

Briana Scurry – The first African American Women soccer player in the Hall of Fame.

Briana Scurry was born on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1971 in Minneapolis USA.

Early Years:

Briana Scurry was the youngest of nine children. Her family had to move houses multiple times because of natural disasters. But this time when they were moving, it was not just because of a natural disaster, but a chance for Scurry's career to start. They moved to the suburbs of Anoka where soccer was a popular sport. Her family was the only African American in the town, but her parents made sure she did know that she was nothing less than everyone else. When she joined the soccer team, she was the only African American and the only girl.

Achievements:

A very important achievement is that she fought for her team to get paid, because for a while women's soccer teams did not get paid. Also, when she got a career ending concussion, she became very interested in traumatic brain injuries. Later on, she became one of the nations foremost thought leaders in traumatic brain injuries. She won 1 world cup and 2 gold medals. Briana Scurry was elected into the National Soccer Hall of Fame on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, also being the first African American woman in the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

Impacts :

She has inspired many young soccer players, young girls, and African American soccer players. She set up soccer clinics, and she encouraged the U.S Soccer Federation to help introduced soccer to the underprivileged neighborhoods. She is and should be a role model to many. Because she didn't let her race or gender get to her.

Fun Facts:

- Was nicknamed the "Jackie Robinson" of soccer.
- The first goal keeper male or female, White or black, to play 100 international games.
- She went to the University of Massachusetts Amherst and got a degree in political science.
- She actually planned to go to law school after college, but soccer changed that.
- She completed her 4-year college experience with 37shoutouts and 65 starts for her soccer team.
- Before trying out for her 4<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team, she tried almost every other sport.
- When she made it onto a team, the boys coach offered her a position as a goalkeeper, and she loved it.
- She loved basketball more than soccer but had more skill in soccer.
- When she played Basketball, she became the All-Star multiple times.
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Occupation:

Briana Scurry Played for the USA Women's National soccer Team, as a goalkeeper. She was one of the best goal keepers ever. She played from 1994 to 2008, and played in 173 games. She had 159 starts, 133 wins, 12 losses, 14 draws, and 71 cleans sheets. A clean sheet in soccer is when the goal keeper lets in no goals. She retired in 2010 after she got a career ending concussion.



A champion is someone who does not settle for that day's practice, that day's competition, that day's performance. They are always striving to be better. They don't live in the past.

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