

# SEMINOLE *OUTLOOK*

For the 2003-04 season, head coach Lise Gregory will lead FSU into another challenging schedule against some of the top teams in the south region and conference play in one of the toughest league's in the country. Gregory returns a core group of veterans, five of which were newcomers last season and saw a considerable amount of time, and two rookies who are expected to make an immediate impact, especially in the doubles area.

"Our goals include making the NCAA Tournament," said the eighth year head coach. "It should have been a given last year. It was a big disappointment to all of us that we didn't. Why we didn't make it is irrelevant, we didn't make it. Last year we had a lot of new people but this year we have a ton of experience. If we have a good ACC season, we'll be in pretty good shape."

Fresh off a year with an inexperienced yet extremely talented group that finished 13-10 overall, the Florida State women's tennis team is ready to take the court and challenge for a spot among the best in the conference and place in the top 64 teams in the country. Returning players in the top 60 in the country last season are senior leader Anca Dumitrescu, at No. 55 in the preseason polls, and junior Mihaela Moldovan, ranked close behind at No. 60.

"I feel like our depth is going to be our biggest strength," said Gregory. "There is going to be a lot of competition for those remaining spots and we have a whole bunch of people who can play. It's going to be interesting to see who's going to play where in the lineup."

## Schedule

The schedule, which is always highly competitive, will be no different this season. In the early part of the schedule, the Noles will face four teams with higher rankings - No. 30 Alabama, No. 1 and two-time defending national champion Florida, No. 52 LSU and No. 28 Tulane. In conference, FSU will face five teams who finished last season in the Top 35. The Tribe will take on No. 3 Duke, No. 9 UNC, No. 19 Clemson, No. 31 Georgia Tech and No. 35



Anca Dumitrescu

Virginia. The Seminoles are sitting at No. 55, the sixth and final team in the ACC with a ranking.

"Well you know the ACC is strong," said Gregory. "Duke's going to be as strong as they were last year while UNC may be a little weaker (because of the loss of two All-Americans). After Duke, it's going to be a handful of teams that are Top 20 material which is going to come down to who wants it more or who is having a better day. With the ACC schedule at the end of our season, the challenge is going to be to keep the team fresh so we are ready to go. If you're in the top half of the conference standings, you are virtually guaranteed a spot in the tournament."

## Singles

Senior Anca Dumitrescu looks to lead Florida State for the third straight season. Dumitrescu is coming off a season in which she was injured during a crucial time but returned to earn an All-ACC team selection. In her final year in the Garnet and Gold, the senior will try to stay healthy and away from the serious back injury she suffered through last season. Dumitrescu took the 2003 Lady Seminole Classic singles A title for the first time in three attempts to cap off her final fall season that saw her win 10 singles matches in four tournaments.

"Our number one player, Anca, was out for a month with a neck problem," said Gregory. "We lost three or four matches to teams who made the NCAA Tournament without (her). Those were critical matches and you never know, it could happen again. It was very difficult for her."

Returning to an experienced and deep lineup are senior Christina Denny and junior Mihaela Moldovan. Denny was a solid starter last year in the third position who finished over .500 in singles play. Moldovan, the reigning South Region rookie of the year, will sit at the number two position but is also helpful at the number one spot. The junior saw action last season at the top during Dumitrescu's injury finishing with a 15-5 record and defeating two higher ranked opponents. Sophomore Alina Mihailescu and junior Amberly Tantee are two talented singles players who round out the top five in the Seminole rotation and are expected to vie for those positions among tough competition from this year's newcomers.



Mihaela Moldovan

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“I feel singles-wise, we’ve got more depth and are fortunate enough to have one or two players that are interchangeable,” said Gregory. “It’s nice to have two number one’s on your team.”

## Doubles

The doubles area will be the focus for Gregory, as injuries have hampered the squad’s potential for the last two seasons. Florida State returns all but one player who earned wins in doubles. Denny returns after finishing play last spring with a 10-4 record. Denny split time with fellow senior Brooke Cordell for a team best 7-3 record. Junior Daniela Gheorghe, a transfer from Fresno State last season, made an immediate impact finishing 6-2 when partnered with Dumitrescu. Adding to a stellar core are Moldovan, who finished the fall



Christina Denny

season with only two doubles losses, pairing with Denny and newcomer Roxanne Clarke and Mihailescu, who saw competition in her first doubles match in the fall. Mihailescu coupled with Denny, newcomer Nicole Cercone and junior Natalie Tirapelli in four fall tournaments to comprise a 9-2 record.

“At the beginning of last year, I remember thinking we really had a lot of work to do with doubles,” said Gregory. “That has really helped us for this year because now, everyone that we have on our team is so much better, so much more aware of what to do on the doubles’ court. They have so much more experience.”

Newcomers Clarke and Lindsay Deason will add depth to the doubles and look to be the strong spot for FSU during the season. Last year, the Tribe was 4-3 in matches decided by one point. In two of the three losses, the Garnet and Gold failed to secure the doubles’ point. The fall season saw much improvement in the area with FSU garnering three tournament doubles’ titles.

“How your doubles fair is a really critical part of how your match starts,” said Gregory. “Freshman Roxanne Clarke is going to help our doubles area. I feel like that will be our strong point this year. Deason’s also really good at doubles. She was here last year as a transfer student but had to sit out (under NCAA rules).”



Daniela Gheorghe

## 2003-04 Women’s Tennis Roster

Name	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School
Nicole Cercone	Sr.	Seminole, FL	Seminole
Roxanne Clarke	Fr.	Cape Town, South Africa	Clapham
Brooke Cordell	Sr.	Soddy Daisy, TN	Tennessee
Lindsay Deason	So.	St. Petersburg, FL	Boca Raton Prep
Christina Denny	Sr.	Canton, OH	Bradenton Academy
Anca Dumitrescu	Sr.	Bucarest, Romania	VCU
Daniela Gheorghe	Jr.	Delray Beach, FL	Fresno State
Alina Mihailescu	So.	Constanta, Romania	Mircea cel Batran
Mihaela Moldavan	Jr.	Bucarest, Romania	Emil Racovita
Amberly Tantee	Jr.	Dana Point, CA	Futures
Natalie Tirapelli	Jr.	St. Petersburg, FL	Connecticut

**Head Coach:** Lise Gregory, 8<sup>th</sup> Season (Miami, 1987)

**Assistant Coach:** Brian Burdette, 4<sup>th</sup> Season (Auburn, 1995, 1998)

**Manager:** Victor Gilpin, 1<sup>st</sup> Season

# HEAD COACH LISE GREGORY



Head coach Lise Gregory enters her eighth year at Florida State, looking to continue her success as the leader of the Seminoles' women's tennis program. Gregory has combined academics and a high level of play to set the standard for student-athletes and women's tennis around the country.

