



DOMINIQUE MOCEANU

1998 Goodwill Games Gold Medalist
1997 World Championships Team, Individual All-Around Finalist
1996 Olympic Gold Medalist
1995 World Championships Silver & Bronze Medalist
1995 Senior National Champion
1994 Junior National Champion



Hometown: Houston, Texas
Residence: Cleveland, Ohio
Birth Date/Place: Sept. 30, 1981/Hollywood, Calif.
Former Club: Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy
Coaches: Mary Lee Tracy, Terry Gray and Amy Scheer-Wert
Began Gymnastics: 1984
Years on National Team: 7 (1992-99)
Favorite Events: Balance beam, Floor Exercise

Moceanu's Romanian-born parents came to the U.S. in 1980; both were competitive gymnasts -- her father, Dumitru, was on the Romanian Junior National Team and mother Camelia was a Level 10 gymnast. At the young age of 3 and a half, Dominique began taking gymnastics classes in Highland Park, Ill.

Dominique began training with coach Bela Karolyi in 1991. Only 7 months after joining Karolyi's gym, Dominique became the youngest member to qualify for the U.S. Jr. National Team. At the 1992 Jr. National Championships, Dominique finished fifth in the all-around and continued her 'youngest streak' by becoming the youngest gymnast to win a medal at the championships. That same year, as the youngest gymnast to ever compete at the Pan American Games, Dominique captured five gold medals on Vault, Bars, Floor, AA and in the team competition.

At the 1995 U.S. Nationals (Sr. Division) in New Orleans, Dominique, in her first major national meet, became the youngest gymnast in U.S. history to capture the all-around title. Shortly after, Dominique won a silver medal on the balance beam at the 1995 World Championships in Sabae, Japan, placing fifth overall, the best finish for an American. She was USOC SportsWoman of the Month for April and September '95 and a nominee for the 1995 Sullivan Award, honoring the USA's top amateur athlete.

Leading up to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Dominique sustained stress fracture in her tibia, resulting in disappointing U.S. Nationals and World Championship finishes. However, she returned in time to help the U.S. capture a team gold medal in the 1996 Olympics, becoming the youngest U.S. gymnast ever to win an Olympic gold medal. When she and her teammates appeared on the Wheaties cereal box, she became the youngest athlete ever to receive the honor.

Following the 1996 Olympics, Karolyi retired, and Dominique began training under Luminita Miscenco, a former gymnast at the famous school in Deva, Romania. Moceanu credits Miscenco for putting her back on track and for helping her adjust to her new frame after she grew seven inches in height and gained 18 pounds in 1997. Moceanu returned to capture the all-around title at the 1998 Goodwill Games.

Dominique moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in January of 2000 to continue training under 1996 Assistant Olympic coach Mary Lee Tracy. Unfortunately, her planned return to the Olympic stage was cut short when she was forced to withdraw from the 2000 Olympic Trials with a knee injury.

Dominique is currently coaching at Gymnastics World in Cleveland, Ohio. She has written a book, *Dominique Moceanu: An American Champion*. She maintains a busy schedule for clinics and personal appearances year round, while attending school full time at the University of Akron. Things are looking busy for Dominique in 2004 as she prepares to launch the first annual Dominique Moceanu Invitational, release her very own bobblehead doll, and a begin shooting a starring role in an independent film titled, "As Fast As She Can." Read more about Dominique at her official web site, www.dominique-moceanu.com.



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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

- 1998 Goodwill Games, New York, NY; 1st-AA
- 1997 World Gymnastics Championships, Lausanne, SUI;
- 1997 Reese's International Gymnastics Cup, Anaheim, Calif.; 3rd (with Dominique Dawes)
- 1997 International Team Championships (USA, CHN, ROM), Cincinnati, Ohio; 2nd-team
- 1996 Olympic Games, Atlanta, Ga.; 1st-team, (Competition II), All-Around Finalist
- 1995 World Championships, Sabae, JPN; 3rd-team, T2nd-BB,
- 1995 Visa Challenge, Fairfax, Va.; 1st-AA, Team & FX, 3rd-V & BB, 2nd-UB
- 1995 Reese's International Gymnastics Cup, Portland, Ore.; 1st-UB, 3rd-BB
- 1993 International Tournament of Jr. Women's Gymnastics, Charleroi, BEL; 1st-team & BB, 3rd-UB
- 1992 Jr. Pan American Games; 2nd-AA, 1st-team, V, UB & FX

NATIONAL COMPETITION

- 2000 Olympic Team Trials, Boston; Withdrew due to injury
- 2000 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, St. Louis; 8th-AA
- 2000 U.S. Classic, Tulsa, Okla.; 6th-AA
- 1998 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Indianapolis; 3rd-AA, 1st-V, 1st-BB, 3rd-FX
- 1997 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Denver, Colo., 2nd-FX
- 1996 U.S. Olympic Trials-Gymnastics, Boston, Mass.; 2nd-AA (did not compete; scores carried from 1996 Coca-Cola National Championships)
- 1996 Coca-Cola National Championships, Knoxville, Tenn.; 3rd-AA
- 1995 World Team Trials, Austin, Texas; 1st-AA
- 1995 Coca-Cola National Championships, New Orleans, La.; 1st-AA, 2nd-FX, 3rd-V
- 1995 American Classic/Pan American Games Trials, Oakland, Calif.; T2nd-AA, 1st-V, 3rd-BB, 3rd-FX
- 1994 Coca-Cola National Championships, Nashville, Tenn.; 1st-AA and V, T1st-FX, 3rd-UB & BB (jr. div.)
- 1994 American Classic/World Championships Trials, Orlando, Fla.; (jr. div.)
- 1993 Coca-Cola National Championships, Salt Lake City, Utah; (jr. div.)
- 1993 U.S. Classic, Austin, Texas; (jr. div.)
- 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival, San Antonio, Texas,
- 1993 American Classic, Murray, Utah; (jr. div.)
- 1992 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Columbus, Ohio; 2nd-BB (jr. div.)
- 1992 U.S. Classic, Knoxville, Tenn.; (jr. div.)
- 1991 U.S. Classic, Salt Lake City, Utah; 1st-BB, (jr. div.)