



Name: Brittney Griner
Sport: Basketball

Biography:

Brittney Griner proved herself to be the most dominating female athlete of 2011-12. The 6-8 center led Baylor University to the 2012 NCAA National Championship and an unprecedented 40-0 record, a feat no other basketball team, men's or women's, had ever achieved.

In recognition of her leadership and talent, she earned every women's basketball national player of the year honor, including the Wooden Award, Wade Trophy, Naismith Trophy, Associated Press Player of the Year, Ann Meyers Drysdale (USBWA) Player of the Year, ESPN Player of the Year, Big 12 Player of the Year, National Defensive Player of the Year and Big 12 Player and Defensive Player of the Year. In addition, she was the Most Outstanding Player of the 2012 Final Four, the Des Moines NCAA Regional and Big 12 Championship.

Other honors came her way as well, as she was the recipient of the Honda Cup, which recognizes the most outstanding player among all of the women's collegiate sports. She won two ESPYs, one for Most Outstanding Female Athlete and the other for Most Outstanding Female Collegiate Athlete.

Griner was the lone collegiate player to make the USA Basketball roster but withdrew her name from consideration to attend summer classes to stay on track to graduate with her class (May 2013).

As a junior, Griner averaged 23.2 points, 9.5 rebounds and 5.2 blocks per game. She shot an impressive .609 from the floor and was .800 from the free throw line. After completing her junior season, with 599 career blocks to her credit, Griner needed only 64 blocks to break the NCAA blocked shot record, men's and women's. On Jan. 26, 2013, she surpassed the record, rejecting eight shots vs. Oklahoma.

Beside her ability to score, rebound and block shots, Griner has brought additional awareness to the women's game with her ability to dunk. She threw down two dunks during the 2011-12 season, bringing her collegiate total to seven. She has added four more this season, extending her NCAA record to 11.

