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Skechers Drafts Kiki Iriafen

USC Forward is First College Star to Join Team Skechers

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Skechers expands its basketball roster by signing University of Southern California forward Kiki Iriafen ahead of the 2025 WNBA draft. Expected to be a top draft pick in this year's draft as she pursues a master's degree at the USC Marshall School of Business, the elite athlete will play in Skechers Basketball footwear after entering the pros and appear in the performance brand's global marketing campaigns.



USC forward Kiki Iriafen is ready to hit the court in Skechers basketball shoes.

"This partnership is about more than just basketball. Skechers understands who I am on and off the court and what I need to be at my best," said Kiki Iriafen, who will play in the SKX NEXUS™. "I love that the brand is based in my hometown of L.A., and has the global reach to help me inspire and impact more female athletes worldwide to pursue their dreams. Skechers does comfort better than any other brand I've experienced, which gives me confidence to have them as my teammate as I enter into this next chapter of my life."

"After two years on the court in the NBA and WNBA, it's a big moment for Skechers Basketball to sign Kiki, our first college player, and embark on the journey with her as she begins her professional career," said Michael Greenberg, president of Skechers. "Kiki is a rising star with a bright future in the league. We look forward to supporting her from the draft through her first season and

beyond. As the second woman on our basketball roster, she also furthers our mission to engage with female athletes around the world so that more players everywhere experience the signature Comfort That Performs of Skechers."

Okikiola "Kiki" Iriafen gained national attention at Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles where she set school records for points and rebounds and was named a McDonald's All-American in 2021 and rated a five-star recruit by ESPN. Her collegiate career started at

Stanford where she was named to the Pac-12 All-Freshman team by the media in 2022 and later earned Pac-12 Most Improved Player of the Year and All-Pac-12 Team in 2024. That year she also received the Katrina McClain Award, presented to the best power forward in NCAA women's basketball. After earning an engineering degree from Stanford in 2024, Iriafen transferred to USC as a graduate student for her final year of college eligibility. She was recently named to the first team All-Big Ten ahead of the 2025 NCAA women's basketball tournament where USC entered as a #1 seed. Iriafen is averaging 18.6 PPG and 8.5 RPG for USC this season and will soon begin her pro career with the WNBA draft on April 14 in New York.

Perfect for players who desire a fast and responsive court-feel, the SKX NEXUS™ worn by Iriafen is a low-top court shoe designed for speed, stability and support. Offering exceptional comfort with resilient Skechers Move Foam™, every pair features a breathable mesh upper, lockdown ankle support in the heel, and Goodyear® rubber with a torsion-plate to amplify traction for quick cuts on the court. The style joins an innovative Skechers Basketball collection that includes the lightweight SKX Resagrip™ with advanced cushioning, the SKX Float™ for exceptional stability and control, and the SKX Reign™ that promotes elevation and intense traction.

Iriafen joins a Skechers roster that includes WNBA star Rickea Jackson, along with NBA stars Joel Embiid, Julius Randle, Norman Powell, Jabari Walker, Josh Green, and Terance Mann. Additional elite athletes around the world competing in Skechers Performance footwear includes golfers Matt Fitzpatrick and Brooke Henderson; soccer players Harry Kane, Baris Alper Yilmaz and Mohammed Kudus; pickleball pros Tyson McGuffin and Catherine Parenteau; and baseball players Clayton Kershaw and Aaron Nola, among others.

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