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mrapinoe

MEGAN RAPINOE

05.07.1985 -

- Professional football player in the National Women's Soccer League (USA).
- Co-captain for the USA national team.
- Activist for equal pay in women's football.
- Ambassador for 'Athlete Ally' – focuses on ending homophobia and transphobia in sport.

Accolades

- Winner of the 'Ballon d'Or Féminin' 2019
- Named 'The BEST FIFA Women's Player' 2019.
- Olympic gold medallist (London 2012)
- 2 x FIFA World Cup Winner (2015 & 2019)

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simonebiles

USA GYMNASTICS

SIMONE BILES

14.03.1997 -

- Professional artistic gymnast for the USA.
- Started early childhood in foster care and officially adopted in 2003.
- Survivor of the abuse elicited by Larry Nassar and USA gymnastics
- Published biographical author– 'Courage to Soar'
- Creator of 4 skills of H difficulty and higher (Biles & Biles II)

Accolades

- 4 x Olympic Gold medallist (Team, All-Around, Vault & Floor – Rio 2016)
- 19 x World Champion (2013-2019)
- Team USA Female Olympic Athlete – 2015
- Recipient of the 'Arthur Ashe Courage Award' - 2018

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elliesimmonds

ELLIE SIMMONDS (MBE)

11.11.1994 -

- British Paralympian Swimmer – S6/SM6/SB6 events
- Youngest British athlete at the summer Paralympics 2008
- Patron of the 'Dwarf Sports Association UK' charity
- Ambassador for The Scout Association and WaterAid.
- Girlguiding leader in Manchester – nicknamed 'Aqua Owl'

Accolades

- 5 x Olympic Gold medallist (Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016)
- 14 x World Champion (2009-2015)
- 2008 BBC Young 'SPOTY'
- MBE – 2009

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serenawilliams

SERENA WILLAIMS

26.09.1981 -

- Professional tennis player
- Hailed as the greatest female tennis player in the 'Open Era'
- CSO for Aston Martin
- First black female athlete to have a solo picture on the cover of vogue.
- Black lives matter activist and advocate
- Took time out to have a baby, continues to play and still ranked world No. 9

Accolades

- 4 x Olympic Gold medallist (Sydney 2000, Beijing 2008 and London 2012)
- 834 wins and 85.3% win rate
- Record 23 Grand Slam titles – 2nd most titles by a female all time

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gabibutler1617

GABI BUTLER

16.01.1998 -

- Cheerleader in the USA
- Established a Youtube and television presence being featured in Netflix 'Cheer'.
- At 8 years old became the 'top' flyer for cheer team Cali SMOED.
- Holds annual tumbling and cheering camps to young cheerleaders across the USA.

Accolades

- 2 x World Champion with Cali SMOED (2013 & 2014)
- Collegiate National Chapmion with Navarro College (2018 & 2019)
- Currently on Top Gun Allstars – 00 (Coed Level 6)

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jessicaennishill

(DAME) JESSICA ENNIS-HILL

28.01.1986 -

- Former British track and field athlete specialising in the heptathlon and 100m hurdles.
- Second woman and first British woman to win BBC SPOTY Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Ambassador for the Jaguar Academy of Sport.
- Patron of the Sheffield Children's Hospital charity and Barrie Well's sports foundation.

Accolades

- 2012 Olympic Heptathlon Champion
- 3 x World Heptathlon Champion (2009, 2011 & 2015).
- 2010 European & indoor heptathlon champion.
- Appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) - 2017

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joannarowsellshand

alopecia uk

JOANNA ROWSELL SHAND (MBE)

05.12.1988 -

- Former English and British Cyclist (track and road)
- Suffered with alopecia areata since aged 10 – a condition resulting in hair loss
- Ambassador for the charity Alopecia UK
- Public speaker helping raise awareness of professional cycling and alopecia

Accolades

- 2 x Olympic Gold Medallist (London 2012 & Rio 2016 – team pursuit)
- 5 x World Champion (4 x team pursuit and 1 Individual Pursuit)
- Reigning Olympic and European Champion (team pursuit)
- World record holder in the 3km & 4km team pursuit

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gevamentor

Dorset Children's Foundation

GEVA MENTOR (CBE)

17.09.1984 -

- English International Netball player
- Awarded 'Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 2019.
- All-round sports lover and former British trampolinist.
- Published author with her autobiography 'Leap'
- Ambassador for the 'Dorset Children's Foundation' and 'Autism Wessex'

<u>Accolades</u>

- Reigning common wealth champion
- 2 x Bronze medallist in the commonwealth games (2006 Melbourne & 2010 Delhi)
- 146 caps playing GK for the national team

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maddiehinch

Maddie Hinch (MBE)

08.10.1988 -

- English and GB International Hockey player.
- Owner and founder of coaching company 'MH coaching' specialising in hockey goalkeeping
- Created on line of hockey sticks in association with Grays
- Ambassador for 'Right to play'

<u>Accolades</u>

- Reigning Olympic Champion (Rio 2016)
- European Champion (2015)
- Over 100 international appearances (GB and England)
- Awarded an 'MBE' in 2019

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clarebalding

Clare Balding (OBE)

29.01.1971 -

- Broadcaster and journalist specialising in sports
- Currently presents for BBC sport, Channel 4 and BT Sport
- Columnist for 'The Sporting Life' and 'Racing Post'
- Survivor of thyroid cancer
- Patron of the 'British Thyroid Foundation', 'British Paralympic Association' & 'Diversity Role Models'

Accolades

- Awarded an 'OBE' in 2013
- Has reported from 6 Olympic games (Sydney 2000 → Rio 2016)
- Winner of the special BAFTA in 2012 for her coverage and work on the London 2012 Olympics.