

AZANIA (PRONOUNCED ah-ZANE-ee-ah) STEWART IS A TRUE CENTER WHO GIVES FLORIDA A BIG PRESENCE IN THE PAINT ... THE FIRST GATOR FROM EUROPE ... PLAYS WITH THE GREAT BRITAIN UNDER-20 TEAM AND WILL COMPETE FOR A SPOT ON HER COUNTRY'S 2012 OLYMPIC TEAM ... BEGAN PLAYING BASKETBALL WHEN SHE WAS 15 YEARS OLD WHEN SHE WAS SPOTTED WHILE

COMPETING IN NETBALL, A 7-ON-7 GAME SIMILAR TO BASKETBALL, BUT THE PLAYERS DON'T DRIBBLE AND THE HOOP DOES NOT HAVE A BACKBOARD ... PLAYED FOR ONE OF THE TOP U.S. HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAMS AND SUMMER TRAVEL LEAGUES IN THE COUNTRY ... ENROLLED AT UF FOR THE SUMMER B SESSION THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 30, 2008.

6-4 • FRESHMAN • CENTER
WOOD GREEN, ENGLAND • NOTRE DAME ACADEMY (MIDDLEBURG, VA.)
MAJOR: EXPLORING SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

AZANIA STEWART

HIGH SCHOOL

Graduated in June of 2008 from Notre Dame Academy (Middleburg, Va.), which she attended for her three years after schooling at Alexandra Park School in London ... 2008 EA Sports First Team All-American ... 2008 Hoopgurlz.com First Team All-American ... Notre Dame ranked No. 4 in the final 2008 ESPN HIGH Elite 25 national poll after compiling a 28-2 overall record ... prep team entered 2007-08 preseason No. 1 ... led the Dragons her senior season in scoring with 13.8 points per game, while collecting 9.5 rebounds, 2.0 blocks and shooting 73 percent from the floor ... averaged 14 points, eight rebounds and three blocks her junior season, when she helped the Dragons to a No. 5 ranking in the final USA Today national poll after posting a 29-1 record, their lone loss to top-ranked Collins Hill (Suwanee, Ga.), which featured 2008-09 Gator newcomer Jordan Jones ... recognized as a 2005-06 First-Team All-State Honorable Mention performer in Division I, while collecting All-Tournament honors for the 2007 Naples Daily News Holiday Shootout and the 2006 Flint Hill Tip-Off Classic ... played with the famed Boo Williams Summer League travel team during the 2006 and 2007 summer ... coached at Notre Dame by hoops legend Mike Teasley.



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ON THE COURT:

One aspect of my game that will be BETTER than last year: Post moves
My best move on the court: Back to the basket

MY FAVORITE...

Song: "Lose Control" by Missy Elliott
Singers: Ciara and Chris Brown
Professional sports team: Miami Heat
Professional athlete: Lauren Jackson
Pre-game ritual: Get a good meal beforehand.
Ice cream flavor: Mint chocolate chip
Dessert: Cheesecake
Breakfast food(s): Frosty
Meal or food: Anything chicken
Snack: Chips
Pizza topping: Cheese
Book: The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling
Actor: Will Smith
Actress: Angelina Jolie
Video game: Crash
Movie that has been made in the last few years: Finding Nemo
Movie of all-time: The Color Purple
Vacation spot: Going home to London
Saying: "Go hard or go home."

I AM MOST LIKE...

Which of Snow White's Seven Dwarfs: Happy
Which super hero: Catwoman
Which cartoon character: Foghorn Leghorn from Looney Tunes
Which professional sports athlete on the court: Shaq

THE MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF WHO MOST REMINDS ME OF ...

One of Snow White's Seven Dwarfs: Coach Lowery - Dopey

People would be surprised to know that I: started to play basketball at age 15.
The BIGGEST surprise I've ever experienced was: when my mum came to surprise me at a basketball game.
The best thing about attending UF: Meeting new people and playing at a high level.
Describe the Basketball Complex: Grand
Describe Coach Butler: Great woman to listen to and learn from.

"Azania is consistent, she's a fantastic teammate, she's a great defender, she runs the floor, she plays with a lot of pride and a lot of passion and she's also very skilled. Azania knew very early that she wanted to be a Gator, too. When you combine all of those elements, you have the makings of an exciting player who can change a program."

— HEAD COACH AMANDA BUTLER