

Women In Sports

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Panel Biographies



Tai Dillard is Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Houston. She was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She played collegiate basketball and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. The highlight of her college career was playing in the NCAA Women's Final Four in 2003. After playing collegiately, Tai played in the WNBA for the San Antonio Silver Stars for 3 years, and also played professional basketball overseas in the Israeli Premier Basketball League in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Once her playing career was over, Tai began coaching at her alma mater, Sam Houston High School where she coached cross-country, basketball and track. In 2007 she began coaching collegiately at the University of Texas at San Antonio. During her time there she was a part of two Southland Conference Tournament Championships and one Southland Conference Championship. Following UTSA, Tai had coaching stops at the University of Southern California and The University of Mississippi before coming to the University of Houston.



Debbie Ferguson-McKenzie is the women's sprints and hurdles coach for the Track and Field Program at the University of Houston. Debbie was born and raised in the Bahamas, and attended the University of Georgia, where she was an NCAA champion before graduating in 1999.

Debbie is a ten-time Bahamas national champion in the 100 and 200 meter sprints. She was awarded the Austin Sealy Trophy for the most outstanding athlete of the 1995 CARIFTA Games. Debbie has represented the Bahamas at five Olympic Games--Atlanta 1996, Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, and London 2012. She is a three-time Olympic medalist and four-time world championship medalist.

Outside the track, Debbie has built a charitable reputation serving as a motivational speaker, a mentor and teen pregnancy counselor. She has worked with the Willamae Pratt Center for Girls, the Simpson Penn Center for Boys, and the Bahamas Humane Society. Debbie has also served as a member of the IAAF Athlete's Commission and was nominated as a Goodwill Ambassador of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.



Tania Ganguli covers the Houston Texans as the only woman among ESPN's 32 NFL Nation beat reporters. She breaks news, reports on the team daily for ESPN.com and occasionally provides television reports. Previously she worked at the Houston Chronicle, after spending six years in Florida covering the high schools, auto racing and professional basketball and football. She is a graduate of Northwestern University who grew up in southern California and was delighted, upon moving to Houston, to move back to a place with tasty Mexican food.



Heidi Burge Horton is an American former professional women's basketball player. Heidi and Heather Burge have had an interesting life so far. Heidi, and her twin sister, Heather, played for the University of Virginia women's basketball team, where she led the team to three Atlantic Coast Conference Championships and Final Four Championships and in 1990, 1991, and 1992. She was also asked to play for the USA U18 and U19 basketball teams, winning a gold medal at the 1990 US Olympic Festival. She graduated from the University of Virginia in 1993 with degrees in Spanish and Communications.

Between 1993 and 1997, Heidi played overseas in France, Hungary, Italy, and Greece. She returned to the United States to play A for the LA Sparks and the Washington Mystics. After her professional career, Heidi moved to Houston where she is a Licensed Massage Therapist. She also serves as the director and head coach for the Hoops School. Until 2008, Heidi and her twin sister Header were recognized by Guinness World Records as the "Tallest Female Identical Twins in the World." In 2002, Disney Channel released *Double Teamed*, a movie based on their lives.



Bianca Moreno Henninger is the goalkeeper for the Houston Dash. She attended Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose, California where she was an NSCAA All-American in 2006 and 2007. She was named a Parade Magazine All-American in 2007 and 2008. Moreno Henninger attended Santa Clara University and was named first All-West Coast Conference team in her junior and senior years.

On February 7, 2013, Bianca was drafted by FC Kansas City for the inaugural season of the National Women's Soccer League. On January 13, 2014, she was traded to the Houston Dash. Bianca was named Player of the Week for week 7 of the 2015 NWSL season after recording eight saves in a 1–0 Houston win over Portland.

Bianca was a member of the 2010 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup U.S. squad that was eliminated in the quarterfinals. She also played in all 5 games for the Gold-Medal winning U.S. team in the 2010 CONCACAF U20 World Cup qualifying tournament in Guatemala. Bianca played for various U.S. youth teams before 2010, and the U-23's in 2011 and 2012. In January 2016, she was called by the Mexico Women's National Team to play in the for the Four Nations Tournament in China.



Moderator:

Lisa Malosky has been a trailblazing journalist for more than two decades. She was the first female sports anchor at KPRC TV2 in Houston, the first female co-host of the original American Gladiators show and a member of the first, all female network broadcast team for NBC's coverage of the inaugural WNBA season. Currently, Lisa is CEO of Lisa Malosky Productions, LLC where she works with her three time National Emmy award winning cameraman/husband Don Friedell creating videos for corporate, commercial, and nonprofit clients. (www.lisamaloskyproductions.com.)