



CELEBRATING WOMEN IN SPORTS

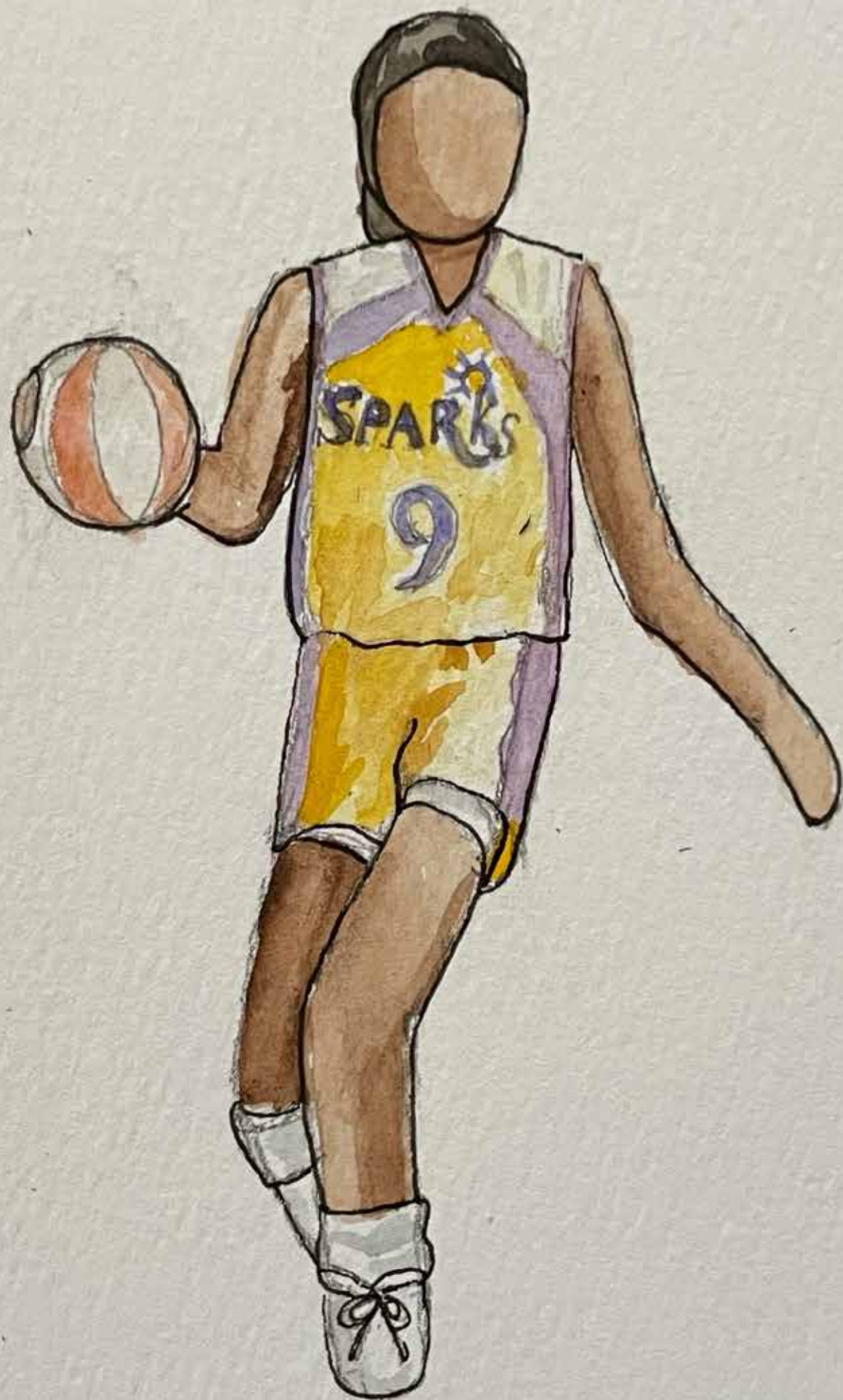
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"We have to build things that we want to see accomplished in life and in our country based on our own personal experiences ... to make sure that others ... do not have to suffer the same discrimination."

-Patsy Mink

Author of Title IX





Basketball

Since Naismith is credited for founding basketball in 1891, women have been playing the game recreationally and at the collegiate level since 1892 at Smith College. Sendra Berenson, "The Mother of Basketball," taught Smith women to play leading to playoff games that drew crowds of 1,200+ fans. Four years later in 1896, Stanford and UC Berkeley played in the first intercollegiate women's basketball game. Could that have foreshadowed Stanford's dominance in the NCAA Women's Division 1 ranks?

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 WomenX Movie Night	13	14	15
16	17 Wolf Moon	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
						Lilly Ledbetter Pay Act Signed into law in 2009
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LISA LESLIE – American Professional Basketball Olympic Champion
B. July 7, 1972

Lisa Leslie's slam dunk during her 2002 season with the WNBA Sparks was heard around the world. She is the first woman in WNBA history to do what men thought was impossible, representing the pinnacle of athletic prowess in the game. Lisa, who stood out as a 6-foot tall, left-handed middle schooler, started playing basketball to feel more included. She trained herself to play with her right hand and this set her on a path of becoming one of the few ambidextrous players in the WNBA. First representing Team USA, Lisa went on to bring home 4 Olympic golds (1996, 2000, 2004, 2008) and two FIBA World Championships (1998, 2002), and was also named WNBA MVP three times. She now dedicates her life to advancing this sport for the next generation as a coach of a BIG3 league team and as an owner of the Sparks.

