

# Alabama's Olympians

Alabama has a rich Olympics legacy. Olympic athletes, alternates, coaches and managers with ties to Alabama are listed below. Athletes shown in bold print were medal winners. The achievements of some individuals are commemorated at various tourist attractions, as noted:

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| ASHOF | Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, Birmingham |
| AUTT  | Auburn University Tiger Trail, Auburn   |
| JOMP  | Jesse Owens Memorial Park, Oakville     |

For information about these tourist sites, inquiries about this list, or to submit names of individuals who should be represented on this list, contact the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel, 1-800-ALABAMA.

Alabama plays a prominent role in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics when the city of Birmingham hosts 11 Olympic Soccer matches at Legion Field, July 20-28. To order Olympic Soccer tickets, contact the Birmingham Soccer Organizing Committee, 1-800-240-5700.

## 1924, Paris

Charles W. Streit, Jr.  
ASHOF  
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Manager, U.S. Track Team

## 1928, Amsterdam

Euil "Snitz" Snider  
ASHOF  
Hometown: Adger, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
400 Meters

Charles W. Streit, Jr.  
ASHOF  
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Manager, U.S. Track Team

## 1932, Los Angeles

**PERCY M. BEARD**  
ASHOF  
Hometown: Hardinsburg, Ky.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
110 Meter Hurdles (Silver)

Charles W. Streit, Jr.  
ASHOF  
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Manager, U.S. Track Team

## 1936, Berlin

**JESSE OWENS**  
ASHOF & JOMP  
Hometown: Oakville, Ala.  
College: Ohio State University  
Track & Field  
100 Meters (Gold)  
200 Meters (Gold)  
4x100 Meter Relay (Gold)  
Long Jump (Gold)  
*First American to win four gold medals*

## 1936, Berlin (cont.)

Charles W. Streit, Jr.  
ASHOF  
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Manager, U.S. Track Team

## 1948, London

**ALICE COACHMAN DAVIS**  
Hometown: near Albany, Ga.  
College: Tuskegee Institute  
Track & Field  
High Jump (Gold)  
*First black woman to win a gold medal*

Whitey Overton  
Hometown: n/a  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Steeplechase

## 1952, Helsinki

**JIM DILLION**  
Hometown: n/a  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Discus (Bronze)

## 1968, Grenoble

*Winter Games*

Jo Jo Starbuck  
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
College: n/a  
Figure Skating  
Pairs

## 1972, Munich

**ROBIN BACKHAUS**  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
200 Meter Butterfly (Bronze)

Mark Crocker  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Hong Kong*

Colin Herring  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented New Zealand*

**JAN JOHNSON**  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
Pole Vault (Bronze)

Jacques Leloup  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Belgium*

## 1972, Sapporo

*Winter Games*

Jo Jo Starbuck  
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
College: n/a  
Figure Skating  
Pairs

## 1976, Montreal

**JACK BABASHOFF**  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
100 Meter Freestyle (Silver)

## 1976, Montreal (cont.)

Carlos Berrocal  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Puerto Rico*

### JENNIFER CHANDLER JONES ASHOF

Hometown: Langdale, Ala.  
College: University of Arizona  
Diving  
3 Meter Springboard (Gold)

Casey Converse  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming

Mark Crocker  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Hong Kong*

### BILL FORRESTER

Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Swimming  
200 Meter Butterfly (Bronze)

Disa Gisladdottir  
Hometown: Reykjavik, Iceland  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
High Jump  
*Represented Iceland*

### HARVEY GLANCE

ASHOF & AUTT  
Hometown: Phenix City, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
100 Meters  
4x100 Meter Relay (Gold)

Christina Jarvis  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Great Britain*

Willie Smith  
Hometown: Uniondale, N.Y.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
4x100 Meter Relay, alternate

Mark Tonelli  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Australia*

Jeff Van de Graff  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Australia*

## 1980, Moscow

*(Boycotted by U.S.)*

Arne Borgstrom  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Norway (boycotted)*

Stanley Floyd  
Hometown: Albany, Ga.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
100 Meters  
400 Meter Relay

