

Women Player Profiles - Julie Chu

The Short List

- Two-time U.S. Olympian in ice hockey
- Earned a silver medal in 2002 and a bronze medal in 2006
- Won a gold at the Four Nations Cup in Sweden, 2005
- First woman of Asian descent to play for the U.S. National Hockey Team



Did You Know?

- Chu deferred her enrollment to Harvard until the fall of 2002 (after Salt Lake Games)
- Won silver at the IIHF Women's World Championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2005
- At age 8, Chu begged her father to let her switch from figure skating to hockey lessons to be like her older brother, Richard. He let her and she quickly proceeded up the youth hockey ladder, playing for various boys teams in doing so
- Attended Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut - a private boarding high school whose alumni include President John F. Kennedy, actress Glenn Close and playwright Edward Albee. She played softball and soccer there also
- Chu took two terms off from Choate to train with the U.S. National Team for the 2000-01 season. In doing so, Chu had to concede the class presidency that she was elected to for the year
- Nicknamed "Saint Chuey" by her U.S. teammates because of her kind nature. They also appreciate her enthusiasm at the 6:30 a.m. workouts when everyone else is tired and grumpy. Chu is always smiling and thrilled to be on the ice no matter what time it is
- In July 2001, Chu emerged unscathed from a horrible automobile accident outside of Boston, in which her vehicle flipped over several times



Women Player Profiles – Chanda Gunn

The Short List

- 2006 Olympic bronze medalist
- 2005 World champion, honored with top goaltender of the tournament (0.52 goals-against average); 2004 World Championships silver medalist (0.86 GAA)
- Stopped 60 of 62 shots including 26 saves in the final at the 2005 World Championships
- 2005 Four Nations Cup silver medalist



Did You Know?

- Tied her own school record during her senior year for number of saves in a single period ... stopped all 28 Uconn shots in a Huskies win 3-0 scoring the third shutout of the season and her 11th career shutout
- Captained Northeastern University's hockey squad her last year and was selected as co-MVP and voted first-team All-American by the American Hockey Coaches Association
- Save percentage of 0.931 in 2004, 0.928 in 2003, 0.95 in 2002 playing for Northeastern University
- Named 2004 NCAA Female Sportsmanship Award, Humanitarian Award, three-time finalist for the Patty Kazmaier Award (2002-2004) – first athlete to be a finalist in these three awards at the same time
- Started her collegiate career at University of Wisconsin playing only seven games before leaving to deal with her epilepsy – “There weren't a lot of college hockey teams in the market for a goalie who had been in and out of the hospital,” said Gunn
- Chose to be a goalie because her brother was a forward – “This was a way I could outdo him when we played in the frontyard,” Gunn told LATimes.com
- "For the first week I walked around muttering to myself, 'My daughter is a goaltender,'" Rod Gunn said to LATimes.com. “I didn't try to stop her. She had always been active and her mother had taken swimming away from her because of the epilepsy.”
- Had first seizure at age 9 – “I was pretty scared at first mostly because my parents were really upset and I felt as if I had done something wrong,” Gunn told epilepsy.com. “I remember my Mom crying and I kept saying ‘I’ll be good Mom, I promise.’”
- Enjoys roller hockey and soccer; coaches hockey for young girls

