

Dot Richardson – Softball Star

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Dot Richardson was born on September 22, 1961, in Orlando, Florida. Richardson is one of the most decorated international softball players in the sport's history. Richardson is also a licensed physician.

Richardson began playing softball at an early age in and around the Orlando area. She enrolled at Western Illinois University before transferring to UCLA in 1980. She played softball at UCLA for four years. In 1982, she was part of UCLA's national championship team. She was an All-American softball player for each of her four years at UCLA and was named Most Valuable Player on her team three times. Following her collegiate career, she went on to play professional softball.

Following her professional career, Richardson went to medical school and earned her medical degree at The University of Louisville in 1993, thus, becoming Dr. Richardson.

Richardson became most famous when softball was added to the Olympics in 1996. That year, she slugged the game-winning home run that won the United States the gold medal. That same year, she was inducted into the UCLA sports hall-of-fame. In 1997, Richardson was awarded the Babe Zaharias Award for female athlete of the year. Once again, in the 2000 Olympics, Richardson was part of the American team that earned the gold medal. Following the 2000 Olympics, Richardson resumed her career as an orthopedic surgeon. She currently serves as the head coach of the Liberty University softball team.

1. What is another way to write the sentence below?

Richardson is one of the most decorated international softball players in the sport's history.

- A. Richardson was one of the first softball players in history
- B. Richardson was one of the best softball players in the sport's history
- C. Richardson was a softball star at UCLA
- D. Richardson hit the game-winning home run in the 1996 Olympics.

- 2. When was Richardson inducted into the UCLA Hall-of-Fame?**
- A. 1996
 - B. Before she earned her medical degree
 - C. After the 2000 Olympics
 - D. 1997
- 3. Which of the following is NOT true about Dot Richardson?**
- A. She played on two United States softball teams that earned gold medals
 - B. She is currently the softball coach at Liberty University
 - C. She earned a medical degree in 1993
 - D. She attended UCLA before she went to Western Illinois University
- 4. Who is Babe Zaharias?**
- A. A famous softball player
 - B. The passage doesn't tell
 - C. The passage doesn't tell, but we can infer she was a famous female athlete
 - D. The passage doesn't tell, but we can infer she won several Olympic gold medals
- 5. What is the text structure of the passage?**
- A. Cause and Effect
 - B. Problem and Solution
 - C. Chronological
 - D. Compare and Contrast
- 6. If each of the paragraphs had a heading, which of the following would be the correct sequence?**
- A. Introduction; Becoming Dr. Richardson; Collegiate Star; Olympic Gold
 - B. Introduction; Collegiate Star; Olympic Gold; Becoming Dr. Richardson
 - C. Introduction; Collegiate Star; Becoming Dr. Richardson; Olympic Gold
 - D. Introduction; Olympic Gold; Becoming Dr. Richardson; Collegiate Star
- 7. What is NOT described in the passage?**
- A. Dot's awards and medals
 - B. Dot's college softball career
 - C. Dot's success as an Olympian
 - D. Dot's childhood