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HELPFUL LINKS

USParalympics.org

USParalympics.org, the official website of U.S. Paralympics, will serve as the digital hub for information related to Team USA at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. In addition to news features and photo galleries posted throughout each day of the competition, USParalympics.org will also feature daily video highlights and links to live streaming, live results and more.

Facebook

On the official Facebook page of U.S. Paralympics, **Facebook.com/USParalympics/**, four to six posts will be made each day throughout the Games, promoting the accomplishments of Team USA and the content created to highlight the activities of the U.S. delegation. All posts can be shared on other Facebook pages and profiles using the "Share" button.

Twitter

@USParalympics, the official Twitter handle of U.S. Paralympics, will be updated consistently throughout the Games. All tweets can be shared through a retweet. To enhance the tweets posted on Twitter.com/USParalympics, hashtags like #MedalAlert and #USAmazing will be used to promote American's podium performances and other noteworthy Team USA accomplishments like world records. Other helpful hashtags for the Paralympic Games include #GoTeamUSA, #London2012, #Paralympic, #TeamUSA and the sport hashtags #archery, #athletics, #boccia, #cycling, #equestrian, #football7, #goalball, #judo, #powerlifting, #rowing, #sailing, #IPCshooting, #SitVBall, #swimming, #tabletennis, #WCbasketball, #WCfencing, #WCrugby and #WCtennis.

YouTube

Throughout the Games, an average of 10 highlight videos will be uploaded each day to the U.S. Paralympics YouTube channel, **YouTube.com/usparalympics/**. Videos, which are embeddable, will profile U.S. Paralympic athletes and also capture competitions and other delegation activities.

International Paralympic Committee resources

The International Paralympic Committee, the global governing body for Paralympic Sport, will leverage its website (Paralympic.org) as well as Facebook (**Facebook.com/ParalympicGames/**), Flickr (**Flickr.com/photos/paralympic/**), Twitter (**Twitter.com/Paralympic/**) and YouTube (**YouTube.com/ParalympicSportTV**) during the Games. Among the highlights, **Paralympic.org** will provide more than 500 hours of live streaming, 1000 hours of video on demand and two highlight news shows, both in English and Spanish.

London2012

Competition schedules, venue info. and other helpful information about the 2012 Paralympic Games can be found on the **London2012.com** website.

FACTS

London at a Glance

- London becomes the first city to stage the Olympic Games three times (1908, 1948 and 2012). Athens, Los Angeles and Paris have hosted the Olympic Games twice, and Lake Placid and St. Moritz have held the Olympic Winter Games twice.
- London is the biggest city in Britain and Europe.
- London occupies over 620 square miles.
- In July 2010, Greater London had an official population of 7,825,200.
- About 12.5 percent of Britain's overall population lives in London.
- The tallest building in London is the Canary Wharf Tower.
- London was the first city in the world to have an underground railway, known as the Tube.
- The City of London is the business and financial heart of the United Kingdom. It is also known as the Square Mile. It was the original Roman settlement (ancient Londinium), making it the oldest part of London and already 1,000 years old when the Tower of London was built.
- London Heathrow Airport is the world's busiest airport by number of international passengers and the airspace is the busiest of any urban center in the world.

QUICK FACTS

Youngest: Colleen Young, September 13, 1998 (13 years, 11 months, 30 days)
Oldest: Gary Van der Wege, May 12, 1955 (57 years, 3 months, 18 days)
Siblings: Hannah, 16, & Tatyana McFadden, 22 – track & field
State with the Most Athletes: California, 23
Biggest Team: Track and Field, 58 (19 female, 39 male)

Athletes Born In another Country:
Jen Armbruster, Taipei, Taiwan
Sarah Binsfeld, Seoul, Korea
Joseph Chambers, Landstuhl, Germany
JP Creignou, Paris, France
Meghan Fisher, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Anjali Forber-Pratt, Calcutta
William Groulx, Taejon, South Korea
Anna Johannes, Bishkek Kyrgzstan
Chad Jones, Yokosuka, Japan
Tahl Leibovitz, Hafia, Israel
Jessica Long, Irkutsk, Russia
Oksana, Masters, Khmelnitsky, Ukraine
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Noga Nir-Kistler, Nazareth-Elit, Israel
Dennis Ogbe, Benue State, Nigeria
Ileana Rodriguez, Matanzas, Cuba
Ahmed Shafik, Baghdad, Iraq
Elizabeth Stone, Kutaisi, Republic of Georgia
Dorian Webster, Henley-on-Thames, United Kingdom

Games Information

- 15 venues
- 2,100 medals
- 4,200 competitors, 165 nations
- 2.2 million tickets sold
- 11 competition days
- 15 countries making their Paralympic Games debut
  - (Antigua and Barbuda, Brunei, Cameroon, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, North Korea, San Marino, Soloman Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)
- 104 National Paralympic Committees
- 20 sports, 503 events
- 6 disability categories (amputee, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, les autres, visually impaired, wheelchair)
- 6 sports have appeared at every modern Paralympic Games
  - (Archery, Swimming, Table Tennis, Track and Field, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Fencing)
- U.S. swimmer Trischa Zorn is considered the most successful athlete in Paralympic history. From 1980 to 2004 she won 55 medals, of which 41 are gold. The athlete closest to her in medals has 25.
- Sport for athletes with an impairment has existed for more than 100 years, and the first sport clubs for the deaf were already in existence in 1888 in Berlin.
- On August 28, 2012, four flames from London, Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh will be united to form the Paralympic Flame in a special ceremony in Stoke Mandeville, the spiritual birthplace of the Paralympic Movement.
- International Paralympic Committee (IPC) was founded as an international non-profit organization in Dusseldorf, Germany on September 22, 1989
- U.S. Medal Count: U.S. has 514 medals more than any other nation

Games	Total Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Summer	1841	666	586	589
Winter	260	95	97	68
Total	2101	761	683	657

PARALYMPIC HISTORY

HISTORY OF THE PARALYMPIC MOVEMENT

Following World War II, traditional methods of rehabilitation could not meet the medical and psychological needs of large numbers of soldiers and civilians with a disability. In 1944, at the request of the British government, Dr. Ludwig Guttmann founded the National Spinal Injuries Center at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. A strong advocate of sports therapy, Guttmann encouraged his patients to play sports under the belief that sports would enhance the quality of life for people who were injured or wounded.

On July 29, 1948, the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games in London, 16 injured British servicemen and women participated in an archery competition at the first Stoke Mandeville Games. Four years later, the first International Stoke Mandeville Games were held when Dutch ex-servicemen joined the movement. From then on, the International Stoke Mandeville Games were to be held annually.

In 1960, the 9th Annual International Stoke Mandeville Games saw 400 athletes from 23 countries compete in the same city as the Olympic Games for the first time in Rome, Italy. While the subsequent International Stoke Mandeville Games would be held during the Summer Olympics, it was not until 1988 that both were held in same city in the same venues. It was at these Games that “Paralympics” became the official term of use. Originally a pun combining “paraplegic” and “Olympic”, the word “Paralympic” now represents “parallel” and “Olympic” to illustrate how the two movements exist side by side.

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PARALYMPIC HISTORY

PARALYMPIC GAMES CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

No.	Year	Host City/Nation	Nations	Events	Sports	Athletes
I	1960	Rome, Italy	23	57	8	400
II	1964	Tokyo, Japan	21	144	9	375
III	1968	Tel Aviv, Israel	29	181	10	750
IV	1972	Heidelberg, West Germany	41	187	10	1004
V	1976	Toronto, Canada	32	447	13	1657
VI	1980	Arnhem, Netherlands	42	489	12	1973
VII	1984	Stoke Mandeville, England/New York, U.S.	54	903	18	2091
VIII	1988	Seoul, South Korea	61	432	16	3057
IX	1992	Barcelona, Spain	82	487	15	3020
X	1996	Atlanta, U.S.	104	508	20	3259
XI	2000	Sydney, Australia	127	551	20	3846
XII	2004	Athens, Greece	136	517	19	3806
XIII	2008	Beijing, China	148	472	20	4200

PARALYMPIC HISTORY

MOTTO

The Paralympic motto is “Spirit in Motion”, expressing the inspirational character of the Paralympic Movement as well as elite performance of Paralympic athletes. It also stands for the strong will of every Paralympian. The word “Spirit” implies that the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is not limited to only staging high performance sport, but that there is a strong message behind our movement. “Motion” on the other hand, implies that the IPC is an organization on the move.

SYMBOL

The symbol of the Paralympic Games is composed of three “agitos” (“I move”, in Latin) colored red, blue and green – the three colors most widely represented in national flags around the world. It is a symbol that is in motion encircling a center point; emphasizing the role that the IPC has of bringing athletes from all corners of the world together and enabling them to compete. It also emphasizes the fact that Paralympic athletes are constantly inspiring and exciting the world with their performances – always moving forward and never giving up – as embodied in the new Paralympic vision “To Enable Paralympic Athletes to Achieve Sporting Excellence and to Inspire and Excite the World”.

SCHEDULE

Sport	Venue(s)	W 8/29	TH 8/30	F 8/31	SA 9/1	SU 9/2	M 9/3	TU 9/4	W 9/5	TH 9/6	F 9/7	SA 9/8	SU 9/9
Opening and Closing Ceremony		■											■
Archery	The Royal Artillery Barracks		■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
Boccia	ExCeL					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cycling - Road	Brands Hatch								■	■	■	■	
Cycling - Track	Velodrome		■	■	■	■							
Equestrian	Greenwich Park		■	■	■	■	■	■					
Goalball	Copper Box		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Judo	ExCeL		■	■	■								
Powerlifting	ExCeL		■	■	■	■	■	■	■				
Rowing	Eton Dorney			■	■	■							
Sailing	Weymouth and Portland Harbour				■	■	■	■	■	■			
Shooting	The Royal Artillery Barracks		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			
Sitting Volleyball	ExCeL		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Soccer—5-a-side	Riverbank Arena			■		■		■		■		■	
Soccer—7-a-side	Riverbank Arena				■		■		■		■		■
Swimming	Aquatics Centre		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Table Tennis	ExCeL		■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	
Track & Field	The Mall, Olympic Stadium			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Wheelchair Basketball	Basketball Arena, North Greenwich Arena		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Wheelchair Fencing	ExCeL							■	■	■	■	■	
Wheelchair Rugby	Basketball Arena								■	■	■	■	■
Wheelchair Tennis	Eton Manor				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

VENUES

Archery	The Royal Artillery Barracks	
Boccia	ExCeL	
Cycling - Road	Brands Hatch	
Cycling - Track	Velodrome	
Equestrian	Greenwich Park	
Football 5-a-side	Riverbank Arena	
Football 7-a-side	Riverbank Arena	
Goalball	Copper Box	
Judo	ExCeL	
Powerlifting	ExCeL	
Rowing	Eton Dorney	
Sailing	Weymouth and Portland Harbour	
Shooting	The Royal Artillery Barracks	
Swimming	Aquatics Centre	
Table Tennis	ExCeL	
Track & Field	Olympic Stadium	The Mall
Sitting Volleyball	ExCeL	
Wheelchair Basketball	Basketball Arena	North Greenwich Arena
Wheelchair Fencing	ExCeL	
Wheelchair Rugby	Basketball Arena	
Wheelchair Tennis	Eton Manor	

Greater London

- Olympic Park
- River Zone
- Central Zone

Outside Greater London

VENUE DETAILS

OLYMPIC PARK (7)

Aquatics Centre
Sport: Swimming
Type: New
Capacity: 17,500

Basketball Arena
Sport: Wheelchair Basketball
Type: Temporary
Capacity: 12,000

Copper Box
Sport: Goalball
Type: New
Capacity: 7,000

Eton Manor
Sport: Wheelchair Tennis
Type: Existing
Capacity:

Olympic Stadium
Sport: Track & Field
Events: Opening and Closing Ceremonies
Type: New
Capacity: 80,000 (temporary)

Riverbank Arena
Sport: Soccer
Type: Temporary
Capacity: 16,000

Velodrome
Sport: Cycling – Track
Type: New
Capacity: 6,000

CENTRAL ZONE (1)

The Mall
Sport: Track & Field (marathon)
Type: Temporary
Capacity: n/a

RIVER ZONE (4)

ExCeL
Sport: Boccia, Judo, Table Tennis, Powerlifting, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Fencing
Type: Existing (expanded)
Capacity: 5,000-10,000

Greenwich Park
Sport: Equestrian
Type: Temporary
Capacity: 23,000

North Greenwich Arena
Sport: Wheelchair Basketball
Type: Existing
Capacity: 20,000

The Royal Artillery Barracks
Sport: Archery, Shooting
Type: Temporary
Capacity: 7,500

OUTSIDE GREATER LONDON (3)

Brands Hatch
Sport: Cycling -- Road
Type: Existing
Location: Fawkham, Longfield, Kent (20miles southeast of London)
Capacity: n/a

Eton Dorney
Sport: Rowing
Type: Existing
Location: Dorney, Buckinghamshire (25 miles west of London)
Capacity: 30,000

Weymouth & Portland
Sport: Sailing
Type: Existing (expanded)
Location: Isle of Portland, Dorset (140 miles southwest of London
Capacity: 4,600

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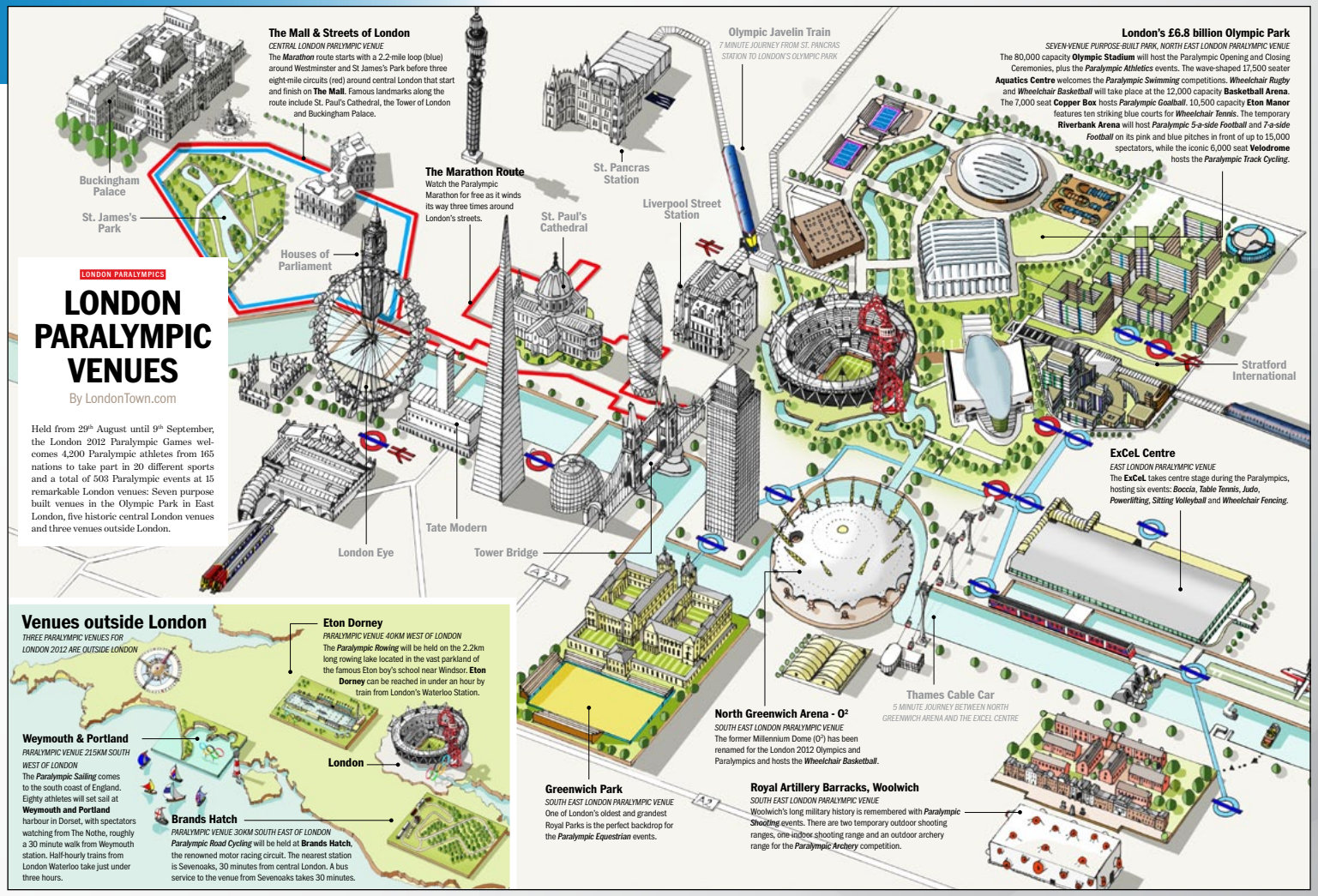

DELEGATION

CHEF de MISSION

AIMEE MULLINS

President of the Women's Sports Foundation from 2007 to 2008, Mullins has found both success and fame through athletics. An athlete her entire life, Mullins made a groundbreaking achievement at Georgetown University where she competed as the first-ever amputee on an NCAA Division I track team.She is the first person in the world outfitted with woven carbon-fibre prostheses modeled after the hind legs of a cheetah. She set world records in the 100m, 200m and Long Jump, and represented Team USA at the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games. Through all of her accomplishments, she is best known for changing the world of prosthetics and the way people perceive athletes with unique bodies.A passionate advocate for revolutionary thinking about body image, Mullins has built a lateral career in acting and as a consultant on innovative thinking, for which she is invited around the world to speak on a range of issues. Her iconic status as a muse in the worlds of art and fashion led to her selection in February as the global brand ambassador for L'Oreal Paris. The U.S. Olympic Committee recently selected the retired Paralympian as its Chef de Mission of Team USA for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

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BY SPORT

Name (Hometown/Current Residence)
**Denotes military veteran or service member (20 total)*

Archery (7)
FEMALE (1)
Lee Ford (Perry,Ga./Perry, Ga.)

MALE (6)
Eric Bennett (Phoenix, Ariz./Surprise, Ariz.)
* Dugie Denton (Joliet, Mont ./Joliet, Mont.), ret., Army
Jeff Fabry (Lemoore, Calif./Lemoore, Calif.)
*Jerry Shields (Jacksonville, Fla./Jacksonville, Fla.), ret., Army
Matt Stutzman (Fairfield, Iowa/Fairfield, Iowa)
*Russell Wolfe (Widnoon, Pa./Edmond, Okla.), ret., Army

Boccia (1)
MALE (1)
Austin Hanson (Topeka, Kan./Topeka, Kan.)

Cycling (17)
FEMALE (8)
Monica Bascio (Ridgewood, N.J./Evergreen, Colo.)
Kelley Crowley (San Francisco, Calif./Redwood, Calif.)
Alicia Dana (Putney, Vt./Putney, Vt.)
Muffy Davis (Sun Valley, Idaho/Salt Lake City, Utah)
Megan Fisher (Missoula, Mont./Seattle, Wash.)
Allison Jones (Colorado Springs, Colo./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Greta Neimanas (Chicago, Ill./Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.)
*Jennifer Schuble (Houston, Texas/Homewood, Ala.), ret., Army

MALE (9 – eight athletes and one pilot)
Joe Berenyi (Aurora, Ill./Oswego, Ill.)
Sam Kavanagh (Coram, Mont./Castle Rock, Colo.)
*Steven Peace (Albion, Mich./San Diego, Calif.), ret., Navy
Anthony Pedeferri (Redmond, Wash./Camarillo, Calif.)
Clark Rachfal (Annapolis, Md./Annapolis, Md.)
Dave Swanson (Tucson, Ariz./Tucson, Ariz.), Pilot
*Oz Sanchez (Los Angeles, Calif./San Diego, Calif.), ret., Marine Corps
Matt Updike (Denver, Colo./Denver, Colo.)
Anthony Zahn (Riverside, Calif./Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Equestrian (4)
FEMALE (3)
Dale Dedrick (Ann Arbor, Mich./Ann Arbor, Mich.)
Rebecca Hart (Erie, Pa./Unionville, Pa.)
Donna Ponessa (New Windsor, N.Y./New Windsor, N.Y.)

MALE (1)
Jonathan Wentz (Richardson, Texas/Highland Park, Texas)

Goalball (6)
FEMALE (6)
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Lisa Czechowski (Boonton, N.J./Tucson, Ariz.)
Amanda Dennis (Peachtree City, Ga./Peachtree City, Ga.)
Asya Miller (Leeper,Mich./Portland, Ore.)
Robin Theryoung (Colorado Springs, Colo./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Jordan Walters (Colorado Springs, Colo./Boulder, Colo.)

Judo (6)
FEMALE (2)
Katie Davis (Sacramento, Calif./Sacramento, Calif.)
Christella Garcia (Rio Rancho, N.M/Sacramento, Calif.)
Cindy Simon (Wayne, N.J./Wayne, N.J.)

MALE (3)
Dartanyon Crockett (Cleveland, Ohio/Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Ron Hawthorne (Kansas City, Kan./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Myles Porter (Fremont, Ohio/Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Powerlifting (2)
FEMALE (1)
Mary Stack (Ann Arbor, Mich./Ann Arbor, Mich.)

MALE (1)
Ahmed Shafik (Tucson, Ariz./Tucson, Ariz.)

Rowing (8)
FEMALE (4 – three athletes and one coxswain)
Eleni Englert (Oceanside, Calif./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Oksana Masters (Louisville, Ky./Louisville, Ky.)
Emma Preuschl (Indianapolis, Ind./Oklahoma City, Okla.)
Alexandra Stein (Stamford, Conn. Stamford, Conn.), Coxswain

MALE (4)
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Andrew Johnson (Riverside, Conn./Riverside, Conn.)
*Rob Jones (Lovettsville, Va./Orlando, Fla.), ret., Marine Corps
Dorian Weber (Brighton, Mass./Boston, Mass.)

Sailing (6)
FEMALE (1)
Jennifer French (St. Petersburg, Fla./ St. Petersburg, Fla.)

MALE (5)
Tom Brown (Castine, Maine/Bangor, Maine)
Paul Callahan (Cape Coral, Fla./Newport R.I.)
JP Creignou (St. Petersburg, Fla./St. Petersburg, Fla.)
Bradley Johnson (Milwaukee, Wis./Pompano Beach, Fla.)
Mark LeBlanc (New Orleans, La./New Orleans, La.)

Shooting (2)
MALE (2)
*Eric Hollen (Colorado Springs, Colo./ Colorado Springs, Colo.), ret. Army
*Sergeant First Class Josh Olson (Spokane, Wash./Fort Mitchell, Ala.), Army

ATHLETE ROSTER
BY SPORT *(Continued)*

Sitting Volleyball (11)
FEMALE (11)
Allison Aldrich (Schuyler, Neb./Lincoln, Neb.)
Monique Burkland (Ardmore, Okla./Ardmore, Okla.)
Heather Erickson (Fayetteville, N.C./Edmond, Okla.)
Michelle Gerlosky (Bobson Park, Fla./Leipzig, Germany)
Katie Holloway (Lake Stevens, Wash./Edmond, Okla.)
Kaleo Kanahele (Edmond, Okla./Oklahoma City, Okla.)
Kendra Lancaster (Westfield, Ind./Westfield, Ind.)
Brenda Maymon-Jenson (Sellersburg, Ind./Wichita Falls, Texas)
Nichole Millage (Champaign, Ill./Edmond, Okla.)
*Kari Miller (Washington, D.C./Edmond, Okla.), ret., Army
Lora Webster (Lincoln, Neb./Point Lookout, N.Y.)

Soccer seven-a-side (12)
MALE (12)
Chris Ahrens (Pulaski, N.Y./La Mesa, Calif.)
Adam Ballou (Virginia Beach, Va./ Virginia Beach, Va.)
Tyler Bennett (Wadsworth, Ohio/ Wadsworth, Ohio)
Bryce Boarman (Colorado Springs, Colo./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Alex Hendricks (Columbus, Ohio/Columbus, Ohio)
Keith Johnson (Anchorage, Alaska/Houston, Texas)
Chad Jones (Virginia Beach, Va./Virginia Beach, Va.)
Josh McKinney (Raleigh, N.C./Raleigh, N.C.)
*Corporal Rene Renteria (San Fernando, Calif./Camp Pendleton, Calif.), Marine Corps
*Gavin Sibayan (Westminster, Colo./Colorado Springs, Colo.), ret., Army
Marthell Vazquez (Long Beach, Calif./Compton, Calif.)
Jerreme Wade (Chesapeake, Va./Chesapeake, Va.)

Swimming (34)
FEMALE (20)
Victoria Arlen (Exeter, N.H./Exeter, N.H.)
Kelley Becherer (Sheboygan, Wis./Boston, Mass.)
Brickelle Bro (Castle Rock, Colo./Castle Rock, Colo.)
Aimee Bruder (Lawrenceburg, Ind./Birmingham, Ala.)
Jaide Childs (Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville, Fla.)
McKenzie Coan (Clarkesville, Ga./Clarkesville, Ga.)
Anna Eames (Golden Valley, Minn./Golden Valley, Minn.)
Amanda Everlove (Wichita, Kan./Ada, Ohio)
Alyssa Gialamas (Naperville, Ill./ Naperville, Ill.)
Anna Johannes (Alexandria, Va./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Cortney Jordan (Henderson, Nev./Henderson, Nev.)
Jessica Long (Baltimore, Md./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Letticia Martinez (Las Cruces, N.M./Las Cruces, N.M.)
Rebecca Meyers (Timonium, Md./Timonium, Md.)
Noga Nir-Kistler (Allentown, Pa./Allentown, Pa.)
Ileana Rodriguez (Miami, Fla./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Susan Beth Scott (Cape Giradeau, Mo./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Elizabeth Stone (Grand Rapids, Mich./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Mallory Weggemann (Eagan, Minn./Eagan, Minn.)
Colleen Young (St. Louis, Mo./St. Louis, Mo.)

MALE (14)
Evan Austin (Terre Haute, Ind./Terre Haute, Ind.)
Cody Bureau (Latrobe, Pa./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Michael DeMarco (San Diego, Calif./San Diego, Calif.)
Tucker Dupree (Raleigh, N.C./Clinton Township, Mich.)
Rudy Garcia-Tolson (Bloomington, Calif./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Dalton Herendeen (Elkhart, Ind./South Bend, Ind.)
Lantz Lamback (Augusta, Ga./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Curtis Lovejoy (Atlanta, Ga./Atlanta, Ga.)
Roy Perkins (Del Mar, Calif./Del Mar, Calif.)
Michael Prout (West Springfield, Mass./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Ian Silverman (Baltimore, Md./Baltimore, Md.)
*Lieutenant Brad Snyder (St. Petersburg, Fla./Baltimore, Md.), Navy
Joseph Wise (Menlo Park, Calif./Menlo Park, Calif.)
Justin Zook (Plymouth, Minn./Plymouth, Minn.)

Table Tennis (3)
FEMALE (2)
Pamela Fontaine (North Brunswick, N.J./Double Oak, Texas)
Tara Profitt (Berlin, Conn./Newington, Conn.)

MALE (1)
Tahl Leibovitz (Ozone Park, N.Y./Tudor Village, N.Y.)

Track & Field (58)
FEMALE (19)
Zena Cole (Toledo, Ohio/Oregon, Ohio)
Carleigh DeWald (Canby, Ore./Canby, Ore.)
Anjali Forber-Pratt (Natick, Mass./Champaign, Ill.)
Jessica Galli (Hillsborough, N.J./Savoy, Ill.)
April Holmes (Somerdale, N.J./Kissimmee, Fla.)
Cheryl Leitner (Toms River, N.J./Myrtle Beach, S.C.)
*Angela Madsen (Long Beach, Calif./Long Beach, Calif.). ret., Marine Corps
*CeCe Mazyk (Columbia, S.C./Columbia, S.C.), ret. Army
Hannah McFadden (Clarksville, Md./Champaign, Ill.)
Tatyana McFadden (Clarksville, Md./Clarksville, Md.)
Amanda McGrory (Kennett Square, Pa./Champaign, Ill.)
Kristen Messer (Austin, Texas/Spokane Valley, Wash.)
Cassie Mitchell (Warner, Okla./Atlanta, Ga.)
Kerry Morgan (St. Louis, Mo./St. Louis, Mo.)
Shirley Reilly (Los Gatos, Calif./Tucson, Ariz.)
Susannah Scaroni (Tekoa, Wash./Champaign, Ill.)
Christina Schwab (Lakewood, Colo./Lakewood, Colo.)
Katy Sullivan (Tuscaloosa, Ala./Burbank, Calif.)
Amberlynn Weber (Missoula, Mont./Lake Liberty, Wash.)

MALE (39 – 35 ATHLETES AND FOUR GUIDES)
Zachary Abbott (Portland, Ore./Tucson, Ariz.)
Jordan Bird (Wichita, Kan./Tucson, Ariz.)
Jim Bob Bizzell (Odessa, Texas/Odessa, Texas)
Adam Bleakney (Mason City, Iowa/Champaign, Ill.)
David Brown (Hazelwood, Mo./San Diego, Calif.)

ATHLETE ROSTER
BY SPORT *(Continued)*

Rolland Slade (Spring Valley, Calif./Chula Vista, Calif.), Guide
Richard Browne (Jackson, Miss./Jackson, Miss.)
Jeremy Campbell (Perryton, Texas/Chula Vista, Calif.)
Ryan Chalmers (Churchville, N.Y./Champaign, Ill.)
*Christopher Clemens (Phoenix, Ariz./Chula Vista, Calif.), ret., Navy
Scott Danberg (Cooper City, Fla./Davie, Fla.)
Tobi Fawehinmi (Arlington, Texas/Arlington, Texas)
Rudy Garcia-Tolson (Bloomington, Calif./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Joshua George (Fairfax, Va./Champaign, Ill.)
Tanner Gers (Tucson, Ariz./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Sean Ewing (St. Louis, Mo./Kansas City, Mo.), Guide
Elexis Gillette (Raleigh, N.C./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Wes Williams (Visalia, Calif./Chula Vista, Calif.), Guide
Chris Hammer (Troy, Mich./Cheney, Wash.)
Josiah Jamison (Vance, S.C./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Jerome Avery (Lemoore, Calif./Chula Vista, Calif.), Guide
Blake Leeper (Kingston, Tenn./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Raymond Martin (Jersey City, N.J./Champaign, Ill.)
Michael Murray (Nashville, Tenn./Nashville, Tenn.)
Paul Nitz (Edina, Minn./Bloomfield, Conn.)
Dennis Ogbe (Prospect, Ky./ Prospect, Ky.)
Aaron Pike (Park Rapids, Minn./Champaign, Ill.)
Markeith Price (Baltimore, Md./Chula Vista, Calif.)
David Prince (Marietta, Ga./Brandon, Fla.)
Austin Pruitt (Greenacres, Wash./Greenacres, Wash.)
Joshua Roberts (Morris, Ala./Birmingham, Ala.)
Krige Schabort (Cedartown, Ga./Cedartown, Ga.)
*Scot Severn (Unionville, Mich./Caro, Mich.), ret., Army
Brian Siemann (Millstone, N.J./Champaign, Ill.)
Jerome Singleton (Greenwood, S.C./Irmo, S.C.)
Jeff Skiba (Sammamish, Wash./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Shaquille Vance (Houston, Miss./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Jarryd Wallace (Athens, Ga./Athens, Ga.)
*Scott Winkler (Pittsburgh, Pa./Augusta, Ga.), ret., Army

Wheelchair Basketball (24)

FEMALE (12)
Sarah Binsfeld (Vadnais Heights, Minn./Whitewater, Wis.)
Sarah Castle (Centennial, Colo./Kansas City, Mo.)
Jennifer Chew (Antioch, Calif./Littleton, Colo.)
Rose Hollermann (Elysian, Minn./ Elysian, Minn.)
Darlene Hunter (Commerce, Mich./Arlington, Texas)
Mary Allison Milford (Magnolia, Ark./Birmingham, Ala.)
Desiree Miller (Monroe, Wash./Whitewater, Wis.)
Becca Murray (Germantown, Wis./Whitewater, Wis.)
Alana Nichols (Farmington, N.M./Denver, Colo.)
Jennifer Poist (McSherrystown, Pa./Tucson, Ariz.)
Natalie Schneider (Crete, Neb./Ord, Neb.)
Andrea Woodson-Smith (Waynesboro, Va./Durham, N.C.)

MALE (12)
Eric Barber (Chicago, Ill./Whitewater, Wis.)
Joe Chambers (Davis, Calif./Davis, Calif.)
Nate Hinze (Cedar Grove, Wis./Ripon, Wis.)
Trevon Jenifer (Huntington, Md./Edinboro, Pa.)
Jeremy Lade (Janesville, Wis./Janesville, Wis.)
Ian Lynch (Brooklyn Park, Minn./Brooklyn Park, Md.)
Jason Nelms (Emmett, Mich./Arlington, Texas)
Paul Schulte (Manchester, Mich./Bradenton, Fla.)
Matt Scott (Detroit, Mich./Istanbul, Turkey)
Steve Serio (Westbury, N.Y./Wetzler, Germany)
Josh Turek (Council Bluffs, Iowa/Madrid, Spain)
Will Waller (Chicago, Ill./Hudson, Ohio)

Wheelchair Fencing (6)

FEMALE (1)
Cat Bouwkamp (Fishers, Ind./Fishers, Ind.)

MALE (5)
Joseph Brinson (Florence, Miss./Florence, Miss.)
Ryan Estep (Florence, Miss./ Florence, Miss.)
*Mario Rodriguez (Port Hueneme, Calif./ Port Hueneme, Calif.), ret., Air Force
Gerard Moreno (Los Angeles, Calif./Los Angeles, Calif.)
Gary Van Der Wege (Kyle, Texas/Kyle, Texas)

Wheelchair Rugby (12)

MALE (12)
Chuck Aoki (Minneapolis, Minn./Minneapolis, Minn.)
Andy Cohn (San Diego, Calif./San Diego, Calif.)
Chad Cohn (Tucson, Ariz./Tucson, Ariz.)
Joe Delagrave (Prairie du Chien, Wisc./Chandler, Ariz.)
*Will Groulx (Clarksville, Tenn./Portland, Ore.), ret., Navy
Derrick Helton (Tuscumbia, Mo./Tucson, Ariz.)
Scott Hogsett (Spokane, Wash./Tempe, Ariz.)
Seth McBride (Juneau, Alaska/Portland, Ore.)
Jason Regier (Denver, Colo./Centennial, Colo.)
Adam Scaturro (Lakewood, Colo./Lakewood, Colo.)
Nick Springer (Croton, N.Y./Phoenix, Ariz.)
Chance Sumner (Colorado Springs, Colo./Lakewood, Colo.)

Wheelchair Tennis (9)

FEMALE (2)
Emmy Kaiser (Ft. Mitchell, Ky./Ft. Mitchell, Ky.)
Mackenzie Soldan (Louisville, Ky./Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

MALE (7)
Steve Baldwin (San Diego, Calif./San Diego, Calif.)
Bryan Barten (Hart, Mich./Tucson, Ariz.)
Jon Rydberg (Pine City, Minn./Oakdale, Minn.)
Nick Taylor (Wichita, Kan./Wichita, Kan.)
David Wagner (Hillsboro, Ore./San Diego, Calif.)
Stephen Welch (Southlake, Texas/Southlake, Texas)
Noah Yablong (Ocean Ridge, Fla./Ocean Ridge, Fla.)

ATHLETE ROSTER
BY STATE

Alabama (2)
Joshua Roberts, Morris, Ala., Birmingham, Ala., Track and Field
Katy Sullivan, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Burbank, Calif., Track and Field

Alaska (2)
Seth McBride, Juneau, Alaska, Portland, Ore., Wheelchair Rugby
Keith Johnson, Anchorage, Alaska, Houston, Texas, Soccer

Arizona (6)
Eric Bennett, Phoenix, Ariz., Surprise, Ariz., Archery
Christopher Clemens, Phoenix, Ariz., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Chad Cohn, Tucson, Ariz., Tucson, Ariz., Wheelchair Rugby
Tanner Gers, Tucson, Ariz., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Pilot Dave Swanson, Tucson, Ariz., Tucson, Ariz., Cycling
Ahmed Shafik, Tucson, Ariz., Tucson, Ariz., Powerlifting

Arkansas (1)
Mary Allison Milford, Magnolia, Ark., Birmingham, Ala., Women's Wheelchair Basketball

California (23)
Guide, Jerome Avery, Lamoore, Calif., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Steven Baldwin, San Diego, Calif., San Diego, Calif., Wheelchair Tennis
Joe Chambers, Davis, Calif., Davis, Calif., Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Jennifer Chew, Antioch, Calif., Littleton, Colo., Women's Wheelchair Basketball
Andy Cohn, San Diego, Calif., San Diego, Calif., Wheelchair Rugby
Kelley Crowley, San Francisco, Calif., Redwood, Calif., Cycling
Katie Davis, Sacramento, Calif., Sacramento, Calif., Judo
Michael DeMarco, San Diego, Calif., San Diego, Calif., Swimming
Eleni Englert, Oceanside, Calif., Chula Vista, Calif., Rowing
Jeff Fabry, Lemoore, Calif., Lemoore, Calif., Archery
Rudy Garcia-Tolson, Bloomington, Calif., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming/ Track and Field
Angela Madsen, Long Beach, Calif., Long Beach, Calif., Track and Field
Gerard Moreno, Los Angeles, Calif., Los Angeles, Calif., Fencing
Roy Perkins, Del Mar, Calif., Del Mar, Calif., Swimming
Shirley Reilly, Los Gatos, Calif., Tucson, Ariz., Track and Field
Rene Renteria, San Fernando, Calif., Camp Pendleton, Calif., Soccer
Mario Rodriguez, Port Hueneme, Calif., Port Hueneme, Calif., Fencing
Oz Sanchez, Los Angeles, Calif., San Diego, Calif., Cycling
Guide, Rolland Slade, Spring Valley, Calif., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Joseph Wise, Menlo Park, Calif., Menlo Park, Calif., Swimming
Marthell Vazquez, Long Beach, Calif., Compton, Calif., Soccer
Wesley Williams, Visalia, Calif., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Anthony Zahn, Riverside, Calif., Colorado Springs, Colo., Cycling

Colorado (13)
Bryce Boarman, Colorado Springs, Colo., Colorado Springs, Colo., Soccer
Brickell Bro, Castle Rock, Colo., Castle Rock, Colo., Swimming
Sarah Castle, Centennial, Colo., Kansas City, Mo., Women's Wheelchair Basketball
Eric Hollen, Colorado Springs, Colo., Colorado Springs, Colo., Shooting
Allison Jones, Colorado Springs, Colo., Colorado Springs, Colo., Cycling
Jason Regier, Denver, Colo., Centennial, Colo., Wheelchair Rugby
Adam Scaturro, Lakewood, Colo., Lakewood,Colo., Wheelchair Rugby
Gavin Sabayan, Westminster, Colo., Colorado Springs, Colo., Soccer
Christina Schwab, Lakewood, Colo., Lakewood, Colo., Track and Field
Chance Sumner, Colorado Springs, Colo., Lakewood, Colo., Wheelchair Rugby
Robin Theryoung, Colorado Springs, Colo., Colorado Springs, Colo., Goalball
Matt Updike, Denver, Colo., Denver, Colo., Cycling
Jordan Walters, Colorado Springs, Colo., Boulder, Colo., Goalball

Connecticut (3)
Andrew Johnson, Riverside, Conn., Riverside, Conn., Rowing
Tara Profitt, Berlin,Conn., Newingtong, Conn., Table Tennis
Alexandra Stein, Stamford, Conn., Stamford, Conn., Rowing

District of Columbia (1)
Kari Miller, Washington, D.C., Edmond, Okla., Sitting Volleyball

Florida (10)
Paul Callahan, Cape Coral, Fla., Newport, R.I., Sailing
Jaide Childs, Gainesville, Fla., Gainesville, Fla., Swimming
JP Creignou, St. Petersburg, Fla., St. Petersburg, Fla., Sailing
Scott Danberg, Cooper City, Fla., Davie, Fla., Track and Field
Jennifer French, St. Petersburg, Fla., St. Petersburg, Fla., Sailing
Michelle Gerlosky, Bobson Park, Fla., Leipzig, Germany, Sitting Volleyball
Ileana Rodriguez, Miami, Fla., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming
Jerry Shields, Jacksonville, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., Archery
Brad Snyder, St. Petersburg, Fla., Baltimore, Md., Swimming
Noah Yablong, Ocean Ridge, Fla., Ocean Ridge, Fla., Wheelchair Tennis

Georgia (8)
McKenzie Coan, Clarkesville, Ga., Clarkesville, Ga., Swimming
Amanda Dennis, Peachtree City, Ga., Peachtree City, Ga., Goalball
Lee Ford, Perry, Ga., Perry, Ga., Archery
Lantz Lamback, Augusta, Ga., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming
Curtis Lovejoy, Atlanta, Ga., Atlanta, Ga., Swimming
David Prince, Marietta, Ga., Brandon, Fla., Track and Field
Krige Schabort, Cedartown, Ga., Cedartown, Ga., Track and Field
Jarryd Wallace, Athens, Ga., Athens, Ga., Track and Field

Idaho (1)
Muffy Davis, Sun Valley, Idaho, Salt Lake City, Utah, Cycling

Illinois (7)
Eric Barber, Chicago, Ill., Whitewater Wis., Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Joe Berenyi, Aurora, Ill., Oswego, Ill., Cycling
Megan Fisher, Missoula, Mont., Seattle, Wash., Cycling
Alyssa Gialamas, Naperville, Ill., Naperville, Ill., Swimming
Nichole Millage, Champaign, Ill., Edmond, Okla., Sitting Volleyball
Greta Neimanas, Chicago, Ill., Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif., Cycling
Will Waller, Chicago, Ill., Hudson, Ohio, Men's Wheelchair Basketball

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BY STATE *(Continued)*

Indiana (7)

Evan Austin, Terre Haute, Ind., Terre Haute, Ind., Swimming
Cat Bouwkamp, Fishers, Ind., Fishers, Ind., Fencing
Aimee Bruder, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Birmingham, Ala., Swimming
Dalton Herendeen, Elkhart, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind., Swimming
Kendra Lancaster, Westfield, Ind., Westfield, Ind., Sitting Volleyball
Brenda Maymon-Jenson, Sellersburg, Ind., Wichita Falls, Texas, Sitting Volleyball
Emma Preuschl, Indianapolis, Ind., Oklahoma City, Okla., Rowing

Iowa (3)

Adam Bleakney, Mason City, Iowa, Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Matt Stutzman, Fairfield, Iowa, Fairfield, Iowa, Archery
Josh Turek, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Madrid, Spain, Men's Wheelchair Basketball

Kansas (5)

Jordan Bird, Wichita, Kansas, Tucson, Ariz., Track and Field
Amanda Everlove, Wichita, Kansas, Ada, Ohio., Swimming
Austin Hanson, Topeka, Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, Boccia
Ron Hawthorne, Kansas City, Kansas, Colorado Springs, Colo., Judo
Nick Taylor, Wichita, Kansas, Wichita, Kansas, Wheelchair Tennis

Kentucky (4)

Emmy Kaiser, Ft. Mitchell, Ky., Ft. Mitchell, Ky., Wheelchair Tennis
Dennis Ogbe, Prospect, Ky., Prospect, Ky., Track and Field
Mackenzie Soldan, Louisville, Ky., Tuscaloosa, Ala., Wheelchair Tennis
Oksana Masters, Louisville, Ky., Louisville, Ky., Rowing

Louisiana (1)

Mark LeBlanc, New Orleans, La., New Orleans, La., Sailing

Maine (1)

Tom Brown, Castine, Maine, Bangor, Maine, Sailing

Maryland (8)

Trevon Jenifer, Huntington, Md., Edinboro, Pa., Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Jessica Long, Baltimore, Md., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming
Tatyana McFadden, Clarksville, Md., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Hannah McFadden, Clarksville, Md., Clarksville, Md., Track and Field
Rebecca Meyers, Timonium, Md., Timonium, Md.., Swimming
Markeith Price, Baltimore, Md., Chula Vista, Calif.., Track and Field
Clark Rachfal, Annapolis, Md., Annapolis, Md., Cycling
Ian Silverman, Baltimore, Md., Baltimore, Md., Swimming

Massachusetts (3)

Anjali Forber-Pratt, Natick, Mass., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Michael Prout, West Springfield, Mass., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming
Dorian Weber, Brighton, Mass.., Boston, Mass., Rowing

Michigan (12)

Bryan Barten, Hart, Mich., Tucson, Ariz., Wheelchair Tennis
Dale Dedrick, Ann Arbor, Mich., Ann Arbor, Mich., Equestrian
Chris Hammer, Troy, Mich., Cheney, Wash., Track and Field
Darlene Hunter, Commerce, Mich., Arlington, Texas, Women's Wheelchair Basketball
Asya Miller, Lapeer, Mich., Portland, Ore., Goalball
Jason Nelms, Emmett, Mich., Arlington, Texas, Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Steven Peace, Albion, Mich., San Diego, Calif., Cycling
Paul Schulte, Manchester, Mich., Bradenton, Fla., Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Matt Scott, Detroit, Mich., Istanbul, Turkey, Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Scot Severn, Unionville, Mich., Caro, Mich., Track and Field
Mary Stack, Ann Arbor, Mich., Ann Arbor, Mich., Powerlifting
Elizabeth Stone, Grand Rapids, Mich., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming

Minnesota (10)

Chuck Aoki, Minneapolis, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn., Wheelchair Rugby
Sarah Binsfeld, Vadnais Heights, Minn., Whitewater, Wis., Women's Wheelchair Basketball
Anna Eames, Golden Valley, Minn., Golden Valley, Minn., Swimming
Rose Hollerman, Elysian, Minn., Elysian, Minn., Women's Wheelchair Basketball
Ian Lynch, Brooklyn Park, Minn., Brooklyn Park, Minn., Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Paul Nitz, Edina, Minn., Bloomfield, Conn., Track and Field
Aaron Pike, Park Rapids, Minn., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Jon Rydberg, Pine City, Minn., Oakdale, Minn., Wheelchair Tennis
Mallory Weggemann, Eagen, Minn., Eagen, Minn., Swimming
Justin Zook, Plymouth, Minn., Plymouth, Minn., Swimming

Mississippi (4)

Joseph Brinson, Florence, Miss., Florence, Miss., Fencing
Richard Browne, Jackson, Miss., Jackson, Miss., Track and Field
Ryan Estep, Florence, Miss., Florence, Miss., Fencing
Shaquille Vance, Houston, Miss., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field

Missouri (6)

David Brown, Hazelwood, Mo., San Diego, Calif., Track and Field
Guide, Sean Ewing, St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, Mo., Track and Field
Derrick Helton, Tuscumbia, Mo., Tucson, Ariz., Wheelchair Rugby
Kerry Morgan, St. Louis, Mo.,St. Louis, Mo., Track and Field
Susan Beth Scott, Cape Giradeau, Mo., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming
Colleen Young, St. Louis, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., Swimming

Montana (3)

Dugie Denton, Joliet, Mont., Joliet, Mont., Archery
Sam Kavanagh, Coram, Mont., Castle Rock, Colo., Cycling
Amberlynn Weber, Missoula, Mont., Lake Liberty, Wash., Track and Field

ATHLETE ROSTER

BY STATE *(Continued)*

Nebraska (3)
Allison Aldrich, Schuyler, Neb., Lincoln, Neb., Sitting Volleyball
Natalie Schneider, Crete, Neb., Ord, Neb., Women's Wheelchair Basketball
Lora Webster, Lincoln, Neb., Point Lookout, N.Y., Sitting Volleyball

Nevada (1)
Cortney Jordan, Henderson, Nev., Henderson, Nev., Swimming

New Hampshire (1)
Victoria Arlen, Exeter, N.H., Exeter, N.H., Swimming

New Jersey (9)
Monica Bascio, Ridgewood, N.J., Evergreen, Colo., Cycling
Lisa Czechowski, Boonton, N.J., Tucson, Ariz., Goalball
Pamela Fontaine, North Brunswick, N.J., Double Oak, Texas, Table Tennis
Jessica Galli, Hillsborough, N.J., Savoy, Ill., Track and Field
April Holmes, Somerdale, N.J., Kissimmee, Fla.., Track and Field
Cherly Leitner, Toms River, N.J., Myrtle Beach, S.C., Track and Field
Raymond Martin, Jersey City, N.J., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Brian Siemann, Millstone, N.J., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Cindy Simon, Wayne, N.J., Wayne, N.J., Judo

New Mexico (3)
Christella Garcia, Rio Rancho, N.M., Sacramento, Calif., Judo
Letticia Martinez, Las Cruces, N.M., Las Cruces, N.M., Swimming
Alana Nichols, Farmington, N.M., Denver, Colo., Women's Wheelchair Basketball

New York (6)
Chris Ahrens, Pulaski, N.Y., La Mesa, Calif., Soccer
Ryan Chalmers, Churchville, N.Y., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Tahl Leibovitz, Ozone Park, N.Y., Tudor Village, N.Y., Table Tennis
Donna Ponessa, New Windsor, N.Y., New Windsor, N.Y., Equestrian
Steven Serio, Westbury, N.Y., Wetzler, Germany, Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Nick Springer, Croton, N.Y., Phoenix, Ariz., Wheelchair Rugby

North Carolina (4)
Tucker Dupree, Raleigh, N.C., Clinton Township, Mich., Swimming
Heather Erickson, Fayetteville, N.C., Edmond, Okla., Sitting Volleyball
Elexis Gillette, Raleigh, N.C., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Josh McKinney, Raleigh, N.C., Raleigh, N.C., Soccer

Ohio (5)
Zena Cole, Toledo, Ohio, Oregon, Ohio, Track and Field
Tyler Bennett, Wadsworth, Ohio, Wadsworth, Ohio, Soccer
Dartanyon Crockett, Cleveland, Ohio, Colorado Springs, Colo., Judo
Alexander Hendricks, Columbus, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Soccer
Myles Porter, Fremont, Ohio, Colorado Springs, Colo., Judo

Oklahoma (3)
Monique Burkland, Ardmore, Okla., Ardmore, Okla., Sitting Volleyball
Kaleo Kanahele, Edmond, Okla., Oklahoma City, Okla., Sitting Volleyball
Cassie Mitchell, Warner, Okla., Atlanta, Ga., Track and Field

Oregon (4)
Zachary Abbott, Portland, Ore., Tucson, Ariz., Track and Field
Jennifer Armbruster, Portland, Ore., Portland, Ore., Goalball
Carleigh DeWald, Canby, Ore., Canby, Ore., Track and Field
David Wagner, Hillsboro, Ore., San Diego, Calif., Wheelchair Tennis

Pennsylvania (8)
Cody Bureau, Latrobe, Pa., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming
Rebecca Hart, Erie, Pa., Unionville, Pa., Equestrian
Ron Harvery, Downington, Pa., Long Beach, Calif., Rowing
Amanda McGrory, Kennett Square, Pa., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Noga Nir-Kistler, Allentown, Pa., Allentown, Pa., Swimming
Jennifer Poist, McSherrystown, Pa., Tucson, Ariz., Women's Wheelchair Basketball
Scott Winkler, Pittsburgh, Pa., Augusta, Ga., Track and Field
Russell Wolfe, Widnoon, Pa., Edmond, Okla., Archery

South Carolina (3)
Josiah Jamison, Vance, S.C., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Jerome Singleton, Greenwood, S.C., Irmo, S.C., Track and Field
CeCe Mazyck, Columbia, S.C., Columbia, S.C., Track and Field

Tennessee (3)
Will Groulx, Clarksville, Tenn., Portland, Ore., Wheelchair Rugby
Blake Leeper, Kingston, Tenn., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Michael Murray, Nashville, Tenn., Nashville, Tenn., Track and Field

Texas (8)
Jim Bob Bizzell, Odessa, Texas, Odessa, Texas, Track and Field
Jeremy Campbell, Perryton, Texas, Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field
Tobi Fawehinmi, Arlington, Texas, Arlington, Texas, Track and Field
Kristen Messer, Austin, Texas, Spokane Valley, Wash., Track and Field
Jennifer Schuble, Houston, Texas, Homewood, Ala., Cycling
Gary Van Der Wege, Kyle, Texas, Kyle, Texas, Fencing
Stephen Welch, Southlake, Texas, Southlake, Texas, Wheelchair Tennis
Jonathan Wentz, Richardson, Texas, Highland Park, Texas, Equestrian

Vermont (1)
Alicia Dana, Putny, Vt., Putny, Vt., Cycling

Virginia (7)
Adam Ballou, Virginia Beach, Va., Virginia Beach, Va., Soccer
Joshua George, Herndon, Va., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Anna Johannes, Alexandria, Va., Colorado Springs, Colo., Swimming
Chad Jones, Virginia Beach, Va., Virginia Beach, Va., Soccer
Rob Jones, Lovettsville, Va., Orlando, Fla., Rowing
Jerreme Wade, Chesapeake, Va., Chesapeake, Va., Soccer
Andrea Woodson-Smith, Waynesboro, Va., Durham, N.C., Women's Wheelchair Basketball

ATHLETE ROSTER
BY STATE *(Continued)*

Washington (8)
Scott Hogsett, Spokane, Wash., Tempe, Ariz., Wheelchair Rugby
Katie Holloway, Lake Stevens, Wash., Edmond, Okla., Sitting Volleyball
Desiree Miller, Monroe, Wash., Whitewater, Wis.,
Women's Wheelchair Basketball
Josh Olson, Spokane, Wash., Fort Mitchell, Ala., Shooting
Anthony Pedeferri, Redmond, Wash., Camarillo, Calif., Cycling
Austin Pruitt, Greenacres, Wash., Greenacres, Wash., Track and Field
Susannah Scaroni, Tekoa, Wash., Champaign, Ill., Track and Field
Jeff Skiba, Sammamish, Wash., Chula Vista, Calif., Track and Field

Wisconsin (6)
Kelley Becherer, Sheboygan, Wis., Boston, Mass., Swimming
Joe Delagrave, Prairie du Chien, Wis., Chandler, Ariz., Wheelchair Rugby
Nate Hinze, Cedar Grove, Wis., Ripon, Wis.,
Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Bradley Johnson, Milwaukee, Wis., Pompano Beach, Fla., Sailing
Jeremy Lade, Oconto, Wis., Janesville, Wis.,
Men's Wheelchair Basketball
Becca Murray, Germantown, Wis., Whitewater, Wis.,
Women's Wheelchair Basketball

ATHLETE ROSTER

MILITARY

Name (Hometown/Current Residence)
**Denotes active duty*

Archery (3)

MALE (3)
Dugie Denton (Joliet, Mont./Joliet, Mont.), ret., Army
Jerry Shields (Jacksonville, Fla./Jacksonville, Fla.), ret., National Guard
Russell Wolfe (Widnoon, Pa./Edmond, Okla.), ret., Army

Cycling (3)

FEMALE (1)
Jennifer Schuble (Houston, Texas/Homewood, Ala.), ret., Army

MALE (2)
Steven Peace (Albion, Mich./San Diego, Calif.), ret., Navy
Oz Sanchez (Los Angeles, Calif./San Diego, Calif.), ret., Marine Corps

Rowing (1)

MALE (1)
Rob Jones (Lovettsville, Va./Orlando, Fla.), ret., Marine Corps

Shooting (2)

MALE (2)
Eric Hollen (Colorado Springs, Colo./ Colorado Springs, Colo.), ret. Army
*Sergeant First Class Josh Olson (Spokane, Wash./Fort Mitchell, Ala.), Army

Sitting Volleyball (1)

FEMALE (1)
Kari Miller (Washington, D.C./Edmond, Okla.), ret., Army

Soccer seven-a-side (2)

MALE (2)
*Corporal Rene Renteria (San Fernando, Calif./Camp Pendleton, Calif.), Marine Corps
Gavin Sibayan (Westminster, Colo./Colorado Springs, Colo.), ret., Army

Swimming (1)

MALE (1)
*Lieutenant Brad Snyder (St. Petersburg, Fla./Baltimore, Md.), Navy

Track & Field (5)

FEMALE (2)
Angela Madsen (Long Beach, Calif./Long Beach, Calif.). ret., Marine Corps
CeCe Mazyk (Columbia, S.C./Columbia, S.C.), ret. Army

MALE (3)
Christopher Clemens (Phoenix, Ariz./Chula Vista, Calif.), ret., Navy
Scot Severn (Unionville, Mich./Caro, Mich.), ret., Army
Scott Winkler (Pittsburgh, Pa./Augusta, Ga.), ret., Army

Wheelchair Fencing (1)

MALE (1)
Mario Rodriguez (Port Hueneme, Calif./ Port Hueneme, Calif.), ret., Air Force

Wheelchair Rugby (1)

MALE (1)
Will Groulx (Clarksville, Tenn./Portland, Ore.), ret., Navy

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Lee Ford (Perry, Ga.)

MEN

Eric Bennett (Phoenix, Ariz./Surprise, Ariz.)
Dugie Denton (Joliet, Mont.), ret., Army
Jeff Fabry (Lemoore, Calif.)
Jerry Shields (Jacksonville, Fla.), ret., National Guard
Matt Stutzman (Fairfield, Iowa)
Russell Wolfe (Widnoon, Pa./Edmond, Okla.), ret., Army

STAFF

Head Coach: Randi Smith
Asst. Coach: Paul Miller
Asst. Coach: MJ Rogers
Athletic Trainer: Craig Elder

PREVIEW
ARCHERY

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In 2010, Paralympic Archery (previously part of U.S. Paralympics) became part of USA Archery, in hopes of unifying archers competing within Paralympic and Olympic Teams. Looking ahead to the competition that will take place in London at the Royal Artillery Barracks, the sport's future has never been brighter.

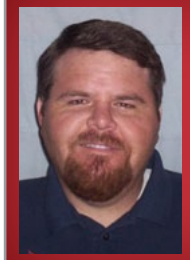
Led by Para National Head Coach Randi Smith, two years of providing competition and training opportunities for Para U.S. Archery Team (USAT) members, and conducting camps to introduce archery to prospective competitors has resulted in a strong team for the 2012 Paralympic Games. In 2008, the team picked up two individual bronze medals: one for 2012 Paralympic Team member Jeff Fabry (Tulare, Calif.) in the Men's Individual Compound W1 event, and another for Lindsay Carmichael (San Antonio, Tex.) in the Women's Individual Recurve - Standing event – the first ever individual medal in Olympic or Paralympic archery for an American woman.

