

S STANFORD AND USA SOFTBALL



Jessica Mendoza

John Rittman



Lauren Lappin



Alissa Haber

Stanford softball has a tradition of producing players who go on to compete internationally with the USA Softball program. Over the years, Cardinal players have represented Team USA at such events as the Olympic Games, the U.S. Cup, the ISF World Championships, the Pan Am Games, the World Cup of Softball, the Junior Pan Am Championships, the Junior World Championships, the World University Games, the Japan Cup and the Canada Cup.

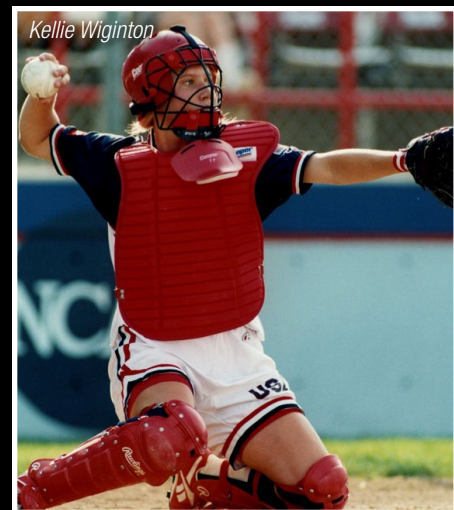
Highlighting Stanford's success are its two Olympians, Jessica Mendoza '02 and Lauren Lappin '06. Mendoza, a veteran outfielder for the USA Team, was a key member of the gold medal-winning team in Athens in 2004 and the silver medal-winning team in Beijing in 2008. Mendoza started every game in left field and hit .333 with two doubles, four home runs and nine RBI over the course of the '08 Games. Lappin, an Olympic alternate as a rising junior at Stanford in 2004, was a key utility player for Team USA in Beijing.

Stanford head coach John Rittman was a member of the USA Team coaching staff from 2001-2008, which included coaching in two Olympic Games. Rittman was an assistant coach for the team that captured gold in Athens in 2004, as well as the team that went 8-1 and took home silver in Beijing in 2008.

Former Stanford players Rosey Neill '10 and Alissa Haber '10 and current Cardinal Ashley Hansen '12 competed on the USA Junior Team that won gold at the 2007 ISF Junior World Championships in Enschede, Netherlands and the 2006 Junior Pan Am Championships in Puerto Rico. Hansen was the only high school player invited to the U.S. Women's National Team selection camp in September 2007.

During the summer of 2010, Haber, Lappin and Mendoza helped the U.S. Women's National Team capture the gold medal at the KFC World Cup of Softball in Oklahoma City. The trio, along with current Cardinal star Hansen, also led the U.S. to the ISF World Championship crown in Caracas, Venezuela. There, Haber set a new record for most RBI in the World Tournament with 18, breaking Mendoza's previous record of 16.

A number of other Stanford players have competed on USA Elite Teams over the years. Catalina Morris '06 was a member of the 2004 and 2005 USA Elite Teams, with teammate Dana Sorensen '04 joining her on the latter squad. Jackie Rinehart '07 competed on the Elite Team in 2004, and won a gold medal at the World University Games in Taiwan in 2006. Kellie Wiginton '00 was a member of the 1995 USA Junior World Team, while Sarah Beeson '02 was a member of numerous USA National Team pools.



Kellie Wiginton