



Me'Lisa Barber

...at a glance



Track & Field

Career Highlights

2006 World Indoor 60m Champion
2006 USA Outdoor 60m Champion
2006 Indoor Visa Series Champion
2005 USA Outdoor 100m Champion
2001 World University Games 4x400m Relay- Gold Medal
2-time NCAA Outdoor Relay Champion

Vital Statistics

Born: October 4, 1980
Hometown: Livingstone, New Jersey
Resides: Suwanee, Georgia
Height: 5' 4
Education: University of South Carolina '02



getting to know...

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Biography

In true sprinters fashion Me'Lisa Barber's career started out fast. Both a prep and collegiate All-American she was primed for greatness in track and field.

Despite the fast start, Lisa, as she is commonly referred to, fell into a lull following her illustrious career at the University of South Carolina where she was an NCAA and SEC Champion as well as a graduate majoring in retail management and minoring in business.

Multiple injuries plagued the start of her professional career. The injuries resulted from running the 400m, which despite having success in, was not her best race or the one she was most comfortable with. After being dropped by her sponsor Nike in 2004 she reevaluated her career and even contemplated quitting.

Rather than take the easy exit and close the door on a quality career, Lisa began to focus on the sprints that brought her prep stardom. Rated number three on the Track and Field prep list in the 100m and number four in the 200m, Lisa earned New Jersey All-State honors in both competing for Montclair High.

The revival of her career began in 2005 when she won the USA Outdoor 100m championship and then continued on to win the 2005 World Outdoor 4x100m relay gold medal. Championships continued to come in 2006 when Lisa won the gold in both the 2006 World Indoor and USA Indoor 60m. She was also the Indoor Visa Championship Series winner for the season.

While Lisa continues to achieve greatness, much of it can be attributed to the bond with her twin sister, Miki, who also sprints for USA Track and Field. The two have competed in numerous relays together including a victory in the 4x400m at the 2001 World University Games. Their success and their sisterhood led to coverage by USA Today, Track and Field News, Sports Illustrated and a television special on the Oxygen Network during their sophomore year at South Carolina.

Lisa appears to be peaking at the right time as she ran a personal record in 2007 at the adidas Track Classic, running the 100m in 10.95 seconds. She is currently coached by Olympic great and Arluck client Gail Devers and is training in Georgia.

Now on the right track, Lisa is ready to head to Beijing and continue her career the way she started it: fast.