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The Outcry To Protect Young Athletes

Posted by Xtreme Dream Team on Feb 23, 2012 in Blog, Slider | 3 comments

When it came my turn to address the crowd at the 5th IOC Women in Sport World Conference over the last few days here in Los Angeles, I spoke aloud, boldly, of the repeated sexual molestation I endured at the hands of my coach when I was a teenager.

At one point, I took a long pause and raised my voice to say "I'm sick of it, young athletes victims of heinous sexual crimes by the very coaches whose job it is to protect and mentor!! And you know who else is sick of it? Katherine Starr, where are you?"



Katherine Starr

At that point, tall, broad-shouldered, 44-year-old, former world-class swimmer [Katherine Starr](#) stood. I told the audience that this athlete, too, had been raped and continually molested through her young years, by her coach. Katherine's trauma was so disturbing that she legally changed her name. Her birth name, Annabelle Cripps, became so abhorrent to her, ringing forever in her ears with the memory of the coach's voice slobbering it over her pinned-down body.

Katherine has now launched a new org to set new standards of protection for young athletes.

Check out [Safe4Athletes.org](#).

Katherine is doing important work. You may not realize how broad and deep the epidemic of athlete molestation exists, but believe it. The numbers are staggering.

And speaking for at least two of us,

Katherine Starr and I ARE SICK OF IT!!!!!!

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- [#KatherineStarr](#) is making a difference with her organization [@Safe4Athletes](#) <http://t.co/i7euJ5gm> [#CHANGE](#) [#INSPIRATION](#) about 15 hours ago from [HootSuite](#)
- Do you have a fear of public speaking? As a public speaker for the past 40 years, I have some tips to share <http://t.co/VbO07W7K> 05:40:04 PM February 25, 2012 from [HootSuite](#)
- UPDATE: I start traveling to St. Maarten March 5, the heavy training begins 4 the [#XtremeDream](#). Stay tuned 4 more updates, photos & videos! 10:12:11 PM February 24, 2012 from [HootSuite](#)
- [@sandrajohnson46](#) Thanks 4 the mention. Anything new in the Olympic world? 04:04:04 PM February 24, 2012 from [HootSuite](#) [reply to SandraJohnson46](#)
- [@lizzie0904](#) Thank you and yes I agree. Hope you are doing well. 04:01:43 PM



Bob Jones

February 24, 2012

This is a wonderful mission. My heart breaks when I think of what Diana had to endure at the hands of her coach. We went to high school together and the thought that all of that was happening while we were all oblivious and innocent kids. All of the time everyone thinking Jack N. was a saint. You are a hero in so many ways old friend. Inspire on! I am wearing your xtreme dream cap today!

Reply



Nancy Hogshead-Makar

February 24, 2012

Mad props to both of you. Until the word rape loses its sting of shame can all of us stand up against abusers – much like breast cancer used to be whispered and women were afraid to go to the doctor's office when they knew there was a lump. The Women's Sports Foundation is proud to be a founding partner with safe4athletes.org!

Nancy, senior director of advocacy, WSF

Reply



Chris B

February 24, 2012

I shudder every time I hear another horrible story like these kind of things happening to any woman young or older.

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- Public Speaking
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- Xtreme Dream 2012: Jellyfish Armor

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