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"I knew early on that I'd be the best because that is the goal I set for myself." - L.J.

Football

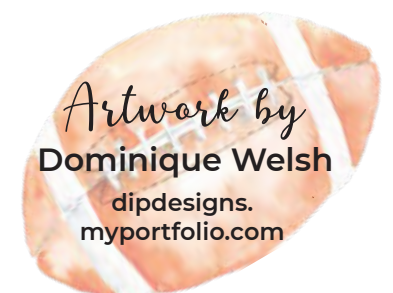
FEBRUARY

Football might arguably be the most popular sport in America, so why does it come as a shock that women have been playing the sport since at least the 1920s? More well-known are the teams that made up the Women's Professional Football League, the first women's semi-pro tackle league founded in 1965. A second league was formed nine years later becoming the National Women's Football League, which included the trailblazing Toledo Troopers who won 7 championships cementing them as the "winningest team in professional football history."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Winter Olympics: Opening Ceremony	5
6	7	8	9 WomenX Movie Night	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Snow Moon	17	18	19 Jessica Long Birthday
20 Winter Olympics: Closing Ceremony	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

LINDA JEFFERSON – *American Football Player*
B. 1972

Linda Jefferson was the greatest running back that we never knew. One of the first female professional football players who joined the Toledo Troopers in 1972. In her first season she ran over 1,300 yards and scored 32 touchdowns. She quickly became the most well-respected player, running five consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. In 2002, she was inducted into the Semi-Pro Football Hall of Fame, becoming the first African American and one of four women to receive this honor. Her six-year winning streak in the National Women's Football League remains a record in both men's and women's professional football.





Women's History Month

MARCH

At the top of every "Greatest Athlete of All Time" lists, you are bound to find the names of American women, some of whom are featured in this calendar despite the fact that women were barred from participation in many sports on both the national and international level well into the 20th century. Women, including 22 American women, participated in their first Olympic games in 1900. Today, America would not dominate at the Olympics without its women athletes. Last summer at the Tokyo Games, women earned 60% of medals for Team USA.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Kelly Dyer-Hayes Birthday	4	5
6	7	8	9 WomenX Movie Night	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Worm Moon	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 SuAnne Big Crow inducted into South Dakota Hall Fame 2017 for winning high school basketball state championship in 1989	26 Ann Meyers Drysdale Birthday
27	28	29	30	31		

BABE DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS – Golf, Basketball, Baseball, and Track and Field Champion
June 26, 1911 to September 27, 1956

Mildred Ella Didrikson Zaharias broke the mold for female athleticism with her petite frame and unparalleled strength and determination. Named one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century, earned her nickname "**Babe**" for hitting five home runs during a childhood baseball game. Competitive in basketball, golf, tennis, baseball, swimming, track, diving, boxing, volleyball, handball, bowling, billiards, skating, and cycling, Babe's drive to be her best in all areas fueled her to defeat her opponents. In the 1932 Olympics, Babe won gold in the 80-metre hurdles and the javeline throw and silver in the high jump. Most well known for her golf wins during the 1950 LPGA inaugural season, Babe set the earnings records for women golfers at \$14,800 and earned a Grand Slam, winning all three major championships.





APRIL

Track & Field

Track and field opened to women athletes through the Amateur Athletic Union in 1922 and the Summer Olympic Games welcomed women to participate starting in 1928. That year, Betty Robinson, a young woman from Chicago, became the fastest woman on Earth winning the 100m dash (12.2 seconds) in world record time at only 16 years old. Decades later Wilma Rudolph became the first American woman to win three track and field gold medals at the Olympic Games in Rome.

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3	4 First Intercollegiate women's basketball game between Stanford and UC Berkeley in 1894 — WNBA Founded in 1996	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 WomenX Movie Night	14	15	16 Pink Moon
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER – American Track and Field Olympian
December 21, 1959 to September 21, 1998

Florence Delorez Griffith Joyner's stride is the epitome of grace. To fully capture “Flo-Jo’s” athletic talents, one must watch her races in slow motion. She is known as the fastest woman of all time in the 200 meter (21.32 seconds) and 100 meter dash (10.49 seconds) holding Olympic and World records for well over three decades. Her strength and speed coupled with her eclectic, fashion-forward personal style is an example of what’s possible when one brings their full self to their life’s work. Her life was cut short at 38 when she suffered a seizure brought on by a previously diagnosed neurological condition leaving us to wonder what other records she would have set?





Hockey

Women's participation in American hockey supposedly predates World War I. There is even a photo of women holding ice hockey sticks at Mount Holyoke in 1896 though competitive women's hockey did not begin until 1916. Stereotypical ideologies that permeated society deterred women away from the sport in the 1920s and 1930s with only isolated groups of women at colleges like Smith and Carleton organizing to play the game. Women's hockey disappeared again during WWII. In 1994, Minnesota became the first state to sanction high school girls to play ice hockey just four years before Women's Ice Hockey became an Olympic sport.

