

FACT SHEET

Carly Patterson

Residence: Allen, Texas
Place of Birth: Baton Rouge, LA
Date of Birth: February 4, 1988
Club: World Olympic Gymnastics Academy
Coach: Evgeny Marchenko, Natasha Boyarskaya
School: 2006 Graduate of Spring Creek Academy
College: Collin County Community College (Plano, TX)
Began Gymnastics: 1994
Favorite Event: Balance Beam
Years on National Team: (2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04)

Career Highlights

2004 Olympic Gold Medalist: All-Around
2004 Olympic Silver Medalist: Team
2004 Olympic Silver Medalist: Beam
2004 U.S. National Co-Champion
2004 Visa American Cup Champion
2003 World Championships: Gold Medal Team
2003 World Championships: Silver Medal All-Around
2003 Visa American Cup Champion
2002 U.S. Junior National Champion

Background

At the 2004 Summer Olympics, Carly Patterson became the first American woman in 20 years to win the All-Around Olympic Gold medal since Mary Lou Retton in 1984. The 2004 Olympic Champion, Carly Patterson, was born February 4, 1988 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the first of two children to Ricky and Natalie Patterson.

Carly began gymnastics in 1994, after attending a cousin's birthday party at Elite Gymnastics in Baton Rouge. Less than a decade later, she made her debut at the senior international elite level, winning back-to-back American Cup titles in 2003 and 2004, as well as the title of 2004 US Co-National Champion. Carly was also a part of the 2003 World Championships team where she won a silver medal in the all-around and helped lead the US to their first ever World Championship team gold medal! It was also at this competition that Carly's signature beam dismount (an Arabian double front) was officially named the Patterson. A year later, Carly achieved her ultimate goal in gymnastics by earning a trip to the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Carly came home from Athens with three Olympic medals. The US women won silver in the team competition - the first medal for the US women in eight years, as well as the second highest finish for Americans in a fully attended Olympic Games. Carly also earned a silver medal on her specialty, the beam. However, it was on August 19th that all of Carly's hard work, dedication, and love for gymnastics paid off. She won the most prestigious title in gymnastics, the title of 2004 Olympic All-Around Champion. Carly is the USA's first Olympic all-around champion in twenty years, as well as the first American woman to win an Olympic all-around title in a fully attended Olympic Games!

Since the Olympics, Carly appeared on the "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." She also was featured on an NBC special and adorned the front of a Wheaties box. Carly presented an award at the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards; was recognized by Glamour Magazine at the 2004 "Women Of The Year" Award; and was honored as the March of Dimes' "Sportswoman of the Year."

In 2005, Carly was selected as one of Teen People's "20 Teens Who Will Change the World;" walked the runway at New York Fashion Week to promote "The Heart Truth Red Dress Collection" to prevent heart disease; was nominated for the Sullivan Award honoring the best amateur athlete; and was nominated for an

ESPY Award in the “Best Olympic Performance” category. Carly published her autobiography “Be Strong” and made an appearance in the movie “Stick It.”

Carly began pursuing a music career after the 2004 Olympics and was signed by Music Mind Records in 2007. Carly released her first single, "Temporary Life" in March 2008 and her second single, "Time to Wake Up", in Feb. 2009. Carly's CD, "Back To The Beginning", was released August 2009. Her song, "Here I Am", was used for advertisement for the 2010 season of the TV show "Make It or Break It." In addition, Carly made an appearance in the 2010 season of "Make It or Break It."

Carly has continued to work with USA Gymnastics at events, gymnastics camps and competitions. Carly also takes pride in coaching and appearances at many college events.

Carly has been involved in many charitable causes such as Special Olympics, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Children's Miracle Network as well as numerous other local Dallas-based charitable causes.

Carly is studying Journalism and is pursuing a public speaking career.

