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MEDIA GUIDE

London 2012 Olympic Games



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Following a tradition which started in 1996 the Brazilian Olympic Committee offers journalists a Media Guide of the Team Brazil that will compete in the London 2012 Olympic Games. This edition contains the most important information about the Team Brazil, together with a review of Brazil's participation in Olympic Games.

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Brazilian Olympic Committee
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Brazilian Olympic Committee
President

An attorney at law, he is the president of the BOC (Brazilian Olympic Committee); president of Rio 2016™ Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committees, president of ODESUR (South American Sports Organization), member of the Executive Committee of ODEPA (Pan American Sports Organization) and member of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) in the latter he integrates the International Relations Commission.

AT BOC

President since June of 1995, he led the Candidacy Committee that won the right to organize the Rio 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games and presently presides the Rio 2016™ Organizing Committee. He has presided over the Rio 2007 Pan American and Parapan American Games Organizing Committee, the XII ANOC Organizing Committee and the IOC Executive Committee Meeting in May of 2000, in Rio de Janeiro. He led the Brazilian delegations that participated in the Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. He also presided over the organization of the South American Games held in Brazil in 2002 at a record time of three months to organize the event. In 2007 he was elected to join the Volleyball Hall of Fame.

BEFORE BOC

He was president of the Brazilian Volleyball Federation from 1975 to January of 1997. During his presidency the men's volleyball team won the gold medal at the Barcelona 1992 Olympic Games and the silver medal at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games. The women's team won the gold and the silver medals in the beach volleyball and the bronze medal in the indoor volleyball in Atlanta 1996. Other titles include: World League Champion (93); four times champion at the World Youth Games (89 to 95) and two times champion of the World Grand Prix (94 and 96). He brought to Brazil the Men's (90) and the Women's (94) World Volleyball and Beach Volleyball Championships. He was part of the volleyball team from 1957 to 1972 and was a member of the Olympic National Team in 1962 and 1968 and participated in the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games and the World Championships at the former URSS (62) and at the former Czechoslovakia (66).


ANDRÉ GUSTAVO RICHER

Brazilian Olympic Committee Vice-President and Secretary General

A Law graduate, presently is the Brazilian Olympic Committee vice-president, secretary general, and legal director, vice-president of the Board of Directors and member of the Executive Council of the of the Organizing Committee for the Rio 2016™ Olympic and Paralympic Games.

AT BOC

An innate BOC member from 1990 to 1995 he occupied the positions of technical director, legal director and president. He was Chief of Mission to the Moscow (80), Los Angeles (84) and Seoul (88) Olympic Games and to the Caracas (83), Indianapolis (87) and Havana (91) Pan American Games. He was vice-president of CO-RIO (Rio 2007 Pan American Games Organizing Committee) and secretary general of ODEPA (Pan American Sports Organization) and ODESUR (South American Sports Organization).

BEFORE BOC

He headed the Brazilian delegation to the Argentina Football World Cup (78); was a member of the CND (National Sports Council) from 1974 to 1995; Director of CBF (Brazilian Football Federation) from 1975 to 1986; Director (1969 to 1979) and vice-president (1970 to 1978) for Latin America of the International Rowing Federation.


MARCUS VINICIUS FREIRE

Brazilian Olympic Committee Sports Executive Superintendent

Graduated in Economics with a MBA degree in Insurance from PUC RJ and Marketing by IBEMEC RJ, Marcus Vinicius is the author of the book "Ouro Olímpico, o Marketing dos aros" – "OLYMPIC GOLD, The Marketing of the Rings".

AT BOC

He is the Brazilian Olympic Committee Sports Executive Superintendent since 2008 and prior to that was the entity's technical director since 1998. Chief of Mission to the Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, he also headed the Mission at the Winnipeg 1999, Santo Domingo 2003 and Rio 2007 Pan American Games and at the Brazil 2002 South American Games. He was a member of (WADA) World Anti-Doping Agency.

BEFORE BOC

An Olympic volleyball athlete, he was part of the team that won the silver medal at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984. Gold medalist at Caracas Pan American Games (83) he won the 3rd place at the Japan World Cup (83). Between 1977 and 1990 he played for Flamengo, Botafogo, Sogipa/Porto Alegre, Atlântica Boavista, Bradesco Seguros, Sulbrasileiro and Gabbiano Mantova (Italy) clubs.



BERNARD RAJZMAN
Chief of Mission

President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee Athletes Commission; vice-president of the Brazilian Olympic Academy; member of the Brazilian Olympic Committee Assembly and member of the Sports Council of the CO-RIO Olympic and Paralympic Games Rio 2016™.

AT BOC

Chief of Mission to the Guadalajara 2011 Panamerican Games, Macau 2006 Lusophony Games and Lisbon 2009 and to the Buenos Aires 2006 South America Games and Medellin 2010. He was also the Deputy Chief of Mission to the Rio 2007 Panamerican Games, to Beijing Olympic Games and to the Vancouver Winter Games of 2010.

BEFORE BOC

Volleyball silver medal at the Los Angeles Olympic Games (84), Bernard won seven South American titles with the Brazilian national team (73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83 and 87); one Panamerican title (83), the World vice championship of 82 and the third place in the World Cup of 1981. Further more he competed at the Montreal Olympic Games (76) and Moscow (80). He was National Secretary of Sports, state representative for two terms and president of the National Sports Council. In 2005 he was appointed to be part of the Hall of Fame of the world volleyball in Massachusetts, USA.



JOSÉ ROBERTO PERILLIER
Deputy Chief of Mission

A Physical Education graduate with additional technical courses in football and volleyball and specialization in Sports Organization.

AT BOC

Brazilian Olympic Committee's High Performance Manager. Deputy Chief of Mission to the Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and to the Winnipeg 1999, Santo Domingo 2003, Rio 2007 and Guadalajara 2011 Panamerican Games.

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Bradesco's volleyball supervisor (85 – 87) and event coordinator for the Brazilian Volleyball Federation from 1989 to 1995 when he was part of the organization of the Men's World Championship - 1990 and Women's Championship - 1994 and the 93 and 95 World league finals. Goalkeeper of the Brazilian Youth Football team (67), he won the Guanabara Cup (69) and the Brazilian Championship (70) defending the Fluminense Club.

**JORGE BICHARA**

Deputy Chief of Mission

A Physical Education graduate with post-graduation in Sports Administration by the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and specialization courses by the International Athletics Federation (IAAF).

AT BOC

A Special Projects Development General Manager, from 2007 to 2010 worked at the High Performance Management. He was Deputy Chief of Mission of the Guadalajara 2011 Panamerican Games and prior to that he was a supervisor for the area of Events. Jorge participated of the Rio 2002 South American Games Organizing Committee and was Street Events Operational Manager at the Rio 2007 Panamerican Games. He was responsible for the adaptation period of the Brazilian teams (athletics, swimming and shooting) in Macau before the Beijing Olympic Games 2008.

BEFORE BOC

A Technical Director and Secretary General of the Rio de Janeiro State Athletics Federation (1996 to 2004) and athletics team leader for clubs and state teams (98 to 2003)

**GUSTAVO HARADA**

Deputy Chief of Mission

He has graduated in Sports (USP), with a MBA in Projects Management by the Getúlio Vargas Foundation.

AT BOC

Leader of the Sports International Relations heads the BOC mission operations. At the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games he acted as the BOC Official representative; at the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games and the Guadalajara 2011 Panamerican Games he was Deputy Chief of Mission and at the Vancouver 2020 Winter Olympic Games he acted as the Brazilian delegation's attaché. He was supervisor of Relations and Services to the NOCs area during the Rio 2007 Panamerican Games Organizing Committee. In 2004 he did volunteer work for the Brazilian delegation at the Athens Olympic Games.

BEFORE BOC

From 1991 to 2007 he was a practicing sailing athlete and won the titles of Brazilian champion of the Class 420 and South American champion of the Lightning Class. He has participated in five world championship as an athlete and three as a coach.

**JOSÉ ALFREDO PADILHA**

Chief Medical Doctor

A General Surgeon is a member of the Brazilian Society of Sport Medicine, has a MBA in Health Management by the FGV, is Medical Coordinator of events for the Rio de Janeiro Municipality, Member of the Brazilian Surgeons College, Member of the General Surgery Technical and Trauma Chamber of the Rio de Janeiro Regional Medical Council. Surgeon at the Hospital Souza Aguiar (RJ) for 20 years, he is also responsible for medical logistics during large size events in the City of Rio de Janeiro such as Carnival and New Year's Eve celebrations. Member of the strategic health staff at the Rio+20 event.

AT BOC

He was the Chief of the Medical staff for the Brazilian Mission to the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games and to the 2011 Manta South American Beach Games. He took part of the medical staff of the Brazilian Olympic Committee at the Guadalajara 2011 Panamerican Games.

BEFORE BOC

The Brazilian Associated Wrestling Federation of Jiu Jitsu medical doctor.



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DANIEL REZENDE XAVIER

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 31/08/82

↔ 85kg

↕ 1,91m

MAIN TITLES

Four times champion of the Brazilian Outdoor Championship (00/02/08/10) • four times champion (00/02/07/08) of the Brazil Cup

EVENTS

Individual

NOTE

Fifth place at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games, a competition where the United States and Canada had their national teams. Daniel started practicing archery in 1993 influenced by his father. A fan of the football team America – MG, he considers the present moment of the national sports history as the best ever. In July 2011 at the Italy World Championship he became the first Brazilian archery athlete to score above 1,300 points at an international event (1,309). In June of this year he made the fifth position at the United States World Cup stage. He is a graduate Veterinary.



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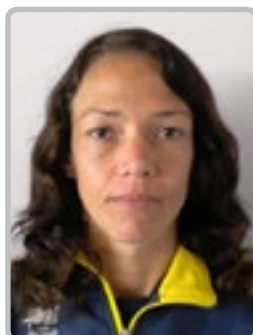
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ADRIANA APARECIDA DA SILVA

🏠 Cruzeiro, SP

★ 22/07/81

↔ 50kg

↕ 1,68m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 7th place at the Berlin Marathon (10) • bronze medalist at the São Paulo Half-Marathon (10) • bronze medalist at the Brazil Trophy (10/11)

EVENTS

Marathon

NOTE

A Pan American Games champion, Adriana secured the Olympic qualifying trials with the 9th place at the Tokyo Marathon in Japan. Her passion for athletics started as a children's game. At the age of 12, in her hometown, she went with her brother for her first contest. She won and fell in love with this sport modality. Since 2006, she lives and trains in São Paulo. Adriana enjoys to be with her family, listening to music and playing with her pets - cats and dogs. When her running career ends she plans to become a coach.



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ALINE LEONE DOS SANTOS

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 05/05/85

↔ 56kg

↕ 1,65m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (4x400m) at the Uberlandia Grand Prix (11) • 1st place (4x400m) at the São Paulo Grand Prix (11) • 1st place (4x400m) at the South American Championship (11)

EVENTS

4x400m

NOTE

Aline went to the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games as a reserve athlete for the 4x400m event. The same thing occurred at the Daegu World Championship in South Korea. She started her sports journey training at the Salgueiro Olympic Village in Rio de Janeiro and discovered in sports a good way to overcome barriers developed during a difficult childhood. At the time of the Rio 2007 Pan American Games she was working as an office assistant, went to night school and trained in the mornings. She is now a Navy Officer and obtained expressive results in 2011.



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ANA CLAUDIA LEMOS SILVA

🏠 Jaguaretama, CE

★ 11/06/88

↔ 55kg

↕ 1,58m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (200m and 4X100m) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place (100m and 200m) at the Brazil Trophy (10) • 1st place (100m) at the Ibero American Championship (10)

EVENTS

200m

NOTE

Ana Claudia won two gold medals at the Guadalajara Pan American Games and became the most important name of the Brazilian women athletics, in sprint events. She participated in Beijing 2008. Ana Claudia lives in Criciúma (SC) and holds the mark of 11s15 for the 100m, won in 2010, a record not yet surpassed since 1999 and which assured her the South American record.



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ANDRESSA OLIVEIRA DE MORAIS

🏠 João Pessoa, PB

★ 21/12/90

↔ 100kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Brazil Trophy (11)
• 1st place at the South American Under-23 Championship (11) • 1st place at the South American Championship (10)

EVENTS

Discus throw

NOTE

She started practicing sports encouraged by her mother and began swimming before adopting athletics. Andressa is focused on conquering expressive results at the Rio Olympic Games in 2016. She started training with the Cuban coach Julian Mejias in 2009. During her leisure time, this girl from Paraiba and now a resident of Uberlândia (MG), enjoys to browse on the internet and date her boyfriend. In May she broke the South American record that belonged to Elisângela Adriano.



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EVELYN CAROLINA DE OLIVEIRA DOS SANTOS

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 04/11/85

↔ 56kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place (100m and 200m) at the Brazil Trophy (09) • 1st place (200m) at the Brazil Trophy (08)

EVENTS

4x100m

NOTE

A journalist graduate, Evelyn is going to the Olympic Games for the second time – she finished in 23rd place in the 200m in Beijing 2008. She started to train at the age of 12 under the influence of Nelson da Rocha Santos and Sheila de Oliveira, both former athletes who defended Brazil at Olympic Games and World Championships – Nelson was a finalist in the 4x100m in Moscow 1980 and Los Angeles 1984. Evelyn overcame two years of successive injuries that caused her to undertake a spine surgery in August of 2011. Her two dogs' names are Bolt and Asafa in honour of the two sprinters.



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FABIANA DE ALMEIDA MURER

🏠 Campinas, SP

★ 16/03/81

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the World Championship (11) • 1st place at the Diamond League (10) • 1st place at the Doha Indoor World Championship (10) • 3rd place at the Valencia Indoor World Championship (08)

EVENTS

Pole Vault

NOTE

The gold medal won by Fabiana in South Korea, in 2011, was the first one of a Brazilian athlete in Athletics World Championships. She ended up being surpassed by the Cuban Iarlesley Silva at the Pan American Games. He improved her training tactics with the assistance of the Russian Vitaly Petrov, a former coach of the two times Olympic champion Yelena Isinbayeva. A Physiotherapy graduate, she is inspired by Sergey Bubka the world record holder.



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FRANCIELA DAS GRAÇAS KRASUCKI

🏠 Valinhos, SP

★ 26/04/88

↔ 59kg

↕ 1,68m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (4x100m) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 2nd place (4x100m) at the South American Championship (11) • gold medalist (4x100m) at the Medellin 2010 South American Games

EVENTS

4x100m

NOTE

Franciela did not compete in the Rio 2007 Pan American Games due to an injury but she reacted positively and won a gold medal at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games. Before the tracks she practiced football and handball. Until she settled for the sprint events she tried the javelin and the discus throw. Superstitious, she always steps on the tracks with her right foot. When she is free Franciela enjoys watching TV. Her sport idols are the sprinters Lucimar de Moura and Maila Machado.



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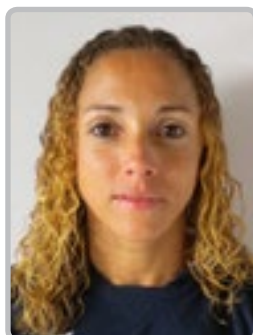
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GEISA APARECIDA MUNIZ COUTINHO

🏠 Araruama, RJ

★ 01/06/80

↔ 55kg

↕ 1,61m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (4x100m and 4x400m) at the Ibero American Championship • silver (4x400m) and bronze medalist (400m) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • gold medalist (4x100m) at the World Military Games (11) • 1st place (400m) at the Brazil Trophy (10) • bronze medalist (400m) at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 1st place (400m) at the South American Championship (03)

EVENTS

4x100m and 4x400m

NOTE

Personal problems almost forced her to give up the carrier but a victory at the Brazil Trophy of 2010 was her turning point. She worked as a grocery packer of a supermarket before deciding to dedicate herself entirely to athletics, which she did at the Vasco Club. Before racing the 400m she trained vault jumping. She is a fan of the former sprinter Robson Caetano.



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GEISA RAFAELA ARCANJO

🏠 São Roque, SP

★ 19/09/91

↔ 92kg

↑↓ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Ibero American Championship (12) • 1st place at the World Youth Championship (10) • 1st place at the South American Youth Championship (09) • 3rd place at the Pan American Youth Championship ((09) • 1st place at the South American Juvenile Championship (08)

EVENTS

Shot put

NOTE

In 2005 Geisa started practicing athletics in São Roque. She won a series of titles in the base categories with an outstanding performance at the World Youth Championship in 2010. In last June she also excelled in the adult category winning the gold medal at the Ibero American Championship, where she reached the Olympic qualifying time. She used to attend a Psychology graduation course but transferred to Business Administration. She enjoys going to the movies.



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JAILMA SALES DE LIMA

🏠 Taperoá, PB

★ 31/12/86

↔ 65kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (4x400m) at the Ibero American Championship (12)
• silver medalist (4x400m) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 3rd place (400m) at the Brazil Trophy (10) • 3rd place (400m) at the South American Championship (09) 1st place (400m) at the Brazil Trophy (06)

EVENTS

4x400m

NOTE

Thanks to the insistence of her Physical Education teacher Celia, Jailma started to compete. At first, her parents and sister helped her financially. The adaptation in São Paulo was easier due to the good results obtained on the tracks. She uses her free time to rest and browse through the internet. She admires the Olympic winner Joaquim Cruz. She was the reserve athlete for the 4x400m relay race at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games where Brazil finished in the 13th position.



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JOELMA DAS NEVES SOUSA

🏠 Timon, MA

★ 13/07/84

↔ 51kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (4x400m) at the Ibero American Championship (12)
• silver medalist (4x400m) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 2nd place (400m) at the Brazil Trophy (10)

EVENTS

4x400m

NOTE

The first contact with athletics was at a project of the Timon City Hall. Presently she is trained by Sanderlei Parrela, world vice-champion of the 400m. Living and training in São Paulo since 2008, Joelma relaxes playing computer games and reading the Bible. Her athletics idol is the former sprinter from Piauí, Claudia Roberto de Souza. She cheers for the Palmeiras football club. She was the first runner at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games relay and at the Ibero American Championship.



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KEILA DA SILVA COSTA

🏠 Recife, PE

★ 06/02/83

↔ 62kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (long jump) and 2nd place (triple jump) at the World Military Games (11) • 3rd place (long jump) at the World Indoor Championship (10) • 1st place (long jump) at the Brazil Trophy (10) • silver medal (triple jump and long jump) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

Triple Jump

NOTE

In London 2012, Keila will complete three participations at Olympic Games. She competed in long jump events in Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008. She started in athletics at the age of 10, when she was enrolled in an athletics project by a teacher. She lives in São Paulo. The Pernambuco-born Keila is a fan of the Panamanian athlete Irving Saladino and plans to train youngsters when she ends her athletics career.



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LAILA FERRER E SILVA

🏠 Pacatuba, CE

★ 31/07/82

↔ 80kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Brazil Athletics
Grand Prix (12) • two times Brazil
Trophy champion (10/11)

EVENTS

Javelin throw

NOTE

Athletics entered Laila's life almost by chance: after she began to study at the Physical Education graduation course at the Unifor University in 2005, the professor and course coordinator called her for a test, as he noticed that she had a very quick arm movement due to having been a former handball player. She was a teacher before dedicating herself exclusively to athletics. In the future, she intends to be a coach. During her free time she likes to go fishing. Her boyfriend is Wagner Domingos – the "Montanha" – Brazilian athlete specialized in hammer throwing. She lives in São Paulo.



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LUCIMAR TEODORO

🏠 Guararapes, SP

★ 01/05/81

↔ 70kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (4x400m) at the Ibero American Championship (12)
• gold medalist (400m) at the Lusophony Games (09) • bronze medalist (4x400m) at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games

EVENTS

4x400m

NOTE

In London Lucimar will participate in her third edition of the Olympic Games. She started athletics training at the age of 13. Before that age she practiced volleyball, basketball and handball; she even tried jumping before deciding for the 400m event. She has a hairdresser diploma. She had an outstanding participation when she won the bronze medal at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games, resisting well to the close attack of the Mexican runner Ana Guevara.



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MAURREN HIGA MAGGI

🏠 São Carlos, SP

★ 25/06/76

↔ 62kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (long jump) at the Guadalajara 2011, Rio 2007 and Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games • gold medalist (long jump) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • silver medalist (100m hurdles) at the Winnipeg Pan American Games 1999

EVENTS

Long Jump

NOTE

In London 2012, Maurren will try to become the first Brazilian woman two times Olympic champion. She chose not to participate in the World Indoor Championship in Turkey, last March, to intensify her training for the Olympic Games. Before joining athletics, she tried artistic gymnastics (practiced for 10 years), volleyball, swimming and basketball. Her free time is mostly dedicated to her daughter Sophia, but she also enjoys listening to music and cooking for friends.



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ROSÂNGELA CRISTINA OLIVEIRA SANTOS

🏠 Boston, USA

★ 20/12/90

↔ 55kg

↕ 1,65m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Brazil Athletics Grand Prix (12) • gold medalist (100m and 4x100m) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 2nd place (100m) at the Brazil Trophy (11) • 1st place (100m) at the Brazil Trophy (08) • 4th place (4x100m) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

EVENTS

100m and 4x100

NOTE

Rosângela called the attention of the athletics community, in 2008, when at the age of 17 she won the 100m event at the Brazil Trophy. Born in the USA, she moved to Brazil as a one year-old baby. The very beauty-conscious Rosângela, who has a piercing on the nose, broke a taboo when she won the 100m in Guadalajara 2011 – since 1983 a Brazilian athlete hasn't won the quickest athletics race at Pan American Games. During the same competition she was the last runner of the victorious 4x100m relay.



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TAMIRIS DE LIZ

🏠 Joinville, SC

★ 18/11/95

↔ 61kg

↕ 1,75m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (100m, 200m and 4x100m)
at the Medellin South American
Youth Games Championship (11)

EVENTS

4x100

NOTE

Discovered at the School Games in 2006 Tamiris outstands by her precocity. At the Brazil Trophy of 2011 she finished the 100m in 6th place at the early age of 15. In the same year at the Lille World Juvenile Championship of France she conquered the 6th place in the 100m and was a semifinalist of the 200m. She was a gold medalist at the Brazilian Under-23 Championship in the 100m and 200m and finished the year of 2011 at the top of the Brazilian and South American youth rankings for the 100m (11s43) and of 200m (23s35). She is trained by coach Margit Weise and is called "the daughter of the wind" at Joinville, her hometown.



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VANDA FERREIRA GOMES

🏠 Matelândia, PR

★ 07/11/88

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (4x100m) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • gold medalist (4x100m) at the World Military Games (11) • 1st place (4x100) at the Ibero-American Championship (10) • 2nd place at the World Youth Championship (06)

EVENTS

4x100m

NOTE

Vanda started to compete in athletics almost by chance. At a student competition in 2003, at the age of 15, she participated in a race to defend her school. She liked it and hasn't stopped ever since. Before athletics she played handball and futsal. She attends a physiotherapy graduation course and plans to work on the recovery of high performance athletes when she leaves the tracks. During her free time she enjoys listening to music, watching movies and theater plays.



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ALDEMIR GOMES DA SILVA JUNIOR

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 08/06/92

↔ 54kg

↕ 1,69m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place (200m) at the Brazil
Trophy (12) • 1st place (4x100m)
and 2nd place (200m) at the Ibero
American Championship (12)

EVENTS

200m and 4x100m

NOTE

Ademir surprised everybody with the excellent results obtained along this year because he only started to compete with first level athletes in 2011. He began practicing athletics as a child following the steps of a cousin who was an athletics trainee at the Celio de Barros Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. Since then he has been coached by Vania da Silva. At the beginning he tried the long jump but after an injury on his ankle he decided to go for the sprint races. At the Ibero American Championship he closed the 4x100 relay event where the team won the gold medal.



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BRUNO LINS TENÓRIO DE BARROS

🏠 Maceió, AL

★ 07/01/87

↔ 76kg

↕ 1,82m

MAIN TITLES

Gold (4X100m) and bronze (200m) medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place (100m and 200m) at the Brazil Trophy (11) • gold medalist (200m) at the Lusophony Games (06)

EVENTS

200m

NOTE

He was part of the group that won the fourth place in the 4X100m relay, at Beijing 2008. Away from the tracks for two years he almost gave up sports practice, but didn't, thanks to the insistence of his mother Jaidete Nunes. Her incentive made the athlete tattoo her name on his right arm. His return to sports came with the 200m record breaking at the Brazil Trophy, a record that had remained unbroken for 22 years. Bruno was discovered during school competitions in his hometown and plans to continue in the athletics career up to the Olympic Games of 2020.



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CAIO OLIVEIRA DE SENA BONFIM

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 19/03/91

↔ 60kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (20km) at the Brazil Trophy (12) • 2nd place (20km) at the Brazil Cup (11) • 1st place (10km) at the Brazil Cup

EVENTS

20km Race walk

NOTE

Athletics almost lost the talent of Caio Bonfim to football. From 2005 to 2007 he was a player for the Brasiliense (DF) Club. Disappointed with the small chances of playing with the ball he transferred to race walk for the joy of Gianetti Oliveira de Sena Bonfim, his mother and former race walker and seven times champion of the Brazil Trophy. With just 40 days of training sessions he made the qualifying time for the World Juvenile Championship. In his first year among professional athletes he broke the Brazilian record at the 20km event. His father, João de Sena Bonfim is the president of the Sobradinho Athletics Center.



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CARLOS ROBERTO PIO DE MORAES JÚNIOR

🏠 Ituverava, SP

★ 27/02/90

↔ 81kg

↕ 1,89m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (4x100m) at the Ibero American Championship (12)
• gold medalist (4x100m) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 1st place (4x100) at the South American Championship (11)

EVENTS

4x100m

NOTE

Considered one of the greatest promises of Brazil in sprint events, Carlos Roberto was a long jump athlete before specializing in sprint races. Discovered by a teacher at his hometown, Pio played basket and football without success. Even if a little apprehensive he agreed to participate in athletics tournaments. The good results soon gave him the necessary encouragement he was approved in tests and moved to the city of São Paulo.



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FABIANO PEÇANHA

🏠 Cruz Alta, RS

★ 06/05/82

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,86m

MAIN TITLES

Two times Champion (800m and 1,500m) at the South American Championship (10/09) • bronze medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games Rio • silver (800m) and bronze medalist (1,500m) at the Bangkok University Olympic Games (07)

EVENTS

800m

NOTE

At a given moment he had to decide between sports and drums playing. He chose athletics but the instrument remains as his hobby, having even been invited to record with local bands. A founder of the social project "Medalha de Ouro" (Gold Medal), he intends to dedicate full time to this undertaking after he retires as an athlete in 2016. The idea is to strengthen the development of a center for the training of potentially talented athletes. At the Beijing Olympic Games he finished the 800m in 18th place and was the best South American athlete of the event.



