we had accomplished struck us.





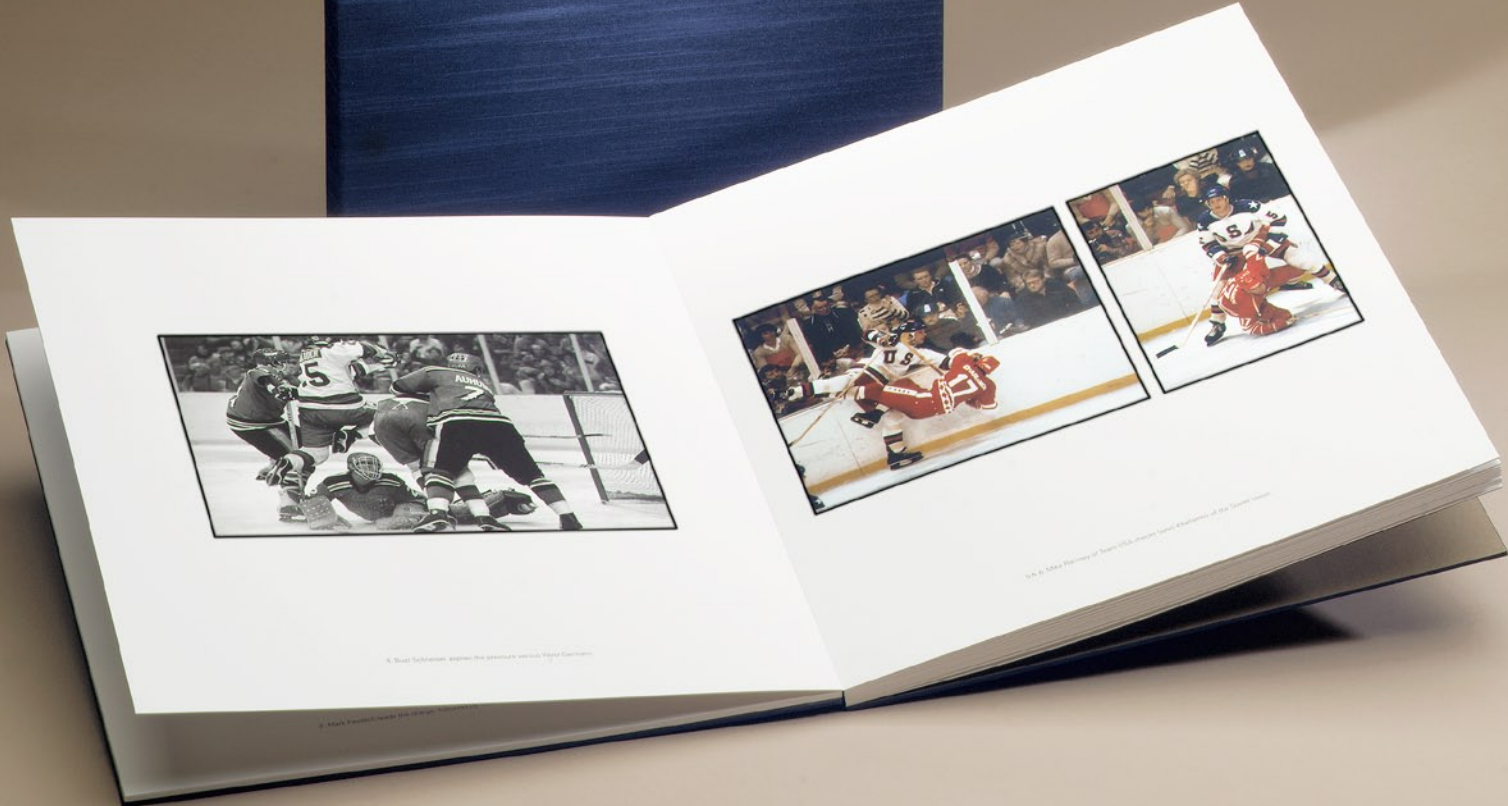
I hope we continue to inspire young people and young athletes alike that through hard work, preparation and selflessness, dreams can come true and miracles can happen. **John Harrington**

Thirty years later, I am proud to be an American, living in the greatest country in the world, and if we did something to inspire other people to feel the same way – well, that is pretty cool, too! **Neal Broten**

It is surreal that even thirty years later, I still get identified with that game and that team. I shake my head in disbelief thinking how fortunate I am to have been a part of it. **Mike Ramsey**



When it was over—and the 1980 United States Olympic Hockey Team had won the gold medal—it was a sports upset of historic proportions. But as anyone old enough to remember knows, it broke through barriers far apart from the worlds of hockey and athletics. It gave our country a collective emotional lift and it came out of nowhere. Three decades later, people still light up at the memories. **Al Michaels**





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