

Jason Gatson

2004 Visa American Cup Champion
 2003 World Artistic Championships Team Silver Medalist & All-Around 8th Place
 1997 World Championships Team, All-Around Finalist

Hometown: Upland, Calif./Mesa, Ariz.
 Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Date/Place of Birth: June 25, 1980/Mesa, Ariz.
 Club: Team Chevron-U.S. Olympic Training Center
 Coach: Vitaly Marinitch
 Favorite Event: All
 Began Gymnastics: 1986
 Years on Jr. Nat. Team: 5 (1992-97)
Years on Sr. Nat. Team: 4 1/2 (1997-00, Spring 2003, 2003-04)



Personal Info

Jason scored a perfect 10.0 on floor at the 1999 Winter Cup Challenge and placed second all-around to Blaine Wilson. With his third-place finish at the 1997 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, he became the youngest athlete ever to make a U.S. men's World Championships team at age 17 in 1997. Gatson made his debut at the senior level in the 1998 International Team Championships in Cincinnati, winning a team gold medal. Gatson made a remarkable comeback from multiple knee injuries to win the 2003 Men's National Championships Qualifier and finish second at the 2003 U.S. Championships. He currently lives at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and is a member of the OTC Resident Training Program under coach Vitaly Marinitch. Gatson is active in the Make A Wish program in Colorado and he enjoys swimming, basketball, and drawing. He has a D value move named after him on the parallel bars.

International Competition

- 2004 Pacific Alliance Championships, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA; 1st-Team, 2nd-SR
- 2004 Visa American Cup, New York, N.Y.; 1st-AA, 1st-SR, 1st-PB, T1st-HB
- 2003 World Championships, Anaheim, Calif.; 2nd-Team, 8th-AA, 7th-SR
- 2003 Jurassic Classic, Calgary, Alberta, CAN; 1st-Team, 1st-AA
- 1999 Pontiac International Team Championships, Richmond, Va.; 1st-Team, 1st-FX
- 1999 Visa American Cup, St. Petersburg, Fla.; 2nd-AA, 1st-FX, 3rd-V
- 1998 Swiss Cup, Zurich, SUI; 2nd-FX
- 1998 DTB-Cup, Stuttgart, GER; 2nd-FX
- 1998 China Cup, Tianjin, CHN; 5th-team, 12th-AA
- 1997 World Gymnastics Championships, Lausanne, SUI; 5th-Team, 22nd-AA
- 1997 Grand Prix, Rome, ITA; 5th-AA, 2nd-FX, 3rd-HB
- 1997 International Team Championships, Cincinnati, Ohio; 1st-team
- 1996 USA vs. Canada, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 1st-team, 1st-AA

National Competition

- 2004 Winter Cup Challenge, Las Vegas, Nev.; 3rd-AA, 1st-FX, 2nd-PB
- 2003 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Milwaukee, Wis.; 2nd-AA, 1st-PB
- 2003 Winter Cup Challenge, Las Vegas, Nev.; 2nd-AA, 2nd-SR, 1st-PB

Men's National Team

- 2001 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 2001 Winter Cup Challenge, Las Vegas, Nev.; T1st-PB
- 2000 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1999 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Sacramento, Calif.
- 1999 Winter Cup Challenge, Las Vegas, Nev.; 2nd -AA, 2nd-V, 1st-PB
- 1998 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Indianapolis, Ind.; 2nd-AA, 1st-FX, 2nd-V, 4th-PB, 1st-HB
- 1997 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Denver, Colo.; 3rd-AA, 1st-FX, T4th-SR, 3rd-V, 3rd-PB