

# Laura Wilkinson

**Height** ..... 5' 6"  
**Birthdate** ..... November 17, 1977  
**Birthplace** ..... Houston, Texas  
**Hometown** ..... Spring, Texas  
**Current Residence** ..... The Woodlands, Texas  
**Education** ..... University of Texas  
**Degree** ..... B.S. Public Relations (2001)  
**Club** ..... Woodlands Diving Team  
**Trains** ..... The Woodlands, Texas  
**Coach** ..... Ken Armstrong  
**National Team** ..... 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001  
..... 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

## Career Highlights:

- 2005 World Championship platform gold medalist
- 2004 World Cup platform gold medalist
- 2000 Olympic platform gold medalist
- 1998 Goodwill Games platform gold medalist
- 1995 World Cup bronze medalist in platform synchro
- 2000, 2004 and 2005 USA Diving Athlete of the Year
- 2000 and 2004 U.S. Olympic Team member
- 1995, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008 World Cup team member
- 2005 World Championships team co-captain
- 1998, 2003, 2005, 2007 World Championship team member
- 2003 Pan American Games team member
- 1998 and 2001 Goodwill Games team member
- 19-time U.S. national champion
- 14-time U.S. national team member
- 8-time NCAA All-American
- 1997 and 1999 NCAA champion

**Personal:** Daughter of Edward and Linda Wilkinson ... has one brother, Robert (born 6/4/73) ... married Eriek Hulseman on Sept. 7, 2002 ... nicknames are La-La and Wilkie ... Laura greatly appreciates the support she receives from her family ... has two dogs and two cats ... enjoys drawing, writing, reading and making collages ... has started the Laura Wilkinson Foundation to raise money for a new training facility in the Woodlands, Texas ... volunteers with children's organizations and does speaking engagements ... a gymnast for seven years ... has been diving since age 15 ... trains six or more hours a day, six days a week ... listens to music or plays cards, talks and laughs between dives during a contest ... before every dive recites Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." ... has her own web site, [www.laurawilkinson.com](http://www.laurawilkinson.com) ... Likes to watch the movie "Miracle" for inspiration before big meets.

**Other Accomplishments:** 2005 USA Diving Athlete of the Year and Sullivan Award finalist ... 2004 USA Diving Athlete of the Year ... 2003 WHOSAM Recipient...2001 USOC Female Athlete of the Year-Diving ...2000 U.S. Diving Athlete of the Year ... 2000 USOC Female Athlete of the Year-Diving... 2000 Top 5 Finalist for the Sullivan Award ... nominated for an ESPY Award in 2000 (Female U.S. Olympic Athlete of the Year) ... was on the Wheaties box following the 2000 Olympic Games... 1997 and 1999 NCAA platform champion ... platform gold medalist at the 1998 Goodwill Games ... received 1997 Athlete Performance Award at the U.S. Outdoor Championships.

## Laura Wilkinson, results

Year	National Events	1-meter	3-meter	Platform
1994	Speedo National Junior Diving Championships			29th (259.65)
1995	Phillips 66 National (Indoor) Diving Championships		17th (412.23)	29th (192.51)
	Phillips 66 National (Indoor) Diving Championships [synch. Armstrong]	5th (240.72)		
	HTH® Classic [synch. Armstrong]		3rd (225.24)	<b>1st (268.14)</b>
	Speedo National Junior Diving Championships	30th (320.30)	12th (431.00)	2nd (454.80)
	Phillips 66 National (Outdoor) Diving Championships		10th (443.79)	4th (452.07)
	Phillips 66 National (Outdoor) Diving Championships [synch. Armstrong]	5th (225.48)	<b>1st (248.85)</b>	
1996	Phillips 66 National (Indoor) Diving Championships		24th (222.33)	10th (400.32)
	Phillips 66 National (Indoor) Diving Championships [synch. Armstrong]		<b>1st (264.06)</b>	
	Speedo National Junior Diving Championships	19th (351.85)	5th (474.30)	2nd (461.91)
	Phillips 66 National (Outdoor) Diving Championships		27th (193.74)	2nd (477.45)
	Phillips 66 National (Outdoor) Diving Championships [synch. Armstrong]	<b>1st (263.52)</b>	<b>1st (298.05)</b>	
1997	U.S. Spring National Diving Championships		12th (430.74)	4th (435.06)
	Dallas Morning News National Diving Championships		<b>1st (536.73)</b>	<b>1st (503.49)</b>
	Dallas Morning News National Diving Championships [synch. Sustman]	5th (232.20)		
	World Championship Team Trials		3rd (760.47)	<b>1st (759.12)</b>
1998	Cinergy/PSI National Diving Championships		3rd (495.99)	<b>1st (490.35)</b>
	U.S. Summer National Diving Championships		6th (462.51)	2nd (476.55)
	U.S. Summer National Diving Championships [synch. Armstrong]		2nd (275.73)	
1999	U.S. Spring National Diving Championships	24th (204.39)	9th (448.41)	5th (415.51)
	U.S. Spring National Diving Championships [synch. Armstrong]		2nd (265.95)	
	U.S. Summer National Diving Championships		2nd (516.30)	<b>1st (512.76)</b>
	U.S. Summer National Diving Championships [synch. Christensen, Armstrong]	6th (237.00)	2nd (273.06)	
2000	U.S. Olympic Team Trials			<b>1st (869.79)</b>
	U.S. Outdoor National Diving Championships			<b>1st (530.40)</b>
	U.S. Outdoor National Diving Championships [synch. Keim]			<b>1st (304.32)</b>
2001	U.S. National Outdoor Diving Championships			5th (455.70)
2002	Speedo National Diving Championships			<b>1st (547.20)</b>
2003	World Championship Trials			<b>1st (994.17)</b>
	World Championship Trials [synch. Viola]			<b>1st (579.06)</b>
	Speedo National Diving Championships			<b>1st (497.49)</b>
	Speedo National Diving Championships [synch. Viola]			2 <sup>nd</sup> (285.90)
2004	World Cup Trials			<b>1st (838.82)</b>
	World Cup Trials [synch. Soldati]			<b>1st (598.26)</b>
	Speedo American Cup [synch. Soldati]			<b>1st (287.10)</b>
	U.S. Olympic Team Trials			<b>1st (878.85)</b>
	U.S. Olympic Team Trials [synch. Soldati]			2 <sup>nd</sup> (600.42)
	Speedo National Diving Championships			<b>1st (578.37)</b>
2005	U.S. Open		4 <sup>th</sup> (722.88)	
	Speedo National Diving Championships			<b>1st (541.80)</b>
	Speedo National Diving Championships [synch. Livingston]			<b>1st (297.30)</b>
2006	Speedo U.S. Open			<b>1st (359.30)</b>
2007	Speedo USA Diving Spring National Championships (Boyd's, Md.)			2nd (365.20)
	Speedo USA Diving Spring National Championships (Boyd's, Md.) [synch. Livingston]			2nd (302.22)
	Kaiser Permanente National Championships			<b>1st (422.30)</b>
	Kaiser Permanente National Championships [synch. Livingston]			<b>1st (324.00)</b>
2008	Speedo USA Diving Spring National Championships			<b>1st (391.50)</b>
	Speedo USA Diving Spring National Championships [synch. Livingston]			<b>1st (327.66)</b>
	U.S. Olympic Team Trials			<b>1st (1214.50)</b>
	Kaiser Permanente National Championships			2nd (328.40)

