

## Katerina Stefanidis - The goddess of the Pole Vault



Katerina Stefanidis is a Greek pole vaulter (born 4 February, 1990). She won the gold medal in the 2016 Olympic Games with a jump of 4.85 meters and has also competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics. She is the current World Outdoor (2017), European Outdoor (2018), Diamond League (2018) champion, a European Indoor champion and a two-time World Indoor Championships bronze medalist.

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She currently lives in the U.S. with her American husband.

## Anna Korakakis – The gold-fingered shooter



Anna Korakakis (born 8 April, 1996) is a Greek shooter. She represented Greece in the 2016 Summer Olympics, winning a gold medal in the 25m pistol and a bronze medal in the 10m air pistol. She won the first Gold medal for Greece, since Greece hosted the Olympics back in 2004. At the age of 20 and in just her maiden Olympic campaign, she became the first Greek woman to win two Olympic medals in the same competition

and the first Greek athlete in general since 1912. In the 25m fire pistol competition, she beat Monika Karsch of Germany. In this race, she won three rounds thus getting a lead of 6–0, then the German rival won the next three rounds and thus bringing it to a 6–6 tie. In the last round, the German missed 1st and 3rd shots of the 5 shots, and Korakakis had missed her 4th shot, but she hit her 5th shot and won 8–6, taking the gold and avoiding a tie.

Korakaki has been competing since 2009. She belongs to the Orion Shooting Club of Thessaloniki and she is coached by her father and retired shooter Tassos Korakakis. She is an undergraduate student in Special Education at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki.

## Eleftherios Petrounias – The Lord of the Rings



Eleftherios Petrounias (born 30 November,1990) is the world's best gymnast. He is the 2016 Olympic champion, the 2018, 2017 and 2015 World champion, and a five-time (2011/2015 - 18) European medalist on the still rings, earning four gold and one bronze metal.

Early in his career he injured his finger and has two screws inserted in it; he also had two hernia surgeries.

## Stefanos Tsitsipas – The new world tennis phenomenon



Stefanos Tsitsipas (born 12 August 1998) is a Greek professional tennis player. He is the youngest player ranked in the top 10 by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and has a career-high ranking of No. 5 in the world, making him the highest-ranked Greek player in history. He has won three ATP singles titles and reached seven finals.

Born into a tennis family where his mother was a professional on the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) tour and his father was trained as a tennis coach, Tsitsipas was introduced into the sport at age of three and began taking lessons at the age of six. As a junior, he was ranked No. 1 in the world. He also became the third Greek player, and first Greek male in the Open Era, to win a junior Grand Slam title with a victory in the 2016 Wimbledon boys' doubles event.

Tsitsipas won his first ATP match in late 2017 and quickly ascended the ATP rankings the following year. He reached three tour-level finals in 2018 and won his first title at the Stockholm Open. With his runner-up finish at the Canadian Open, he became the youngest player to defeat four top ten opponents in a single tournament. After culminating his season with an exhibition title at the Next Gen ATP

Finals, Tsitsipas continued to build on his success by reaching the semifinals at the 2019 Australian Open.

### **The Greek Freak Giannis Antetokounmpo**



Giannis Antetokounmpo (born December 6, 1994) is a Greek professional basketball player for the Milwaukee Bucks of the National Basketball Association (NBA). Nearly 7 feet tall, Antetokounmpo's combination of size, speed and ball-handling skills led to his nickname the "Greek Freak".

Born in Greece to Nigerian parents, Antetokounmpo began playing basketball for the youth teams of Filathlitikos in Athens. In 2011 he

began playing for the club's senior team. He declared himself eligible for the NBA Draft in 2013 and was selected 15th overall by the Bucks.

In 2016–17 he led the Bucks in all five major statistical categories and became the first player in NBA history to finish a regular season in the top 20 in total points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks. He received the Most Improved Player award in 2017. He has received three All-Star selections, and led the Eastern Conference in voting in 2019.

In June 2019, he was named the NBA Most Valuable Player. The first Greek and second European in the history of the championship, after the great Dirk Nowicki (2006-07), who wins this prize. At the same time, he is the fifth non-American (Hakim Olazuon, Tim Duncan, Steve Nash and Novitsky others) to do so.

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