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1st Black Woman Gold Medalist!

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Alice Coachman

Born: November 09, 1923

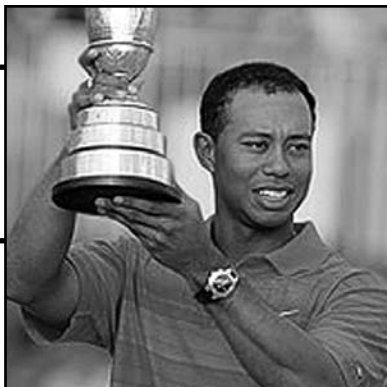
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Alice Coachman was born in Albany, Georgia. She graduated from the Tuskegee Institute and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Overcoming racial segregation, Coachman went on to win 25 AAU track titles and numerous national championships at Tuskegee Institute, mostly in the long jump. She also excelled in the indoor and outdoor 50 m dash and the outdoor 100 m dash. Representing Tuskegee Institute, Coachman ran on the national champion 4 x 4 100-meter relay team in 1941 and 1942. She dominated the AAU outdoor high jump championship from 1939 through 1948, yet was unable to compete in the Olympic Games as they were cancelled in 1940 and 1944 because of World War II. However, **her greatest achievement came in 1948 in London when she became the first black woman to win an Olympic gold medal!** She also happened to be the only American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in 1948 at all. By breaking the race barrier for women, Coachman opened the door for the future black female track stars, including some of the greats, like Wilma Rudolph, Florence Griffith Joyner and Jackie Joyner-Kersey.



Go Tiger!

PRESENT

Tiger Woods

Born: December 30, 1975

Contribution: Sports

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Born Eldrick T. Woods in Cypress, Calif., golf phenom Tiger Woods has had a career nothing short of spectacular. His father, Earl Woods, began teaching his son the game when he was just a year old. In August 1996, Tiger turned pro and immediately was approached by Nike and Titleist to sign endorsement deals worth a total of \$60 million. On the golf course he nearly earned his first million through his play in just eight events. Subsequently he was named Sportsman of the Year by Sports Illustrated magazine. In 1997, at age 21, Tiger became the youngest winner of The Masters tournament, his first major win, setting a record for the largest margin of victory ever at the event (an astounding 12 strokes). He also led the tour in earnings with a record \$2.06 million; and in just his 42nd week as a pro, Woods had claimed the number-one spot in the world golf rankings. In 2003, he passed the career earnings mark of \$40 million, the first player ever to do so. Throughout the course of his illustrious career, Tiger has won 10 Majors, 46 PGA Tournaments, and a combined 36 wins between the Asian Tour, PGA European Tour, World Cup of Golf, and several other unofficial events. He's established several charity organizations, including the Tiger Woods Foundation, a charity that benefits children, which he created with his father.

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