In her first seven years at FSU, the Seminoles have made

six trips to the NCAA Tournament and have earned seven straight Golden Torch Awards – an honor bestowed on the Florida State team with the highest GPA. Gregory has the second highest winning percentage in FSU women's tennis coaching history, with a career record of 101-75 for a .574 winning percentage. Gregory is now the all-time winningest women's tennis coach at FSU, passing Anne Rizza during the 2002 season and the only 100 match winner.

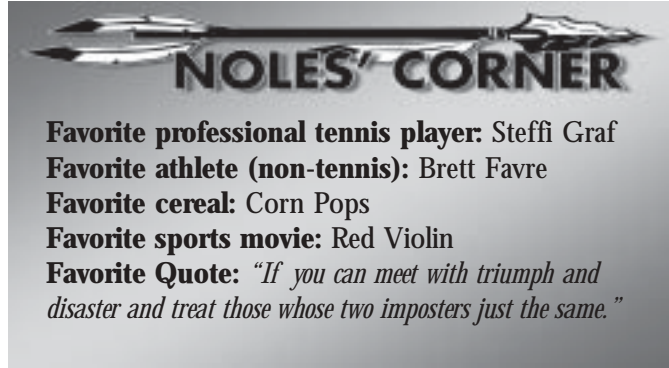
When Gregory, the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference's Coach of the Year, took over the program, she possessed the desire to bring Florida State to the forefront of the country's best tennis programs. Her eighth team is ready to take on the best college competition en route to national success. Returning a veteran group, that made it to the ACC

“Playing the ATP tour was a great experience and in many ways it has helped me be a better coach. I know I can help the team no matter what the situation.”

- head coach Lise Gregory

Women's Tennis Championships, and adding two newcomers who will boost an already stocked doubles area, Gregory expects to extend her postseason into the NCAA Tournament.

The 2002-03 saw its share of adversity as the team finished the season 13-10. The Tribe started the preseason ranked 50th, went as high as 43rd and ended the stint 55th. The Seminoles faced a tough schedule with three ranked nonconference opponents – No. 30 South Alabama, No. 14 Alabama and No. 1 Florida - in addition to conference foes No. 11 UNC and No. 1 Duke. Amidst the hectic schedule, FSU played five straight conference matches on the road and a total of 14 outside of Tallahassee. FSU ended the 2002-03 season with two individual postseason honors - Anca Dumitrescu's All-ACC team selection and Mihaela Moldovan's NCAA South Region Rookie of the



Year Award in addition to a seventh straight Golden Torch Award.

Gregory's 2001-02 team finished with a 12-15 record with probably the program's toughest schedule ever and earned its seventh consecutive berth into the NCAA Regionals. The Lady Seminoles spent most of the season ranked in the top 50 and finished the year 49th. Gregory also passed Anne Rizza during the season as FSU's all-time winningest coach.

In 2000-01, FSU finished with a 14-11 record and its sixth straight spot in the NCAA tournament. The Seminoles finished the year ranked 36th.

Gregory coached the best season of her tenure during the 1998-99 campaign. All six Florida State starters finished the season with 15 singles match wins each. In



## GREGORY FILE

**Head Coach, Eighth season**  
**University of Miami, 1987**

**FSU Record:** 101-75 (.574)

**Overall Record:** 101-75

**NCAA Tournament Appearances:** 6

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the spring season, the team combined to win 118 of 168 singles matches. For the first time in school history, FSU placed three players on the All-ACC team. Then freshmen Marina Raic and Alida Gallovits joined junior Kia Asberg on the conference squad. Asberg was 23-4 in dual match contests and posted a 15-match winning streak. Raic recorded the best record in school history, finishing the season 31-9, while Asberg was number two with a 30-8 mark.

While the program's emergence on the court is apparent, its commitment and performance in the classroom is equally impressive. In achieving such high academic standards, the 2002-03 women's tennis team had seven members on the Dean's List and nine members had a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Eight team members were also listed on the ACC Academic Honor Roll. In addition to the on-court and classroom guidance Gregory has brought to the program, she has also created the "Golden Spear Club". The Golden Spears is comprised of Tallahassee community members who provide support to the Florida State women's and men's tennis programs.

Gregory, a former seven-time All-American and NCAA champion at the University of Miami, served as the assistant women's tennis coach at Vanderbilt University from 1995-1996 before arriving at FSU. At Vanderbilt, she assisted Commodore head coach Geoff MacDonald in guiding the program to its second consecutive NCAA Championship appearance and a Top 10 ranking. She also has additional coaching experience on the private level as a USTA Area Training Center coach and as a USTA Inter-Sectional and Zonal coach.

As a player for the Hurricanes, Gregory earned an amazing seven NCAA All-America honors for her singles and doubles play as well as an NCAA doubles' championship in 1986 with teammate Ronni Reis. Together, the duo compiled an impressive 84-10 record over four years, while Miami was consistently ranked among the nation's Top Five. Gregory was named to *Tennis Magazine's* All-Star team in both 1986 and 1987.

As a professional, Gregory won nine tournament titles in 16 finals appearances, including seven Virginia Slims doubles championships on the way to a career-high No. 18 world doubles ranking in 1990. She also won the singles at the \$25,000 Challenger in Philadelphia in 1987. Perhaps the highlight of her professional career was when Gregory and partner Gretchen Magers were the fourth-ranked doubles tandem in the world. In 1991, Gregory was a doubles quarterfinalist at the Australian Open, a Grand Slam event, as well as one of the top eight teams in the world that participated in the year-ending Virginia Slims Championship.