Bill Forrester  
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Swimming

Ambrose "Rowdy" Gaines  
ASHOF & AUTT  
Hometown: Winter Haven, Fla.  
College: Auburn University  
Swimming

## 1980, Moscow (cont.)

Harvey Glance  
ASHOF & AUTT  
Hometown: Phenix City, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
100 Meters  
400 Meter Relay

Hreinn Halldorsson  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
Shot Put  
*Represented Iceland*

Cameron Henning  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Canada (boycotted)*

PER JOHANSSON  
Hometown: Borlange, Sweden  
College: Auburn University  
Swimming  
100 Meter Freestyle (Bronze)  
*Represented Sweden*

Marcello Juca  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Brazil*

MAX METZKER  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
1,500 Meter Freestyle (Bronze)  
*Represented Australia*

Glenn Mills  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming

Willie Smith  
Hometown: Uniondale, N.Y.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
400 Meters  
4x400 Relay

MARK TONELLI  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
4x100 Meter Medley Relay (Gold)  
*Represented Australia*

James Walker  
Hometown: Atlanta, Ga.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
400 Meter Hurdles

William Wuyke  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
800 Meters  
*Represented Venezuela*

## 1984, Los Angeles

Evelyn Adiru  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
800 Meters  
*Represented Uganda*

Laura Agront  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
High Jump  
*Represented Puerto Rico*

Ricardo Aldabe  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Spain*

## 1984, Los Angeles (cont.)

### ALONZO BABERS

Hometown: Montgomery, Ala.  
College: U.S. Air Force Academy  
Track & Field  
400 Meters (Gold)  
4x400 Meter Relay (Gold)

### Laurence Bensimon

Hometown: Meudon, France  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented France*

### Peter Berndt

Hometown: Potsdam, E. Germany  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented East Germany (boycotted)*

### Katrine Bomstad

Hometown: Larvik, Norway  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Norway*

### Carole Brook

Hometown: Frauenberg, Switzerland  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Switzerland*

### Carmel Clark

Hometown: Havelock, New Zealand  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented New Zealand*

### Filberto Colon

Hometown: Guaynabo, Puerto Rico  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Puerto Rico*

### John Crist

Hometown: Atlanta, Ga.  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
Decathlon

### Mike Davidson

Hometown: Auckland, New Zealand  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented New Zealand*

### Pauline Davis

Hometown: Nassau, Bahamas  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
100 Meters  
200 Meters  
*Represented Bahamas*

### Anna Doig

Hometown: Paraparaumu, New Zealand  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented New Zealand*

### Siggy Einarsson

Hometown: Gardabaer, Iceland  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
Javelin  
*Represented Iceland*

### AMBROSE "ROWDY" GAINES

ASHOF & AUTI  
Hometown: Winter Haven, Fla.  
College: Auburn University  
Swimming  
100 Meter Freestyle (Gold)  
4x100 Meter Freestyle Relay (Gold)  
4x100 Meter Medley Relay (Gold)

### Don Gambriel

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.  
Head Coach, Univ. of Alabama Swimming  
Swimming  
Head Coach, U.S. Swim Team

### Disa Gisladottir

Hometown: Reykjavik, Iceland  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
High Jump  
*Represented Iceland*

## 1984, Los Angeles (cont.)

Harvey Glance

ASHOF, AUTT

Hometown: Phenix City, Ala.

College: Auburn University

Track & Field

4x100 Meter Relay, alternate

Steve Griffins

Home: Jamaica

College: Auburn University

Track & Field

4x400 Meter Relay

*Represented Jamaica*

Iris Gronfeldt

Hometown: Borgarnes, Iceland

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

Javelin

*Represented Iceland*

Vesteinn Hafsteinsson

Hometown: Seltoss, Iceland

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

Discus

*Represented Iceland*

Kris Hardarson

Hometown: n/a

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

Long Jump

*Represented Iceland*

CAM HENNING

Hometown: n/a

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

200 Meter Backstroke (Bronze)

*Represented Canada*

Elizabeth E. McKay Humble

Hometown: Huntsville, Ala.