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 WomenX Movie Night	12	13	14 Paris hosts first Olympics featuring women athletes in 1900
15	16 Flower Moon	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Althea Gibson became the first Black woman to win a tennis Grand Slam in 1956	27	28
29	30	31				

KELLY DYER HAYES – *Olympic and Professional Hockey Player*
B. March 3, 1966

Kelly Dyer Hayes is a trailblazing former Team USA women's ice hockey goalie who is an inductee of the Northeastern University athletics Hall of Fame. Her Hall of Fame career, silver medal achievements, and design of women's ice hockey gear have elevated and revolutionized the sport. Hayes was a four-time member of the US women's national ice hockey team (1990, 1991, 1994, and 1995), and has earned three World Championship silver medals. She is also one of only six women to play men's professional ice hockey. Today, she expresses her passions for hockey and helping others by serving on the Surgically Clean Air team, which is a company dedicated to sharing the benefits of medical grade air purification to help protect people's health and daily performance.






Soccer

JUNE

While it is suspected that soccer was incorporated into early collegiate women's physical education, the game's rise amongst women is largely a mystery. Early photos of a women's team at Castleton University from 1966 marks the modern origin of the sport in the US. The first varsity program for women was created in 1977 at Brown University. Thereafter, American women set out to dominate the sport on an international level starting with the women's team winning the first FIFA Women's World Championship in 1991. The USWNT won the first-ever women's soccer gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics cementing the US in soccer world history. Unsurprisingly, soccer is now the second-most ubiquitous female college sport in the nation!

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			1 Linda Jefferson covers first Women's Sports Magazine in 1975	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 WomenX Movie Night	9	10 Equal Pay Act enacted in 1963	11
12	13	14 Strawberry Moon	15	16	17 Venus Williams Birthday	18
19	20	21 First game of WNBA: New York Liberty v. LA Sparks in 1997	22	23 Title IX in 1972 — WomenX Celebrates Fourth Birthday 	24	25
26 Babe Didrikson Zaharias Birthday	27	28	29	30		

MEGAN RAPINOE – Professional Soccer Player, World Cup Winner, and Women's Rights Advocate
B. July 5, 1985

Megan Anna Rapinoe is standing on the shoulders of Billie Jean King fighting for gender pay equity in women's soccer. Her career took off in 2005 when she and her twin sister Rachel won the NCAA Division 1 Championship at the University of Portland. Megan quickly became the star of her team as a leading scorer in the country even while overcoming an ACL injury. She started playing for the women's national team in 2006 and rejoined them after her injury in 2009. In 2019, Megan won the Golden Boot as forward and leading scorer when Team USA took home gold in her third World Cup. Megan is most known for her moves off the field championing gender equity issues and LGBTQIA+ rights as documented in her recent film LFG.



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WBL

Basketball

Did you know there were many attempts at a women's professional basketball league prior to the WNBA? The Women's Basketball League (WBL) was the longest viable of those early leagues founded in 1978 with 8 teams, expanding to 14 within a year. Though it only lasted three years, the WBL left an indelible impression on the game. Some of the WBL's most famous players include: **"Machine Gun" Molly Bolin** of the Iowa Cornets, the first player signed by the WBL before becoming co-MVP and the leading scorer in its second season, **Luisa Harris** of the Houston Angels, the first and only woman drafted by the NBA, **Carol "the Blaze" Blazejewski** of the New Jersey Gems, member of the 1980 Olympic team, and **Patricia Roberts** of the Minnesota Fillies and the St. Louis Streak, 1976 Olympic teammate and first Black player the legendary Lady Vols coach Patricia Summitt, and **"Lady Magic" Nancy Leiberman** of the Dallas Diamonds, who was rookie of the year and league MVP in the WBL's final season. Today, many lead players of the WBL founded the non-profit organization **Legends of the Ball, Inc.** to promote the historic and social relevance of the WBL to inspire future generations to break through barriers, realize their potential, and become leaders for positive change.

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  Founding of Women's Basketball League (WBL) in 1978	2
3	4	5 Megan Rapinoe Birthday	6 Althea Gibson is first African American to win Wimbledon in 1957	7 Lisa Leslie Birthday	8 Last day of Wimbledon where May Sutton became the first American woman to win in 1905	9
10	11	12	13 Buck Moon WomenX Movie Night	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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ANN MEYERS DRYSDALE – Professional Basketball Legend, Hall of Famer, Sportscaster, and Executive
B. March 26, 1955

Ann Meyers Drysdale credits the start of her basketball career to the passage of Title IX. She is the first and only woman to sign a free-agent contract with the NBA (Indiana Pacers). Growing up in a basketball family, with both her father and brother playing professionally, competing against men was nothing new to her. While playing 7 sports in high school, she received the first full athletic scholarship offered to a woman at UCLA where she became a 3-sport athlete. In 1974, she started on Team USA's first Olympic basketball team and won a silver medal. Ann went on to become the first 4X All-American and earned the first quadruple double (20 points, 14 rebounds, 10 assists, and 10 steals) in NCAA history. In 1978, she was the WBL's first pick and joined the New Jersey Gems dominating as league MVP placing top 10 in all statistical categories. Since 1979, Ann has covered an array of sports as a network sportscaster (ESPN, NBC, FOX Sports, CBS, ABC). She has served as an executive for the WNBA Phoenix Mercury and Suns and continues to leave her imprint on basketball by guiding the next generation of players.