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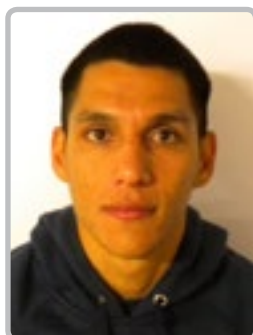
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FÁBIO GOMES DA SILVA

🏠 Campinas, SP

★ 04/08/83

↔ 74kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place (pole vault) at the World Military Games (11) • 1st place (pole vault) at the Brazil Trophy (10) • gold medalist (pole vault) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

Pole Vault

NOTE

Encouraged by a teacher he started practicing the sport at 15. He participated in the Beijing Olympic Games and stayed in the 25th position in the qualifying trials. In 2009, he joined the Brazilian Army and today is a Sergeant. At the Daegu World Championship in South Korea 2011 he obtained the 8th place but didn't compete at the World Indoor Championship of 2012. He enjoys watching TV when he is not training or competing and is a great admirer of the legendary pole vault jumper Sergei Bubka.



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FRANCK CALDEIRA DE ALMEIDA

🏠 Sete Lagoas, MG

★ 06/02/83

↔ 49kg

↕ 1,69m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the The Kings Race (08)
 • gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • three times 1st place at the Volta da Pampulha Race (03/06/07) • 1st place at the São Silvestre Race (06)

EVENTS

Marathon

NOTE

Franck Caldeira qualified for the Olympic Games with the 6th place at the Milan Marathon, last April. He started to run to accompany his brother Paulo Cesar, also a marathon runner. At 17, he left his hometown, in Minas Gerais, to train in Petropolis (RJ). One of his most cherished sport memories, up to now, was receiving the gold medal during the closing Ceremony of the Pan American Games Rio 2007, in the Maracanã.



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GUILHERME HENRIQUE COBBO

🏠 Uraí, PR

★ 10/01/87

↔ 69kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the FPA Adult
Tournament (12) • two times 2nd
place at the Brazil Trophy (10/11)
• 2nd place at the South American
Championship (11)

EVENTS

High jump

NOTE

Before becoming a high jump athlete, Guilherme practiced steeplechase race and long jump. The first contact with the sport modality happened during a competition close to his home. When he finishes his athletic career, Guilherme plans to take a public exam for the Military Police and graduate in Biology. The rare leisure time he has is dedicated to his wife and walking with his dogs. The jumping athlete José de Lima is a great friend and inspiration. The mark of 2.28m in June placed him in the leadership of the South American ranking.



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JONATHAN HENRIQUE SILVA

🏠 Varginha, MG

★ 21/07/91

↔ 84kg

↕ 1,88m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the FPA Youth and Adult Tournament (12) • 2nd place at the Medellin Youth South American Championship (11) • 1st place at the Brazilian Youth Championship (10)

EVENTS

Triple Jump

NOTE

A Minas-born from Varginha, Jonathan lives in São Paulo since 2008, where he is coached by Nelio Moura at the Sports Excellence Center. He started in athletics 7 years ago as part of a sport program for youngsters of his hometown. Before that, he tried his luck in football, playing for the Boa Esporte Club, without success. He attends a Business Administration course. He qualified for the Olympic Games, with the mark of 17.39m, in a São Paulo event last April. He dedicated this achievement to his father who had died four months before. His father's passing almost made him give up competitions.



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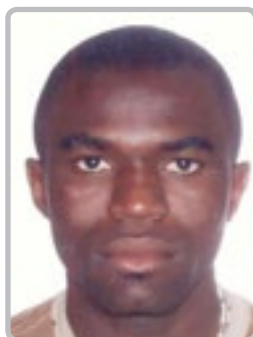
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JOSÉ CARLOS GOMES MOREIRA

🏠 Codó, MA

★ 28/09/83

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,72m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (100m) at the Brazil Trophy (12) • 1st place (60m) at the Gant Meeting (09) • 1st place (60m) at the Lynz Meeting (09) • gold medalist (4x100m) at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • 1st place (100m) at the Cochabamba Grand Prix (07) • two times 1st place (100m and 4x100) at the South American Championship (05/06)

EVENTS

4x100m

NOTE

José Carlos started to practice athletics at school and soon after became part of the Codo City Hall Project at his hometown in Maranhão. He participated of the Brazilian Team at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, reached the second phase of the 100m and finished in the 28th position. He also participated of the 4x100m team that arrived in the 4th position in China.



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KLEBERSON DAVIDE

🏠 Conchal, SP

★ 20/07/85

↔ 67kg

↕ 1,75m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist (800m) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games (11) 1st place (400m) and 2nd place (800m) at the South American Championship (11) • 2nd place (800m) at the Ibero American Championship (10) • silver medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games

EVENTS

400m and 800m

NOTE

After the silver medals won at the Pan American Games of Guadalajara 2011 and Rio 2007, Kleberston will participate for the second time in the Olympic Games – in Beijing 2008 he didn't go beyond the first phase of the 800m, and ended his series placed in fifth. Before becoming an athletics athlete he worked as an orange picker. He also tried playing as a defense field in football. The Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz is his great source of inspiration



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LUIZ ALBERTO CARDOSO DE ARAÚJO

🏠 Artur Nogueira, SP

★ 27/06/87

↔ 88kg

↕ 1,88m

MAIN TITLES

Three times Champion of the Brazil Trophy (06/11/12) • two times 1st place at the Ibero American Championship (10/12) • 2nd place at the South American Championship (05)

EVENTS

Decathlon

NOTE

Luiz Alberto secured a place for the London 2012 Olympic Games winning the Brazil Trophy and breaking the decathlon South American record obtained by Pedro Ferreira Filho, 25 years ago. For the second consecutive year, he was elected the best athlete of the competition. He had his first contact with athletics at the age of 11 and chose decathlon due to his skills at all events. He points out the high jump as the modality to be further improved and intends to work in the Physical Education area when he retires from the tracks.



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MARÍLSON GOMES DOS SANTOS

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 06/08/77

↔ 58kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (10,000m) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • two-times champion of the New York Marathon (06/08)

• three-times champion of the São Silvestre Race (03/05/10) • silver medalist (10,000m) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

Marathon

NOTE

A laureate athlete, Marílson will try to conquer his first Olympic podium. When he was 9 years old his older brother convinced him to switch from football to the tracks. Later he won titles and definitely established himself as a South American record holder of the 5,000m and 10,000m. He became the first athlete of South America to win the New York Marathon. During his free time Marílson enjoys to rest at his parents home in Brasilia together with his wife and son.



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MAURO VINÍCIUS HILÁRIO LOURENÇO DA SILVA

🏠 Presidente Prudente, SP

★ 26/12/86

↔ 69kg

↕ 1,84m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Istanbul Indoor World Championship (12) • 3rd place at the Ibero American Championship (10) • 1st place at the Brazil Trophy (10) • 2nd place at the Rio de Janeiro Grand Prix (08) • 2nd place at the Brazil Trophy (08)

EVENTS

Long Jump

NOTE

After giving up the dream of becoming a football player, when he was 16 years old, Mauro Vinicius – better known as Duda – worked as a doorman, a supermarket packer and a drugstore delivery boy. At the age of 20, he started to dedicate himself to athletics. He participated in the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 and, this year in Turkey, gained fame when he became the indoor world champion with the mark of 8.28m. He is a cousin of the singer Thiaguinho, a former Exaltasamba band member.



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NILSON DE OLIVEIRA ANDRÉ

🏠 Duque de Caxias, RJ

★ 30/01/86

↔ 72kg

↕ 1,72m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (4x100m) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 1st place (100m and 200m) at the Ibero American Championship (10) • two times 3rd place (200m) at the Brazil Trophy (10/07) • gold medalist (4x100m) at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games

EVENTS

4x100m

NOTE

A member of the relay group 4x100m that won the gold medals at the Pan American Games of Guadalajara 2011 and Rio 2007, Nilson was discovered at the Vila Olímpica of Duque de Caxias project at the age of 16. A fan of rap and black music he is inspired by singer Ray Charles. On the tracks his idol is the former sprinter Maurice Greene. He went to Beijing 2008 as a substitute athlete of the 4x100m relay that finished in 4th place.



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PAULO ROBERTO DE ALMEIDA PAULA

🏠 Pacaembu, SP

★ 08/07/79

↔ 54kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the Padova Marathon (12) • 3rd place at the São Paulo Half-Marathon (12) • 7th place at the Barcelona Marathon (12) • 1st place at the Ilha Solteira Race • 3rd place at the Volta da Pampulha Race (11) • 17th place at the Amsterdam Marathon (11)

EVENTS

Marathon

NOTE

Paulo Roberto is a Cruzeiro club athlete and will participate in his first Olympic marathon. At the age of 33, he is trained by the coach Marco Antonio de Oliveira. He doubled his best personal mark to secure a place at London 2012, with 2h10m23s in Padova, Italy, last April. His twin brother Luiz Fernando also tried to reach an Olympic position in the marathon without success.



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RONALD ODAIR OLIVEIRA JULIÃO

🏠 Caieiras, SP

★ 16/06/85

↔ 114kg

↕ 1,94m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (discus throw) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 3rd place (discus throw and shot put) at the Universiade • 1st place (discus throw and shot put) at the Brazil Trophy (10)

EVENTS

Discus throw

NOTE

Jabu, as he is known by friends, only took sports seriously at the age of 14, under the influence of referee Fátima Aparecida Germano, who offered him a chance to take a test at the Project "Futuro", in São Paulo. Before that, he had only competed in school tournaments. He is an admirer of Gustavo Kuerten and of the pole vault jumper Fabiana Maurer. He loves movies and highlights "Billy Elliot" as his favorite picture show.



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SANDRO RICARDO RODRIGUES VIANA

🏠 Manaus, AM

★ 26/03/77

↔ 80kg

↕ 1,88m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 4th place (4x100m) at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • gold medalist (4x100 relay) at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games

EVENTS

4x100m

NOTE

Sandro started to practice athletics at the late age of 24 after loosing his job as a real estate broker in Manaus. He trained together with the children and was able to develop. In 2005 he moved to São Paulo and at the same year he won at bronze medal in the 100m at the Izmir University Games in Turkey. At the Beijing Olympic Games he obtained the 4th place in the 4x100m relay and the 30th place in the 200m. He was a finalist in the 4x100m at the Osaka World Championship (07) and Berlin (09).



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ADRIANA MOISÉS PINTO (ADRIANINHA)

🏠 Franca, SP

★ 12/06/78

↔ 63kg

↕ 1,68m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • 1st place at the American Cup (09) • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • bronze medalist at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games 2003 • bronze medalist at the Sydney Olympic Games 2000 • inter-clubs world champion (98)

POSITION

Guard

NOTE

In London Adrianinha will be participating in the fourth edition of the Olympic Games. She made her debut with the adult national team, in 1996, at the age of 18. In Sydney 2000 she had a small participation having scored only two points, but in Athens 2004, when Brazil reached the fourth position, she had an outstanding performance, repeating the feat in Beijing 2008 where Brazil finished in the eleventh position. In 2009, at the America Cup, she was elected the best player.

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CLARISSA CRISTINA DOS SANTOS

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 03/10/88

↔ 93kg

↕ 1,82m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2001 • Pre-Olympic Tournament Champion (11) • Portuguese League champion (09) • 8th place at the Russia U-21 World Championship (07) • 10th place at the Slovakia U-19 World Championship (07)

POSITION

Center

NOTE

Perseverance, group spirit and talent were decisive for her to become a basketball player, besides the support of her family support, especially her mother, Carmen. She began practicing sports at the “Centro Esportivo Miécimo da Silva” in Campo Grande, Rio de Janeiro, training football, volleyball and athletics (she practiced discus throwing and shot put). One day she was called to play basketball and settled for it. With sports she was able to finish High School and today she studies Physiotherapy.

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DAMIRIS DANTAS DO AMARAL

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 17/11/92

↔ 84kg

↕ 1,92m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2001 • Pre-Olympic Tournament champion (11) • 3rd place at the Chile U-19 World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • vice champion of the United States U-18 America Cup (10) • champion at the South American Adult championship (10) • 9th place at the Czech Republic Adult Championship (10)

POSITION

Center

NOTE

She is considered the greatest revelation of the Brazilian women's basketball of the last few years. In 2011 she was elected the best player at the Chile U-19 World Championship and was chosen by the Minnesota Lynx (present champion) to participate in the selection process for the WNBA, in April. The center Erika is her idol and model as a player.

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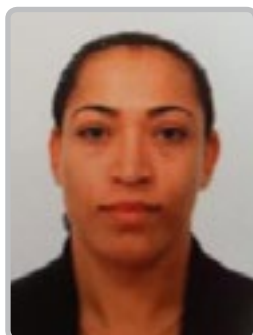
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ÉRIKA CRISTINA DE SOUZA

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 03/09/82

↔ 88kg

↑↓ 1,97m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • 4th place at the Brazil World Championship (06) • 4th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • vice champion at the U-21 World Championship (03) • WNBA champion (02)

POSITION

Center

NOTE

At 15, she practiced several sports at the Mangueira project and didn't like basketball because she considered it very manly. When she began training more seriously she loved it and never left the modality. She is a Brazilian champion (2001/2002; Spanish (2005/ 2011; Hungarian (2003) and WNBA (2002) in the United States. In 2011 Erika was decisive for the Perfumerias Avenida titles at the Euro League, Super Cup and Spanish League.

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FRANCIELE APARECIDA DO NASCIMENTO

🏠 Jacarezinho, PR

★ 19/10/87

↔ 82kg

↑↓ 1,88m

MAIN TITLES

Pre-Olympic Tournament champion (11) • America Cup champion (09) • 11th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008
• South American champion (08)
• 8th place at the U-21 World Championship (07)

POSITION

Forward / Center

NOTE

At nine, she never thought of practicing sports. But her school friends convinced her to play basketball. Five years later she was in Jundiaí (SP) and, at 17 she was South American youth champion, in Bolivia, and at 20, went to play in Spain. After four seasons in Europe her playing developed well, due to the interchange with athletes from other countries. Objectives: to be an Olympic and world champion.

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IZIANE CASTRO MARQUES

🏠 São Luís, MA

★ 13/03/82

↔ 70kg

↕ 1,81m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2001 • WNBA vice champion (10) • 9th place at the Czech Republic World Championship (10) • 4th place at the Brazil World Championship (06) • 1st place at the Russian Championship (05) • 4th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

POSITION

Forward

NOTE

At 19, the girl from Maranhão began playing with the Brazilian adult national team winning the America Cup title (01) at her hometown. She has played for teams in Latvia, Russia, Spain, France, Czech Republic, Poland and Turkey. From 2002 to 2011 she participated in nine seasons of the WNBA. In the United States she loves to eat hamburgers and cheesecakes. She enjoys playing Rock Band with Wii Nintendo Games during her free time.



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JOICE CRISTINA DE SOUZA RODRIGUES

🏠 Bauru, SP

★ 06/09/86

↔ 68kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Women's Basketball League (12) • 2nd place at the Under-20 America Cup (06)
• 1st place at the South American Youth Championship (04)

POSITION

Guard

NOTE

Joice started taking basketball classes at 10 years of age at the Santa Luzia basic school at Bauru (SP) where her family still lives. She fell in love with the sport and her great aim was to learn how to pass the ball between her opponent's legs. She played for the Bauru, São Bernardo (SP), Divino/COC/Jundiai (SP), Catanduva (SP) and Sport Recife (PE) clubs before joining the Ourinhos Club that was the vice-champion of the Women's Basketball League in 2012.

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KARLA CRISTINA MARTINS DA COSTA

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 25/09/78

↔ 65kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Women's Basketball League (12) • 1st place at the South American Championship (08) • three times vice-champion of the National Championship (06/07/08)

POSITION

Guard

NOTE

This will be Karla's third participation at Olympic Games having integrated the National Team at Athens 2004 (4th place) and at Beijing 2008 (11th place). She plays basketball since childhood by the influence of her family and at 16 was selected to play at the base team of the Ponte Preta in Campinas (SP). Besides São Paulo she has played for Rio de Janeiro, Parana and Minas Gerais teams in Brazil and for Poland and Russia abroad. She believes that persistence is her greatest positive point.

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NÁDIA GOMES COLHADO

🏠 Marialva, PR

★ 25/02/89

↔ 88kg

↕ 1,93m

MAIN TITLES

Pre-Olympic Tournament
Champion (11) • South American
adult champion (10) • 10th place at
the Slovakia U-19 (07) • 4th place at
the United States Youth America
Cup (06) • South American Youth
Championship vice champion (05)

POSITION

Center

NOTE

She started swimming at 5 and later tried volleyball; but at 12 years old, at her school in Maringa (PR) she was definitely attracted to basketball. Invited by a talent scout she moved to Jundiai (SP) and later played for six months in Spain. For her, basketball is a personal and professional learning process. The center Erika is her idol.

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PATRÍCIA DE OLIVEIRA FERREIRA (CHUCA)

🏠 Mauá, SP

★ 21/03/79

↔ 68kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Pre-Olympic Tournament champion (11) • three times South American champion (03/05/08)
• silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

POSITION

Forward

NOTE

Chuca got this nickname because of the hair fasteners she wears. At 5, encouraged by her father a former football player, she already played volleyball, handball, artistic gymnastics and basketball. At 13, she joined the basic basketball school at the "Centro Esportivo Mauaense". In 2003, Chuca was called for the adult national team for the first time. She participated of four games at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 and scored 17 points.

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SILVIA CRISTINA GUSTAVO ROCHA VALENTE

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 14/05/82

↔ 90kg

↕ 1,83m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2001 • Pre-Olympic Tournament champion (11) • 9th place at the Czech Republic World Championship (10) • Brazil America Cup champion (09) • 4th place at the Brazil World Championship (06) • 4th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • vice champion at the Croatia World under 21 Championship (03)

POSITION

Forward / Center

NOTE

Her son Luis Fernando is her life's treasure. She began playing basketball at 11, following the steps of her aunt and former player Roseli, world champion in 1994, whose training sessions she was in the habit to watch. She has played in Spain and Portugal. Her favorite dish is salmon with white sauce made by her sister Karen.

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TÁSSIA PEREIRA DE SOUZA CARCAVALLI

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 31/05/92

↔ 61kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 3rd place at the Chile U-19 World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • vice champion of the U-18 America Cup (10) • 3rd place at the U-18 America Cup (08)

POSITION

Guard

NOTE

In 2003, at 11 years old, she chose basketball over artistic gymnastics. In 2007 she played for the first time with the under 15 Brazilian national team and was South American vice champion. Tassia was one of the outstanding players of the series of unvanquished games that led to the South American title in 2010. According to Tassia basketball improved her life and teaches her to live and overcome difficulties.

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ALEX RIBEIRO GARCIA

🏠 Orlandia, SP

★ 04/03/80

↔ 95kg

↕ 1,91m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • two times champion of the America Cup (05/09) • 1st place at the South American Championship (03)

POSITION

Forward / Guard

NOTE

As a child he didn't like basketball and always preferred football. At 11, encouraged by his parents and two older brothers he started to practice basketball. He defends the Brazilian national team for the 13th consecutive season and participated briefly in the NBA, playing for the San Antonio Spurs (2003/2004) and the New Orleans Hornets (2004/2005). He also played for the Maccabi Tel Aviv of Israel. He is married and has two daughters. His strong points are: defense, throw and group spirit.

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ANDERSON FRANÇA VAREJÃO

🏠 Colatina, ES

★ 28/09/82

↔ 118kg

↕ 2,11m

MAIN TITLES

Two times American Cup Champion (05/09) • 2nd place at the NBA (07) • gold medalist at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 1st place at the Euro League (03) • 3rd place at the Friendship Games (01)

POSITION

Center

NOTE

Anderson's older brother – Sandro - former center of the Brazilian national team opened the doors of basketball for him. He left Brazil early to play in Barcelona where he was a Euro League champion in 2002. For the last eight seasons he defended the NBA Cleveland Cavaliers. Was champion of the East Conference and vice champion of the NBA during the 2006/2007 season. In the 25 games he played in the 2011/2012 season he averaged 10.8 points and 11.5 rebounds.

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CAIO APARECIDO DA SILVEIRA TORRES

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 06/03/87

↔ 115kg

↕ 2,11m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • 17th place at the Japan World Championship (06) • 1st place at the South American Championship (06) • 1st place at the America Cup (05)

POSITION

Center

NOTE

In 2004, at the age of 17, Caio left Brazil and only returned in 2011 to defend the Flamengo Club. His last team abroad was the Vivamenorca of Spain. During the seven seasons he played in that country he was able to play with the first and second divisions. With more experience he declares to be better prepared to help Brazil to reach the top of the world once again. He made his debut with the Brazilian national team that was the South American cadet champion in 2002.

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GUILHERME GIOVANNONI

🏠 Piracicaba, SP

★ 06/02/80

↔ 101kg

↕ 2,05m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • two times champion of the America Cup (05/09) • gold medalist at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 1st place at the South American Championship (03)

POSITION

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NOTE

At 7 years of age, after watching his father playing he started to play ball in a basketball basic school in Piracicaba. At 15 he made his debut with the Brazilian cadet team. Five years later he was already part of the adult team and since then has participated in all national team games. In 20 years of basketball career he has defended 12 teams in Brazil, Spain, Italy and Ukraine and was champion of the Italian Cup in 2004 with the Benetton Treviso and vice champion of the Italian League with the Virtus Bologna in 2007.

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LARRY JAMES TAYLOR JUNIOR

🏠 Chicago, EUA

★ 10/03/80

↔ 88kg

↕ 1,85m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the EPTV Cup (10)

POSITION

Forward / Guard

NOTE

Larry - who for the last four seasons plays for the Bauru - became a naturalized Brazilian citizen in April of this year. He trained with the group that played the Pre-Olympic Tournament in 2011 but couldn't participate in the competition. He has played for the Missouri Western State University and for five teams in Mexico and one in Venezuela before signing a contract with the Bauru club.

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LEANDRO MATEUS BARBOSA (LEANDRINHO)

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 28/11/82

↔ 88kg

↕ 1,91m

MAIN TITLES

Two times champion of the America Cup (05/09) • two times 2nd place at the NBA West Conference (05/06) • gold medalist at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games

POSITION

Forward / Guard

NOTE

At the age of Leandrinho was already trying to hit his first baskets. He played for the Palmeiras and Bauru clubs (where he was Brazilian champion in 2002) before going to the NBA Phoenix Suns. He played for seven years for the Arizona team and was elected the best Sixth Man of the 2006/07 season. He also played for the Toronto Raptors during the 2010/2011 season and part of the 2011/2012 before transferring to the Indiana Pacers.

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MARCELO MAGALHÃES MACHADO

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 12/04/75

↔ 88kg

↕ 2,00m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007; Santo Domingo 2003 and Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games • two times champion of the America Cup (05/09) • two times champion of the South American Championship (99/03)

POSITION

Forward / Guard

NOTE

The only Brazilian basketball athlete three times champion of the Pan American Games, he will participate in the Olympic Games for the first time. He is part of a family fully dedicated to basketball: his father Renê, his uncle Sergio Macarrão (bronze medalist at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games and who also played in Mexico City in 1968 where the Brazilian team was fourth place), and his brothers Duda and Ricardo.

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MARCELO TIEPPO HUERTAS

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 25/05/83

↔ 86kg

↑↓ 1,91m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • two times champion of the America Cup (05/09) • champion of the Spanish League (10) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • 1st place at the South American Championship (06) • champion of the Eurocup (06)

POSITION

Guard

NOTE

The inspiration to start playing basketball came from inside his home as he watched his older brother Felipe play. Marcelinho has a consolidated career in Europe with a continental title with the Joventut Badalona in 2006 and one for the Spanish League with Caja Laboral. Presently he plays for the Barcelona.



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MARCUS VINÍCIUS VIEIRA DE SOUZA (MARQUINHOS)

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 31/05/84

↔ 89kg

↕ 2,07m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games
• Brazilian champion (02)

POSITION

Forward

NOTE

Marquinhos played for the Monte Líbano, Corinthians, Bauru and Vasco teams before transferring to the Premiata Montegranaro of Italy, in 2004. He played 26 games for the NBA New Orleans Hornets during the 2006/2007 season and scored a total of 50 points. He was reassigned to the NBDL's Tulsa 66ers where he played 13 games. He was part of the group that finished in the 9th place at the World Championship in 2010.



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MAYBYNER RODNEY HILÁRIO (NENÊ)

🏠 São Carlos, SP

★ 13/09/82

↔ 113kg

↕ 2,11m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the NBA West Conference (09) • 2nd place at the America Cup (01) • 3rd place at the Friendship Games (01)

POSITION

Center

NOTE

After playing for the Vasco/Barueri (SP), at the National Championship of 2000, Nenê moved to the "headquarters" in Rio de Janeiro where he was a Brazilian champion in 2001 and became a member of the adult national team. In 2002 he was selected by the NBA New York Knicks but was immediately transferred to the Denver Nuggets, the team he defended for 10 seasons. He made the finals of the West Conference in 2009 but the Denver team was beaten by the Los Angeles Lakers. He was away from the courts at the beginning of 2008 to successfully remove a tumor on the testicles.

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RAUL TOGNI FILHO (RAULZINHO)

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 19/05/92

↔ 88kg

↕ 1,84m

MAIN TITLES

9th place at the World
Championship (10) • 2nd place at
the Under-20 America Cup (10)
• 3rd place at the South American
Under-17 Championship (09)

POSITION

Guard

NOTE

A very precocious talent, in 2007 at the age of 15, Raulzinho made his debut with the adult team of the Minas Tennis Club. His outstanding performance at the under-18 America Cup (he was the leader in assistances and the 8th highest basket score of the competition) in 2010 guaranteed a place with the group that competed in the Turkey World Championship in the same year, being the youngest athlete on the court. He plays for the Lagun Aro Bilbao of Spain. His father Raul, today a coach, has played for the Brazilian national team during the 90's and was the 3rd placed at the America Cup of 1997.



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TIAGO SPLITTER

🏠 Joinville, SC

★ 01/01/85

↔ 105kg

↕ 2,11m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • two times Spanish League champion (08/10) • two times America Cup champion (05/09) • gold medalist at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games

POSITION

Center

NOTE

At 15 years of age he went to play in Spain and two years later he made his debut in the Brazilian national adult team at the Indianapolis World Championship and since then has always been part of the team. He was chosen by the San Antonio Spurs at the first Draft (07) but only signed the contract with the club in 2010. He was declared the best player of the regular season and of the Spanish League finals in 2010.



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JULIANA FELISBERTA DA SILVA

🏠 Santos, SP

★ 22/07/83

↔ 63kg

↕ 1,77m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 and Rio 2007 • 1st place at the Rome World Championship (11) • six times champion at the World Circuit (05/06/07/09/10/11) • five times champion at the Brazilian Circuit (06/07/08/09/11)

NOTE

Juliana began playing beach volley in 2001. Her exceptional personal characteristic is the ability to overcome serious knee injuries. The most traumatic was the one that kept her away from the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008. During her free time she loves to sleep long hours and her favorite food is 'feijoada'. In March, she conquered her 100th title with Larissa when they won the Recife phase of the Brazilian Tour.

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LARISSA FRANÇA

🏠 Cachoeiro de Itapemirim, ES

★ 14/04/82

↔ 70kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 and Rio 2007 • 1st place at the Rome World Championship (11) • six times champion at the World Circuit (05/06/07/09/10/11) • five times champion at the Brazilian Circuit (06/07/08/09/11)

NOTE

In her childhood Larissa played basketball and handball but it was volleyball that most appealed to her. In 2002, a disk hernia almost forced her to give up sports. She returned thanks to physiotherapy. In 2003, together with Ana Richa, she won the bronze medal at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games. An admirer of Shelda, in her backpack she always carries solar protection lotion, sun glasses and lipstick. She participated in the Beijing Olympic Games with Ana Paula due to Juliana's knee injury.