## Gregory's Fast Facts

- Named All-American seven times (three singles and four doubles) in four year career at the University of Miami.
- NCAA Doubles Champion and ITCA National Indoor Champion with a 29-0 record, 1986
- World ranked 18th in doubles, 1990
- World ranked 4th as a doubles team, 1990
- World ranked 167th in singles, 1988
- Won singles championship at the \$25,000 Challenger in Philadelphia, 1987
- USTA Area Training Center Coach, 1995
- Nine professional doubles titles and seven finals appearances
- Florida Tennis Association U18 Inter-sectional Coach, 1997
- Florida Tennis Association U16 Inter-sectional Coach, 1998
- Golden Spear Club founder
- University of Miami Hall of Fame inductee, February 1999
- ACC Coach of the Year, 1999



Head women's tennis coach Lise Gregory with the winner of the USTA Challenger event, held annually at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center and hosted by Florida State tennis.

# ASST. COACH **BRIAN BURDETTE**



Fourth year assistant women's tennis coach Brian Burdette has quickly made a mark with the Florida State women's tennis program. His dedication and diverse tennis background has provided a new dimension to an already successful women's program.

Before joining the Florida State staff, Burdette was head coach at Central Alabama Community College for three years. In each year of Burdette's tenure at Central Alabama Community College, he produced a Top 25 finish for both the men's and women's teams, with

rankings as high as third and sixth, respectively. During the 1998 season, All-American Thato Kgosimore and Rian Greaves won the ITA Rolex Southeastern Championships and Central Alabama Community College earned a fourth overall doubles finish at the National Small College Championships.

The 1999 season delivered another ITA Rolex Southeastern Regional Double Championship from Amanda Umphrey and Shannon Johnson and an eighth overall finish at the National Small College Championships. In addition, Burdette's coaching produced four players ranked in the Top 25 nationally.

"Brian loves the sport and he loves to teach," raved head coach Lise Gregory. "His enthusiasm is contagious and the team responds to him in a very positive way. I look forward to working with him for a long time and to making this one of the premier programs in the country."

Burdette also spent time as an assistant coach for an Auburn University women's team that posted back-to-back Top 25 finishes. The 1995-96 season produced an NCAA National Championship appearance. Burdette has also been an instructor for several years at the Florida Gator, Clemson Tiger and Auburn Tiger tennis camps.

Burdette also served as Auburn's Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach for Olympic Sports and Tennis Director of PARD for the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department. During his tenure at CACC, Burdette was a member of the NJCCA Southeast Regional Ranking Committee.

Burdette received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics and history from Auburn University in 1995, graduating magna cum laude. He continued his education at Auburn and received his master's degree in 1998 in mathematics education. Burdette and his wife Kelli have a son Austin, who turned three in December.

**Favorite professional tennis player:** Lise Gregory  
**Favorite cereal:** Raisin Bran  
**Favorite movie:** Tommy Boy  
**Favorite television show:** Seventh Heaven  
**Favorite Quote:** "Whatever your hand finds to do, do with all of your might."

"The statement that comes to mind when I think of this team is, 'Working hard and loving it.' These guys are not only the most talented group I have ever coached but one of the most fun to be around. We have fun at practice. Their effort and enthusiasm level make it fun. This team will succeed because of their attitude."

- Burdette on the Seminoles



Assistant coach Brian Burdette and wife Kelli with their son, Austin (3).



## BURDETTE FILE

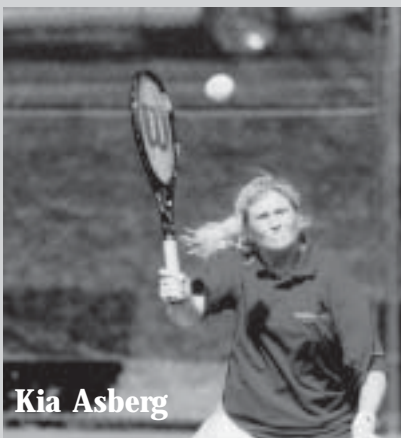
**Assistant Coach, Fourth season**

**Auburn University, 1995**

Former head coach - Central Alabama Community College (1997-2000)

# SEMINOLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received seventh straight Golden Torch Award in 2003, an honor given to the team with the highest GPA among FSU's athletics team. This is the women's tennis team's 12th such honor, earning the first award in 1985.
- Made seven consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament, six under current head coach Lise Gregory from 1996-2002. Five Seminoles have earned an individual bid to the NCAA singles tournament including current Tribe member Anca Dumitrescu.
- Nine members of the tennis team have been named All-ACC over the past seven years. Current Seminole Anca Dumitrescu earned a spot on the 2002-03 All-ACC team.
- Mihaela Moldovan earned the 2002-03 ITA Rookie of the Year for the NCAA South Region, the first Florida State women's tennis player to earn this honor.
- Two singles players, Anca Dumitrescu and Mihaela Moldovan, are currently ranked in the top 60 pre-season poll and are 10th and 11th, respectively, in the NCAA South Regional poll.
- Mihaela Moldovan was one of five Florida State student-athletes and the only women's tennis player to earn the Female Golden Torch Award for highest GPA (4.0) during the 2002-03 season. Anca Dumitrescu was the recipient in 2002 during her sophomore campaign.
- FSU had more ACC Honor Roll members in 2002-03 than any other school in women's tennis, men's basketball, women's golf and softball.
- In ranking history, the Tribe's highest spot as a team was 19th in the 1999-2000 season. Former Seminole Alida Gallovits was ranked 38th, the highest individual ranking in during Gregory's tenure.



**Kia Asberg**

## *History Highlight*

During the 1998-99 season, the women's team received a ranking in the top 20 for the first time. During that season, the Noles posted their best finish, recording 21 wins against seven losses, tying the lowest in history. Kia Asberg and Marina Raic posted 30-win seasons and 15-match win streaks to claim their place atop the Seminole record books. Two doubles teams were ranked in the top 50 and Lise Gregory received Coach of the Year honors in the ACC. All nine team members achieved All-ACC Academic team honors.

