

TEAM JUICE PLUS+ BUILDING A WINNING TRADITION



Maureen O'Toole is universally considered to be the greatest female water polo player of all time. She was named Most Valuable Player of the U.S. Women's National Team 15 times, World Water Polo Female Athlete of the Year seven times, and U.S. Water Polo Female Athlete of the Year five times – and almost single-handedly carried women's water polo in the United States from its infancy to its arrival as an Olympic Medal sport.

Maureen went to great lengths to begin this winning tradition. At Wilson High School in Long Beach, California she played on the boys' water polo team because there was no girls' team. By age 17 she made the U.S. Women's National Team, where she became a fixture before retiring after 16 years.

When women's water polo was added to the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, however, her old teammates needed her. So, Maureen re-joined the U.S. team at the age of 39 – almost 10 years older than her next oldest teammate.

She led the U.S. in game-winning goals, propelling the underdog Americans into the Gold Medal game against host Australia before 17,000 fans, the largest crowd ever to witness a women's water polo game. She credits Juice Plus+® with giving her the strength and stamina to not just attempt such an incredible comeback, but to excel at it – despite her age.

Now, firmly retired from competitive water polo, Maureen is founder of The Pursuit of Excellence Sports Academy, a non-profit foundation that teaches self-esteem and leadership skills to girls 8-18. She also speaks on the subject of teamwork to corporations such as Nestle and McDonalds. USA Water Polo recently named her Development Coach of the Year after she led daughter Kelly's 14/under water polo team to the Speedo Cup National Championship (guess who was the leading scorer). Continuing her winning tradition, Maureen is now in the process of building a Juice Plus+® team of her own as an NSA Sales Coordinator.