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GATOR SUCCESS BEYOND THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL



In 2007, Florida became the first school in history to have three players selected among the first 10 picks of the NBA Draft. Overall, five Gators were selected in the 2007 NBA Draft: (L-R) Chris Richard, Al Horford, Taurean Green, Corey Brewer and Joakim Noah.



Camillo Villegas



UF's Heisman Trophy Trio (from left): Steve Spurrier (1966), Tim Tebow (2007) and Danny Wuerffel (1996)



Brad Wilkerson



Nicole Haislett



Murriel Page



Hazel Clark



Emmitt Smith



Abby Wambach

Tommy Aaron (Golf, 1957-60)

... captured golf's most desired trophy, the Green Jacket at The Masters, after leading the Gators to a pair of SEC titles.

Mark Calcavecchia (Golf, 1978-80)

... winner of the 1989 British Open and most recently the 2007 PDS Championship, he has earned over \$22 million playing on the PGA Tour for 26 years.

Tracy Caulkins Stockwell (Swimming, 1981-84)

... the three-time Olympic gold medalist and winner of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Committee Sportswoman of the Year award is now an executive officer for the Australian Academy of Sport in Queensland, president of Womensport Queensland and a board member for the Queensland Events Corporation.

Hazel Clark (Track, 1996-99)

... the three-time NCAA national 800-meter champion led the Clark family to an unprecedented 1-2-3 sweep of the open spots in the half-mile on the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team; also represented the U.S. at the 2004 & 2008 Olympic Games in the 800 meters.

Cris Collinsworth (Football, 1977-80)

... the All-Pro wide receiver with the Cincinnati Bengals who was named the 1981 NFL Rookie of the Year has emerged as a five-time Emmy Award-winning studio analyst for his broadcast work on FOX, NBC and HBO, where he was a co-host on the award-winning show Inside the NFL; covered the 2008 Olympic Games for NBC.

Chris DiMarco (Golf, 1987-90)

... the All-American and 1990 SEC Player of the Year sank the winning putt for the U.S. team at the 2005 President's Cup and has won over \$20 million on the PGA Tour.

David Eckstein (Baseball, 1994-97)

... a two-time GTE Academic All-American, Eckstein was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2006 World Series after helping the St. Louis Cardinals to a five-game series triumph over the Detroit Tigers. He previously helped the Anaheim Angels to the World Series crown in 2002 and is now a member of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Danielle Fotopoulos (Soccer, 1996-99)

... the 1999 Gator graduate was a member of the gold-medal winning 1999 U.S. World Cup team and later led the Carolina Courage to the 2002 WUSA championship. She returned to UF in August 2005 as an assistant coach for the Gators, before departing to train with the 2006 U.S. National Team. She retired from the U.S. National Team in June of 2007... first Gator soccer player inducted into the Florida Athletic Hall of Fame in April of 2008.

Lisa Hackney (Golf, 1987-90)

... was named the 1997 LPGA Rookie of the Year.

Nicole Haislett (Swimming, 1991-94)

... was the most decorated female athlete at the 1992 Summer Olympic games, capturing three gold medals, an individual in the 200-meter free and the other two as a member of both the 400 medley and free relays.

Udonis Haslem (Basketball, 1998-02)

... the first player in school history to play on four straight men's NCAA Tournament teams, Haslem worked his way from being an undrafted free-agent to become a starter for the Miami Heat, helping the club win the 2006 NBA Championship.

Al Horford (Basketball, 2005-07)

... a starter on back-to-back NCAA championship teams, Horford went on to be selected with the third overall pick in the 2007 NBA Draft and finished as runner-up for NBA Rookie of the Year in 2008.

Merlajia Jones (Basketball, 1991-95)

... still UF's all-time leading scorer, Jones became a three-time WNBA All-Star, named first team All-WNBA in 2001 and was the Cleveland Rockers' all-time leading scorer before the team folded after the 2003 season.

Ryan Lochte (Swimming, 2003-06)

... the seven-time NCAA champion and 24-time All-American, Lochte became a 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist entering his junior year at UF. He earned a spot on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, collecting four additional medals, highlighted by his first-ever individual Olympic gold medal, which he claimed in the 200-meter backstroke in World-Record time (1:53.94). At the 2006 FINA Short Course Championships in Beijing, China, Ryan turned in one of the greatest

performances in swimming history when he won the 200 and 400-meter IM and the 200-meter back - all in World Record time. At the 2007 World Championships, Ryan won his first individual long course gold medal, breaking a World Record in the 200-meter back, while also capturing gold and setting a World Record as a member of the 800-meter free relay to compliment his silver medals in the 100 back, 200 IM, and the 400 IM.

