
USA GYMNASTICS
Rhythmic **National Team**

Mary Sanders

2004 Olympian

2004 U.S. National All-Around, Hoop and Ball Champion

2004 Pacific Alliance Championships All-Around and all events Champion

2003 World Championships All-Around, Hoop and Clubs Finalist

2003 Pan American Games All-Around Gold Medalist

2003 U.S. National All-Around, Ball, Clubs, Hoop and Ribbon Champion

2002 U.S. National All-Around, Rope, Hoop, Ball, and Clubs Champion



Hometown: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Residence: Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Date/Place of Birth: August 26, 1985/Toronto
Club: Ritmika
Coach: Mimi Masleva
School: York Mills Collegiate Institute
Year in School: Graduated May '02
Began Gymnastics: 1996
Favorite Event: Ball
Years on National Team: 3 (2002-04)

Personal Info

Sanders is the only daughter of Jaci Sanders. She has two older brothers, Matt (6/26/82) and Mike (10/11/83). Her favorite subject in school is English and she enjoys reading Shakespeare. Sanders is a dual citizen of the United States and Canada. Her father, Fred, was the 1963 NCAA Trampoline runner-up and Big Ten champion. She was a five-time member of the Canadian National Gymnastics Team. Her gymnastics goals are to work hard and to make her father proud. Sanders is interested in a future in sports therapy, modeling, and media. She recently began training with Cirque do Soleil in Montreal.

International Competition (Competed for Canada 2001-02)

- 2004 Olympic Games, Athens, GRE; 15th - AA
- 2004 Pacific Alliance Championships, Honolulu, Hawaii; 1st-AA and all four events
- 2004 Athens Olympic Test Event, Athens, GRE; 9th AA
- 2004 Internationaux De Gymnastique Rythmique De Thiais, FRA, 8th – AA
- 2004 Julieta Shishmanova International Rhythmic Gymnastics Tournament; BUL, 2nd – AA
- 2004 Corbeil-Essonnes, FRA; 7th - AA
- 2003 World Championships, Budapest, HUN; 10th-AA, 7th-Hoop, 7th-Clubs
- 2003 Vitry Cup, Zaragoza, ESP; 12th-AA
- 2003 Pan American Games, Santo Domingo, DOM; 1st-AA, 1st-Hoop, 1st-Ball, 1st-Clubs, 1st-Ribbon
- 2003 International Tournament of Rhythmic Gymnastics, Corbeil-Essonnes, FRA; 9th-AA
- 2003 International Tournament for the Prize of Julieta Shishmanova, Bourgas, BUL; 3rd-AA, 1st-Clubs, 2nd-Ball, 3rd-Hoop, 3rd-Ribbon
- 2002 Senior Pacific Alliance Championships, British Columbia, CAN; 1st-AA
- 2002 Thiais Grand Prix, Thiais, FRA; 12th-Clubs
- 2001 World Championships, Madrid, ESP; 18th-AA
- 2001 Four Continents Championships, Curitiba, BRA; 1st-AA

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National Competition

- 2004 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, San Jose, Calif.; 1st-AA
- 2004 Visa U.S. Championships, Nashville, Tenn.; 1st- AA, 1st- Ball, 1st- Hoop
- 2004 Rhythmic Challenge, Colorado Springs, CO; 1st - AA
- 2003 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Milwaukee, Wis.; 1st-AA, 1st-Ball, 1st-Clubs, 1st-Hoop, 1st-Ribbon
- 2003 Rhythmic Challenge, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 1st-AA
- 2002 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Cleveland, Ohio; 1st-AA, 1st-Rope, 1st-Hoop, 1st-Ball, 1st-Clubs
- 2002 Canadian National Championships, Calgary, CAN; 1st-AA
- 2002 Elite Canada Championships, Toronto, CAN; 1st-AA
- 2001 Canadian National Championships, Toronto, CAN; 1st-AA
- 2001 Elite Canada Championships, Edmonton, CAN; 1st-AA