



DAMIAN BROWN

OLYMPIAN, WEIGHTLIFTER

I remember always wanting to be an Olympian. I don't remember a particular occasion but guess it was around the age of 10 and watching the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games on television. I didn't become involved in Weightlifting until 1984 but realized that this was my chance to make my Olympic dream come true.

I started Weightlifting at age 14, in 1984. I made my first international junior team in 1988 at age 18 and my first Commonwealth Games Team in 1990 at age 19. I haven't missed an Olympics, World Championship or Commonwealth Games since then.

Sport had been my passion and career. Drugs in sport is one of the biggest issues facing sport and potentially the greatest threat to sporting development.

OLYMPIC PROFILE

1992 Barcelona – 22nd
1996 Atlanta – 17th
2000 Sydney – 14th

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1990 Commonwealth Games – Bronze
1994 Commonwealth Games – Gold, Silver, Bronze
1998 Commonwealth Games – Gold, Gold, Bronze
2002 Commonwealth Games – Gold
2002 Commonwealth Games Flag Bearer
3 Olympic Games Teams
Representing Australia in twelve World Weightlifting Championships

AWARDS

Australia Day Ambassador
Awarded Australian Sports Medal, 2000

GOALS

To achieve as much success in my professional career as I have in my sporting career
To represent Australia in the 2006 Commonwealth Games, in my home State

Elite athletes and sporting organisations have a responsibility to educate our sporting youth on related issues and reinforce the Live Clean Play Clean message.

Athletes using drugs have been a constant source of disappointment, heartache and frustration and my greatest regret in sport. I believe the use of drugs by athletes against me has robbed me in many significant ways for example, not having a realistic opportunity to become a World Champion.

My strategy has always been to focus on my performance and in achieving personal excellence, which is the nature of sport. If you apply 100% effort to anything then that's the best you can do. I have judged my own success by how hard I have worked regardless of results

QUICK FACTS

World Record Holder - most consecutive participation in World Weightlifting Championships (12)
Participated in more Olympics (3) and Commonwealth Games (4) than any other Australian Weightlifter
Commonwealth and National Record Holder
2003 Celebrity Grand Prix Driver - 3rd place

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman AOC Athletes' Commission (Former)
AOC Executive Board Member (Former)
Ex-Officio VOC Executive Board Member
2002 Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony Flag Bearer

HOBBIES

Lazy Sundays around home
Working on the House and Garden
Play Station 2