# SENIOR BROOKE CORDELL



**Senior Year (2002-03) Fall Season:** Did not see action during fall season.

**Junior Year (2002-03):** Held Georgia Southern's Callie Ward scoreless in two sets to help the Noles win their third match of the season... picked up lone victory in a loss to No. 19 Clemson, winning in doubles action with Christina Denny (8-4) and in singles defeating Anna Dolinska... clinched a win against Wake Forest when she came back from behind to beat Sandie Knight... against Knight she dropped the first set 3-6, won the

second set 6-1 and took the final set 7-5 for the team win... played the number five position for most of the spring season... in doubles, paired with Denny and finished with a team high 7-3 record... won her first match at Florida State during the fall season in the Lady Seminole Fall Classic over Anna Westin of Central Florida... saw doubles action with teammates Christina Denny and Amberly Tantee during the fall season.

**Sophomore Year (2001-02):** Battled for playing time with a strong recruiting class at Tennessee... saw most of her singles action in the fall as she only played in five matches during the spring... finished with a record of 13-7 winning 11 out of her first 14 matches... worked with three different doubles partners, but found most of her success with Senior Kim Gates... won five of her first six doubles matches with Gates.

**Freshman Year (2000-01):** Was a walk on at Tennessee, but earned a scholarship after strong performances in fall tournament play... anchored the team at the No. 6 position in singles... amassed a 26-14 singles mark while going 26-21 in doubles play for a combined record of 52-35... teamed with Agnes Wiski and Crystal Cleveland in doubles play... managed an 8-3

"Brooksy is another of the 'hates to lose' crowd. She will grind for as long as it takes to get the job done."

- head coach Lise Gregory

record playing with Cleveland and an 18-18 mark with Wiski... opened the fall tournament schedule with five straight wins at the sixth singles slot, including a flight championship at the Furman Fall Classic... won the fifth singles flight of the St. Mary's Health System Classic in Knoxville... teamed with Wiski in doubles play, winning the third doubles flight at the Furman Fall Classic and the second doubles flight of the St. Mary's Health

**Favorite professional tennis player:** Andre Agassi  
**Favorite athlete (non-tennis):** Barry Larkin  
**Favorite cereal:** Fruit Loops  
**Favorite sports movie:** Rudy  
**Favorite Quote:** "You can take the girl out of the country but you can't take the country out of the girl."

Systems Classic... the Orange and White tandem registered just one loss in the fall, going 8-1... named to the Lady Vol Academic Honor Roll.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Brooke earned five varsity letters at Baylor High School... helped her team to three state championships in 1996, 1999 and 2000... won the 1997 state doubles championship... reigned as the 1999 state singles champion... won the Tennessee Junior Qualifying Tournament five times... won the Southern Indoors championship in the 14s division.

**Personal:** Cordell is majoring in arts and sciences... ranks the first time she won the Tennessee Junior Qualifying as the biggest highlight of her tennis career, so far... considers her first tennis coach, Philip Johnson, as her biggest sports influence... lists her hobbies as listening to music and hanging out with friends... has one sister, Brandi... daughter of Tony and Sherry Cordell.



## Career Statistics

### SINGLES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Fall	Overall
02-03	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-3	3-7	3-2	9-12	2-4	11-16
Career	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-3	3-7	3-2	9-12	2-4	37-30

### DOUBLES

	1	2	3	Dual	
00-01				26-21	w/Denny, Tantee
02-03	0-0	1-1	12-6	13-7	
Career	0-0	1-1	12-6	39-28	

## CORDELL FILE

**CLASS:** Senior

**HEIGHT:** 5'1"

**HOMETOWN:** Soddy Daisy, TN

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Baylor High School

**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** UT-Chattanooga

# SENIOR *CHRISTINA DENNY*



**Senior Year (2003-04) Fall Season:** Won the singles flight B bracket at the Lady Seminole Fall Classic to conclude the fall season...overpowered her competition in the tournament allowing a total of five games over four matches and holding opponents scoreless in five of eight matches... bested UCF's Pamela Fernandez 6-0, 6-2 to win the Lady Seminole Classic Flight B championship... posted an overall singles record of 9-4 during the fall season.

**Junior Year (2002-03):** Recorded a 10-9 record for the spring with a match clinching win against Florida International and key conference singles victories against Virginia, Wake Forest, Maryland and N.C. State... clinched match against Florida International in a singles match against Jovanovic winning the first set 6-4, dropping the second 1-6 and winning the final 6-3 to help the Tribe to a 10-4 team record... posted a 10-4 record in doubles splitting time with Moldovan (3-1) and Cordell (7-3)... advanced to the quarterfinals of the singles A draw at the Lady Seminole Fall Classic

"Chris is another senior who should have a great year. She has always been a fantastic competitor but she is more than willing to do the extra work in practice now and that will pay off for her."

- head coach Lise Gregory

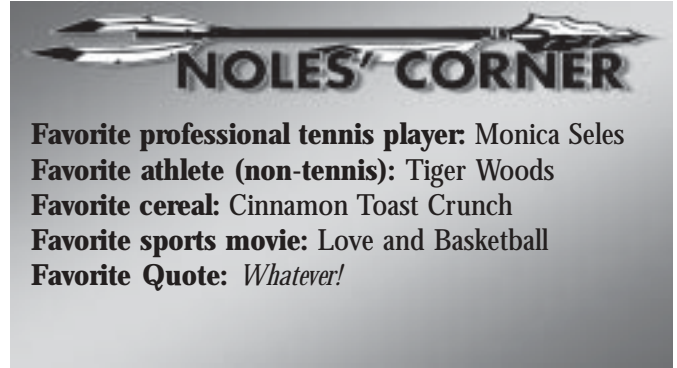
to open the fall season... finished the fall season with a 4-4 singles record... competed with teammates Brooke Cordell and Alina Mihailescu in doubles action.

**Sophomore Year (2001-02):** Offered solid support to the middle of the Seminole lineup during her sophomore campaign...one of two Tribe members to hold a national individual ranking in 2002 when she reached 107<sup>th</sup> on April 17<sup>th</sup>... went 4-2 at the No. 2 position, 7-5 at the No. 3 position and 4-3 at the No. 4 position in the spring... won four straight matches against conference opponents, including a three-set victory over No. 39 Julie DeRoo of Duke... participated in one fall tournament, the Omni Hotels Southern Region Championships, where she reached the quarterfinal round... went 13-11 in doubles play in the spring.