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USA GYMNASTICS
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 TOPS National Team: 1996, 1997

Personal Info

Patterson shared her first U.S. All-Around title in 2004 with Courtney Kupets after missing the 2003 event with an elbow injury. Patterson successfully defended her 2003 Visa American Cup title by sweeping all four events and the all-around at the 2004 Visa American Cup, Feb. 28 at Madison Square Garden. Patterson said she competed in honor of her coach, Evgeny Marchenko, who endured the loss of his mother, Victoria, just three days before the competition. Patterson was a member of the 2003 World Championships gold medal team and won a silver medal in the All-Around. For her outstanding 2003 season, Patterson was named the 2003 TOPS Co-Athlete of the Year with Chellsie Memmel. Patterson did not compete in the 2003 U.S. Championships due to an elbow injury. She is the daughter of Ricky and Natalie Patterson and she has one sister, Jordan (5/19/90). Her mother was also a gymnast. Patterson's goal for gymnastics is to be a contender for the 2004 Olympic Team. She would like to study dental hygiene in college and her hobbies are swimming, bike riding and computers. Patterson's role models are her parents, sister and coaches.

International Competition

- 2004 Pacific Alliance Championships, Honolulu, Hawaii; 1st -Team, 2nd -AA, 1st -BB, 1st -FX
- 2004 Visa American Cup, New York City, NY; 1st -AA, 1st -V, 1st -UB, 1st -BB, 1st -FX
- 2003 World Championships, Anaheim, CA; 1st -Team, 2nd -AA
- 2003 Pacific Challenge (USA/CAN/AUS), Fullerton, CA; 1st -Team, 1st -AA, 5th -UB, 3rd -BB, 5th -FX
- 2003 Visa American Cup, Fairfax, VA; 1st -AA, 1st -BB, 2nd -V, 2nd -UB, 3rd -FX
- 2002 USA/UKR/BRA Team Meet, Curitiba, BRA; 1st -Team, 1st -AA, 1st -BB, 2nd -V, 2nd -FX
- 2002 USA-MEX Dual Meet, Houston, Texas; 1st -Team, 1st -AA, 1st -BB, 2nd -UB, 3rd -V, 3rd -FX
- 2002 TJ Maxx International Challenge, Anaheim, Calif.; 1st -Team
- 2002 Pacific Alliance Championships, Vancouver, CAN; 1st -Team, 2nd -AA, 1st -V, 1st -BB, 1st -FX, 2nd -UB (Jr. Div.)
- 2002 Jurassic Classic, Calgary, CAN; 1st -Team, 1st -AA, 1st -V, 1st -BB, 1st -FX, 2nd -UB
- 2002 GYMnix, Montreal, CAN; 1st -AA, 1st -V, 2nd -FX, 2nd -BB (Jr. Div.)
- 2001 Pule Junior International Cup, Heilongjiang, China, 1st AA, 1st UB, 3rd BB
- 2001 Goodwill Games, Brisbane, Australia; 7th -AA, 5th -BB

Women's National Team

- 2001 Pontiac American Team Cup, Honolulu, Hawaii; 1st-Team
- 2000 Top Gym Junior International Invitational, Charleroi, Belgium; 2nd-AA, 3rd-BB, 4th-UB, 5th-V, 6th-FX, 3rd-team

National Competition

- 2004 Visa U.S. Championships, Nashville, Tenn.; T1st- AA, 5th- UB, 2nd- BB, 1st- FX
- 2002 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Cleveland, Ohio; 1st-AA, 2nd-BB, 3rd-FX (Jr. Div.)
- 2002 U.S. Classic, Virginia Beach, Va.; 1st-AA, 4th-V, 3rd-UB, 7th-BB, 2nd-FX (Jr. Div.)
- 2002 National Elite Podium Meet, Orlando, FL; 1st-AA, 1st-V, 1st-UB, 1st-BB, 1st-FX
- 2002 American Classic, Indianapolis; 2nd-AA, 1st-V, 1st-FX, 2nd-BB, 5th-UB (Jr. Div.)
- 2001 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Philadelphia, Pa.; 3rd-AA, 2nd-BB (Jr. Div.)
- 2001 U.S. Classic, Pomona, Calif.; 1st-AA, 1st-FX, 1st-BB, 5th-UB (Jr. div.)
- 2000 U.S. Classic, Tulsa, Okla.; 3rd-AA, 1st-BB, 6th-FX
- 2000 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, St. Louis, Mo.; 4th-AA, 2nd-BB, 4th-FX
- 2000 American Classic, Reno, Nev.; 6th-BB, 13th-AA