

Paul Wylie

COMPETITIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Olympic Silver Medalist, Men's Singles (1992)
World Professional Figure Skating Champion (1993)
United States Silver Medalist (1988, 1990, 1992)
4-Times World Challenge of Champions Gold Medalist (1992, 1993, 1994, 1997)
4-Times Masters Miko Champion (Paris, France – 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996)
US Open Professional Champion (1992)
Winner of first-ever head-to-head Pro-Am event (1993)

Olympic-eligible competitive record:

1992 Olympic Games, 2nd (Albertville, France)

1992 US Nationals 2nd
1991 US Nationals 3rd
1990 US Nationals 2nd
1989 US Nationals 3rd
1988 US Nationals 2nd
1987 US Nationals 5th
1986 US Nationals 5th
1985 US Nationals 5th
1984 US Nationals 4th
1983 US Nationals 5th
1982 US Nationals 11th
1981 US Junior Men's Champion
1981 World Junior Champion
1980 US Junior Pairs Champion
1980 US Nationals Junior Men's 2nd

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Paul Stanton Wylie was born October 28, 1964 in Dallas, Texas to Robert and Elizabeth Wylie. Paul was only 3 ½ when he started skating. “It’s not like I had any big interest in skating,” Paul says. “But my older sisters were taking lessons and I used to hang around and play with my Tonka Trucks on the ice. Eventually, my mom thought I would have more fun on skates.”

Paul’s mom was obviously right. Paul kept up with the lessons and moved to Denver at the age of 11 and started training with Carlo Fassi – a relationship that would last a decade. Being in an Olympic rink had a profound effect on Paul. “At the time, people like Scott Hamilton, Dorothy Hamill and John Curry were training there,” Paul recalls. “Being with those skaters in that kind of environment really inspired me.”

At 15, Paul won The National Junior Pairs Title with Dana Graham and the next year he won both The U.S. National Junior Championships and World Junior Championships. That’s when he looked to the Olympics as his next goal.

Paul moved to Boston in 1985 to train with Evy and Mary Scotvold. He entered Harvard the next year and graduated *cum laude* in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts in Government, something that had always interested Paul. “All the international travel I used to do for competitions really piqued my interest. In fact, when I was a kid, I wanted to be a diplomat,” he says.

Although his diplomatic career would never blossom, Paul's Olympic dreams became a reality on February 15, 1992 when he took home the Silver Medal for his routine to "Henry V." "That was a big surprise because, at that time, I was kind of the dark horse," Paul says. "Nobody really expected it."

Paul's professional career is still regarded as one of the best ever. After the Olympics, he went on to win many more competitions, including The World Professional and U.S. Open Professional Championships in 1993, and a 4-time winner of both the Masters Miko Professional Championships in Paris and The World Challenge of Champions. In addition, Paul co-headlined the *Stars On Ice* tour with Scott Hamilton and Kristi Yamaguchi. He calls that skating's "golden age." Paul toured with *Stars On Ice* from 1992 until 1998. His involvement in *Stars on Ice* was a major contribution to his development as a professional skater and performer.

Most skating fans know Paul for his classical style of skating. "I think my signature has been the theatrical aspect that I bring to my performances," he says. "I try to interpret every phrase of the music with meaning beyond just jumps, spins and footwork."

Paul's epic performances throughout his career were some of the most memorable and creative programs ever performed by a professional skater. The drama and passion were evident in his signature programs such as *JFK*, *The Untouchables*, *This is the Moment*, *Schindler's List* and *Carmina Burana*.

After Paul's retirement from performing and touring with Stars on Ice in 1998, he went on to pursue a Masters Degree in Business from Harvard, his undergraduate *alma mater*. During the years that followed, Paul has also served as a Color Commentator for Turner Broadcasting, Fox Sports, ESPN, ABC, NBC and Universal Sports covering the ISU Grand Prix and International Championships as an on-air analyst. He hosted "All Access" and highlight specials for the World Championships in Moscow and Calgary, and provided color for ABC/ESPN's 2006 and 2008, and NBC's Coverage of the 2009-10 ISU Grand Prix and ISUWorld Championships. He called live radio for the Figure Skating Events with Westwood One in Vancouver 2010 and Sochi 2014.

Paul is a highly sought after motivational speaker for a variety of corporate entities – he is one of a handful of athletes chosen to speak at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. He has provided Keynote addresses for the PSA Conference and Champs Camp for US Figure Skating. He has returned to Harvard nearly every fall to skate in and/or to host the student-run , a benefit for children's cancer that has raised over \$2.5 Million for cancer research.

After earning his MBA, Paul has undertaken numerous roles in business, including Director of Marketing and Synergy for the Walt Disney Company, directing cross-marketing efforts supporting key Disney brands. Paul also directed the launch of a multi-media curriculum for a global non-profit based in Charlotte, NC.

Paul is a PSA Master Rated Coach for Free Skating, and currently coaches at the Extreme Ice Center, in Indian Trail, NC. He has coached skaters at Nationals and mentored Olympians, and continues to travel worldwide for guest coaching opportunities and seminars worldwide. He also continues to skate in select fundraisers and exhibitions, including the *Musselman's Family Tribute on Ice*, televised on ABC.

In addition to coaching figure skating, Paul has an active practice in corporate seminars and wellness coaching. A featured ForumX speaker at the Vail Living Well symposium, he also serves as a Performance Coach and Keynote Speaker for the *Johnson and Johnson Human Performance Institute*.

Paul was elected to the US Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 2007 and the Harvard Varsity Club Hall of Fame in 2008. He is active in trying to help talented athletes fund their dreams through his work as Trustee of the Lisa McGraw Figure Skating Foundation and Secretary of the US Figure Skating Foundation.

He currently lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife, Kate, whom he married on August 14, 1999. They have two daughters, Hannah (12) and Emma (9), and a son, Caleb (7).