**Freshman Year (2000-01):** Opened her fall season with the Lady

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SINGLES									
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00-01	0-0	4-3	4-3	3-2	1-3	0-0	12-11	9-3	21-14
01-02	0-0	4-2	7-5	4-3	0-0	0-0	15-10	5-0	20-10
02-03	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-3	3-7	3-2	9-12	2-4	11-16
Career	0-0	8-5	13-8	8-8	4-10	3-2	36-33	16-7	52-40
DOUBLES									
	1	2	3	Dual	Overall				
00-01	0-0	2-2	1-4	3-6	6-10	w/Balbuena, Raic, Gallovits, Schoeffel			
01-02	0-0	12-9	1-2	13-11	13-11	w/Dumitrescu, Gallovits, Lawrence, Tantee, Walker			
02-03	0-0	3-3	9-4	12-7	12-7				
Career	0-0	17-14	11-10	28-24	31-28				



**Favorite professional tennis player:** Monica Seles  
**Favorite athlete (non-tennis):** Tiger Woods  
**Favorite cereal:** Cinnamon Toast Crunch  
**Favorite sports movie:** Love and Basketball  
**Favorite Quote:** *Whatever!*

won the B Flight of the Lady Seminole Classic in her first fall tournament... two of her three losses in the fall were to ranked opponents... started her spring season off winning her first two matches... defeated No. 82 Joyce Bergman of Tulane in the fourth match of the season... finished with a winning record of 12-11... garnered ACC Player of the Week honors in March... named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Was ranked No. 9 in the nation her freshman year in high school... her junior year, finished the season ranked No. 6... won the No. 2 Division singles and states' her senior year... was on high school honor roll all four years... was the class speaker at her graduation... would like to play professional tennis after college.



## DENNY FILE

**CLASS:** Senior

**HEIGHT:** 5'2"

**HOMETOWN:** Canton, Ohio

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Bradenton Academy



# SENIOR ANCA DUMITRESCU



## Senior Year (2003-04) Fall 2003

**Season:** Bested Houston's Biljana Dimovska 7-6, 6-2 in a two-hour, two-set match to win the Lady Seminole Fall Classic's main draw A singles title... faced No. 59 Florida's Jennifer Magley, in the semifinals of the singles A bracket of the ITA Southern Regional Championships, losing the first set (6-1) and battling back to a 5-5 serve before dropping the match 7-5... won 10 singles matches during the entire fall season finishing 10-3 overall.

## Junior Year (2002-03):

Earned an ITA preseason No. 35 ranking while finishing the season at 83<sup>rd</sup>... was the Tribe's leader playing out of the No. 1 position 14 of 17 matches... won her first seven matches to start the spring and only recorded five losses for an overall singles record of 12-5... fought back to win a singles match against Maryland's Emily Marter 6-0, 3-6, 6-3 playing from the No. 2 position... knocked off No. 71

**Favorite Professional Tennis Player:** Monica Seles  
**Favorite athlete (non-tennis):** Alberto Tomba  
**Favorite Cereal:** Frosties  
**Favorite Quote:** "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

season...held an individual national ranking in the spring...final ranking was 49th ...overall record was 22-12...participated in three fall tournaments...lost in the final of the Lady Seminole Classic to Jessica Lehnhoff of Florida...went 11-12 in dual match doubles play with four different teammates...lost in the doubles final of the Lady Seminole Classic.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Attended Colegiul National Ion Luca Caragiale and Virginia Commonwealth University... member of the CAA All-Conference Team, first team singles and doubles in 2000-01... in 1998, played Juniors at Roland-Garros... in 1999, was the National Tennis Champion in singles and doubles... in juniors, qualified for the European Championships... has played tennis for 12 years... made the Dean's List in 2000-01.

**Personal:** Celebrates a March 8, 1981 birthday... daughter of Radu and Christina Dumitrescu... major is Business/Communications.

"Anca is one of the hardest workers I have ever coached. Her fitness has improved tremendously over the past year and a half and I believe she will have a very successful senior year."  
**- head coach Lise Gregory**

Millie Begovic of Alabama, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3...split time with junior Daniela Gheorghe and Mihaela Moldovan in doubles action... recorded a 6-3 record with Gheorghe and a 2-3 record with Moldovan at the No. 1 doubles position... won her first three matches of the fall season...advanced to the finals of the singles A draw at the 2002 Lady Seminole Fall Classic...won her first two matches of the Omni Hotels Southern Regional Championships before falling to eventual champion Alexis Gordon of Florida...finished the fall season tied for first on the team with a record of 6-3...went 2-2 with teammates Natalie Tirapelli and Daniela Gheorghe in doubles action.

**Sophomore Year (2001-02):** Received invitation to play in the NCAA Singles Championships...lost to No. 7 seed Agata Cioroch of Georgia...played at No. 1 singles for the Seminoles in the spring...amassed a team-best record of 15-9 at the No. 1 spot...won eight of her first nine matches of the spring



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02-03	8-5	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	11-5	6-3	17-8
Career	23-14	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	25-15	13-6	38-21
DOUBLES									
	1	2	3	Dual	Overall				
01-02	0-0	1-1	8-8	9-9	12-10	w/Gallovits, Lawrence, Tantee			
02-03	8-6	0-0	0-0	8-6	8-6	w/Gheorghe, Moldovan			
Career	8-6	1-1	8-8	17-15	20-16				

## DUMITRESCU FILE

- CLASS:** Senior
- HEIGHT:** 5'7"
- HOMETOWN:** Bucarest, Romania
- HIGH SCHOOL:** Colegiul National Ion Luca Caragiale
- PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** VCU

# JUNIOR DANIELA GHEORGHE



## Junior Year (2003-04) Fall

**2003 Season:** Finished the fall season with a 5-4 singles and doubles record, splitting time with Amberly Tantee and Anca Dumitrescu... reached the final of flight C at the Roberta Allison Classic at Tuscaloosa... made it to the quarterfinals of the singles B draw at the Lady Seminole Fall Classic before dropping to eventual finalist UCF's Pamela Fernandez... posted a strong doubles showing at the Lady Seminole Fall Classic making it to the

finals of the doubles A draw with Tantee losing 8-5 to USF tandem Gabriela Duch and Marie F. Lord-Andrade.

