

GAME FACE: WHAT DOES A FEMALE ATHLETE LOOK LIKE?

October 12-December 9, 2006



Trampolinist Jennifer Parilla, Long Beach, California, © Mary Ellen Mark, 2000

Game Face is the extraordinary exhibition of 139 color and black-and-white photographs that explores the role sports have played in the lives of girls and women. The engaging images in the exhibition depict women participating in many different types of sports—from table tennis to pole-vaulting and hunting to hardball—and feature a broad range of styles and subjects—from a sepia-toned portrait of a corseted woman with a bicycle in the 1890s to a full-color action shot of SCU alum and star athlete Brandi Chastain savoring, without inhibition, her team's sudden-death World Cup victory. Each image offers a unique response to the questions at the very heart of *Game Face*: What does a female athlete look like? What do girls and women look like, freed from traditional feminine constraints, using their bodies in joyful and empowering ways?

Game Face was created by Jane Gottesman, a former staff writer for *The San Francisco Chronicle* and curated by Gottesman and photographer and editor Geoffrey Biddle. The exhibition is accompanied by a full-color book published by Random House. *Game Face* has been on a national tour since 2001 and the de Saisset Museum will be the final and only Bay Area venue for the exhibition. This exhibition has been organized by Game Face Productions and sponsored by MassMutual Financial Group, including OppenheimerFunds, Inc. *The Mercury News* is the media sponsor of the exhibit. *Game Face* is presented in conjunction with the SCU Athletics Department, the SCU Alumni Relations Department, SCU's Women's and Gender Studies Program, SCU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Team-Up for Youth, and the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative. *Game Face* has been endorsed by The Girl Scouts of the USA, Girls Inc., the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, the Women's Sports Foundation, and the YMCA of the USA.



Victory Lap, Atlanta, GA, © Amy Sancetta, AP/Wide World Photos, 1996

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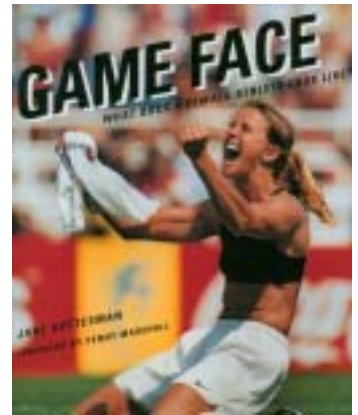
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Game Face Free Educational Programs:

Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.

GAME FACE LECTURE AND RECEPTION

Lecture by exhibition curators Jane Gottesman and Geoffrey Biddle. Booksigning with curators and Brandi Chastain to follow, along with reception.



Tuesday, October 17, noon

GIRLS, WOMEN AND SPORTS:

THE ETHICAL CHALLENGES OF WOMEN ATHLETES

A panel discussion focused on sports and ethics featuring Brandi Chastain and SCU student and Hackworth Fellow Sara Overmier. Co-sponsored by SCU's Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

Wednesday, October 18, 6:00 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS AT LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND BEYOND

Panel discussion featuring sports historian Dr. Rita Liberti and administrators, coaches, and athletes from the women's athletic programs at San Jose State University and Santa Clara University.

Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 p.m.

THE SNEAKER SOLUTION:

THE POWER OF EXERCISE TO CONTROL YOUR MOODS

A lecture by Keith Johnsgard, Ph.D., emeritus professor of psychology at San Jose State University and author of the recent book *Conquering Depression & Anxiety Through Exercise*.

Sunday, October 29, noon-5:00 p.m.

FAMILY DAY

A special celebration of *Game Face* for families. Featuring entertainment, refreshments, and more!



Wednesday, November 1, 6:00 p.m.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A panel discussion focused on organizations that are making a difference in the area of women's athletics. Featuring Eva Auchincloss, the founding director of the Women's Sports Foundation, Marlene Bjornsrud from the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative, and Ann Kletz from Team-Up for Youth.

Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.

LESBIANS IN SPORT: SEPARATING MYTH FROM REALITY

A lecture by Helen Carroll, Sports Project Director at the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Co-sponsored by SCU's Women's and Gender Studies Program.

A free educational kit for the exhibition is available for teachers for use in their classes. Please visit <http://www.massmutual.com/mmfg/pdf/F9566.pdf> or call 413.744.3773 to request a kit.

**Extended hours for *Game Face* exhibition:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays,
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**



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