WOMEN'S SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

BETTY OKINO

1992 Olympic Bronze Medalist 1992 World Championships Silver Medalist 1991 World Championships Silver & Bronze Medalist



Hometown:

Elmhurst, Ill.

Date/Place of

June 4, 1975 (Uganda, Africa)

Residence:

Elmhurst, Ill.

Birth: Height:

5'5"

Coach:

Bela and Martha Karolyi

Club:

Karolyi's Gymnastics

Years on Senior National Team: 3 (1990-91, 1991-92 unranked, 1992-93 unranked)

Years in Gymnastics: 9 1/2 (Fall, '93)

Favorite Apparatus/Event: all

Hobbies: painting t-shirts, collecting dolls

Okino was born in Africa and then moved to Romania. She came to the United States at the age of two. Initially, Okino was coached by her mother. She and her brother, Edward, competed in tap dance competitions and were five-time national champions. Okino was unable to compete at the 1991 and 1992 Championships due to injuries. Okino performs an original move on beam, a triple pirouette or turn, which has been recognized as "the Okino" by the International Gymnastics Federation. She has scored one perfect 10.00 in her career.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

- 1992 Olympic Games, Barcelona, Spain; 3rd-Team, 12th-AA, 6th-BB
- 1992 World Gymnastics Championships, Paris, France; 2nd-UB, 8th-BB
- 1991 World Gymnastics Championships, Indianapolis, Ind.; 4th-AA, 2nd-Team, 3rd-BB
- 1991 McDonald's International Mixed Pairs, Atlanta, Ga.; 4th-AA (with Trent Dimas)
- 1991 McDonald's American Cup, Orlando, Fla.; 1st-AA (10.00-V)
- 1990 Recontre Beaucaire, Beaucaire, France; 1st-AA, 2nd-Team, 1st-BB, 2nd-UB
- 1990 DTB Pokal, Stuttgart, Germany; 2nd-AA, 1st-BB & UB, 3rd-FX
- 1990 Arthur Gander Memorial, Montreaux, Switzerland; 2nd-AA
- 1990 Joaquim Blume Tournament, Barcelona, Spain; 5th-AA
- 1990 McDonald's Challenge: USA vs. USSR, San Jose, Calif.; 8th-AA
- 1990 Goodwill Games, Seattle, Wash.; 4th-AA, 2nd-Team
- 1989 Australian Cup, Brisbane, Australia; 12th-AA, 3rd-BB

NATIONAL COMPETITION

- 1991 World Championships Team Trials, Indianapolis, Ind.; 2nd-AA
- 1990 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Denver, Colo.; 2nd-AA, 1st-BB, 4th-FX, 5th-UB
- 1989 U.S. Olympic Festival, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 20th-AA (Junior National Championships)
- 1989 American Classic, Oakland, Calif.; 3rd-AA, 2nd-UB, 2nd-FX (junior division)
- 1988 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Houston, Texas; 17th-AA (junior division)
- 1988 U.S. Classic, Atlanta, Ga.; 9th-AA (junior division)
- 1987 U.S. Classic, 8th-AA (junior division)