**Sophomore Year (2002-03):** Clinched match against Rice's Jeri Gonzales winning the first set 6-2, losing the second 7-5, winning the third after being down matchpoint 7-6(6)... went 9-8 in singles action during the spring season... posted a big conference win over N.C. State, besting Myrna Bawono 6-0, 6-1... added strength to the doubles team with a 6-2 record

**Favorite Professional Tennis Player:** Martina Hingis  
**Favorite athlete (non-tennis):** Robert Horry  
**Favorite Cereal:** Frosted Flakes  
**Favorite Quote:** "To be or not to be."

in singles, only during the fall 2001 season... primarily played doubles, but was moved around with three different partners.  
**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Played for three years in high school where the team was state champions in 2001... played in the state championships in 2000.

**Personal:** Parents names are Rafira and Florin... likes to read, listen to music and go to the beach ... biggest athletics thrill was being chosen for the U.S. National Team... transferred to Florida State from Fresno State University.

"Daniela has the best hands of anyone on the team. She can do some amazing things with the tennis ball but needs to be more disciplined to reach her potential, and she has a ton of potential."

- head coach Lise Gregory



with fellow Nole Anca Dumitrescu... in fall action, advanced to the finals of the doubles B draw in the Lady Seminole Fall Classic with teammate Beth Lawrence... finished the fall season tied for first on the team with a record of 6-3... completed the fall with a doubles record of 4-2 with teammates Anca Dumitrescu and Beth Lawrence... won her first three matches of the Gator Fall Classic to compete in the semifinals of the singles B draw... played with fellow Nole Amberly Tantee in the Gator event, reaching the final of flight B.

**Freshman Year (2001-02):** Played her first year at Fresno State before transferring to Florida State... saw limited action

## Career Statistics

### SINGLES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Fall	Overall
02-03	0-0	3-3	4-2	3-5	0-0	0-0	10-10	6-3	16-13
Career	0-0	3-3	4-2	3-5	0-0	0-0	10-10	6-3	16-13

### DOUBLES

	1	2	3	Dual	Overall
02-03	8-9	2-3	0-0	10-12	10-12 w/Dumitrescu, Tantee
Career	8-9	2-3	0-0	10-12	10-12

## GHEORGHE FILE

**CLASS:** Junior

**HEIGHT:** 5'6"

**HOMETOWN:** Delray Beach, Florida

**HIGH SCHOOL:** American Heritage

**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Fresno State

# SOPHOMORE ALINA MIHAILESCU



**Sophomore Year (2003-04) Fall**

**2002 Season:** Finished the fall season with a 10-4 singles record... made it to the singles B finals of the ITA Southern Regional Championships before dropping a tough decision to eventual winner Miami's Audrey Banada 6-4, 6-2... paired with newcomer Nicole Cercone, won the Roberta Allison Fall Classic Doubles D Championship title... had a 9-2 record in the fall alongside Christina Denny, Nicole Cercone and Natalie Tirapelli...

**Freshman Year (2002-03):**

Started off the season with three straight wins against FAMU, Stetson and Georgia Southern... finished the spring season with

**Favorite Professional Tennis Player:** Pete Sampras  
**Favorite athlete (non-tennis):** Marion Jones  
**Favorite Cereal:** Cheerios, Shredded Wheat  
**Favorite Quote:** "If you work hard, stay focused and believe in God, you can achieve anything you want."

Stetson and Georgia Southern... finished the spring season with

"Alina has really improved several aspects of her game and is much more well-rounded now than in her freshman year. She has the speed and the power to play with anyone."  
 - head coach Lise Gregory

an 11-6 record splitting time between the No. 5 and 6 positions... clinched the match against conference opponent Maryland with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Chloe Chavardes helping the Tribe to a 13-5 record and their third conference victory... clinched a win against No. 43 Baylor Bears by defeating Barbora Blahutiakova 6-4, 6-4... won a decisive match against Virginia defeating Dora Becliwanis after dropping the first set 3-6 and winning back to back sets 6-3, 6-2... did not play in doubles during the spring season... opened the fall season winning her first two matches in the singles B draw of the Lady Seminole Fall Classic... only competed in three singles matches in the fall, finishing with a 2-1 record... saw limited action in doubles play.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Was a semifinalist in the 18-years and older division at the National Tennis Championship in 2001... finished eighth in the Master's division at the national championship in 1998... in 1997, she made it to the semifinals of the national championship.

**Personal:** Born November 23, 1983... daughter of Cristian and Nastasia... her father was a national champion in bodybuilding... Alina graduated second in her high school class... major is Business.



Career Statistics									
<b>SINGLES</b>									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Fall	Overall
02-03	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-4	6-2	11-6	2-1	13-7
Career	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-4	6-2	11-6	2-1	13-7
<b>DOUBLES</b>									
	1	2	3	Dual	Overall				
02-03	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0				
Career	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0				

**MIHAILESCU FILE**

**CLASS:** Sophomore  
**HEIGHT:** 5'5"  
**HOMETOWN:** Constanta, Romania  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Mircea cel Batran

# JUNIOR MIHAELA MOLDOVAN



**Junior Year (2002-03) Fall 2003 Season:** Reached the quarterfinals of the South Regionals with a win over Florida's Boglarka Berecz... won all but two doubles matches all fall season sharing the court with Christina Denny and Roxanne Clarke... one loss came when paired with Anca Dumitrescu losing the Semifinals of doubles A draw in the Lady Seminole Fall Classic to fellow Tribe tandem Daniela Gheorghe and Amberly Tantee... in singles action, traveled to the

and Amberly Tantee... in singles action, traveled to the

"Mickey is extremely talented and her confidence is much higher than it was this time last year. We are in the enviable position of basically having two number one players in Mickey and Anca."

- head coach Lise Greory

Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Tournament, returning with a 1-2 showing... posted a 7-4 singles record and a 4-2 doubles record.