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"I am so proud of the WBL because without that league I don't believe the WNBA would be where it is. The WBL was a huge part of establishing ways of doing things and not doing things." – Ann Meyers Drysdale



Paralympics

AUGUST

The Stoke Mandeville Games began as a recreational outlet for injured servicemen in WWII. The ninth International Stoke Mandeville Games, considered the first Paralympic Games, started on September 18, 1960 in Rome, six days after the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games. 44 women athletes participated in that competition. Swimming was one of the original Paralympic sports and has grown into the second-most popular in terms of TV viewers. In 1964, Rosalie Hixson from Pennsylvania won eight medals (six gold) in swimming and track and field. She went on to earn a total of 18 Olympic medals between 1964 and 1976.

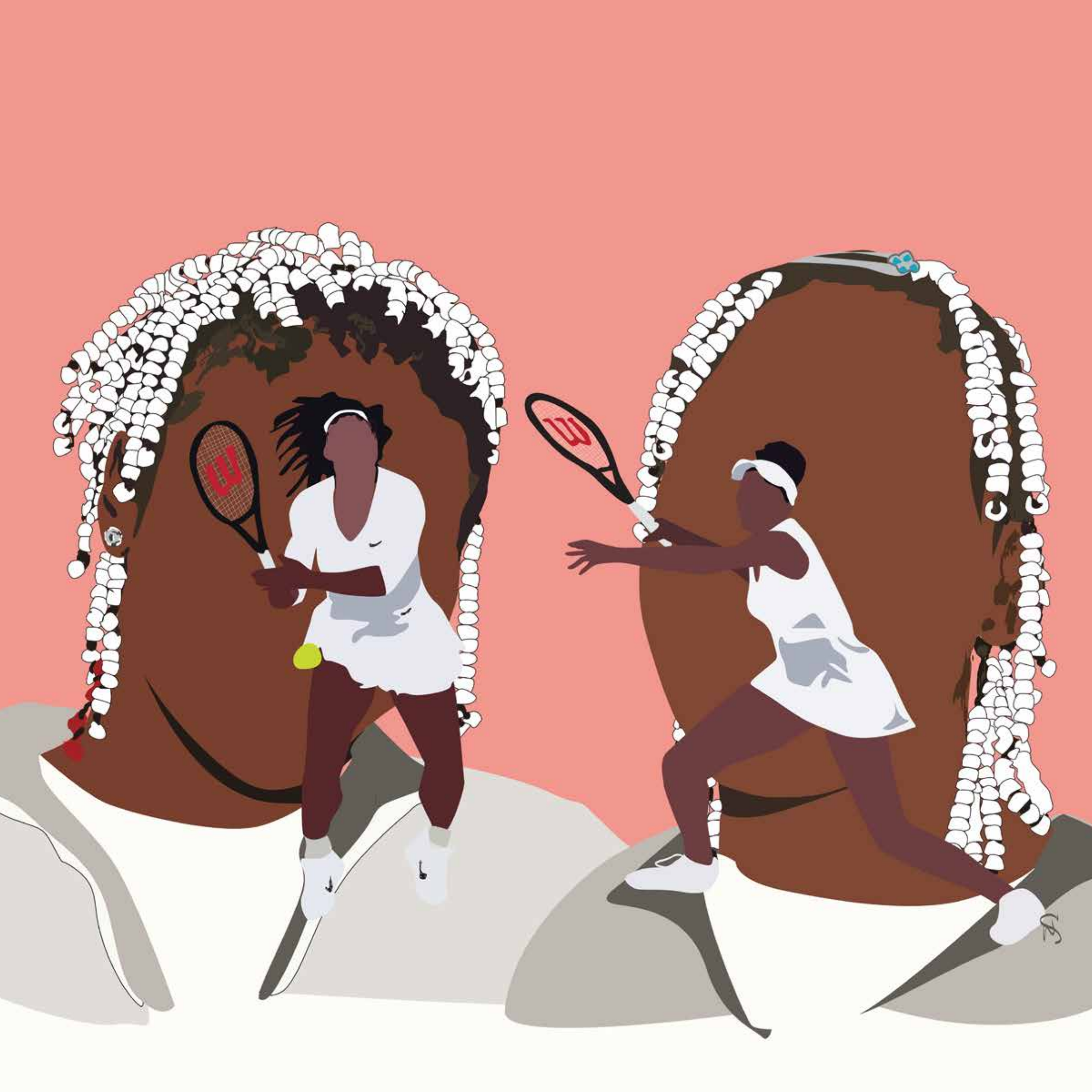
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	1 USWNT wins gold at first women's Olympic soccer medal in 1996	2	3	4	5	6 Allyson Felix becomes the most decorated female American Track Olympian in 2021 - Gertrude Ederle becomes the first woman to swim the English Channel in 1926
7	8	9	10 WomenX Movie Night	11 Sturgeon Moon Ryneldi Bicenti Birthday	12	13
14 Ethelda Bleibtrey was first American woman to win an Olympic swimming title and the first woman, from any country, to win three gold medals at Antwerp Games in 1920	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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JESSICA LONG – Paralympian & Swimmer

B. February 29, 1992

Jessica Tatiana Long is a 29-time Olympic medalist who has defied all odds. Whether she is excelling at the butterfly stroke, backstroke, breaststroke or channeling her inner mermaid with her freestyle, Jessica is right at home in the water. Swimming became her therapeutic release from all the adversity she faced at such a young age and helps her feel as though she belongs. Shortly after birth, she was diagnosed with a rare condition called fibular hemimelia, meaning she didn't have most of the bones in her feet. The loving Long family from Baltimore, Maryland adopted Jessica and supported her through 25 childhood surgeries. The Longs encouraged Jessica to play various sports and she found joy swimming in her grandparents' pool. Jessica won Maryland's Female Swimmer of the Year with a Disability and started swimming competitively. Two years later in 2014 at just 12 years old, she made her Paralympic Games debut in Athens and took home three gold medals. Fast forward to 2021, she has since trained with and out swam the best of swimmers around the world.





