

## **KELLY GOULDTHORPE-POE**

Growing up in a neighborhood of mostly boys and loving sports with a passion. Young women attribute their success and drive from the competition in playing sports with boys. Kelly Gouldthorpe garnered hers the “Old Fashion Way”, she “Earned It”. Having a brother who had an elevated passion for sports, participation centered around playing in the yard with her brother Eric and his buddies. With each new season a new sport entered the yard.



She gained her skills and competitiveness from Eric and humbling support from her mother Pam. Coaches that helped hone her playing skills include: Jimmy Christian, Dean Short, Mike Ogden, and George Maddox in youth sports and at Amherst County High School, In basketball, Kelly was pushed to improve by Coach Barbara Wood by showing her that being competitive was a much bigger picture than what she was accustomed to. Coach Donny Wilkerson and Tony Campbell were always a calming force and strict preparer for fundamentals. Her father, Goldie Gouldthorpe coached and taught the game, rules, philosophies, strategies, and being prepared to be successful both on and off the field. 3-F's (Focus-Fundamentals-Fun) is how she played the game her entire life.

Kelly experienced success while playing on many Championship teams throughout her career. District, Regional, and VHSL State Semi-Finalist in High School. Conference, Regionals and NCAA Nationals in College.

Success in softball enabled Kelly to attend Roanoke College where she earned All-ODAC and NCAA 1<sup>st</sup> team honors. Her most memorable play was a diving catch of a line drive that preserved an ODAC Championship.

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Youth Soccer & Basketball-Amherst Recreation: (1987-93), Basketball All-Star 2 years, Youth Baseball-MHYBA: (1984-87, Youth Softball-ACDS: (1983 & 1988-92) All-Star 3 years, Travel Softball-Lynchburg: (1992-2001).
- Holly Cross Regional School-Basketball: (1991, 1992), Captain & MVP: (1992), Soccer (1992), Played on Varsity squad as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader.
- ACHS-Volleyball: (1993-97, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District: (1997), Basketball: (1993-97), 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District I year, Softball: 1993-97), 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District 3 years, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Regional 2 years, MVP, All-Star Team, Virginia All-Star game, News & Advance All-Area Team, District & Regional Championships, State Semi-Finalist: (1995-96).
- Roanoke College-Softball: (1999-2001), All-ODAC 1st Team: (1999, 2000), All-ODAC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: (2001), ODAC Champions: (1999, 2000, 2001), NCAA Regional Tournament: (1999, 2000, 2001), NCAA Nationals: (2000, 2001).