

**Michelle Davison
Columbia, S.C.
Women's 3-meter**

It probably wouldn't have shocked many people who know Olympian Michelle Davison to have seen her on the ESPN series "Dream Job," which allowed ten contestants to try and become a Sportscenter anchor.

In fact, that is Davison's dream job. Though she wasn't on the show, she could easily live her life talking about sports everyday.

Her favorite sport is diving though, and her dream job right now is to become a member of the U.S. Olympic Team, like she did in 2000. But, America and ESPN won't make or break her dream; it is all up to her at the 2004 U. S. Olympic Team Trials – Diving presented by Bank of America.

In the 2000 Trials Davison placed second on the 3-meter and finished 12th at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

"I have a lot of mixed emotions going into Trials," she said. "But my overall feeling is excitement. I love to compete. I cannot wait to go out there and give it my all; the rest is in the Lord's hands."

The dives she performs will be in her hands though, and most likely she'll be doing her favorite dive, a 5152B, at the competition.

"It is the last dive I do and when the pressure is on, I love to have that dive in my back pocket when it is time to step it up," Davison said.

She has been preparing for the event by practicing her dives as she would in a meet, a tactic that frustrates her, yet improves her diving, she said.

"We are only allowed to do one, get scored on it and move on to the next one," Davison said. "I am the type of diver who likes to practice as many as I can to get it right, so sometimes it can be frustrating to only do one. However, it is the best way to prepare for a meet, so even though it is hard it is most definitely worth it."

Davison, 24, plans on retiring after the Games and that realization gave her a different outlook on diving.

"I have tried to enjoy the sport and its process more this time around because I know it is my last," she said.

She will have plenty to do following her retirement. Besides her passion for diving, she enjoys playing golf, which was the first thing her grandfather taught her to do. She also rock-climbs, wakeboards and rides bikes with her boyfriend in her free time.

But if ESPN has another installment of the reality show, Michelle Davison might just emerge into the sports world again.