Tennis

Women have been a force in tennis since the first Olympic Games in 1900 in Paris, though it took another 20 years for the women's doubles competition to be included in the Olympics in Antwerp. Mary Ewing Outerbridge of Staten Island introduced tennis to the United States 1874. Wimbledon added a women's singles competition a decade later. In 1905, May Sutton became the first American to win a championship at Wimbledon, capturing the Ladies Singles Championship over her rival the next three years. Althea Gibson became the first Black American to win Wimbledon on July 6, 1957.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Maureen Connolly becomes first American woman to win a Grand Slam in 1953	8	9	10 Harvest Moon
11	12	13	14 WomenX Movie Night	15	16	17
18 Rome Paralympic Games first featuring women athletes (45 participated) Sep 18-25, 1960	19	20 Battle of the Sexes: Billie Jean King v. Bobby Riggs in 1973	21	22	23	24
25	26 Serena Williams Birthday	27 Mamie "Peanut" Johnson Birthday	28	29	30	31

VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS – Sisters, Tennis Trailblazers, and Grand Slam Recipients

B. Venus: June 17, 1980 and Serena: September 26, 1981

Venus and Serena Williams represent a powerful sister team who are shining examples of what is possible when women unite. Individually they have won a combined 122 singles titles, including 30 Grand Slam titles and earned over \$175 million in prize money and together they have dominated opponents winning 22 doubles titles, 14 in Grand Slam competitions. Driven by their dad's vision and their mom's sacrifice, Venus and Serena began playing tennis on courts in Compton, Los Angeles at ages of 5 and 4. The white, privileged world of tennis could not seem further from their reality, but they prevailed in the face of adversity helping to push open doors for young women players of color to follow in their footsteps. They are fierce champions supporting the next generation of young women tennis players as they navigate what can be an isolating experience.



SLIDER



CIRCLE
CHANGEUP



CURVEBALL



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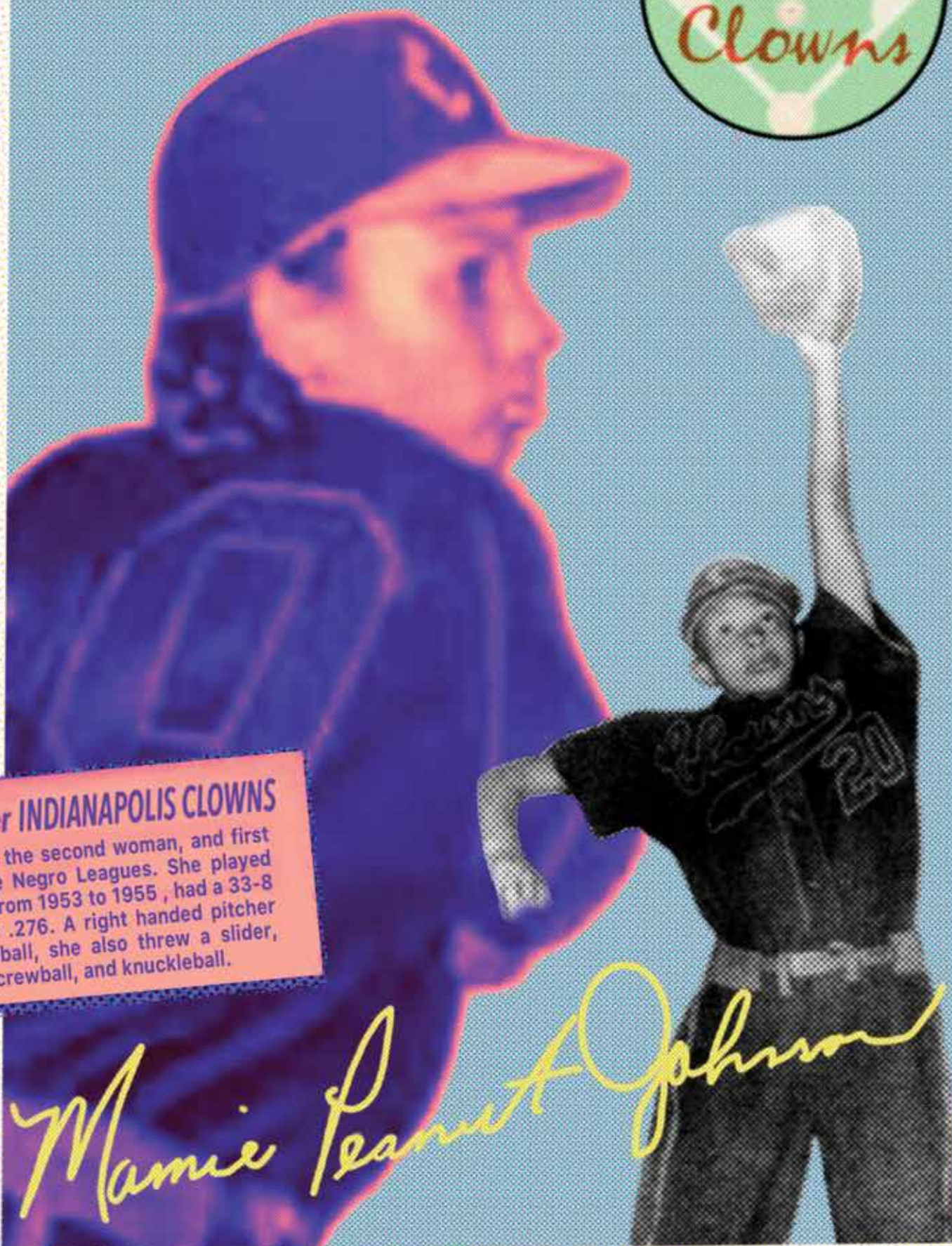