In London, the team looks to continue that success, with three Paralympians returning in 2012: Fabry, who will compete in his third Paralympic Games; Eric Bennett (Surprise, Ariz.) in his second Paralympic appearance, in the Men's Individual Recurve – Standing; and Russell Wolfe (Widnoon, Pa.) in Men's Individual Recurve – W1/W2. They will be joined by archers who may be new to the Paralympic Games, but are experienced individual competitors, with solid domestic and international competition experience: Lee Ford-Faherty (Perry, Ga.) in Women's Individual Recurve – Standing; Matt Stutzman (Fairfield, Iowa) in Men's Individual Compound – Open; Jerry Shields (Jacksonville, Fla.) in Men's Individual Compound – W1, and Dugie Denton (Joliet, Mont.) in Men's Individual Compound – Open.

In London, all of these archers will compete individually, and bring strong competitive experience to the table. Fabry is a three-time Paralympic Games medalist who's shooting for the top of the podium in London, following his most major international win: a team silver at the World Archery Para Championships in Torino, Italy last year. Bennett, in his second Paralympics appearance, will look to clinch his first Paralympic Games podium finish in London following five years of top finishes domestically and internationally. Wolfe, also on his second trip to the Paralympic Games, is a United States Veteran (Army), and most recently claimed individual bronze at the Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, following a career of medal wins at high profile events such as the IPC Archery World Championships and the European Grand Prix.

Ford-Faherty has high individual finishes at international events to her credit, winning individual gold at the Parapan American Games in 2011, as well as a 4th place individual finish at this year's World Invitational Disabled Archery Competition in Stoke Mandeville. Shields and Denton, both United States Veterans (Army) have also both claimed top finishes in national qualifiers and are members of the Para U.S. Archery Team; Denton also clinched a Parapan American Games bronze in 2011, and top ten finishes at the World Archery Para Championships and European Grand Prix. Stutzman, in his first year as a member of the Para U.S. Archery Team, and just two and a half years after he began shooting archery, set a world record this year for the longest accurate archery shot (230 yards).

Eric | BENNETT
ARCHERY



DISCIPLINE: Standing Recurve
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS (NON-TEAM SPORTS): Standing Recurve
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 280
DOB: 11/4/1973
BIRTHPLACE: Phoenix, Ariz.
HOMETOWN: Phoenix, Ariz.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Surprise, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Barry Goldwater High School (Phoenix, Ariz.) '92
COLLEGE: Northern Arizona University, 2001, BS Physical Science
Arizona State University, 2010, M.Ed. Educational Supervision
COACH: MJ Rogers

Career Highlights
- 20011 World Archery Para-Championships, 17th, (Open Compound)
- Two-time national champion (2008-Oudoor Open Compound, 2012-Indoor Standing Recurve)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 9th place (Open Compound)
- 2007 IPC World Championships, 4th Place (Open Compound)

Personal
Son of Pam and Bill Bennett…Has three sisters, Stacey, Kellie, Vickie…Married Rachel Schumann on Dec 27th, 2003…Has a son, Logan (5/29/06), and a daughter, Natalie (3/25/09)… Earned a master's degree in Educational Supervision from Arizona State University in 2006… Hobbies include camping, fishing and hunting.

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Dugie | DENTON
ARCHERY

DISCIPLINE: Open Compound
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS (NON-TEAM SPORTS): Individual, Open compound
BIRTHPLACE: Corpus Christi, Texas
HOMETOWN: Joliet, Mt.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Joliet, Mt.
HIGH SCHOOL: Joliet High School, Joliet, Mt., 1989
COACH: Randi Smith

Career Highlights
- 2012 European Disabled Grand Prix, Open Compound, Bronze Medal
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Open Compound, Bronze Medal
- 2010 Arizona Cup, Open Compound, Gold Medal
- 2010 Texas Shoot Out, 4th place
- 2009 European Grand Prix, Silver Medal

Personal
Son of Edwin and Sandra Denton…Married to Cheryl Denton; Has 2 sons, Cody and Lewis Jr. (Dugan) and 2 daughters, Cynthia and Juliette. Retired from the U.S. Army… Enjoys hunting and fishing and raising Labrador retrievers.

Jeff | FABRY

ARCHERY

DISCIPLINE: W1 Compound
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS (NON-TEAM SPORTS): Individual W1
DOB: 4/14/73
BIRTHPLACE: Hanford, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Lemoore, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Lemoore, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Lemoore Union High School 1991
COLLEGE: West Hills Community College
COACH: Randi Smith

Career Highlights

- 2012 – European Disabled Grand Prix, W1 Individual, Gold Medal
- 2012- World Archery Festival, Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2011 – European Disabled Grand Prix, W1 Individual, Silver Medal
- 2010: European Disabled Grand Prix, W1 Individual, Gold Medal
- 2010: South Dakota Classic, Pro Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2010 Arizona Cup, W1 Individual, Gold Medal
- 2009: FITA Para Archery World Championships, Individual Compound, Men's W1, Silver Medal,
- 2009: NFAA Marked 3-D Nationals, Pro Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2009: World Archery Festival, Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2009: South Dakota Classic, Pro Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2008: Paralympic Games, Men's Individual Compound W1, Bronze Medal
- 2008: NAA Indoor National Championships, AR Open, Champion
- 2008: World Archery Festival, Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2008: NFAA Indoor Nationals, Pro Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2008: NFAA Stan Open, Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2007: IPC Archery World Championships, Compound W1, Gold medal
- 2005: IPC Archery World Championships, W1 Recurve, Gold medal
- 2004: Paralympic Games, W1 Recurve & Team Finals Two Bronze medals
- 2003: IPC Archery World Championships, W1 Recurve ,Gold medal
- 2003: NAA Outdoor National Championships, AR Open, Silver medal
- 2003: NFAA Marked 3-D, Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2003: World Archery Festival, Freestyle Limited, Champion
- 2002: NAA Outdoor National Championships, AR-1, Gold medal
- 2001: World Archery Festival, Bowhunter Freestyle Limited, Champion

Personal

Owe everything to my amazing family. Without their support, none of this would be possible. I have been married to my wife, Crystal, for 11 years. I have a daughter, Rebecca (10 yrs. old) & a son, Joseph (6 yrs. old). I enjoy taking my kids hunting & fishing whenever possible. I have been all over the world but my favorite place to be is home!

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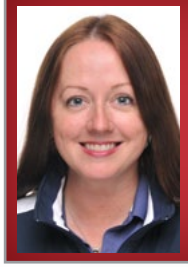
Lee | FORD
ARCHERY



DISCIPLINE: Standing Recurve
HEIGHT: 5'6"
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 11-29-70
BIRTHPLACE: Philadelphia, Pa.
HOMETOWN: Perry, Ga.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Perry, Ga

HIGH SCHOOL: Cardinal Dougherty High School, 1988
COLLEGE: Georgia State University, Almeda University, 2005 Fine Art
COACH: Jim White
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Arabic

Career Highlights

- 2011 Gold medalist, Parapan American Games, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 25 meter indoor record Recurve Standing Women for 30 and 60 arrows- United States
- American able bodied ranking as of 12/31/11 16th place
- 2010 World Invitational Disabled Archery Competition, Stoke Mandeville (GBR) 5th place
- 2012 World Invitational Disabled Archery Competition, Stoke Mandeville (GBR) 4th place
- 2010 Arizona Cup, 2nd place
- 2011 World Championships, 9th place

Personal

Daughter of Raymond and Doris Ford. Sister Terry Wietstruk, brother Ray Ford, Jr. married to John Faherty, daughter is Shelby, age 15. Current married name is Lee Ford-Faherty. Is an avid bead and silversmith jewelry artist, as well as a silk painter. She designs costumes for friends, loves going to Burning Man and is a regular camper and outdoorswoman. Competed in inline roller speed skating before college and later became a belly dancer and fire performer before getting hurt. Lee still performs with fire.

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Jerry | SHIELDS
ARCHERY

DISCIPLINE: Men's W1 Compound
HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 175
DOB: 07-14-1955
BIRTHPLACE: North Carolina

HOMETOWN: Jacksonville, Fla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Jacksonville, Fla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Terry Parker High School, 1973, Jacksonville, Fla.
COACH: Randi Smith

Career Highlights

- 2012 Stoke Mandeville Open, W1 Compound
- 2011 World Championships, W1 Compound, Team Silver
- 2010 National Veterans' Wheelchair Games, Compound Bow, Gold Medal
- 2009 National Veterans' Wheelchair Games, Compound Bow, Gold Medal (Spokane)
- 2007 National Veterans' Wheelchair Games, Compound Bow, Gold Medal
- 2006 National Veterans' Wheelchair Games, Compound Bow, Gold Medal
- 2004 National Veterans' Wheelchair Games, Compound Bow, Gold Medal
- 2004 British Endeavor Award for Most Determined Athlete; National Veterans' Wheelchair Games

Personal

Wife: Martha; Son: Tyler (30)

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Matthew | STUTZMAN
ARCHERY

DISCIPLINE: Archery
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS (NON-TEAM SPORTS): Archery
HEIGHT: 5'6"
WEIGHT: 188
DOB: 12/10/1982

BIRTHPLACE: Salina, Ks.
HOMETOWN: Fairfield, Iowa
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Fairfield, Iowa
HIGH SCHOOL: Pathway Christian school
COACH: Randi smith

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games, 4th
- Missed the world record by 2 points, shot a 699 the world record is 701
- Holds two national records in archery
- Hold a Guinness world record for the longest accurate shot: 230 yards

Personal
My parents are Leon and Jean Stutzman… My hobbies are cars… I am married to Amber Stutzman, and have three sons: Carter, Cameron, and Alex

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Russell | WOLFE
ARCHERY

DISCIPLINE: W2
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS (NON-TEAM SPORTS): ARW2 Recurve
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 155
DOB: 11/13/68
BIRTHPLACE: Brookville, Pa.

HOMETOWN: Widnoon, Pa.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Edmond, Okla
HIGH SCHOOL: Redbank Valley High School (New Bethlehem, Pa.), 1986
COLLEGE: Jefferson Community College, 1995

Career Highlights
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 29th place (Arw2)
- 2009 World Para Archery Bronze Medal (Arw2)
- 2011 Parapan American Games, bronze medal (para recurve)

Personal
Son of Malcolm and Kathryn Wolfe Sr.…Has two brothers, Malcolm Jr and James…Has a son, Steven Christensen (10/10/87)… Currently pursuing a degree in dietetics…Hobbies include cooking, traveling, biking, shooting sports, fishing and hunting.

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ROSTER

MEN

Austin Hanson (Topeka, Kan./Topeka, Kan.)

STAFF

Team Leader: Mark McMillan

Sport Assistant: Gary Barraclough

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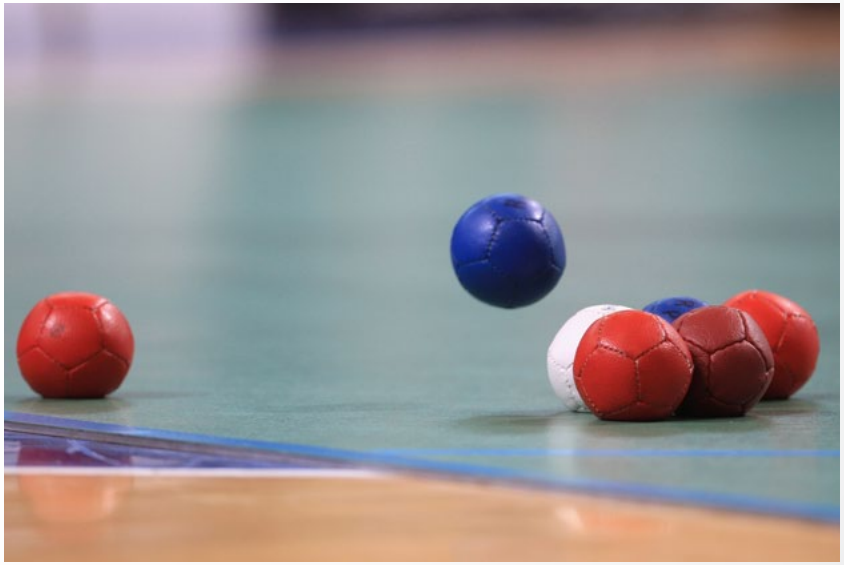
BOCCIA



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Austin Hanson, the sole American athlete competing in boccia, is a four-time U.S. Paralympian from Topeka, Kan. At the Atlanta 1996 Paralympic Games, Hanson, a BC3 classification, made his debut with a fifth place performance. He missed the mark for the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games, but made the team for Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008, securing his spot in history as one of the United States' best boccia players.

Hanson has competed in the gold medal match of the national championships 13 times over the past 16 years, capturing an impressive 10 national titles. The two-time Paralympic Trials Champion has competed in three America Cups, four World Championships and four World Cups.

Boccia has been a part of the Paralympic Games since 1984. It was originally presented as a sport for athletes with cerebral palsy (CP), but is now open to all athletes with severe physical disabilities. Paralympic boccia competition is open to male and female athletes with severe locomotor disabilities of a cerebral or non-cerebral origin, including individuals with cerebral palsy, stroke, traumatic brain injury, high-level spinal cord injuries, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and arthrogryposis.

The sport tests the athlete's coordination, accuracy, concentration, and ability to strategize. Boccia is played indoors on a flat, smooth surface by individuals, pairs or teams of three. To score points, athletes throw, kick or use an assistive device to propel leather balls as close as possible to a white target ball (the jack).

In an individual match, each player throws six balls. An individual match has four ends. In pair matches, there are four ends with each athlete getting three balls. Pair games are played by athletes with disabilities of non-cerebral origin who throw and by athletes who use a ramp as an assistive device to propel the ball. Throwers with CP play in teams of three, each getting two of the balls. They play six ends.

Boccia is Sept. 2-8 with medals awarded on Sept. 4 and Sept. 8.

Austin | HANSON

BOCCIA

DISCIPLINE: BC3
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Mixed individual
DOB: 1/4/74
BIRTHPLACE: Topeka, Kan.
HOMETOWN: Topeka, Kan.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Topeka, Kan.
HIGH SCHOOL: Seamon High School (Topeka, Kan.) '93
COACH: Gary Hanson

Career Highlights

- 1996, 2004 U.S. Paralympic Team
- 2010, 2002, 1998 U.S. World Championships Boccia team
- 2011, 2010, 2007, 2006, 2003, 2002, 1999 U.S. World Cup Boccia team
- 2011 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 2011 U.S. Parapan American Games Team
- 2010 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 2009 Americas Cup, Individual – Bronze medal
- 2009 Americas Cup, Pairs – Silver medal
- 2009 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 2008 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 2007 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 2006 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 2005 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 2004 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 1997 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal
- 1996 Paralympic Games, Individual – 5th
- 1996 U.S. Paralympic Trials, Individual – Gold medal
- 1996 U.S. National Boccia Championships, Individual - Gold medal

Personal

He received John Loux Award for overcoming challenges and achievements in 2006… In 2011, Hanson named 43rd on the list of top 100 athletes to ever come out of Shawnee County, Kan., and was the only Paralympian or disabled athlete to make the list… Started playing boccia ball at 5 years old... Trains at a local YMCA two to four hours a day with his partner and father, Gary, to maintain his top 25 world ranking… Continues to live in Topeka, Kan., near his parent's Gary and Marie… Has one younger sister, Kristy Feuerbacher… Most of Hanson's time is spent with his significant other, Kristeen Frost… A Data Entry Operator for the past 17 years, Hanson enjoys a good love story, comedies, music, and his two favorite sports: pro tennis and college basketball.

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Monica Bascio (Ridgewood, N.J./Evergreen, Colo.)
Kelley Crowley (San Francisco, Calif./Redwood, Calif.)
Alicia Dana (Putney, Vt.)
Muffy Davis (Sun Valley, Idaho/Salt Lake City, Utah)
Megan Fisher (Missoula, Mont./Seattle, Wash.)
Allison Jones (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Greta Neimanas (Chicago, Ill./Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.)
Jennifer Schuble (Houston, Texas/Homewood, Ala.), ret., Army

MEN

Joe Berenyi (Aurora, Ill./Oswego, Ill.)
Sam Kavanagh (Coram, Mont./Castle Rock, Colo.)
Steven Peace (Albion, Mich./San Diego, Calif.), ret., Navy
Anthony Pedeferri (Redmond, Wash./Camarillo, Calif.)
Clark Rachfal (Annapolis, Md.)
Dave Swanson (Tucson, Ariz.), Pilot
Oz Sanchez (Los Angeles, Calif./San Diego, Calif.), ret., Marine Corps
Matt Updike (Denver, Colo.)
Anthony Zahn (Riverside, Calif./Colorado Springs, Colo.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Craig Griffin
Assistant Coach: Mike Durner
Assistant Coach: Rick Babington
Team Leader: Kallie Quinn

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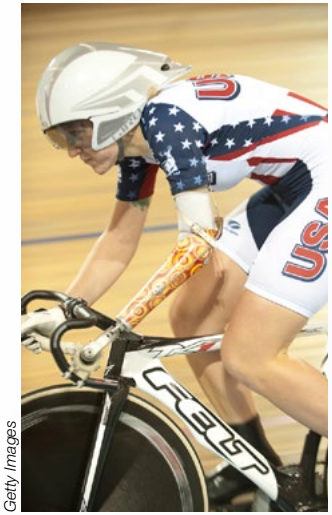
CYCLING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Between dominating the 2011 Parapan American Games, 2011 Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) World Championships and World Circuit, the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Cycling Team is poised to best the 14 medals they collected at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

Coached by Craig Griffin (Colorado Springs, Colo.), the team is comprised of seven U.S. Paralympians, four current world champions, and three U.S. Military veterans. Leading the team to London will be returning 2008 Paralympic cyclists Allison Jones (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Greta Neimanas (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Oscar Sanchez (San Diego, Calif.), Jennifer Schuble (Birmingham, Ala.), and Anthony Zahn (Colorado Springs, Colo.).

In her sixth Paralympic Games appearance, Jones is hoping to add to the five Paralympic medals (2 gold, 3 silver) that she collected the past six Paralympic Summer and Winter Games as a cyclist and alpine skier. In 2008 in Beijing, Jones claimed silver in the time trial behind U.S. teammate Barbara Buchan. Jones rides into London after claiming a gold and pair of bronze medals at the 2011 Parapan American Games. Since her silver medal at the 2008 Paralympics, Jones has collected five medals (two gold, three bronze) in the last three UCI Para Cycling Track and Road World Championships.

After making her Paralympic Games debut in Beijing in 2008, Neimanas has claimed ten medals (one gold, seven silver, two bronze) on the World Championship stage. Between her dominating performances at the 2011 Parapan American Games (one gold, two silver medals) and the 2012 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships (one gold, two silver medals), Neimanas heads to London as a solid medal contender.

Another athlete looking to add to his medal count is Oscar Sanchez. Since the 2008 Paralympic Games, Sanchez has been unstoppable on the international circuit. After claiming gold and bronze in Beijing, Sanchez has claimed five world championship titles, a first place finish in the 2011 UCI Para Cycling World Cup series and a pair of gold medals at the 2011 Parapan American Games.

Aside from claiming two gold medals at the 2011 Parapan American Games, Jennifer Schuble also set American records in the 500 time trial and 3k pursuit events. Despite claiming ten medals (five gold, four silver, one bronze) on the world championship stage since 2007, it is easy to claim the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games as the highlight of her career thus far. In Beijing, Schuble claimed gold and a pair of silvers while also setting a world and Paralympic record in the 500m time trial and 3km pursuit trial respectively.

Zahn looks to London with hopes of bettering his bronze medal finish from the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. Since those Games, Zahn claimed a bronze medal at the 2009 and 2010 UCI Para Cycling Road World Championships. On the national stage, Zahn followed up his silver medal performance in 2011 with a national championship in the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Road Cycling National Championship in the C1 classification.

Joining the five returning Paralympic cyclists are Monica Bascio (Evergreen, Colo.) and Muffy Davis (Salt Lake City, Utah), both of whom will be making their Summer Paralympic Games debut.

In 2010, with two Winter Paralympic Games (2006, 2010) behind her, Bascio contemplated retirement before a change in the governance of Paralympic Cycling pushed her to take her cross-training sport – handcycling – to the next level. The following year Bascio claimed the overall World Cup series title and followed that with a gold medal winning performance in the road race at the 2011 Parapan American Games. With retirement far from her mind, Bascio heads to London aiming for her first Paralympic medal.

Despite being a newcomer to the Summer Games, Davis has shined on the Paralympics' biggest stage in two different Paralympic Winter Games. As a skier, Davis won three silver medals and a bronze between the 1998 and 2002 Paralympic Winter Games. Turning to handcycling as a way to get back into shape after her daughter was born, Davis won her first National Title just two months after beginning the sport. Since then, she's accumulated numerous titles, among them the Overall World Cup Champion in 2012 as well as gold in the mixed relay at the UCI World Road Championships in 2011.

The Paralympic Cycling Track events will begin on August 30, with the Women's Individual Pursuit while the Paralympic Cycling Road events will start on September 5, with the Men's Individual Time Trial.

Monica | BASCIO

CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Handcycle, Road
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Individual Time Trial, Road Race
HEIGHT: 5-9
WEIGHT: 118
DOB: 9/16/69
BIRTHPLACE: Long Island, N.Y.

HOMETOWN: Ridgewood, N.J.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Evergreen, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Ridgewood High School, (Ridgewood, N.J.) 1987
COLLEGE: San Jose State University, '98, Occupational Therapy
COACH(ES): Allison Powers

Career Highlights

- 2011 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, gold (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2011 UCI Para-Cycling World Cup Overall Winner
- 2010 Paralympic Winter Games
- 2009 Paralympic Test Event, silver (5k)
- 2006 Paralympic Winter Games
- 2002 IPC World Handcycling gold (time trial)
- 2000 Wheelchair Athlete of the Year
- Six-time U.S.S.A. National XC Ski Champion
- 15-time U.S. Handcycling Champion
- Five-time winner, Sadler's Alaska Challenge (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006)

Personal

Has four brothers and three sisters… Married Ian Lawless in 2000… Has a son, Henry (07/08/08)… Works with older adults as an Occupational Therapist… Hobbies include skiing, baking, and just being a great Mom

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Joe | BERENYI

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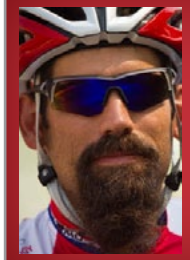

DISCIPLINE: Road, Track

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Time Trial, Road Race, 3km Individual Pursuit, Team Sprint

WEIGHT: 155

DOB: 11/12/68

BIRTHPLACE: Aurora, Ill.

HOMETOWN: Aurora, Ill.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Oswego, Ill.

HIGH SCHOOL: Aurora Central High School (Aurora, Ill.) '87

COLLEGE: Waubonsee Community College '89, Business Administration

COACH(ES): Craig Griffin

Career Highlights

- 2012 UCI Para-Cycling World Cup Overall, gold (C3)
- 2012 Baie Comeau UCI Para-Cycling World Cup, gold (road race) gold (time trial)
- 2012 Segovia UCI Para-Cycling World Cup, gold (time trial), 7th (road race)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Road Nationals, gold (time trial), gold (criterium)
- 2011 U.S. Paralympic Track Nationals, gold (4k individual pursuit)
- 2011 U.S. Paralympic Road Nationals, silver (time trial), silver (criterium), bronze (road race)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Road Nationals, silver (criterium)

Personal

Son of Joe and Dolores Berenyi… Has a brother Dan, sister Lori…Married Jill Berenyi on Oct. 7, 1995… Has three daughters, Syd (8/9/01), Gwen (10/01/03), Tatum (03/02/05)… Hobbies include reading and woodwork

Kelly | CROWLEY

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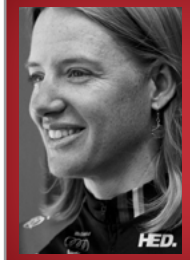

DISCIPLINE: Road, Track
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Road Race, Time Trial, Pursuit, 500m
HEIGHT: 5-6
DOB: 1/26/77
HOMETOWN: San Francisco, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Redwood City, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Sacred Heart Prep (Atherton, Calif.) '95
COLLEGE: Santa Clara University '99, Political Science, Environmental Studies; Indiana University, '01 Master of Public Administration
COACH(ES): Jim Lehman

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Para-Cycling National Championship, gold (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2012 UCI Para-Cycling World Cup, silver (road race), silver (time trial)
- 2011 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, 4th (road race), 4th (time trial)
- 2011 U.S. Para-Cycling National Championship, gold (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2011 Aspen Women's Professional Stage Race, 5th (time trial), 6th (circuit race), 6th (overall)
- 2011 Mt. Hood Stage Race, 9th (stage 1 road race)
- 2010 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, bronze (road race), 4th (time trial)
- 2007 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, bronze (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2004 Paralympic Games, two gold medals (Swimming 4x100 free relay, 4x100 medley relay)
- U.S. National Para-Cycling Team Member, 2007-2008; 2010-present
- 17-time U.S. Disability Swimming National Champion
- Set Disability swimming world records in 200 free, 400 IM

Personal

Son of Jim and Lee Crowley…Has one brother, Brian…Married Justin Lucke in Oct. 2008…Has a cat named Kat…Valedictorian of graduating class at Santa Clara University ('99)...Races professionally with Primal/Map My Ride Women's Team...Works as age-group swimming coach with USA Swimming Team Peninsula Covenant Aquatics...Earned a Level 3 Disability coaching certification from American Swimming Coaches Association, and Level 2 coaching certification from USA Cycling…Hobbies include cooking, eating her husband's culinary creations and planning for raising chickens upon retirement from competitive sport....

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Alicia | DANA

CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Handcycling, Road
HEIGHT: 5-6
WEIGHT: 105
DOB: 2/12/69
BIRTHPLACE: Brattleboro, VT.
HOMETOWN: Putney, VT
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Putney, VT
HIGH SCHOOL: The Putney School (Putney, Vt) '87
COLLEGE: Marlboro College, '93; Rhode Island School of Design '99
COACH(ES): Jim Cunningham
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Some Spanish and French

Career Highlights

- 2012 National Criterium Championships, 1st
- 2012 National Road Championships, 2nd
- 2011 National Road Championships, 2nd
- 2002 world championships, 4th (road race)
- 2002 National Criterium Championships, 1st

Personal

Daughter of Edmund and Veronica Brelsford… has an 8-year-old daughter, Willa… has 3 older sisters, Allegra, Carlotta and Cecelia and one older brother, Oliver, who competed on the U.S. junior Nordic team in the 1980's for Nordic combined… Earned 2 undergraduate degrees, one in art and sociology from Marlboro College in 1993, and one in illustration from Rhode Island School of Design in 1999… Hobbies include music and gardening

Muffy | DAVIS

CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Handcycle, Road
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Time Trial, Road Race, Team Relay
HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 130
DOB: 12/01/72
BIRTHPLACE: Ann Arbor, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Sun Valley, Idaho
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Salt Lake City, Utah
HIGH SCHOOL: Wood River High School (Sun Valley, Idaho) '91
COLLEGE: Stanford University, '95, Human Biology
COACH(ES): Justin Grisham

Career Highlights

- 2012 Women's Overall World Cup Champion
- 2012 6 World Cup Gold Medals, Italy and Canada
- 2012 U.S. Para-Cycling National Championship, gold (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2011 Most Inspirational Athlete, Challenged Athletes Foundation
- 2011 U.S. Para-Cycling National Championship, gold (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2011 Women's Overall World Cup Champion
- 2011 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, silver (road race), silver (time trial)
- 2011 6 World Cup Gold Medals, Canada and Australia
- 2011 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, gold (handcycle relay)
- 2010 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, three silvers
- 2010 U.S. Para-Cycling National Championship, gold (time trial)
- 2010 Inducted into U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame
- 2004 International Olympic Committee (IOC) President's Disabled Athlete Award
- 2002 Paralympic Winter Games, silver (downhill), silver (super-G), silver (giant slalom)
- 2002 Endurance Sports Disabled Athlete of the Year
- 2002 Most Inspirational Athlete, Challenged Athletes Foundaction
- 2002 Overall World Cup Champion, Alpine Skiing
- 2001 Overall World Cup Champion, Alpine Skiing
- 2000 World Champion, giant slalom
- 1998 Paralympic Winter Games, bronze (slalom)

Personal

Daughter of Marybeth and Dennis Davis… Has two brothers, Nick and Chris… Married Jeff Burley on August 21, 2004… Has a daughter, Elle (12/22/08)… Earned a degree in Human Biology from Stanford University in 1995… Spent a year volunteering and traveling the world teaching adaptive sports in developing countries in 2005/2006… Was inducted into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame in 2010… Hobbies include traveling, recreating, spending time with her family, swimming, mountain biking, water-skiing, and camping

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Megan | FISHER
CYCLING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 500m Time Trial, 3k Pursuit, Road Time Trial, Road Race
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 125
DOB: 3/3/83
BIRTHPLACE: Calgary, Alberta, Canada
HOMETOWN: Missoula, Mont.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Seattle, Wash.
HIGH SCHOOL: Hinsdale Central High School (Hinsdale, Ill.) '01
COLLEGE: University of Montana '06, Athletic Training
COACH(ES): Craig Griffin, Rick Babington
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: French

Career Highlights
- Six-time world champion (2010-UCI Road & Time Trial, 2010 & 2009 ITU, 2009 & 2008 XTERRA)
- Six-time national champion (2012 USAC Time Trial & Crit, 2011 Track, 2010 USAT, 2009 & 2008 XTERRA)
- First & Only Female Challenged Athlete to compete in XTERRA

Personal
Daughter of Brooks and Sara Fisher …Pursuing a doctorate in Physical Therapy from The University of Washington (2014)…Hobbies include playing with my dog (Betsy), hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, sledding, rollerblading, fishing, reading, and making crepes.

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Greta | NEIMANAS
CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Track, Road
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Track: 500m, 3k Individual Pursuit; Road: Time Trial, Road Race
HEIGHT: 5-9
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 5/4/88
BIRTHPLACE: Chicago, Ill.
HOMETOWN: Chicago, Ill.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Whitney M. Young Magnet High School (Chicago, Ill) '06
COACH(ES): Chris Daggs (San Diego, Calif.)
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish, Italian

Career Highlights
- 2012 Paralympic Team member
- 2012 Overall UCI Road World Cup champion
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Gold (road race) silver (Individual Pursuit) silver (500m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 4th (Individual Time Trial) 5th (Individual Pursuit)
- Eleven-time world championship medalist (1 gold, 7 silver, 3 bronze)
- Eight-time national champion (2008-2012)
- Resident Athlete, Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center (Jan. 2007- Sept. 2011)

Personal
Daughter of Karen and John Neimanas (deceased).. Oldest of three children. Sister- Nadia and brother- Jake... Hobbies include photography, writing, reading, dancing, traveling, going on road trips and exploring.

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Allison | JONES
CYCLING

DOB: 5/12/84
BIRTHPLACE: Amarillo, Texas
HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
COLLEGE: University of Denver

Career Highlights
- 2012 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships, bronze (500m time trial), bronze (3km pursuit)
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal (3km pursuit), bronze (500m time trial), bronze (road race)
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Road Cycling National Championships, gold (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2011 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championship, gold (individual pursuit), bronze (individual time trial)
- 2010 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Championship, gold (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2009 UCI Para-Cycling Road World Championships, silver (road race), silver (time trial)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, silver (time trial)

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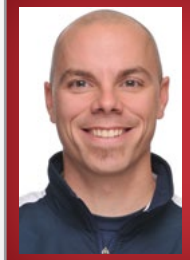
Sam | KAVANAGH
CYCLING



DISCIPLINE: Road, Track
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 1km Time Trial, 4km Pursuit, Team Sprint, Road Time Trial, Road Race
HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 160
DOB: 4/20/79
BIRTHPLACE: Whitefish, Mont.
HOMETOWN: Coram, Mont.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Castle Rock, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Columbia Falls High School (Columbia Falls, Mont.) '98
COLLEGE: Montana State University '02, Civil Engineering
COACH(ES): Craig Griffin, Mike Durner

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold (1km time trial) silver (pursuit), silver (road time trial), bronze (road race)
- Five-time Member of USA World Championship Team
- Eight-Time National Champion (2007-2012)
- American Record Holder as of 2011, 4km pursuit

Personal
Son of Bill and Kristin Kavanagh… Has one sister, Logan… Married Sara Rogers on July 14, 2001… Has a daughter, Amelia (6/22/09), and a son, Nolan (7/1/11)… Licensed Professional Engineer… Hobbies include telemark skiing, mountaineering, fly fishing, and photography

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Steven | PEACE
CYCLING

DOB: 1974
HOMETOWN: Albion, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Albion, Calif
HIGH SCHOOL: Albion High School, 1992
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Anthony | PEDEFERRI
CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Handcycle H1, Road
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Time Trial, Road Race
HEIGHT: 6-1
WEIGHT: 151
DOB: 4/7/71
BIRTHPLACE: Renton, Wash
HOMETOWN: Redmond, Wash.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Camarillo, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Redmond High School (Redmond, Wash.) '89
COLLEGE: University of Washington, '94, Medical Technology
COACH(ES): Jim Cunningham

Career Highlights
- 2012 Three-time US National Champion H1 division (Road Race, Time Trial, Criterium)
- 2011 US National Champion H1 division (Road Race)
- 2011 US National Championships Time Trial 2nd place
- 2011 World Championships Road Race 9th place
- 2011 World Championships Time Trial 10th place

Personal
Son of Jon and Peggy Pedeferri…Lives with his wife, Carrie, of 16 years and two daughters, Samantha (13) and Hannah (11)… Prior to his accident was a Category 1 road cyclist, Category 2 track cyclist, and an accomplished Ironman triathlete, having completed the Ironman World Championship in Hawaii three times… Hobbies include swimming, waterskiing, lifting weights, and motor sports.

Clark | RACHFAL
CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Tandem, Road, Track
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Track (1km Time Trial, 4km Pursuit, Match Sprint), Road (time Trial, Road Race)
HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 9/19/83
BIRTHPLACE: Washington D.C.

HOMETOWN: Annapolis, Md.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Annapolis, Md.
HIGH SCHOOL: Annapolis High School (Annapolis, Md.) 2001
COLLEGE: Towson University '05, Economics and Political Science
COACH(ES): Craig Griffin, Michael Durner, Andrzej Bek

Career Highlights
- 2011 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships, bronze medal (Road Time Trial)
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal (1km Time Trial), bronze medal (4km Pursuit)
- 2011 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup Series, overall title
- 2009 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships, gold medal (4km Pursuit)
- Twelve-time national champion (2008-12)
- Two-time American Record Holder (2011: 1km Time Trial – 01:04.470, 2009: 4km Pursuit – 04:26.472)

Personal
Son of Ken and Tanya Rachfal …Has a sister, Rachel . His hobbies include spending time with family and friends, playing with dogs, paddle boarding, travelling, and living life outdoors.

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Oscar | SANCHEZ
CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: H4
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Time Trial, Road Race
POSITION: Team Relay Mixed (Anchor)
HEIGHT: 6-2
WEIGHT: 193lbs
DOB: 12/02/75
BIRTHPLACE: Los Angeles, Cali.

HOMETOWN: Whittier, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: San Diego, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Whittier High School (Whittier, Calif.) '93
COLLEGE: San Diego State University '06, Business/Communications
COACH(ES): Self
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights
- 2012 ESPN ESPY Nominee (Best Male Athlete with a Disability)
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold (road race), gold (time trial)
- 2009 San Diego Hall of Champions Athlete of the Year
- 2008 Paralympic Games, gold (time trial), bronze (road race)
- Five-time World Champion ('09, '10, '11: time trial; '10: Road Race; '11 Team Relay)

Personal
Son of Jaime and Josefina Sanchez…Have twin sister, Veronica, Have two brothers, James and Joel…Earned a bachelor's degree in business & communications from San Diego State University in 2006…Hobbies include working out, reading and working on my '72 Blazer/Hot-Rod.

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Jennifer | SCHUBLE

CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Road, Track
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 500 Time Trial, 3k Pursuit, Mixed Team Sprint, Road Individual Time Trial, Road Race
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 128
DOB: 07/08/1976
BIRTHPLACE: Lake Charles, La.
HOMETOWN: Houston, Texas
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Birmingham, Ala.

HIGH SCHOOL: Kingwood High School (Kingwood, Texas) '95
COLLEGE: Marion Military Institute '96 Service Academy Prep Program, Early Commission Program; United States Military Academy '99; University of Alabama '01, B.S Production Operations Research & Statistical Quality Control University of Alabama '03, M.S. of Production Operation Research
COACH(ES): Jeff Hopkins

Career Highlights

- 2012 UCI Para Cycling World Championship, bronze (500 time trial)
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold (500 time trial), gold (3k pursuit)
- 2011 UCI Para Cycling World Championship, bronze (500 time trial)
- 2009 UCI Para Cycling World Championship, gold (500 time trial), gold (3k pursuit), gold (road race) silver (individual time trial)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, gold & world record (500 time trial), silver (3k Pursuit), silver (road time trial)
- 2007 UCI Para Cycling World Championship, gold (road race), gold (road time trial), silver (3k pursuit)
- Eight-time National Champion (2007-2011)
- American Record Holder, 500 time trial, 3k pursuit
- 3 sport varsity letterman, United States Military Academy
- Varsity letterman University of Alabama

Personal

Daughter of Jerry and Beth Schuble… Has one brother, Tom and two sisters, Stephanie and Melissa… Has two English bulldogs, Panzer and Sherman… Grandfather and his brother both played professional baseball… Works as an Engineer at Mercedes Benz… Hobbies aside from work and cycling include restoring her home

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Dave | SWANSON
CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Road & Track
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 1km Time Trial, 4km Pursuit, Road Time Trial, Road Race
POSITION: Tandem Pilot
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 175
DOB: 5/20/77

BIRTHPLACE: Arlington Heights, Ill.
HOMETOWN: Tucson, Ariz.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: John Hersey High School (Arlington Heights, Ill.) '95
COLLEGE: Northern Arizona University '00, Computer Science Engineering
COACH(ES): Chloe Black

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal (1km TT, track), bronze medal (4km Pursuit, track)
- 2011 road world championships (bronze medal, Time Trial)
- 2009 world champions (2009, 4km Pursuit, track)
- 12-time national champions (2008-2012, 1km TT, 4km Pursuit, Time Trial, Road Race)
- American record holders in 4km Pursuit (4'26.472") and 1km TT (1'04.470")

Personal
Son of Rodney and Catherine Swanson…Has 3 siblings, Bonnie, Michael and Sarah.

Matt | UPDIKE
CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Road
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Road Race, Time Trial, Team Relay
HEIGHT: 6-0
WEIGHT: 160
DOB: 9/24/1971
BIRTHPLACE: Syracuse, N.Y.
HOMETOWN: Denver, Colo.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Denver, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Marcellus Senior High School, (Marcellus, N.Y.) 1990
COLLEGE: Plattsburgh State University, '95
COACH(ES): Rick Babington

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games, silver (road race), silver (time trial)
- 2011 UCI Para Cycling World Championship, gold (team relay), 8th (time trial), 10th (road race)
- 2010 UCI Para Cycling World Championship, silver (team relay), 4th (road race), 7th (time trial)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 10th (road race), 12th (time trial)
- Twelve-time National Champion 2002-2011

Personal
Son of Richard Updike and Barbara Updike of Syracuse New York… Brother is David Updike who resides in Denver, CO… Began racing handcycles in 2000 after an auto accident paralyzed him in 1997… First named to the US Paracyling Team in 2002… Qualified for Beijing Paralympic Games in 2008… Multi-time National Champion in all disciplines… Works as a residential mortgage banker in Colorado… Hobbies include skiing, cooking, music and traveling.

Anthony | ZAHN

CYCLING

DISCIPLINE: Road, Track
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Kilo, Pursuit, Time Trial, Road Race
HEIGHT: 6-0
WEIGHT: 143
DOB: 10/14/74
BIRTHPLACE: Riverside, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Riverside, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Riverside Poly High School (Riverside, Calif.) 1993
COLLEGE:
COACH(ES): Jim Lehman

Career Highlights

- 2011 UCI Para-Cycling World Cup Sydney, gold (time trial)
- 2010 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, bronze medal (time trial
- 2009 UCI Para-Cycling World Championship, bronze medal (time trial)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, bronze medal (time trial), 6th (3k pursuit)

Personal

Son of Connie and Larry Zahn… Brothers, Will and Patrick, sister Diana… Girlfriend, Liz Bernstein

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WOMEN

Dale Dedrick (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
Rebecca Hart (Erie, Pa./Unionville, Pa.)
Donna Ponessa (New Windsor, N.Y.)

MEN

Jonathan Wentz (Richardson, Texas/Highland Park, Texas)

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Chef d'Equipe: Missy Ransehousen (Unionville, Pa.)
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Team Leader: Pam Lane (Gladstone, N.J.)
Team Veterinarian: Stacey Kent (Cochranville, Pa.)

PREVIEW
EQUESTRIAN

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After a stellar competition year, the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team is hoping to bring home a medal from the London 2012 Paralympic Games. After a silver medal team finish at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, the U.S Paralympic Equestrian Team has been chomping on the bit of earning a team medal for the red, white, and blue during the 2000, 2004 and 2008 Games.

The U.S Paralympic Equestrian Team will compete in three para-equestrian dressage events during the Games including the mixed individual championship, the mixed team championship, and the mixed freestyle championship test. Each test consists of five grades, Grade Ia, Ib, II, III, IV, where each rider competes within their classified grade. Athletes are classified according to his or her physical disability where Grade Ia is the more severely disabled riders and Grade IV is the least physically impaired equestrians.

There are 11 sets of medals including one set of medals for the team country competition. Each team consists of four athletes and horses or three athletes and horses. One team member must be classified Grade Ia, Ib or II. Not more than three team members may be of the same Grade. In a team composed of four athletes the three best total scores only count for the team result. Of the 11 medal opportunities, there are five medal sets for the mixed individual championship results and five sets for the mixed freestyle championship test results.

The 2012 U.S. Paralympic Equestrian Team was selected in June 2012 to compete among 78 horse and rider combinations and 26 nations around the world in London. Missy Ranseshousen of Unionville, Pa., is the chef d'equipe who will lead Rebecca Hart (Unionville, Pa.), Jonathan Wentz (Richardson, Texas), Donna Ponessa (New Windsor, N.Y.), and Dale Dedrick (Ann Arbor, Mich.) into competition at Greenwich Park.

Hart, a 27-year-old veteran of the Paralympic Games, was only one spot away from earning a medal at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. This year she is armed with Jessica Ransehousen's horse Lord Ludger for the Grade II competition.

Wentz, 21, maintained the 10th spot in the Para-Equestrian Dressage World rankings throughout 2012. He is looking to continue his consistency with Kai Handt's horse NTEC Richter Scale in the Grade Ib competition.

Ponessa was new to Para-Equestrian competition in 2011 and made it her goal to make the 2012 Paralympic Equestrian Team. As she and Wesley Dunham's mare Western Rose head to London they will be looking to top the intense Grade Ia competition.

Rounding out the team is Dedrick, who is an orthopedic surgeon by trade. Her performance over the 2011-12 season earned her and horse Bonifatius top international scores. Dale will also compete in the Grade II competition alongside Hart.

These four superb riders are no stranger to their Para-Equestrian Dressage rival countries including Great Britain, Germany, Denmark and Canada. As the Paralympic equestrian competition unfolds, the U.S. riders will be a team to watch.

Dale | DEDRICK

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DISCIPLINE: Dressage
CLASSIFICATION: Grade II
HEIGHT: 5-2
WEIGHT: 122
DOB: 12/14/55
BIRTHPLACE: Bethesda, Md.
HOMETOWN: Ann Arbor, Mich.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Ann Arbor, Mich.

HIGH SCHOOL: Walt Whitman High School (Huntington Station, N.Y.), '73
COLLEGE: University of Maryland '77, BS in general biology; University of Maryland School of Medicine '80, MD University of Michigan '86, Orthopedic Surgery
COACH: Rosalind S. Kinstler

Career Highlights

- 2012 Para-Equestrian Dressage Reserve National Champion
- 2011 Para-Equestrian Dressage National Champion
- 2011 Para-Equestrian Dressage Reserve National Champion
- 1986 U.S. Olympic Festival competitor
- 1985-87 Grand Prix competitor

Personal

Oldest of three daughters of Donald and Barbara (Hobelmann) Dedrick... Donald Dedrick was a noted collegiate golfer… Barbara Hobelmann, Dale's mother, was an elite swimmer for the United States winning two national titles at 400m and 1500m… Barbara was a three time All-American and a world record holder in the 400m… In 1951, Barbara graced the cover of Life Magazine… Dale's grandmother, who rode in the Calgary Stampede, originally influenced Dale's interest in dressage… Following college and medical school, Dale's residency began at the University of Michigan and her interest in dressage began to evolve… During her orthopedic residency, she worked as an emergency room faculty for two years… Residency highlights include flying on the University of Michigan Survival Flight helicopter service... Upon graduating from the residency program, she maintained a faculty position performing surgery and research… Dale was diagnosed with Lupus during her time at the University of Michigan causing her multiple joint deformities, muscle weakness of an inflammatory nature, and significant heart disease… Dale retired in 1992 as an Assistant Professor of Surgery and Internal Medicine… Hobbies beyond horses include sewing and cooking… Speaks Spanish.

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Rebecca | HART

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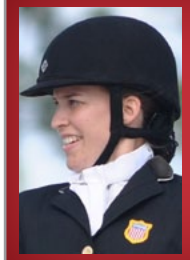


DISCIPLINE: Dressage
CLASSIFICATION: Grade II
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 118
DOB: 10/26/84
BIRTHPLACE: Pittsburgh, Pa.
HOMETOWN: Erie, Pa.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Unionville, Pa.
HIGH SCHOOL: Villa Maria Academy (Erie, Pa.) '03
COLLEGE: Penn State University '09, Business
COACH: Missy Ransehousen

Career Highlights

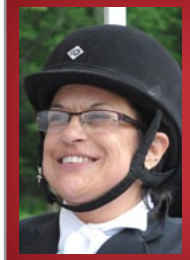
- 2012 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Champion
- 2011 Para-Equestrian CPEDI3* Australia Grand Champion
- 2010 ALLTECH/FEI World Equestrian Games
- 2010 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Champion
- 2009 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Champion
- 2008 Paralympic Games, Freestyle – 4th
- 2008 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Champion
- 2006 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Champion

Personal

Daughter of Sue Dobson and Terry Hart… Has one sister, Katie, and one brother, Jordan… Born with familial spastic paraplegia, a genetic disease that causes muscle wasting and lack of control from the waist down… Enjoys kayaking, sailing, camping and rock climbing.

Donna | PONESSA

EQUESTRIAN



DISCIPLINE: Dressage
CLASSIFICATION: Grade IA
HEIGHT: 5' 4"
WEIGHT: 125
DOB: 8/8/61
BIRTHPLACE: Newburgh, N.Y.
HOMETOWN: New Windsor N.Y.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: New Windsor N.Y.

HIGH SCHOOL: Newburgh Free Academy (Newburgh N.Y.), '79
COLLEGE: State University of New York at Albany '83, BS in nursing
Pace University '00, Master of public administration
COACHES: Wesley Dunham and Jay Hutchingson

Career Highlights

- 2012 USEF Dressage Festival of Champions Para-Equestrian Dressage Champion
- 2012 Saddleworld Dressage Festival CPEDI3* Australia Champion in Team, Individual and Freestyle
- 2011 CPEDI3* Mexico Champion in Team, Individual and Freestyle
- 2011 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Champion
- 2011 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage Reserve National Champion

Personal

Daughter of John and Alberta Ponessa… Has one brother and one sister who are both married... Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in college... Graduated with an RN (registered nurse) degree, a BA in Human Services and a MA in Public Administration… While working as an RN, was diagnosed with a rare form of MS called Devic disease… Forced to stop working and sell her horse after diagnosis… Took up wheelchair tennis and became one of the world's top players… In 2007, began riding and training in dressage again… Hobbies include learning all she can about classical dressage, perfecting her riding, staying physically fit and spending time with her dog, Milo… As a Registered Nurse, Donna is employed as a program manager at Westchester/Putnam Independent Living, Inc.

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Website: http://www.donnasdestiny.com

Jonathan | WENTZ

EQUESTRIAN

DISCIPLINE: Dressage
CLASSIFICATION: Grade 1B
HEIGHT: 6-3
WEIGHT: 195
DOB: 11/15/90
BIRTHPLACE: Austin, Texas
HOMETOWN: Richardson, Texas

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Highland Park, Texas
HIGH SCHOOL: Richardson High School (Richardson, Texas), '09
COLLEGE: Southern Methodist University '13, Political science, history, and medieval studies
COACH: Kai Handt

Career Highlights

- 2012 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage Reserve National Champion
- 2011 USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Champion
- 2010 World Equestrian Games Freestyle – 11th
- 2010 World Equestrian Games Team Test – 15th

Personal

Son of James and Christina Wentz…Has one Sister named Christen… Hobbies include playing soccer, football, baseball and golf… Is politically active… An avid sports fan… Has had cerebral palsy since birth… Began riding at 2-years-old for therapy to combat the loss of strength, coordination, flexibility and balance caused by CP… Achieved Top 10 world ranking for the sport in 2012.

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Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/PEJonathanWentz

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Jen Armbruster (Portland, Ore.)
Lisa Czechowski (Boonton, N.J./Tucson, Ariz.)
Amanda Dennis (Peachtree City, Ga.)
Asya Miller (Leeper,Mich./Portland, Ore.)
Robin Theryoung (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Jordan Walters (Colorado Springs, Colo./Boulder, Colo.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Ken Armbruster (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Assistant Coach: Jake Czechowski (Tucson, Ariz.)
Team Leader: Sharon Gunderman (Dubois, Pa.)
Athletic Trainer: Dawn Gulick (Pottstown, Pa.)

PREVIEW
GOALBALL

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Ranked second in the world, the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Women's Goalball team aims to reach the gold medal match for the third consecutive Games at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. After claiming silver at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, the 2008 Paralympics saw the U.S. defeat China in a shootout to avenge a preliminary round loss and claim gold for the second time in history. With a strong team comprised of rookies and veterans, this year's team is poised to defend its gold medal.

Coached by Ken Armbruster (Colorado Springs, Colo.) the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Women's Goalball team may be the most seasoned team in goalball thanks to a quartet of returnees from the gold medal team in 2008. Despite having two girls – Amanda Dennis (Peachtree City, Ga.) and Jordan Walters (Colorado Springs, Colo.) – making their Paralympic debut, the remaining girls – Jen Armbruster (Portland, Ore.), Lisa Czechowski (Boonton, N.J.), Asya Miller (Portland, Ore.) and Robin Theryoung (Colorado Springs, Colo.) – have a combined thirteen years of goalball Paralympic experience heading to London. Since the quartet of veterans joined forces in 2004, U.S. women's goalball has collected nine international medals (six gold, silver, two bronze).

London will be the sixth Paralympic appearance for Armbruster. Last year's Team USA flag bearer, Armbruster's experience in the Paralympics includes a bronze in 1996, silver in 2004, and gold in 2008. Though they are goalball teammates now, Czechowski and Miller were track and field teammates at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games. Both competing in the discus, Czechowski claimed silver in the F12 classification while Miller nabbed bronze in the F13 classification. Extending her athletic achievements even further, Miller was crowned best lifter at the 2009 ISBA Powerlifting World Championship.

While London will be the first Paralympics for Dennis and Walters, they both have experience on the international level. Key contributions from Dennis helped fuel the U.S. gold medal performance at the 2011 Parapan American Games and a solid performance from Walters in the 2010 World Championships helped the team clinch one of the earliest 2012 Paralympic games qualifications for Team USA.

The 2012 Paralympics goalball competition is shaping up to be an exciting series of match ups in London. The ten-team pool (split into two groups of five) includes Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Japan, Sweden, and the U.S. Despite the pool's difficulty, many believe China and the U.S. will meet in the gold medal match for the third consecutive time in international play. They first met in the 2008 gold medal match where the U.S. avenged a preliminary round loss to claim gold over the host country. Two years later it was China getting the upper hand on the U.S. in the World Championship tournament.

Preliminary rounds of the women's goalball tournament will start in the Copper Box on August 30 with Team USA facing a Sweden squad that took home bronze in the 2010 World Championships. Preliminary rounds will last through September 4 before the top four teams in each group qualify for the knockout round.

Jen | ARMBRUSTER

GOALBALL

Position: Wing
WEIGHT: 143
DOB: 2/14/75
BIRTHPLACE: Taipei, Taiwan
HOMETOWN: Portland, Ore.
Current Residence: Portland, Ore.
HIGH SCHOOL: Falcon High School (Falcon, Colo.), 1989

COLLEGE: University of Northern Colorado (Greeley, Colo.) 1997, BA Sociology (emphasis in Criminal Justice)
Sam Houston State College, (Huntsville, Texas) 1999, MS Criminal Justice Administration
COACH: Ken Armbruster

Career Highlights

- 2011: Gold Medal – ParaPan American Games
- 2011: Inducted into the Colorado Springs Athlete Hall of Fame
- 2010: Silver medal – IBSA World Championships
- 2009: Gold medal – IBSA Pan American Games
- 2008: Gold medal – Paralympic Games, Beijing
- 2008: Opening Ceremony Flag Bearer, 2008 Paralympic Games
- 2006: Bronze medal – IBSA World Championships
- 2005: Gold medal – IBSA Pan American Games
- 2004: Silver medal – 2004 Paralympic Games, Athens
- 2002: Gold medal – IBSA World Championships
- 2001: Gold medal – IBSA Pan American Games
- 2001: Colorado Hall of Fame Athlete of the Year
- 2000: Member of the 2000 U.S. Paralympic Goalball Team, Sydney, Australia
- 1999: Inducted into the Colorado Sportswomen Hall of Fame
- 1998: Bronze medal – IBSA World Championships
- 1996: Bronze medal – 1996 Paralympic Games, Atlanta, Ga.
- 1992: Member of the 1992 U.S. Paralympic Goalball Team, Barcelona, Spain

Personal

Jen is the Daughter of Ken and Linda Armbruster. She has two older sisters, Stacy Koelfgen and Michele Armbruster. On July 7, 2007 Jen married Asya Miller (team member) and together they have a son Ryder Lian Miller-Armbruster born July 2, 2011. Jen is currently employed at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon as the coordinator of Inclusive Recreation. In her free time, her hobbies include reading and outdoor sports.

Lisa | CZECHOWSKI

GOALBALL

Goalball

WEIGHT: 200 lbs.

DOB: 5/29/79

BIRTHPLACE: Pequannock, N.J.

HOMETOWN: Boonton, N.J.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.

HIGH SCHOOL: Boonton High School, Boonton, N.J., 1997

COLLEGE: DeSales University 2001, BA Criminal Justice

COACHES: Ken Armbruster, Jake Czechowski, Sharon Gunderman

Career Highlights

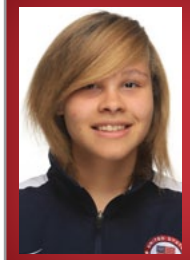
- 2012 Malmo Ladies Intercup – Silver medalist, Goalball
- 2012 Pajulahti Games – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2011 London Prepares Goalball Test Event – Bronze medalist, Goalball
- 2011 Pajulahti Games – Silver medalist, Goalball
- 2010 IBSA World Championships – Silver medalist, Goalball
- 2010 USABA Goalball Nationals – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2009 IBSA Pan American Games – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2009 Malmo Ladies Intercup – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2008 USABA Goalball Nationals - Most Valuable Player
- 2008 Malmo Ladies Intercup – Gold medal, Goalball
- 2008 Awarded Town of Boonton Proclamation
- 2007 International Goalball Classic (IGC) – Silver medalist, Goalball
- 2007 Malmo Ladies Intercup – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2007 USABA Goalball Nationals – All Tournament Team
- 2006 IBSA World Championships – Bronze medalist, Goalball
- 2006 Malmo Ladies Intercup – Bronze medalist, Goalball
- 2005 Pan American Games – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2004 Athens Paralympic Games – Silver medalist, Goalball
- 2004 Malmo Ladies InterCup – Gold medal, Goalball
- 2004 Awarded Town of Boonton Proclamation
- 2004 Awarded a Resolution from Morris County
- 2004 Awarded a Crystal Apple by New York City Mayor Bloomberg
- 2004 Grand Marshall for the Town of Boonton Christmas Parade
- 2003 Malmo Ladies InterCup – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2002 Featured in "Sports Illustrated, Faces In The Crowd"
- 2002 IBSA World Championships – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2002 Named "Top Scorer" of the World Goalball Championships
- 2001 Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games Torch Relay – Princeton, N.J.
- 2001 III IBSA Pan American Games – Gold medalist, Goalball and Discus
- 2001 British Blind Sports Invitational Goalball Tournament – Gold medalist, Goalball
- 2001 Malmo Ladies InterCup – Bronze medalist, Goalball
- 2001 Threw out first pitch for the New Jersey Jackals AAA Baseball Team
- 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games – Silver medalist F12 Discus
- 2000 Sydney Paralympic Games – 6th Place in Goalball
- 2000 American record in Athletics – Discus B2/F12
- 2000 British Blind Sports Invitational Goalball Tournament – Silver medalist, Goalball
- 2000 Malmo Ladies InterCup – Silver medalist, Goalball
- 2000 Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Championships – first place in discus (new school record for DeSales University)
- 2000 Awarded Town of Boonton Proclamation
- 1999 British Blind Sports Invitational Goalball Tournament – Silver medalist, Goalball
- 1999 II IBSA Pan American Games – Gold medal, Javelin and Silver medalist, Shot Put and Discus (American Record)m, Goalball; also competed in shot put
- 1998 USABA National Track and Field Championships – Gold medalist, Discus
- 1998 10th Annual British Blind Sports Goalball Tournament – Bronze medalist, Goalball
- 1997 USABA National Track and Field Championships – Gold medalist, Discus F12
- 1997 USABA National Goalball Championships – named All-American
- 1996 USABA National Goalball Championships – Gold medalist
- 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games – First alternate for the U.S. Women's Goalball Team

Personal

Daughter of David and Barbara Banta, Lisa has two brothers, Kevin and Chris; Married to Jacob Czechowski, her hobbies include reading, listening to music, playing board games, and playing sports.

