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HALL OF FAME



Stacey Siu Butt

Hockey

Inducted in 2023

Within the earlier sections of your average *Sports Illustrated* issue there is a space devoted to Faces in the Crowd, which would highlight outstanding achievements for the particular week performed by athletes away from the professional levels of endeavour, usually at the university or high school stages.

On one occasion, American University field hockey player Stacey Ann Siu Butt was hailed out for scoring *six* goals in a game for the *second* time that season. Siu Butt was more than just a face in the crowd, of course: she turned out to be Trinidad and Tobago's premier women's field hockey player of the 1990s and 2000s – perhaps of all time. She was a mainstay with the Trinidad and Tobago national women's team from 1991 to 2010 and her driven spirit and her regular goals helped bring home many achievements. Two proud occasions stand out. In 1992, Siu Butt was tournament top scorer with 11 goals as she helped the Trinidad and Tobago under-21s to second place at the Pan American Junior Women's Championship in Venezuela.



The accomplishment earned this country participation in the 1993 FIH Women's Junior World Cup in Spain and helped to boost Siu Butt's growing reputation. Almost a decade after she played at the Junior World Cup, she would help Trinidad and Tobago to win the 2002 Women's Indoor Pan American Cup in the USA and, with this triumph, to book a ticket to the inaugural Women's Indoor World Cup in Germany in 2003, where Trinidad and Tobago, with Siu Butt (and her four goals), was one of 12 participating teams.

Between 1994 and 1998, Siu Butt carved a legend for herself with the American University Eagles. Not only did she break scoring and assists records, she earned Player of the Year and First Team honours from the Colonial Athletic Association and was also named to the All-American First Team and the Mid-Atlantic First Team.

Back in Trinidad and Tobago where she was a long-term star with Magnolia in the Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board (TTHB) Women's Championship Division, Siu Butt continued to be a difference-maker for the national team up to her final competition, the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, and she earned gold medals at the Central American & Caribbean (CAC) Games in 2002 and 2010.

Stacey Ann Siu Butt was inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame in 2023.