FASTBALL



MAMIE JOHNSON

pitcher INDIANAPOLIS CLOWNS



MAMIE JOHNSON *pitcher* INDIANAPOLIS CLOWNS



Ht.: 5' 3"

Weight: 98

Throws Right

Bats Right

Home: Ridgeway, S.C.

Born: September 27, 1935

Mamie "Peanut" Johnson was the second woman, and first female pitcher, to play in the Negro Leagues. She played with the Indianapolis Clowns from 1953 to 1955, had a 33-8 W-L record, and also batted .276. A right handed pitcher with a deceptively hard fastball, she also threw a slider, circle change up, curveball, screwball, and knuckleball.

Mamie Peanut Johnson

Baseball

Women have been playing baseball since settlers arrived in America. The first recorded women's student baseball competition was held in 1866 at Vassar College. The first professional baseball match between all-female teams was held in 1875 between the Blondes and Brunettes in Springfield, Illinois. Nearly 80 years later during WWII, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was formed in 1943 as the first professional league to fill the void left by many major league players enlisted in the war. Dorothy Schroeder, nicknamed "The Human Vacuum Machine," was arguably the best fielder in the league. However, the end of the war and the rise of televised major league games led to the demise of the AAGPBL.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Margaret Abbott becomes first woman golfer to earn a gold Olympic medal in 1900	5	6	7	8
9 Blood Moon	10	11	12 WomenX Movie Night	13	14	15
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MAMIE JOHNSON – Baseball and Negro League Player