Amanda | DENNIS

GOALBALL



WEIGHT: 138 lbs.
DOB: 2/05/1994
BIRTHPLACE: Atlanta, Ga.
HOMETOWN: Peachtree City, Ga.
HIGH SCHOOL: The Lighthouse, Fayetteville, Ga., 2012
COACHES: Ken Armbruster, Jake Czechowski
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

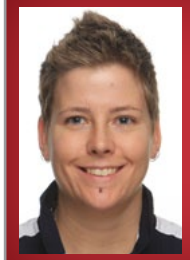
Career Highlights

- 2012 USABA National Goalball Championships – 2nd Place – Silver medal
- Malmo Lady Intercup – 2nd Place – Silver medal
- 2012 Cascade Classic – 1st Place – Gold medal
- 2012 Northeast Regional – 3rd Place – Bronze medal
- 2012 Midwest Regional – 2nd Place – Silver medal
- 2012 Pajulahti Games – 1st Place - Gold medal
- 2011 Youth National Championships – 1st place - Gold medal (All American/ Most Valuable Player)
- 2011 Para Pan American Games 1st Place – Gold medal
- 2011 Youth World and Student Games 2nd Place – Silver medal
- 2011 USABA National Goalball Championship – 2nd Place – Silver medal
- 2011 Northeast Regional 3rd Place – Bronze Medal
- 2010 Youth National Goalball Championship - 1st Place – Gold medal (All American/ Most Valuable player)
- 2010 Midwest Regional John Bakos Memorial - 3rd Place – Bronze medal
- 2009 Youth National Goalball Championships - 2nd Place - Silver medal (All American/ Most Valuable Player
- 2008 Youth National Goalball Championships - 3RD Place – Bronze medal (All American)
- 2007 Youth National Goalball Championships - 2nd Place – Silver medal
- 2006 Western Regional's – 1st Place – Gold medal
- 2004 Youth Nationals Goalball Championships - 3rd Place - Bronze medal

Personal

Daughter of Winfred and Elizabeth Dennis, Amanda has one brother, Daniel. She plans on attending College in the spring of 2013 to pursue a degree in political science. Hobbies include reading, writing and swimming.

Asya | MILLER
GOALBALL



DOB: 10/16/1979
BIRTHPLACE: Lapeer, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Lapeer, Mich.
Current Residence: Portland, Ore.
HIGH SCHOOL: Lapeer East High School, Lapeer, Mich., 1997

COLLEGE: Western Michigan University, 2001, Bachelor's Criminal Justice University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, 2008, Master's Criminal Justice
COACHES: Ken Armbruster, Jake Czechowski

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games 1st Place Goalball
- 2010 Goalball World Championships 2nd Place
- 2009 Powerlifting World Championships 1st
- 2009 Pan American Games 1st Place
- 2009 ESPY Nomination Female Athlete with a Disability
- 2008 Beijing Paralympic Summer Games 1st Goalball
- 2006 Goalball World Championships 3rd Place
- 2005 Pan American Games 1st Goalball
- 2004 Athens Paralympic Summer Games 2nd
- 2003 Pan American Games Athletics Powerlifting
- 2002 Athletics World Championships
- 2001 Pan American Games 1st Goalball, 2nd Discus, 1st Javelin
- 2001 Powerlifting World Championships 1st
- 2000 Sydney Paralympic Summer Games 3rd Discus 6th Goalball
- 2000 Powerlifting World Championships 1st
- 1999 ParaPan American Games 3rd Discus, 1st Shot, 1st Javelin
- National Champion Goalball Team in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012
- Various Powerlifting World Records

Personal

Asya is the daughter of William Miller and has a sister, Taylor Miller. She married Jen Armbruster (Team USA) on July 7, 2007; together they have a son, Ryder (7/2/11), and a daughter, Kelsey (10/12/11). Asya earned a Master's degree in criminal Justice from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 2008. Hobbies include cooking & gardening.

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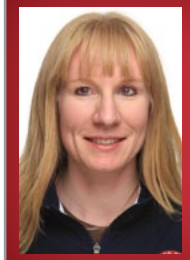
Robin | THERYOUNG

GOALBALL



WEIGHT: 152
DOB: 11/11/78
BIRTHPLACE: Southfield, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Clarkston High School (Clarkston, Mich.) 1997

COLLEGE: Albion College 2002, Religious Studies; Western Michigan University 2003 M.A. Blind Rehabilitation Western Michigan University 2005 M.A. Orientation and Mobility
COACHES: Ken Armbruster, Jake Czechowski

Career Highlights

- 2012: Silver medal, Malmo Lady Intercup - Malmo, Sweden
- 2011: Gold medal, Para Pan American Games - Guadalajara, Mexico
- 2011: Silver medal, Pajulahti Games - Nastola, Finland
- 2010: Gold medal, Onella Goalball Tournament - Onella, Finland
- 2010: Silver medal, World Goalball Championships - Sheffield, England
- 2009: Gold medal, Pan American Games - Colorado Springs, CO
- 2009: Gold medal, Malmo Lady Intercup - Malmo, Sweden
- 2008: Gold medal, U.S. Paralympic Women's Goalball Team - Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2008: Gold medal, Malmo Lady Intercup - Malmo, Sweden
- 2008: Bronze medal, Lakeshore International Goalball Classic - Birmingham, Ala.
- 2007: Silver medal, Lakeshore International Goalball Classic - Birmingham, Ala.
- 2006: Bronze medal, World Goalball Championships - Spartanburg, S.C.
- 2006: Bronze medal, Malmo Lady Intercup - Malmo, Sweden
- 2005: Gold medal, IBSA Pan American Games - Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 2004: Silver medal, U.S. Paralympic Women's Goalball Team - Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece
- 2004: Gold medal, Malmo Lady Intercup - Malmo, Sweden
- 2003: Gold medal, Malmo Lady Intercup - Malmo Sweden
- 2002: Gold medal, World Goalball Championships - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2001: Gold medal, Pan American Games - Spartanburg, S.C.
- 2001: Bronze medal, Malmo Lady Intercup - Malmo, Sweden
- 2000: Alternate, U.S. Paralympic Women's Goalball Team - Paralympic Games - Sydney, Australia
- 1998: Bronze medal, World Goalball Championships - Madrid, Spain

Personal

Daughter of Ron and Sylvia Theryoung. Robin has one sister, Jill, and brother-in-law, Dan. She earned a master's degree in Blind Rehabilitation from Western Michigan University in 2003 and a master's degree in Orientation and Mobility from Western Michigan University in 2005. Hobbies include hiking, roller skating, singing, playing guitar, songwriting, and performing with her band "2 Hour Delay."

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Jordan | WALTERS

GOALBALL

WEIGHT: 135 lb.
DOB: 4/11/89
BIRTHPLACE: Langley AFB, Va.
HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Current Residence: Boulder, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Air Academy High School (United States Air Force Academy, Colo.) 2008

COLLEGE: University of Colorado at Boulder 2012, Integrative Physiology
COACHES: Ken Armbruster, Jake Czechowski

Career Highlights

- Career Highlights
- 2010 IBSA World Championships, Silver Medalist
- Played on 5 National Goalball championship teams

Personal

Daughter of Shawn and Theresa Walters Jordan has two brothers, Justin and Connor. Jordan married Richard Gist in June, 2012.

JUDO

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Katie Davis (Sacramento, Calif./Sacramento, Calif.)
Christella Garcia (Rio Rancho, N.M/Sacramento, Calif.)
Cindy Simon (Wayne, N.J.)

MEN

Dartanyon Crockett (Cleveland, Ohio/Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Ron Hawthorne (Kansas City, Kan./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Myles Porter (Fremont, Ohio/Colorado Springs, Colo.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Scott Moore
Asst. Coach: Heidi Moore
Team Leader: Marc Vink

PREVIEW

JUDO

The U.S. Paralympic Judo Team has its best shot at a gold medal in the since the team's head coach, Scott Moore, took gold at the Games in 2000. The six-member squad has several players who could climb the podium in London.

Myles Porter (Fremont, Ohio), 100 kg, is a U.S. favorite to take the top spot. Porter took bronze at the 2012 World Cup Miami in the able-bodied division and bronze in the 2012 U.S. Open, also in the able bodied division. Porter took gold at both the 2011 German Open for the Visually Impaired and the 2011 Parapan American Games.

The entire team, including Dartanyon Crockett (Cleveland, Ohio), 90 kg, Ron Hawthorne (Kansas City, Ks.), 60 kg, Katie Davis Sacramento, Calif.), +70kg, and Christella Garcia (Rio Rancho, N.M.), 70kg, were members of the 2011 U.S. Parapan American Team. Hawthorne, Davis and Garcia were members of U.S. Paralympic World Teams. Davis took a bronze at the 2011 World Championships and a silver at the 2011 Parapan American Games. Garcia also took bronze at the 2011 Parapan American Games.

Dartanyon | CROCKETT
JUDO

DISCIPLINE: 90 kg
HEIGHT: 5'6"
WEIGHT: 200
DOB: 5/21/91
BIRTHPLACE: Cleveland, Ohio
HOMETOWN: Cleveland, Ohio
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lincoln West High School, Cleveland, Ohio, '09
COLLEGE: Pikes Peak Community College, '14, Social Work Degree
COACH: Ed Liddie

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Judo Team
- 2011 Pan American Team Member
- 2011 World Team Member
- 1st place: 2012 Paralympic Trials
- 1st place: 2012 Visually Impaired Senior Nationals

Personal
Son of Arthur Harris and Juanita Keely. Brother to Dionna, Darnell, Darlene, Dominique, Davielle, and Danielle. Hobbies include art, music, and playing video games.

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Katie | HOWARD DAVIS
JUDO

DISCIPLINE: +70 kg
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 195
DOB: 7/25/1986
BIRTHPLACE: Sacramento, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Sacramento, Calif.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Sacramento, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: C.K. McClatchy High School, '04, Sacramento, Calif.
COLLEGE: California State University, '10, BA Child Development
COACH: Brent Goodall

Career Highlights
- 2010, World Team Member
- 2011, World Team Member
- 2011, Parapan American Games Team Member
- 2010 IBSA Judo World Championships, 2nd place, 78kg
- 2010 IBSA Judo World Championships, 7th place, +70kg
- 2011 IBSA Judo World Championships, 3rd place, 78kg
- 2011 IBSA Judo World Championships, 5th place, +70kg
- 2011 Parapan American Games, 2nd place, +70kg

Personal
Daughter of Arthur and Rhonda Howard, sister to Jenifer. Married to Michael Davis in 2008. Michael was a 2011 Worlds Paralympic Judo Team Member. After the Paralympics, Katie will resume her graduate work at CSU and earn a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Katie's hobbies include reading.

Christella | GARCIA
JUDO

DISCIPLINE: 70 kg
HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 140 lbs
DOB: 11/21/78
BIRTHPLACE: Santa Fe, N.M.
HOMETOWN: Rio Rancho, N.M.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Sacramento, Calif.
COLLEGE: Sacramento City College, '14, Psychology
COACHES: Mac Takeda, Tony Comfort

Career Highlights

- 3rd place, 2011 Parapan American Games.
- 7th place, 2011 IBSA Judo World Championships
- 2011 Parapan American Team
- 2010 and 2011 World Team
- 5th place, 2010 IBSA Judo World Championships

Personal

Daughter of Gilbert Garcia and Virginia Lantis. Sister to Christopher, Michael, Michelle, Frederick, and Daniel. Hobbies include cooking, reading and traveling.

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Ron | HAWTHORNE
JUDO

DISCIPLINE: 60kg
HEIGHT: 5'5"
WEIGHT: 135
DOB: 2/18/86
BIRTHPLACE: Kansas City, Ks.
HOMETOWN: Kansas City, Ks.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: F.L. Schlagle High School, Kansas City, Kan., '04
COACH: Eddie Liddie

Career Highlights

- 2010: Fifth - German Open Visually Impaired Championships (60kg)
- 2009: Gold - USA Judo Visually Impaired National Championships (60kg)
  Gold - U.S. Open for the Visually Impaired (60kg)
  Gold - German Open Visually Impaired Championships (60kg)
  Silver - Dallas Invitational (55kg)
  Silver - Northglenn Championships (60kg)
  Bronze - IBSA Pan American Games (60kg)
  Fifth - USA Judo Senior National Championships (55kg)

Personal

Ron was raised by his grandparents, Johnny and Dorothy Alexander. He hoped to earn a degree in Physical Education. His hobbies include, listening to music and spending time with friends.

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Myles | PORTER
JUDO

DISCIPLINE: 100 kg
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 220 lbs
DOB: 11/22/85
BIRTHPLACE: Fremont, Ohio
HOMETOWN: Fremont, Ohio
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.

HIGH SCHOOL: Fremont Ross High School, Fremont, Ohio, '09
COLLEGE: University of Toledo, '14, Business Marketing
COACHES: Eddie Liddie & Ryan Reser

Career Highlights

- 2011: Gold medalist, Parapan American Games, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 2011: Bronze medalist, IBSA Judo World Games, Antalya, Turkey
- 2010: Silver medalist, USA Senior National Judo Championships (C level-able bodied event)
- 2010: Bronze medalist, IBSA Judo World Judo Championships, Antalya, Turkey
- 2010: Gold medalist, Lithuanian Open for Blind & Visually Impaired, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2009: Bronze medalist, Rendez Vous, Montreal. Canada (B level able-bodied event)
- 2009, 2010 & 2011: Gold medalist, German Open for Blind & Visually Impaired, Heidelberg, Germany
- 2008: U.S. Paralympic Judo Team Member
- 2007: Bronze medalist, Parapan American Games, Rio de Janeiro

Personal

Son of Larry and Deb Porter. Brother to Mykel, Katie and Kylee. Engaged to Betsy Quick. Hobbies include spending time with loved ones and judo.

Connect

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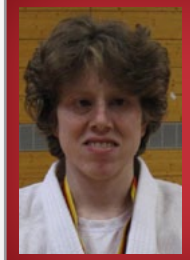
Cindy | SIMON
JUDO



DISCIPLINE: 57kg
DOB: 10/21/70
BIRTHPLACE: Wayne, N.J.
HOMETOWN: Wayne, N.J.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Wayne, N.J.
HOME CLUB: Kokushikai Judo Academy, Fair Lawn, N.J.

Career Highlights

- 2010 and 2011 Parapan American Teams, 52 kg.
- 2010 and 2011 IBSA Judo World Championship Teams, 52 kg.
- Silver medal, 2010 Pan Am Championships For the Blind, 52 kg.
- Silver medal, 2011 Parapan American Championships, 52 kg.

POWERLIFTING

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Mary Stack (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

MEN

Ahmed Shafik (Tucson, Ariz.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Mary Hodge (Farmingdale, N.Y.)

PREVIEW
POWERLIFTING

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Fresh off bronze medal performances at the 2011 Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, Mary Stack (Ann Arbor, Mich.) and Ahmed Shafik (Tucson, Ariz.) will represent the United States in powerlifting at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. With both claiming their first ever international medals in Guadalajara, each is now in position for the London podium.

"Mary and Ahmed are our veteran lifters, and they both prove that practice and resilience pays off because for the first time in both of their careers, they medaled internationally in 2011 at the Parapan American Games, and now they are both ranked fourth in the world on their way to London," U.S. Paralympics Powerlifting Head Coach Mary Hodge said. "They are extremely driven athletes and will represent the USA well at the Paralympic Games."

Stack, who competes in the +82.5kg weight class, has been a fixture on the U.S. National Team since 2000 and the London Games will mark her fourth appearance on the U.S. Paralympic Powerlifting Team. Over the past few years, she has experienced a steady rise, finishing seventh at the 2006 International Paralympic Committee Powerlifting World Championships then improving to fourth in 2010. In her third place effort at the recent Parapans, she lifted 116kg, 122kg and a personal best 127kg in three attempts.

While Stack is a seasoned veteran, Shafik is a relative newcomer to international powerlifting and will make his Paralympic debut in London. Competing in the 90 kg - +100 kg event, he cleared a top lift of 175kg to claim the third spot on the podium in Guadalajara.

Initially offered only to athletes with spinal cord injuries, powerlifting made its debut as a Paralympic Games medal sport at in 1964. The sport has since grown to include numerous disability groups. From 1992-96, the number of participating countries more than doubled. It is one of the fastest growing Paralympic sports in the world.

Athletes draw lots to determine order of weigh-in and lifts. After the athletes are categorized within the 10 different weight classes (male and female), they each lift three times (competing in their respective weight class). The heaviest "good lift" (within the weight class) is the lift used for final placing in the competition

Ahmed | SHAFIK
POWERLIFTING

DISCIPLINE: Men's -82.50 kg
HEIGHT: 5-5
WEIGHT: 183
DOB: 11/10/73
BIRTHPLACE: Baghdad, Iraq
HOMETOWN: Tucson, Ariz.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Baghdad High School
COLLEGE: Baghdad University
COACHES: Mary Hodge
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Arabic

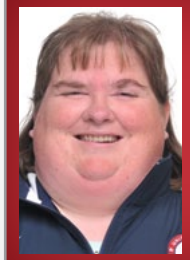
Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games – Bronze
- 2010 IPC Powerlifting World Championships – Sixth

Personal

A native of Baghdad, Iraq, came to the United States in 2001 to finish his electronics engineering degree in Tucson, Ariz… Worked for Hilton as an engineer for more than 10 years… Was a linguist for the U.S. Army for three years in Iraq… Likes to play piano and work out.

Mary | STACK
POWERLIFTING



DISCIPLINE: Women's +82.50 kg
HEIGHT: 4-10
WEIGHT: 210
DOB: 4/3/74
BIRTHPLACE: Royal Oak, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Ann Arbor, Mich.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Ann Arbor, Mich.
HIGH SCHOOL: Royal Oak Kimball High School (Royal Oak Mich.) '93
COLLEGE: Edinboro University of Pennsylvania '05, Special education

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games – Bronze
- 2010 IPC Powerlifting World Championships – Fourth
- 2010 2010 IPC Powerlifting National Meet – First
- 2008 Paralympic Games competitor
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Fourth
- 2006 IPC Powerlifting World Championships – Seventh
- 2006 U.S. Paralympics Powerlifting National Championship – Gold
- 2004 Paralympic Games competitor
- 2000 Paralympic Games competitor

Personal

Daughter of Mike and Peggy Stack… Has two sisters, Ellen and Anne, and one brother, Patrick... Received Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Courage Award in 2005… Inducted into the Michigan Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame… Works as the sports/recreation coordinator at the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living.

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Eleni Englert (Oceanside, Calif./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Oksana Masters (Louisville, Ky.)
Emma Preuschl (Indianapolis, Ind./Oklahoma City, Okla.)
Alexandra Stein (Stamford, Conn.)

MEN

Ron Harvey (Downingtown, Pa./Long Beach, Calif.)
Andrew Johnson (Riverside, Conn.)
Rob Jones (Lovettsville, Va./Orlando, Fla.), ret., Marine Corps
Dorian Weber (Brighton, Mass./Boston, Mass.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Karen Lewis (Louisville, Ky.)
Asst. Coaches: Ian Simpson (Long Beach, Calif.)
Pat Brown (Morrisville, Vt.)
Robert Hurley (Louisville, Ky.)
Boatman: Roger Payne (Louisville, Ky.)
Team Leader: Margaux Jackson (Princeton, N.J.)
Press Officer: Allison Frederick (Princeton, N.J.)

PREVIEW
ROWING

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Rowing will be contested for the second time at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. When rowing made its debut at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, Team USA fielded athletes for all four events, winning a silver and bronze medal. In total, three crews will represent the United States in London.

The legs, trunk and arms four with coxswain crew lineup includes Alexandra Stein (Stamford, Conn.), the coxswain, Dorian Weber (Brighton, Mass.), Andrew Johnson (Riverside, Conn.), Eleni Englert (Oceanside, Calif.) and Emma Preuschl (Indianapolis, Ind.), who is the only returning member from the Beijing silver medal winning team. Stein, Johnson, Englert and Preuschl return from the crew that finished sixth in the event at the 2011 World Rowing Championships in Bled, Slovenia.

"Four years ago on the recovery dock in Beijing, I set a goal to compete in the 2012 London Paralympic Regatta, so it feels pretty amazing to know that my commitment to achieving that goal has come full circle," said Preuschl. "It is an honor and privilege to represent my country at the Paralympic Games for the second time."

Rob Jones (Lovettsville, Va.), who became a bilateral above knee amputee in July 2010 while serving as a U.S. Marine Sergeant in Afghanistan, and Oksana Masters (Louisville, Ky.) will compete in the trunk and arms mixed double sculls. It is the first Paralympic Games for both athletes, who qualified for the Games at the final Paralympic Qualification Regatta in Belgrade, Serbia.

Jones and Masters, who call themselves "Team Bad Company," led from the start of the qualification race, holding off Brazil's Isaac Ribeiro and Josiane Lima, a Beijing Paralympic bronze medalist and 2007 World Champion. Jones and Masters gained a 4.5-second lead by the halfway mark, and rowed away from the field, posting a 4:11.29, 6.9 seconds ahead of their competition.

"Absolutely, we are ready to go for a world record," Masters said of her goals for London. "Of course we want to win a gold medal, too, but we know exactly what time we have to get and we're aiming for it."

Nine-time national team member Ron Harvey (Downington, Pa.) will compete in the men's arms and shoulders single sculls with the hopes of improving on his fifth place finish from 2008. He is a three-time medalist at the World Rowing Championships in adaptive single sculls.

"It's going to be a very strong (field in London)," Harvey said. "The level of competition goes up every year. I know that Tom Aggar (Great Britain's arms and shoulders single sculler) has been dominating for years, and I'm sure he really wants to win on his home course. Everyone was closing the gap on him last year, challenging him. I expect that there will be some very fast racing."

A total of 96 rowers, 46 men and 46 women, will compete at venue Eton Dorney from Aug. 31-Sept. 2, with all finals on the last day of competition. The athletes will compete in races of 1000m in four events, classified according to the amount of functional ability they have - from the ability to move only arms and shoulders through to having the use of legs, trunk and arms.

Eleni | ENGLERT
ROWING

DISCIPLINE: Sweeping
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Adaptive Four with Coxswain
HEIGHT: 6-2
WEIGHT: 185
DOB: 2/17/94
BIRTHPLACE: Oceanside, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Oceanside, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: The Classical Academy High School (Escondido, Calif.) '12
COACHES: Pan Putnam, Andrew Kong and Karen Lewis

Career Highlights
- 2012 USRowing National Championships, first place (adaptive four with coxswain)
- 2011 World Rowing Championships, sixth place (adaptive four)
- 2010 World Rowing Championships, sixth place (adaptive four)

Personal
Besides rowing, Eleni enjoys surfing, snowboarding, wakeboarding, biking, and reading…Her most memorable sporting achievement was racing in the ZLAC novice four, in which she finished second at the Long Beach Christmas Regatta and third at the Desert Sprints in Tempe…Eleni has Stardgarts, a degenerative eye disease, and is visually impaired…Eleni lists her friend, Emily Walton, as the most influential person in her sporting career because she inspires Eleni to do her best every time she gets on an erg or on the water…Eleni plans to continue rowing in college and to go to medical school.

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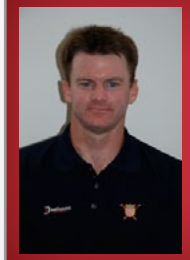
Ron | HARVEY
ROWING



DISCIPLINE: Sculls
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls
HEIGHT: 6-2 WEIGHT: 175
DOB: 7/15/71
HOMETOWN: Downingtown, Pa.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Long Beach, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Downingtown Senior High School (Downingtown, Pa.)
COLLEGE: Massachusetts Institute of Technology '93
GRADUATE EDUCATION: Stanford University '94, Masters of Science; University of California-Los Angeles '93, Masters of Business
COACH: Karen Lewis

Career Highlights
- 2011 Adaptive World Championship Trials, first place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2010 World Rowing Championships, ninth place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2010 Adaptive World Championships Trials, first place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2009 World Rowing Championships, fourth place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2009 World Championship Trials, first place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2008 USRowing National Championships, first place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, fifth place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2007 World Rowing Championships, fifth place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2006 World Rowing Championships, second place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2005 World Rowing Championships, third place (adaptive single sculls)
- 2004 World Rowing Championships, third place (adaptive single sculls)

Personal
Ron competed at the first ever Paralympics for rowing in 2008…He enjoys handcycling.

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Andrew | JOHNSON

ROWING

DISCIPLINE: Sweeping
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Adaptive Four with Coxswain
HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 3/18/90
BIRTHPLACE: Greenwich, Conn.
HOMETOWN: Riverside, Conn.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Riverside, Conn.
HIGH SCHOOL: Greenwich High School
COLLEGE: Connecticut College '12
COACH: Karen Lewis

Career Highlights

- 2012 USRowing National Championships, first place (adaptive four with coxswain)
- 2010 World Rowing Championships, sixth place (adaptive four with coxswain)
- 2009 World Rowing Championships, eight place (adaptive four with coxswain)

Personal

Andrew was a three-time recipient of the Most Valuable Rower Award on his high school crew…He started attending selection camps for the U.S. National Adaptive Team in 2006…When not in a rowing shell, Andrew enjoys sailing, hiking, skiing, playing the saxophone and getting lost in new cities…His most memorable sporting achievement is the 2009 World Rowing Championships in Poznan…Andrew lists his dad as the most influential person in his sporting career because he has always encouraged Andrew to step outside his comfort zone and go further than he thought possible…Andrew holds climber Erik Weihenmayer as his personal hero…In 2001, Weihenmayer became the first blind man to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, forever changing people's perceptions of what blind people can accomplish…Andrew got the opportunity to hike with him to Machu Picchu in the summer of 2006, and his drive and perseverance have inspired Andrew to find his own hidden potential and defy even the most tenaciously-held expectations of what a blind person can achieve.

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Rob | JONES

ROWING

DISCIPLINE: Sculling
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Trunk and Arms Mixed Double Sculls
HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 9/7/85
BIRTHPLACE: Colombia, Md.
HOMETOWN: Lovettsville, Va.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Orlando, Fla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Loudoun Valley High School (Purcellville, Calif.)
COLLEGE: Virginia Tech '07, Interdisciplinary Studies
COACHES: Justin Lednar and Rob MacDonald

Career Highlights

- 2012 Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta, first place (Trunk and arms mixed double sculls)
- 2012 Non-Qualified Paralympic Trials, first place (Trunk and arms mixed double sculls)

Personal

Rob enjoys reading, biking and stand-up comedy…He lists his most memorable sporting achievement as finishing the Nation's Triathlon and winning the trunk and arms double sculls at the Non-Qualified Paralympic Trials…He is a retired U.S. Marine Sergeant who became a bilateral above knee amputee in July of 2010 while serving in Afghanistan…He chose rowing because it has a combination of ferocious effort harmonized with delicate technique that other sports don't have…The most influential people in his sporting career are Mark Twight and Rob MacDonald because "they set an example of hard work that is worthy of emulation and always strive to improve themselves, and push others to improve themselves as well, whether it is physically, mentally, or as a man. They showed me that one can only improve by first being honest, and then by working hard"…Rob lists his personal hero as Cal Ripken, Jr.

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Oksana | MASTERS

ROWING

DISCIPLINE: Sculling
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Trunk and Arm Mixed Double Sculls
HEIGHT: 5-8
WEIGHT: 122
DOB: 6/19/89
BIRTHPLACE: Khmelnitskyy, Ukraine
HOMETOWN: Louisville, Ky.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Louisville, Ky.
HIGH SCHOOL: Atherton High School
COACHES: Justin Lednar and Bob Hurley

Career Highlights

- 2012 Final Olympic Qualification Regatta, first place (Trunk and arms mixed double sculls)
- 2012 Non-Qualified Paralympic Trials, first place (Trunk and arms mixed double sculls)

Personal

In 2007, Oksana received the Bayada Regatta Leo Reilly, Jr. Award for outstanding spirit and determination…She received the Metro Disability Coalition Spotlight Award in 2002 and 2007…In 2007, Oksana took part in the Governor Scholar Program…In her spare time, she enjoys working out, rowing, swimming and singing in the car…Oksana lists here most memorable sporting achievement, besides competing on the U.S. National Team, as rowing the Head of the Eagle as the only adaptive rower in the head race in the woman's open single sculls event as Trunk and Arms competing with able-bodied rowers and not being the last to finish…She chose rowing because people wouldn't stop telling her to give it a try, but then when she tried it, she knew it was where she belonged…
The most influential person in her sporting career is her rowing coach, Bob Hurley, "who believed in me and my dream so much as to purchasing a double scull to train in and also for dedicating so much of his unpaid time and expertise on helping me be a well-rounded athlete, rower and person all together"…Oksana lists her personal hero as her mom…
Someday Oksana hopes to stand on the Paralympic podium with a gold medal and to row on as many different bodies of water all over the world as she can. After that, she wants to give back to the adaptive rowing community to new rowers with big dreams and pursue the medical field.

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Emma | PREUSCHL

ROWING

DISCIPLINE: Sweeping
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Adaptive Four with Coxswain
HEIGHT: 5-7
WEIGHT: 142
DOB: 10/13/84
BIRTHPLACE: Bakersfield, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Indianapolis, Ind.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Oklahoma City, Okla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Cathedral High School
COLLEGE: Purdue University '08 Professional Education: Purdue University Coordinate Program in Dietetics, Registered Dietitian, '10
COACHES: Karen Lewis, Matt Muffelman and Jeremy Ivey

Career Highlights

- 2011 World Rowing Championships, sixth place (adaptive four with coxswain)
- 2010 World Rowing Championships, sixth place (adaptive four with coxswain)
- 2010 CRASHB Indoor Rowing Championship, first place (physically disabled category)
- 2009 World Rowing Championships, eight place (adaptive four with coxswain)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, silver medal (adaptive four with coxswain)
- 2008 Canadian Henley, first place (adaptive four with coxswain)
- 2008 USRowing National Championships, first place (legs-trunk-arms four with coxswain)
- 2007 Dad Vail Regatta, third place (junior varsity eight)

Personal

Emma took her first rowing strokes on a summer vacation visiting her aunt; from this experience she was compelled to join the Purdue Crew Club… Emma would describe her experience rowing at the Purdue Crew Club her greatest inspiration… Her coaches and teammates facilitated an environment through which she could learn and practice true diligence and dedication… Emma learned after her collegiate rowing experience that she qualifies for the adaptive category because she has Erbs Palsy of the brachial plexus, a nerve injury from birth that compromises muscle function and the ability to grasp, extend, and reach with her left arm… The decision to be a part of the Paralympic program has proven to be rewarding by providing her with opportunities to discover self-awareness and achieve incredible athletic goals… When she is not rowing she enjoys spending time with her family, cooking and, believe it or not, cleaning.

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Alexandra | STEIN
ROWING

DISCIPLINE: Sweeping
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Adaptive Four with Coxswain
Position: Coxswain
HEIGHT: 5-5
WEIGHT: 115
DOB: 10/26/84
BIRTHPLACE: Stamford, Conn.
HOMETOWN: Stamford, Conn.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Stamford, Conn.
HIGH SCHOOL: Westhill High School (Stamford, Conn.)
COLLEGE: Dartmouth College '06
Graduate Education: University of Connecticut '08, Masters in Business
COACH(ES): Karen Lewis

Career Highlights

- 2007 USRowing Club National Championships, first place (intermediate lightweight four with coxswain)
- 2006 USRowing Club Nationals, first place (intermediate lightweight four with coxswain)
- 2006 USRowing Club Nationals, second place (senior lightweight four with coxswain)
- 2006 Canadian Henley, first place (lightweight dash)

Personal

Alex is a recipient of the Dick Grossman Coxswains Award…She enjoys running half marathons and 200-mile relays, baking, cooking, gardening and quilting…The most influential person in her sporting career is her stroke-seat in college who taught her, more than anyone, about being a fierce racer and projecting her competitive energy through her coxing.

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Dorian | WEBER
ROWING

DISCIPLINE: Sweep
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Adaptive Four with Coxswain
HEIGHT: 6-1
WEIGHT: 160
DOB: 5/15/82
BIRTHPLACE: Manhasset, N.Y.
HOMETOWN: Brighton, Mass.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Boston, Mass.
HIGH SCHOOL: Sir William Borlase Grammer School (Marlow, United Kingdom)
COLLEGE: University of Nottingham '04, Biology
COACHES: Karen Lewis, Bruce Smith and Frank Biller

Personal

Dorian's most memorable sporting achievement includes winning the Queensland State time trial in the single while on a year abroad in Australia and in doing so beating gold medalist and Olympian Duncan Free…He considers his mother and brother to be the most influential people in his sporting career while he "tries to succeed in this watery endeavor"… He intends to keep improving until he reaches his very best and then plans to move onto the next chapter…He enjoys fishing, surfing and kite surfing… He is from Henley-on-Thames, United Kingdom.

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Jennifer French (St. Petersburg, Fla.)

MEN

Tom Brown (Castine, Maine/Bangor, Maine)
Paul Callahan (Cape Coral, Fla./Newport R.I.)
JP Creignou (St. Petersburg, Fla.)
Bradley Johnson (Milwaukee, Wis./Pompano Beach, Fla.)
Mark LeBlanc (New Orleans, La.)

STAFF

High Performance Director/Head Coach: Betsy Alison (Newport, R.I.)
Coach: Marko Dahlberg (Ylojarvi, Finland)
Coach: Ian Clingan (Swansea, Wales)
Team Leader: Lee Icyda (Boulder, Colo.)
Boatwright: Donnie Brennan (Mobile, Ala.)
Meteorologist: Doug Charko, (Regina, CAN)
Physiotherapist: Sue Crafer (Sydney, AUS)
Social Media/Logistics: Will Ricketson (Newport, R.I.)
Manager: Meredith Muller (Newport, R.I.)
Olympic/Paralympic Chair: Dean Brenner (Wallingford, Conn.)

PREVIEW
SAILING

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After being introduced as a demonstration event at the Atlanta 1996 Paralympic Games, sailing became a full medal sport in 2000. U.S. sailors have fared well on the Paralympic stage, claiming five medals, more than any other country. Led by a quartet of returning Paralympians, the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Sailing Team looks to continue its tradition of success at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The two-person keelboat (SKUD18) made its official Paralympic debut at the 2008 Paralympics with the U.S. taking gold. This year's crew consists of Paralympic newcomer Jennifer French (St. Petersburg, Fla.) and 2004 Paralympic Sonar bronze medalist JP Creignou (St. Petersburg, Fla.). The duo has fared well in international competition, claiming silver at the 2011 International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) World Championships and bronze at the 2012 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup).

After claiming a bronze and silver in the single-handed keelboat (mixed 2.4mR) at the 2000 and 2004 Paralympics, Tom Brown (Castine, Maine) looks to claim his third Paralympic medal as part of the three-person keelboat (Sonar) team in London. Joining him will be Paul Callahan (Cape Coral, Fla.) and 2004 Paralympic sonar bronze medalist Brad Johnson (Pompano Beach, Fla.). As a team, the trio finished sixth at the 2012 Rolex Miami OCR ISAF Sailing World Cup.

An alternate to the 2008 U.S. Paralympic Sailing team, Mark LeBlanc (New Orleans, La.) will make his Paralympic debut in the mixed 2.4mR competition. No stranger to international competition, LeBlanc heads to London with fifteen top-ten finishes in his last eighteen international competitions. A two-time U.S. National Champion in the event, LeBlanc is a serious medal contender.

The six-member U.S. team will be coached by Betsy Alison (Newport, R.I.). A five-time winner of the prestigious U.S. Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year award, Alison was also named 1999 Sailing Coach of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee for her work with disabled, youth, and women sailors. As head coach of the 2008 U.S. Paralympic Sailing Team, Alison was the driving force behind the team's gold and bronze medals at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing.

Tom | BROWN
SAILING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar)
POSITION: Crew
DOB: 4/14/60
HOMETOWN: Castine, Maine
HIGH SCHOOL: Mt. Desert Island High School
COLLEGE: University of Maine

Career Highlights
- 2012 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar – 6th
- 2012 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar – 8th
- 2009 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar – 2nd
- 2008 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar – 2nd
- 2007 IFDS Sonar Worlds – 2nd
- 2006 Paralympic Pre-Trials, 2.4mR – 1st
- 2004 Paralympic Games, 2.4 mR – 2nd
- 2004 Midwinters, 2.4mR – 1st
- 2002 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), 2.4mR – 1st
- 2002 IFDS World Championship, 2.4mR – 2nd
- 2001 IFDS World Championships, , 2.4mR – 2nd
- 2000 Paralympic Games, 2.4 mR – 3rd

Personal
Introduced to sailing the coast of Maine by his parents, at the age of 8… Two years later the Brown family faced the loss of Tom's lower right leg to cancer… Has sailed with a prosthetic leg ever since… Has four daughters… 2002 U.S. Sailing Male Athlete of the Year… Sailing coach at Maine Maritime.

Paul | CALLAHAN
SAILING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar)
POSITION: Skipper
DOB: 7/27/57
HOMETOWN: Cape Coral Fla.
COLLEGE: Harvard University '85; Harvard University '92, MBA

Career Highlights
- 2012 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar – 6th
- 2011 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar – 8th
- 2009 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar – 2nd
- 2000 Paralympic Games, Sonar – 7th
- 2000 U.S. Paralympic Trials, Sonar - 1st

Personal
Runs "Sail to Prevail" which has taught over 10,000 disabled children to sail… Formerly employed by Goldman Sachs & Co. in New York City and then joined Sail To Prevail in his current leadership capacity in 1996… Born and raised in an old mill town of less than 3,000 people in southeastern Massachusetts… Learning to sail at Sail To Prevail in the early 90s, several years after becoming a C4-5 quadriplegic… Skippered for the 2000 U.S. Paralympic Team… His disabled Sonar team is ranked Number 1 in the USA for 2009.

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PaulCallahan.com

JP | CREIGNOU
SAILING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 2-Person Keelboat (SKDU18)
POSITION: Crew
HOMETOWN: St. Petersburg, Fla.
COLLEGE: ESME College (Paris, France), Engineering

Career Highlights
- 2012 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), SKUD18 – 3rd
- 2011 IFDS Worlds, SKUD18 – 2nd
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Sonar – 3rd

Personal
Born in Paris, France… Grew-up in Paris, where his parents owned and managed several grocery stores…Family vacations were spent on the coast enjoying the water and going fishing from a small power boat with his dad… Left France in 1983 to move to California… Works in engineering…Oldest member of the U.S. Paralympic Sailing Team at 57… Married to Diane.

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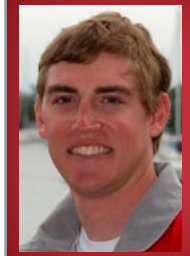
Brad | JOHNSON
SAILING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar)
POSITION: Crew
DOB: 9/9/70
HOMETOWN: Pompano Beach, Fla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Riverside University High School '88
COLLEGE: University of South Florida '92,
University of Florida '97, Law

Career Highlights
- 2012 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar - 6th
- 2011 US SAILING's Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar - 8th
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Sonar - 3rd
- 2004 World Championship, Sonar - 3rd
- 2004 U.S. Paralympic Trials, Sonar - 1st

Personal
Started sailing at the age of 30… Competed in sitting volleyball at the 2000 Paralympic Games, in Sydney, Australia… Johnson is a lawyer… He has also served as the lead associate in Americans with Disabilities Acts litigation and is an advocate for equal rights for individuals with physical disabilities… While traveling along Interstate 75 from Gainesville, Fla., his automobile hydroplaned into a guardrail… Guardrail and door severed his left leg below the knee and his right leg above the knee… Flag Bearer at the 2007 Parapan American Games.

Mark | LeBLANC
SAILING



2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 1-Person Keelboat (2.1mR)
POSITION: Forward
DOB: 1/29/85
HOMETOWN : New Orleans, La.
HIGH SCHOOL: Jesuit High School (New Orleans, La.)
COLLEGE: Louisiana State University '08

Career Highlights
- 2011 US Nationals, 2.4mR – 1st
- 2011 French Olympic Sailing Week (ISAF Sailing World Cup), 2.4 mR - 8th
- 2009 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), 2.4 mR – 8th
- 2008 U.S. Nationals, 2.4 mR – 1st
- 2008 U.S. Independence Cup, 2.4 mR – 1st
- 2007 U.S. Paralympic Team Trials, 2.4 mR – 2nd
- 2007 Hugh Fletcher Memorial Regatta, 2.4 mR – 1st
- 2007 Clagett Regatta, , 2.4 mR – 2nd
- 2007 U.S. Independence Cup, 2.4 mR – 1st

Personal
Leblanc was born in New Orleans, La... Learned to sail at the age of 9… Began sailing and learned to race in the Optimist… At Southern Yacht Club, his fleet was very competitive… Quickly honed his racing skills through practice and competitions located all over the Gulf Coast… His dad campaigned for the 1968 and '72 Olympic Games.

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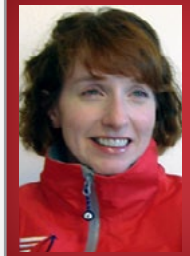
Jennifer | FRENCH
SAILING



2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 2-Person Keelboat (SKUD 18)
POSITION: Skipper
DOB: 6/11/71
HOMETOWN: St. Petersburg, Fla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Revere High School '89
COLLEGE: Bridgewater State College '93, Aviation Science
Wichita State University '95, MBA

Career Highlights
- 2012 Rolex Miami OCR (ISAF Sailing World Cup), SKUD18 – 3rd
- 2011 IFDS Worlds, SKUD18 – 2nd
- 2010 Rolex Miami OCR, (ISAF Sailing World Cup) , SKUD18 – 1st
- 2009 Rolex Miami OCR, Miami, Fla. (ISAF Sailing World Cup), Sonar – 5th
- 2009 US Disabled Sailing Championship, Ideal 18 – 1st

Personal
Seven-time winner of the Milan-Gruson Award for top disabled female skipper… Executive director of Neurotech Network… Member of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club… Born in North Royalton, a small town in northeastern Ohio...Introduced to windsurfing as a college student while on her second date with her now husband, Tim… Her story was featured in the documentary film, To Have Courage, and in the book, Shattered Nerves… As a result of a snowboarding accident in 1998, French became a quadriplegic from a C6-7 incomplete spinal cord injury.

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ROSTER

MEN

Eric Hollen (Colorado Springs, Colo.), ret. Army

Sergeant First Class Josh Olson (Spokane, Wash./Fort Mitchell, Ala.), Army

STAFF

Head Coach: Bob Foth (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

PREVIEW
SHOOTING

USA Shooting history was made in January with the naming of its members for the 2012 Paralympic Games Team. For the first time ever, USA Shooting will be sending athletes to compete in the Paralympic Games after having formed a Paralympic division after the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Nominees to the team are now complete with the naming of Eric Hollen (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and Sergeant First Class Josh Olson (Fort Mitchell, Ala.) to the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Team. Hollen will shoot pistol while Olson will compete in the rifle events.

Hollen, a former U.S. Army Ranger in the 2/75 Ranger Regiment, suffered a life-altering injury on his horse farm in Tennessee. It took Hollen awhile to gain his a new lease on life by seizing the opportunity to compete in the sport of shooting.

"I am so proud of Eric and all he has accomplished," said National Paralympic Coach Bob Foth. "He has taken advantage of the unique opportunities available as an OTC Resident Athlete— the amazing support and intangibles that come with being in a high performance environment with focused athletes."

At the IPC World Cup Sydney, Hollen won a bronze medal in P4 Mixed 50m Free Pistol. He followed that by shooting a 557 in P1 Men's 10m Air Pistol, to tie three shooters and move on to the finals where he fired 98.1 points to secure a silver medal. His performance in Sydney eventually proved to be the deciding factor in his Paralympic nomination.
While on patrol with his unit (101st Airborne division third brigade 1/187) in Iraq in 2003, Olson was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade resulting in the loss of his right leg from the hip down.

After spending 18 months at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Olson received his assignment to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit in Fort Benning, Ga. This is Olson's first Paralympic Games nomination—he just missed the threshold in 2008, but has been a member of the Paralympic National Team for five years. Olson is also involved in the TROOPS F1RST Foundation and has participated in "Operation Proper Exit" where he assists other vets recovering from injuries sustained during combat by visiting their place of injury in Iraq. In honor of his service and dedication to the country, Olson was awarded the Purple Heart from former President George W. Bush.

At the 2011 IPC World Cup in Sydney, Australia, Olson finished sixth in R3 (Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1). Earlier in 2011, he finished seventh in R6 (Mixed 50m Rifle Prone) at the IPC World Cup Alicante and eighth in R6 at the IPC World Cup USA.
"Olson has worked hard and overcome so many obstacles on this journey and will be a great teammate," Foth said. "Josh lost his leg while serving his country and now has a chance to represent all of us in the highest level."

Eric | HOLLEN

SHOOTING

DISCIPLINE: Pistol

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: P1 and P4: Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 and Mixed 50m Free Pistol SH1

POSITION: NA

HEIGHT: 6'4"

WEIGHT: 205

DOB: 10/02/1965

BIRTHPLACE: Santa Cruz, Calif..

HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colo.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.

COLLEGE: University of Southern California, Masters (Current student)

COACH(ES): Bob Foth

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Team Nominee
- 2011 IPC Sydney, Silver Medalist & Quota Winner (P1)
- 2011 IPC Sydney, Bronze Medalist (P4)
- 2011 IPC Approved Competition USA, Gold Medalist (P4)
- 2011 IPC Approved Competition USA, Gold Medalist (P1)
- 2010 IPC World Cup Spain, Bronze Medalist
- 2009 IPC World Cup Spain, Silver Medalist
- 2009 IPC World Cup France, Bronze Medalist
- 2008 Hessenpokal Championships, Gold Medalist

Personal

Son of Donald Hollen and Linda Jensen-Monk…Working on his masters in social work counseling so that he "will be able to work with newly injured veterans who have suffered a catastrophic life-changing injury"…daughter Payten who is an aspiring J-4 ski racer…Army 2/75 Ranger and Special Forces weapons specialist…favorite musicians include Hank Williams, Waylon & Willie, Johnny Cash and John Denver…Favorite book is "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway…Enjoys fly fishing and hunting…volunteers with the SOCOM Care Coalition and the Warrior Games…won the first-ever quota for U.S. Paralympic shooting

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Joshua | OLSON

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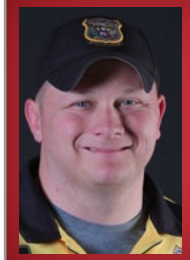

DISCIPLINE: Rifle

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: R3 and R6: Mixed 10m Air Rifle Prone SH1 and Mixed 50m Rifle Prone SH1

HEIGHT: 6'

WEIGHT: 170

DOB: 01-21-79

BIRTHPLACE: Spokane, Wash.

HOMETOWN: Spokane, Wash.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Fort Mitchell, Ala.

High School:

SERVICE: Enlisted SFC in U.S. Army

COACH(ES): Bob Foth and Tom Tamas

Career Highlights

- 2011 IPC World Cup Sydney, 6th Place (R3)
- 2011 IPC World Cup USA, 8th Place (R6)
- 2011 IPC Approved Competition USA, Gold Medalist (R6)
- 2011 IPC Approved Competition USA, Silver Medalist (R3)
- 2011 IPC World Cup Alicante, 7th Place (R6)
- 2010 Paralympic World Championships, 6th Place
- 2010 French Grand Prix, 9th Place
- 2010 Alicante Cup, 4th Place
- 2010 Hessian Trophy, 10th Place
- 2009 Oceania Games, Silver Medalist
- 2009 Alicante Cup, Gold Medalist
- 2009 French Grand Prix, Gold Medalist
- 2009 Hessian Trophy, Silver Medalist

Personal

Son of Jock and Shirley Olson…sibling Misty Snyder…first active-duty service member to be nominated to the U.S. Paralympic Team… enjoys country, rock and alternative music… favorites include Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan…Likes watching college football and action shooting sports…Works with TROOPS F1RST FOUNDATION…most admires "all military service members for their selfless service and sacrifice"…Cites John Register as his greatest athletic influence for introducing him to Paralympic Sport…enjoys hunting…SFC in the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit stationed in Fort Benning, Ga.

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Allison Aldrich (Schuyler, Neb./Lincoln, Neb.)
Monique Burkland (Ardmore, Okla.)
Heather Erickson (Fayetteville, N.C./Edmond, Okla.)
Michelle Gerlosky (Bobson Park, Fla./Leipzig, Germany)
Katie Holloway (Lake Stevens, Wash./Edmond, Okla.)
Kaleo Kanahele (Edmond, Okla./Oklahoma City, Okla.)
Kendra Lancaster (Westfield, Ind.)
Brenda Maymon-Jenson (Sellersburg, Ind./Wichita Falls, Texas)
Nichole Millage (Champaign, Ill./Edmond, Okla.)
Kari Miller (Washington, D.C./Edmond, Okla.), ret., Army
Lora Webster (Lincoln, Neb./Point Lookout, N.Y.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Bill Hamiter (Bethany, Okla.)
Assistant Coach: Cara Lang (Dayton, Minn.)
Statistician: Elliot Blake (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Edmond, Okla.)
Athletic Trainer: Brian Choate (Edmond, Okla.)
Team Leader: Cecile Reynaud (Tallahassee, Fla.)

PREVIEW
SITTING VOLLEYBALL

The U.S. Paralympic Women's Sitting Volleyball Team hopes to serve up a historic gold medal winning performance at London 2012 Paralympic Games. At the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games, when the sport of women's sitting volleyball made its debut, the United States claimed the inaugural bronze medal. Team USA improved to second at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, losing to China, the only country to capture Paralympic gold in women's sitting volleyball.

The Americans' chances at bringing down China's women's sitting volleyball dynasty will be known from the start. On Aug. 31, the opening day of the women's tournament, the United States has drawn China, the reigning World Champions and a team poised for a third straight Paralympic Games victory. China is No. 1 in the world and the United States is ranked second by the World Organization for Volleyball Disabled (WOVD).

In other preliminary action in Pool B, the United States faces Slovenia on Sept. 1 and Brazil on Sept. 3. The women's medal matches are on Sept. 7.

In July, the U.S. and China teams faced off in exhibition play in Shanghai with China winning all three days. In its first match, Team USA fell to China in five sets (25-18, 25-17, 25-27, 21-25, 15-13). Day 2 saw the Americans downed 25-16, 25-20, 27-25. China claimed the final victory 25-12, 26-24, 25-22.

"Overall, for the three days I was pleased with the way the team played several facets of the game," Head Coach Bill Hamiter said about the exhibition play. "I was also pleased that we were able to play China since we had not met them since 2010. The team [USA] needed to become more familiar with them and the staff needed critical data that will help us in building a match plan for London."

Team USA also faced No. 3 Ukraine in Shanghai, capturing one victory over the three days. In the bronze medal match of the 2010 WOVD World Championships, Ukraine defeated Netherlands, silver medalists in Athens and bronze medalists in Beijing.

"These are the tough matches that we need to prepare for, for the Paralympics," Hamiter said. "We are being pushed to execute at a high consistent level. We are doing some wonderful things against the world's best team but we have to pass more efficiently against their tough serving."

Katie Holloway (Lake Stevens, Wash.) was among the top performers in China, contributing 22 points on 15 kills, three blocks and four service aces against Ukraine on Day 2. On that same day, Holloway again charted a high-scoring game with 20 points off of 16 kills, two blocks and two service aces against China.

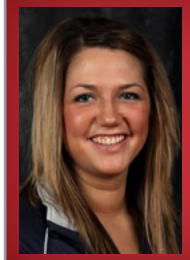
Holloway is one of eight athletes who will return from the 2008 U.S. Paralympic Women's Sitting Volleyball Team that won the silver medal in Beijing: Allison Aldrich (Schuyler, Neb.), Heather Erickson (Fayetteville, N.C.), Kendra Lancaster (Westfield, Ind.), Brenda Maymon-Jenson (Charlestown, Ind.), Nichole Millage (Champaign, Ill.), Kari Miller (Washington, D.C.) and Lora Webster (Phoenix, Ariz.). Aldrich, Lancaster, Maymon-Jenson and Webster were all on the 2004 team as well.

Monique Burkland (Ardmore, Okla.), Michelle Gerlosky-Schiffler (Lake Wales, Fla.) and Kaleo Kanahele (Oklahoma City, Okla.) are all making their Paralympic Games debuts.

Lancaster is the team captain. In May 2011, she suffered injuries in a head-on car accident in Morgan Country, Ind. She was taken to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis in critical condition. But after a year of recovery, she returned to the team for its recent trip to Netherlands where it won the DELA Trophy 2012.

Men's sitting volleyball is also contested at the Paralympic Games, but Team USA did not qualify.

Allison | ALDRICH
SITTING VOLLEYBALL



POSITION: Middle Hitter
HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 01/19/88
BIRTHPLACE: David City, Neb.
HOMETOWN: Schuyler, Neb.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Lincoln, Neb.

HIGH SCHOOL: Schuyler Central High School (Schuyler, Neb.) '06
COLLEGE: Nebraska Wesleyan University '10, K-12 health and physical education
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

Career Highlights
- 2010 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver
- 2006 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Fifth
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Bronze

Personal
Parents are Marv and Peg Aldrich… Health and physical education teacher at Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools in Wilber, Neb... Head volleyball coach for Wilber-Clatonia and assistant junior high girls' basketball coach… Volleyball coach at VcNebraska… Enjoys lifting weights and watching movies.

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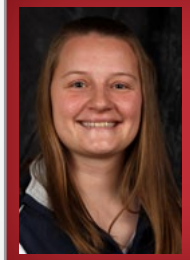
Monique | BURKLAND
SITTING VOLLEYBALL



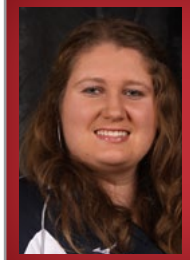
POSITION: Middle
HEIGHT: 6'0
WEIGHT: 190
DOB: 8/11/89
BIRTHPLACE: Reno, Nev.
HOMETOWN: Ardmore, Okla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Ardmore, Okla.

HIGH SCHOOL: Plainview High School (Ardmore Okla.) '08
COLLEGE: University of Central Oklahoma '15, Funeral services
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

Career Highlights
- 2010 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver

Personal
Daughter of Colleen and Shawn Burkland… Granddaughter of Bev and Ray Bachmeier… Has two brothers, Josh and Cody.

Heather | ERICKSON
SITTING VOLLEYBALL



POSITION: Outside
HEIGHT: 6-0
DOB: 5/09/93
BIRTHPLACE: Eureka, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Fayetteville, N.C.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Edmond, Okla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Jack Britt High School (Fayetteville, N.C.) '11
COLLEGE: University of Central Oklahoma '15, Elementary education
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

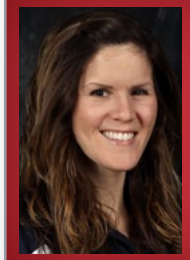
Career Highlights

- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup – Gold
- 2011 Parapan American Zonal Championships – Gold
- 2011 Parapan American Zonal Championships – Best Server
- 2010 Continental Cup – Gold
- 2010 World Championships – Silver
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver
- 2008 Continental Cup – Bronze
- 2008 Continental Cup – Best Blocker

Personal

Daughter of Brenda and Kevin Erickson… Has one sister, Stephanie, and one brother, Kyle… Hobbies include playing volleyball, rowing, listening to music, "singing to my car stereo as loud as possible" and traveling.

Michelle | GERLOSKY
SITTING VOLLEYBALL



HEIGHT: 6-0
WEIGHT: 160
DOB: 3/20/83
BIRTHPLACE: Lake Wales, Fla.
HOMETOWN: Babson Park, Fla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Leipzig, Germany
HIGH SCHOOL: Frostproof Middle–Senior High School (Frostproof, Fla.) '01
COLLEGE: University of Georgia '08, Biological Sciences
COACHES: Jean Cheeseman, Mary Spurlock, Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: German

Career Highlights

- Career Highlights
- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup - Gold medal
- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup – Best Server
- 2010 WOVD Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver

Personal

Daughter of Dayl Davis and Michael Gerlosky…Has one sister, Donna, and one brother, Greg…Married Alexander Schiffler on March 13, 2011…Husband competed for Germany at the 2000 and 2004 Paralympic Games in sitting volleyball…Currently pursuing a master's degree in education from the University of Sunderland…Hobbies include spinning, watching movies, listening to music, reading journal articles and spending quality time with her husband.

Katie | HOLLOWAY

SITTING VOLLEYBALL

POSITION: Outside Hitter
HEIGHT: 6'3"
DOB: 06/08/86
BIRTHPLACE: Everett, Wash.
HOMETOWN: Lake Stevens, Wash.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Edmond, Okla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Lake Stevens High School (Lake Stevens, Wash.) '04

COLLEGE: California State University-Northridge '08, Sociology; Oklahoma State University '12, Therapeutic recreation
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

Career Highlights

- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup – Gold
- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup – MVP
- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup – Best Hitter
- 2010 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver

Personal

Born in Everett, Wash… Parents are Jeff and Jane Holloway... Has a sister named Chelsey who played basketball at Seattle University… Was born without a fibula in her right leg… At 20 months old, her right foot and ankle were amputated... Graduated from Lake Stevens High School in 2004... Competed in volleyball for two years (2000-02) and basketball for four (2000-04) in high school…Played Division I basketball for California State University-Northridge from 2004-08... Listens to "a little bit of everything" on her iPod... Her favorite TV show is Friends... Admires her grandfather Milo the most.

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Brenda | MAYMON-JENSEN

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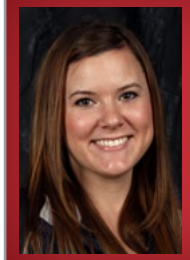


POSITION: Setter
HEIGHT: 5-0
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 06/04/85
BIRTHPLACE: New Albany, Ind.
HOMETOWN: Sellersburg, Ind.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Wichita Falls, Texas

HIGH SCHOOL: Silver Creek High School (Sellersburg, Ind.) '03
COLLEGE: Indiana University Southeast '08, General Studies; Midwestern State University '13, Nursing
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

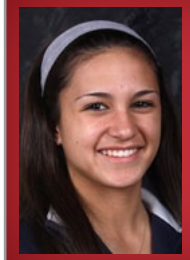
Career Highlights

- 2012 Volleyball Masters – Gold
- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup – Gold
- 2010 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver
- 2010 Parapan American Championship - Gold
- 2010 World Organization for Volleyball Disabled World Cup – Gold
- 2009 Parapan American Zonal Championship – Gold
- 2009 Eurocup – Gold
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver
- 2008 World Organization Volleyball for Disabled Intercontinental Cup – Bronze
- 2007 Sitting Volleyball Invitational – Silver
- 2006 Sitting Volleyball World Championship – Fifth
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Bronze
- 2003 Parapan American Games – Gold

Personal

Daughter of Patrick and Penny Maymon…Has one sister, Ashley…Married Chris Jensen (Technical Sergeant, United States Air Force) on May 9, 2011…Has a stepdaughter, Elliana, born October 2, 2005…Earned a bachelor's degree in general studies from Indiana University in 2008… Currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing from Midwestern State University… Team captain from 2006-10… Hobbies include cooking, reading, scrapbooking, golf, watching football and watching movies.

