

## Todd Kress Head Coach

Cincinnati, '92

2nd Season

21-13 at FSU



### COACHING RECORD

Season	Record	School	Position
1992		Thomas More College	Assistant Coach
1993		Thomas More	Assistant Coach
1994		Saint Ursula Academy	Assistant Coach
1995	11-21	Fairfield University	Head Coach
1996	23-12	Fairfield University	Head Coach
1997	25-10	Fairfield University	Head Coach
1998	35-2	Fairfield University	Head Coach
1999	10-15	Northern Illinois University	Head Coach
2000	24-9	Northern Illinois University	Head Coach
2001	24-6	Northern Illinois University	Head Coach
2002	21-13	Florida State University	Head Coach
<b>Career</b>	<b>173-88</b>		

Todd Kress, one of the most talented young coaches in the nation, enters his second season as head coach of the Florida State volleyball program. Kress was hired to coach the Seminoles on February 14, 2002. Prior to his arrival in Tallahassee, Kress spent seven years coaching at Fairfield University and Northern Illinois University, where he led three teams to the NCAA Tournament and compiled a record of 152-75.

When Kress took the position at Florida State, he inherited a veteran squad. During his first season, with the experience of four seniors, Kress led the Seminoles to an overall record of 21-13, an ACC record of 10-6, the ACC Tournament Championship match and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. This marked the first time since 1998 that a Florida State team advanced to the national tournament.

Before arriving to Florida State, Kress spent three years at Northern Illinois, where he led the Huskies to a 58-30 record. In his last season at Northern Illinois, Kress guided the Huskies to an overall record of 24-6, a 15-3 regular season record in the Mid-American Conference, the MAC tournament championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. In the 2001 season, Kress' Huskies won 21 of their final 23 matches and stormed through the MAC Tournament as they won all three matches by a score of 3-0. At the completion of the season, Kress was named the 2001 MAC Coach of the Year.

During his second year as the head coach of the Huskies, Kress guided Northern Illinois to a 24-9 mark. With a conference record of 12-6, Northern Illinois finished the 2000 season in third place in the MAC's Western Division. The 2000 season marked the 10th time in 13 seasons that the Huskies finished with 20 or more wins.

Kress faced much adversity in his first-season as head coach at Northern Illinois. Key players were lost to injury, which weakened an already inexperienced squad. Although the season was challenging, Northern Illinois

rallied to win five of its final eight matches and finished with an overall record of 10-15, including a record of 7-11 in the MAC.

In 1995, Kress began his collegiate head-coaching career when he accepted the position at Fairfield. Before Kress' arrival at Fairfield, the Stags had not posted a winning season in seven years. During his four-year stint at the helm of the program, Kress boasted a record of 94-45 and became the school's winningest volleyball coach. In his final two years, he guided his team to a 60-12 record and two NCAA Tournament appearances.

In his final season at Fairfield in 1998, Kress led his team to the school's first ever national ranking, a 35-2 record, which included a 27-game winning streak, a 14-0 mark at home and an impressive victory over national powerhouse Notre Dame. The Stags won their third straight regular-season MAAC championship and second consecutive tournament championship. With a winning percentage of 94.6, Fairfield was ranked third nationally behind national champion Long Beach State and national runner-up Penn



Coach Todd Kress, wife Dani, and son Trevor.



State. Following the season, Kress was named AVCA/District II Coach of the Year and MAAC Coach of the Year.

Fairfield earned its second consecutive regular-season MAAC title in 1997 as Kress led the Stags to a record of 25-10 overall and 9-0 in the conference. After winning the conference tournament championship, Fairfield advanced to face Ohio State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Following the completion of the season, Kress earned the title of MAAC Co-Coach of the Year.

The 1996 season marked the first time in eight years that the Stags posted a winning record. After finishing his first season at Fairfield in 1995 with a record of 11-21, Kress was able to lead the Stags to a 23-12 record and the regular-season MAAC Championship in 1996. This became a standard at the university.