College: East Tennessee State University

Rifle

Three-position Rifle Shooting, alternate

Frank Iacono

Hometown: n/a

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

*Represented France*

PER JOHANSSON

Hometown: Borlange, Sweden

College: Auburn University

Swimming

100 Meter Freestyle (Bronze)

4x100 Meter Freestyle Relay (Bronze)

*Represented Sweden*

Marcello Juca

Hometown: n/a

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

*Represented Brazil*

Angelika Knipping

Hometown: n/a

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

*Represented West Germany*

LILLIE LEATHERWOOD

Hometown: Northport, Ala.

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

400 Meters

4x400 Meter Relay (Gold)

JUSTIN LEMBERG

Hometown: n/a

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

400 Meter Freestyle (Bronze)

*Represented Australia*

Felix Morf

Hometown: n/a

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

*Represented Switzerland*

Tony Portella

Hometown: n/a

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

*Represented Puerto Rico*

## 1984, Los Angeles (cont.)

Mark Rourke  
Hometown: Pointe Claire, Canada  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Canada*

Enrique Romero  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Spain*

Andreas Schmidt  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented West Germany*

**JON SIEBEN**  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
200 Meter Butterfly (Gold)  
*Represented Australia*

**CALVIN SMITH**  
Hometown: Bolton, Miss.  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
4x100 Meter Relay (Gold)

Willie Smith  
Hometown: Uniondale, N.Y.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
4x400 Relay, alternate

John Tuttle  
Hometown: Alfred, N.Y.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Marathon

William Wuyke  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
800 Meter Relay  
*Represented Venezuela*

## 1988, Seoul

Brian Abshire  
Hometown: Richmond, Calif.  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Steeplechase

Katie Anderson  
Hometown: Toronto, Canada  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
4x100 Meter Relay  
*Represented Canada*

Peter Berndt  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented West Germany*

Samuel Boateng  
Hometown: Kumasi, Ghana  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
4x100 Meter Relay  
*Represented Ghana*

Eggert Bogason  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
Discus  
*Represented Iceland*

Grace Buzu  
Hometown: n/a  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
4x400 Meter Relay  
*Represented Uganda*

Pauline Davis  
Hometown: Nassau, Bahamas  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
100 Meters  
200 Meters  
*Represented Bahamas*

## 1988, Seoul (cont.)

Siggy Einarsson

Hometown: Gardabaer, Iceland

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

Javelin

*Represented Iceland*

Rita Garay

Hometown: San Juan, Puerto Rico

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

*Represented Puerto Rico*

Iris Gronfeldt

Hometown: Borgarnes, Iceland

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

Javelin

*Represented Iceland*

Peter Gudmunsson

Hometown: Seltoss, Iceland

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

Shot Put

*Represented Iceland*

Vesteinn Hafsteinsson

Hometown: Seltoss, Iceland

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

Discus

*Represented Iceland*

Emmit King

Hometown: Bessemer, Ala.

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

4x100 Meter Relay, alternate

**LILLIE LEATHERWOOD**

Hometown: Northport, Ala.

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

4x400 Meter Relay (Silver)

Liz Lynch

Hometown: Dundee, Scotland

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

10,000 Meters

*Represented Great Britain*

Eduardo Nava

Hometown: Mexico City, Mexico

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

100 Meters

*Represented Mexico*

Rugga Runolfsdottir

Hometown: Akranes, Iceland

College: University of Alabama

Swimming

*Represented Iceland*

**CALVIN SMITH**

Hometown: Bolton, Miss.

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

100 Meters (Bronze)

4x100 Meter Relay

Clive Wright

Hometown: New York, N.Y.

