

# ATHLETES

**Aaron, Hank** – Baseball (African American)  
**Agassi, Andre** – Tennis  
**Ashe, Arthur** – Tennis champion (African American) who struggled with racism and AIDS.  
**Barber, Tiki & Ronde**- Football  
**Beckham, David** – Soccer  
**Bonilla, Bobby** – Baseball  
**Brees, Drew**-Football  
**Bryant, Kobe** – Basketball (African American)  
**Campanella, Roy** – Baseball  
**Chang, Michael** - Chinese American tennis player who, in 1989, became the youngest man to win the prestigious French Open tournament.  
**Clemente, Roberto** – Baseball (African American)  
**De La Hoya, Oscar** – Mexican American Boxer  
**Duncan, Tim** – basketball (African American)  
**Earnhardt, Dale Jr.** – Race Car Driver  
**Gibson, Josh** – Baseball (African American)  
**Gooden, Dwight** – Baseball  
**Griffey, Ken**-Baseball  
**Hill, Grant** – Basketball  
**Howard, Dwight** – Basketball  
**Iverson, Allen** - Basketball  
**James, LeBron**-Basketball  
**Jeter, Derek**-Baseball  
**Johnson, Jack** – Boxer (African American 1<sup>st</sup> heavyweight champion of the world in 1910)  
**Jordan, Michael** – Basketball  
**Kaka**-Soccer  
**Khris, Taig** – Inline Skating /Extreme Sports  
**Koufax, Sandy**- Baseball  
**LeBron, James**- Basketball  
**Louis, Joe**- Boxing (African American) 1914-1981  
**Manning, Eli & Peyton**- Football  
**Marino, Dan** – Football  
**McGwire, Mark**- Baseball  
**McNabb, Donovan**-Football (African American)  
**Mourning, Alonzo**- Basketball

**Naismith, James**- Invented Basketball  
**Nadal, Rafael**- Tennis Player from Spain  
**Owens, Jesse** - Track star who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany, and dashed Hitler's hopes for an Aryan domination of the Games. (African American)  
**Paige, Satchel** - was one of the greatest pitchers in baseball. (African American) 1906-1982  
**Parker, Tony**- Basketball  
**Pastrana, Travis** – Motocross Extreme Sport  
**Pele** – Soccer  
**Peyton, Gary**-Basketball  
**Peterson, Adrian** – Football (African American)  
**Phelps, Michael** –Swimmer, Olympic Gold Winner  
**Pippen, Scottie**-Basketball  
**Pujols, Albert** – Baseball (Dominican)  
**Rice, Jerry** – Football  
**Robinson, Jackie** – Baseball (African American)  
**Robinson, David**-Basketball  
**Rodriguez, Alex** – Baseball  
**Romo, Tony** – Football  
**Rose, Derrick**- Basketball  
**Russell, Bill** – Basketball (African American)  
**Smith, Emmitt** – Football  
**Stewart, Tony**- Race Car Driver  
**Taylor, Major** - Bicycle racer who won the 1899 World Championship title. (1878-1932) (African American)  
**Thorpe, Jim**- Olympic gold medalists in track (1887-1953)  
**Tomlinson, LaDainian**- Football  
**Wilkins, Dominique**- Basketball  
**Williams, Ted**- Baseball  
**Yao, Ming** – Basketball (Chinese now American)

# FEMALE ATHLETES

## WOMEN IN SPORTS

**Ali, Laila** – Women Boxer

**Butcher, Susan**- The first person to win the annual dog sled race from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska, for three consecutive years.

**Cohen, Sasha** – Figure skater

**Coleman, Bessie** –Stunt Pilot

**Dunham, Katherine** – Dancer (African American)

**Douglas, Gabby** – American Olympic Gymnastic (African American)

**Fernandez, Mary Joe** – Tennis (Hispanic American)

**Gibson, Althea** – Tennis (African American)

**Sarah Hughes** – Ice skater

**Johnson, Mamie** –Baseball (African American)

**Jones, Marion** – Track and Field (African American)

**Joyner-Kersee, Jackie** - Olympic track and field star, long jump and heptathlon (African American)

**King, Billie Jean** – Tennis Star & Social Activist

**Leslie, Lisa** - Los Angeles Sparks of the Women's National Basketball Association (African American)

**Lindbergh, Anne Morrow** - poet, essayist, and pilot who flew with her husband, Charles A. Lindbergh around the world charting new routes for airlines.

**Lipinski, Tara**- Olympic gold figure skater

**Mitchell, Jackie** - First professional female pitcher in baseball history, when in 1931, at age 17 she pitched against Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition game,

**Quimby, Harriet** - First American woman to have received a pilot's license and fly across the English Channel. (1875-1912)

**Reece, Gabrielle** – award-winning professional beach volleyball player who is also a fashion model and television personality

**Rosenfeld, Bobbie** – Olympic track 1904-1969

**Stinson, Katherine** – pilot (1891-1977)

**Swoopes, Sheryl** – Basketball (African American)

**Williams, Venus & Serena** –Tennis (African-American)

**Zaharias, Babe Didrikson**- Track and Field AND Golf (1911-1956)