# **GEA JOHNSON**



**Birth Date:** September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1967 **Hometown:** Scottsdale, Arizona

Height: 5'7"
Weight: 155lbs

**Age:** 48

Website: www.geajohnson.com

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Gea has dominated four major sports on a worldwide elite level, and in track cycling, her drive is no different. Currently, a world-record holder in track cycling, Johnson's athletic career is long and distinguished. As a former Olympic bobsledder, international Olympic weightlifting champion and Jackie Joyner-Kersee's biggest heptathlon rival, Johnson continues to defy the odds at age 48.

### TRACK CYCLING

Gea's track cycling career came to fruition after she sustained several injuries during competition in her former sports; injuries considered to be career ending until Gea proved otherwise. Despite the odds, she bravely confronted every monumental obstacle in her path. Gea endured 14 major surgeries, including a ruptured patellar tendon, shoulder replacement and hamstring avulsion—Gea rose from the ashes and, in an unprecedented fashion, broke *two* World Records. Gea has succeeded because of her family's support and because she lives by three personal mantras: "I can accomplish anything I want if I put my mind to it," "always believe in myself and believe in my dreams," and "never give up." Her unrelenting fortitude and perseverance are an inspiration to others. She continues to show the world what IS possible and that age is only a number. Gea has the will of a warrior and the heart of a champion.

#### Gea is gearing up to attempt the ELITE National Record and break her own Masters World Records...Again!



- Current World Record Holder age 45-49 500mTT and Flying 200m
- Best US Elite time 2015 500mTT
- Masters World Champion 2014 500mTT and Sprints
- Masters National Champion 2014 500mTT, Sprints and Team Sprint
- Elite Nationals 2014 \*Silver 500mTT
- Masters World Champion 2013 500mTT and Sprints
- Masters National Champion 2012, 2013 500mTT, Sprints and Team Sprint
- Elite Nationals 2013 \*Bronze 500mTT





#### **BOBSLED**

Gea was on one of the <u>first</u> U.S. Women's Olympic Bobsledding Teams, which competed at the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Games. Considered the gold medal favorite, Gea and her driver failed to medal due to Gea sustaining a massive hamstring injury before the medal round. Incredibly and true to her competitive form, Gea still competed in the event. Gea was considered the preeminent brakewoman in the World.

Track Record—(48.92) driver Jean Racine, Salt Lake City 2001 Bronze Medal—Overall World Cup, 2001 Silver Medal—World Cup Calgary, 2001

Gea, overcoming adversity with her injuries, took the Olympic lifting world by storm. Gea won seven weightlifting titles after *only* training five months in the sport. At the time, Gea "Power Clean and Jerked" 265lbs!

Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> 63K Weight Class, 1998-1999
NACACI VII Weightlifting Championships—Gold and (x2) Silver Medals, 1998
World Team Trials—1<sup>st</sup> Place, 1998
USA Nationals—Silver and (x2) Bronze Medals, 1997





#### **HEPTATHLON**

Gea's first sport-love was the Heptathlon. She held the U.S. Heptathlon 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ranking for four consecutive years behind the legendary Jackie Joyner-Kersee. Unfortunately, a devastating knee injury trampled Gea's ability to compete in the Olympics; however, she remains one of the most decorated female collegiate athletes. Gea was inducted into the ASU Hall of Fame in 2007.

NCAA Heptathlon Champion, 1990 PAC 10 Heptathlon Record Holder, 1990 PAC 10 Long Jump Champion, 1990 Broke 10 ASU Heptathlon Records, 1989-1990

## ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### Graduated Summa Cum Laude.

- B.A. Communications, Arizona State University 1991
- Outstanding Graduate-Department of Communication, 1991
- Outstanding Graduate-College of Public Programs, 1991
- Bi-Lingual French and English



\*First Ms National Fitness



NCAA Top Six Award-Nation's Most Outstanding Collegiate Scholar Athlete, 1991 PAC 10 Conference Medal-Most Outstanding Collegiate Scholar Athlete, 1991 ASU Sun Angel Foundation-Student Athlete of the Year, GTE Academic All American - Student Athlete of the Year, 1991 5xTime GTE Academic All American, 1987-1991 Dial Award Recipient- Nation's Most Outstanding Female Scholar Athlete