

seminoles in the olympics

2004 ATHENS OLYMPIANS

Brian Dzingai • 2003-Present (Zimbabwe)

In two short seasons at Florida State, sprinter Brian Dzingai has become a part of a historic group of Seminole student-athletes. The transfer from Truman State went to Athens to compete in the 2004 Olympic Games, representing his native country of Zimbabwe. The 200m national record holder earned a spot at the games and in the Zimbabwe record books after running a 20.36 in front of a Tallahassee crowd at the Seminole Invite. Dzingai ran a faster time once during the remainder of the season – on the best stage in the country for track and field – the 2004 NCAA Outdoor National Championships (20.12).

The 5'6" sprinter has dominated the 100m and 200m events on the Seminole squad, holding seven of the top ten 100m times and the top five times in the 200m dash this season. He earned



**TWO-TIME ALL-AMERICA (2004 OUTDOOR – 4X100M RELAY, 200M DASH)
TWO-TIME ACC CHAMPION (2004 INDOOR – 200M DASH, 2004 OUTDOOR – 200M DASH)
THREE-TIME ALL-ACC HONOREE (2003 OUTDOOR, 2004 INDOOR, 2004 OUTDOOR)**

the Seminole ACC Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week honors for his Olympic performance en route to winning the 200m event at the Atlantic Coast Conference Outdoor Championships meet the following week. Although his strong event is the 200m dash, he has fared well in the 100m event. He placed second in the 100m dash at the ACC Outdoor Championships and is an integral part of the 4x100m relay, running the second or third leg in ten events this season. Dzingai earned All-America honors as an individual (5th place – 200m) and for the FSU School record-setting 4x100m relay team that finished in third place in 39.02, third fastest time of the season. He ran a leg of the 400m relay that ran the fastest time in the nation during the 2004 season, finishing the preliminary race at nationals in 38.92. The mark was the third time the group set

the Florida State school record in the event. Dzingai led the 4x100m squad that won the NCAA East Regionals event title in a then-FSU school record time of 39.02, which was the third fastest in the country at the time. Dzingai was one of three Seminoles to qualify for three events at the NCAA Regional meet.

Kimberly Walker • 2001-Present (Trinidad & Tobago)

Kimberly Walker has led the Florida State team for the last two seasons in the 100m dash. In 2004 she expanded her portfolio to include being among the best on the Seminole squad in the 200m dash and as the anchor leg of the 4x100m relay. A two-time NCAA East Regional performer, Walker traveled to Athens as a member of the 400m relay, a group that recorded the fastest time during the Trinidad and Tobago trials.

During the 2004 campaign, Walker capitalized on two seasons of experience, spending the majority of the indoor and outdoor seasons on the Atlantic Coast Conference's top ten performances list. She ended the season with the third fastest 100m dash time and the sixth best 200m mark among the ACC schools. She anchored a 4x100m relay that came in less than a second behind conference leaders Georgia Tech

and N.C. State. She set a personal record in the 100m and 200m dashes at the East Regional, posting an 11.56 and a 23.79. She won the 100m and 200m event titles at the Florida dual meet, to help the Seminoles oust the Gators for the first time in 20 years. She also picked up wins at the FSU Relays and the Snowbird Invitational.

Prior to last season, Walker used the tough conference competition to gain experience. She earned outdoor All-ACC honors as a leg of the winning 4x100m relay in 2002 and 2003 and 4x400m relay during her freshman campaign.



FORMER OLYMPIANS

1972 MUNICH

Danny Smith (Bahamas)

1976 MONTREAL

Danny Smith (Bahamas)

1984 LOS ANGELES

Orville Dwyer-Brown (Jamaica)

Brenda Cliette (USA)

Bradley Cooper (Bahamas)

Esmerelda Garcia (Brazil)

Randy Givens • 6th Place (USA)

Walter McCoy • Gold Medal (USA)

Marita Payne • Silver Medal (Canada)

Angela Wright-Scott (USA)

1988 SEOUL

Arthur Blake (USA)

Bradley Cooper (Bahamas)

Marita Payne (Canada)

1992 BARCELONA

Arthur Blake (USA)

Michelle Finn • Gold Medal (USA)

Tom Reither (Chile)

1996 ATLANTA

Kim Batten • Silver Medal (USA)

2000 SYDNEY

Kim Batten (USA)

Samantha George (Canada)

Iain Harnden (Zimbabwe)

Jayson Jones (Belize)

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