Kaleo | KANAHELE
SITTING VOLLEYBALL



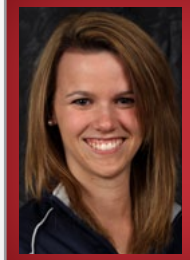
POSITION: Setter
HEIGHT: 5-7
WEIGHT: 125
DOB: 06/11/96
BIRTHPLACE: Oklahoma City, Okla.
HOMETOWN: Edmond, Okla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Oklahoma City, Okla.

HIGH SCHOOL: Santa Fe High School (Edmond, Okla.) '14
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

Career Highlights
- 2012 Volleyball Masters – Gold
- 2011 Parapan American Zonal Championship – Gold
- 2011 Parapan American Zonal Championship – Best Setter
- 2011 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver

Personal
Daughter of Iubile and Charla Kanahele… Has one sister, Kau'I, and a half-brother, Johnathan… Attends Santa Fe High School in Edmond, Okla.

Kendra | LANCASTER
SITTING VOLLEYBALL



POSITION: Outside Hitter
HEIGHT: 5-7
WEIGHT: 130
DOB: 7/2/87
BIRTHPLACE: Indianapolis, Ind.
HOMETOWN: Westfield, Ind.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Westfield, Ind.

HIGH SCHOOL: Westfield Washington High School (Westfield, Ind.) '06
COLLEGE: Purdue University '10, Animal science; Purdue University '12, Youth development and agricultural education
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

Career Highlights
- 2010 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver
- 2006 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Fifth
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Bronze

Personal
Parents are Kent and Karen Lancaster… Has one sister, Kelsie… Born without a left arm… Finishing up a master's degree in youth development and agricultural education, specializing in agricultural communication… Was the 2011 team captain but missed the entire season due to injuries from a car accident… Nearly killed in a head on car accident in 2011… Loves travelling, reading, and riding and showing horses.

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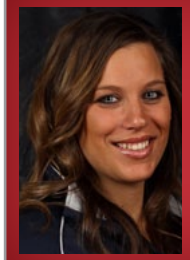
Nichole | MILLAGE

SITTING VOLLEYBALL



HEIGHT: 5-7 1/2
WEIGHT: 180
DOB: 3/27/77
BIRTHPLACE: Champaign, Ill.
HOMETOWN: Champaign, Ill.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Edmond, Okla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Centennial High School (Champaign, Ill.) '95

COLLEGE: University of Central Oklahoma '09, Business Administration-HR Management; University of Central Oklahoma '12, MBA
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

Career Highlights

- 2012 Volleyball Masters – Gold
- 2011 Parapan American Zonal Championship – Gold
- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup – Gold
- 2010 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver
- 2010 Parapan American Championship – Gold
- 2010 World Organization for Volleyball Disabled World Cup - Gold
- 2009 Parapan American Zonal Championship – Gold
- 2009 Eurocup – Gold
- 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing – Silver
- 2008 World Organization Volleyball for Disabled Intercontinental Cup – Bronze
- 2007 - Sitting Volleyball Invitational – Silver
- 2006 - Sitting Volleyball World Championship – Fifth

Personal

Daughter of Philomena Schnepper and Dennis Millage… Step-father is David Schnepper… Has a half-sister, Hannah… Has a step-brother, Brett… Earned a master's degree in business from University of Central Oklahoma in 2012… Hobbies include cooking, reading, bike riding, watching movies and spending time with friends.

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Kari | MILLER

SITTING VOLLEYBALL

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 5-5
WEIGHT: 118
DOB: 4/16/77
BIRTHPLACE: Newark, N.J.
HOMETOWN: Washington, D.C.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Edmond, Okla.

HIGH SCHOOL: Cardozo Senior High (Washington, DC.) '95
COLLEGE: University of Central Oklahoma '11, Biology
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang

Career Highlights

- 2012 Volleyball Masters - Gold
- 2011 Parapan American Zonal Championship – Gold
- 2011 ECVD Continental Cup – Gold
- 2010 Sitting Volleyball World Championships – Silver
- 2010 Parapan American Championship - Gold
- 2010 World Organization for Volleyball Disabled World Cup – Gold
- 2009 Parapan American Zonal Championship – Gold
- 2009 Eurocup – Gold
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver
- 2008 World Organization Volleyball for Disabled Intercontinental Cup – Bronze
- 2007 Sitting Volleyball Invitational – Silver
- 2006 Sitting Volleyball World Championship – Fifth

Personal

Daughter of Mary Lanauze… Has one brother, Michael… While home on leave from the U.S. Army, was hit by a drunk driver and lost both legs… Became involved in sitting volleyball when a friend suggested she try it in order to keep in shape during the off-season of wheelchair basketball… Loves rock climbing, jet skiing, shooting and darts.

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Twitter: @KariSittingV

Lora | WEBSTER

SITTING VOLLEYBALL

POSITION: Middle/Setter
HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 08/26/86
BIRTHPLACE: Phoenix, Ariz.
HOMETOWN: Lincoln, Neb.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Point Lookout, N.Y.

HIGH SCHOOL: Cactus Shadows High School (Cave Creek Ariz.), '04
COLLEGE:Stony Brook University '13, Sociology
COACHES: Bill Hamiter and Cara Lang
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Italian

Career Highlights

- 2010 Parapan American Championship – Gold
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver
- 2006 USA Volleyball Sitting Volleyball Player of the Year
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Bronze
- 2004 Team USA Leading Scorer at Paralympic Games
- 2003 Parapan American Games – Gold Medal
- 2003 Parapan American Games - MVP

Personal

Daughter of Dale and Sandy Webster… Has one sister, Lisa… Married Paul Bargellini on Septmeber 10, 2010… Has a daughter, Madelyn, born January 16, 2011…Hobbies include learning Italian, cooking and (University of Nebraska) Husker football.

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ROSTER

MEN

Chris Ahrens (Pulaski, N.Y./La Mesa, Calif.)
Adam Ballou (Virginia Beach, Va.)
Tyler Bennett (Wadsworth, Ohio)
Bryce Boarman (Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Alex Hendricks (Columbus, Ohio)
Keith Johnson (Anchorage, Alaska/Houston, Texas)
Chad Jones (Virginia Beach, Va.)
Josh McKinney (Raleigh, N.C.)
Corporal Rene Renteria (San Fernando, Calif./Camp Pendleton, Calif.), Marine Corps
Gavin Sibayan (Westminster, Colo./Colorado Springs, Colo.), ret., Army
Marthell Vazquez (Long Beach, Calif./Compton, Calif.)
Jerreme Wade (Chesapeake, Va.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Jay Hoffman
Assistant Coach: Mike Haas
Team Leader: Dana Schoenwetter
Athletic Trainer: Kyle Pirtle
Massage Therapist: Mark Higgins

PREVIEW

SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE

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A young U.S. team squares off against two-time defending gold medalist Ukraine on Sept. 1 in the teams' opening match of Group B competition

The U.S. Paralympic National Team faces some tremendous competition when it begins play in Group B at the 2012 Paralympic Games from Sept. 1-9 at the Riverbank Arena in London.

Paralympic soccer, which made its debut at the 1984 Paralympic Games, is played seven-a-side on a smaller field and with smaller goals than non-disabled soccer. Each team plays with seven men using the International Federation of Associated Football (FIFA) rules, which have been slightly modified to accommodate the disabilities of the athletes.

The U.S. Paralympic National Team participated in its first Paralympic Games during 1992 in Barcelona and the squad followed that up with its best finish during the 1996 Atlanta Games, placing fourth as the host nation.

This time around, the U.S. squares off against two-time defending Paralympic gold medalists Ukraine, host Great Britain and Brazil, which placed fourth at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics.

The U.S. was drawn into Group B and opens the eight-team tournament against Ukraine on Sept. 1 (1 p.m. local / 8 a.m. ET), followed by matches against Brazil on Sept. 3 (9 a.m. local / 4 a.m. ET) and host nation Great Britain on Sept. 5 (4:15 p.m. local / 11:15 a.m. ET). All matches will be played at Riverbank Arena in London.

The relatively young U.S. roster selected by head coach Jay Hoffman includes a leader in veteran midfielder Josh McKinney, who reached the 100-cap milestone with the team in May, as well as 23-year-old forward Rene Renteria, who has emerged as a main goal-scoring option for the team, plus a trio of 20-year-olds in midfielders Adam Ballou and Tyler Bennett and defender Chad Jones. Goalkeeper Alex Hendricks, at age 16, is the youngest player on the roster.

The average age of the U.S. Paralympic National Team roster is 24 years old.

In preparation for the Paralympic Games, the U.S. participated in the BT Paralympic World Cup in England and ended up capturing third place (out of four teams), but gained valuable experience playing against Paralympic group opponents Brazil and Great Britain.

On June 23, 2011, the U.S. qualified for the 2012 Paralympic Games by defeating Ireland 3-2 in the final group match at the 2011 CPISRA Football 7-a-side World Championships in the Netherlands.

Ukraine enters the competition defending its gold medals from the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games and the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, having outscored its opponents 19-1 during the group stage four years ago and beating Brazil 6-0 in the semifinals before eventually defeating Russia for the gold medal 2-1 after extra time.

The squad has been led during the last two competitions by Volodymyr Antonyuk who scored both goals for Ukraine in the 2008 gold medal match.

Following a tough opening round draw against Ukraine, the U.S. comes up against yet another strong opponent in Brazil.

The Brazilians earned a silver medal during the 2004 Paralympic Games, a bronze medal in 2000 and most recently finished in fourth place after losing 4-0 to Iran in the bronze medal match of the 2008 Paralympics.

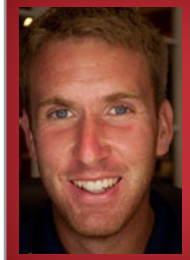
The reigning BT Paralympic World Cup champions, Brazil is led by Jose Guimaraes and Fabio Bordignon and recently defeated Great Britain 4-2 in the BT Paralympic World Cup finals in Manchester, England in May. The U.S. finished third in that competition, defeating Ireland 3-1.

Great Britain, the host country, is making its second straight appearance in the Paralympic Games following a seventh place finish in 2008. The country's best finish was a bronze medal in 1984.

Team GB is expected to include Michael Barker, who is considered one of the more prominent Paralympic players in the world, as well as Martin Sinclair who is the brother of Swansea City winger Scott Sinclair. The squad defeated the U.S. 7-0 during the BT Paralympic World Cup in May.

Chris | AHRENS

SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE



POSITION: Defense/Midfield
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 190
DOB: 01/31/1984
BIRTHPLACE: Rochester, N.Y.
HOMETOWN: Pulaski, N.Y.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: La Mesa, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Pulaski Junior-Senior High School. Pulaski, New York (2002)
COLLEGE:
SUNY College at Brockport B.S. Physical Education (2007)
SUNY College at Brockport Ms. Ed. Adapted Physical Education (2008)

Career Highlights

- 2007 Parapan-American Games/ 4th place
- 2007 CPISRA World Championships/10th place
- 2009 Intercontinental Cup/11th place
- 2010 Copa America/2nd place
- 2011 CPISRA World Championships/8th place
- 2012 BT Paralympic World Cup/3rd Place

Personal

Son of Paul and Terri Ahrens…Has one brother and two sisters, Tim, Jena and Megan… Engaged to Pam Flagg…Earned a master's degree in Adapted Physical Education from SUNY College at Brockport in 2008…Currently employed as an Adapted Physical Education Teacher by the San Diego Unified School District…Hobbies include watching movies, spending time with family and friends, enjoying the outdoors, and cheering for the Buffalo Bills!

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Adam | BALLOU

SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE

POSITION: Midfield / Forward
HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 150 lbs.
DOB: 5/29/1992
BIRTHPLACE: Virginia Beach, Va.
HOMETOWN: Virginia Beach, Va.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Virginia Beach, Va.

HIGH SCHOOL: Norfolk Christian High School (Virginia Beach, Va.) - 2011
COLLEGE: James Madison University, 2015, International Affairs
COACH(ES): Jay Hoffman, Mike Haas
Foreign Language: Spanish

Career Highlights

- 2009 World Championships (11th place)
- 2010 Americas Championship (2nd place)
- 2011 World Championships (8th place)

Personal

Son of John and Melissa Ballou…Has three sisters: Kelsey, Haley, and Courtney… Hobbies include working out, hanging out at the beach, and hanging with friends.

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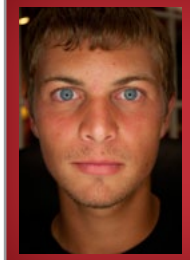
Tyler | BENNETT

SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE



POSITION: Midfield
HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 160
DOB: 6/27/92
BIRTHPLACE: Akron, Ohio.
HOMETOWN: Wadsworth, Ohio.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Wadsworth, Ohio.

HIGH SCHOOL: Wadsworth High School (Wadsworth, Ohio.) '11
COLLEGE: Walsh University '15, Biology
COACHES: Jay Hoffman, Mike Haas

Career Highlights

- 2010 Americas Championship (2nd place)
- 2011 World Championships (8th place)

Personal

Son of Doug and Lori Bennett…Has one sister, Jordan… Hobbies include playing FIFA, fishing, soccer, basketball, paintballing, working out, and bike riding with friends.

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Bryce | BOARMAN

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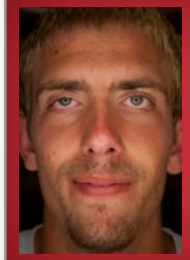

POSITION: Defender
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 8/29/90
BIRTHPLACE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.

HIGH SCHOOL: Cheyenne Mountain High School (Colorado Springs, Colo.) '09
COLLEGE: University of Colorado at Colorado Springs '13, Sports Management
COACH(ES): Jay Hoffman, Mike Haas

Career Highlights

- 2009 World Championships (11th place)
- 2010 Americas Championship (2nd place)
- 2011 World Championships (8th place)

Personal

Son of Glenn and Lori Boarman…Has two sisters, Savannah and Amaya…and one brother, Logan… Hobbies include camping, fishing, any sports, and hanging with friends.

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Alex | HENDRICKS
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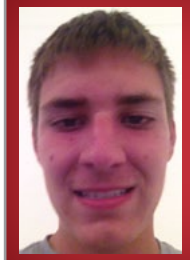


POSITION: Goalkeeper, Forward
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 04/13/19996
BIRTHPLACE: Columbus, Ohio
HOMETOWN: Columbus, Ohio
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Columbus, Ohio

HIGH SCHOOL: Worthington Kilbourne High School (Columbus, Ohio) '14
COLLEGE: TBD
COACHES: Jay Hoffman, Andy Brinkman, Jon Sprunger

Career Highlights
- 2012 BT Paralympic World Cup (Manchester, United Kingdom) - Bronze Medal
- 2012 Ukraine International Tournament

Personal
Son of Michael and Karyn Hendricks…Has two brothers, Paul and Jordan…Currently attending Worthington Kilbourne High School in Columbus, Ohio…Hobbies include reading, video games and playing soccer.

Keith | JOHNSON
SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE

POSITION: Goal Keeper
HEIGHT: 5'6"
WEIGHT: 200
DOB: 7/2/1980
BIRTHPLACE: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska
HOMETOWN: Anchorage Alaska
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Houston, Texas

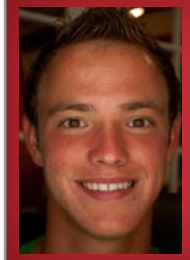
HIGH SCHOOL: East Anchorage High, Anchorage Alaska '99
COACH(ES): Jay Hoffman, Mike Haas, Dave Dingerink

Career Highlights
- 2004 Paralympic Games
- 2007 Parapan American Games
- Have received 'man of the match' honors in four games
- Competed in 71 international competitions
- Won best goalkeeper award once

Personal
Son of Kathy and Paul Mapes, I have two brothers Paul and Adam. I have been married since December 2007 to Amanda Johnson. We have two sons, Jekiah, born on 9/11/2001, and Brian, born on 6/15/2006 and a daughter, Jessica, born 6/19/2005. Hobbies include civil war reenactments and camping, hiking, and coaching kids soccer.

Chad | JONES

SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE



POSITION: Defense/Midfield
HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 5/25/92
BIRTHPLACE: Yokosuka, Japan
HOMETOWN: Virginia Beach, Va.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Virginia Beach, Va.

HIGH SCHOOL: Frank W. Cox High School (Virginia Beach, Va.) '10
COLLEGE: Old Dominion University '14, Biology
COACHES: Jay Hoffman, Michael Haas
Foreign Language: Spanish

Career Highlights

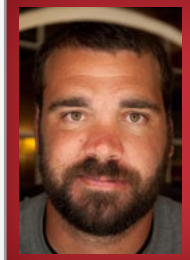
- 2012 Ukraine International Tournament (Yevpatoria, Ukraine)
- 2012 BT Paralympic World Cup, Bronze Medal (Manchester, United Kingdom)
- 2010 Cupa De America, silver medal (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

Personal

Son of Christi Hajzak and David Jones…Has three sisters, Caroline, Jordin and Cacey…Has three brothers Jake, Jerry, and Brett …Hobbies include paddleboarding, wakeboarding, reading and playing soccer.

Josh | MCKINNEY

SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE



POSITION: Midfield/Defense
HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 220
DOB: 1/18/79
BIRTHPLACE: Princeton W.V.
HOMETOWN: Raleigh, NC
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Raleigh, NC

HIGH SCHOOL: Princeton Senior High School 98
COLLEGE: Concord University Park and Rec
COACH(ES): Jay Hoffman, Michael Haas

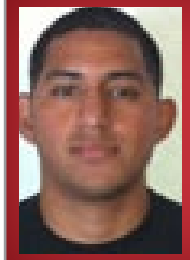
Career Highlights

- 2011 World Championships (Qualified for London)
- 2010 Copa America Buenos Aires (2nd)
- 2004 Paralympics Athens (8th)
- 2002 Kerkrade Netherlands(Golden Boot Winner)
- 1996 Paralympics Atlanta (4th)
- 1999-2002 Concord University
- Ukraine Friendlies (reached 100 caps)
- Caps106 Goals 77

Personal

Son of Jack and Nancy McKinney, two brothers Chris and Jeff, one played soccer for WVU and the Syracuse Saltydogs in the A-League, and the other played for Davidson College. Grandfather Paul (Cigar) McKinney has a World Series of Poker bracelet and is in the Poker Hall of Fame. Born in West Virginia and raised on Hilton Head Island in S.C., and I now live in Raleigh N.C.

Rene | RENTERIA
SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE



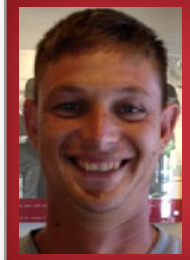
POSITION: Forward/Midfield
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 188
DOB: 11/10/88
BIRTHPLACE: Sun Valley, Calif.
HOMETOWN: San Fernando, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Camp Pendleton, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: San Fernando High School (San Fernando, Calif.) '06
COLLEGE: Los Angeles Valley College, Los Angeles, Calif. – Kinesiology, 2015
COACH: James Sims
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights
- 2010 All-Marine Team
- 2010 All-Armed Forces Tournament (Hurlburt Field, Fla.)
- 2012 BT World Cup Bronze Medal (Manchester, UK)

Personal
Son of Tomas and Alicia Renteria…Has one sister and one brother, Alicia and Ricardo… Married Courtney Bernson on Jun. 18, 2011…Has a daughter, Destiny Jade (12/7/10)… Corporal in U.S. Marine Corps.

Gavin | SIBAYAN
SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE



POSITION: Defender / midfield
HEIGHT: 5'6"
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 1/03/81
BIRTHPLACE: Denver, Colo.
HOMETOWN: Westminster, Colo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.

HIGH SCHOOL: Westminster High School (Westminster, Colo.) '99
COACH(ES): Jay Hoffman, Mike Haas

Career Highlights
- 2012 Ukraine International Tournament roster
- 2012 BT World Cup

Personal
Retired Army… Son of Gerald and Maxine Sibayan…Has two brothers, Greg and Geoff… married to Stephanie Sibayan, have two boys Gavin Jr and Telen….Hobbies include camping, fishing, any sports, and hanging with friends.

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Marthell | VAZQUEZ

SOCCER – SEVEN-A-SIDE

POSITION: Forward and Midfield
HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 4/08/87
BIRTHPLACE: East Los Angeles, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Long Beach, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Compton, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jordan High School, class of 2005
COACHES: Jay Hoffman, Mike Haas
Foreign Language: Spanish

Career Highlights

- 2011 World Championship 8th Place
- 2010 Americas Cup 2nd Place
- 2009 World Championship 11th Place
- 2007 World Championship MVP
- 2007 World Championship 10th Place
- 2007 Parapanams 4th Place
- 2005 World Championship 7th Place

Personal

My parent's names are Martel and Nelida Vazquez. My brothers are Daniel and Jaime. My hobbies include cooking, soccer, watching movies and going to the museum, beach and theme parks. My favorite is Disneyland. My goals are to go back to college and become an x-ray technician. My uncle played professional soccer in Mexico in the 1980s. My brother played college soccer, which was my inspiration to make myself worker hard in the field and play at a higher level. Team captain Josh McKinney… without him, I wouldn't be in the place I am now, I appreciate all of the commitment he has for the team. He is one of my heroes, so this Paralympic Games is for him!

Jerreme | WADE

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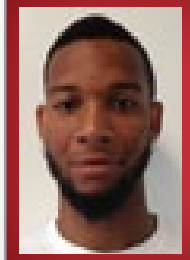

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 190
DOB: 11/14/90
BIRTHPLACE: Petersburg, Va.
HOMETOWN: Chesapeake, Va.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chesapeake, Va.

HIGH SCHOOL: Grassfield High School (Chesapeake, Va.) '09
COLLEGE: Tidewater Community College '14, General Studies
COACH: Jay Hoffman

Career Highlights

- 2012 Ukraine International Tournament roster
- 2012 BT World Cup

Personal

Son of Larry and Sherrese Wade…Has one sister; Jessica competed in Track & Field at James Madison University and one brother, Larry Jr.

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WOMEN

Victoria Arlen (Exeter, N.H.)
Kelley Becherer (Sheboygan, Wis./Boston, Mass.)
Brickelle Bro (Castle Rock, Colo.)
Aimee Bruder (Lawrenceburg, Ind./Birmingham, Ala.)
Jaide Childs (Gainesville, Fla.)
McKenzie Coan (Clarkesville, Ga.)
Anna Eames (Golden Valley, Minn.)
Amanda Everlove (Wichita, Kan./Ada, Ohio)
Alyssa Gialamas (Naperville, Ill.)
Anna Johannes (Alexandria, Va./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Cortney Jordan (Henderson, Nev.)
Jessica Long (Baltimore, Md./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Letticia Martinez (Las Cruces, N.M./Las Cruces, N.M.)
Rebecca Meyers (Timonium, Md.)
Noga Nir-Kistler (Allentown, Pa.)
Ileana Rodriguez (Miami, Fla./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Susan Beth Scott (Cape Giradeau, Mo./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Elizabeth Stone (Grand Rapids, Mich./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Mallory Weggemann (Eagan, Minn.)
Colleen Young (St. Louis, Mo.)

MEN

Evan Austin (Terre Haute, Ind.)
Cody Bureau (Latrobe, Pa./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Michael DeMarco (San Diego, Calif.)
Tucker Dupree (Raleigh, N.C./Clinton Township, Mich.)
Rudy Garcia-Tolson (Bloomington, Calif./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Dalton Herendeen (Elkhart, Ind./South Bend, Ind.)
Lantz Lamback (Augusta, Ga./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Curtis Lovejoy (Atlanta, Ga.)
Roy Perkins (Del Mar, Calif.)
Michael Prout (West Springfield, Mass./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Ian Silverman (Baltimore, Md.)
Lieutenant Brad Snyder (St. Petersburg, Fla./Baltimore, Md.), Navy
Joseph Wise (Menlo Park, Calif.)
Justin Zook (Plymouth, Minn.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Andrew Barranco
Head Coach: Tom Franke
Assistant Team Leader: Peggy Ewald
Assistant Coach: Jeannine Carpenter
Assistant Coach: Dave Denniston
Assistant Coach: Brian Loeffler
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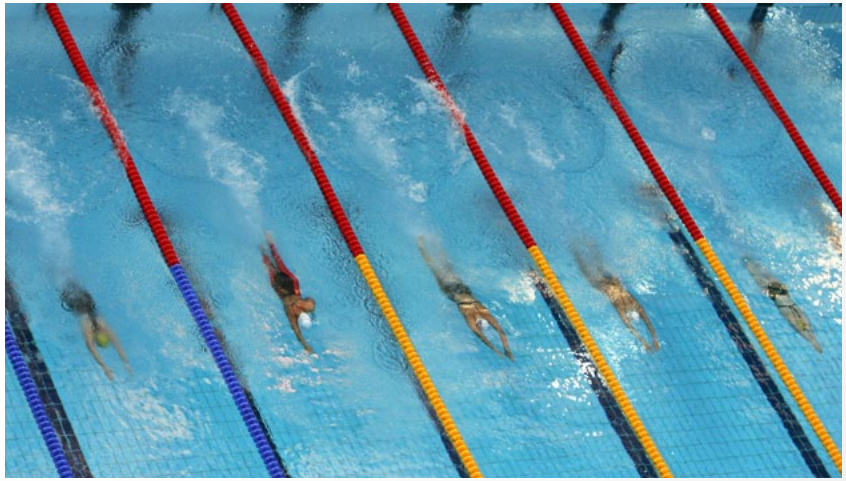

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Made-up of 34 team members (20 female and 14 male), the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Swimming Team roster will be the second largest U.S. team on the ground in London, and most likely, will have the largest medal haul of all U.S. teams.

The roster is comprised of 15 returning Paralympians and 19 athletes who will be making their Games debut in London. A mix of nine of those athletes are members of the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Resident Team, who live and train at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. and is coached by retired Paralympian Dave Denniston.

"When I look at the team, I see a great blend of veterans and rookies," said Tom Franke, one of two head coaches for the team. "There are returning medalists from Beijing who hope to continue their success, as well as a new group of rookies hoping to step onto the podium. What makes this squad so special is the genuine feeling of team spirit and belonging… hopefully that will lift the level of performance to heights never before reached by a U.S. Paralympic Swim Team."

The women's team will be led by Jessica Long (Baltimore, Md.), a seven-time Paralympic gold medalist who competed in her first Paralympic Games in 2004 at the tender age of 12. Long, who set four new world marks in the trials just two months out from the Games, will compete in seven events.

Victoria Arlen (Exeter, N.H.) and Mallory Weggemann (Eagan, Minn.), who will both make their Game debuts, also both set new world marks at the trials in late June. They're both expected to be highly competitive in their respective events in London.

On the men's side, of note is Navy Lieutenant Bradley Snyder (St. Petersburg, Fla.), who will be competing in seven events in London. Snyder lost his vision from an IED explosion in September 2011 while deployed in Afghanistan. A former Naval Academy swim team captain, Snyder got back in the pool shortly after his injury. September 2012 will mark not only the anniversary of his accident, but also just how far he's come in one year's time.

Paralympian Justin Zook (Plymouth, Minn.), who won gold in the 100m backstroke in Beijing, is looking to continue his dominance in the event in London.

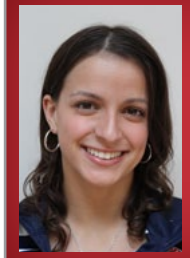
Resident athletes Lantz Lamback (Augusta, Ga.) and Rudy Garcia-Tolson (Bloomington, Calif.) are also expected to earn some hardware. Lamback, who won four medals in Beijing (gold-100m backstroke, silver-100m freestyle, silver-400m freestyle, bronze-50m Freestyle) is figured to be a favorite in his events.

Garcia- Tolson is the world record holder and defending gold medalist in the 200m IM, an event in which he hasn't been beat since 2004.

Evan Austin (Terre Haute, Ind.), Dalton Herendeen (South Bend, Ind.) and Ian Silverman (Baltimore, Md.) will all compete in their first Paralympic Games. Their strength, speed and youth is expected to add additional depth to the team.

Looking back to 2008 in Beijing, the U.S. swim team finished first in the official medal count with total of 17 gold, 14 silver, and 13 bronze medals, for a total of 44 medals won. Team USA was followed by China, Ukraine, Great Britain and Russia.

Victoria | ARLEN
SWIMMING



2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50, 100 and 400m freestyle and 100 breaststroke
HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 120
DOB: 9/26/94
BIRTHPLACE: Boston, Ma.
HOMETOWN: Exeter, N.H.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Exeter, N.H.

HIGH SCHOOL : Exeter High School (Exeter, N.H.), '13
COLLEGE: Is still in high school but plans on majoring in Acting and minoring in Film Directing
COACH: John Ogden
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: French

Career Highlights
- World Records: 100 & 400m freestyle
- American Records: 5m0 breaststroke, 100, 200 & 400m freestyle
- Pan Am Records: 100m breaststroke, 400m freestyle

Personal
Daughter of Larry and Jacqueline Arlen…Has three brothers, L.J., William and Cameron… is a triplet …not married…is currently pursuing a career in acting and modeling and plans on attending college after she graduates from high school… Hobbies include acting, reading, modeling, writing, fashion, sled hockey, tennis, hanging with family and friends, movie-making, community service, swimming, training and playing all sports.

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Kelley | BECHERER
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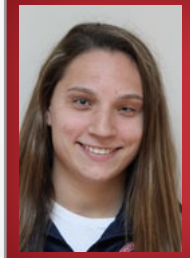

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50 free, 100 free, 200 IM, 100 breast
HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 155
DOB: 07/03/1990
BIRTHPLACE: Milwaukee, Wis.
HOMETOWN: Sheboygan, Wis.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Boston, Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL: Sheboygan North High School, 2009
COLLEGE: Northeastern University, Doc. Of Physical Therapy, 2015
COACHES: Roy Coates, Katherine McCann

Career Highlights
- 2011 World Championships: Gold - 50 freestyle (S13), Gold - 100 free, Gold - 200 IM, Gold - 100 backstroke, Bronze – 400 free (S13), Bronze – 100 fly
- 2008 Paralympic Games: Gold - 50 freestyle (S13), Bronze – 400 free, Bronze – 100 free, Beijing, China
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece
- World Records: 50 backstroke and 200 frees
- American Records: 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 50 back, 100 back, 50 breast, 50 fly, 200 IM, 400 IM
- Team Record, Northeastern University, 800 freestyle relay

Personal
Daughter of Mark and Laura Becherer… has one brother, Joshua. Currently a scholarship athlete at Northeastern University pursuing her Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy. Hobbies include reading and travel.

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Brickelle | BRO

SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50, 100 and 400m free
HEIGHT: 5'7"
WEIGHT: 115
DOB: 11/11/96
BIRTHPLACE: Provo, Utah

HOMETOWN: Castle Rock, Colo
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Castle Rock, Colo
HIGH SCHOOL: Rock Canyon High School, Littleton Colo., 2015
COACHES: Mike Novell, Will Amos

Career Highlights

- 2012 Paralympic Trials
- 2011 CanAms

Personal

Daughter of Layne and Heather Bro…Has one brother, Cayden, and one sister, Hadley… Interests include video editing and production, playing the piano, hiking, and reading.

Aimee | BRUDER

SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50, 100, 200m free, 50 back, 100 breast

HEIGHT: 4'9"

WEIGHT: 110

DOB: 08/03/1974

BIRTHPLACE: Cincinnati, Ohio

HOMETOWN: Lawrenceburg, Ind.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Birmingham, Ala.

HIGH SCHOOL: East Central H.S. St. Leon, IN-1993

COLLEGE: Eastern Kentucky University- Therapeutic Recreation- Graduated Cum Laude-1998

COACH: Cal Elder

Career Highlights

- 2009: Pan American record SB3 100 meter breaststroke
- 2008: Bronze medal, 100m Freestyle S4 - Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2008: First place, 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke; second place, 100m freestyle - U.S. Paralympic Swimming Trials, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2006: Silver medal, 150m individual medley; Three bronze medals, 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle - IPC Swimming World Championships, Durban, South Africa
- 2004: Sixth place, 100m freestyle, fourth place 200m freestyle - Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece
- 2002 -Two silver in the 4x50 freestyle and medley relays- World Championships- Mar Del Malta, Argentina
- 2000: Silver medal, 4x50m freestyle relay - Paralympic Games, Sydney, Australia
- 1998: Two gold medals, 4x50m freestyle relay, 100m freestyle; three silver medals, 50m freestyle, 150m IM, 200m freestyle; bronze medal, 50m backstroke - IPC Swimming World Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1996: Three bronze medals, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 4x50 freeestyle relay - Paralympic Games, Atlanta, Ga.
- 1992: Fourth place, 4x50m medley relay - Paralympic Games, Barcelona, Spain

Personal

Parents are Ron and Karin Bruder a brother, Chris and a nephew, Bryce, two sisters, Monica and Frances. Hobbies include reading, travel, water and snow ski, recreation activities and sports of all kinds.

More

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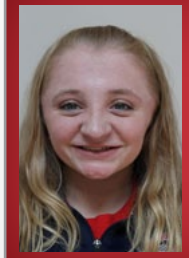
Jaide | CHILDS
SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50 butterfly, 200 freestyle
HEIGHT: 5'2"
WEIGHT: 115
DOB: 12/11/97
BIRTHPLACE: Gainesville, Fla.
HOMETOWN: Gainesville, Fla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Gainesville, Fla.
COACHES: Mike and Jennifer Davidson, and Coach Austin

Personal
Swim Club: High Tide Aquatics
Clubs: Hands To Love
Born with Arthrogryposis
National titles 50 fly hundred fly 200 fly
American and World records: 50, 100 and 200m fly
Daughter of Jolie Herren and Ronald Childs. Has two sisters, Ava, 5, and Cameron, 12.
Hobbies include swimming, drawing, hanging out with friends and learning how to drive.

McKenzie | COAN
SWIMMING



2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 400m free, 100m back, 200 IM
HEIGHT: 4'3"
WEIGHT: 105
DOB: 6/14/96
BIRTHPLACE: Toccoa, Ga.
HOMETOWN: Clarkesville, Ga.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Clarkesville, Ga.
HIGH SCHOOL: Homeschooled, '14
COACH: Teresa Coan, Head Coach Cumming Waves Swim Team
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights
- American Record Holder- S9 in 400 free SCM and 100 IM SCM
- Member of the 2012 U.S. Paralympics Swim National Team
- Erin Cheek Swimmer of the Year Award - 2005
- Disabled Athlete Committee GA LSC- 2012 Athlete Rep.

Personal
Daughter of Marc and Teresa Coan. Has two siblings- Grant and Eli. Enjoys reading, swimming and coaching other disabled athletes as a Jr. Swim Coach on the AB Cumming Waves Swim Team.
Work in progress is the "Kenzie Kares Project," a project that donates coloring books, crayons and reading books to hospitals.

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Anna | EAMES
SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100 fly, 50 & 100m free
HEIGHT: 5'3"
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 10/01/90
BIRTHPLACE: Robbinsdale, Minn.
HOMETOWN: Golden Valley, Minn.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Golden Valley, Minn.
HIGH SCHOOL: Hopkins High School (Minnetonka, Minn.), '09
COLLEGE: Gustavus Adolphus Colleg, '13, Biology
COACHES: Tom Franke, Jon Carlson

Career Highlights
- 2011 Para PanPac Games: Silver - 100m butterfly, Gold 4x100 Medley Relay; served as team captain
- 2010 World Championships: Silver - 100m butterfly
- 2008 Paralympic Games: Gold - 100m butterfly, Bronze - 100m freestyle, Beijing, China
- 2006 World Championships: Gold - 100m butterfly, Silver - 400m freestyle, Bronze 50m freestyle and 100m freestyle
- MIAC: 4th place, 1650 yard Freestyle
- Three-time MIAC All Conference Academic
- Three-time Scholastic All American

Personal
Daughter of Ward and Margaret Eames. Has one brother, Eddie. Hobbies include listening to music and going to concerts, traveling and being with friends.

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Amanda | EVERLOVE
SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100 m butterfly, 200 IM, 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke
HEIGHT: 5'4"
WEIGHT: 135
DOB: 3/26/1990
BIRTHPLACE: Valencia, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Wichita, Ks.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Ada, Ohio
HIGH SCHOOL: St Mary's High School (Colorado Springs, Colo.), '08
COLLEGE: Ohio Northern University, '17, pharmacy
COACH: Peggy Ewald

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games: Gold -100m fly, Silver – 100m breaststroke
- 2010 World Championships: Bronze – 200m IM
- 2008 Paralympic Games: Silver – 100m fly, Silver 200m IM, Silver – 50m free, Beijing, China
- 2007 Parapan American Games: Gold - 50 m free, Silver – 100m back, Silver 200 IM, Silver – 4x100m freestyle relay, Silver – 4x100m medley relay
- Former world record holder in 100 m butterfly (S8)

Personal
Daughter of Ron and Sheila Everlove…Has two brothers, Mike and Dan (1979-2011), and one sister, Sarah…Currently pursuing a Pharm.D degree from Ohio Northern University

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Alyssa | GIALAMAS
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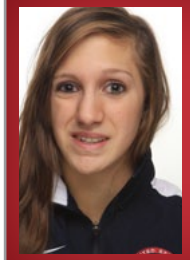
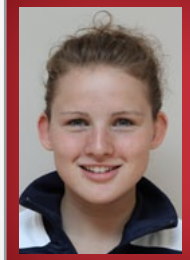


2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50m free, 100m free, 200m free
HEIGHT: 5'4"
WEIGHT: 100
DOB: 5/12/1995
BIRTHPLACE: Chicago, Ill.
HOMETOWN: Naperville, Ill.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Naperville, Ill.
HIGH SCHOOL: Waubonsie Valley High School, '14
COACH: Dave Graffy
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympics Swimming National Team
- 2011 Parapan American Games, 4 Silver Medals
- American Records: 50m free, 100m free, 200m free, 400m free, 1500m free, 100m back

Personal
Daughter of Lisa and John Gialamas. Has twin brother, Matthew, older sister, Tori, and a goldendoodle, Toby. When not in the pool, Alyssa hangs out with friends and listens to music.

Anna | JOHANNES
SWIMMING



2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100 breast and 200 IM
HEIGHT: 5'4"
WEIGHT: 125
DOB: 8/12/1993
BIRTHPLACE: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
HOMETOWN: Alexandria, Va.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria, VA, 2011
COLLEGE: Currently attending DeVry
COACH: Dave Denniston

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games: Gold – 100m fly, Gold - 100 back, Gold - 100 breaststroke, Gold - 100 free, Gold - 400 free, Silver - 50 free
- American/World Records: 100m breast and 200 IM

Personal
I am an only child of Kent and Dianna Johannes. I graduated high school last year while I was training out at the Olympic Training Center where I currently live. I am now taking classes online with DeVry. I love being outside and staying active. I also knit sometimes and do puzzles. I love the best of both worlds!

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Cortney | JORDAN

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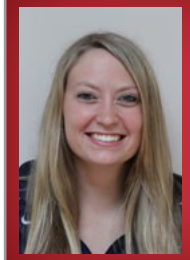

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 200 IM, 400 free, 100 free, 50 free, 100 back, 50 fly, and 100 breast

HEIGHT: 5'3"

WEIGHT: 130

DOB: 06/24/1991

BIRTHPLACE: Las Vegas, Nev.

HOMETOWN: Henderson, Nev.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Henderson, Nev.

HIGH SCHOOL: Coronado High School (Henderson, Nev.), 2009

COLLEGE: California Lutheran University, 2013, Liberal Studies (Education)

COACHES: Tom Franke, Tom Dodd, Travis Tyler, Mike Polk

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

- 2011 Para-Pan Pacific Games: Silver – 50 free, Silver 100 free, Silver – 200 IM, Bronze – 100 back, Bronze – 400 free
- 2010 World Championships: Gold – 4x100 Medley Relay, Gold – 4x100 Free Relay, Silver - 50 free, Bronze- 100 free, Bronze - 200 IM
- 2009 Short Course World Championships: Silver - 50 free, Silver - 100 free, Silver - 400 free, Silver - 100 back, Silver - 200 IM, Silver - 4x100 Freestyle Relay
- 2008 Paralympic Games: Gold – 50m free, Silver – 400m free, Silver – 100m free, Bronze – 200m IM, Beijing, China
- 2006 World Championships: Bronze – 50 free, Bronze – 100 free, Bronze – 400 free
- NIAA Top Ten Scholar Athlete
- Academic All-American- 2007-2009

Personal

Daughter of Dirk Jordan and Nancy Jordan, has one sister, Mikaela Currently a student at California Lutheran University. Hobbies include cooking, volunteering, and writing.

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Jessica | LONG
SWIMMING

DISCIPLINE: All strokes
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50, 100, 400 Free; 100 Breast; 100 Back; 100 Fly, 200 IM
HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 2/29/92
BIRTHPLACE: Irkutsk, Russia

HOMETOWN: Baltimore, Md.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Homeschooled (Baltimore, Maryland), 2010
COLLEGE: Not currently attending
COACH: Dave Denniston

Career Highlights

- Currently holds 20 World Records
- Winner of 77th AAU James E. Sullivan Award
- Two time (2007, 2012) recipient of the ESPN Best Female Athlete with a Disability ESPY Award
- Twice (2006, 2011) named Disabled Swimmer of the Year by Swimming World magazine
- USA Swimming's Disability Swimmer of the Year (2007)
- U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympian of the Year (2006)
- Named to Sports Illustrated's "The World's Best Female Athletes"
- 2012: Seven gold medals - U.S. Paralympics Swimming Trials
- 2011: Nine gold medals - Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships, Edmonton, Canada
- 2010: Seven gold medals, two silver medals - Swimming World Championships, Eindhoven, the Netherlands
- 2010: Six gold medals – National Championships, San Antonio, Texas
- 2009: Four gold medals, four silver medals - Swimming World Championships, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2008: Four gold medals, silver medal, bronze medal - Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2006: Nine gold medals – Swimming World Championships, Durban, South Africa
- 2004: Three gold medals - Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece

Personal

Daughter of Steve & Beth Long. Has five siblings (Amanda, Steven, Joshua, Hannah, Grace). Grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, but originally from Siberia. Adopted from Russian orphanage when 13 months old.

Born with fibular hemimelia; didn't have fibulas, ankles, heels, and most of the other bones in her feet. At 18 months old, her legs were amputated below the knees so she could be fitted for prosthetic legs and learn how to walk. She has been involved in many sports including gymnastics, basketball, cheerleading, ice skating, biking, running, and rock climbing. She learned how to swim in her grandparents' pool where she would spend hours pretending she was a mermaid.

Joined first competitive swim team at 10 years old. First international competition was the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece. At 12 years old, was the youngest athlete on the US Paralympic Swim Team.

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Letticia | MARTINEZ

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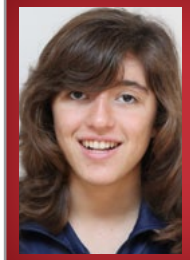

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 breastroke, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, and 200 IM

HEIGHT: 5'1"

WEIGHT: 113

DOB: 7/16/95

BIRTHPLACE: Las Cruces, N.M.

HOMETOWN: Las Cruces, N.M.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Las Cruces, N.M.

HIGH SCHOOL: Las Cruces High School (Las Cruces, NM.) '13

COLLEGE: New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

COACH: Terry Moore, High School Coach and Alex Reed (Wild West Aquatics Swim Club)

Career Highlights

- 50 Freestyle – Long Course American Record
- 50 Butterfly- Long Course American Record
- 100 Butterfly- Long Course American Record/Pan Am
- 50 Freestyle- Short Course Meters American Record
- 100 Butterfly Short Course Meters American Record
- 50 Freestyle Short Course Yards American Record
- 200 Freestyle Short Course Yards American Record
- 100 Butterfly Short Course Yards American Record
- Academic All-American (2011)
- 2011 Parapan American Games: Gold – 50 free, Silver – 100 breast, Silver – 100 free, Guadalajara, Mexico

Personal

Daughter of Steve and Lila Martinez…has one brother, Estevan. Letticia was diagnosed with Leber's Congenital Amaurosis at the age of three. Hobbies include swimming, listening to music, singing, spending time with loved ones and friends, and having fun! Is interested in pursuing a degree in communications and a minor in Spanish at New Mexico State University.

Rebecca | MEYERS

SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 200 IM, 100 breast, 50 free, 100 free
HEIGHT: 5'3"
WEIGHT: 124
DOB: 11/20/1994
BIRTHPLACE: Baltimore, Md.
HOMETOWN: Timonium, Md.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Timonium, Md.
HIGH SCHOOL: Notre Dame Preparatory School
COLLEGE: Towson, 2013
COACH: Keith Schertle

Career Highlights

- American Record in the 400 free (S-13)
- 2012 Open Water Nationals- 5K
- 2012 IAAM champions- high school swimming
- 2012 National Catholic champions- high school swimming
- Four- time gold medalist in 2011 World Deaf Swimming Championships in Coimbra, Portugal
  - World Deaf record in 4x200 free relay
  - Two Deaf Games records in the 800 free and 400 free
- 2011 Open Water Nationals- 5K
- 2011 IAAM champions- high school swimming
- 2011 National Catholic champions- high school swimming
- 2009 Deaflympics bronze medalist

Personal

Parents are Wade Mark Meyers and Maria Dachille Meyers… has a brother, Timothy… and sister, Elizabeth. Hobbies include reading, traveling, listening to music and hanging out with friends.

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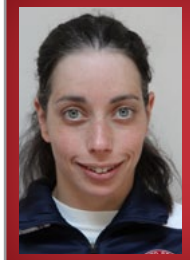

HEIGHT: 5'4"
WEIGHT: 120
DOB: 5/18/79
BIRTHPLACE: Israel
HOMETOWN: Nazareth-Elit
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Allentown, Pa.

HIGH SCHOOL: Whitehall High School, Whitehall, Pa.
COACH: Jon Larson, Emmaus Aquatic Club
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Hebrew

Career Highlights
- Member of 2008 U.S. Paralympic Table Tennis Team, Beijing, China
- 2007 Parapan American Games: silver/singles and silver/team event, table tennis

Personal
Daughter of Eliezer Nir and Nira Nir. Has three older brothers, Yaron, Tal and Ofer, all live in Israel. Married to Fred Kistler. Hobbies include spending time with family and friends, swimming, table tennis, walking/playing with my dog, Lobo, reading and listening to music.

Ileana | RODRIGUEZ
SWIMMING

HEIGHT: 5'5"
WEIGHT: 100lb
DOB: 6/12/95
BIRTHPLACE: Matanzas, Cuba
HOMETOWN: Miami, Fla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.

HIGH SCHOOL: Miami Palmetto Senior High, Miami, FL 2003
COLLEGE: Florida International University 2011 Bachelor Architecture and Master Architecture
COACH: Dave Denniston
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights
- America Record - 200m Breaststroke
- 2011 Parapan American Games Team

Personal
Mother Ileana Laucirica, Father Eloy Rodriguez, Sister Ana Maria Rodriguez, Brother Eloy J. Rodriguez. Hobbies include kayaking and sailing.

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Susan Beth | SCOTT
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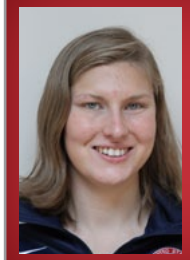
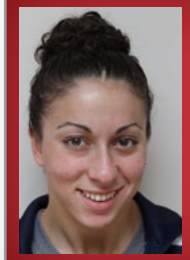


2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50,100 & 400m freestyle, 100 backstroke
HEIGHT: 5'10"
DOB: 5/27/92
BIRTHPLACE: Cape Girardeau, Mo.
HOMETOWN: Cape Girardeau, Mo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Homeschooled, '10
COACH: Dave Denniston

Career Highlights
- 2011 American record in 400 free
- 2010 World Championships: Gold - 34 point medley relay, Gold - freestyle relay, Silver - 400 free, Bronze - 100 backstroke
- 2009 World record 1500 free
- 2008 ESPY nominee for Best Female Athlete with a Disability
- 2008 Paralympic Games: Bronze – 400 free, Beijing, China

Personal
Daughter of Michael and Alicia Scott.. Has a brother, Ramsey.

Elizabeth | STONE
SWIMMING



2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50 Free, 100 Free, 400 Free, 100 Back, 100 Fly
HEIGHT: 5'4"
WEIGHT: 125
DOB: 6/ 11/90
BIRTHPLACE: Kutaisi, Republic of Georgia
HOMETOWN: Grand Rapids, Mich.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Grand Rapids Christian High School (Grand Rapids, MI), '09
COACHES: Swimming- Dave Denniston, Strength & Conditioning- Amanda Wittenmyer

Career Highlights
- 2010 World Championships: Gold & WR - 4x100m Medley Relay, Einhoven, Netherlands
- 2008 Paralympic Games: Silver -100m Back, Beijing, China
- 2006 World Championships: Gold – 4x100m Medley Relay, Bronze - 100m Back, Durbin, Africa
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece
- Swam all four years for Grand Rapids Christian High Eagles and made the All-City Team at conference senior year; was the first athlete with a disability to receive that award in any sport

Personal
Adopted at age 4 on July 4, 1994 by Linda Stone. Attended West Side Christian for Elementary/Middle school and played on the 8th Grade Softball Team. In 2007. Competed in the swim portion of the ESCAPE from Alcatraz Triathlon. Competed in track & field in high school senior year and also ran the 25K River Bank Run in Grand Rapids, Mich. Played wheelchair basketball from sixth grade through high school for the Grand Rapids Pacers and the RIC Sky.

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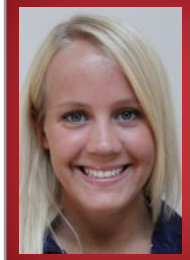

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 200m IM

HEIGHT: 5'9"

WEIGHT: 120 lbs

DOB: 3/26/89

BIRTHPLACE: Lawrence, Ks.

HOMETOWN: Eagan, Minn.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Eagan, Minn.

HIGH SCHOOL: Eagan High School (Eagan, Minn.) Graduated 2007

COLLEGE: University of Minnesota, Public Relations

COACH: Jim Andersen

Career Highlights

- Current member of the U.S. Paralympics National Swimming Team
- 2009, 2010 and 2011 USA Swimming Disabled Swimmer of the Year (Trischa L. Zorn Award)
- 2009 and 2010 Swimming World Magazine Female Disabled Swimmer of the Year
- Five gold medals 2009 IPC Swimming World Championships 25m in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Eight gold medals and one silver medal 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships in Eindhoven, Netherlands
- 2011 ESPN ESPY winner – Best Female Athlete with a Disability
- USA Swimming Central Zone Athlete Representative
- USA Swimming Disability Committee
- USA Swimming Athlete Executive Committee
- Currently holds 15 World Records and 34 American Records

Personal

Daughter of Ann and Chris Weggemann and has two older sisters, Christin and Jessica, and one brother-in-law, Sean. Raised in Eagan, Minnesota and graduated from Eagan High School in 2007 and attended Gardner Webb University in North Carolina for a semester in 2009 before transferring back home to the University of Minnesota to pursue a career in Public Relations and Marketing. Mallory is currently on leave from the University of Minnesota School of Journalism. Hobbies include traveling, scuba diving, spending time with friends and family, and enjoying the outdoors and athletics.

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Colleen | YOUNG

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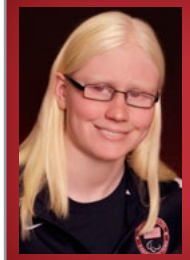


2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100 breaststroke, 200 IM, 50 free, 100 free
HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 125
DOB: 06/29/98
BIRTHPLACE: Saint Louis, Mo.

HOMETOWN: Saint Louis, Mo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Saint Louis, Mo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Lindbergh High School (Saint Louis, Mo.), '16
COACH: Mark Imig

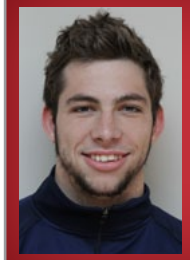
Career Highlights

- 2012: 2nd place IPC world ranking, S13 100 meter breaststroke
- 2011-2012: Five Paralympic S13 American records: 50, 100 and 200 meter breaststroke, 100 and 200 yard breaststroke
- 2011 Parapan American Games qualifier
- USA Ozark region Sectional team qualifier

Personal

Daughter of Doug and Bridget Young…has a brother, Kyle …Hobbies include reading, writing, playing golf.

Evan | AUSTIN
SWIMMING



2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m Butterfly, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 200m IM
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 170
DOB: 9/10/1992
BIRTHPLACE: Terre Haute, Ind.
HOMETOWN: Terre Haute, Ind.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Terre Haute, Ind.
High School : Terre Haute South Vigo High School (Terre Haute, Ind.), '11
COLLEGE: Indiana State University, 2015, Public Communication
COACHES: Jeff Thompson, Dave Breiding

Career Highlights
- 2009 Can-Am Games, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- 14-time American Record Holder

Personal
Son of Eric and Nola Austin… One older Brother, Adam… Hobbies include hanging out with friends and listening to music.

Cody | BUREAU
SWIMMING

DISCIPLINE: S9, SB9, SM9
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 200 IM
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 160
DOB: 6/4/88
BIRTHPLACE: Latrobe, Pa.
HOMETOWN: Latrobe, Pa.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Greater Latrobe High School (Latrobe, Pa.), '06
COACH: Dave Denniston

Career Highlights
- 2008 Paralympic Games - Bronze medal (200 IM), Beijing, China
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece

Personal
Cody is the son of Marjorie and William Bureau and has two sisters. Sister Brittany resides in St. Augustine, Fla. and is pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy at University of St. Augustine. Sister Heather is studying criminal justice at California University of Pennsylvania, and both swam to a top-12 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships. Cody is motivated by his younger brother, Lucas who is Pennsylvania State Champion in the 200 freestyle and runner up in the 100 freestyle and will be a history major at Virginia Tech this fall. When not in the pool, Cody works as a deliveryman for Pizza Hut in Colorado Springs, Hobbies include many outdoor activities: hiking, fishing, water sports, boating, off-roading, shooting, and more.

Michael | DEMARCO

SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke, 150 IM

HEIGHT: 6'

WEIGHT: 165

DOB: 03/19/1969

BIRTHPLACE: La Jolla, Calif.

HOMETOWN: San Diego, Calif.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: San Diego, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Poway High School, Poway, CA 1987

COLLEGE: San Diego State University, 1994, Business Administration

Career Highlights

- 2011: Team member - U.S. Pan Pacific Para-Swimming Championships Team
- 2010: Bronze medal, 50m breaststroke – IPC Swimming World Championships, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- 2008: U.S. Paralympic Team member, Swimming – Paralympic Games, Beijing, China.
- 2008: American Record, 150m IM – CanAm Championships, Victoria, Canada
- 2006: Bronze medal, SB2 50m breaststroke - International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Swimming World Championships, Durban, South Africa
- 2006: American record, 150m IM - U.S. Paralympics Swimming National Championships, San Antonio, Texas
- 2006: Two American records, 50m breaststroke, 100m freestyle - Belgian Open, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2005: Two American records, 150m IM, 50m freestyle - U.S. Paralympics Open Swimming Championships, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2004: Bronze medal, 50m breaststroke – Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece

Personal

Parents: Eric George DeMarco, Andrea Marie DeMarco…Siblings: Brother, Eric; Sister, Dona…Spouse: Karen Pauline DeMarco…Credits his wife Karen for starting his career the first day they met 2/4/1995; they were married on 2/5/2005…Currently writing his autobiography: Pondering the Thought, Living a Dream, Why I Enjoy Living with Cerebral Palsy…Hobbies include coin collecting, billiards, and eating.

Tucker | DUPREE

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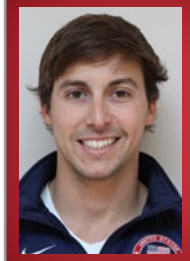

DISCIPLINE: S12 - Blind
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 400m freestyle
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 160
DOB: 5/11/89

BIRTHPLACE: Raleigh, N.C.
HOMETOWN: Raleigh, N.C.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Clinton Township, Mich.
HIGH SCHOOL: Garner High School (Garner, N.C.), '07
COACH: Shawn Kornoelje

Career Highlights

- Holder of 2 World records, 9 Pan-American records and 39 American records
- 2012 World Rankings: First in the 50 and 200 Meter Butterfly; Second in the 50 Meter Backstroke, 50 and 100 Meter Freestyle; Third in the 50 Meter Breaststroke, 100 Meter Backstroke and 400 Meter Freestyle; Seventh in the 100 Meter Butterfly.
- 2012 Summer Canadian American Championships, Winnipeg, Canada: Gold medal in the 50 Meter Butterfly, 50 Meter Freestyle, 50 and 100 Meter Backstroke
- 2012 U.S. Paralympics Swimming Trials, Bismarck, North Dakota: Gold medal in the 50 Meter and 100 Meter Freestyle, 100 Meter Backstroke and the 100 Meter Butterfly
- 2011 Roger McCarville Male Athlete of the Year Award
- 2011 Pan Pacific Para-Swimming Championships, Edmonton, Alberta: Gold medal in the 400 Meter Freestyle; Silver medal in the 100 Meter Butterfly, 500 Meter Freestyle and 100 Meter Backstroke; Bronze medal in the 100 Meter Freestyle
- 2011: Selected member, Canadian Paralympic Swimming World Challenge, Montreal Canada
- 2010 Speedo CAN-AM Para-Swimming Championships, Etobicoke Olympium, Toronto Ontario, Canada: Gold medal in the 50 Meter and 100 Meter Freestyle, 200 Meter Individual Medley, 100 Meter Backstroke, 100 Meter Butterfly and the 400 Meter Freestyle
- 2010: Silver medal, 100m freestyle; Four bronze medals, 50m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m butterfly – IPC Swimming World Championships, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- 2010 Spring Canadian American Championships, San Antonio, Texas: Golf medal in the 50 Meter and 100 Meter Freestyle, 200 Meter Individual Medley, 100 Meter Backstroke, 100 Meter Butterfly and the 400 Meter Freestyle
- 2009 World Championships, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Gold medal in the 100 Meter Butterfly; Silver medal in the 50 Meter Freestyle and 100 Meter Backstroke; Bronze medal in the 100 Meter and 400 Meter Freestyle
- 2009 Summer Canadian American Championships: Gold medal in the 50 Meter and 100 Meter Butterfly, 100 Meter Backstroke, 50 Meter and 100 Meter Freestyle
- 2009 Spring Canadian American Championships: Gold medal in the 50 Meter and 100 Meter Butterfly, 100 Meter Backstroke, 50 Meter, 100 Meter Freestyle
- 2009 Town of Garner Certificate of Recognition
- 2009 Top North Carolina Athletes of the Decade
- 2008 U.S. Paralympic Team member, Swimming – Paralympic Games, Beijing, China – 4th Place in the 400 Meter Freestyle; 5th Place in the 100 Meter Butterfly and 100 Meter Backstroke; 6th Place in the 50 Meter Freestyle and 100 Meter Backstroke; 7th Place in the 100 Meter Freestyle
- 2008 Summer Canadian American Championships: Silver medal in 100 Meter Butterfly and 200 Meter Individual Medley; Bronze medal in the 50 Meter, 100 Meter and 400 Meter Freestyle
- 2008 U.S. Paralympics Swimming Trials: Gold medal in the 100 Meter Butterfly, 100 Meter Backstroke, 200 Meter Individual Medley, 50 Meter, 100 Meter and 400 Meter Freestyle
- 2008 The Greater Raleigh Sports Council Courage of Character Award
- 2007 Summer Canadian American Championships: Gold medals in the 100 Meter Butterfly, 100 Meter Backstroke and 200 Meter Individual Medley; Silver medal in the 50 Meter, 100 Meter and 400 Meter Freestyle
- 2007 Swimming MVP, Garner Magnet High School
- 2007: WSY Andy Craver Determination Award – North Carolina Swimming

Personal

Son of Marlene and Chet Dupree…Has one sister, Sarah. At the age of 17, Tucker began to lose his vision and was diagnosed with a rare disease called Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON). In a short period of time, Tucker lost 70% – 80% of his central vision in both eyes. Hobbies include Playing piano, listening to music, collecting swim caps from the places I travel for competitions.