Year	International Events	1-meter	3-meter	Platform
1995	IXth Diving World Cup [synch. Armstrong]			3rd (232.23)
1996	International Springertag		21st (229.44)	
	Spring Swallows			10th (415.89)
	Four Nations Meet			8th (419.91)
1997	III FINA Diving Grand Prix (China)	6th (209.43)	5th (436.98)	4th (449.64)
	FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix			15th (354.30)
	Xth Diving World Cup		14th (250.17)	6th (258.30)
1998	VIIIth FINA World Aquatic Championships			5th (472.65)
	FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix		4th (476.56)	20th (221.94)
	FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix [synch. Pesek]		2nd (267.06)	
	Goodwill Games		8th (463.74)	<b>1st (504.21)</b>
	Goodwill Games [synch. Hirai]		6th (223.71)	
1999	XXth World University Games		20th (239.79)	25th (201.93)
2000	XIIth Diving World Cup		29th (206.88)	12th (406.95)
	Comunidad de Madrid			<b>1st (491.82)</b>
	Comunidad de Madrid [synch. Keim]			<b>1st (281.82)</b>
	XXVIIth Olympic Games			<b>1st (543.75)</b>
	XXVIIth Olympic Games [synch. Keim]			5th (291.42)
2001	Goodwill Games			7th (302.91)
2002	FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix [synch. Soldati]			3rd (270.48)
	XIIIth FINA Diving World Cup [synch. Soldati]			5th (266.46)
2003	Speedo American Cup			3 <sup>rd</sup> (288.63)
	Southern Cross			4 <sup>th</sup> (335.19)
	China Open			13 <sup>th</sup> (245.00)
	Canada Cup			2 <sup>nd</sup> (350.55)
	Speedo FINA Diving Grand Prix			2 <sup>nd</sup> (330.55)
	Speedo FINA Diving Grand Prix [synch. Viola]			2 <sup>nd</sup> (292.14)
	Grand Prix Super Final			5 <sup>th</sup> (278.00)
	FINA World Championships			8 <sup>th</sup> (485.40)
	FINA World Championships [synch. Viola]			4 <sup>th</sup> (281.04)
	Pan American Games			5 <sup>th</sup> (453.99)
2004	Canada Cup [synch. Soldati]			3rd (296.82)
	XIVth FINA Diving World Cup			<b>1st (553.53)</b>
	XIVth FINA Diving World Cup [synch. Soldati]			4 <sup>th</sup> (311.44)
	Speedo FINA Diving World Prix [synch. Soldati]			2 <sup>nd</sup> (307.58)
	XXVIIIth Olympic Games			5th (549.72)
2005	FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix [synch. Davis]		4 <sup>th</sup> (277.77)	
	FINA World Championships			<b>1st (564.87)</b>
	FINA World Championships [synch. Cardinell]			5 <sup>th</sup> (318.66)
2006	Speedo USA Diving Grand Prix			3 <sup>rd</sup> (365.00)
	FINA Diving World Cup (Changshu, China)			4th (352.70)
2007	FINA World Championships (Melbourne, Australia)			4th (361.80)
	AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix			9th (282.40)
	AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix (Fort Lauderdale) [synch. Livingston]			5 <sup>th</sup> (285.48)
2008	FINA Diving World Cup (Beijing)			12th (306.00)
	FINA Grand Prix China Open [synch. Livingston]			4th (316.14)
	AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix			2nd (360.80)
	AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix [synch. Livingston]			3rd (321.84)

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