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MARIA ELISA MENDES TICON ANTONELLI

🏠 Resende, RJ

★ 25/02/84

↔ 68kg

↕ 1,76m

MAIN TITLES

Two times 2nd place at the World Circuit (09/10) • 3rd place at the World Championship (09) • 1st place at the Brazilian Circuit (09)

NOTE

Maria Elisa was elected the best player of the Brazilian Circuit of 2009 when she was a champion with Talita. She also won prizes for the best service and defense in the same year. Her favorite dish is mashed potatoes. During free hours she enjoys going to the movies. She used to play with Vanilda Leão with whom she won the Norwegian World Circuit (08) before pairing with Talita. This is her first Olympic Games participation.

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TALITA ANTUNES DA ROCHA

🏠 Aquidauana, MS

★ 29/08/82

↔ 64kg

↕ 1,81m

MAIN TITLES

Two times 2nd place at the World Circuit (09/10) • 3rd place at the World Championship (09) • 1st place at the Brazilian Circuit (09) • Beach Volleyball Queen (08) • 2nd place at the Brazilian Circuit (06)

NOTE

Talita joined beach volleyball when she accepted an invitation by Jacqueline Silva – gold at the Atlanta Olympic Games - and moved to Rio de Janeiro in 2001. She participated in the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 together with Renata and conquered the fourth place. Playing with Maria Elisa she won two stages (France and Holland) of the World Circuit in 2010 and one in Canada in 2011.



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ALISON CONTE CERUTTI

🏠 Vitória, ES

★ 12/07/85

↔ 102kg

↑↓ 2,03m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Brazilian Circuit (09/11) • 1st place at the World Circuit (11) • 1st place at the World Championship (11) • Beach King (11) • 2nd place at the World Circuit (09/10)

NOTE

Allison (or Mamute) started practicing beach volleyball after watching Emanuel win the gold medal in Athens 200. He now plays together with his idol. The nickname came from a friend who compared him to a character of the movie "Ice Age". He was elected as the best player of the World Championship of 2011, the year he won every event he participated: Beach King, the World Championship, Pan American Games, World Circuit and Brazilian Circuit.

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EMANUEL FERNANDO SCHEFFER REGO

🏠 Curitiba, PR

★ 15/04/73

↔ 80kg

↕ 1,90m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 and Rio 2007 • 1st place at the World Circuit (99/03/11) • bronze medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • gold medalist at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

NOTE

Emanuel is the greatest winner in the history of the beach volleyball with 10 World Circuit titles and eight Brazilian Circuit ones. He is married to the former volleyball player Leila and they have a son – Lukas. In London, he will reach his fifth olympic participation and hopes to climb the podium for the third time. In 2011, Emanuel was honored with a statue after being elected a “Hero” by the FIVB. He started playing court volleyball for the “Curitibano” club and in 1991 began to play beach volleyball.

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PEDRO HENRIQUE DE MIRANDA DA CUNHA

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 06/10/83

↔ 85kg

↕ 1,89m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Poland stage of the World Circuit (12) • 1st place at the Austria Grand Slam (11) • two times champion of the Brazilian Circuit (07/10) • two times champion of the World Under-21 Championship (01/03)

NOTE

Chosen as the best defender of the Brazilian Circuit for five seasons (06/07/08/10/11), Pedro Cunha won the first World Under-21 Championship with Anselmo. He was two times world champion together with Pedro Solberg; and also played with Tande, Pará, Thiago and Franco and again with Pedro Solberg before joining Ricardo in 2011. Not even in his free time he leaves the beach where he loves to spend time with his friends.



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RICARDO ALEX COSTA SANTOS

🏠 Salvador, BA

★ 01/06/75

↔ 102kg

↑↓ 2,00m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the World Championship (11) • bronze medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • four times champion of the Brazilian Circuit (02/03/06/08) • six times champion of the World Circuit (00/03/04/05/06/07) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • gold medalist at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games • silver medalist at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games

NOTE

In Brazil, his opponents call him "The Wall"; abroad he is the "Blocking Machine". Obviously, blocking is Ricardo's greatest weapon. He is the only beach volleyball athlete of the world to hold three olympic medals. He finished his partnership with Emanuel at the end of 2009. Since then he has played with Pedro Solberg and Marcio, and in mid 2011 he started to double with Pedro Cunha.



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ADRIANA DOS SANTOS ARAÚJO

🏠 Salvador, BA

★ 11/04/81

↔ 60kg

↕ 1,67m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the China Pre-Olympic Tournament (12) • gold medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • seven times Brazilian champion (03/04/05/07/08/09/10) • five times champion of the Pan American Championship (05/07/08/09/10)

CATEGORY

Lightweight (- 60kg)

NOTE

Very respected in the rings, she believes in a good Brazilian presentation at the debut of the women's boxing at the Olympic Games. She participated in the Guadalajara Pan American Games in 2011. In the past she played football and was introduced to boxing through a friend. Since she was always a quarrelsome person she avoided contact sports, but assures that the sport modality helped control her instincts. Her idols are Kelson Pinto and Mike Tyson.



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ÉRICA DOS SANTOS MATOS

🏠 Salvador, BA

★ 24/05/83

↔ 51kg

↕ 1,62m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pan American Championship (12) • six times Brazilian champion (05/07/08/09/10/11) • 1st place at the South American Championship (10) • three times champion at the Pan American Championship (07/09/10)

CATEGORY

Flyweight (– 51kg)

NOTE

Érica was a futsal player in her youth and started to take boxing classes at the age of 22, without the intention of competing. She ended up loving the sport modality and four months later participated of her first Brazilian Championship and won the title. Holder of a collection of national and international titles she considers the triumph at the South American championship of 2010 as the most important moment of her career because it happened right after the loss of her mother.



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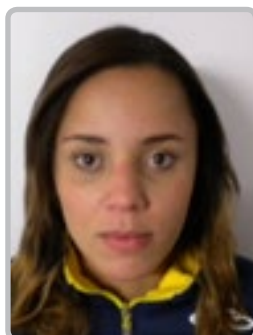
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ROSELI AMARAL FEITOSA

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 15/03/89

↔ 79kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

Two times champion at the Pan American Championship (1/11)

- Barbados World champion (10)
- two times Brazilian champion (08/10)
- three times São Paulo champion (07/09/10)

CATEGORY

Welter (-75kg)

NOTE

She called attention when she won, in 2010, at the Barbados World Championship an unprecedented women's title for Brazil, fighting outside her category. She first began practicing boxing at 18 after she met her husband José Antonio, a muay thai master. She played volleyball but gave it up because she had to work. She secured the Olympic place during a very difficult moment of her life - she lost her younger brother in a motorcycle accident at the end of 2011.



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ESQUIVA FALCÃO FLORENTINO

🏠 Serra, ES

★ 12/12/89

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the World Championship (11) • bronze medalist at the Medellin 2010 South American Games • 2nd place at the- Olympic Cup (10) • 1st place at the Brazilian Championship (10) • 2nd place at the Pan American Championship (07)

CATEGORY

Middleweight (-75kg)

NOTE

Esquiva Florentino secured a place for London 2012 with the bronze medal won at the Baku World Boxing Championship in Azerbaijan last October. He comes from a family with great boxing tradition. His father, the legendary fighter "Touro Moreno" used to train at home and this encouraged him to join the sport. His older brother, Yamaguchi Falcão won the silver medal at the Guadalajara Pan American Games in 2011.



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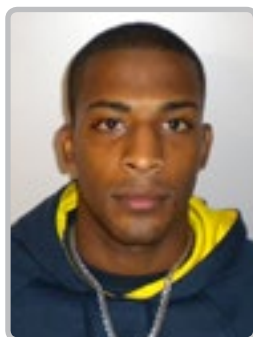
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EVERTON DOS SANTOS LOPES

🏠 Salvador, BA

★ 08/08/88

↔ 64kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the World Championship (11) • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011) • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • silver medalist at the Buenos Aires South American Games 2006

CATEGORY

Lightweight (-64kg)

NOTE

With the world title won in Baku, Azerbaijan, he guaranteed a place in London 2012 and ended a long period of 25 years without a medal for Brazil in world championships of this sport modality. At 16 he wanted to be tested to play football for the Vitoria football team (BA) when he watched a boxing fight on TV, and decided to be a boxer. Eight months later he already was part of the Brazilian national team, and went to the Beijing Olympic Games. During his free time Everton Lopes enjoys visiting his family at the Porto Santo Island, Bahia.



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JULIÃO HENRIQUES NETO

🏠 Belém, PA

★ 16/08/81

↔ 52kg

↕ 1,64m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Americas Pre-Olympic Tournament • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Quito Pre-Pan American Tournament (11) silver medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • 1st place at the Pan American Championship (10)

CATEGORY

(- 52kg)

NOTE

Julião started boxing at the age of 20 after practicing Futsal. As a child he worked with his mother who was a stallholder at an open-air market. He is married to Priscila and they have a 10 year old son, Iuri. He finds it very difficult to be away from his family during concentration and competition periods.



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MYKE MICHEL RIBEIRO DE CARVALHO

🏠 Belém, PA

★ 28/10/83

↔ 69kg

↕ 1,82m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Americas Pre-Olympic Tournament • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • gold medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • 1st place at the Pan American Championship (10) • bronze medalist (light welterweight) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

CATEGORY

Welterweight (- 69kg)

NOTE

Mike grew up watching his uncle Dalgiso Ribeiro to fight and began practicing boxing at the age of 11, encouraged by his family, composed of several boxers. He devotes 24 hours a day to the practice of the sport modality. Myke is divorced and has a three years old son Michel. He competed in the Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. In both events he was eliminated during his first fight.



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ROBENILSON VIEIRA DE JESUS

🏠 Salvador, BA

★ 24/09/87

↔ 56kg

↕ 1,66m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the Americas Pre-Olympic Tournament • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

- four times Brazilian champion (06/07/08/09)
- 3rd place at the Czech Republic Grand Prix (07)
- 2nd place at the Pan American Championship (06)

CATEGORY

Bantam (- 56kg)

NOTE

Robenilson participated in the Pan American Games Rio 2007 and was eliminated in the first round. He had more luck at Guadalajara where he won the bronze medal. As a consequence of injuries he was unable to participate in the Milan World Championship (09) and the Medellin South American Games (10).



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ROBSON DONATO CONCEIÇÃO

🏠 Salvador, BA

★ 25/10/88

↔ 60kg

↕ 1,75m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 2nd place at the Olympic Cup (11) • 1st place at the Continental Championship (09) • 1st place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament in Guatemala (08)

CATEGORY

Lightweight (-60kg)

NOTE

Robson Conceição won the silver medal at the Guadalajara Pan American Games in 2011. At the final match he was defeated by the Cuban fighter Yasnier Toledo by 16 to 11. He participated in the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 but was eliminated in the first fight. At 13 he decided to practice boxing because of a bad example given by his quarrelsome uncle – Roberto. With the sport practice he learned to channel his aggressiveness. Robson has plans to get a degree in Physical Education.



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YAMAGUCHI FALCÃO FLORENTINO

🏠 São Mateus, ES

★ 24/12/87

↔ 77kg

↕ 1,81m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Americas Pre-Olympic Tournament • silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Puerto Rico Olympic Cup (11) • 1st place at the Brazilian Championship (10) • 3rd place at the Morocco Youth World Championship (08)

CATEGORY

Light heavyweight (- 81kg)

NOTE

Yamaguchi is the brother of Esquiva Falcão and son of Touro Moreno, he was very close to conquering a place for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, but wasn't successful. If he had failed to obtain a place for the London 2012 Games he planned to give up boxing to dedicate himself entirely to MMA fighting. He reached the finals of the Guadalajara Pan American Games, in 2011, and lost the final round to the Cuban boxer Julio Cesar de la Cruz.



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🏠 Primavera do Leste, MT

★ 13/03/96

↔ 56kg

↕ 1,61m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Canoeing Championship (Slalom) (12) • 45th place at the World Championship (11)

EVENTS

K1 1000m

NOTE

Ana Sátila qualified for the London Games two days before she turned 16, when she won the Pan American Championship in Foz do Iguaçu, the city where she lives. She started to practice sports at the age of 4, boxing and swimming with her father, the former boxer Claudio Vargas. In 2006, Ana Sátila met her present coach Romualdo Junior who introduced her to canoeing, his great passion. Last year she ran the World Championship of Bratislava, Slovakia and arrived in the 45th place.

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ERLON DE SOUZA SILVA

🏠 Ubatã, BA

★ 23/06/91

↔ 76kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • gold medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010

EVENTS

C2 1000m

NOTE

The beginning of his career, in 2005, in the city of Ubatã, interior of Bahia, was based on improvisation. Even without proper equipment and good conditions, Erlon fell in love with the sport modality and insisted on becoming an athlete. His dedication started to pay off, four years later, when he was called to be part of the Brazilian national team. Since then, with the adequate equipment, he was able to improve his development which enabled him to win three gold medals at the Medellin South American Games in 2010. Together with Ronilson Oliveira, he won the silver medal in Guadalajara 2011, the event that qualified them for the Olympic Games.

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RONILSON MATIAS DE OLIVEIRA

🏠 Santos, SP

★ 16/07/90

↔ 77kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • three times South American champion (06/07/08) 2nd place at the Pan American Championship (09)

EVENTS

C2 1000m

NOTE

From a humble background, Ronilson started to practice at the Cosipa Employees Association. During his first lessons he distinguished himself, but had no money to continue practicing. It was then that coach Pedro Sena came into his life, he paid the entrance fee and told him to do his best because he would become a good athlete. On the competition trips, as an inspiration, he listens to songs of the band Toque no Altar. Together with Erlon Silva he was defeated by the Cubans at the finals of the Guadalajara Pan American Games.

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SQUEL SAUNE STEIN

🏠 Ibirama, SC

★ 07/09/91

↔ 53kg

↕ 1,56m

MAIN TITLES

5th place (class 4) at the Latin American Championship (12) • 2nd place at the Disney Cup (10) • 2nd place at the Pan American Championship (08)

EVENTS

BMX

NOTE

Two years ago Squel noticed she had no competition in Brazil. The girls who competed with her in the basic competitions one by one gave up the sport modality and she saw it was time to make a decision. At 17 she took a plane to Orlando, Florida (USA) where her former coach trained a cycling team. She learned to take care of herself and became more mature. She had an accident on her first series at the Guadalajara Pan American Games in 2011, hit her head and was hospitalized but nothing serious was found.

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RENATO REZENDE

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 28/02/91

↔ 68kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

Brazilian champion (12) • 1st place (class 4) at the Latin American Championship (12) • bronze medalist at the Medellin 2010 South American Games • 1st place at the World Championship category Elite Cruiser (10)

EVENTS

BMX

NOTE

An athlete of the Brazilian national team since 2009, the year he won the Brazil Olympic Prize. Renato spent 4 months training at the International Cycling Union center in Aigle, Switzerland, in 2011. He believes to have developed more during these 4 months than during his ten years as a cyclist. He was the Latin American champion in March of this year but was eliminated in the quarter finals of the World Championship in Birmingham, England, in May.



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RUBENS DONIZETE VALERIANO (RUBINHO)

🏠 São Pedro da União, MG

★ 14/08/79

↔ 69kg

↕ 1,72m

MAIN TITLES

Two times 3rd place at the Pan American Championship (10/12)

- silver medalist at the Medellin 2010 South American Games
- silver medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games

• two times Brazilian champion (07/11)

EVENTS

Mountain Bike

NOTE

Between 1995 and 1997 Rubinho worked for a brick factory. From 1998 to 2002 he worked as a mason. He kept investing his little savings on bicycle parts and competed on weekends. Today he makes a living with the sport modality. He travelled around Brazil and has visited various countries thanks to cycling. He participated in the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 and scored the 21st position. He was the 5th place at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games, hindered by a blown out tire on his bike.



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CLEMILDA FERNANDES SILVA

🏠 Goiânia, GO

★ 25/06/79

↔ 53kg

↕ 1,63m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the El Salvador Tour (12) • 3rd place at the America Cup (08) • three times America Cup champion (05/06/07) • bronze medalist (road) at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • 3rd place at the Pan American Cycling Championship (07)

EVENTS

Road

NOTE

Clemilda lived and competed in Turin, Italy, from 2002 to 2010, most of the time in the company of her sister Janildes and her cousin Uênia. She has participated in eight world championships and in the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, when she finished in the 51st position. She admits that there is competitiveness between the three of them: she, her sister and cousin compete during training sessions but when the time comes for the real competition, they all work together to enable at least one of them to reach the podium.

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FERNANDA DA SILVA SOUZA

🏠 Iguatu, CE

★ 15/11/81

↔ 53kg

↕ 1,61m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Brazil Cycling Tour (12) • 1st place at the 9th of July International Event (11) • 1st place at the Republic Cup (11) • bronze medalist (team cross-country) at the Medellin 2010 South American Games

EVENTS

Road

NOTE

Fernanda's cycling debut happened in 2007 in the Mountain Bike modality, but she decided to dedicate herself to the Road events. In 2008 she won the third place at the America Cycling Cup and was invited to be part of the A Tribuna/Specialized/Unilus team of São Paulo – she accepted and gave up her job at a bank in Uberaba. In 2009 she raced for the São Caetano team and since 2010 represents the Funvic/Pindamonhagaba team.

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JANILDES FERNANDES SILVA

🏠 Goiânia, GO

★ 23/08/80

↔ 59kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Venezuelan Cycling Federation Cup • three times champion of the America Cup (03/09/11) • silver medalist at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • bronze medalist (road) at the Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games

EVENTS

Road

NOTE

In 1999 Janildes became the first Brazilian athlete to win a women's medal in cycling at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada. Very experienced, she participated in the Olympic Games of Sydney (2000) and Athens (2004) and lived and competed in Italy from 2000 to 2009. Her sister Clemilda and her cousin Uênia are also high performance athletes. At the Guadalajara Pan American Games she finished in the 20th position.



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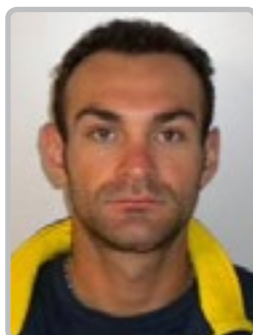
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GREGOLRY ALVES FREITAS PANIZO

🏠 Tupãssi, PR

★ 05/12/85

↔ 72kg

↕ 1,83m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Championship (11) • two times champion of the São Paulo State Tour (08/10)

EVENTS

Road

NOTE

Gregolry guaranteed a place for Brazil at the London Olympic Games when he won the Pan American Championship in 2011. At the beginning of his cycling career he worked at a bicycle repair shop fixing bikes. Today he makes a living out of the sport Cycling helped him to lose 20 kilos. He simply loves the adrenaline and the speed of the road events, but when he wants to relax he switches to mountain bike, which became his hobby. As a preparation for the Games he used a vibrating platform developed in the decade of the 70s for astronauts.

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MAGNO DO PRADO NAZARET

🏠 Dourados, MS

★ 17/01/86

↔ 67kg

↕ 1,72m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Vuelta al Uruguay (12) • 1st place of the 4th stage of the Rio Tour (11) • 1st place of the Under-23 category at the San Luis Tour in Argentina (08) • 3rd place at the Rio Tour (08) • 1st place at the Pan American Under-23 Championship (06)

EVENTS

Road

NOTE

Magno began to pedal at 15 when he met a group of cyclists training for a competition at his hometown, joined it and won the event for the youth category. Later he moved to Campo Grande (MS) and began defending the Gilmar Bicicletas team. Further on he raced for the São Caetano and São José dos Campos teams in São Paulo before transferring to Funvic of Pindamonhagaba.



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MURILO ANTONIO FISCHER

🏠 Brusque, SC

★ 06/10/79

↔ 66kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

Two times Brazilian champion (10/11) • Mallorca Challenge Stage champion (11) • 3rd place at the 11th Stage of the Tour de France (07)
• 1st place at the European Championship (05) • Aigle World B Championship Champion (03)

EVENTS

Road

NOTE

Murilo lives in Italy for eight years where he competes in the professional category since 2004. He has participated in the Santo Domingo (2003) and Guadalajara (2011) Pan American Games and in the last three editions of the Olympic Games. He didn't compete at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games because of his participation at the Tour de France. Cycling came into his life as a child's game when in 1995 his father gave him a mountain bike.



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JULIANA RODRIGUES VELOSO

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 22/12/80

↔ 59kg

↕ 1,60m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (10m platform) at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games

- silver (10m platform) and bronze medalist (3m springboard) at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games

EVENTS

3m Springboard

NOTE

Juliana participated in the last three editions of the Olympic Games (in Beijing she didn't compete on the 3m springboard) and in the last four Pan American Games – she won the first medal for Brazil in the diving modality in this competition. She was also the first Brazilian diver to reach the finals at the World Championship in Fukuoka (Japan) in 2000. Mother of Pedro, a three year-old, she is a graduate in Physiotherapy. Her parents and brother also have competed in the modality and Juliana chose to do the same at 10 - before that she practiced artistic gymnastics.



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CÉSAR AUGUSTO AQUINO DE CASTRO

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 02/09/82

↔ 72kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 5th place at the Rome Aquatic Sports World Championship (09) • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 9th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

EVENTS

3m Springboard

NOTE

For the past 10 years César has frequently been among the 10 best placed in the world ranking. In 2009 he reached the 3rd place and, in 2002, was the first Brazilian to climb the podium at a Grand Prix event. He is a Physical Education graduate. He competed in Athens 2004 (9th) and Beijing 2008 (24th). When his diving career ends he wants to continue working with sport, investing in the beginners category. He plays the "cavaquinho" (small guitar-like instrument) and loves "pagode", a Brazilian music similar to samba.



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HUGO PELLICER PARISI

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 01/08/84

↔ 68kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • a finalist at the China World Cup (10) • 3rd place (individual and synchronized) at the Montreal stage of the World Circuit (09) • 19th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008.

EVENTS

10m Platform

NOTE

Hugo started to dive in Brasilia together with his sister Iamillah, in 1992, simply because his parents thought it was very nice. When he noticed that he enjoyed the modality, he was already competing despite getting very tired with the repetition of the training sessions. In 2002, he was the World Youth vice champion but almost had his career impaired by a disk hernia. In 2009 he conquered the 9th place in the world ranking. His objective is to stay among the 10 best of the world.



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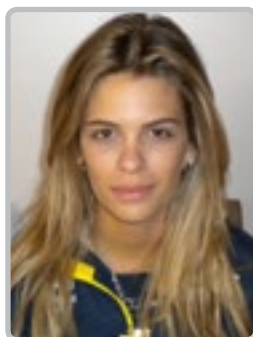
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LUIZA NOVAES TAVARES DE ALMEIDA

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 07/09/91

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,68m

MAIN TITLES

Gold (individual) and silver medalist (team) at the World Military Games Rio 2011 • bronze medalist (team) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

Dressage

NOTE

At the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 she obtained the 5th place in the team event. The first South American to reach the finals at a World Cup (Holland/09), Luiza rides since her early childhood and from five to 13 years of age she practiced horse jumping. After that she changed to dressage aiming at improving her body posture and fell in love with the modality. She competed in the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 at 16 and won the 39th place in the individual event. She is a 3rd Army Sergeant, is a Law undergraduate student and influenced by her father, practices boxing.

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MARCELO TOSI

🏠 Piracicaba, SP

★ 14/08/69

↔ 74kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (team) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 22nd place at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • 1st place (individual and team) at the South American Championship (01)
• silver medalist at the Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games

EVENTS

Three-day event

NOTE

Despite being a Zootechny graduate, after working as a technical assistant for Brazil at the Athens Olympic Games in 2004 he moved to Europe to dedicate himself exclusively to the sport modality. He began riding at the age of 4 encouraged by his father Hugo Tosi, a former horseman. The loss of the horse Super Rocky due to fulminating colic in 2009 is among the most difficult times of his career. In Beijing he was the only Brazilian horseman to qualify for the individual final.



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MARCIO CARVALHO JORGE

🏠 Colina, SP

★ 28/01/75

↔ 82kg

↕ 1,86m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (team) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 1st place at the Nations Cup of Buenos Aires (10) • 9th place (team) at the Rome World Championship (98)

EVENTS

Three-day event

NOTE

Marcio began practicing three-day event at the age of 14. The ninth place at the Rome World Championship (98) marked his career because with this result for the first time Brazil reached the world's Top 10. He experienced a very sad moment at the 2010 Nations Cup when his horse – Ideal Groom – died of a pneumonia acquired during the trip. He is married and graduated in Medicine and works as an anesthesiologist. He was the ninth placed at the individual event at the Guadalajara Pan American Games in 2011.



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RENAN FRANCISCO SANTOS GUERREIRO

🏠 São Roque, SP

★ 13/03/85

↔ 81kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (team) at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games

EVENTS

Three-day event

NOTE

Renan began to ride at the age of 6 in São Roque, but before that he played with wood horses. When he qualified for the Rio 2007 Pan American Games he had only attended three training sessions a week, but this didn't stop him from conquering the ninth place at the individual event and from collaborating with the team to secure a place for the Beijing Olympic Games. He has participated in a series of events in Europe in preparation for the London Games.

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RUY LEME DA FONSECA FILHO

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 06/09/73

↔ 75kg

↑↓ 1,81m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (team) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • gold medalist (team) at the Mar del Plata 1995 Pan American Games • 1st place (individual) at the South American Championship (89)

EVENTS

Three-day event

NOTE

Ruy was the winner of the Brazil Olympic Prize in 2010 as the best athlete of the modality. Horseback riding is in his family's blood, since his parents also are riders. He lives in Valkenswaard in Holland. In his free time Ruy enjoys activities connected to sports, specially football and tennis. He suffered a fall during the Guadalajara Pan American Games but the accident did not stop Brazil from securing the Olympic place for the team.



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SERGUEI FOFANOFF

🏠 Ribeirão Preto, SP

★ 12/11/68

↔ 74kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (team) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 6th place (team) at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games
• silver medalist at the Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games • gold medalist (team) at the Mar de Plata 1995 Pan American Games

EVENTS

Three-day event

NOTE

Listening to the national anthem at the Mar del Plata Pan American Games in 1995 was one of the most beautiful moments of his career that includes three participations in Olympic Games – Barcelona, Atlanta and Sydney. He is the owner of an Equestrian School and his hobbies are fishing and driving a jet-ski. After being fourth place in the individual event of the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games – in two stages - he decided not to participate in the third stage because his mare was exhausted.



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ÁLVARO AFFONSO DE MIRANDA NETO (DODA)

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 02/05/73

↔ 86kg

↕ 1,86m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist (team) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • bronze medalist (team) at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • bronze medalist (team) and 8th place (individual) at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games • gold medalist (team) at the Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games • bronze medalist (team) at the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games

EVENTS

Jumping

NOTE

Doda is one of the principal horsemen of the country with three Olympic Games editions (Atlanta, Sydney and Athens) in his career. Since, as a child, he rode a rented horse in Caxambu, Minas Gerais, the sport has always fascinated him. An injury suffered by the mare AD Picolien Zeldenrust kept him from competing at Beijing in 2008. He is married to Athina Onassis.