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

200 Meters

4x100 Meter Relay

*Represented Jamaica*

## 1992, Barcelona

Solomon Amegatcher

Hometown: Accra, Ghana

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

400 Meters

*Represented Ghana*

Katie Anderson

Hometown: Toronto, Canada

College: University of Alabama

Track & Field

100 Meters

*Represented Canada*

## 1992, Barcelona (cont.)

### **CHARLES BARKLEY**

Hometown: Leeds, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Basketball  
Men's Basketball (Gold)

### **Samuel Boateng**

Hometown: Kumasi, Ghana  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
4x400 Meter Relay  
*Represented Ghana*

### **Juliet Campbell**

Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
400 Meters  
1,600 Meter Relay  
*Represented Jamaica*

### **Pauline Davis**

Hometown: Nassau, Bahamas  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
100 Meters  
200 Meters  
*Represented Bahamas*

### **Siggy Einarsson**

Hometown: Gardabaer, Iceland  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
Javelin  
*Represented Iceland*

### **Rita Garay**

Hometown: San Juan, Puerto Rico  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Puerto Rico*

### **Vesteinn Hafsteinsson**

Hometown: Seltoss, Iceland  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
Discus  
*Represented Iceland*

### **Henry Hagan**

Hometown: Anomabo, Ghana  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
4x400 Meter Relay  
*Represented Ghana*

### **Craig Hepburn**

Hometown: Nassau, Bahamas  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
Long Jump  
*Represented Bahamas*

### **FAITH IDEHEN**

Hometown: Benin City, Nigeria  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
4x100 Meter Relay (Bronze)  
*Represented Nigeria*

### **CAROLYN JONES**

Hometown: Laurel, Miss.  
College: Auburn University  
Basketball  
Women's Basketball (Bronze)

### **Liz Lynch McColgan**

Hometown: Dundee, Scotland  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
10,000 Meters  
*Represented Scotland*

### **Stavros Michaelides**

Hometown: Limassol, Cyprus  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Cyprus*

### **Eduardo Nava**

Hometown: Mexico City, Mexico  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
4x100 Meter Relay  
4x400 Meter Relay  
*Represented Mexico*

### **Ellen (McGrath) Owen**

Hometown: Louisville, Ky.  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming

## 1992, Barcelona (cont.)

### JON OLSEN

Hometown: Montgomery, Ala.  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
400 Meter Freestyle Relay (Gold)  
400 Meter Medley Relay (Gold)  
800 Meter Freestyle Relay (Bronze)

### VICKIE ORR

AUTT  
Hometown: Decatur, Ala.  
College: Auburn University  
Basketball  
Women's Basketball (Bronze)

### Mel Rosen

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Head Coach, Auburn University Track  
Track & Field  
Head Coach, U.S. Men's Track Team

### Mark Rourke

Hometown: Pointe Claire, Canada  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Canada*

### Rugga Runolfsdottir

Hometown: Akranes, Iceland  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Iceland*

### Helga Sigurdardottir

Hometown: Isafjordur, Iceland  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
*Represented Iceland*

### Clive Wright

Hometown: New York, N.Y.  
College: University of Alabama  
Track & Field  
200 Meters  
*Represented Jamaica*

## 1996, Atlanta

† *Official Olympians*

\* *Other Possible Olympians*

### Ruthie Bolton \*

Hometown: n/a  
College: Auburn University  
Basketball  
Women's Basketball

### Juliet Campbell \*

Hometown: Kingston, Jamaica  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field

### Mia Hamm †

Hometown: Selma, Ala.  
College: University of North Carolina  
Soccer  
Women's Soccer

### John Hargis †

Hometown: Clinton, Ark.  
College: Auburn University  
Swimming  
100 Meter Butterfly

### Angel Martino †

Hometown: Americus, Ga.  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
100 Meter Freestyle  
100 Meter Butterfly  
400 Meter Freestyle Relay

### Samuel Matete \*

Home: Zambia  
College: Auburn University  
Track & Field  
400 Meter Hurdles

### Jon Olsen †

Hometown: Montgomery, Ala.  
College: University of Alabama  
Swimming  
100 Meter Freestyle  
400 Meter Freestyle  
800 Meter Freestyle Relay

## 1996, Atlanta *(cont.)*

John Piersma †

Hometown: Huntsville, Ala.

College: University of Michigan

Swimming

200 Meter Freestyle

400 Meter Freestyle

800 Meter Freestyle Relay

Scott Tucker †

Hometown: n/a

College: Auburn University

Swimming

400 Meter Freestyle Relay

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