**Sophomore Year (2002-03):** Had an outstanding first year campaign starting off the season with five straight wins and ending the season with South Region Rookie of the Year honors... ranked as high as No. 81, finishing the season with a 91<sup>st</sup> ranking... after winning the first set 7-6(3), the Bucharest, Romania native dropped the last two 6-3 and 11-9 against No. 47 Alix Lacelerie... finished the spring with a 15-5 record including wins against four ranked players, best of any Tribe member... picked up wins against two other higher ranked opponents - Tulane's No. 61 Jenny Kuhn and No. 89 Ramona But of Maryland... opened the Gator Fall Classic with two wins and advanced to the quarterfinals of the singles A draw... finished the fall season with record of 2-1.

**Freshman Year (2001-02):** Attended school in Romania, but did not compete in collegiate tennis.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Romanian National Champion in 1997 & 1998... finished first in doubles and third in singles at the East European Championships... also played volleyball and soccer.

**Personal:** Born on March 23, 1981... comes from a sports family where father played soccer, brother plays tennis and her mother played handball... majoring in communications.


## Career Statistics

### SINGLES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Fall	Overall
02-03	7-1	8-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	15-5	2-1	17-6
Career	7-1	8-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	15-5	2-1	17-6

### DOUBLES

	1	2	3	Dual	Overall
02-03	2-3	7-4	0-0	9-7	9-7 w/Dumitrescu, Tirapelli, Denny, Lawrence
Career	2-3	7-4	0-0	9-7	9-7



**I chose FSU because...** it is a good opportunity to get a good education, the wonderful facilities and I get to play tennis at a higher level.

**Favorite professional tennis player:** Jennifer Capriati

**Favorite athlete (non-tennis):** Alexei Yagudin

**Favorite cereal:** Post Shredded Wheat

**Favorite Quote:** "In order to win, you have to compete first."



## MOLDOVAN FILE

**CLASS:** Junior

**HEIGHT:** 5'3"

**HOMETOWN:** Bucarest, Romania

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Emil Racovita

# JUNIOR AMBERLY TANTEE



## Junior Year (2003-04) Fall 2003

**Season:** Made it to the finals in the doubles A draw of the Lady Seminole Classic with Daniela Gheorghe dropping the match 8-5 to USF's Gabriela Duch and Marie F. Lord-Andrade... concentrated on doubles during the season, finishing 5-3 alongside Gheorghe and Christina Denny... posted a 2-2 singles record over two tournaments.

## Sophomore Year (2002-03):

Capitalized on the extensive amount of playing time as a freshman stepping up in conference play against ranked opponents... saw action in all three doubles

"Amber's fitness, quickness and shot selection have improved a ton. She is also much more consistent from day to day and that is what we look for from our starters."

- head coach Lise Gregory

positions with FSU, mainly with courtmate Daniela Gheorghe... faced No. 23 Alix Lacelarie and Daniela Alvarez of Clemson, dropping the tough match 8-5... picked up a quality win over Maryland's Emily Marker and Chloe Chavardes 8-6 playing out of the No. 1 position... in the fall season, advanced to the quarterfinals of the singles B draw in the Lady Seminole Fall Classic... went 3-3 in doubles action with three different teammates (Cordell, Gheorghe and Mihailescu)... also had a fall singles record of 3-3.

**Freshman Year (2001-02):** Began her collegiate career by playing in two fall tournaments going 4-2 in singles play...one of three freshman to log considerable playing time in 2002... showed her versatility in singles as she saw action at the No. 4, 5 and 6 positions... went 1-1 at the No. 4 position, 0-2 at the No. 5 position and 2-5 at the No. 6 position... contributed in doubles in nine dual matches, notching a record of 3-6.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Attended Futures High School... ranked No. 281 in the ITF rankings for 18 and

**NOLES' CORNER**

**I chose FSU because...** of the great coach staff, teammates and athletic program.

**Favorite sports movie:** Bull Durham

**Favorite athlete (non-tennis):** Barry Bonds

**Favorite cereal:** Sugar Smacks

**Favorite Quote:** "The passion to get ahead is sometimes born of the fear lest we be left behind."

under... held a No. 4 ranking in the state for 16 and under... placed third in the Southern California Sectional Championships for 16 and under... Ojai finalist in 1997 and 1999... received sportsmanship awards twice... held a ranking of No. 8 in the state in the 14 and under division... while attending Dana Hills High School, was named rookie of the year and South Coast league finalist... graduated high school with a 3.81 GPA... Hope of America Award recipient.

**Personal:** Celebrates an April 21, 1983 birthday... daughter of Doug and Sandy Tantee... major is Sports Management.



## Career Statistics

### SINGLES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Fall	Overall
01-02	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-5	9-10	2-1	11-11
02-03	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-6	1-2	2-3	7-11	3-3	10-14
Career	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-7	1-4	4-8	16-21	5-4	21-25

### DOUBLES

	1	2	3	Dual	Overall
01-02	0-0	1-2	1-2	2-4	3-6 w/Dumitrescu, Gallovits, Denny, Walker
02-03	2-6	5-4	3-2	10-12	13-18 w/Cordell, Gheorghe, Tirapelli
Career	2-3	7-4	0-0	9-7	9-7

## TANTEE FILE

**CLASS:** Junior

**HEIGHT:** 5'4"

**HOMETOWN:** Dana Point, California

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Futures High School

# JUNIOR NATALIE TIRAPELLI



## Junior Year (2003-04) Fall

**2003 Season:** Went 11-3 over the fall campaign winning two singles titles - the singles B consolation at the Lady Seminole Fall Classic and the Roberta Allison Fall Classic Flight G title... in doubles action played with Nicole Cercone, Daniela Gheorghie, Roxanne Clarke and Christina Denny to finish with a 5-4 doubles record.

## Sophomore Year (2002-03):

Only played in two singles matches and one doubles match over the season... won against Stetson beating Johanna Serrao 6-0, 6-0 and lost to Katie Granson both out of the No. 6 position... advanced to the singles C draw semifinals of the Lady Seminole Fall Classic, her first tournament at Florida State... held a 2-3 singles record

"Nat came back from the summer in unbelievable shape and it has made a big difference in her movement. She loves the sport and is very willing to learn and will continue to improve at a rapid rate."

