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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: What to Watch; U.S. Hockey Team Speak on Trump Comment]

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: Okay, moving on to the members of the U.S. hockey team. They're talking now about President Trump's joke that did not land well for some. The men's team visited the White House Tuesday after an invite from the president. In a phone call to the U.S. locker room after Sunday's final game, the President seemed to put down the U.S. women's team, which had also won gold. Let's listen to what the President said.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: We'll do the White House the next day. We'll just have some fun. We have medals for you guys. And we have to — I must tell you — we're gonna have to bring the women's team. You do know that. I'll have to bring the women's team, you do know that?

UNIDENTIFIED PLAYER [on 02/22/26]: Absolutely!

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TRUMP [on 02/22/26]: If we don't do that, I do believe I would probably be impeached, okay?

DUTHIERS: All right, so the men are taking some heat for laughing along with the President at that joke [at] the expense of the women's hockey team. Jack Hughes says people are making something out of nothing and both teams support each other. Yesterday, his teammate, Jeremy Swayman and the women's team captain, Hilary Knight — the legendary Hilary Knight —

GAYLE KING: Mmmm!

DUTHIERS: — said this.

JEREMY SWAYMAN: We should have reacted differently. We know that we are so excited for the women's team. We have so much respect for the women's team and to share that gold medal with them is something we're forever grateful for.

HILARY KNIGHT [on ESPN's *Sportscenter AM*, 02/25/26]: There is a genuine level of support there and respect and I think that's being overshadowed by sort of a quick laugh. [SCREEN WIPE] I know this is just a really good learning point to really focus on, you know, how we talk about women, not only in sport but in industry, women aren't less than and our achievements shouldn't be overshadowed by anything else other than how great they are.

DUTHIERS: Period, Hilary Knight, legend.

NATE BURLESON: Yeah.

DUTHIERS: The majority of the U.S. men's team, of course, attended the State of the Union earlier this week. The women were invited. They declined.

KING: I can see why the women are being — I can see why they're offended by it. I get it.

BURLESON: And I like him saying we should have responded differently.

DUTHIERS: 100 percent

BURLESON: I will say this. There was somebody in the background that was yelling two-for-two —

DUTHIERS: Yep, heard that.

BURLESON: — basically saying we went two-for-two —

KING: Yeah.

BURLESON: — in the gold medals.

DUTHIERS: That's right. Stanley Tucci, Megan Thee Stallion, and — talkin' about — boy, he's been Flavor Flav has been celebrating the women.

BURLESON: Oh, Flavor Flav, that's right.