Mark Merklein (Tennis, 1992-94)

... the 1994 NCAA singles and 1993 NCAA doubles champion, Merklein represented the Bahamas at the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games and continues to enjoy a professional tennis career.

Mike Miller (Basketball, 1998-2000)

... the fifth overall pick in the 2000 NBA draft became the NBA's Rookie of the Year and in 2006 was named the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year; currently plays with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

DeLisha Milton-Jones (Basketball, 1993-97)

... the second overall selection in the 1997 ABL draft and the fourth overall pick in the 1999 WNBA selection, Milton helped the U.S. Olympic Team win gold in 2000 and was a member of the 2008 Olympic Team. The two-time WNBA All-Star has won two WNBA titles playing with the Los Angeles Sparks and continues a successful career in the U.S.-based pro league.

Dennis Mitchell (Track, 1985-89)

... a three-time Olympian, Mitchell earned 12 All-America honors during his Gator career.

Heather Mitts (Soccer, 1996-98)

... a 1999 first team NSCAA All-American, Mitts is now a member of the U.S. National team... helped the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team win the gold medal and also part of the 2008 Olympic team... missed the 2007 U.S. World Cup due to injury, but was in the studio for ESPN's coverage of the event.

Jeff Morrison (Tennis, 1997-2000)

... the 1999 NCAA Singles champion made international headlines in 2002 when he became the last male American player to lose at Wimbledon. He has been ranked among the top 100 singles and doubles players in the world.





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Lisa Raymond



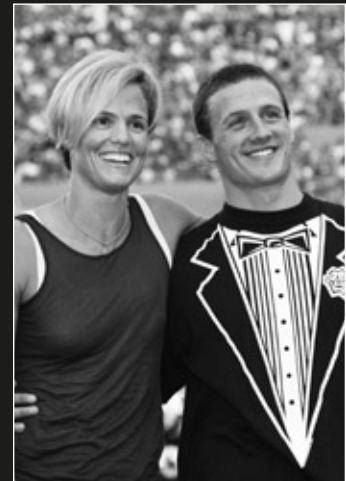
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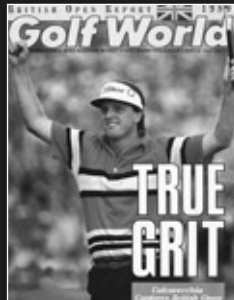
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*Gators **Dara Torres** and **Ryan Lochte** were two of the biggest stories at the 2008 Olympic Games.*



Jack Youngblood



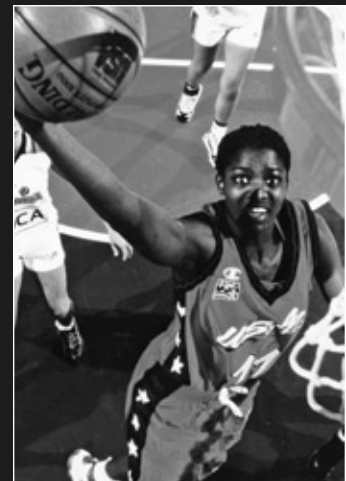
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Dr. Megan Neyer (Diving, 1982-86)

... recorded the most wins of any diver, male or female, in collegiate diving history; honored in 2006 as the NCAA Division I most outstanding diver over the past 25 years in NCAA championship competition; currently the chief of diversity management at the United States Air Force Academy and the chairperson of the United States Olympic Committee Athletic Support Program at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs

Andy North (Golf, 1969-72)

... a two-time U.S. Open champion, North now provides analysis for ABC and ESPN's coverage of all major golf events.

Murriel Page (Basketball, 1994-98)

... a first team All-American, Page was the third overall selection in the 1998 WNBA Draft, as the Washington Mystics made her their first-ever draft pick. The 2008 season marked Page's 10th year in the league, where she now plays for the Los Angeles Sparks.

Lisa Raymond (Tennis, 1991-93)

...the first - and still only - NCAA singles champion to defeat the No. 1 ranked player in the world. She has captured nine professional grand slam doubles titles since 1996, including at least one from each of the four events and collecting a women's doubles career Grand Slam after winning the 2006 French Open. Raymond was a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team, playing singles & doubles for the Red, White & Blue.