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CARLOS EDUARDO MOTA RIBAS (CACÁ)

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 07/06/73

↔ 82kg

↑↓ 1,81m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Linz Nations Cup (12) • 1st place as the The Best of Brazil at the Athina Onassis Horse Show (11)

EVENTS

Jumping

NOTE

Cacá Ribas, at the age of 13 abandoned swimming classes to learn how to mount horses. Since 1997 he lives in Belgium. He built a very solid sports career and also is a successful horse trader. Among his most outstanding victories are the Eindhoven (Holland) Derby, the Lummen (Belgium) Derby, the Hickstead Salver (Hickstead, UK), The Best of Brazil at the Athina Onassis Horse Show event, the 2nd place at the Linz Nations Cup (Austria) and the 3rd place at the La Baule Nations Cup (France). The London Olympic Games will be his first participation in the Games.



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JOSÉ ROBERTO REYNOSO FERNANDEZ FILHO

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 14/02/80

↔ 95kg

↕ 1,82m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the Linz Grand Prix (12)
• two times 1st place of the
Brazilian Ranking (07/08)

EVENTS

Jumping

NOTE

Zé Roberto inherited from his father – gold medalist at the Pan American Games of 1967 – the talent for the sport modality. Presently he is one of the most successful horsemen of the country: was two times champion of the Brazilian Equestrian Confederation Ranking for the Top Senior category in 2007 and 2008. He also was the winner of the Equestrian Olympic Observation Event held in Brazil by the CBH and obtained the chance of going to Europe to compete against the top horsemen of the world. With an excellent performance during the entire selection phase of the Brazilian Team, Zé Roberto was summoned for the first time to participate in the Olympic Games.

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LUIZ FRANCISCO DE AZEVEDO

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 28/03/85

↔ 78kg

↕ 1,85m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Brazilian Equestrian Society Anniversary Grand Prix (11)

- 1st place at the Brazilian Equestrian Society Ranking

EVENTS

Jumping

NOTE

Chiquinho is the youngest son of Luiz Felipe de Azevedo, winner of the bronze medal in the team event at the Atlanta Olympic Games 1996 and Sydney 2000. While watching his father and his older brother Felipinho, Chiquinho decided to follow their steps. In 2011 he had a great season and won the Brazilian Equestrian Society Anniversary Grand Prix (SHB), the Mini Grand Prix and reached the top of the SHB Ranking. He will make his debut in Olympic Games.

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RODRIGO DE PAULA PESSOA

🏠 Paris, France

★ 29/11/72

↔ 66kg

↕ 1,77m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist (team) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • gold (team) and silver medalist (individual) at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • gold medalist (individual) at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games • bronze medalist (team) at the Sydney 2000 and Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games • three times champion of the World Cup (98/99/00) • 1st place at the Rome World Championship (98) • gold medalist (team) at the Mar Del Plata Pan American Games 1995

EVENTS

Jumping

NOTE

Rodrigo is the son of Nelson Pessoa, considered one of the best horsemen of all times. He won his first competition at 12 years of age in England and participated in his first edition of the Olympic Games at 19 in Barcelona, 1992. He was the fifth placed at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008.



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ATHOS MARANGON SCHWANTES

🏠 Curitiba, PR

★ 13/02/85

↔ 86kg

↑↓ 1,90m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament of the Americas (12)
• bronze medalist (team) at the Medellin South American Games (2010) • silver medalist (team) at the Buenos Aires South American Games (2006) • two times Brazilian champion (04/09)

EVENTS

Epeeé

NOTE

He was christened name, in homage of one of the Three Musketeers, is quite indicative - Athos was born on a fencer's cradle. A son of Ronaldo Schwantes, bronze in the epee at the Mexico City Pan American Games of 1975, he will participate for the first time in Olympic Games. He has competed at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003. He qualified for London 2012 with a 2nd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament of the Americas in April of this year, in Chile. He lost at the finals to Paris Inostroza, from Chile.



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GUILHERME AMARAL TOLDO

🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 01/09/92

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,77m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament of the Americas (12)
• bronze (individual and team) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games (11) • Brazilian vice champion (10) • 2nd place (team) at the Pan American Championship (09)

EVENTS

Foil

NOTE

Guilherme was the most important name of the Brazilian fencing at the Guadalajara Pan American Games when he won the bronze medal in the individual and team combats. He was also champion at the Pre-Olympic Tournament of the Americas and obtained the 28th position among 122 athletes at the Russia World Youth Championship. He has tried almost every sport modality but decided for fencing during a summer season at the club when he was 8 years old. But he really took fencing seriously six years ago.



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RENZO PASQUALE ZEGLIO AGRESTA

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 27/06/85

↔ 80kg

↕ 1,81m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (team) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games (11) • bronze medalist (individual) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • gold (individual) and bronze (team) medalist at the Medellin South American Games (10) • silver (team) and bronze (Individual) medalist at the Buenos Aires South American Games (06) • Italian champion under 23 (07)

EVENTS

Sabre

NOTE

He is considered the best fencing athlete of the country and has participated in two Olympic Games editions. He lived in Italy for four years determined to achieve his professional excellence. This year, he went through another preparation stage in Italy. He is a Business Administration graduate by the John Cabot University of Rome. He started practicing fencing at the age of 12.



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ALINE PELLEGRINO

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 06/07/1982

↔ 69kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

“Libertadores da America” Cup champion (10) • 2nd place at the World Cup (07) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • silver medalist at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games • Beijing University Games champion (01)

POSITION

Defender

NOTE

Aline played for Juventus, UniSant’Anna and Santos - where she was the team’s captain - for three years before moving to the Russian football. She was also the Brazilian national team’s captain for the last two World Cups in 2011 and 2007. She joined her first club – São Paulo – at the age of 14. She worked as a handball and gymnastics coach. Bernardinho the volleyball coach is her idol, for his leadership capacity.

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ANDRÉIA SUNTAQUE

🏠 Nova Cantu, PR

★ 14/09/77

↔ 63kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the China World Cup (07) • silver medalist at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games • 3rd place at the United States Word Cup (09)

POSITION

Goalkeeper

NOTE

Andréia has been a regular name in the Brazilian national team for more than one decade. This will be her fourth participation in Olympic Games. She always liked to practice sports and played volleyball as an outside hitter. She started to practice football in Cianorte and has defended the Palmeiras, São Paulo and Santos clubs in Brazil besides the Prainsa of Zaragoza, Spain. At the Rio 2007 Pan American Games she ended the competition without taking one goal against her team.

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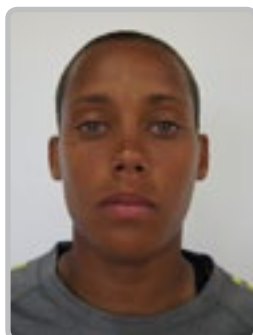
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BÁRBARA MICHELINE DO MONTE BARBOSA

🏠 Recife, PE

★ 07/04/88

↔ 71kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • 3rd place at the Russian Under- 20 World Cup (06)

POSITION

Goalkeeper

NOTE

Encouraged by her father, a professional football player who defended the Ibis team in the decade of 1980, Barbara began practicing futsal at the age of 10, on a court near her house. In 2005 she was summoned for the first time to be a member of the Brazilian national team and took over as titular player during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. In 2006 she had an outstanding performance when she defended 3 penalties in the decision match for the 3rd position at the under-20 World Championship against the USA.

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BRUNA BEATRIZ BENITES SOARES

🏠 Cuiabá, MT

★ 16/10/85

↔ 65kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Brazil Cup

POSITION

Defender

NOTE

A champion at the Brazil Cup of 2011 playing for the Foz Cataratas Club (she is the team's captain) of Parana, Bruna will participate for the first time in a major competition with the Brazilian National Team in London. She is a Physiotherapy graduate, started to play for the Mixto Club of Cuiaba and later transferred to the Comercial (MS) a club she defended until 2011. Her family lives in Campo Grande. She also played futsal for the Dom Bosco Catholic University. She says she fell in love with football as she watched a training session when she should have gone to a religious education class.

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CRISTIANE ROZEIRA DE SOUZA SILVA

🏠 Osasco, SP

★ 15/05/85

↔ 62kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games
• gold medalist at the Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the China World Cup (07) • 1st place at the South American Championship (02)

POSITION

Forward

NOTE

Cristiane plays football since childhood. Her mother enrolled her in ballet and artistic gymnastics classes but she really liked to play football in the street. At the age of 14 she took a test at the Juventus Club and one year later she was already a member of the Brazilian national team. Her first great moment with the national team was the golden goal she scored to guarantee the gold medal at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games. She was the best scorer at the Athens Olympic Games with 5 goals just as the German player Prinz.

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DAIANE MENEZES RODRIGUES (BAGÉ)

🏠 Bagé, RS

★ 15/04/83

↔ 62kg

↕ 1,65m

MAIN TITLES

“Libertadores da America” Cup champion (11) • silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the Brazil Cup (09) • 2nd place at the China World Cup (07) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • 4th place at the Canada Under- 20 World Cup (02)

POSITION

Defender

NOTE

Bagé has participated in two World Cups (was vice champion in 2007 and in 2011 missed the last penalty kick against the USA) and, for the first time, is going to participate in the Olympic Games in London. She also plays as a right winger and is the Brazilian team captain.

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DANIELLI PEREIRA DA SILVA (DANI)

🏠 Itambacuri, MG

★ 21/01/87

↔ 50kg

↕ 1,63m

MAIN TITLES

Two times “Libertadores da America” Cup champion (09/10)
• Brazilian champion (07) São Paulo champion (07) • 3rd place at the Russia Under- 20 World Cup (06)

POSITION

Left winger

NOTE

The left winger, Dani, is one of the athletes who were summoned for the adult national team after the 3rd place at the Russia under-20 world cup in 2006. She practices football since 13 years of age and participated in all basic category Brazilian national teams. She joined the adult teams at the age of 15 and in 2012 has transferred from the Santos to the São José, her present club.

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ERIKA CRISTIANO DOS SANTOS

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 04/02/88

↔ 63kg

↕ 1,72m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • 1st place at the South American Under-20 championship (08) • 3rd place at the Russia Under-20 World Cup (06)

POSITION

Defender

NOTE

Erika usually plays with the Brazilian national team as a defender but has already excelled as a sweeper and a forward. She played for teams of the capital of São Paulo before transferring to the Santos club where she won several titles. Erika spent a season in the USA playing for the FC Gold Pride. She has participated in three under-20 world cups – in 2004 in Thailand as a forward; in Russia in 2006 as a sweeper and in 2008 was the best scorer of the South America Under-20 in Porto Alegre with 7 goals.

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ESTER APARECIDA DOS SANTOS

🏠 Guarulhos, SP

★ 09/12/82

↔ 55kg

↕ 1,64m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • 2nd place at the China World Cup (07) • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the South American Championship (06)

POSITION

Sweeper

NOTE

Ester began to play football in the streets near the Cumbica Airport (SP) close to her home. She tested for the Juventus club and was approved. She has already played for the Cepe Duque de Caxias and Santos and today plays with the Russian football. Since 2003 she has been summoned for the Brazilian national team, her performance with the national team in the campaigns of the World Cup 2007 and Beijing 2008 were outstanding by her control of the ball and strong defense plays in midfield.

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FABIANA DA SILVA SIMÕES

🏠 Salvador, BA

★ 04/08/89

↔ 56kg

↕ 1,61m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • 2nd place at the South American Championship (07) • 1st place at the Under-20 South American Championship (06) 3rd place at the Under-20 World Cup (06)

POSITION

Forward

NOTE

Fabiana was titular player of the four Brazilian matches at the World Cup of 2011. At the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games she entered during the semifinals against Germany and the finals against the USA. She began learning football at a basic school in Salvador at the age of 7. At 15 she moved to Rio de Janeiro where she played for the America and the Cepe Duque de Caxias clubs. An injury on her left knee left her out of the Rio 2007 matches. The Corinthians and the Huelva of Spain are former clubs.

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FRANCIELLE MANOEL ALBERTO

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 18/10/89

↔ 58kg

↕ 1,61m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • two times champion of the Under-20 South American Championship (06/08) • 'paulista' champion (07) • 3rd place at the Russia Under-20 World Cup (06)

POSITION

Midfielder

NOTE

Francielle started to play football in Itanhaém at the age of 7 and since a young age she travelled with the adult team. She started to defend the Santos basic divisions in 1998 and stayed with the club for more than 10 years. She went to the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 and had a good performance in several matches. She also played at the World Cup of 2011.

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GRAZIELLE PINHEIRO NASCIMENTO

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 28/03/81

↔ 56kg

↕ 1,62m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the China World Cup (07)
• 1st place at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games Rio • 2nd place at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games
• 3rd place at the USA World Cup (99)

POSITION

Forward

NOTE

This will be Grazielle's third edition of the Olympic Games – she was in the group that went to Sydney 2000 but didn't play at that time; in Athens 2004 she participated in three matches and scored one goal against Greece. At the World Cup of 2011 she played in the victorious match against Norway. She began playing at 7 at the Gama-DF and as an adult has played for the Levante of Spain. After a season at the America de São Manuel she transferred to the Portuguesa Club.

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MARTA VIEIRA DA SILVA

🏠 Duas Pontes, AL

★ 19/02/86

↔ 54kg

↕ 1,61m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games
• gold medalist at the Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the China World Cup (07)

POSITION

Midfielder / Forward

NOTE

Chosen for five consecutive seasons (between 2006 and 2010) as the best women's football player of the world by FIFA, Marta is going to participate for the third time in the Olympic Games. Top scorer of the Rio 2007 Pan American Games with 12 goals, she also scored the highest amount of goals (7) and got the title of world's best player at the World Cup of 2007. In the past she played for Vasco and Santa Cruz (MG) teams before transferring to the Umea IK of Sweden where she stayed for 5 years. She participated in the USA League and spent some time with the Santos Club before returning to the Swedish football, playing for the Tyresö.

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MAURINE DORNELES GONÇALVES

🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 14/01/86

↔ 50kg

↕ 1,59m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • 3rd place at the Russia Under-20 World Cup (06)

POSITION

Winger

NOTE

At Beijing 2008 Maurine played just one match – in the victory of 3x1 over Nigeria - during the first phase. But she was in the field during the three matches of the first phase and the quarter finals game against the USA at the World Cup 2011 in Germany. At 7 years of age she started to play in the street with friends and at 15 she was already playing in the Gremio's adult team. She was a member of the national team in three Under-20 World Cups – 2002, 2004 and 2006. Very resourceful, she plays at the two wings and frequently is also placed in midfield.

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MIRAILDES MACIEL MOTA (FORMIGA)

🏠 Salvador, BA

★ 03/03/78

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,62m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games • gold medalist at the Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the China World Cup (07) • 3rd place at the USA World Cup (99)

POSITION

Midfielder

NOTE

Formiga has been a player for the Brazilian Team for 17 years, she began at the age of 17. This will be her fifth olympic participation. She has achieved the mark of 21 matches in Olympic Games since Atlanta 1996 and the score of three goals. She has played in five World Cups between 1995 and 2011. Born in Salvador, she began playing football at 12 and has capoeira as a hobby.

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RENATA APARECIDA COSTA

🏠 Assaí, PR

★ 07/08/86

↔ 65kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games
• gold medalist at the Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the China World Cup (07) • 3rd place at the Russia Under-20 World

POSITION

Midfielder

NOTE

A regular name of the Brazilian adult national team and summoned for the most important competitions since 2003, Renata Costa has in the defense tactics and the powerful shots from outside the area her strong points. She is also known as Koki. Before playing for the Odense of Denmark she played for clubs in Paraná and São Paulo - her first team was the Gremio Maringá. She was 4th place at the under-20 World Cups of 2002 and 2004.

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ROSANA DOS SANTOS AUGUSTO

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 07/07/82

↔ 65kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • silver medalist at the Beijing 2008 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games
• gold medalist at the Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 2nd place at the China world Cup (07)

POSITION

Winger

NOTE

The last remainder of the group that competed in the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000, Rosana started to practice futsal at school. A strong supporter of the attack she played as a winger at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games and scored four goals, one of them in the victory of 2x0 against Mexico at the semifinal. Playing as a midfielder, at the Neulengbach, her club in Austria, she became the highest scorer of the 2005/2006 season with 26 goals.

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THAIS DUARTE GUEDES (THAISINHA)

🏠 Santo André, SP

★ 22/09/82

↔ 80kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • two times champion of the Libertadores da America Cup (09/10) • 1st place at the South America Under-17 Championship (10) • São Paulo champion (10) • Brazil Cup champion (09)

POSITION

Forward

NOTE

Pointed out as one of the promises of the Brazilian women's football, Thais competed in two Under-17 World Cups: 2008 (New Zealand) and 2012 (Trinidad and Tobago). She was summoned to play at the World Cup of 2011 in Germany and participated in the winning match of 3x0 against Equatorial Guinea at the first phase. During the Guadalajara Pan American Games she scored one of the goals in the victory of 2x0 against Argentina.

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ALEXANDRE RODRIGUES DA SILVA (PATO)

🏠 Pato Branco, PR

★ 02/09/89

↔ 78kg

↕ 1,80m

🏆 Milan

🎯 Forward



ALEX SANDRO LOBO SILVA

🏠 Catanduva, SP

★ 26/01/91

↔ 60kg

↕ 1,77m

🏆 Porto

🎯 Winger



BRUNO UVINI BORTOLANÇA

🏠 Capivari, SP

★ 03/06/91

↔ 85kg

↕ 1,90m

🏆 São Paulo

🎯 Defender



DANILO LUIZ DA SILVA

🏠 Bicas, MG

★ 15/07/91

↔ 73kg

↕ 1,84m

🏆 Porto

🎯 Winger



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- 🏠 Campina Grande, PB
- ★ 25/07/86
- ↔ 75kg
- ↕ 1,80m
- 🏆 Porto
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JUAN GUILHERME NUNES JESUS

- 🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG
- ★ 10/06/91
- ↔ 83kg
- ↕ 1,85m
- 🏆 Internazionale
- 🎯 Defender



LEANDRO DAMIÃO DA SILVA DOS SANTOS

- 🏠 Jardim Alegre, PR
- ★ 22/07/89
- ↔ 84kg
- ↕ 1,87m
- 🏆 Internacional
- 🎯 Forward



LUCAS RODRIGUES MOURA DA SILVA

- 🏠 São Paulo, SP
- ★ 13/08/92
- ↔ 66kg
- ↕ 1,73m
- 🏆 São Paulo
- 🎯 Midfielder



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- ↔ 73kg
- ↕ 1,71m
- 🏆 Real Madrid
- 👁️ Winger



NEYMAR DA SILVA SANTOS JÚNIOR

- 🏠 Mogi das Cruzes, SP
- ★ 05/02/92
- ↔ 64kg
- ↕ 1,74m
- 🏆 Santos
- 👁️ Forward



NORBERTO MURARA NETO

- 🏠 Araxá, MG
- ★ 19/07/89
- ↔ 83kg
- ↕ 1,91m
- 🏆 Fiorentina
- 👁️ Goalkeeper



OSCAR DOS SANTOS EMBOABA JÚNIOR

- 🏠 Americana, SP
- ★ 09/09/91
- ↔ 68kg
- ↕ 1,79m
- 🏆 Internacional
- 👁️ Midfielder



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- ↔ 78kg
- ↕ 1,82m
- 🏆 Santos
- 🎯 Midfielder



RAFAEL CABRAL BARBOSA

- 🏠 Sorocaba, SP
- ★ 20/05/90
- ↔ 88kg
- ↕ 1,86m
- 🏆 Santos
- 🎯 Goalkeeper



RAFAEL PEREIRA DA SILVA

- 🏠 Petrópolis, RJ
- ★ 09/07/90
- ↔ 65kg
- ↕ 1,72m
- 🏆 Manchester United
- 🎯 Winger



RÔMULO BORGES MONTEIRO

- 🏠 Picos, PI
- ★ 19/09/90
- ↔ 80kg
- ↕ 1,84m
- 🏆 Vasco
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- ↔ 75kg
- ↕ 1,87m
- 🏆 Tottenham Hotspur
- 🎯 Midfielder



THIAGO EMILIANO DA SILVA

- 🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ
- ★ 22/09/84
- ↔ 79kg
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🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 05/04/90

↔ 51kg

↕ 1,51m

MAIN TITLES

4th place (vault) at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 1st place (individual all-around, vault, balance beam and team) at the South American Championship (11) • 1st place (individual all-around and vault) at the Natal Meeting (11) • 2nd place (vault) at the Brazilian Championship (11) • 4th place (vault) at the Ghent stage of the World Cup (10)

EVENTS

Individual and team

NOTE

In 2005, at 15 years of age, Adrian was dismissed from the national team due to overweight. Upon her return to the group in 2010, she considers this period of dismissal as a phase of maturing that made her aware of how much she loves the modality. She is a fan of Daiane dos Santos and of the Uzbekian Oksana Chusovitina, a vault specialist.



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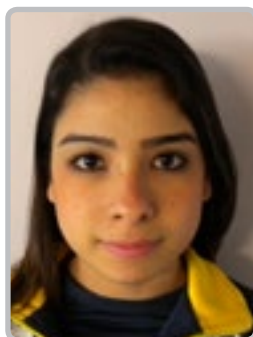
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BRUNA SAYUMI KUROIWA YAMAMOTO LEAL

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 24/04/93

↔ 46kg

↕ 1,52m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (team) at the Medellin 2010 South American Games • 1st place at the Brazilian Championship (09) 14th place (individual all-around) at the London World Championship (09)

EVENTS

Individual and team

NOTE

A specialist in uneven bars, Bruna is considered by the coaches as one of the most complete athletes of the Brazilian gymnastics' new generation, with a potential to develop much more. In 2009 she was the only athlete of the Country to participate in the Gymnastics World Championship reaching the 14th place of the individual all-around. At the Guadalajara Pan American Games she also ranked in 14th place for the individual all-around but did not compete due to an edema on her left ankle.



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DAIANE GARCIA DOS SANTOS

🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 02/10/83

↔ 41kg

↕ 1,46m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place (floor) at the London Pre-Olympic Tournament (12) • silver medalist (team) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 5th place (floor) at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • 1st place at the Anaheim World Championship (03) • silver medalist (vault and floor) at the Winnipeg Pan American Games 1999

EVENTS

Individual and team

NOTE

When asked to define her greatest weakness and her best quality Dianne summarized everything in just one word – stubbornness. After the Beijing Olympic Games, in 2008, she went through two surgeries and came back to competitions only in 2010. In May, Daiane was reintegrated to the Brazilian national team. When her career ends she wants to work with handicapped children.



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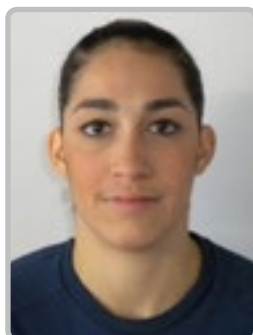
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DANIELE MATIAS HYPOLITO

🏠 Santo André, SP

★ 09/08/84

↔ 43kg

↕ 1,47m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (balance beam and floor) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place (vault) at the Doha stage of the World Cup (11) • 1st place (vault and floor) at the Portugal stage of the World Cup (10) • silver (team) and bronze (balance beam) medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • silver (parallel bars and balance beam) and bronze medalist (team) at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games • 2nd place (floor) at the Ghent World Championship (01)

EVENTS

Individual and team

NOTE

Daniele is participating in the Olympic Games for the fourth time and aims to reach the team finals again, as in Beijing 2008. Her performance on the balance beam was decisive at the Pre-Olympic Tournament, in January, in London, for the classification of the complete Brazilian team.



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ETHIENE CRISTINA GONSER FRANCO

🏠 Curitiba, PR

★ 27/04/92

↔ 44kg

↕ 1,53m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place (parallel bars) at the Cotbus World Cup stage (09)
• 3rd place (balance beam) at the Moscow World Stars (09) • 8th place (team) at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

EVENTS

Individual and team

NOTE

Ethiene was part of the team that participated in the Beijing Olympic Games and was summoned a few days before the trip because of an injury suffered by Khiuani Dias, becoming the youngest athlete of the Brazilian delegation in 2008. She started in Gymnastics at the age of 9, at 13 was already part of the National Team and is improving with each passing year. Her best moment was in 2009 with the conquest of three bronze medals at the parallel bars.



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ARTHUR NABARRETE ZANETTI

🏠 São Caetano do Sul, SP

★ 16/04/90

↔ 62kg

↕ 1,56m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place (rings) at the Cottbus World Cup (12) • 1st place at the Olympic Games test-event (12) • 2nd place at the World Championship (11) • silver (rings) and gold (team) medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games (11) • 1st place (rings at the Universíade in 2011) • gold medalist (rings) at the Medellin South American Games 2010

EVENTS

Rings

NOTE

Arthur qualified for London 2012 when he won a silver medal at the Japan World Championship in October of last year. He started practicing artistic gymnastics at the age of seven following the advice of a Physical Education teacher. He is proud to be able to train with the equipment made by his father, Arquimedes, which he considers to be better than the imported ones.



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DIEGO MATIAS HYPOLITO

🏠 São André, SP

★ 19/06/86

↔ 69kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place (floor) at the World Championship (11) • gold medalist (floor, vault and team) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games (11) • two times world champion (floor) (05/07) • gold medalist (floor, vault and team) at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • gold medalist (floor, vault) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

Floor and vault

NOTE

Third place at the Japan World Championship last October, Diego was submitted to an arthroscopy on his right-side knee in March – his fifth surgery – but asserts that the injury was a good source of motivation. As a child Diego considered gymnastics to be a very boring sport. It was due to the insistence of his sister Daniele that, at the age of seven, he agreed to try it and, from then on never stopped to practice the modality.



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SÉRGIO YOSHIO SASAKI JÚNIOR

🏠 São Bernardo do Campo, SP

★ 31/03/92

↔ 64kg

↕ 1,62m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (team) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • gold medalist (vault) and silver medalist (floor) at the Doha World Cup (11) • gold medalist (individual all-around) at the Brazil Trophy (11) silver medalist (individual all-around) at the Brazil Trophy (10) • gold medalist (floor, vault, parallel bars and team) at the Pan American Youth Championship (09)

EVENTS

Individual

NOTE

Sergio started practicing at 7 years of age, in his hometown, São Bernardo. In Doha/2011 he won the outstanding revelation trophy at the World Cup. He says he loves the adrenalin generated by competitions. He contributed to the conquest of the gold medal (teams) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games in 2011, but an injury on his right ankle impaired his performance at the individual finals.



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ALEXANDRA PRISCILA DO NASCIMENTO

🏠 Limeira, SP

★ 16/09/81

↔ 66kg

↕ 1,79m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011, Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo Pan American Games 2003 • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 7th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • 7th place at the Russian World Championship (05)

POSITION

Wing

NOTE

In July 2011, Alexandra married the Chilean Patricio Martinez, also a handball player, to whom she got engaged during the Pan American Games Rio 2007. Her club is the Hypo from Austria. She started to practice at 10, at the Juiz Jairo Matos School, in the Espírito Santo state, and she has been a steady member of the national team. She states that nothing compares to the emotion of competing in Olympic Games. She scored 18 goals in Athens 2004.



