

Born to Run

Marion Jones, the world's fastest woman, has a chance for 5 gold medals in Sydney.

By Marni Greenberg

All eyes are on Marion Jones at the 2000 Olympics. She's already the World's Fastest Woman, a title she claimed by winning the 100-meter final at the World Championships in Athens in 1997. "She started crying right away," her husband C.J. Hunter told an interviewer. "It was quick though. It was Marion. She even cries fast."

Sport: Sprints and long jump

Age: 24

Height: 5' 9"

Weight: 150 lbs.

Born: October 12, 1975 in Los Angeles, Calif.

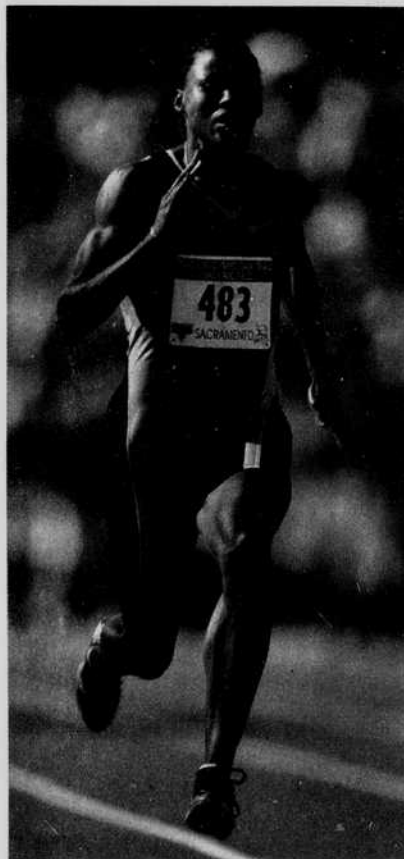
College: Graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1997 with a B.A. in Communications

Married: Shot putter C.J. Hunter on October 3, 1998

Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina

Goals: 5 gold medals at the Sydney 2000 Olympics—accomplished only once before (Finnish runner Paavo Nurmi, in Paris in 1924)

Coach: Trevor Graham, a Jamaican Olympian



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Trains: Only with men, including 400-meter star Antonio Pettigrew

Income: Earned nearly \$750,000 in prize money in her last two meets alone last season

Three-Peat: First woman in 50 years to win the 100-meter and 200-meter dash and long jump at the USA Championships.

Speed: Clocked a best time of 10.65 seconds in the 100 and 21.62 in the 200—both in Johannesburg.

Record: Undefeated in every competition since her last one of the year in 1998, when Heike Drechsler of Germany beat her in the World Cup long jump. •

Ones to Watch

These students just happen to be Olympic athletes—watch for them in Sydney.

by Erin Dionne

Jenny Keim

U.S. Olympic Diving Team
University of Miami

Sydney marks Jenny Keim's second visit to the Olympics. The first time, at age 16, she placed 9th on the springboard in Atlanta. A University of Miami senior, Keim actually retired from diving after the 1996 games, and only took it up again when she was offered a scholarship to Miami. "I figured that it would be a great way to get through school, but I never at that point had any dream of [going back to the Olympics]. But once I was on the boards again...you can't just dive and not give it your all."

This year she's diving in the 3-meter springboard competition, and as the 2000 NCAA National Champion in the 10-meter platform, she has the experience to bring home a medal.



Ed Moses

U.S. Olympic Swimming Team
University of Virginia

Ed Moses started taking his swimming seriously as a high school senior, when he won the 1998 Junior National Championship in the 100-yard breaststroke. In the two years since he's raced to the top of his sport, breaking world records three times at the 2000 NCAA Championships. Currently a student at the University of Virginia (majoring in athletic training), Moses takes to the water in Sydney in the 100m and 200m breaststroke. His sights are set on success.

"As far as my expectations for Sydney, they haven't changed. I went to Virginia this year expecting a gold in Sydney."



Lorrie Fair

U.S. Olympic Soccer Team
University of North Carolina

She was the youngest person on *that* team. At 21, Lorrie Fair helped make history as part of the 1999 Women's World Cup team, and she was the only member of the team to have—and take—her last year of NCAA eligibility that fall. She played for the North Carolina Tar Heels and helped them to a total of three NCAA Championships in her four years. Fair was an alternate for the Olympic team in Atlanta, so the Sydney games will be her first time playing for gold.

When she was 13, Fair received an autographed poster of Michelle Akers, the now-retired star of women's soccer. The picture still hangs above her bed. "Michelle was the only girl role model I had," Fair said.

Now she's the role model.

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