

WR/DB ISABELLA “IZZY” GERACI #23



HOMETOWN: North Ridgeville, Ohio

RESIDENCE: North Ridgeville, Ohio

AGE: 24

HEIGHT: 5-7

YEAR ON U.S. NATIONAL TEAM: 2nd

PRONUNCIATION:

Isabella GERACI (*Jer-ACE-ee*)



ALL-AROUND ATHLETE

Geraci grew up playing basketball, golf, soccer, softball and track. She began playing football at an early age too but chose to focus on other sports in high school and college.

“As a kid, I played a lot of sports simply because sports are fun, and I never wanted to stop having fun,” Geraci said. “I wanted to try it all and be good at it all. I still do. I have always taken pride in being an athlete. Whatever sport you throw me into, I’ll figure out how to play it, and I’ll figure out how to be decent at it. The older I got, the more I realized how beneficial it is to be a multi-sport athlete. Every sport has different movements and uses different muscles. If I could cross-train like that, I would be able to set myself apart.”

At North Ridgeville High School, Geraci was the 2018 Lorain County Student-Athlete of the Year and was crowned Lorain County Miss Basketball, Lorain County Division I Player of the Year and Morning Journal Player of the Year as a senior after averaging 171 points, 8.2 rebounds, 3.8 steals, and 2.4 assists per game. She finished her high school career as North Ridgeville’s all-time leading scorer along with numerous All-Conference, All-County, All-District and All-State selections, including a Second Team All-Ohio bid. Geraci also starred on the track and placed fourth in the state in high jump and sixth in the long jump, earning Morning Journal Sports Track and Field Athlete of the Year honors.

Geraci credits her love for sports to her parents’ backgrounds as multi-sport high school athletes and the environment her family and friends created while she was a kid.

“I grew up playing everything with my cousins and neighbors,” she said. “We would always be outside trying to set up games. That’s just what we did all the time.”

GOLDEN GERACI

Geraci earned her first selection to USA Football’s U.S. Women’s Flag National Team in 2024.

With 39 receptions for 464 yards and five touchdowns (in addition to seven extra points), she played a significant role in the team’s 8-0 run at the 2024 IFAF Flag Football World Championships in Lahti, Finland in August that culminated in a 31-18 win against Mexico in the gold medal match.

The victory marked the U.S. Women’s Flag National Team’s third consecutive world championship. The World Championships featured 32 men’s and 23 women’s national teams from six continents, making it the largest event in IFAF history.



FINDING FLAG AGAIN

Geraci found her way into competitive flag football to stay active in sports after college.

“I played flag and tackle football since I was seven but gave it up after my [high school] freshman season to focus on basketball,” Geraci said in 2024. “I just got back into flag football last year.”

Geraci quickly picked up the game again, learning some of its more advanced elements from members of the O.B.B. women’s club flag football team, which has placed several athletes onto the U.S. National Team in recent years.

“Football has always been my favorite sport since I was little,” said Geraci “Being from Cleveland meant we always had Buckeye and Browns games on, so I was constantly surrounded by it. I was lucky enough to have parents who fully supported what I wanted to do and allowed me to play football. There were no girls when I started, so the question that always kept me going was ‘If boys can do it why can’t we?’”

Returning to flag football was always on Geraci’s mind, even during her years playing college basketball. Now, only a short time removed from her college days, Geraci is competing to stand atop the football world.

“It’s a full circle feeling. I never wanted to give the sport up. It killed me, but when I found out basketball would get me a full ride to college, I had to make the decision to quit. All through college, I kept a close eye on the flag world as it continued to emerge. As soon as I finished my fifth year, I dove headfirst into it. I’m just extremely grateful for the people I’ve met along the way who have helped me get to this point, and I can’t wait to see where it goes.”



NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Geraci and U.S. Men’s National Team wide receiver Ja’Deion High traveled to New York City in April 2025 to celebrate USA Football’s formal certification as the National Governing Body (NGB) for American football by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC).

The distinction marked a significant milestone in American football history: USA Football became the sport’s first National Governing Body ahead of the debut of men’s and women’s flag football at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

Geraci and High appeared on NBC’s Today Show where host Mike Tirico, who serves as a primary host for NBC’s Olympics Coverage, shared the news live from Rockefeller Plaza on April 17. In addition to the Today Show, Geraci and High also appeared live in studio at SiriusXM NFL Radio, enjoyed a birds-eye view of the city from more than 1,100 feet above the ground at Edge sky deck, attended a New York Mets baseball game at Citi Field and visited landmarks like Central Park and Times Square.

