

## #291 Jan Bucher Born: 1957

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The truly gifted athletes make it look easy. Second only to the legendary Ingemar Stenmark, Jan Bucher has more World Cup victories than any other member of the U.S. Ski Team, both past and present.

Jan Bucher was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 17, 1957. An avid ice skater and competitor as a child, Jan insists that she never left skating, but simply incorporated her ice skating finesse into a ski career. An ice skater until age 18, an injury forced her to reconsider skating

her sport. While pondering

this decision, she was contacted by former U.S. Ski Team member. Theobold, Bob

about her help in adding some new maneuvers to his routine.

Jan stepped into skis for the first time at age 18, and the Jan Bucher career had begun. In her 11 season career as a freestyle skier, Bucher



amassed phenomenal record! She has 57 World Cup victories, second only to the great Ingemar Stenmark. Jan won the U.S. National Ballet Championships



in 1988, 1989, and 1991, and the World Cup Ballet Championship in 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, and 1989. Add to this a silver medal in the 1988 Olympics at Calgary, Canada, where freestyle was an exhibition sport; and the gold medal in the 1989 World Freestyle Championships at Oberjoch, Germany; this tells you just what type of a talented athlete and competitor Jan Bucher really is.

Jan Bucher retired from competitive freestyle skiing after the 1991 season and accepted a coaching position with the Canadian National Team. Along with her coaching responsibilities, Jan is proprietor of a ski camp on Mount Hood in the off-season.

Jan Bucher was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1993.