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ANA PAULA RODRIGUES

🏠 São Luis, MA

★ 18/10/87

↔ 64kg

↕ 1,72m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 15th place at the China World Championship (09) • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

POSITION

Center

NOTE

In 2001, she started her career at school and was one of the best players at the Poços de Caldas School Olympics. The next year she moved to Guarulhos and stayed there until 2007. Just before the Beijing Olympic Games 2008, she started to play in Europe for the Roquets of Spain. Very close to her family she confesses that still misses home a whole lot. At the present time, she plays for the Hypo of Austria.



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CHANA FRANCIELA MASSON DE SOUZA

🏠 Capinzal, SC

★ 18/12/78

↔ 73kg

↕ 1,82m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011, Rio 2007 and Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 7th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • 7th place at the Russian World Championship (05)

POSITION

Goalkeeper

NOTE

Chana is the most experienced handball player of Brazil (three Olympic Games and six World Championships). She just renewed her contract with the Randers of Denmark for two more years. She was the first Brazilian player to leave the country to play abroad, in Europe. In 1999, she went to Spain to the El Serrobus club. She is married to Jairo, former player and football manager. An admirer of Rogério Ceni, her shirts are similar to those of the goalkeeper.



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DANIELA DE OLIVEIRA PIEADADE (DANI)

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 03/02/79

↔ 72kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011, Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 7th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

POSITION

Pivot

NOTE

Ten years ago Daniela went to Europe, she lives in Modling, Austria and plays for the Hypo team. Very keen on keeping her Latin roots, she states that she became more disciplined after living with Europeans. In two participations in Olympic Games (Athens and Beijing) she had outstanding performances. She used to practice other sports, including athletics – was federated for three years – until definitely choosing handball. She enjoys skating and fishing during her leisure time.



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DEONISE FACHINELLO CAVALEIRO (DÊ)

🏠 Santa Rosa, RS

★ 20/06/83

↔ 72kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 and Rio 2007 Pan American Games • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 14th place at the France World Championship (07)

POSITION

Playmaker

NOTE

“Gaúcha” from a German and Italian family, she chose handball at the age of 9, under the influence of her sister Carlise, who was a goalkeeper. As a full time player she defends the Asfi Itxaco of Spain, after several seasons playing for different clubs in Austria and France. She plays in Europe since 2007, the same year she married the personal trainer Adriano, a great motivator of her career, and the same year of her election as the Spanish League revelation by the Leon. While abroad she likes to get acquainted with different cultures.



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EDUARDA IDALINA AMORIM (DUDA AMORIM)

🏠 Blumenau, SC

★ 23/09/86

↔ 82kg

↕ 1,86m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 and Rio 2007 Pan American Games • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 14th place at the France World Championship (07) • 9th place at the Czech Republic Youth World Championship (05)

POSITION

Playmaker

NOTE

She started to attend a Business Administration course but, interrupted it to go to Europe where she has been playing for the last 5 years. Her present club is the Gyori Audi Eto Kc of Hungary. She was elected the best left playmaker of the Junior World Championship of 2005 in the Czech Republic. She believes this to be the best moment of her sport career.



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FABIANA CARVALHO DINIZ (DARA)

🏠 Guaratinguetá, SP

★ 13/05/81

↔ 74kg

↕ 1,81m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011, Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 7th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • silver medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010

POSITION

Pivot

NOTE

One of the most experienced Brazilian players, since 2004 she plays for the European handball. At the present time she plays for the Spanish Bera Bera. She postponed her Nutrition University course in Brazil and now attends a medical secretary school in Spain. She enjoys any type of reading - from comics to the Bible. She got the nickname of Dara thanks to a gypsy character in the Brazilian soap opera "Explode Coração". She practiced athletics before dedicating herself exclusively to handball.



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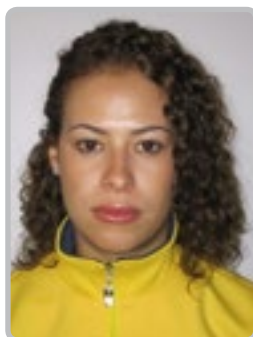
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FERNANDA FRANÇA DA SILVA

🏠 São Bernardo do Campo, SP

★ 25/09/89

↔ 68kg

↕ 1,77m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Pan American Championship (11) • 3rd place at the Spanish League (11) • 1st place at the National Adult League (09) • 2nd place at the Pan American Youth Championship (08)

POSITION

Wing

NOTE

At 15, she began practicing the modality. In 2010, was invited to play in Europe, and considers this the peak of her career. Nowadays, she plays for the Hypo of Austria and one difficulty she faces is being unable to speak the country's language, yet. Her favorite pastimes are listening to music and getting together with friends.



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FRANCINE CAMILA DE MORAES CARARO

🏠 Sorocaba, SP

★ 01/01/81

↔ 65kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 9th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 14th place at the France World Championship (07) • 7th place at the Russia World Championship (05) • 1st place at the Brazilian Championship cadet (97)

POSITION

Playmaker

NOTE

A Physiotherapy graduate, for the past six years she plays in Europe. At the present time she plays for the Hypo in Austria. She began playing handball at the age of 16 because she thought it was a dynamic modality. She considers the opportunity to play abroad an important professional conquest. She loves to read and listen to music when she is not training or competing.



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JÉSSICA DA SILVA QUINTINO

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 17/04/91

↔ 77kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Pan American Championship (11) and cadet (07) • 12th place at the South Korea Youth World Championship (10) • 2nd place at the Brazilian Junior Championship (10)

POSITION

Wing

NOTE

She first tried handball at school at the age of 8. Left-handed, she was promptly recognized by the coaches as a very skilled player. In 2011, at the Pan American adult Championship at São Bernardo, she experienced her best moment in the sport modality. She now plays for the “Associação Desportiva de Blumenau” and attends the University to major in Chemistry. Dancing is her favorite hobby.



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MAYARA FIER DE MOURA (MAY)

🏠 Arapongas, PR

★ 05/12/86

↔ 71kg

↕ 1,68m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Europe Cup (11) • two-times champion of the Pan American Championship (07/11) • two-times champion of the Brazil Cup (06/07)

POSITION

Center

NOTE

Her father was a coach and her mother was a handball player. The modality came into her life at 9, almost as a family inheritance. At 15, she won her first international title – the South American cadet. Nowadays, she plays for the US Mios Biganos Handball of France. She began the Physiotherapy graduation course at the University but interrupted it in 2007 to play in Europe. In Spain she took a therapeutic massage course.



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MAYSSA RAQUEL DE OLIVEIRA PESSOA

🏠 João Pessoa, PB

★ 11/09/84

↔ 65kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (beach handball) at the
Duisburg, Germany, World Games
(05)

POSITION

Goalkeeper

NOTE

Presently an athlete of the Issy Paris Hand of France, Mayssa began playing handball at the Colégio Lourdinhas in João Pessoa (PB). She always enjoyed playing as a goalkeeper and is considered very fast and daring for the position. She takes great risks and is a brave athlete – she usually says that she doesn't defend the ball but rather attacks it, such is her audacity. She has a victorious passage through the beach handball.



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SAMIRA PEREIRA DA SILVA ROCHA

🏠 Recife, PE

★ 26/01/89

↔ 67kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the National League (10) • 1st place at the Brazilian Junior Championship (07) • 2nd place at the South American Championship cadet (05)

POSITION

Wing

NOTE

The Guadalajara Pan American Games were her first official competition with the adult national team. She was enrolled for the China World Championship in 2009 but broke her foot during a training session and couldn't compete. She is now playing her first season in Europe for the Hypo of Austria. She temporarily cancelled her registration at the Physical Education graduation course. Samira enjoys playing the guitar.



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SILVIA HELENA ARAÚJO PINHEIRO

🏠 São Luis, MA

★ 11/01/81

↔ 74kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Brazil World Championship (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 7th place at the Russia World Championship (05) • 1st place at the Pan American Junior Championship (01)

POSITION

Wing

NOTE

In 2004, Silvia temporarily interrupted her Physical Education graduation course at the university and went to Europe to play. Now she is playing for the Hypo of Austria. The best moment in her career was the winning of the European League title with the Itxako, Spanish club, in the 2007/08 season. She has also played for the Gil Eanes of Portugal. She likes to cook and talk to her family via internet. She started playing at the age of 12, at school.



TEAM LEADER

NEY WILSON PEREIRA DA SILVA

COACHES

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MEN

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ÉRIKA DE SOUZA MIRANDA

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 04/06/87

↔ 52kg

↕ 1,62m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Championship (12) • silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Rio de Janeiro Grand Slam (11) • 3rd place at the Pan American Championship (11) • 5th place at the Rio de Janeiro World Championship (07) • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

CATEGORY

Half lightweight (-52kg)

NOTE

The withdrawal from the team just before the Beijing Olympic Games almost led Erika Miranda to give up her judo career. However, with the support of her family she gathered up all her strength to continue and became the first Brazilian champion of one stage of the Grand Slam. She won a gold medal at the Pan American Championship in Montreal, in April. She has the habit of meditating before the fights.



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MARIA DE LOURDES MAZZOLENI PORTELA

🏠 Santa Maria, RS

★ 14/01/88

↔ 70kg

↕ 1,58m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Championship (12) • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the World Military Games (11) • 3rd place at the Rio de Janeiro Grand Slam (11) • 2nd place at the Pan American Championship (11)

CATEGORY

Middleweight (-70kg)

NOTE

In 2011, after four years in São Paulo, Maria Portela returned to her hometown and began practicing at SOGIPA, a club of her native state. A newcomer to the Olympic Games she secured her place for London 2012 with her victory at the Pan American Championship in Montreal, Canada. She compensates her low stature using stamina and strategy. She uses her free time to study the videos of the principal athletes of the World Circuit.



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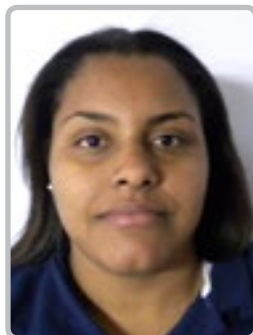
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MARIA SUELEN ALTHEMAN

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 12/08/88

↔ 109kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the Pan American Championship (12) • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 3rd place at the Pan American Championship (11) • 3rd place at the São Paulo World Cup (11) • 2nd place at the Miami World Cup (11) • 1st place at the Amsterdam Grand Prix

CATEGORY

Heavyweight (+78kg)

NOTE

Married to Carlos Honorato, silver medal at Sydney Olympic Games in 2000, Maria Suelen started her career in São Caetano and later moved to Santos in search of new opportunities. She made her debut with the national team in 2005 and will participate in the Olympic Games for the first time. Since 2000 the Brazilian judo hasn't had a representative in this category.



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MARIANA DOS SANTOS SILVA

🏠 Peruíbe, SP

★ 22/02/90

↔ 63kg

↕ 1,68m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the Pan American Championship (12) • 3rd place at the Rio de Janeiro Grand Slam (10)
• 1st place at the South American Championship (11) • 3rd place at the Paris Under 20 World Championship (09)

CATEGORY

Half middleweight (- 63kg)

NOTE

In order to fulfill her dream of making the Brazilian national team, Mariana Silva left her family and lived alone in Japan, in 2008/09. After her return to Brazil the judo athlete chose the climate of the beach of Santos and now is part of the high performance team coached by the Olympic champion Rogério Sampaio. Due to the years of training in Japan she is considered a very disciplined athlete. She secured a place for the London Olympic Games winning a bronze medal at the Pan American Championship.



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MAYRA AGUIAR DA SILVA

🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 08/03/91

↔ 78kg

↕ 1,77m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Championship (12) • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Rio de Janeiro Grand Slam (11) • 2nd place at the Tokyo Senior World Championship (10) • 1st place at the Agadir Under World 20 Championship (10) • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

CATEGORY

Half heavyweight (- 78kg)

NOTE

Mayra Aguiar was just 15 years old when she won a silver medal in the middleweight category, at the Pan American Games Rio 2007. After one year away from competitions due to a knee surgery, she returned to the tatami in 2009 in a new category, half heavyweight. With the victory at the Paris Grand Slam, in February, she became the first Brazilian woman to lead the judo world ranking.



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RAFAELA LOPES SILVA

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 24/04/92

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,65m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Championship (12) • silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the São Paulo World Cup (11) • 5th place at the Rotterdam Senior World Championship (09) • 1st place at the Bangkok Under 20 World Championship (08)

CATEGORY

Lightweight (- 57kg)

NOTE

A symbol of success of the NGO “Instituto Reação” created by the Olympic medalist Flavio Canto, Rafaela Silva won a silver medal at the Guadalajara Pan American Games – losing at the finals to the Cuban Yurisleidys Lupetey, world champion in 2011. At 12, because she was a street trouble maker, she was introduced to judo by the coach Geraldo Bernardes who saw in that little girl, a talent to be polished.



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SARAH GABRIELLE CABRAL DE MENEZES

🏠 Teresina, PI

★ 26/03/90

↔ 48kg

↕ 1,54m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pan American Championship (12) • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 2nd place at the Rio de Janeiro Grand Slam (11) • 3rd place at the World Masters (11) • 3rd place at the Tokyo Senior World Championship (10) • two-times under 20 world champion (08/09)

CATEGORY

Lightweight (- 48kg)

NOTE

Sarah Menezes is the main Judo reference of the North/Northeast area of Brazil. Since childhood she trains with boys, and transformed the distrust of her parents with this modality into success on the tatami. The only Brazilian judo athlete two-times under 20 world champion, Sarah competed at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, but lost her very first fight to the Hungarian athlete Eva Csernoviczki.



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BRUNO MENDONÇA SILVA

🏠 Santos, SP

★ 04/04/85

↔ 73kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Pan American Championship (12) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Pan American Championship (11) • 2nd place at the Antalya World Teams Championship (10) • 3rd place at the Moscow Grand Slam (10)

CATEGORY

Lightweight (- 73kg)

NOTE

Bruno Mendonça's mission is to include his name in the Olympic history in the category where Leandro Guilherme outstood in Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008. A gold medalist in Guadalajara 2011, Bruno called the attention of the national judo, in 2009, during an edition of the National Interclub Grand Prix. Defending the São Caetano he was acclaimed as the highlight of the competition. Since then, he lives in Santos. During his free time he practices other sports on the beach.



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FELIPE EIDJI KITADAI

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 28/07/89

↔ 60kg

↕ 1,64m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Championship (12) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Pan American Championship (11) • 1st place at the Rome World Cup (10) • gold medalist at the Lisbon Lusophony Games 2009

CATEGORY

Lightweight (- 60kg)

NOTE

Felipe Kitadai joined the Brazilian national team in 2009 and his success is the result of a special training carried out in São Paulo, specifically developed for lightweight athletes. At Guadalajara 2011, he ended a long period of 24 years without gold medals for Brazil in this category at Pan American Games. In 2010, on the journey towards the Rome World Cup title Felipe gained high recognition when he surpassed the three-time Olympic champion Tadahiro Nomura from Japan.



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LEANDRO LEME DA CUNHA

🏠 São José dos Campos, SP

★ 13/10/80

↔ 66kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Championship (12) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Pan American Championship (11) • 2nd place at the Tokyo Senior World Championship (10) • 2nd place at the Tokyo World Teams Championship (08)

CATEGORY

Half lightweight (- 66 kg)

NOTE

After spending two Olympic cycles as the reserve of João Derly, Leandro Cunha secured his own space and, in 2010, made the finals at the Tokyo World Championship and won the silver medal. Coxinha (as he is called by everybody) became a father of a little girl named Vitoria in 2011. Since then he has won the Guadalajara Pan American Games and the Montreal Pan American Championship.



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LEANDRO MARQUES GUILHEIRO

🏠 Suzano, SP

★ 07/08/83

↔ 81kg

↕ 1,76m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pan American Championship (12) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 2nd place at the Tokyo Senior World Championship (10) • bronze medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

- silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007
- bronze medalist at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

CATEGORY

Half middleweight (- 81kg)

NOTE

Leandro Guilheiro qualified for his third edition of the Olympic Games as the first placed in the world ranking among the half middleweight athletes. In Beijing and Athens he won the bronze medals in the lightweight category. He enjoys playing the guitar and navigating the internet during his free time. For the preparation for London 2012 he undertook a series of training sessions with Flavio Canto to improve his floor fighting.



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LUCIANO RIBEIRO CORRÊA

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 25/11/82

↔ 100kg

↕ 1,89m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Rio de Janeiro Senior World Championship (07) • bronze medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 3rd place at the Cairo Senior World Championship (05)

CATEGORY

Half heavyweight (-100Kg)

NOTE

Luciano Corrêa is considered a warrior. With an unusual stamina this judo athlete has conquered his own space and has been part of the national team for 12 years, when he entered as a reserve at the end of 2001. He represents the most victorious category of the Brazilian judo, counting four olympic podiums – with Aurélio Miguel (twice), Douglas Vieira and Chiaki Ishii. He began taking judo lessons at 4 years old; now he studies violin and is a Business Administration graduate. He participated in the Beijing Olympic Games 2008. 100kg)



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RAFAEL CARLOS DA SILVA

🏠 Campo Grande, MS

★ 11/05/87

↔ 146kg

↕ 2,03m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Budapest World Cup (11) • 2nd place at the Pan American Championship (11)
• gold medalist at the Medellin South American Games 2010

CATEGORY

Heavyweight (+100kg)

NOTE

For the first time, Rafael Silva will have the opportunity to fight at the Olympic Games. He has qualified as third placed in the world ranking, entitling him to be his category's head of group. Despite his fearsome size Rafael is one of the most easygoing athletes of the national team. He spends most of his free time listening to music (preferably heavy metal), watching MMA fights and playing videogames.



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TIAGO HENRIQUE DE OLIVEIRA CAMILO

🏠 Tupã, SP

★ 24/05/82

↔ 90kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Pan American Games 2011 • bronze medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

- 1st place at the Rio de Janeiro Senior World Championship (07)
- gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • silver medalist at the Sydney Olympic Games 2000

CATEGORY

Middleweight (- 90kg)

NOTE

World champion in 2007, when he won all fights by ippon, Tiago will compete at the Olympic Games for the third time, in a different category, also for the third time. In Sydney, he won the silver medal among the lightweight and in Beijing, he won the bronze medal among the half middleweight athletes. He also has two gold medals in Pan American Games in the middleweight category – at Rio 2007 and Guadalajara 2011. He started practicing judo in Bastos together with his brother Luiz Camilo - “Chicão”.



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YANE MARCIA CAMPOS DA FONSECA MARQUES

🏠 Afogados da Ingazeira, PE

★ 07/01/84

↔ 53kg

↕ 1,66m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games (11) • gold (teams) and silver medalist (individual) at the World Military Games Rio 2011 • 1st place individual and team at the Pan American Modern Pentathlon Championship (10) • 2nd place at the Modern Pentathlon World Cup finals (09) • gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

NOTE

The Pernambuco born Yane Marques, won the first Brazilian medal at the Guadalajara Pan American Games when she conquered the silver. She was defeated by the American athlete Margoux Isaksen. She started practicing modern pentathlon in 2003, was the 18th placed at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008. In pentathlon, swimming is her strongest event as it was her original sport modality.



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FABIANA BELTRAME

🏠 Florianópolis, SC

★ 04/09/82

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games (11) • 1st place at the World Championship (11) • 1st place at the Hamburg Rowing

EVENTS

Lightweight double sculls

NOTE

The gold medal won by Fabiana in Slovakia in the lightweight single sculls event, last year, was the first medal of a Brazilian in world rowing championships. The silver medal won in Guadalajara was the first of the women's rowing in Pan American Games. In June of last year, Fabiana also became the first athlete of this country to win a World Cup in Hamburg. Already, in 2004 she made the debut of Brazilian women rowers at Olympic Games.



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KISSYA CATALDO DA COSTA

🏠 Uberlândia, MG

★ 25/06/82

↔ 67kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist (single sculls, four sculls and coxless 2-) at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • bronze medalist (coxless 2-) at the Buenos Aires South American Games 2006 • gold (coxless 2-) and bronze medalist (single sculls) at the South American Games Rio 2002

EVENTS

Single sculls

NOTE

Kissya started rowing after being convinced by a manager of the bank she worked for as a trainee. At the beginning, she didn't like the training routines, such as waking up early, but loved the competitions. Nowadays, she uses her spare time to attend contemporary dance classes and to study Nutrition. She loves to eat a "jiló" stew and Brazilian nuts. She qualified for London 2012 with the 5th place conquered at the Tigres Pre-Olympic Tournament in Argentina.



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LUANA BARTHOLO DE ASSIS

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 26/02/85

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,76m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place (lightweight double sculls) at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (12) • 1st place (four sculls, eight coxed and two coxless) at the Brazilian Championship (11)

EVENTS

Lightweight double sculls

NOTE

Luana Bartholo had only 40 days to train with Fabiana Beltrame to reach the qualifying score for the Olympic Games London 2012. She began rowing at the end of 2001. She was tested for the basketball team at the Vasco club but didn't make it and was called by coach Marcelo Neves for a new test, but for rowing. In the competition for a place next to Fabiana in the double sculls Luana defeated the more experienced Camila Carvalho. She had to lose ten kilos to reach the weight limit for the lightweight category. She is a Publicity and Journalism graduate.



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ANDERSON NOCETTI (MACARRÃO)

🏠 Florianópolis, SC

★ 05/03/74

↔ 89kg

↕ 1,88m

MAIN TITLES

Silver (eight coxswain) and bronze (coxless pair) medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • silver (double sculls) and bronze (quadruple sculls) medalist at the Pan American Games Santo Domingo 2003

EVENTS

Single sculls

NOTE

First Brazilian rower to participate in three Olympic Games events (Sydney 2000, Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008). Macarrão will increase his record in London 2012. He has competed with four coxless (4-) and eight coxed (8+) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011, but didn't make the podium. Owner of great manual skills, he builds the boats he uses for training. His future plans include the setting up of a structure to construct prototypes. Today he combines sports with the maintenance work at a children's hospital. He is a refrigeration technician.



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ADRIANA KOSTIW

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 16/03/74

↔ 69kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 1st place at the Central-South America Championship (11)
• Brazilian Champion (09)

EVENTS

Laser

NOTE

Born by the shores of the Guarapiranga Dam, Adriana didn't take long to start sailing. She learned to enjoy sports with her grandfather who swam in the dam. She studied photography and attended a fashion course at the university. She tried several sailing classes before opting for the laser and has already conquered more than one hundred titles within the country and abroad. In London, she will participate in the Olympic Games for the third time (competed in the 470 class in Athens 2004 and the laser in Beijing 2008). She qualified in the 41st position at the Perth World Championship in December of last year.



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ANA LUIZA BUSATO BARBACHAN

🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 15/08/89

↔ 70kg

↕ 1,71m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Olympic Games test-event (11) • 3rd place at the European Championship (11) • 4th place at the Holland stage of the World Cup (11)

EVENTS

470

NOTE

Ana is “gaucha” from Porto Alegre as her partner Fernanda Oliveira. She is the bowman. Ana started sailing when she was 11 years old at the junior school of the “Veleiros do Sul” club. Before that she practiced ballet and swimming. She began to compete together with Fernanda at the end of 2008 and in 2009 they won the Brazilian and South American Championships. To secure a place for London they had to defeat Isabel Swan and Martine Grael at the Princess Sophie Trophy, in April.



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FERNANDA RYFF MOREIRA DE OLIVEIRA HORN

🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 19/12/80

↔ 51kg

↕ 1,61m

MAIN TITLES

5th place at the Olympic Games test-event (11) • 3rd place at the European Championship (11) • 4th place at the Holland stage of the World Cup (11) • bronze medalist (470) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

EVENTS

470

NOTE

Together with Isabel Swan, Fernanda won the first Brazilian women's sailing medal when they won the bronze in Beijing. Before that, Fernanda competed at the Athens 2004 and Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. She began sailing at a summer camp at the Jangadeiros club in Porto Alegre. She is a Business Administration graduate. She also practices surfing and tennis. She qualified for London with the 11th place at the Princess Sophie Trophy.



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PATRÍCIA DACOSTA FREITAS

🏠 Washington, EUA

★ 10/03/90

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,72m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 18th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • two times Brazilian champion (10/11) • 3rd place at the World Youth Championship (08)

EVENTS

RS-X

NOTE

Patricia won a gold medal at the Guadalajara Pan American Games by anticipation, even before the Medal Race. She started windsurfing as a small child following her older sister Catarina. She became so addicted to the sport that nowadays she can't live away from the sea. The Bird's Nest parade at the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games was the most exciting moment of her career. She scored the 29th placement at the Perth world Championship. After she stops competing, Patrícia plans to work as an architect.



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BRUNO FONTES FERREIRA DA SILVA

🏠 Curitiba, PR

★ 25/09/79

↔ 83kg

↕ 1,75m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the World Cup (12)
• 2nd place at the World Cup (11)
• 5th place at the Pre-Olympic Regatta (11) • 1st place at the South American Championship (08)

EVENTS

Laser

NOTE

Bruno won the silver medal on the first stage of the Miami Sailing World Cup 2012, he was defeated by the British Paul Goodson. Bruno participated in the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 (5th place) and in the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 (27th place). He started sailing in the Optimist Class and was South American champion and world vice-champion. In 1994, he was world junior champion of the Penguin class. He dreams of working as an environmental manager or educator due to the knowledge acquired as an environmental engineer and yachtsman.



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BRUNO PRADA

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 31/07/71

↔ 112kg

↑↓ 1,88m

MAIN TITLES

Two times world champion (Star) (07/11) • 1st place (Star) at the World Cup (11) • silver medalist (Star) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 3rd place (Star) at the World Championship (08) • 2nd place (Star) at the World Championship (06) • bronze medalist (Finn) at the Winnipeg Pan American Games 1999

EVENTS

Star

NOTE

Bruno tried several classes (Optimist, Holder, Penguin, Snipe, Laser and Finn) until he practiced Star. He began to sail with Robert Scheidt in 2001 but, at that time, his partner's main focus was the Laser class. In 2005 Scheidt changed to the Star class and the two started to struggle for a place in Beijing. He is the bowman of the boat and has known Scheidt since childhood.



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JORGE ZARIF

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 30/09/92

↔ 97kg

↑↓ 1,91m

MAIN TITLES

32nd place (Finn) at the World Championship • 1st place (Finn) at the Youth World Championship (09) • three times Brazilian champion (Finn) (10/11/12)

EVENTS

Finn

NOTE

Until 2008 Jorginho divided his activities between swimming at the Pinheiros Club and sailing. However, after almost qualifying for the Beijing Olympic Games in the Finn class (he lost by one single point at the qualifying event), he started to dedicate himself exclusively to sailing. His father, Jorge Zarif Neto, represented Brazil in this same class at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984 and Seoul 1988. A fanatic fan of the Santos football club, Jorginho competed in the Optimist and Laser classes before adopting the Finn.