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Rudy | GARCIA-TOLSON
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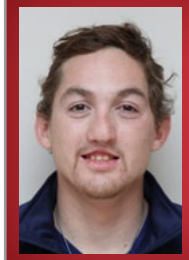

DISCIPLINE: 200IM, 200m
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: swimming: 100m fly, 100m back, 200 IM, 400m free; track & field: 100m, 200m
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 9/14/88
BIRTHPLACE: Bloomington, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Bloomington, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Bloomington High School, '06
COACH: Dave Dennisto

Career Highlights
- 2010 Swimming World Championships: Gold - 200IM
- 2009 Arizona Ironman Finisher 16:06
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold - 200IM & WR, Bronze - 100 Breast
- 2006 World Champs: Gold – 200 IM
- 2004 Paralympic Games: Gold - 200IM & WR

Personal
Has one brother and three sisters

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Dalton | HERENDEEN
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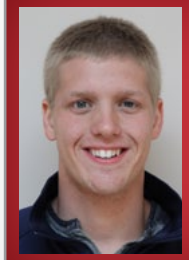

DISCIPLINE: Artistic
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100 back, 200 IM, 100 fly, 100 breast, 400 free
HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 178
DOB: 4/23/93
BIRTHPLACE: Elkhart, Ind.
HOMETOWN: Elkhart, Ind.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: University of Indianapolis
HIGH SCHOOL: Concord High School, Elkhart, Ind.
COLLEGE: University of Indianapolis, Physical Therapy
COACHES: Gary Kinkead, Tom Johnson
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights
- Top-8 in college Conference Meet
- On the record board in the 1000, and mile at the University of Indianapolis
- 200IM, 100 breast, 200 breast, 400 IM American records, Pan AM record in 50 breast

Personal
My sister Chelsea Herendeen, 23, is the record holder for most strikeouts at her high school. Skyler Herendeen, my brother, 20, also swam in high school. My mom is Lynn Herendeen, and my dad is Steve Herendeen, who was a gymnast at Ball State. My grandpa Rudy Thoman played basketball at IU, and my uncle Brent Thoman played baseball at the University of Indianapolis.

Lantz | LAMBACK

SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100 backstroke
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 6/30/86
BIRTHPLACE: Augusta, Ga.
HOMETOWN: Augusta, Ga.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Home schooled, graduated in 2005
COLLEGE: Augusta state - undeclared major
COACH: Dave Denniston

Career Highlights

- 2010 world championship team three medals
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 1st place 100 backstroke

Personal

Son of Fred and Donna Lamback…hobbies include paintball, music and video games.

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Curtis | LOVEJOY

SWIMMING

HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 185
DOB: 5/13/1957
BIRTHPLACE: Atlanta, Ga.
HOMETOWN: Atlanta, Ga.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Atlanta, Ga.
High School : Sylvan Hills HS. (Atlanta, Ga.), '75

COLLEGE: Morris Brown College, 90, TR.
COACH: Tommy Jackson
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

- Currently Holds: 10 World Records, five Pan/AM Records & 14 American Records
- Paralympics Games: 2008, 2004, 2000, & 1996
- 2008 Paralympic Games: 4th, 50m, 100m, 200m free, 5th, 50m Back
- 2004 Paralympic Games: Gold - 50m back & WR, Silver - 50m & 100m Free, Bronze - 200m free, Athens, Greece
- 2000 Paralympic Games: Set five Paralympics & World Records, gold - 50m, 100m free, bronze – wheelchair fencing; became the first American athlete to medal in the sport, Sydney, Australia
- 1996 Paralympic Games: WR - 50m breaststroke, Gold – 50m back, Silver – 50m back
- 2010 World Championships: Gold - 50m breaststroke, Gold - 100m free, Gold -150m IM, Silver – 200m Free, Bronze - 200m free, Eindhoven, Netherlands
- 2006 Swimming World Championships: WR and Gold -150m IM, Gold - 50m fly, Silver - 50m, Silver - 200m Free, Bronze - 100m free, Bronze - 50m back, Durban, South Africa
- 2006 Wheelchair Fencing World Championships: Gold – Foil, Gold – Epee; became back-to-back World Champion, Torino, Italy
- 2002 Swimming World Championships: Gold - 50m breaststroke, Gold - 50m free, Gold -150m IM, Silver - 50m back, Silver - 100m free, Mar del Plata, Argentina
- 2002 Wheelchair Fencing World Championships: Became thefirst American to win two Gold medals in Wheelchair Fencing, Frankfort, Germany
- 1998 Swimming World Championships: Gold - 50m breaststroke, Gold -100m breaststroke, Gold - 50m free, Silver -100m free, Silver - 50m back, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 1994 Swimming World Championships: Bronze - 50m, Bronze - 100m free, Bronze - 50m back, Stoke Mandeville, England
- National Swimming Championships: 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005,2003,2001,1999, 1997 & 1995
- 2000: The 1st African American Athlete to win Gold medals in swimming & fencing at the 2000 Paralympic Games
- 2000: Selected As the Male Athlete of the Year; Right Before the Opening Ceremony of the 2000 Olympic Games:

Personal

"Curtis Lovejoy, an individual left paralyzed from neck down and told by doctors he would never be able to use his body again. Now, 21 years defying medical science, he has defied sports science in different kinds of test…Proving that a quadriplegic can be an "Elite Athlete" as driven as Olympian" - David Rosner of WE Media.

An Atlanta native, Lovejoy graduated from Morris Brown College in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation. He is the youngest of thirteen children. Is the proud child of the late Mrs. & Mrs. & Mr. Sallie and James Lovejoy Sr. He has 16 nieces and 17 nephews. Married to lovely Mrs. Mamie Lovejoy and they have two children, Keshunda and Chaquita, and a grandson, Malik.

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Roy | PERKINS, JR.

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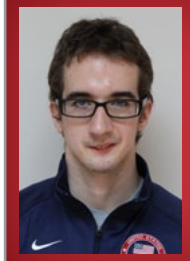

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50, 100 & 200m free, 50m back, 50m fly
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 5/9/1990
BIRTHPLACE: Washington, D.C.
HOMETOWN: Del Mar, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Del Mar, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: The Bishop's School, La Jolla, Calif., 2008
COLLEGE: Stanford University, 2013, Earth Systems
COACHES: Don Watkinds, Wave House Aquatics San Diego

Career Highlights

- 2010 World Championships -- Silver - S5 50 fly, 100 free, 200 free; Bronze - S5 50 free
- 2008 Paralympic Games: Gold - S5 50m butterfly, Bronze - S5 100 freestyle
- 2006 World Championships: Gold - S5 50m butterfly, Bronze - SM5 200 IM
- Three-time USA Swimming Academic All-American: 2006, 2007, 2008
- 2008 Most Inspirational Athlete, Challenged Athletes Foundation
- 2006 San Diego Hall of Champions "Disabled Star of the Year"
- Holds American records in all S5 and SM5 events and distances

Personal

Son of Roy and Jana Perkins, Roy is an only child but has three Labrador "siblings:" Java, Violet and Ellie. He competed in swimming for Team USA at the 2006 and 2010 World Championships and at the 2008 Paralympic Games. He is currently pursuing a degree in Earth Systems from Stanford University. His hobbies include playing basketball, following the Washington Redskins and Capitals, stand-up comedy, and food. Cousin Levi Knutson (University of Colorado) plays professional basketball in Spain.

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Ian | SILVERMAN

SWIMMING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 400 freestyle, 100 fly, 200 IM

HEIGHT: 6'2"

WEIGHT: 165

DOB: 11/06/1995

BIRTHPLACE: Baltimore, Md.

HOMETOWN: Baltimore, Md.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Baltimore, Md.

HIGH SCHOOL: The McDonogh School (Owings Mills, Md.), '14

COACH: Erik Posegay of North Baltimore Aquatic Club

Career Highlights

- Paralympic American Record Holder: 200, 400, 800 & 1500m freestyle; 50 & 100m butterfly
- Received All-American recognition for high school swimming for 2011-12
- Maryland Swimming Swimmer of the Year 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011
- All-Maryland Team 2010, 2011, 2012
- Maryland State Champion 2012: 500, 1000, 1650 freestyle
- Maryland State Record 50 freestyle, 2006
- Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) champion in 500 freestyle & 4x100 freestyle relay, overall team (The McDonogh School)
- All MIAA 2012
- USA Swimming Top-16 ranked

Personal

Son of Dawn and Henry Silverman and older brother of Schuyler. Silverman is a rising junior at the McDonogh School where he is a member of the honor roll. He has been a member of the North Baltimore Aquatic Club since the age of eight. Silverman enjoys spending time with friends and going to the movies. He began his Paralympic career in 2012. He is classified as S-10, SB-9, SM-9. He placed first at the U.S. Paralympic Trials in the 50, 100, 400, 1500m freestyle events as well as the 100 butterfly and 200 IM. He was born with mild cerebral palsy and has undergone muscle lengthening surgery to lower extremities, as well as serial casting and Botox injections. Silverman dedicates the 2012 London Paralympic Games to his best friend and teammate, Alec J. Cosgarea, who tragically passed on July 9, 2012.

Bradley | SNYDER
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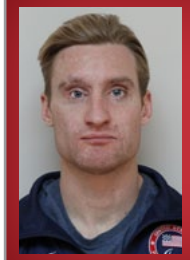

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50m, 100m & 400m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m IM
HEIGHT: 5'9"
WEIGHT: 160
DOB:02/29/84
BIRTHPLACE: Reno, Nev.

HOMETOWN: St. Petersburg, Fla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Baltimore, Md.
HIGH SCHOOL: Northeast High School (St. Petersburg, Florida.), '2002
COLLEGE: U.S. Naval Academy, '2006, Naval Architecture
COACHES: Fred Lewis, Lee Lawrence, Bill Roberts, Fred Lamback, Brian Loeffler

Career HighlightsPersonal

Son of Valarie Snyder who still resides in his hometown of St. Petersburg, Fla. Oldest of four children, has two younger brothers, and a younger sister. Brother Mitchell was part of a varsity squad who won the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships each year he was in school from 2006 until 2009. As captain his senior year he set two Division II records, and was named the Male Swimmer of the year for the 2009 season. Brother Russell earned a Software Engineering degree from Embry-Riddle University, and was a four-year varsity athlete in the sports of cross country and track & field Sister Elyse is currently attending St. Leo's University in Dade City, and is also a varsity athlete in the sports of cross country and track & field. Bradley currently resides in Baltimore, Maryland where he is working for RedOwl Analytics as an intern while he awaits his pending discharge from the U.S. Navy. Lost his vision to an IED in Sept. 2011 while deployed in Afghanistan.

Joe | WISE
SWIMMING

PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 400 freestyle 200 IM, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly, 100 freestyle
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 175
DOB: 5/22/93
BIRTHPLACE: Palo Alto, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Menlo Park Calif.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Baltimore, Md.
HIGH SCHOOL: Sacred Heart Prep (Atherton, Calif.), '11
COLLEGE: Loyola Maryland University, '15, Political Science
COACHES: John Bitter, Brian Loeffler

Career Highlights

- 2011 Scholastic All-American
- 2011 Parapan Pac Games: Bronze -400 free, Bronze - 34 point medley relay, Bronze - 20 point 200 free relay
- 2010 Paralympic World Championships: Bronze- men's 5k open water
- 2010: United States President Volunteer Service Award Recipient
- 2009 Paralympic Short Course World Championships: Bronze - 400 free
- 2008 Paralympic Games: Fifth place - 400 free
- 2007 Parapan American Games: Fourth - 100m back, Fourth - 400m free
- American Records Long Course: 200 breaststroke, 200 butterfly; Short Course Records (meters): 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 400 free, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke, 50 butterfly, 100 butterfly, 100 IM, 200 IM, 34 point medley relay, 34 point 4x100 free relay. Short Course Records (yards): 500 free, 1000 free, 1650 free, 100 breaststroke, 200 butterfly, 200 IM

Personal

Son of Ron and Marie Wise…Has one brother, Jack. Hobbies include playing fantasy football and reading.

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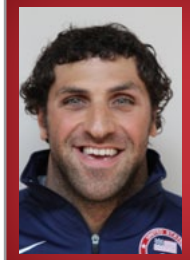

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 50 free, 100 free, 100 back, 100 butterfly, 400 free
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 195
DOB: 10/16/1985
BIRTHPLACE: Chicago, Ill.
HOMETOWN: Plymouth, Minn. and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Plymouth, Minn.
HIGH SCHOOL: Maple Grove High School, (Maple Grove, Minn.), 2004
COLLEGE: Springfield College, 2008 B.S. Sports Management, Florida Atlantic University 2011 M.B.A. Sport Business
COACHES: Tom Franke, John Taffee

Career Highlights

- 2008 Paralympic Games: Gold - 100 backstroke (S10)
- WR - 100 backstroke (S9)
- American Record Holder: 50 Free (S9), 100 free (S9), 100 backstroke (S9)
- 2006 World Championships: Gold - 100 Backstroke (S10)
- 2002 World Championships: Bronze – 100 backstroke (S10), 400 free (S10)
- 2004 Paralympic Games: Gold - 100 Backstroke (S10), Bronze - 50 Free (S10)

Personal

Son of Stuart and Jeanine Zook. Earned M.B.A in Sport Business from Florida Atlantic University in 2011. Hobbies including playing golf, coaching, swimming, and watching sports.

TABLE TENNIS

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Pamela Fontaine (North Brunswick, N.J./Double Oak, Texas)

Tara Profitt (Berlin, Conn./Newington, Conn.)

MEN

Tahl Leibovitz (Ozone Park, N.Y./Tudor Village, N.Y.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Sean O'Neill

Asst. Coach: Keith Evans

PREVIEW

TABLE TENNIS

The 2012 U.S. Paralympic Table Tennis Team looks to return to the podium after being held off at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing. The three-member team of Pamela Fontaine (Double Tree, Texas) Tahl Leibovitz (Tudor Village, N.Y.) and Tara Profitt (Newington, Conn.) will be coached by Sean O'Neill (Portland, Ore.) who also served as head coach in 2008 (Beijing) and 2004 (Athens).

To say the squad has experience is an understatement. Leibovitz has previously represented the United States in the 1996, 2004 and 2008 Paralympic Games, claiming two medals (one gold, one bronze) in 1996 and bronze in 2004. Fontaine and Profitt will be making their first Paralympic Games appearances since traveling to Stoke Mandeville for the 1984 Paralympic Games. The 1984 Games were the last time in which the Paralympics were held in a different venue from the Olympics.

After the 1984 Games, Fontaine and Profitt both retired from table tennis to attend college. Both began playing competitively again in recent years and they met each other again at the 2008 U.S. Nationals. It was in 2008 when both Fontaine and Profitt decided that they would work to qualify for the 2012 Paralympic Games.

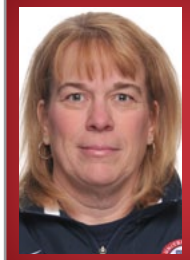
As a team, Fontaine and Profitt have claimed an array of medals as a doubles team. After winning gold at the 2009 Parapan American Games, the duo has gone on to nab gold at the 2011 Copa Costa Rica and 2011 Brazil Open while settling for silver at the 2011 Parapan American Games. Both athletes have seen success on the individual stage as well. The 2011 Brazil Open individual gold medalist, Fontaine was the only female U.S. representative at the 2010 Paralympic World Championships in Gwandgju, South Korea. Adding to her team gold medal, Profitt won silver at the 2011 Copa Costa Rica.

The London 2012 Paralympic Games will be the fourth appearance for Leibovitz. Although he did not medal in Beijing, Leibovitz has won medals in virtually every Paralympic table tennis category in which he has competed and has won ten gold medals at the Parapan American Games since 2003.

Table tennis competition at the Paralympics will kick off on August 30th at the ExCeL, the largest competition venue at the London 2012 Games.

Pam | FONTAINE

TABLE TENNIS



CLASSIFICATION: 3

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: singles and teams

DATE OF BIRTH: 12/16/64

BIRTHPLACE: Columbus, Ohio

HOMETOWN: North Brunswick, N.J.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Double Oak, Texas

HIGH SCHOOL: North Brunswick High School

COLLEGE: Wright State University "88 Physical Education, Texas Woman's University "94 masters in Adapted Physical Education

COACHES: Keith Evans & Daniel Rutenberg

Career Highlights

- 2012 – Member of the U.S. Paralympic Table Tennis Team
- 2011 – ParaPan American Games - silver medal (women's singles and teams)
- 2010 – World Championships Team Member
- 2009 - ParaPan American Games – gold medal (women's singles and teams)
- 2007 - ParaPan American Games – silver medal (women's singles and teams)
- 1984 – Paralympic Games – silver medal in teams

Personal

Daughter of Richard and Donna Stewart… Have 2 brothers Scott and Brian… and 2 children Matthew (19) and Mark (18). Work as an adjunct University professor in the Kinesiology department at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth… master's degree in Adapted Physical Education. Paraplegic following an automobile accident when sixteen years old... career in table tennis began after the accident at the age of 17 but retired three years later to pursue her dream of playing Paralympic basketball. After retiring from basketball returned to table tennis in 2006… Hobbies include racket sports, basketball, and card games. Favorite television shows are CSI and Criminal Minds.

Tahl | LEIBOVITZ
TABLE TENNIS

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Men's singles
HEIGHT: 5'4"
WEIGHT: 130
DOB: 6/1/75
BIRTHPLACE: Hafia,, Israel
HOMETOWN: Hafia,, Israel

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tudor Village, New York
HIGH SCHOOL: GED
COLLEGE: Queens College, Sociology and Philosophy
COACH: Sean O'Neill

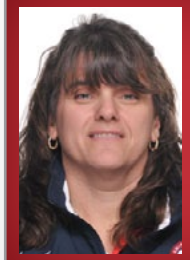
Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, Gold Medal (singles)
- 2008 collegiate champion (singles)
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Bronze Medal (singles)
- 1996 Paralympic Games, Gold Medal (singles)

Personal

Son of Ernest Leibovitz and Felicia Weisskohl …Married to Dawn Leibovitz …Hobbies include listening to live music, watching movies and eating sushi.

Tara | PROFITT
TABLE TENNIS



2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Women's singles
HEIGHT: 5'9"
DOB: 7/26/1965
BIRTHPLACE: New Britain, Conn.
HOMETOWN: Berlin, Conn.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Newington, Conn.
HIGH SCHOOL: Berlin High School (Berlin, Conn.) '84
COLLEGE: Wright State University, "87 Communications
COACH: Roman Tinyszin

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, 4th place (women's singles)
- 2009 Parapan American Games, gold medal (women's team)

Personal

Daughter of Norm and Teresa Tonina…Has two brothers, Norm and Todd…Married to Clyde Profitt on …Has a son, Andre (8/17/93)…Hobbies include going to the beach and following the stock market.

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Zena Cole (Toledo, Ohio/Oregon, Ohio)
Carleigh DeWald (Canby, Ore./Canby, Ore.)
Anjali Forber-Pratt (Natick, Mass./Champaign, Ill.)
Jessica Galli (Hillsborough, N.J./Savoy, Ill.)
April Holmes (Somerdale, N.J./Kissimmee, Fla.)
Cheryl Leitner (Toms River, N.J./Myrtle Beach, S.C.)
Angela Madsen (Long Beach, Calif.). ret., Marine Corps
CeCe Mazyk (Columbia, S.C./Columbia, S.C.), ret. Army
Hannah McFadden (Clarksville, Md./Champaign, Ill.)
Tatyana McFadden (Clarksville, Md.)
Amanda McGrory (Kennett Square, Pa./Champaign, Ill.)
Kristen Messer (Austin, Texas/Spokane Valley, Wash.)
Cassie Mitchell (Warner, Okla./Atlanta, Ga.)
Kerry Morgan (St. Louis, Mo.)
Shirley Reilly (Los Gatos, Calif./Tucson, Ariz.)
Susannah Scaroni (Tekoa, Wash./Champaign, Ill.)
Christina Schwab (Lakewood, Colo.)
Katy Sullivan (Tuscaloosa, Ala./Burbank, Calif.)
Amberlynn Weber (Missoula, Mont./Lake Liberty, Wash.)

MEN

Zachary Abbott (Portland, Ore./Tucson, Ariz.)
Jordan Bird (Wichita, Kan./Tucson, Ariz.)
Jim Bob Bizzell (Odessa, Texas/Odessa, Texas)
Adam Bleakney (Mason City, Iowa/Champaign, Ill.)
David Brown (Hazelwood, Mo./San Diego, Calif.)
Rolland Slade (Spring Valley, Calif./Chula Vista, Calif.), Guide
Richard Browne (Jackson, Miss.)
Jeremy Campbell (Perryton, Texas/Chula Vista, Calif.)
Ryan Chalmers (Churchville, N.Y./Champaign, Ill.)
Christopher Clemens (Phoenix, Ariz./Chula Vista, Calif.), ret., Navy
Scott Danberg (Cooper City, Fla./Davie, Fla.)
Tobi Fawehinmi (Arlington, Texas)
Rudy Garcia-Tolson (Bloomington, Calif./Colorado Springs, Colo.)
Joshua George (Fairfax, Va./Champaign, Ill.)
Tanner Gers (Tucson, Ariz./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Sean Ewing (St. Louis, Mo./Kansas City, Mo.), Guide
Elexis Gillette (Raleigh, N.C./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Wes Williams (Visalia, Calif./Chula Vista, Calif.), Guide
Chris Hammer (Troy, Mich./Cheney, Wash.)
Josiah Jamison (Vance, S.C./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Jerome Avery (Lemoore, Calif./Chula Vista, Calif.), Guide
Blake Leeper (Kingston, Tenn./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Raymond Martin (Jersey City, N.J./Champaign, Ill.)

ROSTER (CONTINUED)
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Michael Murray (Nashville, Tenn)
Paul Nitz (Edina, Minn./Bloomfield, Conn.)
Dennis Ogbe (Prospect, Ky./ Prospect, Ky.)
Aaron Pike (Park Rapids, Minn./Champaign, Ill.)
Markeith Price (Baltimore, Md./Chula Vista, Calif.)
David Prince (Marietta, Ga./Brandon, Fla.)
Austin Pruitt (Greenacres, Wash./Greenacres, Wash.)
Joshua Roberts (Morris, Ala./Birmingham, Ala.)
Krige Schabort (Cedartown, Ga.)
Scot Severn (Unionville, Mich./Caro, Mich.), ret., Army
Brian Siemann (Millstone, N.J./Champaign, Ill.)
Jerome Singleton (Greenwood, S.C./Irmo, S.C.)
Jeff Skiba (Sammamish, Wash./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Shaquille Vance (Houston, Miss./Chula Vista, Calif.)
Jarryd Wallace (Athens, Ga.)
Scott Winkler (Pittsburgh, Pa./Augusta, Ga.), ret., Army

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Team Leader: Tina Kauffman-Cain
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PCA: Karen Boyle, Erica Wheeler and Jimmy Cuevas
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Chiropractor: Brett Guimard
Sport Psychologist: Diana McNab

PREVIEW
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With American athletes collecting 26 track and field medals at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games and 28 medals at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, the United States is poised to be among the leading nations in the track and field competition in London. Track and field is made up of two event groups: ambulatory, which is comprised of amputees and visually-impaired athletes, among other classifications, and the wheelchair division. .

Split between the two groups, the United States will send a team of 58 to London, which includes 54 athletes and four guides for the visually impaired competitors. While rookies like sprinter Blake Leeper (Kingston, Tenn.) and shot putter Angela Madsen (Long Beach, Calif.), both who hold world records, are looking to make a splash in London, Team USA will be steered by a dozen seasoned athletes who medaled at the previous Games.

Four-time U.S. Paralympian Jessica Galli (Hillsborough, N.J.), the most decorated U.S. track and field athlete at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games with five medals, set a world record 28.93 in the women's 200m (T53) at the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Trials – Track and Field in Indianapolis. Following her victory in the 200m, she said: "This race means a lot to me because I have had such a tough time since competing in Beijing. It feels great to be back to this shape and have a chance to compete in London." Not only will she be competing at the Games, she is a favorite for gold. Galli also holds the world record in the 400m, setting the 54.88 mark in Beijing, and in the 800m.

Galli will face competition from a familiar foe, her University of Illinois training mate, Anjali Forber-Pratt (Natick, Mass.). Forber-Pratt, who previously held the women's 100m (T53) world record, won two bronze medals in Beijing, taking third in the 400m (T53) and in the 4x100m relay (T53/54) with Galli and four-time Beijing medalist Amanda McGrory (Kennett Square, Pa.), who won the 5,000m four years ago. The relay team also included T54 racer Tatyana McFadden (Clarksville, Md.), who won three silver medals in Beijing and a bronze to the silver she won in Athens.

Nicknamed "The Beast" by her Illinois teammates, McFadden is running sprints through the marathon in London, the first time that has ever been done, hoping for her first-ever taste of Paralympic gold. McFadden's younger sister Hannah McFadden (Clarksville, Md.), the youngest member of the track and field team at 16, will make her Paralympic Games debut this year. It marks the first time that sisters have raced against each other for Team USA in the Games.

Kristen Messer (Austin, Texas) holds the world record in the women's 100m (T33).

In the men's wheelchair races, new world record holder Raymond Martin (Jersey City, N.J.) highlights the field. At the U.S. Paralympic Trials, he won the men's 200m (T52) with a world record 30.18. Paul Nitz (Edina, Minn.), who is now a five-time U.S. Paralympian, also

PREVIEW (CONTINUED)
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returns to the T52 field after missing the cut for the Beijing Games. From 1992-2000, Nitz captured four gold medals including three titles in the 100m, an event he set the world record in earlier this year.

Josh George (T53) will compete in sprints, with the exception of the 100m, and the marathon, hoping to add to his four-medal collection from the Athens and Beijing Games. In 2008, George (Fairfax, Va.) claimed the men's 100m title, whileBrian Siemann (Millstone, N.J.) makes his first appearance at the Games.

The men's 100m (T44) highlights the ambulatory races. In June, Leeper set a new T43 Americas record in the race then in July tied the world record set by Oscar Pistorius, who recently became the first amputee to run at the Olympic Games. Pistorius is the reigning Paralympic Champion in the race, but was defeated by Jerome Singleton (Irmo, S.C.) at the 2011 International Paralympic Committee Athletics World Championships. Richard Browne (Jackson, Miss.) also joins the mix for the 100m.

Leeper is also a favorite in the 200m, the 400m and participate in the 4x100m relay, which Team USA won at the last Paralympic Games with help from Singleton and Jim Bob Bizzell (Odessa, Texas), the silver medalist in Beijing's 200m and 400m. Singleton and Bizzell, the 200m (T44) world record holder, will run the 200m in London. David Prince (Marietta, Ga.) and Jarryd Wallace (Athens, Ga.) will compete in the 400m.

April Holmes (Somerdale, N.J.), the grand dame of sprinters, is a favorite in the women's 100m and 200m (T44), holding the world records in both. She won the 100m at the Beijing Games, but was third at the recent World Championships.

In the men's T42 races, Shaquille Vance (Houston, Miss.) hopes for a podium performance but will have to contend with Rudy Garica-Tolson (Bloomington, Calif.), who is also competing in swimming.

David Brown (T11) of Hazelwood, Mo., Elexis Gillette (T11) of Raleigh, N.C., and Josiah Jamison (T12) of Vance, S.C., the United States' visually impaired athletes, all hope to contend in individual races. They will also join with Markeith Praice (T13) of Baltimore, Md., for the men's 4x100m (T11-13) relay.

Gillette is favored for gold in the men's long jump (F11) after back-to-back silver medals at the Paralympic Games in Athens and Beijing. He currently holds the men's long jump (F11) world record. Gillette will also compete in the triple jump.

In other men's field events, Jeremy Campbell (Perryton, Texas) is favored to defend his Paralympic Games title in the men's discus (F44). He heads into London as the world record holder, having bested his own world record mark three times recently. Campbell also owns the world record in the men's pentathlon, which he won in Beijing, but the event will not be contested in London.

Jeff Skiba (Sammamish, Wash.) hopes to win the men's high jump (F46) for the second time. He set the world record in that event during the Beijing Games. Skiba is also throwing the javelin. Tobi Fawehinmi (Arlington, Texas), the youngest male on the team, will compete in the F46 long jump and triple jump, as well as the men's 200m.

Two military veterans are in the mix for the women's field events Madsen, a retired U.S. Marine, recently switched focus from Paralympic rowing to field. She holds the world record in the women's shot put (F54/55/56) and will compete in the javelin (F54/55/56). Zena Cole (Toledo, Ohio) is competing in the women's club throw (F31/32/51) and the women's discus (F51/52/53) while CeCe Mazyck (Columbia, S.C.), who is retired U.S. Army, hopes to contend in the women's javelin (F57/58).

Zach | ABBOTT
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T53
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 4x400m Relay
DOB: 10/31/90
HOMETOWN: Portland, Ore.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.
COLLEGE: University of Arizona

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Silver (800m)
- 2011 Parapan American Games Bronze (100m, 200m, 400m)
- Personal records: 100m – 15.01, 200m – 27.37, 400m – 53.57, 800m – 1:47.55, 1500m – 3:27.1

Personal
Wheelchair racer at the University of Arizona…Member of the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Team… 100m specialist who races up to 800m… Born with sacral agenesis and his parents were told a long list of "he'll never's"… Participated in a variety of sports, starting with gymnastics… Eventually got into indoor racing through Oregon Disability Sports and Winners on Wheels… Took to track at 10 years old… He participated in track and field in elementary, middle and high school, while also participating in basketball and track and field in NJDC and IWAS and now onto Paralympic level track meets… When he went to the University of Arizona in Tucson, he gave up field as well as basketball to focus on track… Thanks Teryl Hoffmann-Figgins, Kevin Hansen and World Wheelchair Sports, Oregon Disability Sports, Seattle Adaptive Sports, Teresa Skinner and others for their support.

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Jerome | AVERY
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T12 Guide Runner
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 4x100m Relay
DOB: 12/22
HOMETOWN: Lemoore, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Lemoore High School

Personal
Avery has served as a guide runner for U.S. Paralympics since 2004… Trains full-time with Josiah Jamison, one of the top men's visually-impaired sprinters in the world… Together, they will look to earn double gold in London in the 100 and 200m individual events, as well as a third in the men's 4x100m relay… An Olympic hopeful himself, Avery finished the 100m in the Top 20 in the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials - Track & Field and Top 15 in the 2004 Olympic Trials… In high school, Avery was his high school's MVP all four years… He was also ranked fifth in the state of California in the 100m… When not running, Avery enjoys watching movies, spending time with friends and shopping.

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Jordan | BIRD
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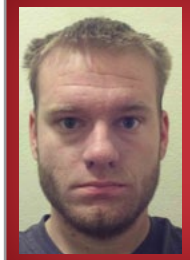

DISCIPLINE: T54
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 400m, 800m, 4x400m Relay
DOB: 4/4/89
HOMETOWN: Wichita, Kan.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.
COLLEGE: University of Arizona, Computer Science

Career Highlights

- 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships Competitor
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (100m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Silver (200m)
- 2010 Gasparilla Distance Classic – First (15K)
- 2010 Bloomsday Run - – First (15K)
- 2010 Arizona Distance Classic – First (Half Marathon)
- 2010 Peachtree Road Race- First (10K)

Jim Bob | BIZZELL
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T44
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 200m, 4x100m Relay
HEIGHT: 6'1
WEIGHT: 185
DOB: 11/22/85
BIRTHPLACE: Odessa, Texas
HOMETOWN: Odessa, Texas
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Odessa Texas
HIGH SCHOOL: Permian High School (Odessa, Texas) '04
COLLEGE: McMurry University Abilene
COACH: Barbara and Joe Crouson

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Trials – Silver (200m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (4x100m Relay)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (4x100m Relay)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver Medal (200m, 400m)
- 2008 U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Trials – Silver (400m)
- 2008 U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Trials – Bronze (200m)
- World record holder in 200m, 400m
- Ran an exhibition at U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials
- All American Track and Field at McMurry University (4x100m Relay, 4x400m Relay)

Personal

Son of Joe Bob Bizzell and Gayle Bizzell and Christy and Jimmy Baggett… Dad is Texas High School Football Hall of Fame Class of 2012…Husband of Jessica… Has two kids, Gage and Ryder… Brother of Clayton, Brock and Michael

David | BROWN

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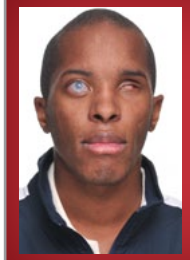


DISCIPLINE: T11
2012 PARALYMPICS EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 4x100m Relay
HEIGHT: 5-8
WEIGHT: 164
DOB: 10/19/92
BIRTHPLACE: Kansas City, Mo.
HOMETOWN: St. Louis, Mo.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Missouri School for the Blind (St. Louis, Mo.) '11
Hazelwood West High School (Hazelwood, Mo.) '11
COACHES: Joaquim Cruz and Willie Kelly

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Trials – Gold (100m, 200m)
- 2011 Parapan American Games Competitor
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Track and Field National Championships Competitor
- 2011 IBSA World Youth Championships Competitor

Personal

When he was 15 months old Brown began losing his sight to glaucoma stemming from Kawasaki disease…Through numerous eye surgeries and high eye pressures his vision eventually began to get more blurred than ever before until the fluid in his left eye drained completely out leaving his left eye partially closed and limited blurred vision in his right eye… Brown, his sister Breana and his mom Francine moved from Kansas City, Mo., to St. Louis in August 2004… Attended Missouri School for the Blind… Brown introduced to track and field in 2005 when the athletic coach noticed his athletic ability and quickness in the various sports events including track and field, goalball and wrestling… His journey began in competing in various High School track and field events, winning first place in the 60m dash, breaking school records in the 60m dash and in long jump… His high school team was won the goalball championship in their division league. He received Best Athlete of the year award and top wrestler… He has one living grandparent Hargett Sr… Has a brother-in-law Dominique and nephew Solomon… Brown a servant of God, a believer, an achiever and a dreamer. .. His motto is, "Running4HISGlory+"… Likes creating musical beats to gospel and christian music, reading, listening to music and running and weight lifting… Attended the Paralympic Experience in Beijing, China, which exposed him to the dream of being a 2012 U.S. Paralympian.

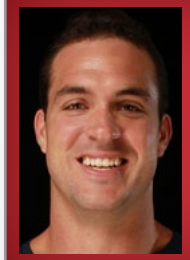
Richard | BROWNE
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T44/F44
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 4x100m Relay, High Jump
DOB: 7/9/91
HOMETOWN: Jackson, Miss.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Jackson, Miss.

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Silver (High Jump)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Bronze (100m)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Fourth (200m)

Personal
A below-the-knee amputee due to a traumatic accident in 2009.

Jeremy | CAMPBELL
TRACK & FIELD



DISCIPLINE: F44
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Discus
HEIGHT: 6-3
WEIGHT: 225
DOB: 08/19/1987
BIRTHPLACE: Perryton, Texas
HOMETOWN: Perryton, Texas
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Edmond, Okla./ Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Perryton High School (Perryon, Texas) '06
COLLEGE: University of Central Oklahoma '14, Psychology
COACH: Larry Judge

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (Discus)
- 2012 Paralympic World Cup – Gold (Discus)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (Discus)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Discus)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (Discus, Pentathlon)
- 2008 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Discus, Pentathlon)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Gold (Long Jump)
- 2007 Paralympic World Cup – Gold (Long Jump)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Silver (Pentathlon)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Fourth (100m)

Personal
Son of Gregg and Stephanie Campbell...Has two brothers, Jacob and Caleb...Caleb plays football for the Kansas City Chiefs…Hobbies include, reading, watching movies, and anything active and outside

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Ryan | CHALMERS
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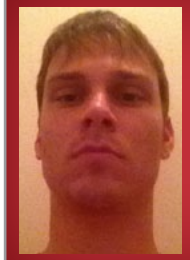

DISCIPLINE: T54
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 400m, 800m, Marathon, 4x400m Relay
DOB: 3/14/89
HOMETOWN: Churchville, N.Y.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: .Champaign, Ill.
COLLEGE: University of Illinois '13

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Bronze (1500m)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Fourth (5000m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships Competitor
- 2010 Los Angeles Marathon – Fifth
- 2010 Twin Cities Marathon – Fourth

Personal

Chalmers went from a hospital bed to a racing wheelchair… While recovering from surgery, a local wheelchair track coach approached him about trying out the sport… Once healed, he gave it a spin and he's now working his way to the top levels of wheelchair racing… Chalmers is currently a senior at the University of Illinois… Hobbies are spending time with friends, reading, scuba diving and watching TV.

Christopher | CLEMENS
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T36/F36
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, Long Jump
HEIGHT: 6-0
WEIGHT: 195
DOB: 11/15/73
BIRTHPLACE: Charleston, S.C.
HOMETOWN: Phoenix, Ariz.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Parkland High School (El Paso, Texas) '93
COLLEGE: University of Missouri '10
COACH: Joaquim Cruz
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (100m, Long Jump)
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Silver (100m)
- American record holder in 100m and long jump
- 2012 American Record Holder (100,Long Jump)
- 2012 US Paralympic Trails (1st 100,Long Jump)
- Parkland High School High Jump record (6.2 feet)

Personal

Son of Gordon and Pat Clemens… Has one brother, Jason… Has a son named Matthew… Is a U.S. Navy veteran and served from 1996-2005…Injured while serving in Afghanistan… Belongs to the Arizona Disabled Sport in Phoenix, Ariz.

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Scott | DANBERG
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: F40
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Discus
DOB: 7/28/62
HOMETOWN: Cooper City, Fla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Davie, Fla.
COLLEGE: California State University, Northridge, M.S. Kinesiology

Career Highlights

- 2011 IPC World Championships – Bronze (Discus)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Discus, Shot Put)
- 2008 Paralympic Games Competitor
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Gold (Shot Put)
- 2007 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships - Silver (Shot Put)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Silver (Shout Put)
- 2006 IPC World Championships- Fourth (Javelin)
- 2004 Paralympic Games Competitor
- 1992 Paralympic Games Competitor (Powerlifting)
- 1998 Paralympic Games – Silver (Javelin)

Personal

Married to Pam… Couple has a teenage son… Danberg is a fitness coach, wellness educator and designer of customized exercise programs…. Currently working towards his Ph.D. in Leadership and Education… also an adjunct professor for Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Fla.

Sean | EWING
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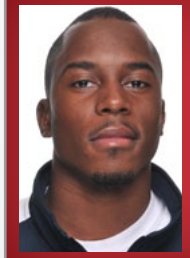

DISCIPLINE: F11 Guide
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Long Jump
HEIGHT: 5-3
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 11/23/89
BIRTHPLACE: Columbia, Mo
HOMETOWN: St. Louis, Mo
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Kansas City, Mo
HIGH SCHOOL: Hazelwood Central High (Florissant, Mo.) 08'
COLLEGE: Highland Community College '09
University Missouri-Kansas City '13, Communication Studies
COACH: Geoff Lorimier
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

- Two-All -Jayhawk Conference (60m)
- Two time NJCAA qualifier (4x100m)
- All-Jayhawk Conference (4x100m)

Personal

Son of Sam and Star Ewig..Has one sibling Shontee Ewing (25)..Earned associates degree from Highland Community College in 2009… Currently at University of Missouri Kansas city seeking degree in communications studies with emphasis in journalism…Hobbies are playing games and working out at the track…Uncle Michael Franks won gold at 1985 World Championships in 400m and 4x400m relay.

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Tobi | FAWEHINMI
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DISCIPLINE: T46/F46
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 200m, 4x100m Relay, Long Jump, Triple Jump
DOB: 8/14/95
HOMETOWN: Arlington, Texas
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Arlington, Texas
HIGH SCHOOL: Mansfield Summit High School

Career Highlights
- 2012 Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (Long Jump, Triple Jump)
- 2012 Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Fourth (100m)

Rudy | GARCIA-TOLSON
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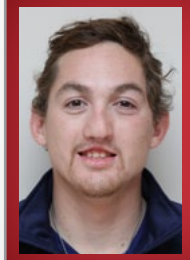

DISCIPLINE: T42
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m
HEIGHT: 6-1
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 9/14/88
BIRTHPLACE: Bloomington, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Bloomington, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Bloomington High School '06
COACHES: Dave Denniston

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (200m)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Bronze (100m)
- 2010 IPC World Championships – Gold (200m, Swimming)
- 2009 Arizona Ironman Competitor
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (200 IM, Swimming)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Gold (200 IM, Swimming)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Bronze (100 Breast, Swimming)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Gold (200 IM, Swimming)

Personal
Has one brother and three sisters… Also an accomplished swimmer.

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Josh | GEORGE
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T53
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, marathon
HEIGHT: 4-10
WEIGHT: 97
DOB: 3/18/84
BIRTHPLACE: Herndon, Va.
HOMETOWN: Herndon, Va.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Champaign, Ill.
HIGH SCHOOL: Herndon High School (Herndon, Va.) '02
COLLEGE: University of Illinois '07, Journalism
COACH: Adam Bleakney

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m)
- 2012 Grandmas Marathon – First
- 2009 Grandmas Marathon – First
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (100m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver (800m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Gold (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m)
- 2006 Chicago Marathon – First
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Bronze (100m, 400m)
- 2004 Chicago Marathon – First
- American record holder in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m and marathon

Personal
Son of Scott and Marjorie George, he has one brother, Jeremy, and one sister, Jennifer…Currently living and training in Champaign, Ill while working for start-up company IntelliWheels Inc…Hobbies include writing, thinking about what to write about and pretending to write, watching movies both good and not so good, ping pong, and mooching home cooked meals off of friends.

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Tanner | GERS
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: F11
2012 Paralympic Games: Long Jump
HEIGHT: 5-8
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 2/18/83
BIRTHPLACE: Lafayette, La.
HOMETOWN: Tucson, Ariz.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Sabino High School (Tucson, Ariz.) '01
COLLEGE:
Pima Community College '09, Business
University of Arizona, '13, Communications
COACH: Willie Caldwell
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (Long Jump)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (Long Jump)
- 2011 National BeepBaseball Association (NBBA) – Most Valuable Player

Personal
Son of Tray and Simone Gers…Has one brother, Grant, and sister-in-law, Melinda…Married Rosa on Dec. 26, 2008…Earned an associate's degree in business from Pima Community College in 2009 and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communications at University of Arizona.. Motivational speaker who enjoys community outreach, playing baseball for the blind, cooking and dancing with his wife, Rosa.

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Elexis | GILLETTE
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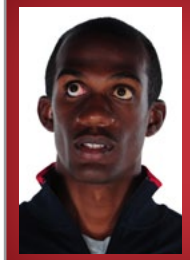

DISCIPLINE: F11/T11
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 4x100m Relay, Long Jump, Triple Jump
HEIGHT: 6-1
WEIGHT: 172
DOB: 10/19/84
BIRTHPLACE: Kinston, N.C.
HOMETOWN: Raleigh, N.C.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Athens Drive High School (Raleigh, N.C.) '03
COLLEGE: East Carolina University '07, Recreation Management
COACH: Craig Poole

Career Highlights
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (Triple Jump)
- 2011 IPC World Championships- Bronze (200m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver (Long Jump)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Bronze (Long Jump)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Silver (Long Jump)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Silver (Long Jump)
- World record holder in long jump
- American record holder in triple jump

Personal
Son of Ervin Marshall and Verdina Gillette-Sims…Has one sister, Uvonne…Earned a master's degree in business administration from University of Phoenix in 2012 …Hobbies include music, and BMX.

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Chris | HAMMER
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T46
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 800m, 1500m, Marathon
HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 3/30/86
BIRTHPLACE: Mt. Clemens, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Troy, Mich.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Cheney, Wash.
HIGH SCHOOL: Troy Athens High School (Troy, Mich.) '04
COLLEGE: Grand Valley State University '09, B.S. in Mathematics (secondary education emphasis)
Eastern Washington University '12, M.S. in Physical Education and Sports Administration
COACHES: Nick Polk and Joaquim Cruz

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games- Gold (1500m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Fifth (Marathon)
- 2007 NCAA D.II All-American (Cross-Country)
- 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 NCAA D.II All-American (Track)
- 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 Academic All-American

Personal
Son of Kerry and Kathy Hammer…Has one brother, Mike, and one sister, Nicole… Married Amy on Aug. 13, 2011…Earned a master's degree in Physical Education: Sports Administration (specialized in sport psychology) from Eastern Washington University in 2012…Hobbies include traveling, watching movies, reading, and eating… 2008 Midwest Men's Region Runner of the Year… Named 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference Runner of the Year… Earned the 2007 and 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference Commissioner's Award.

Josiah | JAMISON

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DISCIPLINE: T12

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 4x100m Relay

DOB: 8/18

BIRTHPLACE: Vance, S.C.

HOMETOWN: Vance, S.C.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Holly Hill Roberts High School (Holly Hill, S.C.) '00

COLLEGE: Spartanburg Community College '04

Ashford University '12

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (100m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Bronze (100m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (100m, 200m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (100m)
- 2008 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Trials – Gold (100m, 200m)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Silver (400m)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Bronze (100m, 200m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Gold (100m)
- 2005 IPC Open European Championship – Silver (100m)

Personal

Since he was born, Jamison had retinitis pigmentosa - a hereditary eye disease that affects peripheral and night vision…Introduced to racing at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in Spartanburg by Jack Todd, a staff member at the school, and Royal Mitchell, a teammate from the 2008 U.S. Paralympic Team… Entering Beijing, Jamison was a strong contender in both the 100m and 200m races, but felt the 200m was his strongest event… Jamison came close to medaling in the 200m, he won his first-ever gold medal in the 100m… Since 2008, Jamison has been preparing for the 2012 Paralympic Games in London, England…Secured a first-place finish in the 100m (T12) during the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships in 2010…Jamison also won a bronze medal in the 100m (T12) at the IPC Athletics World Championships.

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Blake | LEEPER

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DISCIPLINE: T43

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m Relay

DOB: 8/31/89

HOMETOWN: Kingsport, Tenn.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Dobyns Bennett High School (Kingsport, Tenn.)

COLLEGE: University of Tennessee

COACH: Joaquim Cruz

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (100m, 200m, 400m)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Silver (100)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (4x100m Relay)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Silver (100m, 400m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Bronze (200m)
- 2009 Loterias Caixa International Meeting for Athletics and Swimming – Silver (200m)
- 2009 Loterias Caixa International Meeting for Athletics and Swimming – Bronze (100m)
- World record holder in the 100m along with South Africa's Oscar Pistorius

Personal

Son of Edith and Bill… Leeper was born without lower legs and has been using prosthesis since he was a toddler… Ever since he was a child, he's been determined to be a star athlete…Growing up playing basketball and baseball, Leeper competed on his high school's varsity basketball team… In December 2012 he moved to the Olympic Training Center at Chula Vista, Calif. to train… Named International Paralympic Committee Athlete of the Month for July 2012… Previously named United States Olympic Committee Male Athlete of the Month.

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Raymond | MARTIN
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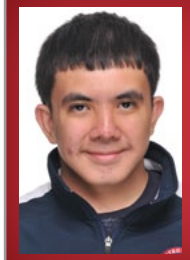

DISCIPLINE: T52
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m
HEIGHT: 5-2
WEIGHT: 95
DOB: 1/02/94
BIRTHPLACE: Jersey City, N.J.
HOMETOWN: Jersey City, N.J.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Champaign, Ill.
HIGH SCHOOL: Hudson County Prep High School (Jersey City, N.J.) '12
COLLEGE: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign '16, Kinesiology
COACH: Jimmy Cuevas and Adam Bleakney

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Games Track & Field Trials – Gold (200m, 400m, 800m)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (200m, 800m)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Silver (100m, 400m)
- World record holder in 200m
- American record holder in 400m and 800m

Personal
Son of Daniel and April Martin…Has one brother, Richard…Hobbies include reading and playing video games.

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Michael | MURRAY
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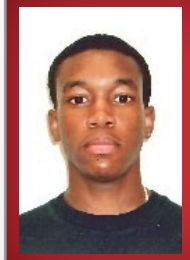
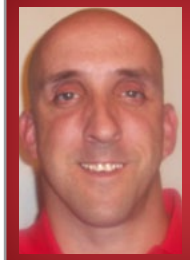


DISCIPLINE: T20
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 1500m run
HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 2/09/91
BIRTHPLACE: Nashville, Tenn
HOMETOWN: Nashville, Tenn
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Nashville, Tenn.
HIGH SCHOOL: Pearl-Cohn High School (Nashville, Tenn.) '09
COACH(ES): Andrew Reynolds,Sr. and Joaquim Cruz

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Bronze (1500m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – 13th (1500m)
- 2011 NAIS World Championship – Fourth (800m)
- 2011 NAIS World Championship – Fifth (400m)
- American record holder in the 400m, 800m and 1500m

Personal
Son of Kathryn Murray Mays and the late Michael Murray…Step Father Michael Mays… Has one sister, Kaylor a freshman at Hampton University in Norfolk, Va… Hobbies include drawing, listening to Old School music and playing basketball and golf.

Paul | NITZ
TRACK & FIELD



DISCIPLINE: T52
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m
HEIGHT: 4-10
WEIGHT: 105
DOB: 3/9/69
BIRTHPLACE: Minneapolis, Minn.
HOMETOWN: Edina, Minn.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Bloomfield, Conn.
HIGH SCHOOL: Edina High School (Edina, Minn.) '87
COLLEGE: Southwest State University (now Southwest Minnesota State University) '92, B.S. Business Administration
COACH: Teresa Skinner

Career Highlights
- 2012 Swiss Series – First (100m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Bronze (100m)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Sixth (100m)
- 2000 Paralympic Games – Gold (100m)
- 1996 Paralympic Games – Gold (100m)
- 1992 Paralympic Games – Gold (100m, 4x100m Relay)

Personal
Son of Gunter and Barbara Nitz…Has two older brothers, Peter and Roger and younger sister, Heidi…Broke the 100m world record during the Swiss Series with a 16.73 race.

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Dennis | OGBE
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: F58
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Shot Put F57/58, Discus F57/58
DOB: 2/2/76
HOMETOWN: Prospect, Ky.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Prospect, Ky.
COLLEGE: Bellarmine University

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (Discus, Shot Put)
- 2011 IPC World Championships Competitor
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Discus, Shot Put)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Discus, Shot Put)
- 2007 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Discus, Shot Put)
- 2006 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Discus, Shot Put)

Personal
Ogbe competed for his native Nigeria at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, but decided his next goal would be to represent the United States at international competition… Ogbe officially became an American citizen in 2010… Competed for Team USA for the first time at the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand… Has won numerous gold medals at the Endeavor Games… 2008 Athlete of the Year for Endeavor Games… At 3 years old, Ogbe became sick with malaria and due to a medical mistake, a needle broke inside of him…As a result, Ogbe contracted polio and later became paralyzed from the waist down… Ogbe eventually gained back motion in one of his legs… Ogbe is a graduate of Bellarmine University and currently lives in Kentucky… Has a wife and daughter.

Aaron | PIKE

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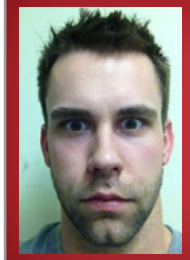

DISCIPLINE: T54

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 1500m, 5000m, Marathon, 4x400m Relay

DOB: 5/4/86

HOMETOWN: Park Rapids, Minn.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Champaign, Ill.

COLLEGE: University of Illinois, '13

Career Highlights

- 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships Competitor
- 2010 Twin Cities Marathon – Third
- 2009 Boston Marathon – Tenth
- 2009 Los Angeles Marathon – Fourth

Personal

Pike suffered a spinal cord injury in 1999….Currently a senior at the University of Illinois…. cites his family as his greatest strength…. Enjoys camping and fishing…

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Markeith | PRICE

TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T13

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 400m, 200m, 4x100m Relay, Long Jump

HEIGHT: 6-1

WEIGHT: 178

DOB: 5/19/90

BIRTHPLACE: Silver Spring, Md.

HOMETOWN: Baltimore, Md.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Mount Saint Joseph High School (Baltimore, Md.) '08

COLLEGE: Tennessee State University '12, Family and Consumer Science – Fashion Merchandising

COACH: Franz Holmes

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (400m, Long Jump)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Bronze (200m, Long Jump)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Fifth (100m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Fourth (Long Jump)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Fifth (200m)
- 2007 IBSA World Championship – Silver (Triple Jump)
- 2007 IBSA World Championship – Fifth (800m)
- 2007 IBSA World Championship – Seventh (Long Jump) 2nd TJ, 5th 800, 7th in LJ
- 2004 USATF Youth National Championships – Fourth (Triple Jump)
- 2004 USATF Youth National Championships – Eighth (4x400m Relay)
- Five-time U.S Paralympic National Champion (2007-12)
- Three-time IBSA World Youth Champion for the Blind (2005-06)

Personal

Son of Keith and Marcella Price… Has one sister, Octavia Price…Earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Family & Consumer Science with a concentration in Fashion Merchandising from Tennessee State University in August 2012 … Hobbies include reading articles, riding his bike and longboard, drawing, playing video games and "anything that's fun that I can take advantage of."

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David | PRINCE

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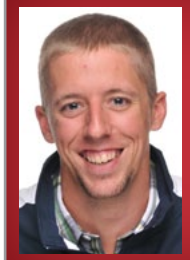

DISCIPLINE: T44

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 400m

HOMETOWN: Marietta, Ga

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Brandon, Fla.

HIGH SCHOOL: Chapel Hill High School, Atlanta, Ga.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (400m, 200m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (4x100m relay)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Bronze (400m)
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (200m, 400m)
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Silver (100m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (400m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Silver (Long Jump)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Bronze (200m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Fourth (High Jump)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Fifth (100m)

Personal

Prince narrowly missed making the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, China four years ago… After getting married and moving to Florida, his training has been the most intense it's ever been. Prince was able to improve his personal best in the 400m by more than three seconds and winning bronze at the 2011 IPC World Championships, as well as a silver medal in the men's 4x100m relay…Prince was raised by missionary parents and traveled frequently across the country and to Oaxaca, Mexico…He spent almost eight years in Oaxaca and was outgoing, picking up the language quickly, acting as the interpreter for his two sisters and brother…Never afraid to talk to anyone, he made friends easily wherever he went and even attended six different private and public schools… At 18, he bought a motorcycle and crashed five days after purchasing it. He had to have his leg amputated below the knee and also broke his arm and suffered a traumatic head injury… But the injury changed Prince's lifestyle forever. He became addicted to exercise and began competing in triathlon as well as track and field.

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Troy Austin | PRUITT
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DISCIPLINE: T34
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m
HEIGHT: 6-0
WEIGHT: 220
DOB: 8/23/94
BIRTHPLACE: Rexburg, Idaho
HOMETOWN: Greenacres, Wash.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Greenacres, Wash.
HIGH SCHOOL: Central Valley High School (Spokane Valley, Wash.) '12
COACH: Teresa Skinner

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (100m, 200m)
- 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships – Bronze (200m)

Personal
Son of Troy and Melisa Pruitt…Has one sister, Kallie … Hobbies include video editing and photography.

Josh | ROBERTS
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T52
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m
DOB: 1/2/82
HOMETOWN: Morris, Ala.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Birmingham, Ala.
HIGH SCHOOL: Mortimer Jordan High School '00
COLLEGE: Jeff State Community College
COACH: Kevin Orr

Career Highlights
- 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships Competitor
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Silver (200m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Bronze (100m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games Competitor
- 2007 Parapan American Games Competitor

Personal
Roberts enjoys playing the guitar and listening to music.

Krige | SCHABORT

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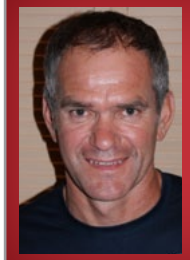

DISCIPLINE: T54

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 5000m, Marathon

WEIGHT: 120

DOB: 9/9/63

BIRTHPLACE: Somerset West, Republic of South Africa

HOMETOWN: Cedartown, Ga.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Cedartown, Ga.

HIGH SCHOOL: Strand High (Strand, South Africa)

COLLEGE: University of Stellenbosch

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Afrikaans

Career Highlights

- 2012 Triathlon All-American (USA Triathlon)
- 2002 IPC World Track Championships – Silver (Marathon)
- 2000 Paralympic Games – Silver (Marathon)
- 1998 IPC World Track Championships – Gold (10000m)
- 1998 IPC World Track Championships – Bronze (Marathon)
- 1992 Paralympic Games – Bronze (Marathon)
- World record holder in the IRONMAN Triathlon

Personal

Son of Susan Magdaleen Schabort… Siblings are Stein and Victor… Married to Caron Erica… Has two children, Simon and Sarah… Hobbies are camping, boating and skiing, movies and traveling… A native of South Africa who previously competed for that nation… Nominated for a 2007 ESPY Award.

