

## Grace Berger

Grace Berger is a 6 feet guard who is from Kentucky. She is a lethal shooter who can score anywhere on the court. She is not only a great player on the court but also a great person off the court too. She is currently a senior at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Grace currently averages 16 points per game, 4.9 assists per game and 6.8 rebounds per game.

Grace fell in love with the game of basketball because she was always around the sport. Her father and brother also played basketball and helped coach her when she was young. Grace knew she wanted to make basketball her career since she was little, she says, "it has always been my passion." She has always gone to college games and she is motivated by the women playing basketball at that level. She knew then that she wanted to play basketball professionally and that inspired her to work hard and achieve that level.

Grace has a lot of hobbies outside of basketball. If she did not play basketball in college she would like to play soccer more and spend more time with the sport. Her team always hangs out and watches TV shows together, and just chill. Grace spends a lot of time with her teammates. They gain trust and chemistry by hanging out with each other. She also loves dogs. She sits dogs when she gets the opportunity, so she can play with them. She loves to do outside activities and be active. Her team attends bible studies and they enjoy team building activities.

Grace is a perfectionist. As much as she wants her days and games to be perfect always, she realizes that may not be the case. When that happens, she just keeps her head up and tries harder. Grace's strengths of being a good athlete is her passion for the game. In order to be really good at something and especially a sport that is really competitive, she has to persevere and give it her all at all times. Grace's parents have been very supportive. Her

parents are at every game, cheering for her from the sidelines. In the next 5 to 10 years, Grace wants to continue playing basketball for as long as she can. Her dream is to be a college coach.

Grace is organized and disciplined in school and she is always focusing "in the moment". She focuses on what she is doing at the moment and worries about the stuff that she needs to do later. She does not procrastinate and always does her work on time. The best piece of advice that Grace received is that "true confidence always comes from practice." Grace gets nervous before her games. This affects her in the game. She listens to her coaches and teammates advice on "just to be in the moment" and that has really helped her in her games. At times when they lost their games, Grace tries to keep her teammates motivated. The coach implements a 24 hour rule, where they will have to put their disappointment and sadness aside when the sun comes up the next day and move on. The season is not over after one loss. They have to train hard for the next game so that they win.

Grace has been a huge influence on the team and really gets along with the team. Grace is really big on teamwork, because basketball is not a one person show. If everyone works together, they will have a good chance at winning games.