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RICARDO WINICKI SANTOS (BIMBA)

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 08/05/80

↔ 71kg

↑↓ 1,85m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011, Rio 2007 and Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • 1st place at the World Championship (07) • 4th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • silver medalist at the Winnipeg Pan American Games 1999

EVENTS

RS-X

NOTE

After winning the third consecutive gold medal at Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Bimba obtained the 11th place at the Perth World Championship in December, securing the Olympic placement for Brazil in the RS-X class. World champion in 2007, this will be his third participation in Olympic Games. The training center he developed in Buzios (RJ) became an international reference, it includes a social project that has revealed new sailing talents.



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ROBERT SCHEIDT

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 15/04/73

↔ 81kg

↕ 1,88m

MAIN TITLES

Two times world champion (Star) (07/11) • 1st place (Star) at the World Cup (11) • silver medalist (Star) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • eight times world champion (Laser) (95/96/97/00/01/02/04/05) • gold medalist (Laser) at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 and Atlanta 1996 • silver medalist (Laser) at the Sydney Olympic Games 2000

EVENTS

Star

NOTE

Robert Scheidt may become the first Brazilian to be three times an olympic champion. The partnership with Bruno Prada has assured excellent results. In April they accomplished an unheard of achievement: they are the only sailors in the world's ranking history to win seven first places with the seven best punctuation scores.



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ANA LUIZA FERRÃO SOUZA LIMA

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 26/12/73

↔ 60kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the El Salvador Ibero-American Championship (11) • 1st place at the Rio de Janeiro Americas Championship (10) • 3rd place (teams) at the Rio de Janeiro World Championship (10)

EVENTS

25m pistol

NOTE

An Army Major, Ana joined the Armed Forces in 1995 and started to practice sport shooting in 1999. In Guadalajara, she won the first gold medal of the Brazilian women sport shooting in the history of the Pan American Games. She has participated in seven editions of the World Military Games. The first place at the Americas Championship of 2010 guaranteed the first individual qualification for London 2012. She is a Biology teacher.

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FILIPE ANTÔNIO CARNEIRO FUZARO

🏠 Rio Claro, SP

★ 05/12/82

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,77m

MAIN TITLES

1st place in the the Americas
Championship (10) • 5th place at
the Pan American Games Rio 2007
• gold medalist at the South
American Games Brazil 2002

EVENTS

Double Trap

NOTE

Filipe qualified for London when he won the Rio de Janeiro Americas Championship in 2010 beating the American favorite Ian Ruppert in the last shot of the competition. Filipe was 13 years old when his father, Érico, three times Brazilian senior champion, took him to sport shooting. At 5 he had already fired his first shot and the experience wasn't very good because the gun jumped back and hurt his face. He is now a Business Administration graduate.

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DAYNARA LOPES FERREIRA DE PAULA

🏠 Manaus, AM

★ 25/07/89

↔ 54kg

↕ 1,63m

MAIN TITLES

Silver (100m butterfly and 4X100 free style) and bronze medalist (4x100m medley) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 10th place (50m butterfly), 13th place (4X100m free style), 17th place (4X100m medley) and 21st place (100m butterfly) at the Shanghai World Championship (11) • 8th place (50m butterfly) and 12th place (100m butterfly) at the Rome World Championship (09) • 34th place (100m butterfly) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

EVENTS

100m butterfly

NOTE

Always smiling and happy she was the youngest Brazilian swimmer at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008. At the Rome World Championship of 2009 she made the 100m butterfly finals. Her idol is the Olympic delegation swimmer and colleague Fabíola Molina. She started to practice swimming at 8 years of age.



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FABÍOLA PULGA MOLINA

🏠 São José dos Campos, SP

★ 22/05/75

↔ 62kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (4X100m medley) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • silver (100m backstroke) and bronze medalist (4X100 medley) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • bronze medalist (4X100m medley) at the Winnipeg Pan American Games 1999 • bronze medalist (100m backstroke and 4X100m medley) at the Mar del Plata Pan American Games 1995

EVENTS

100m backstroke

NOTE

In 2011, Fabíola completed 20 years defending the national team. She will participate of her third Olympic Games edition, 12 years after being the only representative of the women's swimming team at Sydney 2000. A Brazilian and South American record holder for the 50 and 100m backstroke and 4X100m medley, she has accumulated more than 1,000 medals throughout her career. She is a Theater Arts graduate by the Knoxville, Tennessee University in the United States.



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GRACIELE HERRMANN

🏠 Pelotas, RS

★ 01/01/92

↔ 62kg

↑↓ 1,81m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist (50m freestyle) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • Brazilian Southern Champion (50m freestyle) (11)
• Brazilian Youth champion (50m freestyle)

EVENTS

50m Freestyle

NOTE

She only started to swim at 12 years of age and at the same year she began her career as a model. Since then she conciliates sports with her catwalk work, but gave up photography modeling to focus on her preparation for the Olympics. On weekends, she enjoys going to her family's country house with her mother. She loves to travel and because of her sport's career she has been to Argentina, Mexico and Canada. She has dreams of going to Germany and Australia. She attends a physiotherapy graduation course, uses a diamond piercing on her tooth since she was 15.

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JOANNA MARANHÃO BEZERRA DE MELLO

🏠 Recife, PE

★ 29/04/87

↔ 65kg

↕ 1,76m

MAIN TITLES

Silver (400m medley and 4X200m freestyle) and bronze (200 medley) medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 5th place (400m medley) and 7th place (4X200m freestyle) at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • bronze medalist (400m medley) at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games 2003

EVENTS

400m medley

NOTE

Joana started to swim at the age of 3, to compete at 12 and at 16 was already a Pan American Games medalist. In 2004, at 17, she won the 5th place at the Athens Olympic Games and considers that the best moment of her sports career. Superstitious, the left-handed girl always climbs the starting block with her left foot. A fan of Fabíola Molina and Chico Xavier she enjoys going to parties, to the movies and to cook.



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POLIANA OKIMOTO

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 08/03/83

↔ 52kg

↑↓ 1,65m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the World Cup (09) • 7th place at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 1st place at the Forts Crossing (05)

EVENTS

Open Water 10km

NOTE

Poliana is a Liberal Arts graduate. A fan of foreign romantic literature, she usually reads three books a month. But it was the cinema that had a fundamental role in her life: she started dating coach Ricardo Cintra – to whom she has been married for the last seven years - at a movie session featuring the picture “Legends of the Fall”. In 2005, she began competing in aquatic marathon events and overcame her fear of the sea when she won the Forts Crossing event. She moved to Rio de Janeiro, this year, in order to better prepare herself for London 2012.



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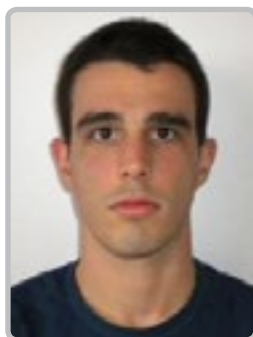
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BRUNO GIUSEPPE FRATUS

🏠 Macaé, RJ

★ 22/06/89

↔ 80kg

↕ 1,87m

MAIN TITLES

Gold (4x100m freestyle) and silver medalist (50m freestyle) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • Maria Lenk Trophy winner (100m freestyle) (11) • 5th place (50m freestyle) at the Shanghai World Championship (11)

EVENTS

50m and 4x100m, freestyle

NOTE

Bruno Fratus surprised even the most qualified specialists when he surpassed the Olympic and world champion Cesar Cielo in the 100m freestyle at the Maria Lenk championship of 2011. At the Shanghai World Championship in July of the same year he scored the 5th place in the 50m freestyle after making the best time at the semifinals. His role model is the Brazilian national teammate Cesar Cielo. Despite being born in Macaé (RJ) he was raised in the cities of Natal and Mossoró, in the State of Rio Grande do Norte.



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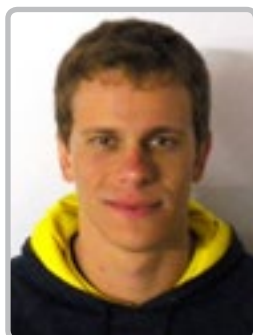
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CESAR AUGUSTO CIELO FILHO

🏠 Santa Bárbara d'Oeste, SP

★ 01/10/87

↔ 84kg

↕ 1,94m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (50m, 100m and 4x100m freestyle and 4x100m medley) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place (50m freestyle and 50m butterfly) at the Shanghai World Championship (11) • 1st place (50m and 100m freestyle) at the Rome World Championship (09) • gold (50m freestyle) and bronze medalist (100m freestyle) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • gold medalist (50m, 100m and 4x100m freestyle) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

50m, 100m and 4x100m freestyle

NOTE

Since he won the 50m freestyle and got the bronze medal in the 100m freestyle at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, Cielo climbed to the top of the podium at all the International Swimming Confederation competitions he participated in. He started to swim at the age of 6, after trying judo and volleyball and enjoys listening to electronic music before the events.



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DANIEL ORZECOWSKI

🏠 Joinville, SC

★ 06/01/85

↔ 87kg

↑↓ 1,90m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (50m backstroke) at the South American Championship (12) • 2nd place (100m backstroke) at the Maria Lenk Trophy (12) • 1st place (50m backstroke) at the Maria Lenk Trophy (11) • 1st place (50m backstroke) at the José Finkel Trophy (08)

EVENTS

100m backstroke

NOTE

Well trained at the Joinville Tennis Clube pools, Daniel took his first strokes at the age of 4. At 10, encouraged by his parents he started to practice the sport in a more competitive way specializing in the backstroke event. He was part of the Unisanta and Unisul teams before competing for the Pinheiros Clube in 2010. He has a beagle dog named Twegg and intends to finish the Production and Systems Engineering graduation course.



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FELIPE ALVES FRANÇA DA SILVA

🏠 Suzano, SP

★ 14/05/87

↔ 90kg

↕ 1,87m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (100m breaststroke and 4x100m medley) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • champion (50m breaststroke) at the Shanghai World (11) • gold (50m breaststroke) and bronze medalist (100m breaststroke) at the Dubai short pool World Championship (10) • vice-champion at the Rome World Championship (09)

EVENTS

100m breaststroke

NOTE

Felipe won the gold medal in the 50m breaststroke at a short pool in 2010 weighing 106kg. In order to better prepare himself for the 100m breaststroke event he lost more than 10kg working under the orientation of nutritionists to lose weight and gain power. He has been a São Paulo table tennis champion before dedicating himself exclusively to swimming, which he started at 3 years of age in Suzano, SP.



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FELIPE FERREIRA LIMA

🏠 Cuiabá, MT

★ 04/05/85

↔ 92kg

↕ 1,95m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist (100m breaststroke) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 2nd place (50m and 100m breaststroke) at the Berlin World Cup (10) • silver medalist (4x100m medley) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

100m breaststroke

NOTE

Felipe started swimming by medical advice at the age of 12. He participated in the Pan American Games Rio 2007 but stayed out of the Beijing Olympic Games despite having qualified for the 100m breaststroke event, because two other athletes reached a higher mark. He won the silver medal in Guadalajara 2011. He enjoys practicing other sport modalities and tried futsal, artistic gymnastics and trained judo, kung fu and taekwondo. He is an admirer of the volleyball coach Bernardinho.

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HENRIQUE CAVALCANTI RODRIGUES

🏠 Curitiba, PR

★ 02/04/91

↔ 88kg

↕ 1,94m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze (200m medley) and gold medalist (4x100m freestyle) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 4th place (200m medley) at the Dubai short-pool World Championship (10) • 15th place (200m medley) at the Rome World Championship (09)

EVENTS

200m medley

NOTE

Considered the best Brazilian athlete of the junior category in 2007, Henrique began to swim at the age of 5 by doctor's recommendation. At 11, he participated of a festival organized by the former swimmer Gustavo Borges and was one of most outstanding athletes. It was then that he decided to give up football entirely which was his favorite hobby at that time. He lived in Curitiba until the age of 15 when he was recruited by the Minas Tennis Clube. In order to complete his preparation for London he went back to his hometown.



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HENRIQUE RIBEIRO MARQUES BARBOSA

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 05/07/84

↔ 100kg

↕ 1,93m

MAIN TITLES

7th place (200m breaststroke) and
8th place (100m breaststroke) at
the Rome World Championship
(09) • silver medalist (200m
breaststroke and 4x100m medley)
at the Pan American Games Rio
2007

EVENTS

200m breaststroke

NOTE

When he was a child, Henrique divided his time between swimming (at 8) and judo. At 12 he decided for the pools. Very talented he scored expressive results three years later when he conquered his first podium at the Brazil Trophy. He took an International Relations course in the United States and trained for seven years in Berkeley, California. He also lived in Florida (USA) and in Barcelona (Spain). The former swimmer Rogério Romero is his idol. In Beijing 2008 he finished in the 23rd place in the 100m breaststroke and 30th in the 200m breaststroke events.



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JOÃO BEVILAQUA DE LUCCA

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 06/01/90

↔ 96kg

↕ 1,93m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (200m freestyle) at the Maria Lenk Trophy (12) • 3rd place (200m freestyle) at the I Division NCAA Championship (12) • 3rd place (4x200m freestyle) at the Maria Lenk Trophy (11)

EVENTS

100m breaststroke

NOTE

Felipe won the gold medal in the 50m breaststroke at a short pool in 2010 weighing 106kg. In order to better prepare himself for the 100m breaststroke event he lost more than 10kg working under the orientation of nutritionists to lose weight and gain power. He has been a São Paulo table tennis champion before dedicating himself exclusively to swimming, which he started at 3 years of age in Suzano, SP.



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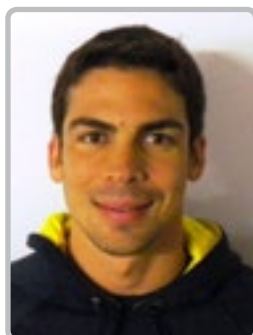
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KAIO MÁRCIO FERREIRA COSTA DE ALMEIDA

🏠 João Pessoa, PB

★ 19/10/84

↔ 79kg

↕ 1,75m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (200m butterfly) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 7th place (200m butterfly) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • gold (100m and 200m butterfly) and silver medalist (4x100m medley) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • silver (200m butterfly) and bronze medalist (4x100m medley) at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games 2003

EVENTS

100m and 200m butterfly

NOTE

Considered small for swimming competitions Kaio is a giant at the turns, doing extremely well during the underwater part of the event. With great experience he has participated in two Olympic Games editions and three Pan American Games. He was a finalist in Beijing 2008 in the 200m butterfly. He started to swim at 8 to recover from an asthma crisis.



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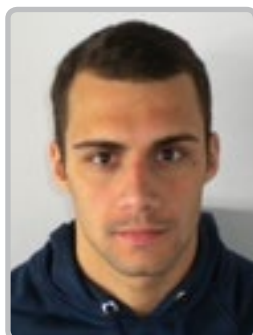
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LEONARDO GOMES DE DEUS

🏠 Campo Grande, MS

★ 18/01/91

↔ 69kg

↕ 1,73m

MAIN TITLES

Gold (200m butterfly) and silver medalist (4x100m medley) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • gold medalist (200m backstroke and 200m butterfly) at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • 1st place (200m butterfly) at the Rio de Janeiro World Cup (10)

EVENTS

200m butterfly and 200m backstroke

NOTE

Due to his swimming activity Leonardo has lived in several cities of Brazil: Campo Grande (MS), Belem (PA), Brasilia (DF), Belo Horizonte (MG) and São Paulo (SP). At the Medellin South American Games 2010 he called attention when he surpassed his national teammate Thiago Pereira. He invested in high altitude training as part of his preparation for the London Olympic Games. He first started to swim for the Rowing Club in Belem.



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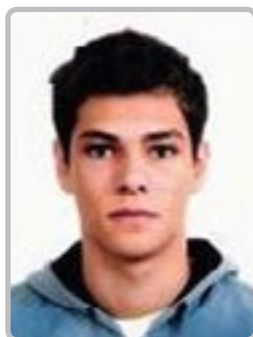
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MARCELO CHIERIGHINI

🏠 Itu, SP

★ 15/01/91

↔ 92kg

↕ 1,95m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place (4x100m freestyle) at the Dubai short pool World Championship (10) • 3rd place (100m freestyle) at the Brazilian Absolute Championship (11)

EVENTS

4x100m freestyle

NOTE

Marcelo lived and trained in Itu until the age of 16 when he moved to São Paulo to swim for the Pinheiros team. His fast development made him transfer from São Paulo to Auburn, in the United States, the same city where Cesar Cielo lived for three years. Today, his coach is the Australian Brett Hawke, also former coach of the Olympic champion. He enjoys visual changes and, whenever possible, he changes his haircut or its color.



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NICHOLAS DIAS DOS SANTOS

🏠 Ribeirão Preto, SP

★ 14/02/80

↔ 88kg

↑↓ 1,90m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (4x100m freestyle) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 and Rio 2007 • silver medalist (50m freestyle) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 2nd place (4x100m freestyle) and 3rd place (50m freestyle) at the Indianapolis short pool World Championship (04)

EVENTS

4x100m freestyle

NOTE

Nicholas started to dedicate himself to this modality at the age of 18. Son of the owners of a diving school he received from his parents the necessary incentive to start swimming. He trains and competes with Cesar Cielo who, despite being an adversary is a great friend. He is a Physiotherapy graduate.



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NICOLAS NILO CÉSAR DE OLIVEIRA

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 08/04/87

↔ 97kg

↕ 1,95m

MAIN TITLES

Gold (4x100m freestyle) and silver medalist (4x200m freestyle) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 3rd place at the Dubai short pool World Championship (10) • 4th place at the Rome World Championship • gold medalist (4x200m freestyle) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

100m and 4x100m freestyle

NOTE

He likes to change his visual appearance and living with Americans has influenced his clothes style. Nicholas' performance in the 4x200m freestyle medley at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 was fundamental for the gold won by the Brazil Team. He studied Foreign Trade at the University of Arizona (USA). He began practicing swimming as a boy after almost drowning in a pool, playing with his brother.



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TALES ROCHA CERDEIRA

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 21/01/87

↔ 72kg

↕ 1,82m

MAIN TITLES

5th place (200m breaststroke) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • gold medalist (200m breaststroke) at the Military World Games Rio 2011 • vice champion (200m medley) at the South American Championship (08)

EVENTS

200m breaststroke

NOTE

Tales started to swim at 7 as a treatment for asthma. In 2005, at 18 years of age, he moved to São Paulo and spent six years living in this state's capital. He returned to Rio in 2011 to swim for Flamengo Club. Son of the former football arbiter Claudio Vinicius Cerdeira, he is part of the project "Rumo ao Ouro in 2016" managed by the Cesar Cielo Institute. Having conquered a place for London 2012 was a big victory, after losing the Shanghai qualifying trials for just one centesimal.



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THIAGO MACHADO VILELA PEREIRA

🏠 Volta Redonda, RJ

★ 26/01/86

↔ 77kg

↕ 1,85m

MAIN TITLES

Gold (200m and 400m medley, 100m and 200m backstroke, 4x200m and 4x100m freestyle) and bronze medalist (200m breaststroke) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • gold (200m and 400m medley, 200m backstroke, 200m breaststroke, 4x100m and 4x200m freestyle), silver (4x100m medley and bronze medalist (100m backstroke) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • silver (200m medley) and bronze medalist (400m medley) at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games 2003

EVENTS

200m and 400m medley

NOTE

In Guadalajara, Thiago became the Brazilian gold medal record winner in Pan American Games with 12 gold medals. In London, he will reach his third Olympic participation. In Beijing 2008 he won the 4th place in the 200m medley and 8th in the 400m medley. In Athens 2004 he arrived in 5th place (200m) and 17th (400m).



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LARA PUGLIA TEIXEIRA

🏠 Campos de Goytacazes, RJ

★ 26/11/87

↔ 58kg

↕ 1,67m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (duet) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • finalist (duet) at the Shanghai World Championship (11) • gold medalist (duet and group) at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • 13th place (duet) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • bronze medalist (duet and group) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

Duet

NOTE

One of the most experienced athletes of the Brazilian national synchronized swimming team, Lara secured her second olympic participation with the 9th place at the London Pre-Olympic Tournament, in April. In the duet modality she has two bronze medals in Pan American Games besides an extra one for the group category. At free times she goes to the beach – either to the Rio de Janeiro or São Paulo shores. She is a Business Administration graduate.



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NAYARA LEITE FIGUEIRA

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 06/09/88

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,69m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist (duet) at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • finalist (duet) at the Shanghai World Championship (11) • finalist (duet) at the Rome World Championship (09) • 13th place (duet) at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • bronze medalist (group) at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

EVENTS

Duet

NOTE

Nayara considers her participation at the Beijing Olympic Games the best moment of her career. In London she intends to reach a higher position than the 13th place of 2008. She began practicing swimming, but affirms that it was through synchronized swimming that she really learned how to swim. This happened when she was just 7 years old. It did not take long for her to be called by the Paineiras Club. When she was 13, she met her partner Lara at the youth national team. She joined the adult team in 2004.



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CAROLINE AIKO KUMAHARA

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 27/07/95

↔ 54kg

↕ 1,66m

MAIN TITLES

Vice champion (doubles) of the World Children Championship (10)

- champion (individual, doubles and team) and 3rd place (mixed doubles) of the Latin American Youth Championship (10)

EVENTS

Singles

NOTE

Caroline has already experienced the Olympic Village atmosphere in 2010 when she participated in the Singapore Youth Olympic Games. After London she hopes to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. She is proud to belong to a family of athletes: her brother Caio plays Futsal at the Sporting Club of Portugal. Caroline also played Futsal before dedicating herself to table tennis. At 12, still in the young children's category she surprised everyone when she won the title of the "Paulista" Ranking for youngsters.

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GUI LIN

🏠 Nangning, China

★ 10/01/93

↔ 58kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (doubles) at the Venice Youth Open Tournament (11) • 3rd place at the Venice Youth Open and the Rio Youth Open Tournaments (11)

EVENTS

Team

NOTE

The table tennis player came to Brazil at 12 years old as part of a student exchange program. She lived for three years with a Brazilian family and established residence in São Bernardo do Campo where she met Hugo Hoyama who became her coach. She simply loves "churrasco, feijoada" (barbecue, black beans), the country and is a Palmeiras fan. She spent the year of 2011 anxiously waiting for her 18th birthday so she could request a Brazilian nationality which was granted only in May of 2012. Now she can defend Brazil in international competitions.

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LÍGIA SANTOS DA SILVA

🏠 Manaus, AM

★ 06/03/81

↔ 55kg

↕ 1,62m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (teams) at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • Latin American champion (teams) (10) • gold medalist (individual and teams) at the Lisboa Lusofonia Games 2009

EVENTS

Singles

NOTE

When Ligia was 11 years old she was going to register for swimming lessons. However, the coach didn't show up and she ended up at the table tennis school at the Olympic Village of Manaus. When she was 17 years old she moved to Santos to improve her technique and was called to join the national youth team. She stated that through sports she was able to fulfill her childhood dream of buying a house for her mother. She participated in the Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games. She graduated in Physical Education.

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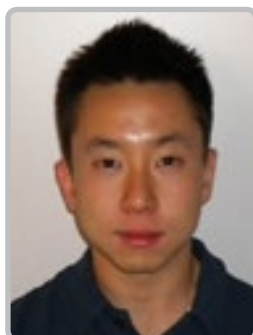
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GUSTAVO TSUBOI

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 31/05/85

↔ 63kg

↕ 1,70m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (teams) at the Guadalajara 2011 and Rio 2007 Pan American Games • gold medalist (individual and teams) at the Medellin South American Games 2010 • silver medalist (doubles) at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games 2003

EVENTS

Singles

NOTE

Gustavo started to dedicate himself to table tennis at the age of 12 years under the influence of his brother. Between 2006 and 2010 he lived in France and trained and played with athletes from different schools which enabled him to achieve a great evolution in the world ranking. He participated in the Beijing Olympic Games 2008. Four years before an injury on his spinal column left him inactive for six months making it impossible for him to attend the Athens Olympic Games. His present objective is to be included among the 40 best players of the world.

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HUGO HOYAMA

🏠 São Bernardo, SP

★ 09/05/69

↔ 74kg

↕ 1,69m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist (teams) at the Guadalajara 2011, Rio 2007, Mar del Plata 1995, Havana 1991 and Indianapolis 1987 Pan American Games • gold medalist (doubles) at the Santo Doming 2003, Mar del Plata 1995 and Havana 1991 Pan American Games • gold medalist (individual) at the Mar del Plata 1995 and Havana1991 Pan American Games

EVENTS

Singles

NOTE

Hugo Hoyama will participate in the Olympic Games for the sixth consecutive time, matching the Brazilian participation record of Torben Grael. He started practicing table tennis at the age of 7 and in Guadalajara 2011 he won his 10th gold medal in Pan American Games – he also has one silver and four bronze medals. A fan of Palmeiras Football Club, he likes to use green and white underwear during competitions.



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THIAGO FARIAS MONTE MONTEIRO

🏠 Fortaleza, CE

★ 15/06/81

↔ 74kg

↕ 1,74m

MAIN TITLES

1st place (individual) at the Latin American Cup (12) • gold medalist (teams) at the Guadalajara 2011 and Rio 2007 Pan American Games • bronze medalist (individual) at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games Rio • gold medalist (doubles) at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • silver medalist (individual) at the Santo Domingo 2003 Pan American Games • bronze medalist (teams) at the Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games

EVENTS

Team

NOTE

From 5 to 12 years of age Tiago divided his time between table tennis and futsal – he became two times Ceará champion of futsal. However, he chose the racket against the will of his friends. He participated in the Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. He lives in Europe since 2000, presently in France.

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NATÁLIA FALAVIGNA SILVA

🏠 Maringá, PR

★ 09/05/84

↔ 72kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • bronze medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 1st place at the World Championship (05)

CATEGORY

+67kg

NOTE

At 14, Natalia was introduced to taekwondo and during her third lesson the coach predicted that, in two years, she would be a world youth champion. At 16, she won the Killarney World Youth Championship, in Ireland, and later was the adult world champion in Madrid, Spain. Last year, in November, she came first in the Americas Pre-Olympic defeating the Mexican Athlete Maria Espinoza, gold in Beijing 2008. One month before that, she competed at the Guadalajara Pan American Games after being inactive for almost two years because of injuries on the right-side knee.

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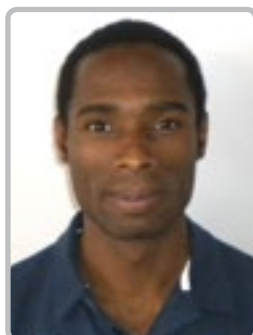
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DIOGO ANDRÉ SILVESTRE DA SILVA

🏠 São Sebastião, SP

★ 03/07/82

↔ 68kg

↕ 1,78m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the Pre-Olympic Tournament (11) • gold medalist at the World Military Games 2011 • 1st place at the Universíade (09) • gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 4th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • bronze medal at the Santo Domingo Pan American Games 2003

CATEGORY

-68kg

NOTE

Champion of the World Military Games, Diogo won the bronze medal at the Baku Pre-Olympic Tournament in Azerbaijan in July, 2011. A great fan of Bruce Lee, Jean Claude Van Damme and Jackie Chan, he started to take taekwondo lessons in order to fight just like them. Today, he realizes that there is a lot of choreography and little fight on their shows. He prefers to use his free time practicing parachuting and bungee jumps, tree-climbing and surfing.