Scot | SEVERN

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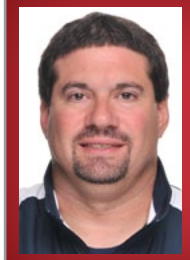

DISCIPLINE: F53

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Shot Put F52/53, Discus F51/52/53, Javelin F52/53

HEIGHT: 6-2

WEIGHT: 230

DOB: 7/20/68

BIRTHPLACE: Cass City, Mich

HOMETOWN: Unionville, Mich

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Caro, Mich

HIGH SCHOOL: Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School

COLLEGE: Saginaw Valley State University '94

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (Discus)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Silver (Javelin, Shot Put)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Silver (Discus, Shot Put)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Fourth (Shot Put)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Shot Put), Silver (Discus, Javelin)
- 2008 Paralympic Games Competitor
- 2008 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (Discus, Javelin, Shot Put)

Personal

On Aug. 14, 1989, Severn was on duty with the U.S. Army Reserves at Camp Grayling in Michigan, when he was struck by lightning… Direct hit threw him 40 feet and caused external as well as internal burns and nerve damage… Damage left him as an incomplete quadriplegic who uses a wheelchair for daily activities… Severn began bowling soon after his accident and still competes…He did not start participating in wheelchair sports until 2003… In 2004, Severn went to his first state wheelchair games in Michigan and Ohio, as well as the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, and won medals in most of his events… Severn is also involved in the handcycling world, and on Labor Day 2006, he crossed the Mackinaw Bridge with Gov. Jennifer Granholm as part of the Govenor's mentoring program…Believes wheelchair sports fill a void left by the lightning bolt 18 years ago… Currently serves as the Sports Director for the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America and serves on the Michigan DNR Accessibility Advisory Council… Severn graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 1994, and married his wife, Brenda, that same year. They now have three children, Nicole (13), Kyle (11) and Colton (10)… Member of Wheelin' Team 457 that was inducted into the Michigan Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame as Athletes of the Year in 2007… Member of Michigan Storm Wheelchair Rugby team that was inducted into the Michigan Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame as a Athletes of the Year in 2006…Inducted into Michigan Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame as the Athlete of the Year in 2005…Various MVP titles from Michigan Wheelchair Games and Ohio Wheelchair Games.

Brian | SIEMANN

TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T53
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 4x400 Relay, Marathon
HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 115
DOB: 10/07/1989
BIRTHPLACE: Brooklyn, N.Y.

HOMETOWN: Millstone, N.J.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Champaign, Ill.
HIGH SCHOOL: Notre Dame High School (Lawrenceville, N.J.) '08
COLLEGE: University of Illinois '13, English and Secondary Education
COACH: Adam Bleakney

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (100m, 200m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships Competitor
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (100m, 200m, 400m)
- 2011 Chicago Marathon – Ninth

Personal

Son of John and Teresa Siemann…Has an older brother John and is a quadruplet with three sisters Amanda, Maria and Jessica...Hobbies include scuba diving, reading, and cooking.

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Jerome | SINGLETON

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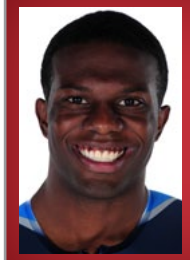

DISCIPLINE: T44

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 4x100m Relay

DOB: 07/07/86

HOMETOWN: Greenwood, S.C.

Current Residence (use AP style state abbreviations): Irmo, S.C.

HIGH SCHOOL: Dutch Fork High School (Irmo, S.C.) '04

COLLEGE: Morehouse College, mathematics and applied physics University of Michigan, industrial engineering

COACH: Kevin Orr

Career Highlights

- 2011 IPC World Championships – Gold (100m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (100m, 4x100m relay)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Silver (100m, 200m)
- 2009 Visa Paralympic World Cup – Silver (100m)
- 2009 Boiling Point Track Classic – Gold (100m)
- 2009 Loterias Caixa International Meeting for Athletics and Swimming – Gold (200m)
- 2009 Loterias Caixa International Meeting for Athletics and Swimming – Silver (100m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver (100m)
- 2008 Paralympic World Cup – Gold (100m)
- 2008 Paralympic World Cup – Silver (200m)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Silver (200m)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Bronze (100m)

Personal

Singleton has the nickname "Fastest Amputee on the Planet" after beating Oscar Pistorius and winning gold at the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships…enjoys reading, studying, weightlifting, listening to music, dancing, playing video games, singing and training.

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Jeff | SKIBA
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: F44
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: High Jump (F46), Javelin
DOB: 4/28/84
HOMETOWN: Sammamish, Wash.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.

Career Highlights
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (High Jump)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (High Jump)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver (Pentathlon)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Gold (High Jump)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Fourth (Long Jump)
- 2006 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Pentathlon)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Silver (High Jump)
- 2002 IPC World Championships – Gold (High Jump)
- 2002 International Challenge Track and Field – First (High Jump)
- **2002 Washington State High School Track & Field Championships – First (High**

Jump)Personal
Skiba was born without a fibula in his left leg and the limb was amputated when he was 11 months old… He is currently a police officer…First Paralympic athlete to compete in U.S. Indoor Track and Field National Championships in 2007.

Shaquille | VANCE
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T42/F42
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, Shot Put
DOB: 03/22/91
HOMETOWN: Houston, Miss.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Houston High School (Houston, Miss.)'10
COACHES: Joaquim Cruz

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (100m)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Silver (200m)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (100m)
- 2010 Endeavor Games – Gold (100m)

Personal
Vance, a multi-sport standout for the Houston High School Hilltoppers, was injured during a football game on April 1, 2009… Fifteen days later, his leg was amputated above the knee… With help from a Jackson, Miss. orthotics and prosthetics outfit, Vance learned to run again… After crushing his competition at the 2010 Endeavor Games in Edmond, Okla., Vance qualified for the U.S. Paralympics Track & Field Resident Team… Moved to Chula Vista, Calif… Trains under the tutelage of sprints coach Joaquim Cruz, the 1984 800-meter Olympic gold medalist from Brazil…Vance continued to improve through the program and will make his Games debut in London… Is expecting his first child in September.

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Jarryd | WALLACE

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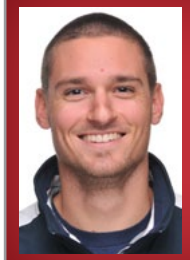

DISCIPLINE: T44
2012 Olympic Events (non-team sports): 400m, 4x100m Relay
HEIGHT: 5-8
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 5/15/90
BIRTHPLACE: Athens, Ga.

HOMETOWN: Athens, Ga.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Athens, Ga.
HIGH SCHOOL: Oconee County High School (Watkinsville, Ga.) '08
COLLEGE: University of Georgia '15, Speech Communications
COACH: Ross Ridgewell

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Fourth (400m)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Fifth (200m)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Sixth (100m)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (100m)
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championship – Bronze (100m)
- 2011 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championship – Fourth (200m)
- 2007 Georgia High School State Championships – First (800m, 1600m, pre-amputation)
- 2006 Georgia High School State Championships – First (Cross Country, pre-amputation)

Personal

Son of Jeff and Sabina Wallace… One sister, Brittany… Uncle, Scott Smith, competed for Team USA at the 1992 Olympic Games in diving… Graduated from Oconee County High School and is currently enrolled at the University of Georgia getting his Bachelors in Speech Communication…Hobbies include playing guitar and piano, singing, wake boarding, and surfing…Started A Leg in Faith Foundation in 2012 to provide prosthetic devices for future elite Paralympic runners.

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Wesley | WILLIAMS
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T11/F11 Guide
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Triple Jump
HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 185
DOB: 8/13/82
BIRTHPLACE: Visalia, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Visalia, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Redwood High School (Visalia, Calif.) '00
COLLEGE: California State University-Northridge '05, Graphic Design
COACH: Craig Poole

Career Highlights

- 2008 Paralympic Games Competitor
- 2007 Parapan American Games Competitor

Personal

Son of Patricia Edwards and George Williams…Has two sisters, Janay and Jianna, and three brothers, Gerome, Josiah, and Jacob…Hobbies include family time, writing, shoe shopping, live music, dating and cologne shopping.

Scott | WINKLER
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: F55
2012 Olympic Events (non-team sports): Shot Put (F54/55/56)
DOB: 1/24/73
HOMETOWN: Pittsburgh, Pa.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Augusta, Ga.

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (Shot Put)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Bronze (Discus)
- 2011 IPC World Championships Competitor
- 2010 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – Gold (Discus, Shot Put)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Fifth (Shot Put)
- 2008 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – First (Shot Put)
- 2007 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships – First (Shot Put)

Personal

Winkler joined the U.S. Army a few years after high school and became a service technician… in 2003 he fell off an ammo truck in Tikrit, Iraq, resulting in paralysis… discovered discus and shot put at the 2006 USOC Paralympic Military Sports Camp…

Zena | COLE
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: F51
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Club F31/32/51, Discus F51/52/53
HEIGHT: 5-2
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 03/18/57
BIRTHPLACE: Lima, Ohio
HOMETOWN: Toledo, Ohio.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Oregon, Ohio
HIGH SCHOOL: Fielbach High School (Toledo, Ohio) '75
COLLEGE: Goodwill School of Business Technology '78, Business Practices
COACHES: Deb Henneman, Erica Wheeler and Gabe Diaz de Leon

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (discus)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (discus)
- American record holder in club and discus

Personal
Daughter of Clyde and Florence Cole (both deceased)…Has four sisters: Karen (Mike), Millie, Nancy (Jefferey) and Kimberly… Also four brothers: Clyde (Denise), Norman (deceased), Jeffrey (Jodi), and Anthony (deceased)…Has been blessed to raise three nieces from very young ages Heather (26), Kalee (15), and Britenee (14)…Heather has two children Demitrius (10) and Isabella (7)…Hobbies include travel, photography and camping.

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Carleigh | DEWALD
TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T34
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m
HEIGHT: 5' 3"
WEIGHT: 127
DOB: 06/08/95
BIRTHPLACE: Eugene, Ore.
HOMETOWN: Canby, Ore.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Canby, Ore.
HIGH SCHOOL: Canby High School (Canby, Ore.) '13
COACH: Kevin Hansen
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: German

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Silver (100m)
- American record holder in the 400m, 800m
- High School All-American for Track and Field

Personal
Daughter of Gregg and Lynae… Has one brother, Jake… Member of the Junior Wheel Blazers through Oregon Disability Sports… Enjoys rock climbing at Portland State University… Plays percussion for the Canby High School Marching Band… Started skiing at Hoodoo last year through Oregon Adaptive Sports and "got hooked"… Says "traveling has taught me the value of spending time with good friends."

Anjali | FORBER-PRATT

TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T53

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m

HEIGHT: 5-0

WEIGHT: 95

DOB: 06/22/84

BIRTHPLACE: Calcutta, India

HOMETOWN: Natick, Mass.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Champaign, Ill.

HIGH SCHOOL:Natick High School (Natick, Mass.) '02

COLLEGE: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign '12, Ph.D. Human Resource Education; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign '07 M.A. Speech Language Pathology; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign '06 B.S. Speech & Hearing Science

COACH: Adam Bleakney

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: American Sign Language

Career Highlights

- 012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Silver (100m, 200m)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Third (400m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Gold (200m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Silver (100m, 400m)
- 2011 Boston Marathon – Fourth
- 2010 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field National Championships – Gold (200m, 400m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field National Championships – Silver (100m)
- 2010 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field National Championships – Fourth (800m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Bronze (400m, 4x100m relay)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Gold (100m, 200m)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Bronze (400m)
- American record holder in 4x100m and 4x400m relay
- Former world record holder in 200m

Personal

Daughter of Rosalind Forber and Larry Pratt… Has two brothers Ian and Henry and sister Wendy… Earned earned her PhD in Education from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign… Hobbies include reading, watching movies, volunteering… Recipient of 2012 United States Olympic Committee Amazing Mentor Award…Recognized by the Boston Celtics as a "Hero Among Us" in 2011… Recipient of Student Athlete of the Year for Disability Resources & Educational Services in 2009… Recipient of 2009 Female Athlete of the Year Award for New England Wheelchair Athletic Association.

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Jessica | GALLI

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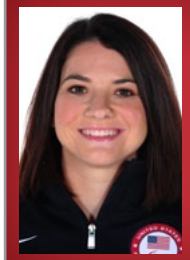

DISCIPLINE: T53

2012 Paralympic Events100m, 200m, 400m, 800m

HEIGHT: 5-0

WEIGHT: 95

DOB: 12/01/83

BIRTHPLACE: Freehold, N.J.

HOMETOWN: Hillsborough, N.J.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Savoy, Ill.

HIGH SCHOOL: Hillsborough High School (Hillsborough, N.J.) '02

COLLEGE: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign '06, B.S. Kinesiology University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign '10, M.S. Community Health

COACH: Adam Bleakney

Career Highlights

- 2011 IPC World Championships – Bronze (800m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Fourth (100m, 200m, 400m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (400m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver (100m, 200m, 800m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Bronze (4x100m relay)
- 2007 IAAF World Championship – Bronze (1500m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Gold (100m, 400m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Silver (200m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Bronze (800m)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Fourth (400m, 800m)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Fifth (100m)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Eighth (1500m)
- 2002 IPC World Championships – Gold (400m, 800m)
- 2002 IPC World Championships – Silver (100m)
- 2000 Paralympic Games – Silver (800m)
- 1998 IPC World Championships – Bronze (100m, 400m)
- World record holder in 200m, 400m, 800m

Personal

Son of Phil and Betsy Galli…Has one sister, Katy…Engaged Gavin Cloy.

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April | HOLMES

TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T44
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m
HEIGHT: 5'8
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 3/11/73
HOMETOWN: Somerdale, N.J.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Kissimmee, Fla.
COLLEGE: Norfolk St. University, B.S. Mass Communications
University of Phoenix, MBA Marketing
COACH: Al Joyner

Career Highlights

- 2011 IPC World Championships – Bronze (100m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (100m)
- 2008 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Championships – Gold (100m, 200m, Long Jump)
- 2007 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Championships – Gold (100m, 200m, Long Jump)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Gold (100m, 200m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Bronze (Long Jump)
- 2006 Visa Paralympic World Cup – Gold (Long Jump)
- 2006 Paralympic Revival – Gold (100m, 400m)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Bronze (Long Jump)
- 2002 IPC World Championships – Silver (100m)
- 2002 IPC World Championships – Fourth (200m)

Personal

Holmes was involved in a train accident that resulted in the loss of her left leg below the knee… While she lay in her hospital bed, Dr. Delong (emergency orthopedic surgeon), told her about the Paralympic Games and a new goal was firmly implanted in her mind… Off the track, Holmes runs the April Holmes Foundation, a non-profit organization tasked with assisting people with physical and learning disabilities with scholarships and medical equipment…Having recently completed her MBA in marketing, Holmes plans to use her education to improve the awareness of persons with disabilities… She does motivational speeches… Presented Liberty Bell & Proclamation from City of Philadelphia Mayor John Street in 2006… Z-Hope Woman of the Year presented by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in 2005… 2004 USOC Spirit Award winner.

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Cheryl | LEITNER

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DISCIPLINE: T52
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m
HEIGHT: 5-2
WEIGHT: 98
DOB: 04/04/83
BIRTHPLACE: Monmouth County, N.J.
HOMETOWN: Toms River, N.J.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Toms River, N.J.

HIGH SCHOOL: Toms River High School North (Toms River, N.J.) '02
COLLEGE: Gemological Institute of America
COACH: Sandra Kipp

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games Competitor (100m, 200m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships Competitor
- 2010 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field National Championships – Third (100m, 200m, 400m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games Competitor
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Fifth (100m)
- 2007 Parapan American Games – Sixth (200m)
- 2001 IPC World Championships Competitor
- 2000 Paralympic Games Competitor (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m)
- 1999 Parapans American Games – Bronze
- 1998 IPC World Championships - Bronze

Personal

Daughter of Sandra Kipp… Has two sisters, Dana Leitner and Sharon Leitner, and a brother, James Leitner… Has a niece, Arianna.

Angela | MADSEN

TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: F56
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Shot Put, Javelin
HEIGHT: 6-1
WEIGHT: 245
DOB: 5/10/60
BIRTHPLACE: Xenia, Ohio

HOMETOWN: Long Beach, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Long Beach, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Fairborn Baker High School (Fairborn, Ohio) '78
COACH: Aaron Volkoff

Career Highlights

- 2012 Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (Shot Put)
- 2012 Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Silver (Javelin)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Silver (Shot Put)
- World record holder in shot put
- Americas record holder in shot put and javelin
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Seventh (Rowing)
- 2000-08 Rowing National Championships - Gold (Rowing)
- 2003-06 Rowing World Championships - Gold (Rowing)
- 2002 Rowing World Championships - Silver (Rowing mens 1X)
- 2011 Guiness World Record (Rowed and skippered mixed 16X across the Atlantic in 47 days)
- 2010 Guiness World Record (Rowed a women's 4X Circumnavigation of GB in 51 days)
- 2009 Guiness World Record (Rowed and skippered mixed8X across the Indian ocean in 58 days)
- 2007 Guiness World Record (Rowed mixed 2X across the Atlantic ocean in 67 days)

Personal

Daughter of Ronald and Lucille Madsen…Has one sister, Julie…five brothers, Ira, Ronald, Mark, Charles and Clifford…Has a Daughter, Jennifer (7/13/77)… Has three granddaughters: Cheyenne, Angel and Amanda…competed for Team USA at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games in rowing…Is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps 5811 Military Police… Played elite basketball for the Women's All Marine Corps Basketball Team… Founder, director and coach at the California Adaptive Rowing Programs… Hobbies include surfing, ocean rowing coaching and public speaking…Planning a non-supported solo row from California to Hawaii in 2013… Set a world record in women's shot put (F56) at the 2012 Paralympic Track & Field Trials…Amateur Athletic Foundation named Madsen a recipient of the Women Who Inspire Us award… Received the Leo Reilly, Jr. Award in 2003 for outstanding spirit and determination… 2011 California Paralyzed Veterans Association Legacy of Hope American Spirit Award winner… Named City of Long Beach Press Telegram 2011 Amazing Woman of the Year in the sports category.

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DISCIPLINE: F57
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Javelin F57/58
HEIGHT: 4'11
WEIGHT: 116
DOB: 6/13/76
BIRTHPLACE: Charleston, S.C.
HOMETOWN: Columbia, S.C.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Columbia, S.C.
HIGH SCHOOL: St. Stephen High School (St. Stephen, S.C.) '94
COLLEGE: Bauder Fashion College '96, Fashion Merchandise; University of South Carolina '10, Sociology and Women Studies
COACHES: Ronald Wilcox and Erica Wheeler

Career Highlights
- 2012 Boiling Point – Gold
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold
- 2012 Endeavor Games – First
- 2012 Desert Challenge – First
- 2011 Czech Open – Silver
- 2011 Endeavor Games – First
- 2011 Desert Challenge – First

Personal
Daughter of Benjamin and Patricia Mazyck…One brother, Benjamin (B.J)…Engaged to Darrell O. Fisher…One son, Tristen (3/17/02)…Hobbies include cooking, shopping and powerlifting… Injured in November 2003 while doing a parachute jump with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division.

Hannah | McFADDEN
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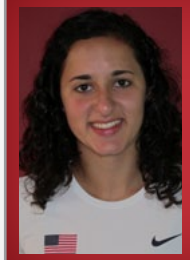

DISCIPLINE: T54
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m
HEIGHT: 5-5
WEIGHT: 125
DOB: 01/23/96
BIRTHPLACE: Durres, Albania
HOMETOWN: Clarksville, Md.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Clarksville, Md.
HIGH SCHOOL: Altholton High School '14
COACH: Jimmy Cuevas

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Bronze (100m)
- 2012 All-American High School Track
- 2011 All-American High School Track
- Six-time IWAS World Games Silver Medalist

Personal
McFadden is a multi-sports athlete making her debut at the London 2012 Paralympic Games… Youngest member of the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Team… Sister Tatyana McFadden is an elite wheelchair racer also competing at the Paralympic Games… First time sisters have competed at the Games together… Enjoys swimming, scuba diving and wheelchair basketball… Honor Roll student… Enjoys cooking.

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Tatyana | McFADDEN

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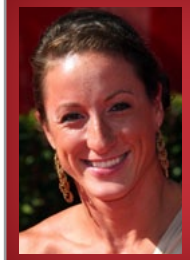

DISCIPLINE: T54
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 400m, 800m,1500m, Marathon
HEIGHT: 5-2
WEIGHT: 104
DOB: 04/21/89
BIRTHPLACE: St. Petersburg, Russia
HOMETOWN: Clarksville, Md.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Champaign, Ill.
HIGH SCHOOL: Athloton High School (Columbia, Md.) '08
COLLEGE: University of Illinois'14, Human Development
COACH: Adam Bleakney

Career Highlights

- 2012 Chicago Marathon – First
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Gold (200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Bronze (100m)
- 2010 New York City Marathon – First
- 2009 Chicago Marathon – First
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Silver (200m, 400m, 800m)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Bronze (4x100m Relay)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Gold (100m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Silver (200m, 400m)
- American record holder in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m
- Ranked No. 1 in the world in 100m, 400m, 800m and 1500m in 2012

Personal

First athlete to compete in the Olympic or Paralympic Games in sprints through marathon… Two younger sisters Hannah (16) and Ruthi (13)… Hannah also is on the U.S. Paralympic Team as a track athlete in the 100m… First time siblings have competed together in the Paralympic Games… Nominated for an ESPY Award in 2011 and 2012… Enjoys other athletic activities… Says she has "the need for speed!"… McFadden says family is "my life and I love hanging out with them."

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Kristen | MESSER

TRACK & FIELD

DISCIPLINE: T34
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 110
DOB: 3/18/87
BIRTHPLACE: Dallas, Texas
HOMETOWN: Austin, Texas

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Spokane Valley, Wash.
HIGH SCHOOL: McNiel High School (Austin, Texas) '05
COLLEGE: Austin Community College '08, Health
COACH: Teresa Skinner

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (100m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Bronze (100m, 200m)
- World record holder in the 100m
- American record holder in the 800m

Personal

Parents are Diana and Randall Messer… Has three older siblings Brent, Bonny and Carl and one younger sibling, Missy… Hobbies include water and snow skiing, bowling, watching movies and wheelchair rugby… Recipient of the Power Player Award at the 2008 Desert Challenge.

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Cassie | MITCHELL

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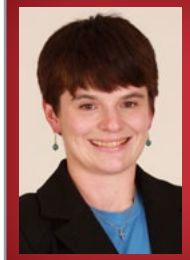

DISCIPLINE: T52/F52

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, Discus F51/52/53

HEIGHT: 5-6

WEIGHT: 118

DOB: 6/8/81

BIRTHPLACE: Muskogee, Okla.

HOMETOWN: Warner, Okla.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Atlanta, Ga.

HIGH SCHOOL: Warner High School (Warner, Okla.) '99

COLLEGE: Oklahoma State University '04, B.S. Chemical Engineering; Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University '09, Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering

COACH: Gustavo Duran-Monge

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (Discus)
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Silver (100m, 200m)
- 2012 World Cup Para-Cycling Champion (H1)
- 2012 National Para-cycling Championships – Gold (H1 time trial)
- 2011 UCI Para-cycling World Championships – Gold (H1 road race, H1 time trial)
- 2011 National Para-cycling Championships – Gold (H1 criterium, road race, time trial)
- 2010 National Para-cycling Championships – Gold (H1 criterium)
- 2004 Collegiate All-American
- 2003 Collegiate Academic All-American
- World record holder in para-cycling women's H1 time trial
- Americas record holder in discus
- American record holder in 400m and 800m

Personal

Daughter of Clara Sue and Randy Ray Mitchell… Earned a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University School of Medicine in 2009… Completed post-doctoral in 2010… Currently is research faculty at Georgia Institute of Technology and leads a cutting-edge research laboratory investigating neurological disease and injury, namely Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis… Has authored numerous publications in scientific journals, proceeding and textbooks… Enjoys mentoring, attending church, cycling (USA Para-cycling Team), swimming, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family… World Paint Horse Champion (1997-pole bending, stake race; 1998-pole bending, stake race, All-around Western, High Point All-around).

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Kerri | MORGAN
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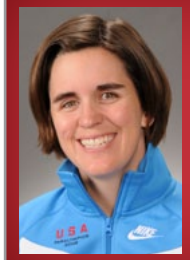

DISCIPLINE: T52
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m
HEIGHT: 5-1
WEIGHT: 95
DOB: 06/11/74
BIRTHPLACE: Port Jefferson, N.Y.
HOMETOWN: Saint Louis, Mo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Saint Louis, Mo.

HIGH SCHOOL: St. Joseph's Academy (Saint Louis, Mo.) '92
COLLEGE: Texas Christian University '96, Psychology; Washington University '98, M.S. Occupational Therapy
Washington University TDB, Ph.D. Movement Science
COACH: Steve Bunn

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Gold (100m, 200m)
- 2010 IPC World Championships – Gold (800m)
- 2010 IPC World Championships – Silver (100m, 200m, 400m)
- 2009 Americas Zone Championship – Gold (Quad Rugby)
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Fifth (100m, 200m)

Personal
Daughter of Joan and Mike Morgan… Has one brother, Michael… Two nephews Michael and Ryan…Earned a master's degree in occupational therapy from Washington University in 1998...Served as an intern at the White House and Devonshire Hospital in London… Currently pursuing a Ph.D. in movement science from Washington University… Professionally is on faculty at Washington University Program in Occupational Therapy… Hobbies include playing wheelchair rugby and handcycling… First woman to be named to U.S. Quad Rugby Team (2009).

Shirley | REILLY
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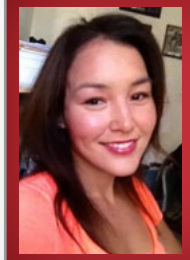

DISCIPLINE: T53
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, Marathon
HEIGHT: 5-0
WEIGHT: 98
DOB: 5/29/85
BIRTHPLACE: Anchorage, Alaska
HOMETOWN: Los Gatos, Calif.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, AZ
HIGH SCHOOL: Los Gatos High School (Los Gatos, Calif.) '03
COLLEGE: University of Arizona ' 13, Government and Management
COACH: Wendy Gumbert
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Sign Language

Career Highlights
- 2012 Boston Marathon – First
- 2012 LA Marathon – First
- 2012 Bolder Boulder – First (10k)
- 2011 IPC World Championships Competitor
- 2011 LA Marathon – First
- 2011 Chicago Marathon – Second U.S. finisher
- 2011 Bolder Boulder – First (10k)
- 2010 Bolder Boulder – First (10k)
- 2008 Paralympic Games Competitor
- 2004 Paralympic Games Competitor

Personal
Daughter of Kevin and Dora Reilly… Has one sister, Ronnie, and two brothers, Kevin and Randy… Grandfather played for Georgetown and they played in the NCAA National Championship game in 1943.

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Susannah | SCARONI

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DISCIPLINE: T54
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Marathon
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 85
DOB: 5/16/91
BIRTHPLACE: Burns, Ore.
HOMETOWN: Tekoa, Wash.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Champaign, Ill.

HIGH SCHOOL: Tekoa High School (Tekoa, Wash.) '09
COLLEGE: University of Illinois '14, Dietetics
COACH: Adam Bleakney
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

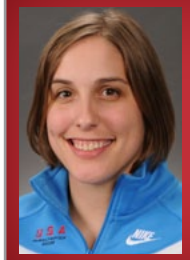
- 2012 Boston Marathon – Fifth
- 2012 Grandma's Marathon – Second
- 2006 IWAS Championship Team
- 2005 IWAS Championship Team

Personal

Daughter of Warren and Barbara Scaroni…Has two brothers, Jesse and Chris, and one sister, Rose…Hobbies include cooking, swimming, being outdoors, training

Christina | SCHWAB

TRACK & FIELD



DISCIPLINE: T54

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 400m, 800m, 5000m, Marathon

HOMETOWN: Dane, Wis.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Lakewood, Colo.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lodi High School (Lodi, Wis.)

COLLEGE: University of Illinois '05, Community Health

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Trials – Bronze (800m)
- 2010 International Wheelchair Basketball Federation Gold Cup – Gold
- 2008 Paralympic Games – Gold (Wheelchair Basketball)
- 2008 North American Cup – First (Wheelchair Basketball)
- 2008 Joseph F. Lyttle World Basketball Challenge - First (Wheelchair Basketball)
- 2006 IWBF Gold Cup – Silver (Wheelchair Basketball)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Bronze (1500m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Fifth (400m)
- 2006 IPC World Championships – Seventh (800m)
- 2004 Paralympic Games – Gold (Wheelchair Basketball)
- 2004 National Championship – First (Wheelchair Basketball)
- 2003 Boston Marathon – First
- 2003 National Championship – First (Wheelchair Basketball)
- 2002 National Championship – First (Wheelchair Basketball)
- 2000 Paralympic Games – Fifth (Wheelchair Basketball)

Personal

Schwabb (formerly Ripp) is a three-time Paralympian in the sport of wheelchair basketball… Schwab was a member of the gold medal team at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games and Athens 2004 Paralympic Games… Played on the team that came in fifth in Sydney in 2000… At the 2008 Paralympic Games, Schwab was near unstoppable, averaging 17 points and 4.5 rebounds in the final two games to lead the U.S. to the top of the podium… After helping the U.S. team to a silver medal at the 2006 world championships, Schwab took a two-year hiatus from basketball to try her hand at wheelchair racing… Though she was successful in her newly adopted sport, Schwab missed basketball too much and returned to the hardwood in 2008… She was also a standout basketball player on the University of Illinois Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team… Graduated from the University of Illinois in December of 2005 with a bachelor's degree in community health… Schwab enjoys reading and coaching.

Katy | SULLIVAN
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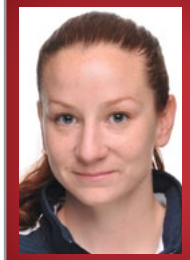

DISCIPLINE: T42
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m
HEIGHT: 5-9
WEIGHT: 135
DOB: 12/06/79
BIRTHPLACE: San Antonio, Texas
HOMETOWN: Tuscaloosa, Ala.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Burbank, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Central High School (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) '98
COLLEGE: Webster University (St. Louis, Mo.) '02
COACH: Christine Kwok

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parpan American Games – Gold (100m)
- 2011 IPC World Championship Competitor
- 2007 Parpan American Games Competitor
- American record holder in 100m

Personal
Daughter of Cornelius and Barbara Sullivan…Has two brothers, Patrick and Daniel and one sister, Maureen…Married Jay Cramer on Sept. 26, 2009…First elite athlete in her family… Earned an acting degree from Webster University in 2002… Webster University's 2011 Young Alumni of the Year… Has busy acting career in Los Angeles… Appeared in several television shows including "My Name is Earl", "Nip/Tuck" and "I'm With Stupid"… Recently in the films "Recalculating" and "Rise"…Hobbies include cooking, reading and spending time with her husband and dog... Bilateral above the knee amputee.

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Amberlynn | WEBER
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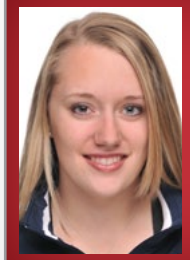

DISCIPLINE: T54
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: 100m, 200m, 400m
HEIGHT: 5-1
DOB: 10/27/93
BIRTHPLACE: Missoula, Mont.
HOMETOWN: Liberty Lake, Wash.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Liberty Lake, Wash.

HIGH SCHOOL: Central Valley High School (Veradale, Wash.) '12
COLLEGE: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign '16, Business
COACH: Teresa Skinner

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Gold (200m, 400m, 800m)
- 2011 Parapan American Games – Bronze (100m)
- 2011 IPC World Championships – Finalist (200m, 400m)

Personal
Daughter of James Weber and Jamie Henri… Step dad is Scott Henri… Brother is Colton Weber.

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Eric Barber (Chicago, Ill./Whitewater, Wis.)
Joe Chambers (Davis, Calif.)
Nate Hinze (Cedar Grove, Wis./Ripon, Wis.)
Trevon Jenifer (Huntington, Md./Edinboro, Pa.)
Jeremy Lade (Janesville, Wis.)
Ian Lynch (Brooklyn Park, Minn.)
Jason Nelms (Emmett, Mich./Arlington, Texas)
Paul Schulte (Manchester, Mich./Bradenton, Fla.)
Matt Scott (Detroit, Mich./Istanbul, Turkey)
Steve Serio (Westbury, N.Y./Wetzler, Germany)
Josh Turek (Council Bluffs, Iowa/Madrid, Spain)
Will Waller (Chicago, Ill./Hudson, Ohio)

STAFF

Head Coach: Jim Glatch
Assistant Coach: Tom Colwell
Assistant Coach: Melvin Juette
Assistant Coach: Chuck Gill
Team Leader: Trent Thenhaus

PREVIEW

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

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The U.S. has not won a medal in the men's wheelchair basketball competition at a Paralympic Games since it won bronze in Sydney in 2000. Since Co-captain Paul Schulte scored that bronze medal clinching shot at the 2000 Paralympic Games, the U.S. Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team has struggled at the Paralympic Games.

Despite claiming three gold medals, a silver medal, and a bronze medal in international competition since 2000, they finished a disappointing seventh at Athens in 2004 before losing to Great Britain in the bronze medal game in Beijing in 2008.

However, the team's recent dominating performances has many thinking the U.S. may win its first men's wheelchair basketball Paralympic gold medal in 24 years, a drought tracing back to the Seoul 1988 Paralympic Games. In their last two tournaments, the U.S. has outscored its opponents by an average of 33 points.

The 2012 U.S. Paralympic Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team is comprised of veterans and newcomers. Of the 12 players traveling to London, seven have prior Paralympic experience, including: Eric Barber (Whitewater, Wisc.), Joe Chambers (Davis, Calif.), Jeremy Lade (Janesville, Wisc.), Jason Nelms (Detroit, Mich.), Paul Schulte (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Matt Scott (Detroit, Mich.), and Steve Serio (Long Island, N.Y.). The remaining players are Nate Hinze (Ripon, Wisc.), Trevon Jenifer (Huntington, Md.), Ian Lynch (Brooklyn Park, Minn.), and Will Waller (Hudson, Ohio). The team will be coached by Jim Glatch (Meadville, Pa.).

The London 2012 Paralympic wheelchair basketball competition will take place from August 30 to September 12.Twelve wheelchair basketball teams will be divided in two groups, from which the top four teams advance to the knockout round. Competing in Group A with the U.S. will be Turkey, Spain and Italy. The U.S. opens play on August 30 against Turkey in the new, temporary Basketball Arena in Olympic Park.

Eric | BARBER

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-7
WEIGHT: 110
DOB: 12/07/1970
BIRTHPLACE: Chicago, IL.
HOMETOWN: Chicago, IL
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Whitewater, WI

HIGH SCHOOL: Amos Alonzo Stagg(Palos Hills, IL.) '89
COLLEGE: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater '95, Communications; '04 MBA

Career Highlights

- 2010 World Championship
- 2008 Paralympic Games
- 2006 World Championship
- 2002 World Championship
- 2002 NWBA National Championship
- 2000 Paralympic Games, Bronze Medal
- 1998 World Championship
- Five-Time All NWBA Team

Personal

Son of Janet Barber. Earned a master's degree in Business Management (HR) University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2004.

Joseph | CHAMBERS

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Center
HEIGHT: 6-6
WEIGHT: 215
DOB: 1/10/82
BIRTHPLACE: Landstuhl, Germany
HOMETOWN: Davis, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Davis, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL: Davis Senior High School, (Davis, Calif.)
COLLEGE: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater '10, Sociology and Criminal Justice

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medalist
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, bronze medalist
- 2010 Collegiate Division, Runner-Up
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 4th place
- 2008 National Collegiate Champion
- 2008 National Collegiate MVP
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medalist
- 2007 National Collegiate Champions
- 2006 IWBF World Championships, silver medalist
- Three-Time All American (2007-2009)

Personal

Son of Jana Hamilton. Married to Mieko Chambers. Has a daughter Marley Yuriko (4/15/12) Enjoys playing the guitar, spending time with his family and dog, Apollo.

Nate | HINZE

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

HEIGHT: 6-3
WEIGHT: 200
DOB: 6/12/88
BIRTHPLACE: Sheboygan, WI
HOMETOWN: Cedar Grove, WI
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Ripon, WI
HIGH SCHOOL: Cedar Grove-Belgium High School (Cedar Grove, WI) 2006
COLLEGE: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 2011 Education
COACH(ES): Jeremy Lade, Tracy Chynoweth

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, Gold
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, Bronze
- 2007, 2009, 2011 Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball National Champions
- 2011 Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Player of the Year
- 2011 Academic All-American

Personal

Son of Ron and Patti Hinze… Has one sister, Melissa, and one brother, Chad… Engaged to Ashley Martin… Earned a bachelor's of science degree in education at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2011… Currently teaching middle school physical education at Ripon Middle School in Ripon, WI… Hobbies include jet skiing, supporting the Packers, Brewers, and Badgers, hanging out with family and friends, and playing videogames.

More

http://www.teamusa.org/Athletes/HI/Nate-Hinze.aspx

Trevon | JENIFER

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 3-0
WEIGHT: 135
DOB: 09/07/88
BIRTHPLACE: Laplata, Md.
HOMETOWN: Huntingtown, Md.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Edinboro, Pa.
HIGH SCHOOL: Huntingtown High School (Huntingtown, Md.) '06
COLLEGE: Edinboro University '11, Criminal Justice
COACH(ES): Jim Glatch

Career Highlights

- 2012 Paralympic Games
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Gold medal
- Two-time All-American (2009, 2010)

Personal

Son of Constance and Eric Brown… has three brothers Paul, Marcus, Jamar and sister Latasha

Jeremy | LADE

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Point Guard

DOB: 01/05/81

COLLEGE: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Physical Education Licensure

Career Highlights

- 2012 Intercollegiate National Championship, head coach
- 2011 Intercollegiate National Championship, head coach
- 2009 Intercollegiate National Championship, head coach
- 2008 Paralympics, 4th place
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2006 IWBF World Championships, silver medal
- 2004 Paralympics
- 2004 Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2004 1st team All-American, Intercollegiate Division
- 2003 Intercollegiate National Champion
- 2003 Intercollegiate Division, MVP
- 2002 Division II National Champion
- 2002 Division II, MVP
- 2002 1st team All-American, Intercollegiate Division
- 2002 IWBF World Championship, gold medal
- 2001 2nd Team All-American, Intercollegiate Division

Personal

Introduced to adaptive sports through a summer camp at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (UWW) at the age of 13 and has been active in sports ever since… Graduated from UWW with a major in Physical Education…Recently hired as head coach of the UWW men's wheelchair basketball team…Enjoys spending time with his wife, playing sports and motorcycling

Ian | LYNCH
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-8
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 4/20/84
BIRTHPLACE: Coon Rapids, Minn.
HOMETOWN: Brooklyn Park, Minn.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Brooklyn Park, Minn.

HIGH SCHOOL: Champlin Park High School (Brooklyn Park, Minn.), '02
COLLEGE: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, '08, Education 1-8
COACH(ES): Tracy Chynoweth, Steve Wilson, Tom, Colwell, Carlo di Giusto
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Italian

Career Highlights
- 2012 Italian Champion
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2010 Jr. National Championship, gold medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2007 College Championship
- 2005 College Championship
- 2004 College Championship
- 2003 College Championship

Personal
Son of Bradford and Kathleen Lynch. Brothers Ryan and Sean. I like to spend time with friends, fish, read, learn languages.

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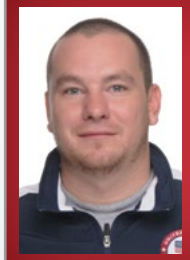
Jason | NELMS
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN



POSITION: SG/PG
HEIGHT: 5-5
WEIGHT: 130
DOB: 11/11/80
BIRTHPLACE: Huntsville, Ala.
HOMETOWN: Emmett, Mich.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Arlington, TX

HIGH SCHOOL: Capac High School, Mich, '99
COLLEGE: University of Texas at Arlington, Criminal Justice, 2007
COACH(ES): Jim Hayes
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: French, Italian

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2012 NWBA Champion
- 2011 NWBA Champion
- 2010 NWBA Champion
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, bronze medal
- 2009 Americas Cup, MVP
- 2008 Paralympics, 4th place
- 2008 NWBA Champion
- 2004 Paralympics
- 2002 IWBF World Championship, gold medal
- 2002 NCAA Champion, University of Texas at Arlington
- Five-time 2nd team All-American

Personal
Son of Jim and Denice Trombley, Siblings Nathan Trombley, Ethan Trombley, Janea Trombley, Brianna Trombley, Chantel Trombley, Kristina Nelms, Joanna Miller. Hobbies include movies, swimming, Detroit sports, video gamers, animals.

Paul | SCHULTE

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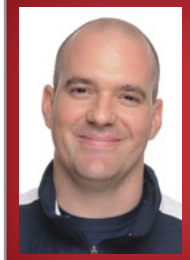

POSITION: Point Guard/ Co-Captain
HEIGHT: 6
WEIGHT: 178
DOB: 03/05/79
BIRTHPLACE: Ann Arbor, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Manchester, Mich.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Bradenton, Fla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Manchester High School (Manchester, Mich.) 1997
COLLEGE: University of Texas at Arlington '05, Mechanical Engineering
COACH(ES): Jim Glatch

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2009 NWBA Men's Champion
- 2008 Paralympics, 4th place
- 2007 NWBA Men's Champion
- 2006 IWBF World Championship, silver medal
- 2006 NWBA Men's Champion
- 2006 NWBA Men's Division, MVP
- 2005 NWBA Men's Champion
- 2005 NWBA Men's Division, MVP
- 2003 NWBA Men's Champion
- 2003 NWBA Men's Division All-Tournament team
- 2002 IWBF World Championship, gold medal
- 2002 IWBF World Championship, MVP
- 2002 NWBA Collegiate Division Champion, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2002 NWBA Collegiate Division, MVP
- 2001 U-23 World Championship, bronze medal,
- 2000 Paralympics, bronze medal
- 1999 NWBA Collegiate Division, MVP
- 1998 Gold medal, World Championship
- 1997 U-23 World Championship, silver medal
- 1997 NWBA Junior Division Champions Grand Rapids Junior Pacers
- 1997 NWBA Junior Division, MVP
- 1995 NWBA Junior Division Champions Grand Rapids Junior Pacers
- Jersey Retired, University of Texas at Arlington

Personal

Son of Thomas and Carol Schulte. Has one sister, Cindy, and 3 brothers, Mark, Peter, and Daniel. Married Meghan Schulted on Dec. 30, 2000. Has one son, Brady (3/9/10). Earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2005. Hobbies include designing wheelchairs for Invacare Top End, spending time with his wife, serving in church, gardening, and Paul Schulte Foundation

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Matt | SCOTT
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 5-8
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 3/27/85
BIRTHPLACE: Detroit, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Whitewater, Wisc
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Istanbul, Turkey

HIGH SCHOOL: Southfield-Lathrup High School
COLLEGE: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
COACH(ES):
Foreign Language: Turkish

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2010 IWBF Gold Cup, bronze
- 2008 Paralympics, 4th place
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2006 IWBF Gold Cup, silver
- 2004 Paralympics

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Steve | SERIO
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 135
DOB: 9/8/87
BIRTHPLACE: New York, N.Y.
HOMETOWN: Westbury, N.Y.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Wetzler, Germany
HIGH SCHOOL: Carle Place High School 2005
COLLEGE: University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, '10, Exercise Physiology
COACH(ES): Mike Frogley, Nicoli Zeltinger, Jim Glatch

Career Highlights
- 2012 European Champion RSV Lahn-Dill team
- 2012 European Champion MVP
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2010 Collegiate Champion
- 2010 MVP
- 2009 U23 World Juniors, gold medal
- 2009 U23 World Juniors, MVP
- 2008 Collegiate Champion
- 2008 Paralympics, 4th Place
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2006 IWBF World Championship, silver medal

Personal
Son of Ed and Hilary Serio…two younger brothers Will and Luke… hobbies include reading and traveling

Joshua | TUREK

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 4/12/79
BIRTHPLACE: Council Bluffs, IA
HOMETOWN: Council Bluffs, IA
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Madrid, Spain
HIGH SCHOOL: Abraham Lincoln High School, Council Bluffs, Iowa 1997
COLLEGE: Southwest Minnesota State University, Political Science 2002
COACH(ES): Dale Ericson
Foreign Language: Spanish; Italian

Career Highlights

- 2004 Paralympic Games
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2001 Jr. World Championships
- Second Team All-American 1999, 2001
- First Team All-American 2000, 2002
- Male Athlete of the Year SMSU 2002
- Multiple MVP and Top Scorer of European Competition 2003-2012

Personal

Son of John and Luellen Turek. Siblings, Ulette Bonner, Rachelle Johnson, John Turek, Elisha Turek. Brother John plays professional basketball. Went to the University of Nebraska. Has played for various clubs teams in Europe since 2005, most recently in Poland where he was center of the year. Sister Elisha played professional basketball in Spain from 2007-2010 after an illustrius carrer at Oral Roberts University.

Will | WALLER

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL - MEN

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 10/05/1973
BIRTHPLACE: Chicago, Illinois
HOMETOWN: Chicago, Illinois
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Hudson, Ohio

HIGH SCHOOL: Senn High School (Chicago, Illinois) '91
COLLEGE: University of Illinois '99, '00, BS in Psychology and Master's of HR, respectively
COACH(ES): Jim Glatch; Melvin Juette
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

- 2010 IWBF World Championships, bronze medal
- 2010 NWBA Division III National Championship
- 2009 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2002 IWBF World Championship, gold medal
- 2002 IWBF World Championship, All-Tournament Team
- 2002 NWBA Division I National Championship
- 2001 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2000 Paralympics, bronze medal
- 2000 NWBA Intercollegiate Championship
- 1999 America's Cup, gold medal
- 1998 IWBF World Championship, gold medal
- 1998 NWBA Intercollegiate Championship
- 1997 America's Cup, gold medal

Personal

Son of Beverly and Wasyl Dudycz…Has two brothers, Mark and Rick…Married Kylie Martin on April 17, 2004…Has a daughter, Sydney (5/12/06), son, Chase (2/28/08),and another son, Calvin (4/15/2011)… Has received a multitude of individual accolades on the Intercollegiate, National and International Levels… Is currently employed by The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as the HR Leader for Global Finance and Information Technology…Free time is spent with family and focused on activities with his children.

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Sarah Binsfeld (Vadnais Heights, Minn./Whitewater, Wis.)
Sarah Castle (Centennial, Colo./Kansas City, Mo.)
Jennifer Chew (Antioch, Calif./Littleton, Colo.)
Rose Hollermann (Elysian, Minn.)
Darlene Hunter (Commerce, Mich./Arlington, Texas)
Mary Allison Milford (Magnolia, Ark./Birmingham, Ala.)
Desiree Miller (Monroe, Wash./Whitewater, Wis.)
Becca Murray (Germantown, Wis./Whitewater, Wis.)
Alana Nichols (Farmington, N.M./Denver, Colo.)
Jennifer Poist (McSherrystown, Pa./Tucson, Ariz.)
Natalie Schneider (Crete, Neb./Ord, Neb.)
Andrea Woodson-Smith (Waynesboro, Va./Durham, N.C.)

STAFF

Head Coach: David Kiley
Assistant Coach: Matt Buchi
Assistant Coach: Dan Price
Team Leader: Jeff Downes

PREVIEW

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

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After winning gold in Athens in 2004, the U.S. women's wheelchair basketball team went through a rebuilding process when half of the 2004 team retired after those Games. Still, fresh faces joined a core group of veterans in Beijing in 2008 where they successfully defend their 2004 Paralympic gold. Now, four years later, the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Women's Wheelchair Basketball team seems poised for another run at Paralympic gold.

Despite retaining only five athletes – Sarah Castle (Centennial, Colo.), Mary Allison Milford (Magnolia, Ark.), Becca Murray (Germantown, Wisc.), Alana Nichols (Farmington, N.M.), and Natalie Schneider (Crete, Neb.) – from the gold medal team in Beijing in 2008, all eleven members of the 2011 Parapan American gold medal winning team will travel to London. The remaining seven athletes experiencing their first Paralympics are: Sarah Binsfeld (Vadnais Heights, Mont.), Jennifer Chew (Antioch, Calif.), Rose Hollerman (Elysian, Minn.), Darlene Hunter (Commerce, Mich.), Desiree Miller (Monroe, Wash.), Jennifer Poist (McSherrytown, Pa.), and Andrea Woodson-Smith (Waynesboro, Va.).

Since their 2006 silver medal at the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) World Championship, the U.S. women's wheelchair basketball team has won every major tournament they have entered. With 2010 World Championship and 2011 Parapan American Games gold medals fresh in their minds the team is determined to claim their third consecutive Paralympic gold – a feat only held by one other country, Canada.

The London 2012 Paralympic wheelchair basketball competition will take place from August 30 to September 12. Ten wheelchair basketball teams will be divided into two groups, from which the top four teams advance to the knockout stage. Competing in Group B with the U.S. will be Brazil, China and Mexico. The U.S. opens play on August 30 against China in the new, temporary Basketball Arena in Olympic Park.

Sarah | BINSFELD

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 4 "10
WEIGHT: N/A
DOB: 6/17/87
BIRTHPLACE: Seoul, Korea
HOMETOWN: Vadnais Heights, MN
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Whitewater, Wisc.

HIGH SCHOOL: Irondale High School (New Brighton, MN.) '06
COLLEGE: University of Wisconsin Whitewater '12, HHPRC
COACH(ES): Dan Price and Jay Baker
Foreign Language: N/A

Career Highlights

- 2012 College Division Champion
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal

Personal

Daughter of Neal and Jeanne Binsfeld. Has 7 sisters, Mikaela, Marissa, Becca, Jenna, Sam, Hannah and Ting. Also has three brothers Ben, Jess and Jack

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Sarah | CASTLE

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Guard, Captain
HEIGHT: 5-2
WEIGHT: 110
DOB: 01/22/84
BIRTHPLACE: Denver, Colo.
HOMETOWN: Centennial, Colo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Kansas City, Mo.

HIGH SCHOOL: St. Mary's Academy (Englewood, Colo.) 2002
COLLEGE: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign '06 BA, '10 MA University of Missouri, Kansas City, '12 JD
COACH(ES): Mike Frogley, Ron Lykins

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2011 Tournament of Champions, MVP
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, gold medal
- 2008 Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2008 NCAA National Champion
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2007 NCAA National Champion
- 2006 IWBF World Championships, silver medal
- 2006 NCAA National Champion
- 2005 America's Cup, gold medal
- 2004 Paralympic Games, 4th place SB6 100m Breaststroke
- 2004 NCAA National Champion
- 2003 NCAA National Champion
- 2002 Swimming World Championships, silver medal
- 2002 NCAA National Champion
- 2000 World Record, S8 1500m Freestyle
- 2000 Paralympic Games, silver medalist
- 2000 Inducted into the Sports Woman of Colorado Hall of Fame

Personal

Daughter of Caren and Larry Castle… Has two siblings… Wesley and Ethan

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Jennifer | CHEW

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 120
DOB: 01/05/1983
BIRTHPLACE: Walnut Creek, Calif
HOMETOWN: Antioch, Calif

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Littleton, Colo
HIGH SCHOOL: Deer Valley High School (Antioch CA) 2001
COLLEGE: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, '05, Anthropology
COACH(ES): Mike Frogley

Career Highlights

- 2012 NWWBT 1st Team All-Tournament
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2011 NWWBT Champion
- 2010 IWBF World Championship, gold medal
- 2010 Osaka Cup, silver medal
- 2010 NWWBT 2nd Team All-Tournament
- 2006 IWBF World Championship, silver medal
- 2006 NWWBT Champion
- 2004 NWWBT Champion
- 2003 NWWBT Champion
- 2002 NWWBT Champion

Personal

Daughter of Randy Chew, and Catherine and Dan Tucker (stepdad). Sister to Victoria Chew, Darryl Tucker (step brother) and Christine Tucker (step sister). Manages the Denver Lady Nuggets basketball team, and assistant coaches the Junior Rolling Nuggets basketball team. Works full time as Accounts Payable for a tire and wheel warranty company. Hobbies include reading, listening to music, and cooking.

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Rose | HOLLERMANN

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 5-8
WEIGHT: 130
DOB: 12/25/95
BIRTHPLACE: Mankato, Minn.

HOMETOWN: Elysian, Minn.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Elysian, Minn.
HIGH SCHOOL:Waterville-Elysian-Morristown High school (Elysian, Minn.)'14

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2011 U25 World Championship, gold medal
- 2010 U20 World Championship, gold medal
- 2010 National Jr. Wheelchair Basketball National Champion
- 2010 All-Tournament Team
- 2009 National Jr. Wheelchair Basketball National Champion
- 2008 National Jr. Wheelchair Basketball National Champion

Personal

Daughter of John and Michelle Hollermann, Sister of Shane, Ethan, and Seth Hollermann, Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting, Basketball, Sled Hockey, Listening to Music, Watching Spongebob,

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Darlene | HUNTER

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 107
DOB: 04/16/82
BIRTHPLACE: Commerce Twp., MI.
HOMETOWN: Commerce Twp. MI
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Arlington, TX.

HIGH SCHOOL: Walled Lake High School (Walled Lake, MI) 2000
COLLEGE: University of Arizona '04 Psychology; University of Texas '06 Master in Social Work; Texas Woman's University '09 Ph.D. in Family Studies

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, gold medal

Personal

Daughter of Donald Hunter and Julie Sisko… has one brother, Scott

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Mary Allison | MILFORD

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-2
WEIGHT: 95
DOB: 3/28/86
BIRTHPLACE: Ruston, La.
HOMETOWN: Magnolia, Ark.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Birmingham, Ala.
HIGH SCHOOL: Magnolia High School (Magnolia, Ark.) '04
COLLEGE: The University of Alabama '09, Public Relations
COACH(ES): Brent Hardin, Margaret Stran

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, gold medal
- 2009 National Champion
- 2008 Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2008 Osaka Cup, gold medal
- 2007 Osaka Cup, bronze medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2006 IWBF World Championships, silver medal
- 2005 America's Zone Qualifier, gold medal

Personal

Daughter of Tommy and Deebe Milford…Has one sister, Abbie Nida, brother-in-law, Jonathan Nida and an adorable niece and nephew, Grace and Jack … Earned a bachelor's degree in Communication and Information Sciences from The University of Alabama in 2009…Works as a recreation specialist at Lakeshore Foundation, an Olympic and Paralympic training site in Birmingham, Ala. Hobbies include traveling, music, and spending time with family and friends.

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Desiree | MILLER

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 5-4
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 8/12/87
BIRTHPLACE: Kirkland, Wash.
HOMETOWN: Monroe, Wash.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Whitewater, Wisc.

HIGH SCHOOL: Monroe High School (Monroe, Wash.) '05
COLLEGE: University of Alabama '10, English/Creative Writing. Univeristy of Wisconsin Whitewater, '14, Masters of Counseling.
COACH(ES): Dan Price

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2011 U25 World Championships, gold medal
- 2011 U25 World Championships, MVP
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, gold medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, 1st place
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, gold medal
- All-American, Academic All-American (2012)

Personal

Daughter of Eugene and Denise Miller…3 younger siblings, Darcie (23), Deidra (16), Zack (12)…Currently pursuing a master's degree in counseling at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater…Hobbies include reading and music.

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Becca | MURRAY

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-3
WEIGHT: 140
DOB: 3/15/90
BIRTHPLACE: Richfield, Wis.
HOMETOWN: Germantown, Wis.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Whitewater, Wis.
HIGH SCHOOL: Germantown High School (Germantown, Wis.) '08
COLLEGE: University of Wisconsin - Whitewater '13, Special Education
COACH(ES): Dan Price

Career Highlights

- 2012 Women's College Division National Champion
- 2012 Women's College Division Player of the Year
- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2011 U25 World Championship, gold medal
- 2011 U25 World Championship, All-Tournament Team
- 2011 Women's College Division Player of the Year
- 2010 IWBF World Championship, gold medal
- 2010 IWBF World Championship, All Tournament Team
- 2008 Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2007 Jr. League National Champions
- 2005 U-20 Australia Games, team member

Personal

Daughter of Richard and Linda Murray…Has one sister, Ricki… Has one brother, Robert… Has one God Son, Payton…

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Alana | NICHOLS

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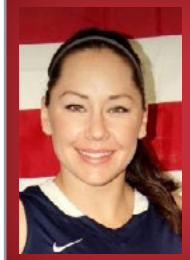

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-7
WEIGHT: 125
DOB: 03/21/1983
BIRTHPLACE: Farmington, New Mex
HOMETOWN: Farmington, New Mex
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Denver, Colo

HIGH SCHOOL: Farmington High School (Farmington New Mex.) 2001
COLLEGE: University of Arizona, '06, Special Education Rehab & School Psychology
COACH(ES): Derek Brown & Brent Hardin
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Sign Language

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2011 World Champion (Downhill, Super-G)
- 2011 Paralympic Athlete of the Year
- 2011 Colorado Sports Woman of the Year
- 2011 NWBA National Champion
- 2010 Paralympic Winter Games (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze medal)
- 2009 National Champion (Downhill & Super-G)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2006 IWBF World Championships, silver medal
- Three-Time ESPY Nominee (2010, 2011, 2012)
- First Female American athlete to win Gold Medals in both Summer & Winter Paralympic Games

Personal

Daughter of David and Susan Nichols but raised by Grandparents Dave & Joan Vilven. One brother, David, two sisters, Jovan and Juilanne. Single. Earned a Masters Degree from the University of Alabama in 2008. Hobbies include skiing paddle boarding and yoga.

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Jennifer | POIST

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Guard
HEIGHT: 5-2
WEIGHT: 112
DOB: 3/14/89
BIRTHPLACE: Hanover, Pa.
HOMETOWN: McSherrystown, Pa.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Delone Catholic High School (McSherrystown, Pa.) 2007
COLLEGE: University of Arizona, '15, Doctor of Pharmacy
COACH(ES): Peter Hughes

Career Highlights

- 2012 NWBA Women's Division National Champion
- 2011 U25 Women's World Championship, gold medal

Personal

Daughter of Phil and Jill and Poist...Currently pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Arizona...Hobbies include handcycling, reading, and cooking.

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Natalie | SCHNEIDER

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 5-9
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 02/11/83
BIRTHPLACE: Crete, Neb.
HOMETOWN: Crete, Neb.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Ord, Neb.
HIGH SCHOOL: Crete High School, Crete, NE; 2001
COLLEGE: Doane College '05; Mathematics and Computer Science; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, '07; Master in Statistics

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2010 IWBF World Championship, gold medal
- 2008 Paralympic Games, gold medal

Personal

Daughter of Nancy and Dennis Nelsen… Has one sister, Dana Stark, and one brother, Daryl Nelsen.. Married to Daniel Schneider.