Deb Richard (Golf, 1982-85)

... the three-time SEC champion became the first Florida golfer to break the \$1 million mark for career winnings on the LPGA Tour, winning five events and more than \$2.75 million before retiring in August 2005. Currently works as a special consultant to the LPGA.

Al Rosen (Baseball, 1941-42)

... former General Manager of the San Francisco Giants, after a 10-year major league career.

Elfi Schlegel-Dunn (Gymnastics, 1983-86)

... claimed 12 NCAA Southeast Region titles during her career, now provides color commentary for NBC's coverage of gymnastics, including calling the 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games.

Emmitt Smith (Football, 1987-89)

... the first-round selection of the Dallas Cowboys, Smith was named the 1990 NFL Rookie of the Year, before earning NFL MVP honors in 1993 and being named MVP of Super Bowl XXVIII (1994). He became the all-time rushing leader in NFL history during the 2002 season. Upon retirement from the NFL, Emmitt showed his footwork remained intact by winning the 2006 Dancing with the Stars title.

Steve Spurrier (Football, 1964-66)

... the heralded former Gator football coach who guided his alma mater to the 1996 national championship, Spurrier became the first former Heisman Trophy winner (1966) to coach a Heisman Trophy winner, when Danny Wuerffel earned the coveted college award in 1996. Spurrier later became head coach of the NFL's Washington Redskins and currently serves as head coach at the University of South Carolina.

Dara Torres (Swimming, 1985-89)

... the 1988 Overall SEC Female Athlete of the Year who was a 28-time All-American at UF made U.S. history in 2000 when she became the first woman to swim on four U.S. Olympic teams. Torres topped that feat in 2008, when she became the first female swimmer over the age of 40 to compete in the Olympic Games. At age 41, Torres wasn't just a member of the team in Beijing, she won three silver medals, including one in the 50-meter free where she missed the gold by one-hundredth-of-a-second. She has won a total of 12 Olympic medals.

Camilo Villegas (Golf, 2001-04)

... one of just five Gators to earn All-American honors in each of his four collegiate seasons, Villegas burst onto the PGA Tour in 2006 and has collected over \$5 million in earnings in just three years. Known for his unique fashion style and his unusual "spider-man" technique for reading the slope of the greens (he crouches parallel to the grass without touching it), Camilo was named by People Magazine as one of the "Hottest Bachelors" in 2006.

Abby Wambach (Soccer, 1998-2001)

... the two-time SEC Player of the Year, Wambach, helped the Gators win the 1998 NCAA title before guiding the Washington Freedom to the 2003 WUSA championship, earning the Founders Cup III MVP award. Wambach, named 2003 U.S. Female Soccer Player of the Year, led the U.S. in scoring at the 2003 World Cup and the 2004

U.S. Olympic Team, where she scored the gold-medal-winning goal. Wambach was part of the U.S.'s third-place team at the 2007 U.S. World Cup and named to the 2008 Olympic team, but missed the 2008 Olympics due to injury... has scored 99 goals for the U.S. National team.

Brad Wilkerson (Baseball, 1996-98)

... the 1998 National College Player of the Year helped Team USA win the baseball gold medal at the 2000 Olympic games. He was selected in the first round of the 1998 Major League Baseball draft and continues to enjoy a professional baseball career, currently with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Danny Wuerffel (Football, 1993-96)

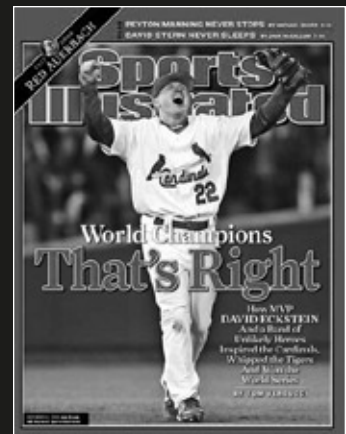
... the only Heisman Trophy winner to also receive the Draddy Trophy, presented to the nation's top scholar athlete, Wuerffel enjoyed a six-year career in the NFL.

Jack Youngblood (Football, 1968-70)

... a first-round draft selection in 1971 by the L.A. Rams and played 14 years in the NFL before being the first Gator inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame, when he joined the prestigious group in 2001.



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