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ANDRÉ REZENDE SÁ

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 06/05/77

↔ 74kg

↕ 1,85m

MAIN TITLES

Champion (doubles) at the Metz ATP (11) • champion (doubles) at the Kitzbnhel ATP (09)
• champion (doubles) at the New Haven ATP (08) • champion (doubles) at the Poertschach ATP (08) • champion (doubles) at Costa do Sauipe ATP(08) • champion (doubles) at the Estoril ATP (07)
• champion (doubles) at the Hong Kong ATP (01) • gold medalist (doubles) at the Winnipeg 1999 Pan American Games

EVENTS

Doubles

NOTE

André plays tennis since the age of 8. At 13 he moved to the United States to train and became a professional player in 1996. He competed in the doubles competition at the Beijing Olympic Games playing with Marcelo Melo and they reached the quarter finals.



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BRUNO FRAGA SOARES

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 27/02/82

↔ 77kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Champion (doubles) at the São Paulo ATP (12) • champion (doubles) at the Costa do Sauípe ATP (11) • champion (doubles) at Santiago ATP (11) • champion at the Nice ATP (10) • champion (doubles) at the Stockholm ATP (09) • champion (doubles) at the Nottingham ATP (08)

EVENTS

Doubles

NOTE

Bruno became a professional tennis athlete in 2001. He won three ATP titles with Marcelo Melo with whom he will play in London; the two some also conquered five vice-championships between 2010 and 2011 at the Stockholm, Acapulco, Metz, Gstaad and Auckland ATPs. Bruno was the vice-champion of the Monte Carlo Masters 1,000 in 2011 playing with Juan Ignacio Chela.



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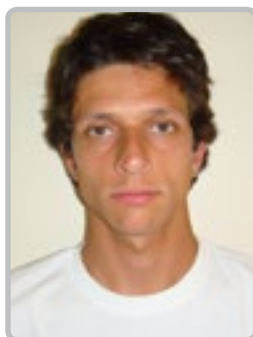
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MARCELO PINHEIRO DAVI DE MELO

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 23/09/83

↔ 87kg

↕ 2,03m

MAIN TITLES

Two times champion (doubles) at the Costa do Sauipe ATP (08/11)

- champion (doubles) at the Santiago ATP (11)
- champion (doubles) at the Nice ATP (10)
- champion (doubles) at the Kitzbnhel ATP (09)
- champion (doubles) at the New Haven ATP (08)
- champion (doubles) at the Poertschach ATP (08)
- champion (doubles) at the Adelaide ATP (08)
- champion (doubles) at the Estoril ATP (07)

EVENTS

Doubles

NOTE

Marcelo is a member of a tennis playing family. He participated in the Wimbledon Semifinal Tournament with André Sá in 2007 in the same year they reached the quarter finals of the US Open. In 2009 he reached the mixed finals at the Roland Garros playing with the American Vania King.



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THOMAZ COCCHIARALI BELLUCCI

🏠 Tietê, SP

★ 30/12/87

↔ 82kg

↕ 1,88m

MAIN TITLES

Champion (singles) at the Santiago ATP (10) • champion (singles) at the Gstaad ATP (09) • vice-champion (singles) at the Costa do Sauipe ATP (09)

EVENTS

Singles and doubles

NOTE

Thomaz Belluci is, after Gustavo Kuerten, the Brazilian tennis player who obtained the best placing at the world ranking.- he reached the 21st position in 2010, the year he also reached the quarter finals at the Roland Garros (he was eliminated by the champion Rafel Nadal), and the third phase at the Wimbledon Tournament. He became a professional player in 2006, competed in the Beijing Olympic Games where he was eliminated on the first phase by the Slovene Dominik Hrbaty by 2x1.



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PÂMELLA NASCIMENTO DE OLIVEIRA

🏠 Vila Velha, ES

★ 10/06/87

↔ 61kg

↕ 1,65m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the México stage of the World Cup (12) • bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the South American Championship (11) • 1st place at the Under 23 Pan American Championship (10)

NOTE

During her childhood, under doctor's orders and her mother's will, Pamela practiced ballet and swimming. In the pools, she tried to reach the qualifying index for the Pan American Games in the 800m, without success. The close contact with triathlon athletes at the club where she practiced swimming, made her wish to practice triathlon and, in 2007, she began to dedicate herself to it. On competition days she likes to wake up listening to fast music with high volume to speed up her body rhythm. The "capixaba" girl lives in Portugal to train for the London 2012 Olympic Games.



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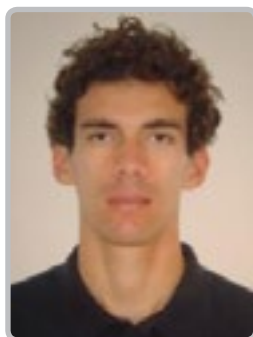
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DIOGO SCLEBIN COSTA MARTINS

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 05/06/82

↔ 80kg

↕ 1,90m

MAIN TITLES

Three times champion of the South American Championship (08/10/11) • gold medalist at the Medellin 2010 South American Games • silver medalist at the Uruguay South American Beach Games 2009 • Brazilian champion (08)

NOTE

The childhood swimming classes at the Fluminense club (RJ), the bicycle rides and street races as a teenager made triathlon a natural choice for Diogo. A Physical Education graduate, he has 15 training sessions a week. He finds inspiration in Leandro Macedo (triathlon athlete) and his idols are the Formula One pilots Michael Schumacher (for his coldness) and Ayrton Senna (for his warm heartedness). His coach is Lauter Nogueira.



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REINALDO COLUCCI NASCIMENTO

🏠 Descalvado, SP

★ 29/10/85

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,90m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the World Cup (10) • 1st place at the Singapore Iron Man (07)

NOTE

A fisherman during his free time, Reinaldo started to practice swimming as a child when his father, who couldn't swim, enrolled him in the basic swimming school at the age of 5. At 15, in São Carlos, he started to train aquathlon that unites swimming and running which, later, enabled him to, adopt the triathlon as his main modality. Colucci was unable to attend the Pan American Games Rio 2007 preliminary trials due to a serious injury on his right-side ankle. At Beijing Olympic Games 2008 he ended his participation in the 37th place. He won the gold medal In Guadalajara 2011.



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ADENIZIA FERREIRA DA SILVA

🏠 Ibiaí, MG

★ 18/12/86

↔ 66kg

↕ 1,87m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Grand Prix (11)
• 2nd place at the World
Championship (10) • 1st place at
the Grand Prix (09) • 2nd place at
the Champions League (09) • 1st
place at the Youth World
Championship (05)

POSITION

Middle hitter

NOTE

She began playing at the age of 11, in the Filadelfia Club in Governador Valadares (MG), she later transferred to the Domingos Martins (ES) team. At 13, after playing in Joinville, she joined the Osasco team (SP). With this team she was a Super League champion in 2011 and 2012. At present she still plays for the Osasco team. In 2003, she made her debut at the children/youth Brazilian national team and was a South American champion. She was first called to participate in the national team in 2009. She really enjoys dancing.

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CAMILA DE PAULA BRAIT

🏠 Frutal, MG

★ 28/10/88

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,68m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the World Championship (10) • 2nd place at the Pan American Cup (09) • 1st place at the Youth World Championship (07) • 1st place at the Youth South American Championship (06)

POSITION

Libero

NOTE

She took ballet and tap dance lessons, played basketball and, finally, chose volleyball, starting in Sacramento (Minas Gerais), at 9 years old. She made her debut with the youth Brazilian national team in 2006. The world youth and the Super League (09/10) titles are the best moments of her carrier. She plans to attend a Veterinary graduation course and is the official manicurist of the team. Her favorite pastimes are going to the beach, cinema and the internet. She enjoys eating pasta and Japanese food.

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DANIELLE RODRIGUES LINS (DANI LINS)

🏠 Recife, PE

★ 01/05/85

↔ 73kg

↕ 1,83m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • two times Champion of the Pan American Cup (09/11) • 2nd place at the World Championship (10) • 1st place at the Grand Prix (09)

POSITION

Setter

NOTE

She wanted to be a swimmer but, because of a scholarship, she decided to play volleyball. She began as a hitter at school, in Recife, but became a setter at the Osasco club. In 2003, she was a youth world champion. Two years later, however, she had a heart dysfunction. With her family's support she overcame her health problems and returned to the courts. In 2009, she joined the principal national team. Danielle wants to attend a Nutrition graduation course at the university. She has five Super League titles.

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FABIANA ALVIM DE OLIVEIRA (FABI)

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 03/07/80

↔ 57kg

↕ 1,69m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • two times 2nd place at the World Championship (06/10) • four times Grand Prix champion (05/06/08/09) • gold medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007

POSITION

Libero

NOTE

She started to practice volleyball at the age of 13 at school, in the Irajá neighborhood, in Rio de Janeiro. In the following year she was playing as a hitter for the Flamengo club. Since 1998 she stands out in the libero position. She was first summoned for the national team in 2001 and, since 2005, holds this position. She loves the beach, is a fan of the Flamengo football team and enjoys resting at Buzios.



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FABIANA MARCELINO CLAUDINO

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 24/01/85

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,93m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • two times champion of the Pan America Cup (09/11) • two times 2nd place at the World Championship (06/10) • four times Grand Prix champion (04/06/08/09) • gold medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

POSITION

Middle hitter

NOTE

Fabiana started her career at 14, at the Minas Tennis Club. In 2002, she was the youth world champion and made her debut with the adult national team. Presently she plays for the Fenerbahçe of Turkey, her first season away from Brazil. She was elected best blocking player of the 2009 Grand Prix. She has dreams of developing a social project in the city of Santa Luzia (MG). Her favorite dishes are those prepared by her mother.



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FERNANDA CRISTINA FERREIRA (FERNANDINHA)

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 10/01/80

↔ 66kg

↕ 1,72m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Grand Prix (12) • 1st place at the CEV Cup (10)

POSITION

Setter

NOTE

Fernandinha did not participate in the Pre-Olympic Tournament but her performances at the Grand Prix of this year (she was the third best server of the competition and the official setter at the final phase), secured a place in the group that will strive for one more gold medal in London. She competed in the last season at the Igtisadchi Baku of Azerbaijan and prior to that played in Italy for five seasons for three different teams. She started to practice volleyball at 8 at the America Club encouraged by her parents who are Physical Education teachers. She played as a hitter up to 1997.



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FERNANDA GARAY RODRIGUES

🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 10/05/86

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,80m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Pan American Cup (11) • 1st place at the World Military Games (11) • 2nd place at the Grand Prix (11) • 2nd place at the World Championship (10)

POSITION

Outside hitter

NOTE

An admirer of the Internacional football team, Fernanda loves a barbecue and a good “chimarrão” – a typical tea of her home state. Encouraged by her parents, she started practicing volleyball at the age of 11. At 13, she was invited to practice athletics but refused. She preferred to dedicate herself to playing with the national team. After a season in Japan, she defended the Voley Futuro team of Araçatuba. She plans to graduate in Business Administration.



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JAQUELINE M. P. DE CARVALHO ENDRES

🏠 Recife, PE

★ 31/12/83

↔ 71kg

↕ 1,86m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • two times 2nd place at the World Championship (06/10) • four times the Grand Prix champion (05/06/08/09) • gold medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008

POSITION

Outside hitter

NOTE

Jaqueline used to play basketball and volleyball but, influenced by her mother, she chose the latter. She was elected the best player of the World Youth Championship in 2001, the same year she made her debut in the adult team. She has played in Italy and Spain and was a champion for three seasons. Before a game, she likes to be by herself in the cloakroom. She is married to the volleyball player Murilo and her dream is to be twice Olympic champion. In Guadalajara 2011, she suffered a cervical fracture during the first game of the competition.

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NATÁLIA ZÍLIO PEREIRA

🏠 Ponta Grossa, PR

★ 04/04/89

↔ 82kg

↕ 1,84m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the World Championship (10) • 1st place at the Grand Prix (09) • 1st place of the Champions Cup (05) • 1st place at the Youth World Championship (07) • 1st place at the World Children/Youth Championship (05)

POSITION

Outside hitter

NOTE

She started to play volleyball in Joaçaba (SC) at the age of 10. At 15 she moved to Campos (RJ). In 2004, made her debut with the children/youth national team and in the following year was called for the adult national team for the first time. She wants to take a Journalism or Fashion Design graduate course. She is an avid consumer and loves buying clothes and purses.



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PAULA RENATA MARQUES PEQUENO

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 22/01/82

↔ 75kg

↕ 1,85m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the Pan American Cup (11) • three times Grand Prix champion (05/08/09) • gold medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • 2nd place at the World Championship (06)

POSITION

Outside hitter

NOTE

Twice she was elected the world's best player – in 2005 and 2008. At 12, she changed from the fashion catwalks to the volleyball courts. She was 17 when she first worn the Brazilian national team shirt and, since 2002, is part of the adult team. Her greatest joy was the birth of her daughter Mel in 2006. She doesn't eat sweets, loves style clothes and decoration. A left knee injury kept her from the Athens Olympic Games in 2004.



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SHEILLA TAVARES DE CASTRO

🏠 Belo Horizonte, MG

★ 01/07/83

↔ 67kg

↕ 1,86m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • two times Pan American Cup champion (09/11) • two times 2nd place at the World Championship (06/10) • four times Grand Prix champion (04/06/08/09) • gold medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • three times champion at the South American Championship (05/07/09)

POSITION

Opposite hitter

NOTE

Her first club was the Mackenzie (MG). In 2000 she was called for the Brazilian youth national team and, in 2001, won the South American and the world championships. She played for five seasons for the Pesaro Club, Italy and in 2007 was elected best player of the Italian championship. She is part of the national team since 2002. Sheila loves to walk with her two dogs Mel and Noah.



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TANDARA ALVES CAIXETA

🏠 Brasília, DF

★ 30/10/88

↔ 89kg

↕ 1,86m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 2nd place at the Grand Prix (11) • 2nd place at the Yeltsin Cup (11) • 1st place at the World Youth Championship (07) • 1st place at the World Junior-Youth Championship (05)

POSITION

Opposite hitter

NOTE

After practicing several sports, at the age of 9 she watched a television advertisement on the trials for the “Força olímpica” volleyball to be held in Brasilia, (DF). She participated and was approved. In 2011, she joined the adult national team and assures she is living in a dream. She loves to stay at home and can’t do without an eggplant lasagna and beans with pumpkin made by her parents. She scored the last point of Brazil at the finals against Cuba at the Guadalajara Pan American Games in 2011.



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THAISA DAHER DE MENEZES

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 15/05/87

↔ 78kg

↕ 1,96m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 2nd place at the World Championship (10) • three times Grand Prix champion (06/08/09) • gold medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • 1st place at the World Youth Championship (05)

POSITION

Middle hitter

NOTE

Swimming was her first sport; when she got tired of it she chose volleyball, which she mistook for basketball. She began practicing at the Centro Esportivo Miécimo da Silva in Rio de Janeiro and, later played for the Tijuca Tennis Club. The first summons for the national team was at 19. During her free time she enjoys bicycling and skating. She intends to graduate in Marine Biology.



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WÉLISSA DE SOUZA GONZAGA (SASSÁ)

🏠 Barbacena, MG

★ 09/09/82

↔ 76kg

↕ 1,79m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • silver medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • three time Brazilian champion (06/07/08) • 2nd place at the World Championship • 1st place at the World Cup (05) • 4th place at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

POSITION

Outside hitter

NOTE

Her first contact with volleyball was in a street play, when she was 11. Sassá and her friends played in an improvised court where the net was a string stretched from one lamp post to another one. Before becoming a professional athlete, she used to play in school. During her free time, she loves to go to the beach and to the movies. When she ends the career, she intends to study veterinary medicine.

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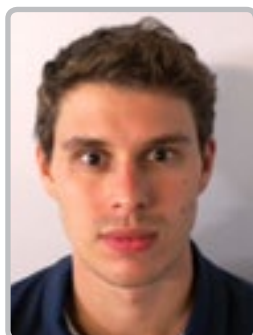
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BRUNO MOSSA DE REZENDE

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 07/02/86

↔ 76kg

↕ 1,90m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the World Cup (11) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 and Rio 2007 • four times World League champion (06/07/09/10) • World Champion (10) • silver medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • World Cup Champion (07)

POSITION

Setter

NOTE

Son of coach Bernardinho and of the Brazilian national team former player Vera Mossa, Bruno always lived in the volleyball world. He started his career at the national team's base categories and became part of the adult team in 2007. In the following year he already represented Brazil at the Beijing Olympic Games. He was also a badminton Pan American champion before dedicating himself exclusively to volleyball.



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DANTE GUIMARÃES SANTOS DO AMARAL

🏠 Itumbiara, GO

★ 30/09/80

↔ 86kg

↕ 2,01m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the World Cup (11) • three times World champion (02/06/10) • silver medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • two times World Cup Champion (03/07) • gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • seven times champion of the World League (01/03/04/05/06/07/10) • gold medalist at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

POSITION

Outside Hitter

NOTE

Dante started in sports practicing swimming but at 14 he began to play volleyball at school. Five years later he was already in the Brazilian national team and was South American champion in 1999. In 2000, was elected the third best hitter of the Sydney Olympic Games and contributed to the three World Championship titles won by Brazil.



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GILBERTO AMAURY DE GODOY FILHO (GIBA)

🏠 Londrina, PR

★ 23/12/76

↔ 85kg

↕ 1,92m

MAIN TITLES

Bronze medalist at the World Cup (11) • three times World Champion (02/06/10) • silver medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • two times World Cup champion (03/07) • gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • eight times champion of the World League (01/03/04/05/06/07/09/10) • gold medalist at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

POSITION

Outside hitter

NOTE

A member of the most victorious generation of the Brazilian volleyball, Giba had dreams of becoming a veterinary doctor before beginning to practice volleyball. In his childhood he had a pet rooster. He was elected the best player of the Athens Olympic Games and of the World Championship in 2006, both won by the Brazilian team.



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LEANDRO VISSOTO NEVES

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 30/04/83

↔ 104kg

↕ 2,11m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the World Cup (11)
• two times champion of the World League (09/10) • World champion (10)

POSITION

Opposite hitter

NOTE

He began practicing volleyball at the age of 12 in the Flamengo Club where his two sisters used to play. He was a children/youth champion in 2001 and, in the same year, began to be called for the adult national team. During his free time he enjoys surfing. Before his first participation in the Italian volleyball he used to live at Recreio dos Bandeirantes, in Rio de Janeiro, and often surfed at the Macumba beach. He also likes fishing.



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LUCAS SAATKAMP (LUCÃO)

🏠 Colinas, RS

★ 03/06/86

↔ 102kg

↕ 2,09m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the World Cup (11)
• two times World League
champion (09/10) • two times
World champion (10)

POSITION

Middle hitter

NOTE

Volleyball came into Lucão's life in a very unusual way. At 16, he had a school scholarship and was required to participate in some type of school sport. He started with the basketball team but the team lost its sponsorship, so he transferred to volleyball. He was elected the best blocker of the Super League 2007/08 and, since 2009, is a frequent member of the Brazilian national team.



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MURILO ENDRES

🏠 Passo Fundo, RS

★ 05/03/81

↔ 76kg

↕ 1,92m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the World Cup (11) • two times World champion (06/10)
• silver medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • World Cup champion (07) • gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007
• six times World League champion (04/05/06/07/09/10)

POSITION

Outside hitter

NOTE

Married to Jaqueline, a member of the Brazilian women's national team, Murilo is a brother of the middle hitter Gustavo, first team player in the gold medal victory at the Athens Olympic Games of 2004. Murilo was a youth champion in 2001 and arrived at the adult national team in 2003. Elected the best player of the 2010 World Championship, he played in Italy for four years. He loves a good barbecue and enjoys going to the beach.



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RICARDO BERMUDEZ GARCIA (RICARDINHO)

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 19/11/75

↔ 89kg

↕ 1,91m

MAIN TITLES

Two times World Champion (02/06) • gold medalist at the Athens Olympic Games 2004 • six times World League Champion (01/03/04/05/06/07) • World Cup champion (03)

POSITION

Setter

NOTE

Ricardinho will compete for the second time at the Olympic Games and hopes that Brazil conquers in London the gold medal as it did in Athens in 2004. He began playing volleyball at the age of 9 by doctor's orders after the removal of a benign tumor from his left leg. In 1992, he was South American children/youth champion and in 1995 was elected the best setter of the Malaysia Youth World Championship. He was first called for the adult national team in 1997. He loves suspense movies.



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RODRIGO SANTANA (RODRIGÃO)

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 17/04/79

↔ 85kg

↕ 2,05m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the World Cup (11)
• three times World champion (02/06/10) • silver medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • two times World Cup champion (03/07)
• gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • eight times World League champion (01/03/04/05/06/07/09/10) • gold medalist at Athens Olympic Games 2004

POSITION

Middle hitter

NOTE

He started to play volleyball after the Barcelona Olympic Games, in 1992, after being overwhelmed by the gold medal won by Brazil. He is one of the most victorious players of the volleyball sport history. He first participated of the national children/youth team in 1996 and made the adult team in 1999. He loves to read during the trips, specially the writer Dan Brown books.



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SÉRGIO DUTRA DOS SANTOS

🏠 Diamante do Norte, PR

★ 15/10/75

↔ 78kg

↑↓ 1,84m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the World Cup (11)
• two times World champion (02/06) • silver medalist at the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 • two times World Cup champion (03/07)
• gold medalist at the Pan American Games Rio 2007 • eight times World League champion (01/03/04/05/06/07/09/10) • gold medalist at the Athens Olympic Games 2004

POSITION

Libero

NOTE

He grew up in a São Paulo poor neighborhood and worked as a food packer at a supermarket, as an office-boy and street salesman during his teenage years. When the libero position was created for volleyball, in 1998, he was without a club and made his living by selling Clorox bottles. Years later, he became a fundamental member of the national team contributing to its countless victories in the XXI century.



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SIDNEI DOS SANTOS JÚNIOR (SIDÃO)

🏠 São Caetano do Sul, SP

★ 09/07/82

↔ 98kg

↕ 2,04m

MAIN TITLES

3rd place at the World Cup (11)
• four times World League
champion (06/07/09/10) • world
champion (10)

POSITION

Middle hitter

NOTE

Sidão became known as a wall during the Super League 2005/06, when he was a champion for Cimed and, consequently, won a trophy for best blocker. Afterwards, he was called for the adult national team for the first time and later went to Italy where he played for three years. He began training volleyball at school in Taubaté and, at 14, he outstood in trials for the Banespa team among two thousand candidates. He enjoys playing videogames on his free time, especially football games. His musical taste is eclectic going from rock to "pagode".



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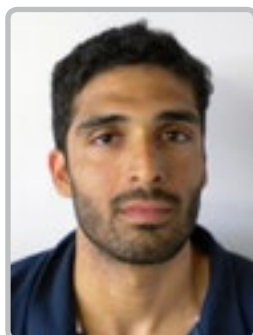
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THIAGO SOARES ALVES

🏠 Porto Alegre, RS

★ 26/07/86

↔ 88kg

↕ 1,94m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • gold medalist at the Medellin 2010 South American Games • 2nd place at the World Youth Championship (05) • 1st place at the South American Youth Championship (04) • 1st place at the World Juvenile Championship (03)

POSITION

Outside hitter

NOTE

Thiago has always enjoyed sports, a characteristic inherited from his parents. His mother Iveth was part of the Rio Grande do Sul Volleyball Team and Ricardo, his father, was a professional basketball player. Before dedicating himself professionally to volleyball Thiago practiced futsal, football and judo. He was selected as the best player and the best hitter at the World Youth Championship of 2005. He made his debut at the adult Brazilian National Team in 2009.



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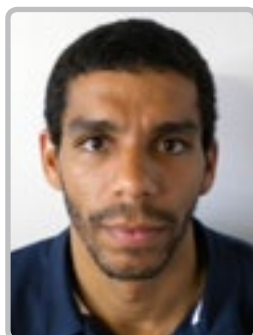
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WALLACE LEANDRO DE SOUZA

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 26/06/87

↔ 85kg

↕ 1,98m

MAIN TITLES

Gold medal at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 1st place at the World Youth Championship (07)

POSITION

Opposite hitter

NOTE

Wallace only began to take volleyball seriously in 2004 and, two years later, he was selected for the Banespa youth team. On the following season, he was summoned for the Brazilian national team and was world youth champion. Despite playing as an opposite hitter he is an arduous fan of the libero Serginho, his idol since childhood. He loves terror suspense movies.



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JAQUELINE ANTONIA FERREIRA

🏠 Duque de Caxias, RJ

★ 03/05/87

↔ 72kg

↕ 1,67m

MAIN TITLES

Silver medalist at the Medellin 2010 • 14th place at the Turkey World Championship (10) • 1st place at the South American Championship (09) • 3rd place at the Peru Pan American Championship (08) • 4th place at the Rio 2007 Pan American Games • 1st place at the South American Youth Championship

CATEGORY

- 75kg

NOTE

She abandoned the heptathlon events in athletics in order to face the challenge of the bars, following the invitation of a friend who competed in weightlifting. At the World Championship of 2010 she became the first Brazilian woman weightlifter to reach the mark of 100kg at the thrust. A Physical Education graduate she won the Brazil Olympic Prize in 2007 for her modality. She was 4th place at the Guatemala Pre-Olympic Tournament.

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FERNANDO SARAIVA REIS

🏠 São Paulo, SP

★ 03/10/90

↔ 132kg

↑↓ 1,85m

MAIN TITLES

1st place at the Guatemala Pre-Olympic Tournament (12) • gold medalist at the Guadalajara 2011 Pan American Games • 3rd place (thrust) at the Bulgaria World Youth Championship (10) • silver medalist at the Medellin 2010 South American Games • 6th place at the Romania World Youth Championship (09) • four times champion of the Pan American Championship (05/06/07/08)

CATEGORY

+ 105kg

NOTE

Fernando was the champion of the Pan American Games in 2011 in Guadalajara when he lifted a total of 410kg winning the gold medal, which had never been won by a Brazilian athlete before. In 2010 he was the first athlete of the country to win a medal at World Championships. In December of the same year he was granted the National Collegiate Championships award in the USA.

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JOICE SOUZA DA SILVA

🏠 Rio de Janeiro, RJ

★ 20/07/83

↔ 60kg

↕ 1,67m

MAIN TITLES

2nd place at the Vaanta Cup (12)
• bronze medalist at the Guadalajara Pan American Games 2011 • 3rd place at the Olympic Wrestling Pan American Championship (11) • 2nd place at the Olympic Wrestling Pan American Championship (10)

CATEGORY

Freestyle (- 55kg)

NOTE

Nine times Brazilian Olympic wrestling champion between 2001 and 2011, Joice loved the experience of participating in two editions of the Pan American Games - she won the bronze medal at Guadalajara in 2011. She plans to use what she learned from these competitions to go as far as she can go in London 2012. She started fighting jiu-jitsu at 16 as a participant of a social project developed in the Quintino community, in Rio de Janeiro, but three years later discovered the olympic wrestling and fell in love with it.