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Andrea | WOODSON-SMITH

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL – WOMEN'S

POSITION: Forward
HEIGHT: 6-3
WEIGHT: 206
DOB: 4/7/12
BIRTHPLACE: Waynesboro, Va.
HOMETOWN: Waynesboro, Va.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Durham, N.C.
HIGH SCHOOL: Waynesboro High School (Waynesboro, Va.) '90

COLLEGE: James Madison University '94, Kinesiology
North Carolina Central University '99, Physical Education
Texas Woman's University '06 Adapted Physical Education
COACH(ES): Coach Moorman, Coach Morrison, Coach Blose
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Sign Language

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, gold medal
- 2011 International Tournament of Champions, gold medal
- 2010 IWBF World Championships, gold medal
- 2010 North American Cup, gold medal
- 2010 Roosevelt Cup, silver medal
- 2006 IWBF World Championship, silver medal
- 2005 National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament Champions
- 2005 National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, MVP
- 2004 North American Cup, gold medal
- 2003 World Cup Qualifier, bronze medal

Personal

Daughter of Benjamin and Drenette (deceased) Woodson…Has one older brother, Alphonso Woodson…Married Jeremy Smith December 2006…Uncle, David Lee Blackwell, competed for Team Puerto Rico in Basketball…Earned a Doctoral degree in Adapted Physical Education from Texas Woman's University in 2006 (Currently an Assistant Professor in Physical Education specializing in Adapted Physical Education at North Carolina Central University)…Hobbies include cooking, traveling, watching movies and basketball.

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WOMEN

Cat Bouwkamp (Fishers, Ind.)

MEN

Joseph Brinson (Florence, Miss.)
Ryan Estep (Florence, Miss.)
Mario Rodriguez (Port Hueneme, Calif.), ret., Air Force
Gerard Moreno (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Gary Van Der Wege (Kyle, Texas)

STAFF

Head Coach: Sean O'Neill
Asst. Coach: Keith Evans

PREVIEW
WHEELCHAIR FENCING

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Six U.S. fencers will represent Team USA at the Paralympic Games in London and, for the first time ever, an American wheelchair fencer will enter the Games ranked as #3 in the world.

Twenty-five-year-old Ryan Estep (Florence, Miss.) qualified for London with his gold medal win in the Category B epee event at the Pan Am Wheelchair Championships in Sao Paulo in August.

Just two years after being introduced to the sport, Estep found himself on the road to the Paralympic Games and now he has a new goal – reaching the medal stand.

Estep came one step closer to his goal in October when he advanced to the quarter-finals of the Wheelchair World Championships in Catania, Italy.

In April, Estep reached another milestone when he won a silver medal at the Montreal Wheelchair World Cup.

Estep credits Paralympic Coach Les Stawicki (Louisville, Ky.) with much of his rapid success.

"There is no way I would have been able to do close to what I've done with just picking up a sword for the first time, not knowing what fencing was three years ago, to being No. 3 in the world. There's no way I would have been able to accomplish that without him," Estep said.

Estep will be joined in London by three Paralympic veterans.

A retired Air Force staff sergeant, Mario Rodriguez (Port Hueneme, Calif.) will be fencing in his fourth Paralympic Games after competing in 1996, 2000 and 2004.

Although he has fenced all three weapons during his Paralympic career, Rodriguez will specialize in Category A foil in London.

Three-time Paralympian Gerard Moreno (Los Angeles, Calif.) will compete in his fourth Games in the Category B foil event.

Gary Van Der Wege (Kyle, Texas) took a break from competing after the 2004 Games, but returned to international competition in 2011 when he won gold at the Pan Am Zonals in Category A epee to earn his trip to London.

Sixteen-year-old Catherine Bouwkamp (Fishers, Ind.) is the youngest member of Team USA, but the former able-bodied saber fencer is determined to make her mark in her Category A epee event.

While his teammates each qualified for London at the Zonals, Joey Brinson's primary event, Category B saber, wasn't contested in Sao Paulo.

Due to lack of numbers, the event wasn't held and the Brandon, Miss. native was forced to qualify through the world rankings.

By the end of the World Cup season, however, Brinson had accumulated enough points to earn Team USA's final position and is now focused on earning a top finish for Team USA in London.

Catherine | BOUWKAMP

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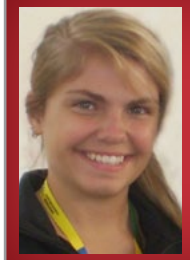

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Women's Foil
HEIGHT: 5'2"
WEIGHT: 120
DOB: 2/13/96
BIRTHPLACE: Indianapolis, Ind.
HOMETOWN: Fishers, Ind.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Fishers, Ind.

HIGH SCHOOL: Fishers High School (Fishers, Ind.) '14
COACHES: Val Kizik, Maestro Leszek Stawicki

Career Highlights

- 2012 USA Fencing National Championships, Gold Medal (Epee, Foil, Saber)
- 2012 March North American Cup, 2 Gold Medals(Saber, Foil)
- 2012 Montreal Wheelchair World Cup, Bronze Medal (Saber)
- 2011 Pan American Wheelchair Championships, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Gold Medal (Foil)
- 2011 Pan American Wheelchair Championships, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Silver Medal (Epee)
- 2011 USA Fencing National Championships, 3 Gold medals (Epee, Foil, Saber)
- 2011 North American Cup D, 2 Gold Medals (Epee, Foil)
- 2011 Malaga, Spain Wheelchair World Cup, 10th Place (Epee)
- 2011 Montreal Wheelchair World Cup, 19th Place (Epee)
- 2011 Warsaw Wheelchair World Cup, 20th Place (Epee)
- 2011 Warsaw Wheelchair World Cup, 20th Place (Foil)
- 2011 Malaga Wheelchair World Cup, 22nd Place (Foil)
- 2011 Montreal Wheelchair World Cup, 23rd Place (Foil)
- 2010 North American Cup A, 3 Gold Medals (Epee, Foil, Saber)
- 2010 North American Cup E, 3 Gold Medals (Foil, Saber, Epee)
- 2010 Montreal Wheelchair World Cup, Bronze Medal (Epee)
- 2010 Wheelchair World Championships, Paris, France 6th Place (Saber)
- 2009 Warsaw Wheelchair World Cup, Bronze Medal (Saber)

Personal

Daughter of Janet and Alan Bouwkamp. Currently a junior at Fishers High School. Honor Roll List and member of National Honor Society. Began fencing sabre at age 9 as a right handed fencer and switched to left hand in the first year. Volunteers working with disabled persons through the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana and with underprivileged children in inner-city Cincinnati through her church. The same year she transitioned from able-bodied to wheelchair fencing, 2009, she won a Bronze medal at her first international competition in Warsaw, Poland at age 13. Cat is the top-ranked female wheelchair fencer in the United States in all three blades of fencing: foil, epee, and sabre. Last August Cat became one of the first U.S. athletes to qualify for the 2012 Paralympic Games.

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Joey | BRINSON

WHEELCHAIR FENCING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Category B Saber

HEIGHT: 5'9"

WEIGHT: 125lbs.

DOB: 8/22/1976

BIRTHPLACE: Jackson, Miss.

HOMETOWN: Florence, Miss.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Florence, Miss.

HIGH SCHOOL: Florence High School, Florence, Miss.

COACH: Les Stawicki and David Williams

Career Highlights

- 2011 Wheelchair World Team member
- 2012 USA Fencing National Wheelchair Championships, gold (Saber)
- 2012 USA Fencing National Wheelchair Championships, silver (Epee)
- 2012 March North American Cup, bronze (Saber)
- 2011 Pan American Wheelchair Championships, silver (Foil)
- 2011 Pan American Wheelchair Championships, bronze (Epee)
- 2011 USA Fencing National Wheelchair Championships, bronze (Epee and Saber)

Personal

After a car accident at age 17 left Brinson paralyzed, the former multi-sport high school athlete turned his attention to sled hockey before being recruited to compete in wheelchair fencing in 2006. Within just five years, Brinson qualified for his first World Championship Team. Although he won medals in both foil and epee at the 2011 Pan American Wheelchair Championships, his specialty weapon – saber – wasn't contested at the Paralympic qualifier. Brinson continued to fight his way through the World Cup circuit to build his world ranking and qualify for London.

Ryan | ESTEP

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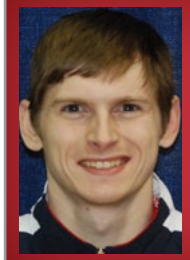

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Category B Epee
HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 125lbs.
DOB: 2/20/1987
BIRTHPLACE: Monroe, La.
HOMETOWN: . Florence, Miss.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: .Florence, Miss.
HIGH SCHOOL: Florence High School, Florence, Miss.
COACH: Les Stawicki

Career Highlights

- Two-time Wheelchair World Championships Team member
- 2011 Wheelchair World Championships, seventh (epee)
- Three-time Wheelchair National Champion (2012 foil and epee, 2011 epee)
- 2012 Montreal Wheelchair World Cup, silver (epee)
- 2012 Lonato Wheelchair World Cup, eighth (epee)
- 2012 Malchow Wheelchair World Cup, eighth (epee)

Personal

A Mississippi high school football standout, Estep caught the eye of college scouts by his freshman year. When a car wreck put him in a wheelchair at age 18, Estep had to find another channel for his athletic talents.

In November, 2009, he tried wheelchair fencing on a dare. "A co-worker said: I bet I can whip your butt in fencing," he remembers. "I thought 'no way' and had to try it. I go to practice, and she beats the crap out of me. I had to keep going until I could compete with her. After the first tournament, I knew I was going to try to turn this into something big just because of the crazy amount of adrenalin it gave me."

Now, the 25-year-old is the No. 1 wheelchair fencer in the USA and No. 3 in the world. In August, he qualified for the 2012 Paralympic Games in London with a gold medal win at the Wheelchair Pan American Championsips in Brazil.

To get ready for the Games in September, he is working out with a personal trainer, attending team practices at Methodist Rehabilitation Center, training with the Paralympic coach and studying film of fencing bouts. "Six days of the week I'm doing something that involves fencing," he said. "I don't want to be just one of the better people in the U.S – I want to be the best in the world. And the only way that is going to happen is through a lot of sacrifice and dedication."

Gerard | MORENO

WHEELCHAIR FENCING

HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 11/14/56
BIRTHPLACE: Los Angeles, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Los Angeles, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Los Angeles, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Beverly Hills High School (Beverly Hills, Calif.) '74

COLLEGE: California State University at Los Angeles, Accounting
COACHES: Misha Itkin (Foil), Daniel Costin (Saber), Les Stawicki
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

- Four U.S. World Championship Teams, 2011 Catania, Italy, 2006 Torino, Italy, 2002 Budapest, Hungary, 1998 Euskirchen, Germany
- Three U.S. Paralympic Teams, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008
- 2011 Gold Medalist in Foil, Pan Pacific Zonal Championships, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Eight Time Saber National Champion
- Three Time Foil National Champion
- 2009 Bronze Medalist in Foil, World Cup, Montreal, Canada
- 2007 Bronze Medalist in Team Foil, World Cup, Montreal, Canada
- 2006 Bronze Medalist in Saber, World Cup, Montreal, Canada
- 2004 Bronze Medalist in Saber, World Cup, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 Gold Medalist in Saber at Pan Pacific Zonal Championships, Austin, TX
- 2003 Bronze Medalist in Foil, World Cup, Austin, TX
- 2003 Bronze Medalist in Saber, World Cup, Sevilla, Spain

Personal

Son of Manuel and Hortense Moreno. Has one brother, Magic Moreno. Married Carrol Walsh on March 2, 1997. Serves on the Board of Directors for the L.A. Chairmen Adaptive Sports Foundation and Ralph's Riders Foundation. Coaches the L.A. Clippers Chairmen wheelchair basketball team. Hobbies include downhill racing, basketball, classic cars, music, travelling and outdoor sports.

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Mario | RODRIGUEZ

WHEELCHAIR FENCING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Category A Foil
HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 125lbs
DOB: 3/6/1959
BIRTHPLACE: Houston, Texas
HOMETOWN: Port Hueneme, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: .Port Hueneme

HIGH SCHOOL: High School for Performing and Visual Arts Houston, TX class of '77, Music Major/Violin
COACHES: Current Coach is Mike D'Asaro, Les Stawicki Former
COACHES: Mauro Hamza, Jerry Benson
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Russian, German

Career Highlights

- Four-time Paralympian (1996, 2000, 2004, 2012)
- Four-time Wheelchair World Team member (1998, 2002, 2011, 2012)
- 2012 Montreal World Cup (Seventh – Foil)
- 2011 Pan American Wheelchair Championships (Gold – Foil)
- 2011 Pan American Wheelchair Championships (Fifth – Epee)
- 2011 Wheelchair World Championships (28th – Foil)
- 2010 Montreal World Cup (16th – Foil)
- 2010 Montreal World Cup (10th – Saber)
- 2010 Malchow World Cup (11th – Foil)
- 2010 North American Cup E (Gold – Saber)
- 2003 Madrid World Cup (Bronze – Foil
- 2002 Austin World Cup (Bronze – Foil)
- Three-time Wheelchair National Champion in Saber (2001, 2004, 2010)
- Four-time Wheelchair National Champion in Foil (1995, 2000, 2003, 2004)

Personal

A former U.S. Air Force staff sergeant, Rodriguez had part of his pelvis and leg surgically removed when doctors discovered he had a tumor in 1985. When physical therapy and rehab proved to be unsuccessful, Rodriguez elected to have the leg removed entirely in 1992 – a decision that ultimately brought him to the sport of wheelchair fencing. After reading about fencing in a magazine, Rodriguez won his first national title in 1995 and qualified to represent the United States at the Atlanta Paralympic Games a year later. Rodriguez has competed at the Games in each of the three weapons – foil, epee and saber – and will fence on his fourth Paralympic Team in London.

Gary | VAN DER WEGE

WHEELCHAIR FENCING

2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Men's Category A Epee
HEIGHT: 6'0"
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 5/12/1955
BIRTHPLACE: Kalamazoo, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Kyle, Texas
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Kyle, Texas

HIGH SCHOOL: Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo, Mich. '73
COLLEGE: Hope College, Holland, Mich. '77 (Theatre Arts); Texas State University, San Marcos, Tex. (Theatre Arts Graduate Studies); Academie d'Armes Internationale. Prevot d'Armes
COACHES: Curtis Hardy, Maestro Jerry Benson

Career Highlights

- 2004 Paralympic Games, Athens. Men's Foil (ind. and team), Men's epee (ind. and team)
- 2002,2003, 2004, 2005 National Epee Champion
- 2006 National Foil Champion
- 2009 National Sabre Champion
- 2002 US World Championships Team, Budapest
- 2011 Pan American Zonal Championships, Gold Medal, Men's Epee

Personal

Son of John and Jean Vander Wege…Has two brothers Robertus and Terrence who influenced him with their involvement in Fencing. …Married to Ting-Shun Chang van der Wege…Has two sons, K Kristiaan, and Arje Maarten… Certified as a Fencing Coach by the US Fencing Assn, Coaches College, and the Academie d'Armes Internationale… Currently Head Fencing Coach for Salle Poujardieu/San Antonio Fencing Center.

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WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

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ROSTER

MEN

Chuck Aoki (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Andy Cohn (San Diego, Calif.)
Chad Cohn (Tucson, Ariz.)
Joe Delagrave (Prairie du Chien, Wisc./Chandler, Ariz.)
Will Groulx (Clarksville, Tenn./Portland, Ore.), ret., Navy
Derrick Helton (Tuscumbia, Mo./Tucson, Ariz.)
Scott Hogsett (Spokane, Wash./Tempe, Ariz.)
Seth McBride (Juneau, Alaska/Portland, Ore.)
Jason Regier (Denver, Colo./Centennial, Colo.)
Adam Scaturro (Lakewood, Colo.)
Nick Springer (Croton, N.Y./Phoenix, Ariz.)
Chance Sumner (Colorado Springs, Colo./Lakewood, Colo.)

STAFF

Head Coach: James Gumbert
Assistant Coach: Ed Suhr
Assist Coach: Troy McGuirk
Team Leader: Mandy Goff
Technical staff/PCA: Bob Murray
Technical staff/PCA: Gary Pate
Athletic Trainer: Jim Murdock
Equipment: Mike Box

PREVIEW
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

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2008 saw a return to the top of the podium for the U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby Team after a bronze medal finish in 2004. The team was focused on retaining its status as the number one team in the world and regaining the title of gold medalists. With that dream realized, shortly after the Games, Coach James "Gumbie" Gumbert looked ahead to London.

The roster of this squad for the last four years has been one marked with tremendous depth and talent. Try-out camps were larger than ever before with a phenomenal pool of U.S. talent from across the country. As veteran athletes like Bryan Kirkland (Leeds, Ala.) who had led the squad to three Paralympic Games bid the sport farewell, newcomers like Joe Delagrave (Chandler, Ariz.) and Chad Cohn (Tucson, Ariz.) made their intentions to make a U.S. team very clear.

Seven athletes from 2008 are back in 2012. Led by team captains Will Groulx (Portland, Ore.) and Scott Hogsett (Tempe, Ariz.), veterans like Andy Cohn (San Diego, Calif.), Nick Springer (New York, N.Y.) and Jason Regier (Denver, Colo.) all bring strong Paralympic experience; in fact though, one tremendous difference for 2012 is that every U.S. athlete has been a big part of an international team either at zonals or World Championships in the last two years. The youngest athlete on the team, standout 20-year-old Chuck Aoki (Minneapolis, Minn.) is forecasted as the player to watch at these Games. Team USA's leadership is confident that this mix of experience and talent position them well for back to back gold medals.

Beijing illuminated are the power and depth of the USA team. Hard work has kept that light shining bright; in an age when "two a days" are the common turn of phrase for athletic programs Team USA camps regularly see no less than three a days for athletes, coaches and staff.

Global competition has increased - Across the globe, wheelchair rugby has gained serious momentum; teams from Great Britain, Australia, Canada and Japan are all threats to stop the repeat. At the 2012 Canada Cup in June, USA rugby was handed a rare loss from the hungry Japanese squad. How will the new level of global competition affect the 2012 Games?

Life changes - Off the court the lives of these men have changed a great deal in four years – marriage, children, new jobs and loss of parents and loved ones have all affected these athletes and their families. They are balancing responsibilities well and their commitment is strong and united.

Popularity of the sport - A fan favorite, rugby has gained in popularity and notoriety since the 2004 film Murderball. Rugby was the first sport to sell-out for the London Games, packed stands and avid fans are sure to highlight the rugby venue in London.

Chuck | AOKI
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: 3.0
HEIGHT: 5'2"
WEIGHT: 153
DOB: 3/7/91
BIRTHPLACE: Minneapolis, Minn.
HOMETOWN: Minneapolis, Minn.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Minneapolis, Minn.

HIGH SCHOOL: Southwest High School (Minneapolis, Minn.) '09
COLLEGE: Metro State University '14, Education
COACHES: James Gumbert, Ed Suhr, Troy McGuirk

Career Highlights
- 2010 World Championships, 1st Place.
- 2011 American Zonal Championships, 1st Place
- 2009 American Zonal Championships, 1st Place
- Two time national champions, (2011-2012)
- 2011 USQRA Athlete of the Year
- MVP of 2011 American Zonal Championships

Personal
Son of Andrew Aoki and Jennifer Nelson…Has one brother, Henry…Currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in education from Metropolitan State University…Hobbies include reading, playing FIFA on Xbox, volunteering with kids with disabilities.

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Andy | COHN
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

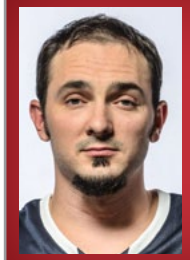
POSITION: 2
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 2/3/78
BIRTHPLACE: Tempe, Ariz.
HOMETOWN: San Diego, Calif.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: San Diego, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Marcos de Niza High School (Tempe, AZ '96
COLLEGE: Arizona State University, 2003
COACH: James Gumbert

Career Highlights
- 2008 Paralympic Games, Gold medal
- Two-time world champion (2006 & 2010)

Personal
Son of Lee and Judy Cohn…Wife is Mandy Cohn… Son named Jaylen

Chad | COHN
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY



POSITION: Picker
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 135
DOB: 8/12/83
BIRTHPLACE: Tucson, Ariz.
HOMETOWN: Tucson, Ariz.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Canyon Del Oro, 2001
COLLEGE: Pima Community College
COACHES: James Gumbert, Troy McGuirk, Ed Suhr

Career Highlights
- Two-time National Champion (2011 & 2012)
- 2011 American Zonal - Gold medal
- 2010 World Championship - Gold medal
- 2009 American Zonal - Gold medal

Personal
Son of Bernie Cohn and Joanne Sherrill… Step mom Sue…Two sisters Stephanie and Carrie and Three Brothers Billy Kenny and David…. Married Denise on 7-21-2012.

Joe | DELAGRAVE
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: 2.0
HEIGHT: 6'5"
WEIGHT: 195
DOB: 3//21/85
BIRTHPLACE: Racine, Wis.
HOMETOWN: Prairie du Chien, Wis.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chandler, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Prairie du Chien High School (Prairie du Chien, Wis.), '03
COLLEGE: Northwestern College, '09 Pastoral Studies

Career Highlights
- 2009 USQRA Division 2 National Champions (Minnesota North Stars)
- 2009 USA Wheelchair Rugby Training Team
- 2010 World Championship Team (Gold Medal), Vancouver, BC
- 2011 American Zonal Championships Team (Gold Medal), Bogota, Columbia
- 2012 USQRA (United States Quad Rugby Association) Athlete of the Year
- 2012 Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby Team

Personal
Son of Daniel and Debra Delagrave….also son of Michael Sublette….has one brother, Lander, who is serving in the U.S. Army….three sisters, Gina, Electra, and Caprice…. Married April Delagrave on June 9, 2007…Has a son, Braxton (1/31/12)…played college football at Winona State ('03-'04)…Currently pursuing a Master's degree in Professional Counseling from Grand Canyon University.

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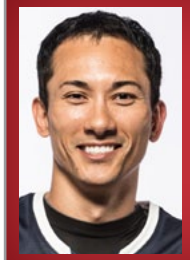
Will | GROUIX
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY



POSITION: Classification 2.0
HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 3/11/1974
BIRTHPLACE: Taejon, South Korea
HOMETOWN: Clarksville, Tenn.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Portland, Ore.
HIGH SCHOOL: Northwest High School (Clarksville, Tenn '92)
COACHES: Ed Suhr, James Gumbert

Career Highlights
- 2010 World Championships, Gold (all tournament 2.0)
- 2008 Paralympic Games, Gold medal
- 2006 World Championships, Gold medal
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Bronze medal
- 2010 USQRA Athlete of the Year
- 2009 Nominated for ESPY (Best Male Athlete with a Disability)

Personal
Son of William and Jean Groulx...Has three sisters, Su, Su, and Rachel...Married Amy Brady on Sept. 24, 2005...father of twins Grace and William (11/12/09)...Served in the U.S. Navy from '95-'01...Hobbies include sports, reading and handcycling.

Derrick | HELTON
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: 2.0
HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 142
DOB: 11/05/85
BIRTHPLACE: Tuscumbia, Mo.
HOMETOWN: Tuscumbia, Mo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Tuscumbia High School (Tuscumbia, Missouri.), '04
COLLEGE: Pima Community College, Biosystems Engineering
COACH: James Gumbert

Career Highlights
- 2012 U.S National Championship -1st
- 2011 U.S National Championship -1st
- 2011 International Zonals -,Gold
- 2010 U.S National Championship - 3rd
- 2010 World Championships - Gold
- 2009 International America's Zonals -Gold
- 2008 Paralympic Games, 1st Alternate

Personal
Son of Ron Helton and Ruby Sabel… Has one brother, Daniel Helton, and three sisters, Lisa, Lacey and Stephanie… Married Krista Helton on Nov.18th, 2011... Currently in college seeking degree in Biosystems Engineering…Spends a lot of time playing with his dogs, also collects/restores antique kerosene lanterns.

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Scott | HOGSETT
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: Picker/Blocker
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 165
DOB: 10/16/72
BIRTHPLACE: Spokane, Wash.
HOMETOWN: Spokane, Wash.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tempe, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Ferris High School, Spokane, Washington, 1991
COLLEGE: Arizona State University, Therapeutic Recreation, 2000
COACH: James Gumbert

Career Highlights
- 2010 Gold medal, World Championships, Vancouver
- 2008 Gold Medal, 2008 Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2008 National Champion, Texas Stampede
- 2007 Athlete of the USQRA, Phoenix Heat
- 2006 Gold Medal, World Championships, New Zealand
- 2005 National Champion, Phoenix Heat
- 2004 Bronze Medal, 2004 Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece

Personal
Son of Doug and Donna Hogsett... has one sister Jennifer Tedrow… Married to Michelle Tsacoumangos March 17 2005… Have a two year boy named Jacoby… Earned a degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Arizona State University… Enjoy spending time with family… hobbies are handcycling, swimming, weightlifting and anything else that relates to sports…I also enjoy visiting hospitals and peer mentoring nnewly injured quadriplegics

Seth | McBRIDE
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: 2.0
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 153
DOB: 2/26/1983
BIRTHPLACE: Seattle, Wash.
HOMETOWN: Juneau, Alaska
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Portland, Ore.
HIGH SCHOOL: Juneau-Douglas High School, Juneau, Alaska, 2001
COLLEGE: University of Oregon 06' International Studies and Political Science, Portland State University 12' MFA: Non-fiction Writing
COACH: James Gumbert, Ed Suhr
Foreign Language: Spanish

Career Highlights
- 2010 World Championships, Gold Medal
- 2008 Paralympic Games, Gold Medal (Wheelchair Rugby)
- 2006 World Championships, Gold Medal

Personal
Son of Ken and Mary McBride…Has one sister, Jessica…Currently pursuing a masters of fine arts in non-fiction writing from Portland State University…Hobbies include travel, bike-touring, and camping.

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Jason | REGIER

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: 0.5
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 142
DOB: 2/8/75
BIRTHPLACE: Denver, Colo.
HOMETOWN: Denver, Colo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Centennial, Colo.

HIGH SCHOOL: George Washington High School (Denver, Colo), '93
COLLEGE: Oregon State Univ., '97, Philosophy
COACH: James Gumbert
Foreign Language: Spanish

Career Highlights

- 2012: First place - Canada Cup, Richmond, British Columbia
- 2012: Nominated to 2012 U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby Team
- 2010: Gold medal, World Wheelchair Rugby Championships, Vancouver, Canada
- 2009: Gold medal, America's Zone Championship, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2008: Gold medal, U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby Team – Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2008: First place - Canada Cup, Burnaby, British Columbia
- 2008: Second place - North American Cup, Birmingham, Alabama
- 2008: USQRA Athlete of the Year
- 2007: Nominated to 2008 U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby Team
- 2007: U.S. Quad Rugby Association (USQRA) Division I National Championship, Denver Harlequins
- 2006: Gold medal - World Wheelchair Rugby Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2006: First place - Canada Cup, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2006: First place - North American Cup, Birmingham, Ala.
- 2005: Gold medal - World Wheelchair Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2005: Selected to U.S. Wheelchair Rugby Development Team

Personal

Son of Clayton and Arlet Regier…Has one brother, Jeff…Earned a master's degree in Business Administration and a MS in Marketing from Univ. of Colorado at Denver in 2004 … Hobbies include reading, handcycling and watching soccer.

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http://www.campuspeak.com/speakers/regier/

Adam | SCATURRO
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: 1.5
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 155
DOB: 12/04/78
BIRTHPLACE: Flagstaff, Ariz.
HOMETOWN: Lakewood, Colo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Lakewood, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: Lakewood High School (Lakewood, Colo.), class of '97
COLLEGE: Colorado State University
COACH: James Gumbert

Career Highlights

- 2012 Paralympic Games team member
- 2010 World Championships - gold medal
- 2009 American Zonal Games - gold medal
- 2007 National Championships/First Place
- 2007, 2008, 2009 – member of the National Championship all-Tournament Team

Personal

Son of Pasquale Scaturro and Jody Dertina…Has one brother, Timothy, and one sister, Sarah…Has a son, Sebastian (11/09/05)…Father has summited Mt. Everest and was the first person in recorded history to raft the entire Nile from source to sea... Hobbies include coaching youth sports, international traveling, scuba diving, paragliding, rafting, and handcycling… Was the first quadriplegic to get to Mt. Everest Base Camp.

Nick | SPRINGER
WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: 2.0
HEIGHT: 4'1"
WEIGHT: 145
DOB: 6/9/85
BIRTHPLACE: New York, N.Y.
HOMETOWN: Croton, N.Y.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Phoenix, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Croton Harmon High School (Croton, NY), '04
COLLEGE: Eckerd College, Communications, '10
COACHES: James Gumbert, Vic Calise

Career Highlights

- 2008 Paralympic Games, gold medal
- 2006 & 2010 world championships, 1st place
- 2008 USQRA Athlete of the year
- Seven-time national champion (2005-11)

Chance | SUMNER

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

POSITION: 3.0
HEIGHT: 6`5”
WEIGHT: 200
DOB: 01/30/1977
BIRTHPLACE: Colorado Springs, Colo.
HOMETOWN: Colorado Springs, Colo.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Lakewood, Colo.
HIGH SCHOOL: William J. Palmer (Colorado Springs, Colo.), `95

Career Highlights

- 2012 Canada Cup, Gold medal
- 2010 World Championships, Gold medal
- 2009 American Zonals, Gold medal
- 2008 Paralympic Games, Gold medal
- 2008 Canada Cup, Gold medal
- 2007 USQRA National Champions and MVP
- 2006 Canada Cup, Gold Medal
- 2006 World Championships, Gold Medal
- 2005 World Wheelchair & Amputee Games, Gold Medal

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ROSTER

WOMEN

Emmy Kaiser (Ft. Mitchell, Ky.)
Mackenzie Soldan (Louisville, Ky./Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

MEN

Steve Baldwin (San Diego, Calif.)
Bryan Barten (Hart, Mich./Tucson, Ariz.)
Jon Rydberg (Pine City, Minn./Oakdale, Minn.)
Nick Taylor (Wichita, Kan.)
David Wagner (Hillsboro, Ore./San Diego, Calif.)
Stephen Welch (Southlake, Texas)
Noah Yablong (Ocean Ridge, Fla.)

STAFF

Head Coach: Dan James (St. Paul, Minn.)
Asst. Coach: Jason Harnett (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.)
Team Leader: David Schobel (Yorktown Heights, N.Y.)

PREVIEW
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

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Wheelchair tennis player David Wagner (Hillsboro, Ore.) enters the London 2012 Paralympic Games on a mission.

Currently ranked No. 1 in the world in the quad singles division by the International Tennis Federation, the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games silver medalist and Beijing 2008 bronze medalist wants his first ever individual gold medal. And he wants to add a third consecutive doubles gold medal to his collection too.

Wagner is ranked No. 2 in the world in doubles with partner Nick Taylor (Wichita, Kan.), who he defeated in the bronze medal match in Beijing.

"When I'm playing him, I don't look at it as if it's Nick Taylor, my doubles partner," said Wagner, who has a singles record of 30-7 for the year. "I just look at it as it's my next person in competition."

Wagner will have more than sixth-ranked Taylor to contend with in London. Ranked No. 9 in the world is their country mate Bryan Barten, who is making his Paralympic debut this year.

Israeli Noam Gershony comes into his first Paralympic Games riding the momentum of a No. 2 ranking, the highest of his career, while No. 3 Peter Norfolk of Great Britain is looking to win his third successive Paralympic quad title on home soil following victories in Athens and Beijing. Earlier this year, Wagner defeated Norfolk.

While Team USA's quad athletes may be the strongest contenders for a wheelchair tennis medal, six other athletes are representing the United States. The men's team will be led by Stephen Welch (Southlake, Texas), Jon Rydberg (Pine City, Minn.), Steve Baldwin (San Diego, Calif.) and Noah Yablong (Ocean Ridge, Fla.), while the women's team features Emmy Kaiser (Ft. Mitchell, Ky.) and Mackenzie Soldan (Louisville, Ky.). Each athlete is slated to compete in singles and doubles.

"The United States Tennis Association is the National Governing Body for Paralympic tennis and is proud of the wheelchair tennis athletes who will represent the United States at this year's Paralympic Games," said Jon Vegosen, USTA Chairman of the Board and President. "Their ability to train their minds and bodies in order to earn the title 'Paralympian' is illustrative of their commitment and dedication to the sport of tennis. Watching them compete will be an honor."

The U.S. will be one of 30 countries represented by the 112 wheelchair tennis competitors from around the world, vying for gold in the men's, women's and quad events. The competition will take place at Eton Manor, a newly-built 10,500 seat venue built specifically for wheelchair tennis located in London's Olympic Park.

Wheelchair tennis is played on a standard tennis court and follows many of the same rules as tennis. However, in wheelchair tennis, a player is allowed to let the ball bounce twice before hitting a return shot. The athlete's wheelchair is also considered to be a part of the body, so rules applying to the player's body apply to the chair as well.

The London 2012 Paralympic Games marks the sixth time wheelchair tennis will be part of the competition, and the third time the quad division will be included.

Steve | BALDWIN
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Men's Open
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Singles and Doubles
HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 170
DOB: 7/09/71
BIRTHPLACE: Newport, R.I.
HOMETOWN: San Diego, Calif.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: San Diego, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Katy High School (Katy, Tex.) '89
COLLEGE: Southwestern University '95, English and history
COACHES: Dan James
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Italian

Career Highlights
- 2001, 2012 U.S. World Team Cup
- 2002 Canadian Open Champion

Personal
Son of Patty McDermott and David Baldwin... Has a brother, Chris, and step-brother and step-sister, Mike and Lisa McDermott... Married Francesca Orlando in September 2006... Earned a Master's degree in English Literature from San Diego State University in 2008... Hobbies include music, poetry and barbeque

Bryan | BARTEN
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Mixed Quads
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Singles
HEIGHT: 6'0
WEIGHT: 175
DOB: 10/8/73
BIRTHPLACE: Hart, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Hart, Mich.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tucson, Ariz.
HIGH SCHOOL: Hart High School (Hart, Mich.) '92
COLLEGES: University of Arizona '02, M.A. Rehabilitation Counseling University of Arizona '99, B.S. Geography and Regional Development
COACHES: Dan James (Head Coach), Jason Harnett

Career Highlights
- 2001, 2004, 2007, 2009-12 U.S. World Team Cup member
- 2004, 2008, 2010-11 Hilton Head PTR Singles Champion
- 2011 French Open Doubles Champion
- 2008 Japan Open Doubles Champion

Personal
Son of Raymond and Hilde Barten…Has one sister, Petra and one brother Pete…Married to Jessica van der Lede (July 7, 2011)…Earned bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Arizona…Coach wheelchair tennis and wheelchair rugby at the University of Arizona. Hobbies include traveling, spending time with wife, family and friends, motor sports, football, basketball, and camping.

Emmy | KAISER
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Women's Open
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Singles and Doubles
HEIGHT: 5-0
WEIGHT: 100
DOB: 5/16/90
BIRTHPLACE: Cincinnati, Ohio
HOMETOWN: Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Ft. Mitchell, Ky.
HIGH SCHOOL: Saint Henry District High School (Erlanger, Ky.) '08
COLLEGE: Thomas More College '11, Psychology and business administration Ball State University, Sport and exercise psychology
COACHES: Dan James (Head Coach); Jason Harnett

Career Highlights
- 2009-12 U.S. World Team Cup
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Doubles - Gold Medal
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Singles - Silver Medal
- 2009, 2011 U.S. Open
- 2004-08 U.S. World Team Cup Juniors

Personal
Daughter of Bob and Patty Kaiser…Has one sister, Bridget… Currently pursuing a master's degree in sport and exercise psychology from Ball State University…Hobbies include reading, photography, traveling and listening to music.

Jon | RYDBERG
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Men's Open
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Singles and Doubles
HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 155
DOB: 10/7/77
BIRTHPLACE: Grantsburg, Wis.
HOMETOWN: Pine City, Minn.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Oakdale, Minn.
HIGH SCHOOL: Pine City High School (Pine City, Minn.) '96
COLLEGE: University of Texas at Arlington '01, Graphic Design
COACHES: Dan James (Head Coach), Jason Harnett

Career Highlights
- 2004, 2008 U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Team member
- 2000-04, 2006-08, 2010-12 U.S. World Team Cup member
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Doubles - Gold Medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, Singles – Gold Medal
- 2007 Parapan American Games, Doubles - Silver Medal

Personal
Son of Paul Rydberg, Joe and Danea Nilsson…Has two brothers, Paul and Gunnar… Married Sarah Rydberg on June 4, 2010…Has a son, Atticus, born April 28, 2011, and is expecting second child in February 2013…Hobbies include boating, hockey to an extreme, and spending time with friends and family… Member of the 1997 National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship Team - University of Texas at Arlington.

Mackenzie | SOLDAN
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Women's Open
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Singles and Doubles
HEIGHT: 5-1
WEIGHT: 120
DOB: 5/14/92
BIRTHPLACE: Saginaw, Mich.
HOMETOWN: Louisville, Ky.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Tuscaloosa, Ala.
HIGH SCHOOL: Christian Academy of Louisville (Louisville, Ky.) '10
COLLEGE: University of Alabama '14, Advertising
Coach: Dan James
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Singles – Gold Medal
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Doubles – Gold Medal
- 2012 World Team Cup debut
- 2010 World No.18 (Career high)
- 2010 US Open participant
- 2007-2010 U.S. High Performance Wheelchair Tennis Team
- Three-time World Team Cup Junior Member

Personal
Daughter of Dave and Jannine Soldan…Have one sister, Kirsten…Hobbies include listening to music, playing guitar and piano, watching movies, spending time with friends and creating personal art pieces... Also plays wheelchair basketball… 2011 Collegiate National Wheelchair Basketball Championship with University of Alabama… Won a gold medal with the 2011 U.S. Wheelchair Basketball 25-Under Team… 2007 U.S. 19-Under Wheelchair Basketball Team.

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Nick | TAYLOR
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Mixed Quads
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Mixed Singles and Doubles
HEIGHT: 5-7
WEIGHT: 190
DOB: 11/12/79
BIRTHPLACE: Wichita, Kan.
HOMETOWN: Wichita, Kan.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Wichita, Kan.
HIGH SCHOOL: Wichita West High School (Wichita, Kan.) '98
COLLEGE: Wichita State University '04, Management Information Systems, Wichita State University'05, Sports Management, Wichita State University '07, Master's Degree in Sports Management
COACHES: Dan James (Head Coach), Jason Harnett

Career Highlights
- 2008 Paralympic Games, Doubles – Gold Medal
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Doubles – Gold Medal
- 2000, 2002, 2005 U.S. Open Super Series Singles Champion
- 2007, 2009, 2010 U.S. Open Grand Slam Doubles Champion
- 2004-07, 2009-10 U.S. Open Super Series Doubles
- 2000-01, 2003-04, 2006-09, 2011 British Open Super Series Doubles Champion
- 2008-10 Australian Open Grand Slam Doubles Champion
- 2003, 2005-07, 2010-11 World Team Cup Champion
- 2005-07, 2009 I.T.F. Doubles Masters Champion

Personal
Son of Bill Taylor and Sherrie Bieberle…Has two brothers, Jordan and Malik…Earned a master's degree in Sports Management from Wichita State University in 2007…Volunteer Assistant Coach for Men's Able –Body Tennis Team at Wichita State University…Hobbies include koi-carp, and playing with his three dogs Minnie, Mighty and Millie.

David | WAGNER
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Mixed Quads
2012 Paralympic Event: Singles and Doubles
HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 150
DOB: 03/04/74
BIRTHPLACE: Fullerton, Calif.
HOMETOWN: Portland, Ore.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Chula Vista, Calif.
HIGH SCHOOL: Walla Walla High School (Walla Walla, Wash.) '93
COLLEGE: Walla Walla University '00, Elementary Education
Devry/Keller University, MBA
COACHES: Dan James (Head Coach), Jason Harnett

Career Highlights

- 2011 US Open Singles and Doubles Champion
- 2010 US Open Singles and Doubles Champion
- 2008 Paralympics Games, Doubles - Gold Medal
- 2008 Paralympic Games, Singles - Bronze Medal
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Doubles - Gold Medal
- 2004 Paralympic Games, Singles – Silver Medal
- World No. 1 ranked in Quad Singles
- World No.1 ranked in Quad Doubles
- Ranked Top 3 in the world since 2002

Personal

Son of Cathy Carson and Joe Wagner …Has one sister, Heather and one brother, Shane… Competed for Team USA at the 2004 and 2008 Paralympic Games …Hobbies include cooking, reading, cliff diving, long walks on the beach and playing soccer.

Connect

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Stephen | WELCH
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Men's Open
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Singles and Doubles
HEIGHT: 5-6
WEIGHT: 168
DOB: 7/28/72
BIRTHPLACE: Fort Worth, Tex.
HOMETOWN: Southlake, Tex.

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Southlake, Tex.
HIGH SCHOOL: L.D. Bell High School, Hurst, Tex.; '90
COLLEGE: University of Texas at Arlington '13, Business
Coach: Dan James
FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish

Career Highlights

- 2011 Parapan American Games, Doubles – Gold Medal
- 2011 Parapan American Games, Singles – Bronze Medal
- 2008 U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Team
- 2004 U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Team
- 2000 Paralympic Games, Singles – Silver Medal
- 2000 Paralympic Games, Doubles – Bronze Medal
- 1996 Paralympic Games, Doubles – Gold Medal
- 1996 Paralympic Games, Singles – Silver Medal
- 1992, 1994, 1999 U.S. Open Singles Open Champion
- Ranked No. 1 in the world twice

Personal

Son of James and Judy Welch....has one brother James L Welch... Competed for team USA in the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Ga. in 1996, Sydney, Australia in 2000, Athens, Greece in 2004, and Beijing, China in 2008…Played wheelchair basketball in 1996 and 2000… Hobbies include playing the piano.

Noah | YABLONG

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

DISCIPLINE: Men's Open
2012 PARALYMPIC EVENTS: Singles and Doubles
HEIGHT: 6-0
WEIGHT: 225
DOB: 7/19/88
BIRTHPLACE: Brockton, Mass.
HOMETOWN: Ocean Ridge, Fla.
CURRENT RESIDENCE: Ocean Ridge, Fla.
HIGH SCHOOL: Homestead High School (Fort Wayne, Ind.) '07
COLLEGE: University of Arizona (Tucson, Ariz.) '12, Engineering Management
COACH: Dan James

Career Highlights

- 2012 U.S. World Team Cup
- 2006 U.S. No.1 ranked Junior
- 2006 "Le Petit As" World Junior Invitational
- 2006 World Team Cup U.S. Junior Team
- 2005 World Team Cup U.S. Junior Team

Personal

Son of Jeffrey and Nan Yablong…Has two sisters, Leah and Rachael… Earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management from the University of Arizona in 2012… Hobbies include listening to music, talking with friends, playing video games, and playing table-top war-games.

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USOC

Founded in 1894 and headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo., the United States Olympic Committee serves as both the National Olympic Committee and National Paralympic Committee for the United States. As such, the USOC is responsible for the training, entering and funding of U.S. teams for the Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic, Pan American and Parapan American Games, while serving as a steward of the Olympic and Paralympic Movements throughout the country.

In addition to its international games responsibilities and work to advance the Olympic and Paralympic Movements, the USOC aids America's Olympic and Paralympic athletes through their National Governing Bodies, providing financial support and jointly working to develop customized, creative and impactful athlete-support and coaching education programs.

The USOC also supports U.S. Olympic and Paralympic athletes on and off the field of play through programming such as direct athlete funding, health insurance, tuition grants, media and marketing opportunities, career services and performance-based monetary rewards. In addition, the Olympic Training Center facilities provide athletes with performance services, including sports medicine; strength and conditioning; psychology, physiology and nutrition assistance; and performance technology.

Additionally, the USOC oversees the process by which U.S. cities bid to host the Olympic/Paralympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games or the Pan/Parapan American Games, while also playing a supporting role in the bid processes for hosting a myriad of other international competitions. Further, the USOC approves the U.S. trials sites and procedures for the Olympic, Paralympic, Youth Olympic, Pan American and Parapan American Games team selections.

MISSION

To support U.S. Olympic and Paralympic athletes in achieving sustained competitive excellence and to preserve the Olympic Ideals, thereby inspiring all Americans.

USOC - U.S. Paralympics

U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, is dedicated to becoming the world leader in the Paralympic sports movement and promoting excellence in the lives of people with physical disabilities. Since its formation in2001, U.S. Paralympics has been inspiring Americans to achieve their dreams.

Today, there are more than 21 million Americans with a physical disability. In the past few years, thousands of military personnel have sustained serious injuries during active duty. Research shows that daily physical activity enhances not only an individual's self-esteem and peer relationships, it also results in increased achievement, better overall health, and higher quality of life. However, despite these findings, most individuals with physical disabilities do not have the opportunity to participate in any regular sports activity.

U.S. Paralympics manages extensive outreach initiatives, connecting with individuals with physical disabilities directly and supporting Paralympic organizations with program development. Through education, sports programs, and partnerships with community organizations, medical facilities and government agencies, U.S. Paralympics is making a difference in the lives of thousands of people with physical and visual disabilities every day.

USOC - History

Upon the 1894 founding of the International Olympic Committee, the two constituent American members, James Edward Sullivan and William Milligan Sloane, formed a committee to organize the participation of U.S. athletes in the inaugural modern Olympic Games to be contested two years later in Athens, Greece. The formal committee, initially named the American Olympic Association, was formed at a meeting in November 1921 at the New York Athletic Club.

In 1940, the AOA changed its name to the United States of America Sports Federation and, in 1945, changed it again to the United States Olympic Association. Public Law 805, which granted the USOA a federal charter, was enacted in 1950 and enabled the USOA to solicit tax-deductible contributions as a private, non-profit corporation.

In 1961, when major constitutional revisions were made, the name of the USOA was changed to its current designation – United States Olympic Committee.

In 1978, the passage of The Amateur Sports Act (now The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act – revised in 1998) as federal law appointed the USOC as the coordinating body for all Olympic-related athletic activity in the United States. It specifically named the USOC coordinating body for athletic activity in the United States directly relating to international competition, including the sports on the programs of the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Parapan American Games. The USOC was also given the responsibility of promoting and supporting physical fitness and public participation in athletic activities by encouraging developmental programs in its member organizations.

The act included provisions for recognizing National Governing Bodies for the sports on the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Parapan American Games programs and gave the USOC the general authority, on a continuing basis, to review matters related to the recognition of NGBs in the act. This public law not only protects the trademarks of the IOC and USOC, but also gives the USOC exclusive rights to the words “Olympic,” “Olympiad” and “Citius, Altius, Fortius,” as well as Olympic-related symbols in the United States.

The law also requires all governance councils of the USOC and NGBs to have at least 20 percent membership and voting power by “recent and active” athletes.

The USOC moved its headquarters from New York City to Colorado Springs, Colo., on July 1, 1978. Thanks to the generous support of the City of Colorado Springs and its residents, the USOC headquarters moved to its present location in downtown Colorado Springs in April 2010, while the previous site (two miles away) remains a U.S. Olympic Training Center.

USOC - Governance

The United States Olympic Committee includes volunteer leadership consisting of a 15-member board of directors and a professional staff headed by the chief executive officer, who is an ex-officio member of the board. The USOC also has four standing board committees (audit, compensation, ethics, and nominating and governance), three constituent councils to serve as sources of opinion and advice to the board and USOC staff – including the Athletes' Advisory Council, National Governing Bodies Council and Multi-Sport Organizations Council – and a Paralympic Advisory Committee. The AAC and the NGBC each have three representatives on the board.

AAC

The Athletes' Advisory Council is responsible for broadening communication between the United States Olympic Committee and active athletes, and serves as a source of input and advice to the USOC board of directors. The AAC consists of at least one athlete from each sport in which the United States is represented at the Olympic and Pan American Games, two athletes representing the Paralympic Sport Organizations or NGBs designated to govern a Paralympic sport, and six athletes elected by the AAC to serve at-large, including a chair and two vice chairs.

NGBC

The mission of the National Governing Bodies Council is to assist the NGBs and Paralympic Sport Organizations as they strive to achieve sustained competitive excellence. The NGBC represents the consensus views of the NGBs and the PSOs to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors, USOC staff and U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Assembly. The council is also charged with ensuring close cooperation and ongoing communication between the NGBC and other USOC entities, such as the Athletes' Advisory Council and the Multi-Sport Organizations Council.

MSOC

The Multi-Sport Organizations Council is comprised of one representative of each of the MSOs (community-based MSOs, education-based MSOs, armed forces organizations and affiliated sport organizations) selected by their governing board. The purpose of the MSOC is to ensure effective communication between the MSOs and the United States Olympic Committee.

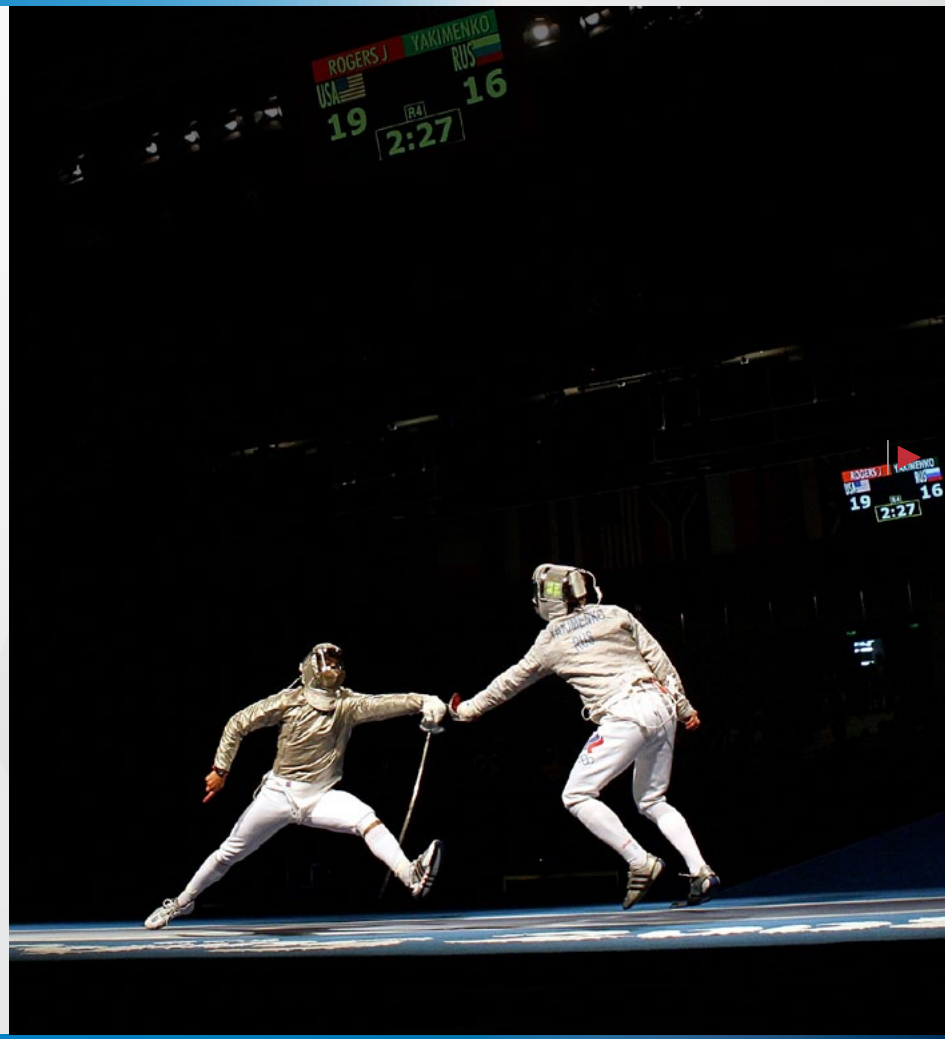
PAC

The objective of the Paralympic Advisory Committee is to advise the United States Olympic Committee board of directors with respect to strategies for sustained competitive excellence in Paralympic sport and to assist the USOC in generating resources in support of Paralympic sport in the U.S. The PAC is chaired by a member of the USOC board.

USOC - Assembly

Once each year, in association with one of four regularly scheduled board meetings, the United States Olympic Committee holds the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Assembly. The event features a variety of meetings, workshops and presentations hosted by the USOC, including a National Governing Body executive directors meeting, and community partners and council meetings. The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Assembly does not conduct or perform any governance functions.

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Assembly was established by the USOC in October 2003 to foster communication, cooperation and the development of new initiatives involving the USOC and the diverse sport associations involved in the Olympic and Paralympic Movements in the United States. Representatives of the NGB Council, Athletes' Advisory Council, Multi-Sport Organizations Council and Paralympic Advisory Committee are invited by USOC leadership to attend in order to advance and achieve the organization's mission.



USOC - National Governing Bodies

NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES & HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS (HPMOS)

National Governing Bodies and HPMOs are organizations that look after all aspects of their individual sports. The NGBs and HPMOs are responsible for the training, competition and development of their sports, as well as nominating athletes to the Paralympic and Parapan American Teams.

Sport	Organization	Website
Archery	USA Archery	http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery.aspx
Boccia	BlazeSports	http://www.blazesports.org/
Cycling	U.S. Paralympics	http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics.aspx
Equestrian	U.S. Equestrian Federation	http://www.usef.org/
Goalball	U.S. Association of Blind Athletes	http://www.usaba.org/
Judo	USA Judo	http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo.aspx
Powerlifting	University of Central Oklahoma	http://www.uco.edu/wellness/sr/trainingsite/index.asp
Rowing	U.S. Rowing	http://www.usrowing.org/index.aspx
Sailing	USA Sailing	http://home.ussailing.org/
Shooting	USA Shooting	http://www.usashooting.org/
Sitting Volleyball	USA Volleyball	http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball.aspx
Soccer (seven-a-side)	U.S. Soccer	http://www.ussoccer.com/
Swimming	U.S. Paralympics	http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics.aspx
Table Tennis	USA Table Tennis	http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis.aspx
Track & Field	U.S. Paralympics	http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics.aspx
Wheelchair Basketball	National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA)	http://www.nwba.org/
Wheelchair Fencing	U.S. Fencing	http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Fencing.aspx
Wheelchair Rugby	Lakeshore Foundation	http://www.lakeshore.org/
Wheelchair Tennis	U.S. Tennis Association (USTA)	http://www.usta.com/

USOC - Olympic Training Centers

Chula Vista, Calif.

The U.S Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., is the first United States Olympic Committee training facility to be master-planned and built from the ground up. It is designated for developing America's athletes, as well as servicing the local community with outreach programs. The year-round, warm-weather sport facility was a gift to the USOC from the San Diego National Sports Training Foundation and rests on a 155-acre complex adjacent to Lower Otay Lake in southwestern San Diego County. It has venues and facilities for a variety of sports: archery, beach volleyball, BMX, canoe/kayak, cycling, field hockey, rowing, rugby, soccer, softball, track & field and triathlon, along with Paralympic track & field and volleyball. Through programs developed by NGBs of each sport, the center hosts and provides coaching, support and facilities to an estimated 4,000 athletes each year.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Colorado Springs, Colo., headquarters of the United States Olympic Committee and 23 National Governing Bodies, is also home to the largest of the three U.S. Olympic Training Centers. The OTC most closely resembles an international sports institute, in that it is a base for education, research and training opportunities, as well as a residence for top athletes in several sports. The center has 11 indoor gymnasiums; the largest indoor shooting facility in the Western Hemisphere, along with an outdoor shooting facility; one of 23 velodromes in the country; an aquatics center; and two sports centers. In addition, the OTC provides comprehensive performance services in its state-of-the-art sports medicine and sports science center. Overall, the OTC can provide housing, dining, recreational facilities and other services for more than 550 coaches and athletes at one time.

Lake Placid, N.Y.

Home of the 1932 and 1980 Olympic Winter Games, Lake Placid, N.Y., officially opened as a U.S. Olympic Training Center in November 1982, with the present facility opening in 1989. With on-site, world-class training facilities and access to neighboring winter resorts, the OTC is frequently home to winter-sport athletes and teams, such as biathlon, bobsled, figure skating, ice hockey, luge, skiing and speedskating. In addition, many summer-sport athletes make trips to the OTC to train, as do several U.S. Paralympic Teams, including the sled hockey, goalball, sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby squads. Many of the facilities used by athletes at the OTC were used during the 1980 Olympic Winter Games, including the Olympic Center, Olympic Speedskating Oval, Olympic Jumping Complex, Mt. Van Hoevenberg and Whiteface Mountain Ski Area.

USOC - Training Sites/Centers

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC TRAINING SITES

The mission of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Sites is to deliver additional resources, services and facilities for athletes and National Governing Bodies, while providing an elite athlete training environment that positively impacts performance. The USOC is partnered with 13 sites as part of this national training system of world-class facilities across the United States.

In 2010, two facilities hosted and trained 46 members of the 2010 U.S. Olympic Team, representing 15 of Team USA's medals at the Vancouver Games. In 2008, 139 members of the 2008 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams trained at these sites, representing 12 of Team USA's medals from Beijing.

The U.S. Olympic Training Sites include:

- Anschutz Southern California Sports Complex – Carson, Calif.
- Caspersen Training Center – West Windsor, N.J.
- East Tennessee State University – Johnson City, Tenn.
- Hill Country Shooting Sports Center – Kerrville, Texas
- Karolyi Ranch – Huntsville, Texas
- Lakeshore Foundation – Birmingham, Ala.
- Miami Sailing Center – Miami, Fla.
- Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation – Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Pettit National Ice Center – Milwaukee, Wis.
- University of Central Oklahoma – Edmond, Okla.
- U.S. National Whitewater Center – Charlotte, N.C.
- Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation – Park City and Kearns, Utah
- World Arena Ice Hall – Colorado Springs, Colo.

OLYMPIC EDUCATION CENTER

The U.S. Olympic Education Center, located on the campus of Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., provides athletes the opportunity to continue their education while training to represent the U.S.

A U.S. Olympic Training Site since 1985, the OEC was recognized in 1989 for its special role in educating athletes and re-designated as the nation's only Olympic Education Center. The center has access to training facilities for a number of Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American and Parapan American sports, including archery, badminton, basketball, boxing, cycling, diving, fencing, field hockey, figure skating, ice hockey, judo, rowing, skiing (jumping, cross country and snowboard), soccer, softball, speedskating, table tennis, taekwondo, team handball, track & field, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.

Since the program's inception, more than 25,000 athletes, coaches, and officials from 51 countries have participated in OEC programs and training opportunities in 29 sports. While these athletes have combined to win more than 100 Olympic medals, it is the educational opportunities the OEC provides that makes the program truly unique. OEC athletes have achieved high school diplomas and college degrees, ranging from one-year certificates to master's degrees.

