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### **Bill Bowerman**

Bill Bowerman was the University of Oregon Track and Field Coach for 24 years.

In the 1950's Bowerman began actually creating his innovated ideas for running shoes for his team after many shoe manufacturers rejected his ideas.

Bowerman partnered up with one of his track star, Phil Knight, in 1964 to design and distribute Japan's Tiger running shoes in the U.S.



## Phil Night



Phil Knight was a talented track star for the University of Oregon who enrolled in the fall of 195.5

When Knight graduated who wrote a paper about shoes in Japan and made a unlikely call to Tiger shoes in Japan and persuaded them to let him distribute there shoes in the U.S.

When the first set of shoes arrived Phil sent them to Bowerman to make a sale but he offered to be his partner instead.

# **Blue Ribbon Tiger Shoes**

Knight began selling these shoes out of his trunk.

Bowerman began ripping them apart to create his own lighter and better shoe designs which he tested on his team.

Jeff Johnson, a runner himself, became the first full-time employee of Blue Ribbon Sports in 1965.





# The Start of Nike Brand & Company

Bowerman and Knight were ready to design and manufacture their own brand of athletic shoes.

Johnson designed several early Nike shoes and conjured up the name Nike in 1971.

They selected the internationally known "swoosh" as there brand mark, which was created by Carolyn Davidson.

The new Nike line of footwear debuted in 1972, just in time for the U.S. Track & Field Trials.



#### **Creative Shoe Design**

One pair of shoes designed by Bowerman for the Nike line specifically left a very different impression on a dozen or so runners.

Bowerman designed the shoes after his wife's waffle iron. The shoe had an outsole that had waffle- type nubs for traction and it was a lighter than traditional running shoes.



## The Soul of Nike



Steve Prefontaine was Nike's first athlete that the company endorsed to elevate its new Nike line.

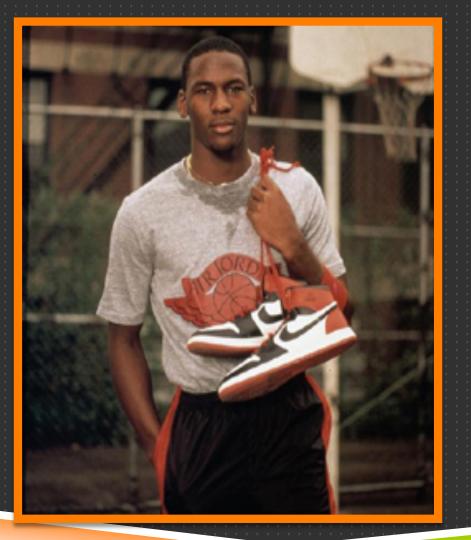
Prefontaine gained National exposure because of his seven broken American records and Sports Illustrated cover stories.

He became a powerful ambassador for Nike, making appearances and sending shoes to prospective runners along with personal notes of encouragement.

#### Michael Jordan

In the 1980's after Prefontaine's tragic death, Nike's position as industry leader began slipping and Phil Knight step down as president.

Fortunately, the debut for a new signature shoe for NBA rookie Michael Jordan in 1985 helped boost Nikes bottom line.



# Air Max



In 1987, Nike came up wit a campaign to gain the industry lead and their main focal point was the Air Max's.

The Air Max shoes were the first ever Nike footwear to feature Nike Air bags that were visible.

The Campaign was supported by a memorable TV ad whose soundtrack was the original Beatles' recording of 'Revolution.'

## "Just Do It"

Building on its momentum, Nike launched a new empowering series of ads with the tagline "Just do it."

The series included three ads with a young two-sport athlete named Bo Jackson, who espoused the benefits of a new cross-training shoe.

By the end of the 1980's, Nike had regained its position as the industry leader, the first and only time a company in the athletic footwear/ apparel industry has accomplished such a feat.

#### JUST DO IT.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXVAiFBEpwA

#### Niketown



Entering into the 1990's Nike set up headquarters in Portland, Oregon.

In November of 1990, Portland became the first home to a new retail-as-theatre experience called Niketown, which earned many architectural design and retail awards.

About a dozen more Niketown locations have spawned all over the globe in later years.

