

KURT THOMAS

1979 World Championships Gold, Silver & Bronze Medalist

1978 World Championships Gold Medalist

1976 Olympian

1976, 1977 & 1978 U.S. National Champion

Hometown:	Chicago, Ill.	Date/Place of Birth:	March 29, 1956 (Miami, Fla.)
Residence:	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Height:	5' 5"
Coach:	Ron Brant		
Club:	U.S. Olympic Training Center		

College: 1979 graduate of Indiana State University

Major: B.S. in Education

Years on Senior National Team: 7 (1975-80, 1992-93)

Years in Gymnastics: 22

Favorite Apparatus/Event: Pommel Horse

Thomas became the first American in 46 years to win a gold medal at a World Championships when he captured the floor exercise title in 1978. With his silver medal finish in the all-around competition at the 1979 World Championships, he became the number two ranked gymnast in the world. But after the U.S. boycotted the 1980 Olympic Games, he retired. Thomas attempted a comeback at 36 years of age and made the national team, making him the oldest gymnast ever to make the USA National Team. One of America's most decorated gymnasts, Thomas won the 1979 Sullivan Award and was selected CBS's Athlete of the Year in 1979. He was also a three-time (1978-79-80) American Cup Champion. Thomas was selected to do commentary for gymnastics at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

1980 American Cup, New York, N.Y.; 1st-AA & FX & PH & PB & HB, 2nd-R, 3rd-V
1979 World Gymnastics Championships, Ft. Worth, Texas; 3rd-Team, 2nd-AA, 1st-FX & HB, 2nd-PB & PH
1979 International Mixed Pairs, Atlanta, Ga.; 4th-AA (paired with Kathy Johnson)
1979 Dial American Cup, New York, N.Y.; 1st-AA & FX & R & PB & HB, 2nd-PH & V
1979 World Cup, Sao Paulo, Brazil; 2nd-AA & HB & FX, 3rd-PH
1979 World Cup, Tokyo, Japan; 4th-AA, 3rd-PH, 5th-HB, 6th-FX
1978 World Gymnastics Championships, Strasbourg, France; 4th-Team, 6th-AA, 1st-FX
1978 Champions All, London, Great Britain; 1st-AA
1978 American Cup, New York, N.Y.; 1st-AA & FX & PH & R & V & PB & HB
1977 Chunichi Cup, Tokyo, Japan; 5th-AA
1977 Barcelona Invitational, Barcelona, Spain; 1st-AA
1977 Romanian Invitational, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; 1st-AA
1977 American Cup, New York, N.Y.; 2nd-AA
1976 Olympic Games, Montreal, Canada; 7th-Team, 21st-AA
1976 USA vs. Romania, Berkeley, Calif.; 4th-AA
1976 USA vs. Canada, Toronto, Canada; 4th-AA
1975 Pan American Games, Mexico City, Mexico; 1st-Team, 3rd-AA, 2nd-PH & V, 3rd-HB

NATIONAL COMPETITION

1992 U.S. Olympic Trials, Baltimore, Md.; 16th-AA
1992 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Columbus, Ohio; 16th-AA, 6th-PB
1992 Winter Nationals, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 20th-AA
1991 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Cincinnati, Ohio; 22nd-AA

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- 1979 World Gymnastics Championships Team Trials; 2nd-AA
- 1979 NCAA Championships, Baton Rouge, La.; 1st-AA
- 1979 National Sports Festival; 1st-PH, 2nd-R & PB & HB
- 1979 U.S. Gymnastics Championships; injured—did not compete
- 1978 U.S. Gymnastics Championships; 1st-AA & FX & HB, 2nd-R & PB, 3rd-PH
- 1977 U.S. Gymnastics Championships; 1st-AA
- 1977 NCAA Championships; 1st-Team, 1st-AA
- 1976 U.S. Olympic Trials, Berkeley, Calif.; 1st-AA
- 1976 U.S. Gymnastics Championships; 1st-AA
- 1976 NCAA Championships; 4th-AA, 4th-V
- 1975 U.S. Gymnastics Championships; 10th-AA
- 1975 NCAA Championships; 9th-AA, 5th-PB
- 1975 Windy City Invitational, Chicago, Ill.; 1st-AA
- 1973 J.O. Nationals; 1st-AA
- 1972 J.O. Nationa;s 4th-AA