



# A chance to see some future history

THE RECORD SUGGESTS THAT FUTURE OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS WILL BE ON SHOW AT THE SHENZHEN UNIVERSIADE

SHENZHEN — Although the Universiade cannot be put on a par with the Olympics, the fact remains that many superstars made indelible impressions at the student meet.

**Michael Johnson (pictured left), US, track and field**

Johnson is one of US track and field's greats. At his peak, nobody could stop him from claiming Olympic or the world championships victories. He was the fastest man in the men's 200m and 400m in the 1990s. He was crowned at the Universiade in Duisburg, Germany, in 1989 when he was 21. The whole of the 1990s were then his for the taking.

**Mike Powell, US, track and field**

As a great American long jumper, Powell broke the 23-year-old world record by 5 cm, leaping 8.95 meters



at the World Championships in Tokyo in 1991. The record still stands. Before that, Powell claimed the long jump gold at the 1987 Universiade in Zagreb, Croatia.

**Giovanna Trillini, Italy, fencing**

Trillini is a foil master in fencing. The 19-year-old woman claimed the individual foil bronze medal

and team gold at the 1989 Universiade. She won individual and team gold two years later at the Sheffield Universiade. At her first Olympics, in Barcelona in 1992, she also won two gold medals. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Trillini was still prominent, claiming the team bronze medal and an individual fourth place.

**Vitaly Scherbo, Belarus, gymnastics**

Scherbo became an Olympic legend when he gained four gold medals in one day. He was also the first gymnast to win six gold medals at one Olympics. Before he made history at the 1992 Games in Barcelona, he took three gold medals in 24 hours

at the 1991 Universiade in Sheffield, England.

**Li Ning, China, gymnastics**

As China's gymnastics prince, Li Ning won three golds - in free exercise, pommel horse and rings - at the 1981 Universiade in Bucharest, Romania, which was his first international appearance. He swept six gold medals at the World Cup the next year, which launched his brilliant career.

**Liu Xiang (pictured right), China, track and field**

As one of China's sporting icons, men's 110m hurdler Liu Xiang gained his first world title at the Beijing Universiade in 2001 when he was 18. Then he began to make history by breaking Asian and world records and winning Olympic and World Championships gold.

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