- head coach Lise Gregory

during fall action... competed with Anca Dumitrescu and Beth Lawrence in doubles action finishing with a fall doubles record of 2-2.

**Freshman Year (2001-02):** At Connecticut, finished with a singles record of 22-7... won her first five singles matches and closed out the season winning her final seven... started off at the No. 6 position before quickly moving up to No. 3... went 12-3 in the spring portion of the season... played the No. 2 doubles in the fall before moving to the No. 1 position in the spring... started hot in the fall by winning six of her first seven doubles matches and won her first three doubles matches of the spring before switching partners... has a powerful baseline game and loves to compete.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Played both No. 1 singles and doubles her last three years... Student Athlete

**Favorite professional tennis player:** Jennifer Capriati  
**Favorite sports movie:** Happy Gilmore  
**Favorite cereal:** Lucky Charms  
**Favorite Quote:** "I have never questioned the integrity of a referee. Their eyesight, yes."

of the Year at her high school in 1999... won regional doubles title in 2001 and 2000... state doubles champion in 1999... won the District title all four years... her doubles team won the regional championship in 2000 and 2001.

**Personal:** Born December 21, 1982... transferred from the University of Connecticut following the 2001-2002 season... daughter of Ron and Cindy... major is Business Management.



## Career Statistics

### SINGLES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Dual	Fall	Overall
02-03	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-3	3-4
Career	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-3	3-4

### DOUBLES

	1	2	3	Dual	Overall
02-03	0-0	2-2	0-1	2-3	2-3 w/Lawrence, Moldovan, Tantee
Career	0-0	2-2	0-1	2-3	2-3

## TIRAPELLI FILE

**CLASS:** Junior

**HEIGHT:** 5'6"

**HOMETOWN:** St. Petersburg, Florida

**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Connecticut

FRESHMAN **ROXANNE CLARKE**

**CLARKE FILE**

**CLASS:** Freshman  
**HEIGHT:** 5'6"  
**HOMETOWN:** Cape Town, South Africa  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Clapham

"Rox is an all-court player who is a big asset in doubles. Her style of play is one that tends to take a little longer to mature than the traditional baseliner, so I think she will really take off in college."

- head coach Lise Gregory



**Freshman Year (2003-04) Fall 2003 Season:** Competed in every fall event for Florida State, finishing the season with a 10-3 singles record and an 8-2 doubles record... won doubles Flight B of the Roberta Allison Fall Classic... recorded her first win over a ranked opponent at the ITA Southern Regionals besting No. 96 Carolina Ramirez from Auburn... shared time on the doubles court with Anca Dumitrescu, Mihaela Moldovan and Natalie Tirapelli.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Will add strength and depth to the Tribe's doubles area...played two years under Dermot Sweeney where she was selected team captain at Clapham High School during junior and senior years...earned Sports Star of the Year during her 2001 season... highest ITF ranking was 178<sup>th</sup> for singles and doubles U18... doubles runner up in three ITF events while competing in South Africa... selected to the 2001 national team that traveled to Santiago, Chile for the ITF World Youth Cup... member of the South Africa Federation Cup team in 2002 and 2003.

**Personal:** Daughter of Lynette... celebrates a January 25, 1985 birthday... intended major is public relations.

**NOLES CORNER**

**Favorite professional tennis player:** Boris Becker  
**Favorite movie:** Spiceworld  
**Favorite cereal:** Lucky Charms  
**Favorite Quote:** "I'm loving it."

SOPHOMORE **LINDSAY DEASON**



**High School and Other Accomplishments:** Made it to the state semifinals twice in singles action and the state finals with team while playing in Texas...saw action in the state doubles finals in Florida...won girls 16U national's doubles...finalist girls 12 National Clay Courts.

**Personal:** Born July 28, 1982...daughter of Linda and Charlie... major is undecided... brother played tennis for Emory...transfer from University of Southern California.

**DEASON FILE**

**CLASS:** Sophomore  
**HEIGHT:** 5'6"  
**HOMETOWN:** St. Petersburg, Florida  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Boca Raton Prep  
**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** USC

**NOLES CORNER**

**Favorite professional tennis player:** Steffi Graf  
**Favorite movie:** Something's Gotta Give  
**Favorite television show:** Days of Our Lives  
**Favorite Quote:** "One day at a time."

"Lindsay's another great competitor because she hates to lose. She needs matches right now and will get better with each one she plays."

- head coach Lise Gregory

# SENIOR NICOLE CERCONO



## Senior Year (2003-04) Fall 2003

**Season:** Saw time in both the singles and doubles area competing in four tournaments for FSU... Paired with [redacted] won the Flight D Doubles title at the Roberta Allison Fall Classic... finished the season with a strong doubles showing, posting a 5-3 record primarily with Alina Mihailescu and Natalie Tirapelli

## At Seton Hall (2000-02):

Competed primarily at third singles compiling a 13-13 record in that position for the Seton Hall Pirates

in 2001-02... posted an overall record of 19-19... won the third singles bracket at the Eastern Collegiate Tennis Tournament... reached Flight B Semifinals at the Cornell Invitational... won her first collegiate match against Lindsey Carlson of Pittsburgh.

**High School and Other Accomplishments:** All time career leader in victories at Seminole High School... earned all-conference honors all four years, all-county from 1997-99 and all-state during the 1998 and 1999 season... member of two high school state championships tennis teams... selected team captain during senior year.

**Personal:** Born June 11, 1982... daughter of Barry and Marcia... comes from a sports family where mom played tennis for Pittsburgh, and dad played college basketball... major is Marketing.

"Nicole hits a very solid, powerful ball and when she becomes more comfortable taking the ball early she could blow some people off the court."

- head coach Lise Gregory

## CERCONE FILE

**CLASS:** Senior

**HEIGHT:** 5'6"

**HOMETOWN:** St. Petersburg, Florida

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Seminole High School

**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Seton Hall

### NOLES' CORNER

**Favorite professional tennis player:** Pete Sampras  
**Favorite movie:** The Cutting Edge  
**Favorite television show:** 90210  
**Favorite Quote:** "The bigger they are the harder they fall."



Nicole Cercone



Roxanne Clarke



Lindsay Deason