

PROFILE

with Erin Misaki

PORTLAND/STEVE GIBBONS



PERSONAL

COLLEGE

Portland

POSITION

Midfielder

YEAR

Sophomore

HT.

5-3

HOMETOWN

Valencia, Calif.

HIGH SCHOOL

W.S. Hart

CLUB TEAM

Mission Viejo Mirage

MAJOR

Interdisciplinary studies

COLLEGE CAREER

1999 SEASON

20 games, 2 goals, 9 assists, 13 points

2000 SEASON

18 games, 4 goals, 7 assists, 7 points

INTERNATIONAL

U.S. U-18 (1997-98) and U.S. U-16 (1996) teams

Statistics through Nov. 5



Nickname: E.

Favorite Soccer Team: Manchester United.

Favorite Soccer Player: Shannon MacMillan.

Favorite Sport Besides Soccer: Snow boarding.

Favorite Non-Soccer Sports Team: Los Angeles Lakers.

Favorite Actor: Kevin Spacey.

Favorite Actress: Angelina Jolie.

Favorite Movie: "Pay it Forward."

Last CD You Bought: "MobySongs: The Best of Moby 1993-1998" by Moby.

Favorite Musical Artist: Lauryn Hill.

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Mint with chocolate chip.

Hobbies: Drawing.

Best Book You've Read: "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" by Rebecca Wells.

Favorite TV Show: "Friends"

Favorite Meal: My mother's mashed potatoes, creamed corn and chicken.

Most Memorable Moment on a Soccer Field: When we went into nationals two years ago, my team went into double overtime and we ended up going into 12 (Shootout rounds against the New York Piranhas). We lost, but it was one of my most memorable moments.

Three Famous People You'd Invite to Dinner: Meg Ryan, Jared Leto and Clive Charles.

Superstitions: I have to do the same routine before the game. And I have to wear the same hair things, a ribbon, and my best friend, Lauren Orlandos, and I, we have to warm up together.

Why You Chose Portland: The soccer is the best in the nation, and Clive Charles is the best coach in the nation.

Turning Pro Early: I doubt I would ever have the chance, but I probably wouldn't be cause there's plenty of time for that. I want to finish school, because then after soccer I'll have something to go into.

What You Love About Soccer: The feeling I get when I play. It's the happiest time of my life.

What You Hate About Soccer: It's so unpredictable and anything can happen.... Any team can beat any team, pretty much.

Toughest Opponent You've Ever Faced: Practicing against Shannon MacMillan and Tiffeny Milbrett.

Where You See Yourself 10 Years From Now: Hopefully, still playing, either for the U.S. women's team or professionally or both

Best Part of Your Game: My consistency my ability to connect with my team.

Part of Your Game That Needs Improvement: Probably everything.

People You Most Admired while Growing Up: My grandparents, because they are really strong people and really instilled good morals.

Your Ideal Teammate: Shannon MacMillan.

— Compiled by Dean Caparaz