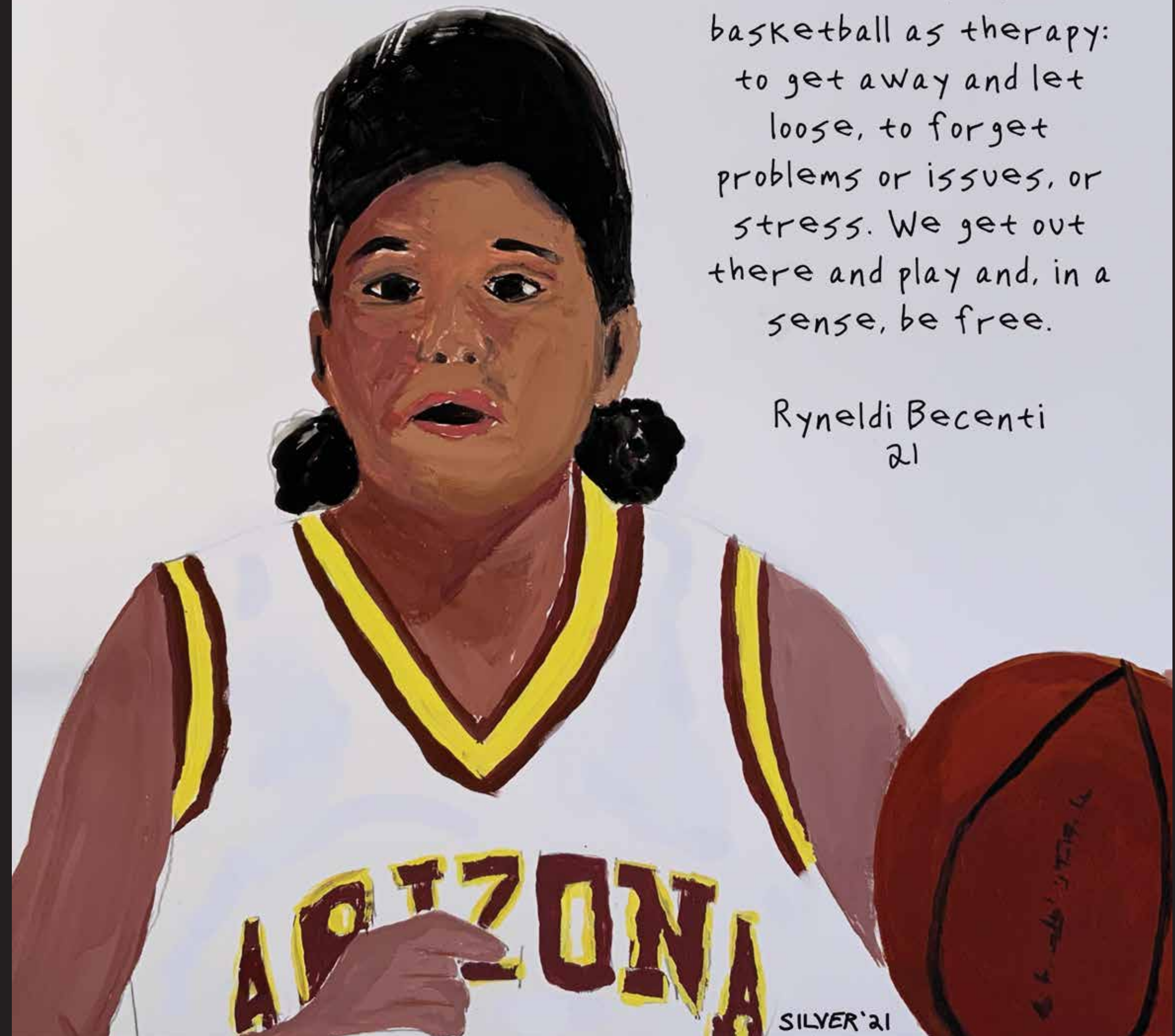
September 27, 1935 – December 18, 2017

Mamie Johnson was a 5' 4", 98-pound pitching sensation in all male Negro League who was a giant even among the greatest male players of the time. She got her start playing baseball with boys in the early 1940s. In 1947, she moved to Virginia in hopes of earning a spot on the All-Americans Girls Baseball League since Jackie Robinson had already broken the color line in the sport. After being turned away because of her race, Mamie accepted that she could not play with white women and set her sights on playing with black men, reveling in the opportunity to strike them out one by one. Mamie earned a spot playing for the Indianapolis Clowns in 1953, becoming the Negro League's first woman pitcher and one of three women in history to play men's professional baseball. Her opponents and teammates nicknamed her "Peanut" because of her small stature, yet her formidable arm secured her a 33-8 WL record. History does not recognize black players like Mamie since baseball remained segregated well into the 1960s.



A lot of us use
basketball as therapy:
to get away and let
loose, to forget
problems or issues, or
stress. We get out
there and play and, in a
sense, be free.

Ryneldi Becenti
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Rezball

Native women have long since had access to a wide range of athletic opportunities. Rezball became a huge deal on reservations at the turn of the century. The slang term for "reservation ball" describes a basketball-like game noted for its uptempo, aggressive style of play. Joanne Lannin notes: "Although they played their games away from the spotlight, Native American girls were lucky in that most tribes did not consider them second-class citizens when it came to basketball. Girls were encouraged to develop their skills in the five-player game, and they excelled at the below-the-rim, run-and-gun style that characterized basketball on the reservation (also known as rezball)." Today, the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) holds annual rezball tournaments throughout the Southwest.

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Frost Moon	9 WomenX Movie Night	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 First reported hockey game between women's teams: St. Nicholas Blues v. Manhattan Reds in New York 1916	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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RYNELDI BICENTI – Rezball Legend and Professional Basketball Player
B. August 11, 1971

For **Ryneldi Bicenti**, trailblazing her own path was not just a goal, but a way of life. Her family belongs to the Navajo Tribe known as Diné (The People). After being entranced by seeing the legendary Cheryl Miller playing on television, Ryneldi recognized that basketball could be her ticket off of the reservation. She grew up in a strong basketball culture surrounded by male players. Though there were no pathways for Native women to play at the highest levels of the game, Ryneldi set a goal to become one of the greatest ballers of all time. She is the first Diné tribe member to play major college basketball, starting as a guard for Arizona State University. In 1996, Ryneldi became the first woman to be inducted into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame just a year before debuting during the WNBA Phoenix Mercury's inaugural season. ASU retired her jersey in 2013 honoring her standing triple-double and 396 assists record. Today, Ryneldi is focused on mentoring and coaching the next generation of trailblazing women in basketball.

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Women in Sports

What singular experience can catapult girls and women to break through glass ceilings? Playing sports – individually and competitively. Participation in sports has proved to increase girls and women’s levels of confidence and self-esteem at the same time lowering levels of depression. Sports can also improve a woman’s perception of her own body image and better her psychological well-being. Because of their increased physical and mental health, girl and women athletes perform better academically (earning higher GPAs) and professionally (securing C-suite positions at higher rates) than non-athletes. If that isn’t enough to convince you: **Why then should we invest in girls and women playing sports?** Simply because **To Be Her, You Have To See Her!**

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WOMEN WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Cold Moon	8	9 First WBL Game Chicago Hustle v. Milwaukee Does in 1978	10
11	12	13	14 WomenX Movie Night	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Florence Griffith Joyner Birthday	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

BILLIE JEAN KING – *Tennis Icon and Women’s Rights Activist*
 B. November 22, 1943

Billie Jean King has been fueled by social justice, one of her core tenets, since childhood. As a junior tennis player, Billie Jean was banned from a picture because she chose to wear shorts rather than a tennis dress traditionally worn by women players. Billie Jean went pro at just 16 years old and in two years gained international recognition winning doubles at Wimbledon with Karen Hantze Susman, the youngest pair to do so. She won singles at Wimbledon (1966-8, 1972-3, and 1975) and held the title of No. 1 for five years, checking off a childhood goal. Billie Jean became the first woman to earn over \$100,000 in prize money and her early demands for equal pay for play laid the groundwork for female tennis athletes to be the highest paid female athletes to date. In 1974, she founded the Women’s Sports Foundation (WSF), a platform to advocate for and support girls and women playing sports. While her on-court record, winning 39 Grand Slam titles, is no doubt impressive, it is her tireless fight against injustice and discrimination that has left the most impactful imprint on the world.



ABOUT WOMENX

WomenX is reimagining higher education for women, redesigning the women's college to meet the needs of women today and into the future.

