



## Sophie Smith



### **Personal Details**

**Given name:** Sophie

**Family name:** Smith

**Date of birth:** 26/02/86

**City of birth:** Brisbane, QLD

**Height:** 181cm

**Weight:** 67kg

**Marital status:** Single

**Home town and State:** Brisbane, QLD

**National League team:** KFC Queensland Breakers

**International debut:** Test Series v New Zealand, 2005

**Uni Course:** Bachelor of Creative Industries (Majors in Public Relations and Fashion)

**Institution:** Queensland University of Technology

**Occupation:** Styling Assistant, Make Up Artist

**Age when began competing in your sport:** 13

**Where did you begin competing:** Brisbane Girls Grammar School

**Preferred cap number:** 3

**Playing position:** Centre Back/Driver





**Handedness:** Right

**Major achievements:** 3rd, Olympic Games, London, England, 2012

2nd, FINA World League Finals, Shanghai, China, 2012

1st, London Test Event, London, England, 2012

1st, Water Polo Pan Pacs, Melbourne, Australia, 2012

1st, Canada Cup, Montreal, Canada, 2011

5th, FINA World Championships, Shanghai, China, 2011

3rd, World Super League Finals, 2011

2nd, FINA World Cup, Christchurch, New Zealand, 2010

2nd, FINA World League Finals, USA, 2010

**Most memorable sporting achievement:** My first major international FINA event at the World Championships in Rome, 2009 and winning bronze at the London Olympics in 2012

**Any relatives/spouses who have competed internationally:** Ryan Hoffman, cousin

**If so, who and what sports:** Plays in the NRL for the Melbourne Storm and Kangaroos

**Any relatives/spouses who are famous for things other than water polo:** My dad is the doctor for the Queensland Reds Super 15 Team

**What made you choose this sport:** When I was in year 7 my high school for the following year, Brisbane Girls Grammar, sent out letters to all the incoming year 8's for the next year to come and try out for the school water polo team. I thought it would be a fun alternative to swimming and a great way to meet some friends before starting year 8 at a new school

**Who is the most influential person in your sporting career and why:** Mum and dad are very influential as they are my emotional support; they are my greatest fans and my inspiration

**Which person do you most look up to in your sporting career and why:** No one person in particular. I admire athletes that train hard and are determined. The girls in the Aussie squad are all people I admire and respect as we all have a good work ethic and push each other to both continually improve and perform

**What are your ambitions both during and after your sporting career:** The London Olympics is of course the main goal and to win a medal. After that I'm not sure what I plan on doing after 2012. But aside from water polo, I would like to finish my university degree, move to Sydney and pursue a career in Public Relations, Fashion or Communications. I haven't decided which area I enjoy the most yet

**I dream of:** Pursuing a career I enjoy, having a happy and healthy family and a life filled with travel, good food and great wine. I would also like to be able to help young people, animals and/or the environment. I am yet to decide on an angle or a way, which would be most beneficial

**What is your proudest sporting moment:** Winning bronze at the London Olympics in 2012





### **Favourites**

**Drink:** A good coffee

**Food:** Seafood

**Movies:** Dirty Dancing and Love Actually

**Songs:** No one song in particular. It depends on my mood

**Sporting team:** Super 15 Rugby Union

**Place to travel for water polo:** Italy

**Place to travel for pleasure:** My family's unit at Main Beach, Gold Coast

**Thing to do on a day off:** Cook, meet friends for coffee, spend time with my sister and mum

### **Choices**

**Beach / Movie:** Beach

**Pizza / Salad:** Pizza

**Rap / Rock:** Rap

**Summer / Winter:** Summer

**Drive / Be driven:** Drive

**Talk / Listen:** Talk

**Shorts / Jeans:** Shorts

**Do you have any Tattoos/Piercings and what's the meaning behind them:** I have a tattoo on my right heel, which says "Accredo" meaning Latin for "to believe". I always wanted a tattoo and I decided this was an appropriate word. Water polo has been a big part of my life for many years and it requires a lot of self-belief. My tattoo is a way I will remember this time in my life