## World Cup

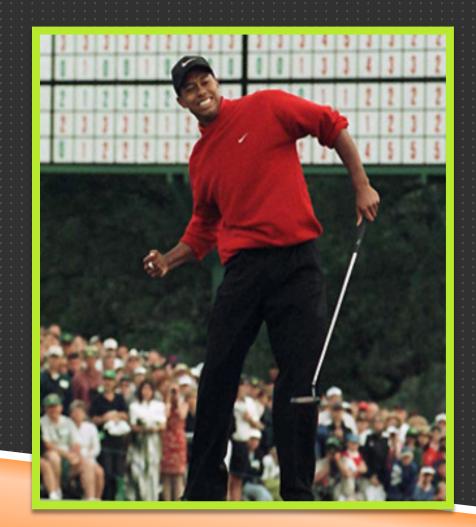
In 1994, Nike signed several individual players from what would be the World Cup-winning Brazilian National Team

Nike signed the entire team in 1995, and began designing the team's distinctive uniform.

Nike also signed the US men's and women's national soccer teams, as well as dozens of national teams around the world.



# Tiger Woods



While Nike had designed footwear and apparel for golf and soccer for a number of years, the mid-1990s signaled a deepening commitment to truly excel in these sports.

In 1996, Nike Golf landed a talented but so far unproven young golfer named Eldrick "Tiger" Woods for about \$5 million per year.

 Competitors laughed and critics howled at Nike's 'folly,' until Tiger won the 1997 Masters by a record 12 strokes. No one is laughing now.

### Lance Armstrong

Nike also began investing in the sport of cycling, including a promising young cyclist who appeared to be on his way to success until he was diagnosed with cancer.

He lost most of his sponsors, but Nike elected to stay with him.

In 1999, Lance Armstrong's incredible comeback resulted in the first of what would be seven consecutive Tour de France titles.



## Nike Shox



Nike began the 2000's with a new footwear cushioning system called Nike Shox, which debuted during Sydney in 2000.

The development of Nike Shox was an on-going process for over 15 years as Nike designers stuck with their idea until technology could catch up.

The result was a cushioning and stability system worthy of joining Nike Air as the industry's gold standard.

## Secret Tournament

The 2002 "Secret Tournament" campaign was Nike's first truly integrated, global marketing effort. Nike created a multi-faceted consumer experience in support of the World Cup.

Secret Tournament" incorporated advertising, the Internet, public relations, retail and consumer events to create excitement for Nike's soccer products and athletes in a way no single ad could ever achieve.



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# **Mission Statement** To bring inspiration and innovation to every athlete\* in the world. \* If you have a body, you are an athlete.

#### Mark Parker

President and CEO Mark Parker said: "At NIKE, Inc. we run a complete offense, and it's based on a core commitment to innovation. That's how we stay opportunistic, serve the athlete, reward our shareholders, and continue to lead our industry."



## NikeiD



NikeiD lets you make it personal. NikeiD allows customers to express their individual style by selecting custom color choices and a personal iD on featured Nike products.

In addition, NikeiD provides fit enhancement by offering independent sizing on selected shoe styles.

#### The 'Girl Effect'

Nike believes in the power of unleashing human potential – on the field, on the court, and in life.

When a girl in the developing world realizes her potential, she isn't the only one who escapes poverty—she brings her family, community, and country with her.

Investing in a girl stops poverty before it starts, that's the girl effect.



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#### Nike + iPod



Nike + iPod gives you feedback while it records your run. At the gym, it records your workout. Then you can track your progress at nikeplus.com.

The Nike + iPod consists of a small transmitter device attached to or embedded in a shoe, which communicates with either the Nike+ Sportband, iPod or Nike + Sportswatch.



The NFL partners up with Nike to create new uniforms for all 32 teams for the 2012 season.

The Nike Elite 51 uniforms are more evolutionary than revolutionary. They focus on lighter fabrics, more contoured fits and four-way stretch materials on the inside rather than big design changes on the outside.



# NIKE Summary

- It all started with just a simple handshake but soon became the world's leading supplier of athletic shoes and apparel, Nike Inc.
- Since the 1960's Nike has been bringing inspiration and innovation to every athlete in the world.
- The infamous Nike "swoosh" is one of the best-known brand symbols on the planet.
- Nike has been able to take the number one spot in the industry and remain there because of its ability to simultaneously keep up with the ever-changing fashion and technology of today's world, while still being able to provide high-quality shoes and apparel to its millions of customers.
- Nike's competitive edge is key to their success; they go where no other company has gone, building experiences around their brand.

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