



TEAM FOR TOMORROW

2012 Athlete Ambassadors



Tony Azevedo, Water Polo

Tony Azevedo has competed in three Olympic Games: Sydney (2000), Athens (2004) and Beijing (2008). Azevedo's 17 goals at the 2008 Games not only led the team in scoring, but contributed to the first U.S. Olympic water polo medal in 20 years. At the 2011 Pan American Games, where he was selected by his teammates to carry the U.S. flag at the Closing Ceremony, Azevedo scored three goals in the final game, leading Team USA to a gold medal and a 2012 Olympic Games berth.



Rachel Dawson, Field Hockey

Rachel Dawson led the U.S. Field Hockey Team to gold at the 2011 Pan American Games against No. 1-ranked Argentina. She made her Olympic debut at the 2008 Beijing Games after being named Player of the Tournament in Olympic qualifiers. In 2007, Dawson led the undefeated North Carolina Tar Heels to an NCAA title becoming both an All American and National Player of the Year. Her standout performances also led to an ESPN ESPY nomination for Best Female College Athlete. Dawson was also part of the 2006 U.S. World Cup team that finished fourth in Rome and earned her first National Team call-up in 2005.



Anjali Forber-Pratt - Paralympic Track & Field

Anjali Forber-Pratt is a competitive wheelchair racer who holds U.S. and world records in the 200m. She became the 200m world champion at the 2011 IPC World Championships where she won gold in the 200m, silver in the 100m, and silver in the 400m. Forber-Pratt won bronze at the 2008 Paralympic Games, breaking the U.S. 4x100m record in the process. She also won two gold medals and a bronze at the 2007 Parapan American Games in Rio de Janeiro.



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Rudy Garcia-Tolson – Paralympic Swimming

Rudy Garcia-Tolson is a two-time Paralympic gold medalist who, in 2009, became the first double-above-the-knee amputee to finish an Ironman triathlon. Garcia-Tolson set a world record in the 200m medley at the 2007 U.S. Paralympics Open Swimming Championships prior to the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. In Beijing, he broke his own record by nearly two seconds to win gold and also won bronze in the 100m breaststroke. Garcia-Tolson won his first Paralympic gold medal in the 200m medley at the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens.

Jessica Hardy – Swimming

Jessica Hardy joined the U.S. National Team in 2005 as a high school senior, and has since collected five World Championship finishes, including one gold and five silver medals. As a rookie in 2005, Hardy set a world record in the 100m breaststroke before ultimately finishing second in the finals at her first World Championships and earning silver medals in the 50m breaststroke and 400m medley relay. Her record-setting performances continued at the University of California, Berkeley earning her first of four NCAA Championships in 2006 and winning gold in the 50m breaststroke at the 2007 World Championships.



Qualifying for the 2008 Beijing Games at age 21, Hardy set two world records and six more American records, and was named “top female performer” at the 2009 FINA World Cup Series. In 2010, she won gold in the 50m breaststroke and helped both the 4x100m freestyle relay and 4x100m medley relay teams bring home silver at the 2010 FINA Short Course World Championships. At the 2011 FINA World Championships, Hardy was crowned World Champion in the 50m breaststroke and earned silver in the 4x100m freestyle relay.



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Gwen Jorgensen - Triathlon

Gwen Jorgensen will make her Olympic debut this summer in London. Jorgensen had a breakthrough 2011 season becoming the USA Triathlon Elite Race Series Champion and the Tiszaujvaros ITU World Cup Champion. Jorgensen placed fourth at the 2011 Pan American Games following a strong start to her elite career as 2010 USAT Rookie of the Year and USAT Elite Duathlete of the Year.



Tim Morehouse- Fencing

Tim Morehouse, a two-time Olympian and 2008 Beijing silver medalist, has won two individual U.S. National Championships and seven World Cup medals in addition to being named the No. 1-ranked U.S. men's saber fencer from 2008-2011. Additionally, he is an eight-time U.S. National Team member and has won eight Pan American titles from 2005-2011. Morehouse will compete at the London 2012 Olympic Games on his third Olympic team.



David Oliver - Track and Field

David Oliver is a U.S. track and field athlete who won bronze in the 110m hurdles at the 2008 Olympic Games. In 2010, Oliver set two U.S. records in the 110m hurdles on his way to an undefeated outdoor season where he not only finished 15 races unbeaten, but he also held the top-five finishing times and the top eight of nine times in the world. Oliver competed in both football and track and field at Howard University where he became the first two-time NCAA All-American.



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Heather O'Reilly - Soccer

Heather O'Reilly is a two-time gold medalist who will compete in her third Olympic Games this summer in London. O'Reilly won her first gold at the Athens 2004 Games where she was the youngest player, at age 19, to make the U.S. roster. In Athens, she scored one of the most important goals in U.S. history, a sudden-death overtime finish in the semifinal match. She also put away the quickest goal in Olympic history when she scored at the 40-second mark against New Zealand in the 2008 Beijing Games. O'Reilly has competed in more than 100 international matches.



Mary Whipple - Rowing

Mary Whipple is a two-time Olympic medalist and member of the U.S. Women's Rowing Team. Her 2004 crew set a world record at the Athens Games en route to winning a silver medal. Whipple later won gold at the 2008 Beijing Games after claiming back-to-back first-place finishes at the 2006 and 2007 FISA World Championships.