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1920 – ANTWERP

- 21 athletes (21 men)
- 5 sport modalities (swimming, water polo, rowing, diving and shooting)

1924 – PARIS

- 12 athletes (12 men)
- 3 sport modalities (athletics, rowing and shooting)

1928 – AMSTERDAM

- Brazil did not participate in the 1928 Olympic Games

1932 – LOS ANGELES

- 67 athletes (66 men and 1 woman)
- 5 sport modalities (athletics, swimming, water polo, rowing and shooting)

1936 – BERLIN

- 94 athletes (88 men and 6 women)

- 10 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling road, fencing, swimming, modern pentathlon, rowing, shooting and sailing)

1948 – LONDON

- 81 athletes (70 men and 11 women)
- 11 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, fencing, equestrian, swimming, modern pentathlon, rowing, diving, shooting and sailing)

1952 – HELSINKI

- 108 athletes (103 men and 5 women)
- 15 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, fencing, football, equestrian CCE, equestrian jumping, weightlifting, swimming, modern pentathlon, water polo, rowing, diving, shooting and sailing)

1956 – MELBOURNE

- 48 athletes (47 men and 1 woman)
- 12 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling-track, equestrian-jumping, weightlifting, swimming, modern pentathlon, rowing, diving, shooting and sailing)

1960 – ROME

- 81 athletes (80 men and 1 woman)
- 14 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling-track, football, equestrian-jumping, weightlifting, swimming, modern pentathlon, water polo, rowing, diving, shooting and sailing)

1964 – TOKYO

- 69 athletes (68 men and 1 woman)
- 11 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, football,



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BRAZIL'S PARTICIPATION

equestrian-jumping, judo, swimming, modern pentathlon, water polo, sailing and volleyball)

1968 – MEXICO CITY

- 84 athletes (81 men and 3 women)
- 13 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, fencing, football, equestrian-jumping, weightlifting, swimming, water polo, rowing, shooting, sailing and volleyball)

1972 – MUNICH

- 89 athletes (84 men and 5 women)
- 14 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling road, football, equestrian dressage, equestrian-jumping, judo, weightlifting, swimming, rowing, shooting, sailing and volleyball)

1976 – MONTREAL

- 93 athletes (86 men and 7 women)
- 12 sport modalities (athletics, boxing, fencing, football, judo, weightlifting, swimming, rowing, diving, shooting, sailing and volleyball)

1980 – MOSCOW

- 109 athletes (94 men and 15 women)
- 15 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling-road, cycling-track, artistic gymnastics, judo, weightlifting, swimming, rowing, diving, archery, shooting, sailing and volleyball)

1984 – LOS ANGELES

- 151 athletes (129 men and 22 women)
- 20 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, cycling-road, cycling-track, football, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic

gymnastics, equestrian CCE, equestrian-jumping, judo, swimming, synchronized swimming, water polo, rowing, diving, tennis, archery, shooting, sailing and volleyball)

1988 – SEOUL

- 170 athletes (135 men and 35 women)
- 22 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling-road, cycling-track, fencing, football, artistic gymnastics, equestrian-jumping, judo, weightlifting, wrestling, swimming, synchronized swimming, rowing, diving, tennis, table tennis, archery, shooting, sailing and volleyball)

1992 – BARCELONA

- 197 athletes (146 men and 51 women)
- 25 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, canoe, cycling-road, fencing, artistic

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gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, handball, equestrian CCE, equestrian-jumping, hockey (demonstration), judo, weightlifting, wrestling, swimming, synchronized swimming, rowing, diving, tennis, table tennis, archery, shooting, sailing and volleyball)

1996 - ATLANTA

- 225 athletes (159 men and 66 women)
- 21 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, canoe, cycling-road, football, artistic gymnastics, handball, equestrian dressage, equestrian CCE, equestrian-jumping, judo, weightlifting, swimming, rowing, tennis, table tennis, shooting, sailing, volleyball and beach volleyball)

2000 - SYDNEY

- 205 athletes (111 men and 94 women)

- 27 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, canoe, cycling-road, cycling-mountain bike, fencing, football, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, handball, equestrian dressage, equestrian CCE, equestrian-jumping, judo, weightlifting, swimming, synchronized swimming, rowing, diving, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, triathlon, sailing, volleyball and beach volleyball)

2004 - ATHENS

- 247 athletes (125 men and 122 women)
- 29 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, canoe, cycling-road, cycling-mountain bike, fencing, football, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, handball, equestrian dressage, equestrian CCE, equestrian-jumping, judo, wrestling, swimming, synchronized swimming, modern pentathlon, rowing,



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diving, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, shooting, triathlon, sailing, volleyball and beach volleyball)

2008 - BEIJING

- 277 athletes (144 men and 133 women)
- 32 sport modalities (athletics, basketball, boxing, canoe-flat water, canoe-slalom, cycling-road, cycling-mountain bike, fencing, football, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, handball, equestrian dressage, equestrian CCE, equestrian-jumping, judo, weightlifting, wrestling, swimming, synchronized swimming, modern pentathlon, rowing, diving, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, archery, shooting, triathlon, sailing, volleyball and beach volleyball)

**BRAZIL'S FLAG BEARERS**

Year	City	Athlete	Sport
1920	Antwerp	Afrânio Antônio da Costa	Shooting
1924	Paris	Alfredo Gomes	Athletics
1932	Los Angeles	Antonio Pereira Lira	Athletics
1936	Berlin	Sylvio de Magalhães Padilha	Athletics
1948	London	Sylvio de Magalhães Padilha	Athletics
1952	Helsinki	Mario Jorge da Fonseca Hermes	Basketball
1956	Melbourne	Wilson Bombarda	Basketball
1960	Rome	Adhemar Ferreira da Silva	Athletics
1964	Tokyo	Wlamir Marques	Basketball
1968	Mexico City	João Gonçalves Filho	Water Polo
1972	Munich	Luiz Cláudio Menon	Basketball
1976	Montreal	João Carlos de Oliveira	Athletics
1980	Moscow	João Carlos de Oliveira	Athletics
1984	Los Angeles	Eduardo Souza Ramos	Sailing
1988	Seoul	Walter Carmona	Judo
1992	Barcelona	Aurélio Fernandes Miguel	Judo
1996	Atlanta	Joaquim Carvalho Cruz	Athletics
2000	Sydney	Sandra Pires	Beach Volleyball
2004	Athens	Torben Grael	Sailing
2008	Beijing	Robert Scheidt	Sailing

BRAZIL'S 91 MEDALS

Olympic Games	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1920	1	1	1	3
1924	-	-	-	-
1932	-	-	-	-
1936	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	1	1
1952	1	-	2	3
1956	1	-	-	1
1960	-	-	2	2
1964	-	-	1	1
1968	-	1	2	3
1972	-	-	2	2
1976	-	-	2	2
1980	2	-	2	4
1984	1	5	2	8
1988	1	2	3	6
1992	2	1	-	3
1996	3	3	9	15
2000	-	6	6	12
2004	5	2	3	10
2008	3	4	8	15
TOTAL	20	25	46	91

Brazil did not participate in the 1896, 1900, 1904, 1908, 1912 and 1928 Games



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BRAZIL'S 91 MEDALS PER SPORT MODALITIES

SPORTS	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
SAILING	6	3	7	16
ATHLETICS	4	3	7	14
JUDO	2	3	10	15
BEACH VOLLEYBALL	2	5	2	9
VOLLEYBALL	3	2	2	7
SHOOTING	1	1	1	3
SWIMMING	1	3	7	11
FOOTBALL	-	4	2	6
BASKETBALL	-	1	4	5
EQUESTRIAN	1	-	2	3
TAEKWONDO	0	0	1	1
BOXING	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	20	25	46	91



GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Year	City	Sports	Athlete or Team	Event
1920	Antwerp	Shooting	Guilherme Paraense	Rapid-fire pistol
1952	Helsinki	Athletics	Adhemar Ferreira da Silva	Triple jump
1956	Melbourne	Athletics	Adhemar Ferreira da Silva	Triple jump
1980	Moscow	Sailing	Alex Welter e Lars Björkström	Tornado
1980	Moscow	Sailing	Eduardo Penido e Marcos Soares	470
1984	Los Angeles	Athletics	Joaquim Cruz	800m
1988	Seoul	Judo	Aurêlio Miguel	Half heavyweight
1992	Barcelona	Judo	Rogério Sampaio	Half lightweight
1992	Barcelona	Men's Volleyball	Alexandre Samuel (Tande), Amauri Ribeiro, André Felipe Ferreira (Pampa), Antonio Carlos Gouveia (Carlão), Douglas Chiarotti, Giovane Gávio, Janelson Carvalho, Jorge Edson de Brito, Marcelo Negrão, Mauricio Lima, Paulo André Jukoski (Paulão) and Talmo de Oliveira	
1996	Atlanta	Sailing	Robert Scheidt	Laser
1996	Atlanta	Sailing	Torben Grael and Marcelo Ferreira	Star
1996	Atlanta	Women's Beach Volleyball	Jackie Silva and Sandra Pires	
2004	Athens	Equestrian	Rodrigo Pessoa	Jumping
2004	Athens	Sailing	Robert Scheidt	Laser
2004	Athens	Sailing	Marcelo Ferreira and Torben Grael	Star
2004	Athens	Men's Volleyball	Anderson Rodrigues, André Heller, André Nascimento, Dante Amaral, Gilberto de Godoy (Giba), Giovane Gavio, Gustavo Endres, Mauricio Lima, Nalbert Bitencourt, Ricardo Garcia (Ricardinho), Rodrigo Santana (Rodrigão), Sergio Santos	
2004	Athens	Men's Beach Volleyball	Emanuel Fernando Scheffer Rego e Ricardo Alex Costa Santos	
2008	Beijing	Athletics	Maurren Maggi	Long jump
2008	Beijing	Swimming	Cesar Cielo	50m freestyle
2008	Beijing	Women's Volleyball	Carolina Demartini Albuquerque (Carol), Fabiana Alvim de Oliveira (Fabi), Fabiana Marcelino Claudino, Hêlia Rogério de Souza Pinto (Fofão), Jaqueline Maria Pereira de Carvalho, Marianne Steinbrecher (Mari), Paula Renata Marques Pequeno, Sheilla Tavares Castro, Thaísa Daher de Menezes, Valeska dos Santos Menezes (Valeskinha), Waleswska Moreira de Oliveira, Wélissa de Souza Gonzaga (Sassá)	

**SILVER MEDAL WINNERS**

Year	City	Sports	Athlete or Team	Event
1920	Antwerp	Shooting	Afrânio Costa	Free pistol
1968	Mexico City	Athletics	Nelson Prudêncio	Triple jump
1984	Los Angeles	Men's Football	Ademir Kaefer, André Luiz Ferreira, Antonio José Gil, Augilmar Oliveira (Gilmar Popoca), Carlos Caetano Verri (Dunga), Davi Cortez Silva, Francisco Carlos Vidal, Gilmar Rinaldi, João Leiehardt Neto (Kita), Jorge Luiz Brum (Pinga), Luiz Carlos Winck, Luiz Henrique Diaz, Mauro Galvão, Milton Cruz, Paulo Santos, Ronaldo Moraes e Silva e Silvio Paiva	
1984	Los Angeles	Judo	Douglas Vieira	Half heavyweight
1984	Los Angeles	Swimming	Ricardo Prado	400m medley
1984	Los Angeles	Sailing	Torben Grael, Daniel Adler e Ronaldo Senfit	Soling
1984	Los Angeles	Men's Volleyball	Amauri Ribeiro, Antonio Carlos Gueiros Ribeiro (Badalhoca), Bernard Rajzman, Bernardo Rocha de Rezende (Bernardinho), Domingos Lampariello Neto (Maracanã), Fernando Roscio de Avilla (Fernandão), José Montanaro Júnior, Marcus Vinicius Freire, Mário Xandó Oliveira Neto, Renan Dal Zotto, Ruy Nascimento e William Carvalho da Silva	
1988	Seoul	Athletics	Joaquim Cruz	800m
1988	Seoul	Men's Football	Ademir Kaefer, Aloísio Pires Alves, André Cruz, Claudio Taffarel, Edmar dos Santos, Geovani Silva, Hamilton de Souza (Careca), Iomar de Nascimento (Mazinho), João Batista Santos, Jorge de Amorim Campos, Jorge Luiz Andrade da Silva, José Carlos C. Araújo, José Ferreira Neto, José da Gama de Oliveira (Bebeto), Luiz Carlos Winck, Milton Luiz de Souza Filho, Romário de Souza Faria e Sergio Donizetti (João Paulo)	
1992	Barcelona	Swimming	Gustavo Borges	100m freestyle
1996	Atlanta	Women's Basketball	Adriana dos Santos, Alessandra de Oliveira, Cíntia dos Santos (Cíntia Tuiú), Claudia Maria Pastor, Hortência de Fátima Oliva, Janeth Arcain, Leila Sobral, Maria Angélica G. da Silva (Branca), Maria Paula G. da Silva, Marta Sobral, Roseli do Carmo e Sílvia Luz (Silvinha)	
1996	Atlanta	Swimming	Gustavo Borges	200m freestyle
1996	Atlanta	Beach Volleyball	Mônica and Adriana	
2000	Sydney	Athletics	Vicente Lenilson, Edson Luciano, André Domingos and Claudinei Quirino	4x100m relay Men
2000	Sydney	Judo	Carlos Honorato	Half heavyweight
2000	Sydney	Judo	Tiago Camilo	Lightweight
2000	Sydney	Sailing	Robert Scheidt	Laser

**SILVER MEDAL WINNERS (CONTINUED)**

Year	City	Sports	Athlete or Team	Event
2000	Sydney	Women's Beach Volleyball	Adriana Behar and Shelda Bede	
2000	Sydney	Men's Beach Volleyball	Zê Marco e Ricardo	
2004	Athens	Women's Football	Aline Pellegrino, Andréia dos Santos (Maycon), Andréia Suntaque, Cristiane Rozeira de Souza Silva, Daniela Alves Lima, Dayanne de Fátima Rocha, Delma Gonçalves (Pretinha), Elaine Estrela Moura, Grazielle Pinheiro Guimarães Nascimento, Juliana Ribeiro Cabral, Kelly Cristina Pereira da Silva, Marlisa Walbrink (Maravilha), Marta Vieira da Silva, Miraildes Maciel Mota (Formiga), Mônica Angélica de Paula, Renata Aparecida da Costa, Rosana dos Santos Augusto, Roseli de Belo, Tânia Maria Pereira Ribeiro	
2004	Athens	Women's Beach Volleyball	Adriana Behar and Shelda Bede	
2008	Beijing	Women's Football	Andreia dos Santos (Maycon), Andreia Rosa de Andrade, Andreia Suntaque, Bárbara Micheline do Monte Barbosa, Cristiane Rozeira de Souza Silva, Daniela Alves Lima, Delma Gonçalves (Pretinha), Erika Cristiano dos Santos, Ester Aparecida dos Santos, Francielle Manoel Alberto, Marta Vieira da Silva, Miraildes Maciel Motta (Formiga), Raquel Lopes de Farias, Renata Aparecida da Costa, Rosana dos Santos Augusto, Simone Gomes Jatobá, Tania Maria Pereira Ribeiro, Thais Helena da Silva	
2008	Beijing	Sailing	Bruno Prada and Robert Scheidt	Star
2008	Beijing	Men's Beach Volleyball	Fabio Luiz e Márcio Araújo	
2008	Beijing	Men's Volleyball	Anderson de Oliveira Rodrigues, André Heller, André Nascimento, Bruno Mossa Rezende, Dante Guimarães Santos do Amaral, Gilberto Amauri de Godoy Filho, Gustavo Endres, Marcelo Elgarten (Marcelinho), Murilo Endres, Rodrigo Santana (Rodrigão), Samuel Fuchs, Sergio Dutra dos Santos	

**BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS**

Year	City	Sports	Athlete or Team	Event
1920	Antwerp	Shooting	Afrânio Costa, Dario Barbosa, Fernando Soledade, Guilherme Paraense and Sebsatião Wolf	Free pistol (team)
1948	London	Men's Basketball	Affonso Évora, Alberto Marson, Alexandre Gemignani, Alfredo da Motta, Guilherme Rodrigues, João Francisco Brás, Luis Benvenuti, Marcus Vinicius Dias, Massinet Sorcinelli, Nilton de Oliveira, Ruy de Freitas and Zenny de Azevedo (Algodão)	
1952	Helsinki	Athletics	José Telles da Conceição	High jump
1952	Helsinki	Swimming	Tetsuo Okamoto	1500m Freestyle
1960	Rome	Men's Basketball	Amaury Passos, Antonio Succar, Carlos Massoni (Mosquito), Carmo de Souza (Rosabranca), Edson Bispo dos Santos, Fernando Pereira de Freitas, Jatyr Eduardo Schall, Moyses Blas, Waldemar Blatkauskas, Waldir Boccardo, Wlamir Marques and Zenny de Azevedo (Algodão)	
1960	Rome	Swimming	Manuel dos Santos Junior	100m freestyle
1964	Tokyo	Men's Basketball	Antonio Succar, Carlos Massoni (Mosquito), Carmo de Souza (Rosabranca), Edson Bispo dos Santos, Friedrich Braun, Jatyr Eduardo Schall, José Edvar Simões, Sergio Toledo Machado, Ubiratan Pereira, Victor Mirshawka and Wlamir Marques	
1968	Mexico City	Boxing	Servilio de Oliveira	Flyweight
1968	Mexico City	Sailing	Burkhard Cordes and Reinaldo Conrad	Flying Dutchman
1972	Munich	Athletics	Nelson Prudêncio	Triple jump
1972	Munich	Judo	Chiaki Ishii	Half middleweight
1976	Montreal	Athletics	João Carlos de Oliveira	Triple jump
1976	Montreal	Sailing	Peter Ficker and Reinaldo Conrad	Flying Dutchman
1980	Moscow	Athletics	João Carlos de Oliveira	Triple jump
1980	Moscow	Swimming	Cyro Delgado, Djan Madruga, Jorge Fernandes and Marcus Mattioli	4x200m Freestyle relay Men
1984	Los Angeles	Judo	Walter Carmona	Middleweight
1984	Los Angeles	Judo	Luís Onmura	Lightweight
1988	Seoul	Athletics	Robson Caetano	200m
1988	Seoul	Sailing	Lars Grael and Clínio Freitas	Tornado

**BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS (CONTINUED)**

Year	City	Sports	Athlete or Team	Event
1988	Seoul	Sailing	Torben Grael and Nelson Falcão	Star
1996	Atlanta	Athletics	Arnaldo Oliveira, Edson Luciano, Robson Caetano and André Domingos	4x100m Freestyle relay Men
1996	Atlanta	Men's Football	Aldair Santos, Alexandre da Silva Mariano (Amaral), André Luiz Moreira, Danrlei Hinterhloz, Flávio Conceição, José Elias Moedim Junior, José Marcelo Ferreira (Zé Maria), José Roberto Gama Oliveira (Bebeto), Luiz Carlos Goulart (Luizão), Marcelo José de Souza (Marcelinho Paulista), Nelson de Jesus Silva (Dida), Oswaldo Giroldo Junior (Juninho), Rivaldo Ferreira, Roberto Carlos Silva, Ronaldo Nazário Lima and Sávio Bortolini	
1996	Atlanta	Equestrian	Álvaro Afonso de Miranda, André Johannpeter, Luiz Felipe de Azevedo and Rodrigo Pessoa	Jumping (team)
1996	Atlanta	Judo	Aurêlio Miguel	Half heavyweight
1996	Atlanta	Judo	Henrique Guimarães	Half lightweight
1996	Atlanta	Swimming	Fernando Scherer	50m Freestyle
1996	Atlanta	Swimming	Gustavo Borges	100m Freestyle
1996	Atlanta	Sailing	Lars Grael and Kiko Pellicano	Tornado
1996	Atlanta	Women's Volleyball	Ana Flavio Sanglard, Ana Margarida Alvares (Ida), Ana Moser, Ana Paula Connely, Ericléia Bodziak (Filó), Fernanda Venturini, Hélia Rogério de Souza (Fofão), Hilma Caldeiras, Leila de Barros, Márcia Regina Cunha (Márcia Fu), Sandra Maria Suruagy and Virna Dantas Dias	
2000	Sydney	Women's Basketball	Adriana dos Santos, Adriana Moisés (Adrianinha), Alessandra Oliveira, Cíntia dos Santos (Cíntia Tuiú), Claudia das Neves (Claudinha), Helen Luz, Lisaine Karen David, Janeth Arcain, Lílian Gonçalves, Marta Sobral, Kelly Santos and Sílvia Luz (Silvinha)	
2000	Sydney	Equestrian	Álvaro Afonso de Miranda Neto, André Johannpeter, Luiz Felipe de Azevedo and Rodrigo Pessoa.	Jumping (team)
2000	Sydney	Swimming	Carlos Jayme, Edvaldo Valério, Fernando Scherer and Gustavo Borges	4x100m Freestyle relay men
2000	Sydney	Sailing	Torben Grael and Marcelo Ferreira	Star
2000	Sydney	Women's Volleyball	Elisângela Oliveira, Érika Kelly, Hélia Rogéria de Souza (Fofão), Janina Conceição, Karin Rodrigues, Kátia Lopes, Kelly Fraga, Leila Barros, Raquel Peluci, Ricarda Raquel Barbosa, Virna Dias and Waleska Oliveira	
2000	Sydney	Beach Volleyball	Adriana Samuel and Sandra Pires	
2004	Athens	Athletics	Vanderlei Cordeiro de Lima	Men's marathon
2004	Athens	Judo	Leandro Guilheiro	Lightweight

**BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS (CONTINUED)**

Year	City	Sports	Athlete or Team	Event
2004	Athens	Judo	Flavio Canto	Half middleweight
2008	Beijing	Men's Football	Alex Sandro da Silva, Alexandre Rodrigues da Silva (Pato), Anderson Hernanes de Carvalho Andrade Lima, Anderson Luis de Abreu Oliveira, Breno Vinicius Borges, Diego Alves Carreira, Diego Ribas da Cunha, Ilson Pereira Dias Junior (Ilsinho), João Alves de Assis Silva (Jô), Lucas Pezzini Leiva, Marcelo Vieira, Marcio Rafael Ferreira de Souza (Rafinha), Rafael Augusto Sobis, Ramires Santos do Nascimento, Renan Brito Soares, Ronaldo de Assis Moreira (Ronaldinho Gaúcho), Thiago Emiliano Silva and Thiago Neves	
2008	Beijing	Judo	Ketleyn Quadros	Lightweight
2008	Beijing	Judo	Leandro Guilherme	Lightweight
2008	Beijing	Judo	Tiago Camilo	Half middleweight
2008	Beijing	Judo	Cesar Cielo	100m freestyle
2008	Beijing	Taekwondo	Natalia Falavigna	+67kg
2008	Beijing	Sailing	Fernanda Oliveira and Isabel Swan	470
2008	Beijing	Beach Volleyball	Emanuel Rêgo and Ricardo Santos	
2008	Pequim	Vela	Fernanda Oliveira and Isabel Swan	470
2008	Pequim	Vôlei de praia	Emanuel Rêgo and Ricardo Santos	



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- Adhemar Ferreira da Silva (triple jump), Giovane Gavio and Maurício Camargo (volleyball), Robert Scheidt, Torben Grael and Marcelo Ferreira (sailing) are the Brazilian two-times Olympic champions. Adhemar won the gold medal at Helsinki 1952 and Melbourne 1956 Olympic Games. Giovane and Mauricio conquered the gold in Barcelona 1992 and Athens 2004. Robert Scheidt won the gold in Atlanta 1996 and Athens 2004 in the Laser class. The twosome Torben Grael / Marcelo Ferreira conquered the gold medal in Atlanta 1996 and Athens 2004.
- The triple jump is the event with the highest number of Olympic medals for Brazil. They account for a total of 6: two gold ones with Adhemar Ferreira da Silva in Helsinki 1952 and Melbourne 1956; one silver medal with Nelson Prudêncio at the Mexico City Games in 1968, and three bronze medals - one with Nelson Prudêncio in Munich 1972 and two with João Carlos de Oliveira in Montreal 1976 and Moscow 1980.
- In Melbourne 1956 for the first time a Brazilian father and his son participated of the same edition of the Olympic Games: José Aristides Jofre, the boxing coach commanded his son Éder who didn't win a medal then but would become a world champion in two different categories.
- The sailor Robert Scheidt is the only Brazilian athlete to reach the podium at four consecutive Olympic Games editions, with two gold medals and two silver ones.
- The rider Rodrigo Pessoa and the table tennis player Hugo Hoyama will compete in the Olympic Games for the sixth consecutive time. Both made their debut at the Barcelona Games in 1992 and in London they will match the mark obtained by the yachtsman Torben Grael, up to now the Brazilian athlete with the highest number of Olympic participations and with the greatest number of medals – five (two gold, one silver and two bronze ones).
- At the Beijing Olympic Games 2008 Brazil reached the podium for the first time at an individual female event with the young judo athlete Ketleyn Quadros who won the bronze medal in the lightweight category. This feat was repeated by Natalia Falavigna of the taekwondo with the third place (bronze) in the - 67kg category and by Maurren Maggi, gold medal in athletics with the long jump.
- Out of the 91 Brazilian medals in the Brazilian Olympic history, sixteen were obtained by women. Three gold ones in athletics and in volleyball in Beijing 2008 and in the beach volleyball in Atlanta 1996. The six silver medals were: two in beach volleyball and basketball in Atlanta 1996, one in beach volleyball in Sydney 2000, two in beach volleyball and football in Athens 2004 and one in football



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- in Beijing 2008. The seven bronze medals were: one in volleyball in Atlanta 1996, three in Sydney 2000 in volleyball, basketball and beach volleyball and three in Beijing 2008 in sailing, judo and taekwondo.
- Beach volleyball has won medals for Brazil at all the editions since it began to compete in the Olympic Program. In Atlanta 1996 Jacqueline Silva and Sandra Pires won the gold medal at the first Olympic finals totally with Brazilian athletes – the twosome beat Adriana Samuel and Monica Rodrigues who finished with the silver medal. In Sydney 2000 Adriana Behar and Shelda and Zé Marco and Ricardo won two more silver medals and a bronze one (Adriana Samuel and Sandra Pires). In Athens 2004 Emanuel and Ricardo won the gold medal and Adriana Behar and Shelda, the silver one. At Beijing 2008 Fabio Luiz and Marcio won the silver and Emanuel and Ricardo the bronze medals.
 - The football player Formiga will arrive in London for their fifth olympic participation and will join the mark of Helia Fofão – the setter for the Volleyball National Team - who at the Beijing 2008 Games completed her fifth participation, then a record holder among Brazilian female athletes.
 - Ana Luiza Ferrão will put an end to the period of 20 years without a Brazilian female shooter disputing an edition of the Olympic Games. The last one to participate was Tânia Giansante at the Barcelona Olympic Games of 1992.
 - Brazil will take the largest delegation of its history in the men's boxing modality at the same edition of the Olympic Games with seven boxers, and for the first time, will participate with three female fighters.
 - Since the Sydney Olympic Games with Maria Elizabete Jorge, the Brazilian delegation did not count with a female participation in the weightlifting modality. In London, Jaqueline Ferreira will represent the Country.
 - Ana Sátilla, the canoe athlete who just turned 16 on March 13th will be the youngest member of the Brazilian delegation at the London Olympic Games 2012.



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