

# THE WOMEN WHO MAKE GAME DAY HAPPEN

Meet four key power players behind Saturdays down South

Lace Gown, [carmenmarcvalvo.com](http://carmenmarcvalvo.com);  
Silk Feather Scarf, [bindyany.com](http://bindyany.com);  
Athena Earrings, [deepagurnani.com](http://deepagurnani.com);  
Tassel Belt, [serenaandlily.com](http://serenaandlily.com)

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THE ICONIC PREGAME FLIGHT DOESN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT HER

### BEHIND-THE-SCENES:

"We train on the field for an hour every day June through December. The eagle doesn't respond to my affections or praise; he is conditioned to come to me for food. On game day, we're doing the same dance—except 87,000 of our friends are watching."

**POWER PLAY:** "If I'm feeling drained, I focus on the bird—the way he's designed, his features. I feed off his energy and power, and I get mine right back."

**X FACTOR:** "You have to be fearless. Eagles' talons are meant to kill prey as big as young elk. I wear a glove, but I can still feel the immense pressure of his grip, which changes with his mood."

**SECRET WEAPON:** "The birds get exercise by chasing me, so I run around outside a lot. Olay has a moisturizer with SPF 15 that doesn't sting my eyes when I get sweaty."