



## AMERICA'S JANET EVANS

ALL TIME GREATEST WOMAN DISTANCE SWIMMER

In 1987 Janet Evans set world records in the 400, 800 and 1500m freestyle events. In 1988, she won gold medals in all three events at the Summer Olympics in Seoul. In the 400m freestyle event she set a new world record that held for 18 years, until Laure Manaudou (France) broke it in May 2006. Evans holds the current world records in the 800m (set in August of 1989) and 1500m (set in March of 1988). Both records are the longest standing in the sport of swimming, with each lasting through four Olympic Games. She was the first woman ever to win back-to-back Olympic and World Championship titles in any event, taking the 1988 and 1992

Olympic titles and the 1991 and 1994 World titles in the 800m freestyle.

Her career ended with the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Though she did not medal, she added one more highlight to her career, when she was given the honor of carrying the Olympic Torch at the Opening Ceremony, handing the torch to U.S. Olympic boxing legend Muhammad Ali to light the cauldron.

At the end of her career, she held six U.S. records, three world records, five Olympic medals, including four gold and 45 U.S. national titles – second only to Tracy Caulkins.