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AAMIR BROWN

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NATIONAL TEAM

HOMETOWN: Philadelphia, Pa.

RESIDENCE: Philadelphia, Pa.

AGE: 27

HEIGHT: 5-8

YEAR ON U.S. NATIONAL TEAM: 4th

PRONUNCIATION:

AMIR Brown (Uh-MEER)



PHILLY GRIT

Brown grew up in and still lives in Philadelphia. He believes playing tackle football locally contributed significantly to shaping his game and personality on the field. Many of the skills Brown learned playing for Imhotep Institute Charter High School carried over to flag football, but it's the confidence he gained that really sets him apart.

"Philly football is gritty. It's a city where you need to keep up and keep the name going," Brown said. "The transition from tackle to flag was very complicated. Flag is a very different sport than playing with equipment. You have to play your game and mentally make that connection not to use your hands but still play football. It helps to have that confidence and mentality. Having that grittiness gives me the confidence to feel like I can make the play no one else can."

WE'RE STATE CHAMPS

In 2015, Brown and Imhotep completed a perfect 15-0 season to become Philadelphia's first public-league team to capture a PIAA State Championship. It was a one-sided 40-3 Class 3A Championship Game against Eerie Cathedral Prep at Hersheypark Stadium as Imhotep set a title game record with 514 total yards on offense.

Brown's teammate, Isheem Young, scored Imhotep's first touchdown of the game. Young went on to play safety for Iowa State, Ole Miss and North Texas.

Brown intercepted Eerie Cathedral Prep in the game's second quarter, which set up a 62-yard rushing touchdown for running back Mike Waters, who went on to set the Delaware State University freshman record with 820 rushing yards.

Brown, who contributed on both offense and defense, finished his high school career with back-to-back seasons of more than 300 receiving yards. He continued his football career at Valley Forge Military Academy in 2018.



LEARNING AND GROWING WITH LEGENDS

Brown's former U.S. National Team teammate, Bruce Mapp – who concluded his career with the U.S. National Team after winning gold at the 2024 IFAF Flag Football World Championship – is also from Philadelphia. The former college All-Conference wide receiver is a member of Coastal Carolina's Athletics Hall of Fame and helped Brown adapt to playing flag football instead of tackle.

"Bruce helped me a lot. When I transitioned from tackle football to flag, I did a lot of moves like I was still wearing equipment," Brown explained. "When you're playing tackle, sometimes there's only one route or one read, but in flag there are more options. Bruce helped me get comfortable with the game."

Brown and Mapp, who have three and four gold medals in U.S. National Team play respectively, are two of the most decorated athletes on the international circuit.

FAMILY MATTERS

Brown's daughter, Sarai, is approaching her second birthday and has already made a significant impact on his life.

"My daughter is coming up on her first birthday. Ever since she came into my life, I've been happy," Brown said in 2024. "I'm more mature, and I just feel like my life got better. I want to set a good example for her in case she ends up playing this sport later on."