USOC - U.S. Olympic Foundation

The United States Olympic Foundation, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo., is a separate non-profit corporation established in 1984 as an endowment for sports in the Olympic Movement in the United States.

The foundation was created from the revenue generated by the 1984 Olympic Coin Program and a portion of the surplus from the Olympic Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles. The two funding sources enabled the United States Olympic Committee to establish the foundation with an initial endowment of $111 million. This amount, in accordance with the foundation's articles of incorporation, must remain intact.

The returns from the endowment are used to make an annual grant of 5 percent of the foundation's net assets to the USOC. The grant is used to promote Olympic-related sports in the United States. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than $262.2 million in grants and has grown to a value of $168.8 million as of Dec. 31, 2011. The foundation's board of trustees meets several times each year under the rules of its bylaws.

USOC - Board of Directors

Lawrence (Larry) F. Probst III

Chairman

Lawrence (Larry) F. Probst III was elected chairman of the United States Olympic Committee board of directors on Oct. 2, 2008, and assumed duties as chairman during the 2008 U.S. Olympic Assembly that began in Orlando, Fla., on Oct. 8. In addition, he serves on the International Olympic Committee's International Relations Commission, a post that he assumed by IOC appointment on March 10, 2011.

Probst is also chairman of the board of directors of Electronic Arts, the world's leading developer and publisher of interactive entertainment. Probst joined EA in 1984 and served as the vice president of sales until 1986, followed by four years as senior vice president of the company's publishing division. He led EA as president from December 1990 to October 1997, and was named CEO in May 1991, serving in that capacity until April 2007. Probst has been on EA's board of directors since January 1991 and was elected to the position of chairman of the board of directors in July 1994.

Under Probst, EA navigated multiple technology transitions and made strategic investments in new platforms such as mobile, online and other emerging markets. During his tenure as CEO, the company grew its annual revenue from $175 million in 1992 to roughly $3 billion in 2006, and expanded international operations to more than 75 countries.

Before joining EA, Probst was a national sales manager at Activision Inc. and a national accounts manager at Clorox. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Delaware.

Robert (Robbie) Bach

Robert (Robbie) Bach was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an independent director in December 2010.

Having worked at the Microsoft Corporation since 1988 in various marketing, general management and business leadership roles, Bach retired in 2010 as Microsoft's president of entertainment and devices. Serving in that position since 2006, Bach successfully managed a worldwide, end-to-end business with over 9,000 employees and turned investment businesses into a division that generated $8 billion in revenue and $780 million in profit in 2010. He is also credited with netting Xbox as lead sponsor of the Sounders Football Club.

In addition to his work at Microsoft, Bach serves on the national board of governors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and is a member of the USOC's Multi-Sport Organizations Council. He has been a member of the Boys and Girls Club in Bellevue, Wash., since 1999, and chaired its board from 2004-06.

Bach received a master's degree in business administration from Stanford University and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of North Carolina, where he graduated with highest honors and was an Academic All-American on the Tar Heel tennis team.

USOC - Board of Directors

James Benson

James Benson was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an independent director in December 2010.

Benson is CEO of Benson Botsford LLC, a financial services investment company. He is also the founder and chairman of World T.E.A.M. Sports, an organization dedicated to providing opportunities through sport for people with disabilities. In addition, he serves on several boards, including Achilles International, a non-profit track club for disabled athletes; the University of Illinois Foundation; and the American College Endowment Foundation.

Previously, Benson served as CEO of John Hancock Life Insurance Company, a division of Manulife Financial and a former Olympic sponsor. Before joining John Hancock in 2002, Benson was president of MetLife's Individual Business enterprise. He also held senior leadership positions with New England Financial, GenAmerica Financial Corporation and Equitable Companies Inc. – Equitable Life Assurance Society.

In 2006, Benson received the John Newton Russell Memorial Award, the life insurance industry's highest honor.

Benson holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California.

Bob Bowlsby

Bob Bowlsby was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as a National Governing Bodies Council director in February 2007.

Bowlsby became the seventh commissioner of the Big 12 Conference on June 15, 2012. Prior to that, he served as director of athletics at Stanford University from 2006-12. At Stanford, he led a department that included 35 intercollegiate varsity teams, plus the physical education department, intramurals, club sports, open recreation and the Stanford Golf Course.

Prior to Stanford, Bowlsby spent nearly 15 years at the helm of the University of Iowa's athletic program (1991-2006), which included 24 sports. In addition to his work with the athletic department, he served as chair of the NCAA Wrestling Committee and was on NCAA committees for financial aid and amateurism. He also served a five-year term on the NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament Committee, including two years as committee chairman.

Bowlsby has served as an Executive Committee member with both the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association, and was president of the I-A Directors group in 2002-03. He was elected chair of the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee and has been a member of the board of governors for the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. In addition, he was a member of the President's Commission on Opportunities in Athletics, appointed by President George W. Bush.

A native of Waterloo, Iowa, Bowlsby earned his bachelor's degree in 1975 from Moorhead State University, where he was a member of the wrestling team, and his master's degree in 1978 from the University of Iowa. NACDA named Bowlsby as Central Region Athletic Director of the Year for 2001-02, and in 2002, he was selected as the Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal National Athletic Director of the Year.

USOC - Board of Directors

Ursula M. Burns

Ursula M. Burns was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an independent director in October 2008.

Burns has been chairman of Xerox Corp. since May 2010 and CEO since July 2009 after having served as president of the company's business group operations, corporate senior vice president and president. Burns joined Xerox in 1980 as a mechanical engineering summer intern, which led to several positions in engineering, including product development and planning. In June 1991, she became the executive assistant to Paul A. Allaire, then Xerox chairman and CEO.

From 1992 through 2000, Burns led several business teams, including the office color and fax business, office network copying business and departmental business unit. In May 2000, she was named senior vice president of corporate strategic services and, two years later, assumed the role of president of business group operations.

In April 2007, Burns was named president of Xerox, expanding her leadership to also include the company's IT organization, corporate strategy, human resources, corporate marketing and global accounts. At that time, she was also elected a member of the company's board of directors.

Burns serves on various professional and community boards, including American Express Corp., The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, National Academy Foundation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester. She received a bachelor's degree from the Polytechnic Institute of New York in 1980 and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University in 1981.

Anita L. DeFrantz

Anita L. DeFrantz was appointed to the restructured United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an International Olympic Committee director in July 2004.

DeFrantz was elected to the IOC in October 1986 and currently serves as the vice president of the International Rowing Federation (FISA). A 1976 Olympic rowing bronze medalist and 1980 U.S. Olympic Team member, she was a member of the U.S. National Rowing Team from 1975-80, winning six national championships and a silver medal at the 1978 World Rowing Championships.

First elected to the IOC's Executive Board in July 1992, DeFrantz chairs both the IOC Women and Sport Commission and the IOC Athletes' Commission Election Committee. Additionally, she is a member of the Juridical Commission, the Finance Commission, the Coordination Commission for the London 2012 Olympic Games and the Sport and Law Commission. In 1980, she received the highest honor of the Olympic Movement, the Olympic Order Medal of Bronze presented by the IOC.

From 1981-84, she was vice president of Olympic Villages for the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee. In 1985, DeFrantz joined the staff of the LA84 Foundation (formerly Amateur Athletic

Foundation of Los Angeles), the organization established to manage the surplus from the 1984 Olympic Games. She has served as the LA84 Foundation's president since 1987.

She is president and a member of the board of directors of Kids in Sports in Los Angeles. In addition, she is a member of The Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics; steward of the Women's Sports Foundation; and serves on the board of directors for Western Asset Trust Inc., the Juvenile Law Center, the Institute for International Sport, Santa Monica College Foundation and the Los Angeles Sports Council. She is also a member of the NCAA Leadership Advisory Board; the Advisory Board Sports Business Institute; and the USRowing Task Force on Access, Affordability and Diversity.

USOC -Board of Directors

James L. Easton

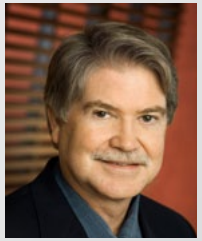
James L. Easton was appointed to the restructured United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an International Olympic Committee director in July 2004.

Easton is honorary president of the International Archery Federation (FITA) and was named to the IOC in 1994. After serving as vice president of the IOC from 2002-06, Easton is currently a member of the IOC Nominations, Marketing and Sport for All Commissions.

In addition, Easton is chairman and CEO of the leading archery equipment company, Jas. D. Easton Inc., and owner of Easton Technical Products and Hoyt Archery. He is also chairman of Easton-Bell Sports LLC and past owner and chairman of Easton Sports Inc.

A graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received a bachelor's degree in engineering, Easton is a member of the Board of Visitors of the Anderson School at UCLA, and a board member of both the National Archery Association Foundation and the LA84 Foundation.

John S. Hendricks



John S. Hendricks was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an independent director in February 2007.

Hendricks is the founder and chairman of Discovery Communications, the world's No. 1 nonfiction media company. Hendricks created Discovery Channel in 1982 as the first cable network in the United States designed to provide high quality documentary programming.

Hendricks has been the driving force behind Discovery's dramatic growth, including the expansion of Discovery Communications from its core property, Discovery Channel, to current global operations in more than 200 countries and territories with more than 1.5 billion cumulative subscribers. Under Hendricks' leadership, Discovery now encompasses more than 140 networks of distinctive programming, representing 28 entertainment brands.

Hendricks has been honored with a Primetime Emmy Award and the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences highest honor, the Governors Award, for conceiving the TLC series, "Great Books." The Ark Trust named him a recipient of the Genesis Award for lifetime achievement for his efforts in raising awareness around the globe about animal issues. Hendricks has also been recognized as the first corporate leader to receive the National Education Association's Friend of Education award.

In addition to the USOC, Hendricks serves on the board of directors of a number of other non-profit organizations, including the National Forest Foundation.

Before 1982, Hendricks founded and served as president of the American Association of University Consultants. He holds a bachelor's degree in history (magna cum laude, 1974) and an honorary doctorate (1991) from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

USOC - Board of Directors

Nina Kemppel

Nina Kemppel was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an Athletes' Advisory Council director in December 2010.

The vice chair of the AAC, Kemppel has been actively engaged for many years with key constituent groups within the Olympic Movement. She has served on the AAC leadership team since 2008, currently serves as chair of the AAC Athlete Support Division, was a member of the AAC Paralympic Task Force and was the former vice chair of the AAC Anti-Doping Committee. Kemppel also recently chaired the USOC Working Group for Safe Training Environments.

In addition to her work within the Olympic Movement, Kemppel is currently a principal at the Coraggio Group, a management consulting firm specializing in business strategy and organizational change. She works with public, private and non-profit clients on designing new business models, innovative revenue stream development, strategic planning and effective process improvements. From 2005-08, she worked at Oliver Wyman Consulting, a global consulting firm that specializes in strategy and financial services consulting.

Kemppel is a four-time Olympian in cross-country skiing (2002, 1998, 1994 and 1992) and an 18-time national champion. She received both her master's degree in business administration and her bachelor's degree in economics from Dartmouth College.

Jair K. Lynch

Jair K. Lynch was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an Athletes' Advisory Council director in July 2004.

As president and CEO of JAIR LYNCH Development Partners, Lynch's primary responsibilities are firm management and project coordination. There, he has produced distinctive urban mixed-use projects for investors and a distinguished list of public, private and nonprofit clients.

Lynch has more than 15 years of experience in public and private real estate development and construction, including projects in both California and Washington, D.C. He founded JAIR LYNCH in 1998 and has since managed more than 1.2 million square feet of development valued at $270 million. Under his leadership, JAIR LYNCH managed the development of the first LEED Gold and Silver certified public buildings in the District of Columbia and delivered the smallest LEED Gold for Neighborhood Development project in the country.

Lynch is an active member of several nonprofit boards of directors, including the DC Building Industry Association, Manna Inc. and the Recreation Wish List Committee. He was also instrumental in several organizations: Cultural Tourism DC, DC 2012 Olympic Coalition and the Fannie Mae Foundation's Advisory Committee on Affordable Housing Leadership.

Lynch is a two-time Olympian. In 1996, he captained the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Team and won a silver medal on the parallel bars. He was a 12-time All-American at Stanford University and captain of Stanford's two-time NCAA champion gymnastics team. Lynch is also a member of the Stanford Hall of Fame and the U.S. Gymnastics Hall of Fame. While at Stanford, he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and urban design. He is also a 2002 graduate of Leadership Washington and a John L. Loeb fellow from the graduate school of design at Harvard University.

USOC - Board of Directors

Susanne Lyons

Susanne Lyons was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an independent director in December 2010.

A retired senior executive, Lyons has extensive global and Olympic experience, including 25 years of expertise in marketing, business strategy, human resources and revenue generation. Most recently, Lyons was the executive vice president and chief marketing officer of VISA USA – a member of the International Olympic Committee's TOP sponsor program – from 2004-07. Lyons previously held leadership roles for Russell Reynolds Associates, Charles Schwab & Co. and Fidelity Investments.

She has served on a variety of public, private, advisory and nonprofit boards, including current directorships with GAIN Capital, Marketo Inc., Zoe, WildCare and Singers Marin. She previously served as a director for CNET (2007-08), Lexica (1999-2001) and InsureZone (1999-2001).

Lyons has been recognized for her business leadership with several honors, including being named the Financial Women's Association of San Francisco "Woman of the Year" in 1999. She was also honored as one of the 50 most influential Bay Area business women by the San Francisco Business Times in 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Lyons received a bachelor's degree (cum laude) from Vassar College and a master's degree in business administration from Boston University.

Mary McCagg

Mary McCagg was appointed to the restructured United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an Athletes' Advisory Council director in July 2004.

McCagg was the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council vice chair from 2000-04 and was an AAC member for the sport of rowing from 1996-2000. In 2000, she began serving on the USOC's board of directors and was one of five athlete representatives on the USOC Executive Committee. She has been a member of the newly constituted board since its inception in 2004, and was a member of the USRowing board of directors from 1996-2000.

McCagg has been with Candlewick Press in Cambridge, Mass., since 1999, and currently works as the director of licensing, key property development and propriety sales. Previously, McCagg was assistant to the publisher at Dutton Children's Books, New York (1998-99); production manager for Retail Bank Merchandising, Cambridge (1992-94 and 1996-98); and fundraiser and marketing coordinator for the Chattanooga Rowing Club (1994-96).

A 1989 cum laude graduate of Harvard University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, McCagg competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games, rowing in the women's eight and reaching the finals both times. A member of the U.S. National Rowing Team from 1989-97, McCagg is an 11-time national champion, three-time world medalist – including a gold at the 1995 World Championships in Tampere, Finland – and a 1995 Pan American Games gold medalist.

McCagg was one of four USOC athlete service coordinators for the 2000 Olympic Games and was an assistant chef de mission for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

USOC - Board of Directors

Dave Ogrean

Dave Ogrean was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as a National Governing Bodies Council director in December 2010.

Ogrean, who began his second stint as executive director of USA Hockey in 2005 (first from 1993-99), has been associated with the Olympic Movement for more than 30 years. He has extensive experience in sport administration, fundraising, marketing, media and the Paralympic sport of sled hockey, which he oversees in his present role at USA Hockey.

Ogrean serves on several boards and committees, including the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame Nominating Committee, U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee, USOC National Governing Bodies Council and the Colorado Springs World Arena board of directors. In 2009, Ogrean was a member of the USOC CEO Search Committee, which ultimately recommended current USOC CEO Scott Blackmun in January 2010.

Prior to his current term with USA Hockey, Ogrean served as executive director for USA Football (2002-05), president and CEO of the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation (2000-02), and deputy executive director of marketing for the USOC (1999-2000). He also held roles at the College Football Association and ESPN. In addition, he has been involved in eight Olympic Games, seven U.S. Olympic Festivals and two Pan American Games.

Ogrean received his bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and his master's from Boston University. He has been recognized as one of the Top 50 People of Power and Influence by The Hockey News from 2006-10, and was named one of the Top 100 Most Powerful People in Sports by The Sporting News from 1993-99.

Michael (Mike) P. Plant

Michael (Mike) P. Plant was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as a National Governing Bodies Council director in July 2004.

Plant was named executive vice president of business operations for Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves in November 2003 and oversees stadium operations, security, finance, personnel, special events and the minor-league clubs. Plant joined the Braves after having served as an executive vice president of Turner Sports since February 2002. Previously, he was president of the Goodwill Games and vice president of events for Turner Sports.

Prior to joining Turner Sports, Plant was president of Medalist Sports, a full-service sports marketing company he founded in 1988. Medalist Sports created and operated premier cycling events such as the Tour DuPont, Tour of China and the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. Plant was associate executive director of USA Cycling from 1986-88 and executive director of USA Canoe/Kayak from 1985-86.

Plant was a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Speedskating Team and competed in six world championships. Since 1980, Plant has been appointed to numerous committees of the USOC, U.S. Speedskating and USA Cycling. In January 1989, after serving two four-year terms as the U.S. Speedskating athlete representative on the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council, Plant was elected to a four-year term as AAC chairman. He served an eight-year term on the USOC board of directors and Executive Committee (1984-92) and was president of USA Cycling from 1995-2002.

Plant was also a member of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games board of directors and the board of trustees for the Salt Lake Olympic Bid Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

USOC - Board of Directors

Angela Ruggiero

Angela Ruggiero was appointed to the United States Olympic Committee board of directors and began serving as an International Olympic Committee director in February 2010, following her election to represent all Olympic athletes on the IOC Athletes' Commission.

In addition to the Athletes' Commission, Ruggiero was later appointed to the 11-member IOC Evaluation Commission that inspected the three cities competing to host the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. She now sits on the Coordination Commission for those Games and is chairing the Coordination Commission for the 2016 Youth Olympic Games, while also serving on the Entourage Commission.

A four-time Olympic ice hockey player, Ruggiero grew up in Los Angeles and Harper Woods, Mich. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University, where she was a four-time All-American, as well as an Academic All-American.

A star player on the U.S. Olympic Ice Hockey Team, Ruggiero won a gold medal in 1998, silvers in 2002 and 2010, and bronze in 2006. During her 16-year career with the U.S. Women's National Hockey Team, she competed in 10 world championships, earning the gold medal on four occasions.

In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Ruggiero is the founder and president of a girl's hockey school; author of "Breaking the Ice," her autobiography; and formerly served as the director of the New York Islanders' Project Hope. She appeared on the sixth season of "The Apprentice," has participated in the ProSports MVP Olympic Heroes Tour, is active in Right to Play, is on the board of trustees for the Women's Sports Foundation (she will become president of the WSF in 2013) and serves on the World Anti-Doping Association board of directors.

Scott Blackmun

Chief Executive Officer

Scott Blackmun became the chief executive officer of the United States Olympic Committee in January 2010 and was added as an ex officio member of the board of directors in September 2010.

Blackmun previously was a senior executive at the USOC from January 1999-October 2001, serving as general counsel; deputy executive director; senior managing director for sport; and, from October 2000-October 2001, acting chief executive officer.

Prior to joining the USOC, Blackmun practiced law in Colorado as a partner with Holme Roberts & Owen LLP (1988-93 and 2006-09) and Hogan & Hartson (1994-98). From 2002-06, he served as the chief operating officer of Anschutz Entertainment Group, one of the world's largest, most respected presenters of sports and entertainment events.

Blackmun is a member of the International Olympic Committee's Marketing Commission and currently serves on the board of directors of the USOC; National Foundation on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition; and the Colorado Springs Regional Economic Development Corporation. In the past, he has served as a board member for Major League Soccer, the California Chamber of Commerce, the National Soccer Hall of Fame and numerous local charitable organizations in Colorado and Los Angeles.

Blackmun graduated summa cum laude in 1979 from Dartmouth College, where he received his bachelor's degree in philosophy and was a member of the varsity soccer team for four years. He received a law degree from Stanford University in 1982.

USOC - Executive Team

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Blackmun and his wife Ann live in Colorado Springs, Colo., with their three children.

RICK ADAMS

Managing Director, NGB Organizational Development

Rick Adams was named managing director of National Governing Body organizational development for the United States Olympic Committee in January 2012 after previously serving as director of NGB organizational development. Prior to joining to the USOC in September 2010, Adams served as the CEO of USA Weightlifting from 2009-10.

In his current role, Adams partners collaboratively with more than 40 NGBs to enhance their effectiveness in the areas of business services and organizational development such as fundraising, governance, strategic planning and best practices. Adams oversees the USOC's Safe Sport initiative, serves as liaison to the NCAA and works closely with internal USOC divisions – including sport performance, marketing, development, legal and audit – to service the needs of the NGBs.

During his tenure with USA Weightlifting, Adams led the organization through a transformation that increased membership, established several grassroots programs and generated new sponsorship revenue. Additionally, Adams reorganized USA Weightlifting's operations and established an increased level of efficiency in its national office.

Previously, Adams was the chief operating officer for Beyond Meetings & Incentives, a New York-based company that specializes in full-service event planning for corporate meetings, incentive travel and sports marketing.

From 2002-06, Adams was president and managing partner for RBC Sports, a sports entertainment company that co-owned and operated four members of the ECHL. From 1994-2002, Adams was president and CEO of the ECHL.

A resident of Colorado Springs, Colo., Adams is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles and obtained his law degree from Rutgers University.

USOC - Executive Team

ALAN ASHLEY

Chief of Sport Performance

Alan Ashley was named chief of sport performance for the United States Olympic Committee on Sept. 1, 2010, after previously serving as managing director of sport performance since January 2010. Prior to that, Ashley served as a team leader in the sport performance division beginning in December 2006.

In his current role, Ashley oversees the USOC divisions tasked with providing targeted resources and support to the National Governing Bodies, athletes and coaches in pursuit of sustained competitive excellence. These areas include coaching and sport science, sports medicine, international games and sport partnerships. Sport performance is also responsible for the preparation and execution of all Team USA activities related to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Ashley joined the USOC after spending 16 years with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, where he was a key contributor to the rise of the U.S. ski and snowboard teams, having most recently served as the vice president of athletics. At USSA, Ashley helped manage the coaching, training and organizational structure for six Olympic (alpine, cross-country, nordic combined and freestyle skiing; ski jumping; and snowboarding) and two Paralympic (alpine and cross-country skiing) sports involving 170 elite athletes, 125 elite coaches and administrative staff, 320 USSA clubs, 3,000 club coaches and 16,000 USSA member athletes.

Prior to his work at the USSA, Ashley served as the director of skiing for four years at his alma mater, the University of Colorado at Boulder.

LISA BAIRD

Chief Marketing Officer

Lisa Baird was named chief marketing officer of the United States Olympic Committee on Jan. 20, 2009. As the USOC's CMO, Baird directs the sales and marketing division and oversees the development of innovative corporate sponsorship and licensing programs. Since joining the USOC, she has signed a number of sponsors, including first-time partners BMW Group in North America, BP, Dow Chemical and Procter & Gamble, and launched an e-commerce site and several new marketing platforms that have successfully raised the awareness and profile of Team USA. In 2010, she led the redesign of the USOC brand.

From 2005-07, Baird served as senior vice president of marketing and consumer products for the NFL, where she directed the league's consumer products, direct marketing, e-commerce, entertainment marketing and advertising programs. At the NFL, she oversaw a portfolio of more than 150 licensees that delivered $3 billion in retail sales.

From 1999-2005, Baird worked at IBM, first as vice president of advertising and then as senior vice president of worldwide marketing communications. She led IBM's global marketing initiatives, including the development and execution of advertising, sports marketing, direct marketing, digital marketing and media campaigns in more than 70 countries. Additionally, she was responsible for the IBM e-business campaign, which won the 2006 Grand Effie award.

From 1996-99, Baird held a series of marketing positions at General Motors, including chief creative officer of e-gm. Prior to that, she worked in positions with leading consumer products companies, including Bristol Meyers Squibb, Johnson & Johnson and Procter & Gamble.

Named one of the top business-to-business marketers in 2004, Baird also serves on the Penn State Center for Sports Business and Research Advisory board. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State University and currently resides in Connecticut with her husband, Bob, and their three children.

USOC - Executive Team

LARRY BUENDORF

Chief Security Officer

Larry Buendorf has been the chief security officer for the United States Olympic Committee since April 1993. Buendorf oversees all security needs for the USOC, including the headquarters building in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the three U.S. Olympic Training Centers (Chula Vista, Calif.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Lake Placid, N.Y.). In addition, he is responsible for the security of U.S. delegations at USOC-supported games, including Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American and Youth Olympic Games, as well as all other USOC functions.

Buendorf arrived at the USOC after a distinguished career with the U.S. Secret Service. While working for the Secret Service, he was special agent in charge of the protective division assigned to President Gerald Ford (1983-93). Buendorf also was special agent in charge of the Secret Service Omaha Field Office (1982-83); the Denver Field Office (1977-82); the presidential protective division (1972-77), during which time he provided protection to Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter; and the Chicago Field Office (1970-72).

Buendorf is a recipient of the U.S. Treasury Department Meritorious Service Award and the U.S. Secret Service Valor Award for successfully thwarting the assassination attempt by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme against President Ford in Sacramento, Calif., in September 1975. He also has been honored with a California Legislature resolution, the San Diego Crime Commission Valor Award and induction into the Minnesota Athletic Director's Hall of Fame.

Buendorf, who served as an officer in the U.S. Navy, received his bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University. He is a member of the International Association–Chiefs of Police, International Association of Police, International Security Management Association, American Society for Industrial Security, Overseas Security Advisory Council, Pikes Peak Law Enforcement Association and the Association of Former Agents–U.S. Secret Service.

RANA DERSHOWITZ

General Counsel

Rana Dershowitz currently serves as general counsel for the United States Olympic Committee after operating as general counsel and chief of legal and government affairs from March 2008 until February 2012. In her current role, Dershowitz is responsible for all legal issues faced by the organization and assumes all necessary functions as corporate secretary for the USOC board of directors. She also serves as the USOC's ethics officer, coordinating with the USOC Ethics Committee, which was established by the board.

Dershowitz' previous USOC duties also included oversight of the organization's legal and government affairs teams. She first joined the USOC in April 2007 as deputy general counsel, and the following month she was named interim general counsel.

Prior to joining the USOC, Dershowitz served in various roles for Madison Square Garden, including vice president and director of legal and business affairs. At Madison Square Garden, L.P., Dershowitz was one of the primary attorneys handling a broad range of legal and business matters for the NBA's New York Knicks, the NHL's New York Rangers, and the WNBA's New York Liberty. She also handled legal matters for Madison Square Garden Network and Fox Sports Net New York.

Before MSG, Dershowitz was an associate in the television and film group of the renowned New York entertainment law firm of Grubman, Indursky & Schindler, P.C. She began her legal career as an associate in the New York office of the international law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, where she focused on litigation matters in the areas of antitrust, commercial law disputes, employment law and intellectual property. Dershowitz also served as an adjunct professor of sports law at New York Law School.

Dershowitz is a cum laude graduate of Harvard College, where she earned Phi Beta Kappa honors, received a John Harvard Scholarship and was a four-year member and 1989-92 captain of the Harvard varsity ski team. She received her law degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where she was executive editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review and a staff member of the Harvard Journal on Legislation.

USOC - Executive Team

MIKE ENGLISH

Chief of Sport Operations

Mike English was named chief of sport operations for the United States Olympic Committee on Sept. 1, 2010, after previously serving as the chief of sport performance since June 1, 2009. Prior to that, he had served as the organization's managing director of athlete facilities and services since May 2005.

In his current role, English oversees the USOC's network of U.S. Olympic Training Centers, including locations in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Lake Placid, N.Y.; and Chula Vista, Calif., as well as other USOC facilities.

English joined the USOC staff in August 2004 as the director of the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and oversaw the center's overall training service functions and operations. English came to the USOC from Quantum Corporation, where he had been employed since January 1985 in numerous managerial positions.

A member of the U.S. Shooting National Team from 1978-88, English was a resident athlete at the OTC in Colorado Springs from 1981-86. A five-time national champion, English earned a gold medal at the 1981 World Championships and is a three-time Pan American Games medalist (1983-gold, bronze; 1987-gold).

From April 2001-August 2004, English was president and chairman of the USA Shooting board of directors. He previously served as the National Governing Body's vice president and Athletes' Advisory Council Representative from 1996-2000 and was also an athlete director on the USA Shooting board (1988-96).

English has a bachelor's degree in business management from Regis University in Colorado Springs.

WALT GLOVER

Chief Financial Officer

Walt Glover has served as the United States Olympic Committee's chief financial officer since January 2005. He is tasked with the overall management and supervision of the organization's financial operations, including accounting, financial reporting, internal controls, budgeting and forecasting, cash management, risk management, mail services, purchasing and warehousing operations, travel services and USOC retirement plan administration.

Glover joined the USOC in September 2000 as director of budgets and analysis, and then held the position of controller from May 2002-January 2005.

Previously, Glover worked for Altria. During a 20-year career with the company, Glover held various financial management positions, including Southwest region director of finance (1996-2000). In addition, Glover was an external auditor for the Celanese Corporation (1979-80), and a senior auditor for Arthur Andersen & Company (1975-79).

A certified public accountant in North Carolina since 1978, Glover is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Financial Executives Institute. In addition, he is actively involved as a board member in several community organizations, including the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation (treasurer), Pikes Peak Metropolitan YMCA (treasurer), Colorado Springs Leadership Institute (vice-chair) and the Pikes Peak Prep Charter School (president), and is a member of the El Pomar Foundation Emerging Leaders CEO Roundtable Task Force. Glover is also a long-time member of the advisory board for the School of Business at his alma mater, North Carolina A&T State University.

Glover has a bachelor's degree in accounting from NCAT and a master's degree in business administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is also a former officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Glover and his wife, Willia, have a son, Kory, and a daughter, Melanie, and reside in Colorado Springs, Colo.

USOC - Executive Team

CHARLIE HUEBNER

Chief of Paralympics

Charlie Huebner was named chief of Paralympics for the United States Olympic Committee in July 2006 after having joined the organization in 2001 as the director of the newly formed U.S. Paralympics division. In his current role, Huebner oversees Paralympic programing across all USOC divisions.

During the USOC governance reform of 2003-06, Huebner served in interim roles overseeing alumni, development and Paralympic programs. Prior to the USOC, he spent 10 years as executive director of the U.S. Association of Blind Athletes and three years as coordinator of communications for Arizona Governor Rose Mofford.

Huebner is very active in volunteer community service projects that impact children's charities. He currently serves on the board of directors of The Christopher Ames Matthews Project, The Grace Fund and Pennies for Nicoll, and is co-founder of the Colorado Springs YOT Club, which is a cost effective black-tie event that collects toys for underprivileged children. In 1996, Huebner was one of 41 Americans to be named a Jefferson Award winner for community service.

TREVOR MILLER

Managing Director, Information Technology

Trevor Miller was named the United States Olympic Committee's managing director of information technology on March 31, 2009. Beginning in 2006, Miller served as the organization's director of enterprise applications and was responsible for application strategy, design and architecture, integration of package and custom-developed solutions, implementation of software development, data warehousing solutions and testing, and training.

In his current role, Miller is responsible for directing the business technology and information services essential to the operation of the USOC. These services include a centralized help desk, technical design and supply of USOC web applications, Olympic marks approval systems, and developing and supporting National Governing Body membership systems.

Miller has more than 14 years of experience in technical leadership, strategy and large-scale, complex product development in the telecommunications industry. Prior to joining the USOC staff, he worked for Evolving Systems Inc. in Englewood, Colo., where he was director of software development, managing teams in the United States and India. Miller was also responsible for new product development and implementation, as well as maintaining project priorities for three product lines consisting of 12 individual products.

Miller received a bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in mathematics from Colorado State University in 1994 and master's degree in business administration with honors from Regis University in March 2005.

USOC - Executive Team

JANINE ALFANO MUSHOLT

Chief Development Officer

Janine Alfano Musholt was named managing director of development for the United States Olympic Committee in February 2008 and promoted to chief development officer in June 2008. Musholt oversees the USOC's private donor fundraising initiatives, including direct marketing and major giving opportunities, as well as the USOC's alumni activities in conjunction with the U.S. Olympians Association.

Musholt also serves as a representative for the USOC to the U.S. Olympic Foundation. She works closely with the USOF Trustees, a commission comprised of key individuals who volunteer their time and resources to financially support the Olympic Movement, which she formed in 2009 to enhance the profile and philanthropic efforts of the USOC. Through Musholt's tenure, the USOC's development revenues and sources of funding have continued to grow and diversify.

Musholt joined the USOC from inside the U.S. Olympic family at the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, where she spent 12 years. While leading the fundraising effort at USSA, she created the "Champions Club," which provided opportunities for supporters to attend the Olympic Winter Games as VIP guests of the team, resulting in a significant revenue stream to fund athletic programming. Additionally, Musholt worked closely with USSA's board of trustees with the Legacy Campaign Endowment and with the capital campaign to build USSA's Center of Excellence.

Prior to her time with the USSA, Musholt worked in advertising sales at The Denver Post. A New Jersey native, Musholt received a bachelor's degree in American studies from Dickinson College in 1988. She currently resides in Colorado Springs, Colo., with her husband, Chuck, and their two dogs.

JOHN RUGER

Athlete Ombudsman

John Ruger was appointed as the athlete ombudsman to the United States Olympic Committee in March 1999. As such, his responsibilities include providing independent advice to athletes on all issues relating to their rights to compete, facilitating communications and assisting in mediation of disputes between athletes and Olympic family organizations, and assisting in the development and implementation of policies to secure and support the rights of elite athletes.

Ruger previously worked for the USOC as manager of the southeastern operations for the Hometown '96 program. In the one-year Atlanta-based assignment, Ruger helped develop and implement the USOC's $4.25 million grant program to maximize the U.S. team's home-field advantage at the 1996 Olympic Games.

Throughout his career, Ruger has also served as president of his own sports marketing and management company in Boulder, Colo.; vice president of operations for the Colorado Sports Council; and a member of the local organizing committee for the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival.

Competitively, Ruger was a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team in biathlon. He competed on three world championship teams and coached the U.S. biathlon team from 1987-89.

Ruger has a bachelor's degree in economics from Rutgers University. He and his wife, Rita, have two daughters and currently reside in Boulder.

USOC - Executive Team

PATRICK SANDUSKY

Chief Communications & Public Affairs Officer

Patrick Sandusky became the chief communications and public affairs officer for the United States Olympic committee in February 2012 after joining the organization as chief communications officer in October 2009. Previously, Sandusky served as the spokesperson and vice president of communications for the Chicago 2016 Olympic bid.

In his current role, Sandusky oversees the communications division in Colorado Springs, Colo., as well as the government relations office in Washington, D.C. In addition to serving as spokesperson for the organization, he is responsible for the USOC visitor center and U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.

Prior to leading communications efforts for the Chicago 2016 bid, Sandusky was a vice president at Hill & Knowlton, where he managed large-scale, multinational communications programs for both the Chicago and London offices, and was a leader in the firm's sports and crisis communications divisions. In his four years at H&K London, Sandusky led 27 offices around the globe working on London's successful bid for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In addition to his work in the Olympic Movement, Sandusky has managed projects related to Wimbledon, FIFA World Cup, Rugby World Cup, English Premiership, NASCAR and NCAA football for clients such as Gillette, Nestle, Robinsons, Allstate Insurance, Gatorade and Chelsea Football Club. In addition, Sandusky was the agency lead for H&K working with the Big Ten Conference on the inception and launch of the Big Ten Network.

In 2010, Sandusky was awarded Sports Business Journal's prestigious "Forty Under 40" award, presented annually to the top sports executives in the country under the age of 40. He currently serves on the board of directors for World Sport Chicago and the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Sandusky is an alumnus of Northern Illinois University, where he was a senior letter winner in football. He lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., with his wife, Kate, and their three children.

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PAM SAWYER

Managing Director, Human Resources

Pam Sawyer became the managing director of human resources for the United States Olympic Committee in March 2010 after joining the organization as director of HR in January 2009. She is responsible for the people and talent strategies that drive organizational effectiveness and high performance. As part of her role, Sawyer is the functional leader overseeing all HR programs and systems within the USOC, including organizational development, talent development, compensation and benefits, talent acquisition, HR information systems, USOC policies and procedures, diversity, and employee relations.

Previously, Sawyer worked for The Weather Channel from 2000-08. There, she held multiple roles, including HR manager, vice president of HR and director of organizational development and diversity. While at The Weather Channel, she created and implemented a successful diversity strategy, led succession planning, created employee resources groups, developed retention strategies for high-potential employees and re-launched and grew an internal mentoring program.

Prior to The Weather Channel, Sawyer served from 1993-95 as an HR manager for Turner International Inc. in London, and then as an HR director/consultant from 1995-2000 at Turner Entertainment Networks in Atlanta.

Sawyer has a bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing from the University of Georgia. In addition, she is a member of the Society of HR Managers and has a SPHR certificate.

USOC - Executive Team

CHRIS SULLIVAN

Chief of Bids and Protocol

Chris Sullivan became the chief of bids and protocol for the United States Olympic Committee in February 2012 after joining the organization as the chief bid officer on June 28, 2007. Sullivan facilitates partnerships with cities and communities around the country through various USOC programs, maximizing the resources of the USOC and the U.S. Olympic family. In addition, he leads all U.S. bid efforts and oversees the organization's international relations division and all major USOC domestic and international meetings.

Sullivan has spent more than 15 years with the USOC, most recently working as USOC chief bid officer for the Chicago 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games bid. He has also worked in a variety of senior-level positions with bid committees and organizing committees. From 2003-05, he served as the USOC's director of operations for the 2012 New York bid, as well as the director of Salt Lake Games integration for the highly successful 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. He previously served as director of donor programs for the USOC.

Prior to joining the USOC in 1997, Sullivan was the vice president of corporate development for the Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Sullivan attended Potsdam State University and currently resides in Colorado Springs, Colo.

KIRSTEN VOLPI

Chief Administrative Officer

Kirsten Volpi became the chief administrative officer for the United States Olympic Committee in September 2011. In her role, Volpi oversees several divisions, including audit, facilities, finance, human resources, information technology, National Governing Body organizational development, security and strategic planning.

Prior to joining the USOC, Volpi served as the senior vice president for finance and administration, as well as chief financial officer and treasurer for the Colorado School of Mines since August 2005. Her areas of responsibility covered a wide array of business functions, including financial services, budget and financial planning, facilities management, capital planning and construction, environmental health and safety, business operations, research administration, and indirect oversight of internal audit and the office of the chief information officer.

Volpi has also held executive-level positions at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the University of Colorado Foundation. A certified public accountant licensed in Colorado, she is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Colorado Society for Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Volpi graduated from the University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She and her husband, Danny, live in Monument, Colo., with their five children.

USOC - Executive Team

DEBRA YOSHIMURA

Managing Director, Audit

Debra Yoshimura was promoted to managing director of audit for the United States Olympic Committee in May 2008, a little less than two years after she began her duties as director of audit on June 1, 2006. In her current role, Yoshimura manages both the long-term and day-to-day operations of all USOC audit functions and evaluates the overall effectiveness of USOC accounting controls and operating practices. She also assists the National Governing Bodies in understanding and achieving compliance with USOC requirements, which includes the review of NGB grant reports and the evaluation of NGB disbursement of athlete assistance funds. Yoshimura also serves as staff liaison to the USOC Audit Committee.

Yoshimura joined the USOC after serving as the director of internal audit at the University of New Mexico. Prior to her work at UNM, Yoshimura spent 12 years at the City of Albuquerque's office of internal audit. In 1996, she was promoted to the position of department director, overseeing the auditing plans and assignments for the city.

Yoshimura began her auditing career in 1982 at the accounting firm of Arturo Vasquez and Co. in Corpus Christi, Texas, before joining Sorensen, May and Co. in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1983.

She has a bachelor's degree in environmental psychology from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and a master's degree in business administration with a specialization in accounting from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. In addition, she is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Internal Controls Auditor and Certified Government Audit Professional.

Yoshimura is a board member of Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado and an active member of the Women's Leadership Council of Pikes Peak United Way. She is a past president of both the Colorado Springs, Colo., and Albuquerque, N.M., chapters of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

USOC - Paralympic Advisory Committee (PAC)

DESCRIPTION

The USOC Board of Directors appointed the Paralympic Advisory Committee (PAC) in April 2011 as a result of recommendations from the Tagliabue Report. The role of the PAC is to serve in an advisory role to enhance competitive excellence in Paralympic sport, and assist the USOC in generating resources in support of Paralympic sport.

ANN CODY

As Director of Policy and Global Outreach for BlazeSports America, Ann Cody oversees the Washington, D.C. office, develops relationships with major national and international partners, shapes the organization's policy efforts, and supports the organization's sport development initiatives overseas.

As a Washington veteran and Paralympic sport expert of two decades, Ann has extensive knowledge and experience in sports management and governance, community-based sports, policy and advocacy, international development, as well as governmental and international affairs.

Ann is widely known and respected throughout the world as a leader in sport and human rights. She has led a number of national and international advocacy initiatives on sport with a focus on girls and women and people with disabilities. Through her leadership, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) established a policy on gender equity and several initiatives aimed at increasing participation by women in Paralympic sport and the movement. Ann's significant international sport network and project experience anchors BlazeSports' international programs in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

Ann serves on the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Governing Board and is the highest ranking American and highest ranking woman in the IPC worldwide. As IPC's liaison to the United Nations, Ann is working to ensure that sport is included in UN disability development efforts. She is a member of the International Olympic Committee 2018 Evaluation Commission. Ann holds a bachelor of fine arts and a master of science degree in leisure studies and therapeutic recreation from the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign. She is a Paralympic Gold Medalist in Athletics and competed on three U.S. Paralympic Teams (Basketball '84, Athletics '88, '92).

Prior to joining BlazeSports Ann served as a Vice President with B&D Consulting where she designed federal affairs strategies for amateur sports, health, and disability-related organizations and provided representation before the United States Congress and the Executive Branch.

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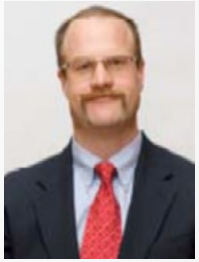
BOB BALK



Balk broke his back in 1988 at a college party, where he fell off a roof. He began his disabled athletic career in wheelchair basketball and road racing before he started skiing in 1993. Four months later, he was at the Paralympic Winter Games in Lillehammer. The Games in Torino will mark Balk's sixth appearance at the Paralympics and his fourth consecutive Winter Games. Balk upped his intensity during the summer, including a week of training with teammate Chris Klebl in California and then time on snow in late summer with Klebl and Monica Bascio in New Zealand. "Bob knows how to pace himself and when he's got to turn it up," Coach Jon Kreamelmeyer said, "and with his fourth Paralympics coming up, he wants to be even more ready." When he isn't competing or training, he works full-time as a venture capital investments manager for Boeing. Balk Paralympic Athletes Committee in September of 2004.

Major Contributions to Sport for Athletes with a Disability

IPC Chairperson of the Athletes' Council (2009-present)
Member of the Athletes' Council (2004-2009)
Athlete competing in Paralympic Sport (1994-2006) (six Paralympic medals)
IOC Athlete Commission member (2009-present)

Professional Career

The Boeing Company (1997-2006)
Manager: Global Venture Capital Investments
Business Strategy Analyst

Other Appointments Held

Member of the US Olympic Committee Athletes' Advisory Council (2002-present)
Member of the US Olympic Committee Governance and Ethics Task Force (2003)

Volunteer Positions

Member of the California Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport

Education

University of Rochester – Master of Business Administration: Finance, Operations, International Business
University of Buffalo – Bachelor of Science: Management with a focus on Marketing

Hobbies

Bow hunting, Agriculture, Outdoor Recreation, Sports, Anything Mechanical

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 2002 – Two silver medals – Paralympic Winter Games (10K, three-man relay)
- 2000 – Gold medal – World Championships (15K)
  Silver medal – World Championships (5K)
- 1998 – Bronze medal – Paralympic Winter Games (10K)

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NANCY DITZ

Nancy Ditz was a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic marathon team, and was twice ranked as the top U.S. marathoner by Track and Field News. Ditz has won many road races, including the Los Angeles Marathon (twice), the San Francisco Marathon, the Oakland Marathon, the San Francisco Bay to Breakers, and the Sydney, Australia, City to Surf (three times).

Ditz, a 1976 Stanford graduate, finished second to Margaret Groos in the 1988 Olympic trials and was the first American to finish the 1988 Olympic marathon. Her time of 2:33:41 brought her 17th place.

She did not compete in track and field until after leaving Stanford, but did earn her varsity letter as a manager of the men's basketball team. Nancy's husband, Bruce Mosbacher, was a goalkeeper on the Stanford soccer team from 1974-76, earning All-West Coast and team MVP honors.

Ditz also served as a weekly columnist for the SF Chronicle and Examiner, in addition to being a color-commentator for a variety of major TV networks. Additionaly, has served on the Stanford University Athletics Board and has been the director of the annual US Open meet at Stanford. Ditz is a long-time member of the board of USA Track and Field.

JAMES BENSON

James Benson was appointed to the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) board of directors and began serving as an independent director on Dec. 17, 2010.

Benson is CEO of Benson Botsford, LLC, a financial services investment company. He is also the founder and chairman of World T.E.A.M. Sports – an organization dedicated to providing opportunities through sport for people with disabilities. In addition, he serves on several boards, including, Achilles International, a non-profit track club for disabled athletes; the University of Illinois Foundation; and the American College Endowment Foundation.

Previously, Benson served as CEO of John Hancock Life Insurance Company, a division of Manulife Financial and a former Olympic sponsor. Before joining John Hancock in 2002, Benson was president of MetLife's Individual Business enterprise. He also held senior leadership positions with New England Financial, GenAmerica Financial Corporation and Equitable Companies, Inc. – Equitable Life Assurance Society.

In 2006, Benson received the John Newton Russell Memorial Award, the life insurance industry's highest honor.

Benson holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Illinois and an MBA from the University of Southern California. He currently resides in Boston, Mass.

USOC - Paralympic Advisory Committee (PAC)

GEORGE PUSKAR

George R. Puskar has been a leader in the U.S institutional real estate industry for more than 40 years, heading the nation's largest investment management company—Equitable Real Estate Investment Management, Inc-- during the 1980s and 1990s and currently serving as a director of I-Star Financial (NYSE-SFI).

Mr. Puskar retired in 2000 as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Equitable Real Estate—the company was one of the world's largest and most diversified real estate organizations with $40 billion in assets under management as well as commercial property management and mortgage servicing divisions.

Since 1999 Mr. Puskar has served as a director of I-Star Financial where he is chairman of the Investment and Asset Management Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. Beginning in 2000, he also has been the Chairmen of Solutions Manufacturing, Inc., an electronic components manufacturer based in Rockledge, Florida.

In his public service work, Mr. Puskar joined the board of World Team Sports in 1995 and continues to serve as a director of this non-profit organization which changes lives by teaming athletes with disabilities together with non-disabled athletes in unique and challenging athletic events. He has been an active participant, designer and fundraiser for many World Team events including AXA World Ride, The Vietnam Challenge, Face of America annual events, and the 1996 Para-Olympic Torch Parade from the White House to the Olympic Stadium in Atlanta. One of the core strategies for Mr. Puskar and World Team Sports remains various outreach programs incorporating athletes into motivational programs at schools to address the growing issues of childhood obesity, alcohol and drug abuse as well as the power of sports to overcome personal obstacles.

A native of Pittsburgh, Mr. Puskar graduated from Duquesne University with a BA in 1965 and joined Equitable Life's mortgage division a year later. During his early career at Equitable, he represented the company in the President's Executive Interchange Program, working in 1975 with the chief economist of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. In 1984, Puskar became president of Equitable Real Estate, Equitable Life's new real estate subsidiary, and in 1988 was named the company's chairman and chief executive officer. Active in many real estate organizations, he has previously served on the boards of the International Council of Shopping Centers, the National Realty Committee, Urban Land Institute and the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries. He also served on the boards of Georgia State University (advisory) and Clark Atlanta University where he was instrumental in the creation of an endowed real estate chair. He currently resides in Rockledge, Florida.

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JEFFERY UNDERWOOD

Mr. Underwood is President and Chief Executive Officer of Lakeshore Foundation, a Birmingham, Alabama based non-profit organization providing people with physical disability programs in fitness, recreation and sport. Since 2003, Lakeshore Foundation has served as an Official U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site. Underwood has been in this position since July, 1991.

During his tenure, Lakeshore Foundation has won numerous awards for its services, including the inaugural "Amazing Partner Award" from the United States Olympic Committee, the first non-profit "Live the Dream Award" from the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, and the "Friends of Children Award" from Children's Hospital of Alabama.

In 2008 Underwood was named by the United States Olympic Committee as the "Chef de Mission" for the U.S. Paralympic Team competing in the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games.

Prior to joining Lakeshore Foundation, Underwood served as Associate Director for Community Affairs at the Comprehensive Cancer Center of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Before that, he served in Washington D.C. as a Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Ben Erdreich of the 6th District of Alabama. He also served on the United States Olympic Committee, Paralympic Working Group in 2000.

Underwood has held several elected positions including the City of Homewood City Council, City Council President, and State Senator, State of Alabama. He also served for 10 years on the City of Homewood School Board, including two terms as President of the Board.

Underwood is a member of the 2010-11 Class of Leadership Alabama. He is a Trustee for the Birmingham Business Alliance, and serves on the Boards of the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Fund, Disabled Sports USA, and several other organizations. In 2003 he was nominee for "Citizen of the Year" for the City of Homewood.

Mr. Underwood received his Masters of Public Administration degree from Auburn University Montgomery (1976) and his B.S. Degree from the School of Commerce and Business Administration, The University of Alabama (1974). He and his wife Melinda have two children, Anna and Maria.

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JEROME SINGLETON

In 2007, Singleton won the bronze medal in the 100m T44, and the silver medal in the 200m (T44) at the Parapan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At the 2008 Paralympic Games, Singleton turned in an impressive performance, winning a silver medal in the 100m T44 and helping the U.S. to a gold medal in the 4x100m relay.

Singleton graduated from Dutch Fork High School (Irmo, S.C.) in 2004 where he was a member of varsity football and track teams and played junior varsity basketball for two years. Singleton attended Morehouse College, where he double majored in mathematics and applied physics. He has participated in track and field for one year at the college level. Singleton transferred to the University of Michigan to complete his dual degree with Morehouse, adding an industrial engineering degree to his studies.

Singleton enjoys reading, studying, weightlifting, listening to music, dancing, playing video games, singing, and training to become an accomplished athlete in the Paralympics.

Major Achievements:

- 2011: Gold medal, 100m (T43/44), Silver medal, 200m (T43/44), 4x100m relay (T42-46) - IPC Athletics World Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2010: Second place, 100m T44, 200m T44 – U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships, Miramar, Florida
- 2009: Silver medal, 100m T44; Set new course record 11.16 seconds VISA Paralympic World Cup, Manchester, UK
- 2009: Gold medal, 100m- Boiling Point Track Classic, Windsor, Canada
- 2009: Gold medal, 200m- Loterias Caixa International Meeting for Athletics and Swimming, Rio de Janerio, Brazil
- 2009: Silver medal 100m- Loterias Caixa International Meeting for Athletics and Swimming, Rio de Janerio, Brazil
- 2009: Silver medal, 100m T44; Set new course record 11.16 seconds VISA Paralympic World Cup, Manchester, UK
- 2008: Silver medal, 100m T44 – Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2008: Gold medal, 100m; silver medal 200m – Paralympic World Cup, Manchester, UK
- 2007: Bronze medal 100m (T44), Silver medal 200m (T44) ParaPan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2006: Gold medal, 100m, Long Jump, High Jump; Bronze medal, 200m – Endeavor Games, Edmond, Okla.
- 2006: Inducted into Beta Kappa Chi (National Scientific Honor Society)
- 2006: Gold medal, 100m, Long Jump, High Jump; Bronze medal, 200m - Endeavor Games, Edmond, Okla.

USOC - Paralympic Advisory Committee (PAC)

JESSICA GALLI

Jessica Galli was injured in a car accident in September 1991, but shortly after became in involved in Paralympic sports. In 1998, she attended her first international event, the IPC Athletics World Championships in Birmingham, England, and has been competing internationally ever since.

After winning just one medal in the 2000 and 2004 Paralympic Games, Galli won an incredible five medals in Beijing, including one gold, three silver and one bronze. Galli's medal haul was tops among the entire U.S. Paralympic Track & Field Team.

In June 2008, Galli set a new mark in the 400m at a European Wheelchair Championships meet in Switzerland, taking nearly a half-second off the old mark, set by Great Britain's Tanni Grey-Thompson. Three weeks later, she chopped another four-tenths of a second off her time - and broke two other world records, the 200m and 800m - at the Meet in the Heat in Atlanta. She reset the world record in the 400m at the Paralympic Games in Beijing and is currently the record holder for the 400m and 800m.

A 2000 Paralympic Games silver medalist in the 800m, Galli says finishing fourth twice in 2004 motivated her to excel in 2008.

Galli graduated from the University of Illinois in 2006 with a degree in kinesiology. In 2010, Galli graduated with a master's degree in community health - health policy and administration.

Major Achievements:

- 2011: Bronze medal, 800m T53 - 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand
- 2010: First place, 100m T53; second place, 200m T53, 800m T53; third place, 400m T53; fourth place, 1500m T53 – U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships, Miramar, Florida
- 2008: Gold medal, 400m T53; Silver medal, 100m T53, 200m T53; 800m T53; Bronze medal, women's 4 x 100m relay T53/54 - 2008 Paralympic Games, Beijing, China
- 2008: Nominated for an ESPY in the Best Female Athlete with Physical Disability category
- 2007: Named U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympian of the Year
- 2000: Silver medal, 800m (T53) - 2000 Paralympic Games, Sydney, Australia

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JOHN BUCKSBAUM

John Bucksbaum is past CEO and Chairman of General Growth Properties, Inc. (NYSE: GGP), a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT). Bucksbaum spent 30-years with the company from 1978-2008.

GGP has ownership interest in and management responsibility for approximately 200 regional shopping malls in over 40 states. The company also owned some of the nation's leading and most respected planned community developments which have recently been put into the newly created Howard Hughes Corporation (NYSE: HHC). The GGP portfolio totals approximately 200 million square feet of retail space and includes over 24,000 retail stores nationwide.

Bucksbaum received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado in 1978. Professional affiliations include the following: past Chairman and current member of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC); past Chairman of the Zell/Lurie Real Estate Center at The Wharton School; Trustee of the Urban Land Institute (ULI); a member of the National Realty Roundtable and the University of California Berkeley's Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics Policy Advisory Board. In addition Bucksbaum serves on the boards of the University of Chicago Hospitals, The Field Museum, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team, USA Cycling Team and is a member of the Young Presidents Organization and the Advisory Board of the Chicago Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. He also serves as a member of the Civic Committee of Chicago and Metropolis 2020.

John and his wife, Jackie, are the parents of Max (14) and Eli (11).

MATT VAN HOUTEN

Matt Van Houten is the Chair of the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council for the 2009-2012 term. Van Houten is an attorney licensed in the State of New York and is a partner in the law firm of Holmberg, Galbraith, Van Houten & Miller, of Ithaca, New York. He primarily practices in the areas of bankruptcy law, domestic relations, and commercial litigation. He served as the AAC representative for the sport of Team Handball from 2005-2008. In addition to being a former member of the Board of Directors for USA Team Handball, Van Houten served as general counsel for the team handball National Governing Body from 2005 – 2006. He was a member of the USOC Bylaw Reform Committee (Tagliabue Commission) as well as the search committee which recommended the hiring of current USOC CEO Scott Blackmun.

Van Houten graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1989 and Albany Law School of Union University in 1995. He was a member of the United States National Team for the sport of Team Handball from 1990 – 1992 and from 2002 – 2008. Van Houten competed in the 1991 Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba, and the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, earning a bronze medal in each of the two competitions. He is currently a goalie for the New York Athletic Club team handball team, which has won more national championships than any other team in the United States.

Van Houten resides in Lansing, New York with his 16 year-old daughter Cody.

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MIKE TOLLIN

Mike Tollin has produced and directed more than a dozen feature films, several award-winning documentaries, and hundreds of hours of television, and currently has three prime-time television series in production. His films include Wild Hogs, Coach Carter, Radio, Dreamer, Hardball, Varsity Blues, Summer Catch, Big Fat Liar, along with the Tollin-directed documentary Hank Aaron: Chasing The Dream, which won a Peabody Award and was nominated for an Academy Award. Tollin directed several other Award-winning documentaries, including Hardwood Dreams and Let Me Be Brave.

In television, Tollin has won three Emmy Awards. He recently completed "Small Potatoes: Who Killed The USFL?" for ESPN's 30 for 30 documentary series and is a consulting producer on the highly acclaimed series. He serves as Executive Producer of Smallville, currently in its tenth season, and One Tree Hill, now in its eighth season. Tollin also produced The Bronx is Burning, an eight-hour mini-series for ESPN about the 1977 Yankees. Tollin previously produced seven seasons of Arli$$ for HBO; ABC's I'm With Her and The Days; What I Like About You for the WB, and several Nickelodeon series, including All That, Kenan & Kel, The Amanda Show, and Sports Theatre with Shaquille O'Neal. In his early career, Tollin produced and directed The Baseball Bunch and wrote and produced several Phillies highlight films, including the 1980 World Series film. Among his current projects is a documentary on his boyhood hero, ex-Phillie star Dick Allen.

Tollin is a founding Board member of Common Sense Media and Children Now, two groups that focus on kids and media; and the Chasing the Dream Foundation, which awards scholarships to underprivileged youth.

TOM KENNY

Tom is an advisory director of Goldman Sachs. Previously, he was co-head of Goldman Sachs Asset Management's Global Cash and Fixed Income Portfolio team, which is responsible for managing assets in excess of $500 billion across multiple strategies with teams in London, Tokyo and New York. Prior to that, he was head of the Municipal Bond Portfolio Management team, responsible for over $25 billion in assets across multiple investment strategies. Tom joined Goldman Sachs as a managing director in 1999 and was named partner in 2004.

Prior to joining the firm, Tom spent over 13 years with the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds, where he was executive vice president and director of the Municipal Bond Department, responsible for the portfolio management and credit research efforts for assets under management in excess of $50 billion.
Tom has supported and served on various nonprofit boards and is a trustee and treasurer for Crane Country Day School, as well as a member of the Investment Committee for the College of Mount Saint Vincent. He has also served in a number of leadership positions for various industry groups, including vice chairman of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Tom earned a BA in Business Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MS in Finance from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He is a CFA charterholder.

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