WomenX set out to ensure that every woman has access to affordable, quality higher education and can gain the critical thinking skills necessary to pursue careers that best match their unique talents. We fundamentally believe that women have equal potential to be their best in their field and financially independent.

WomenX has already engaged over 300 women (80% self-identifying as women of color), ranging in ages from 16-81 from 25 U.S. states and five countries, in over 5000 hours of learning through 40+ educational programs led by 35+ women experts.

We offer an array of expertly-curated hybrid, in-person and virtual, programs (college course, mini-series, and community events) focused on equipping women with the skills they need to succeed in today's knowledge economy.

Our goal is to reach as many learners as possible to create a more inclusive society where curiosity is encouraged, critical thinking is rewarded, and all perspectives are valued in solving today's most complex problems.

Given the many burdens that women carry and demands on their time, it is critical that we have access to quality information at our fingertips so that we have agency over our lives.



WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES AND TO THE NEXT GENERATION TO BUILD A WORLD THAT SHOWS A MORE BALANCED WORLD VIEW. ONE THAT SHOWS EVERYBODY, FROM EVERYWHERE, THAT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE HERO OF THEIR OWN STORY.

-Jen Welter, first woman coach in the NFL

OUR TIME IS NOW!

Despite historic adversity, we appear to be living in the midst of a social revolution in women's sports. We believe that it is important to understand the history of Title IX's impact, ahead of its 50th anniversary, on women's ability to use sports as a vehicle for personal growth and social change.

June 23, 2022 Marks the 50th Anniversary of Title IX. To honor this legislation, WomenX offers a Women in Sports Leadership Fellowship focused on elevating the next generation of women leaders in sports, galvanizing them to achieve gender equity this decade.

Through our hybrid curriculum, virtual seminars and in-person summits, we facilitate an intergenerational conversation that examines issues around the status of women across an array of sports and related industries. Join us as we set out to preserve and further Title IX. In this semester-long journey, you will:

- Learn the untold history of women's contributions;
- Examine gender equity issues through an interdisciplinary lens;
- Explore the power of data on business;
- Apply knowledge to real world problems through a Capstone Project & Advocacy trip to Capitol Hill; and
- Expand your network of women professionals and trailblazers.

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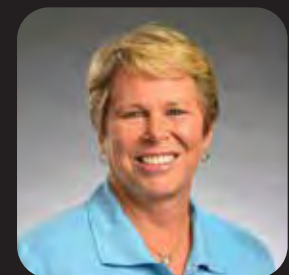


WHY TITLE IX MATTERS

Title IX is a federal civil rights law enacted in 1972 which protects everyone from discrimination based on sex in schools and education programs, including sports. Title IX opened the doors for women to receive college sports scholarships creating pathways for women to play professional sports. Though we have made huge strides, gender equity in sports is far from realized.

- **94%** of women in the C-suite were athletes
- **80%** of women Fortune 500 executives played competitive sports
- **83%** of college coaches have never received formal Title IX training
- Former athletes receive **7%** higher annual wages v. non-athletes
- Moderate to vigorous physical activity and sport team participation were associated with higher GPAs in high school-age girls

"Whatever sport your daughter plays in, High School or College, Coaches should want to educate their athletes about what Title IX is, and it's history."



ANN MYERS DRYSDALE
VP of the Phoenix Mercury,
Multiple Hall of Fame Inductee,
Olympian, and Sportscaster



Lisa Leslie



Linda Jefferson



Babe Didrikson Zaharias



Florence Griffith Joyner



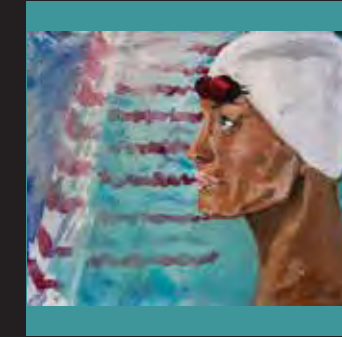
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Megan Rapinoe



Ann Meyers Drysdale



Jessica Long



Serena & Venus Williams



Mamie "Peanut" Johnson



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Billie Jean King

WomenX is an online women's college providing women of all ages with access to deep learning and career opportunities in hopes of achieving gender parity in this decade. We are reimagining education to include women's contributions and achievements, which are overlooked in our history courses and headlines. Instead of waiting around for this recognition, WomenX curates courses and community events that encourage us all to discover, elevate, and share women's histories and achievements. This annual calendar celebrates diverse, iconic women athletes who set our nation on a better path through their individual accomplishments. Their collective legacies serve as a bridge connecting our past, present and future. We highlight trailblazers who furthered the course of their respective sports, from basketball to tennis. Their contributions ultimately pushed American society forward. We share their histories with you through vibrant portraits contributed by a talented cohort of women artists. Thank you for joining us in celebrating women who look like all of us, representing our various cultures, perspectives, and aspirations.

To learn more about these and other women icons or to join our events, please visit our website at: womenx.org.

Partnership with Legends of the Ball, Inc. We want to give a special thanks to the members of LOB who have inspired all of our sports programming this year. We deeply appreciate your support and collaboration in developing our Women In Sports series. We are forever inspired by your legacies and will continue to fight to ensure that your mark on history is remembered and celebrated.

We hope that this calendar inspires you to go in search of women's sports histories in your own family and community. If you discover any historical facts (including images and articles), we would love to hear from you. Do not hesitate to share them with us.



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