Kress served as an assistant at Saint Ursula Academy and Thomas More College prior to taking his first head coaching position at Fairfield. While at Saint Ursula Academy, Kress helped lead the squad to a 25-2 record, winning the 1994 Ohio Division II High School State Championship title. Kress was an assistant under Darrell McLean at Thomas More College during the 1992 and 1993 seasons. During those years, the Saints made back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament and earned two Association of Mideast Colleges Conference trophies. In 1993, Kress also directed the men's club team at the University of Cincinnati, his alma mater.

It was at Cincinnati that Kress began his coaching career. While completing his undergraduate education, he was a

four-year starter for the Bearcats' club squad and served as head coach for two Junior Olympic programs and as an assistant for the Seton High School junior varsity.

After earning an Associate of Arts degree in Communications from Edison State College in Ohio in June of 1988, Kress earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in broadcasting from Cincinnati in June of 1992.

Kress, a native of Sidney, Ohio, married the former Dani (DON-ee) Peterson in May of 1998. Also very passionate about volleyball, Dani was an assistant coach to Kress at Northern Illinois during the 2000-2001 season. On February 8, 2001, the couple's first child, Trevor, was born.

## Coaching Staff at a Glance

**Head Coach: Todd Kress**

**Assistant Coaches: Kirstine Jensen, Jenny Fette**

**Manager: John Lotarski**

**Athletic Trainer: Emily Johnson**

**Equipment Manager: Myra Atwell**

**Strength Coach: Janna Walkup**

**Sport Psychology Consultant: John Meis**

**Secretary: Jill Hoomes**

### **Kirstine Jensen** ***Assistant Coach***

Ohio State, '97

2nd Season



Kirstine Jensen, enters her second season as an assistant at Florida State. Jensen joined the Florida State staff in April 2002. She spent approximately two years as an assistant at Ohio before accepting the position under Florida State head coach Todd Kress. As an assistant, Jensen serves as the recruiting and travel coordinator.

In the summer of 2000, Jensen began coaching at Ohio when Mike Lessinger was promoted from assistant to head coach. As an assistant at Ohio, Jensen's responsibilities included practice supervision, player development and game preparation.

Before accepting the position as an assistant under Lessinger at Ohio, Jensen spent two years as a volunteer assistant at Northern Illinois University. In May of 1999, Kress was hired as the next head coach at NIU. Jensen remained at Northern Illinois and served as a volunteer assistant under Kress. While coaching at Northern Illinois, Jensen also coached the USAV's Club Fusion squad, a club team, in Huntley, Illinois.

Jensen graduated magna cum laude at Ohio State University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science. She was a four-year scholar-athlete for the Buckeyes and helped her team to advance to the Final Four as a junior.



*"Kirstine has done a great job in bringing in some of the top talent that we have displayed at Florida State. The growth that our players have shown have attributed to some of the things Kirstine has done. What she does on and off the court is immeasurable."*

-Todd Kress

### **Jenny Fette** ***Assistant Coach***

Toledo, '98

2nd Season



Jenny Fette, who served as an assistant coach for two seasons under Todd Kress at Northern Illinois University, enters her second season as an assistant with the Seminole volleyball program. Fette joined Kress when he accepted the head-coaching position at Florida State in February of 2002. As an assistant under Kress, Fette's primary responsibility is setter training. She is also responsible for recruiting, scouting opponents, running drills, evaluating performances in practice and charting the offense during games. Fette also serves as the coordinator for the Todd Kress Florida State Volleyball Camp.

During her two years at Northern Illinois, Fette was responsible for running individual setter training sessions, scouting opponents, running drills and evaluating performances in practice as well as charting the

offense during matches. She was the recruiting coordinator for the Huskies and assisted in the Northern Illinois Volleyball Camps.

Before working at the collegiate level, Fette gained experience coaching at the club level. Between February and May of 2000, Fette coached the Sports Express, a 15-year old junior club team in Cincinnati, Ohio. She coached the Glass City Volleyball Company, a 17-year old junior club team in Toledo, Ohio, between January of 1998 and July of 1999.

In December of 1998, Fette received her bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Toledo, where she also lettered in volleyball from 1994-97.



*"Jenny has done a tremendous job with our setters and opposites and she fine tunes her skills at clinics because of the enthusiasm she has about working with our players and the potential they have. Jenny will go to all lengths to win and to help the kids. Her commitment is as great as anyone's."*

-Todd Kress

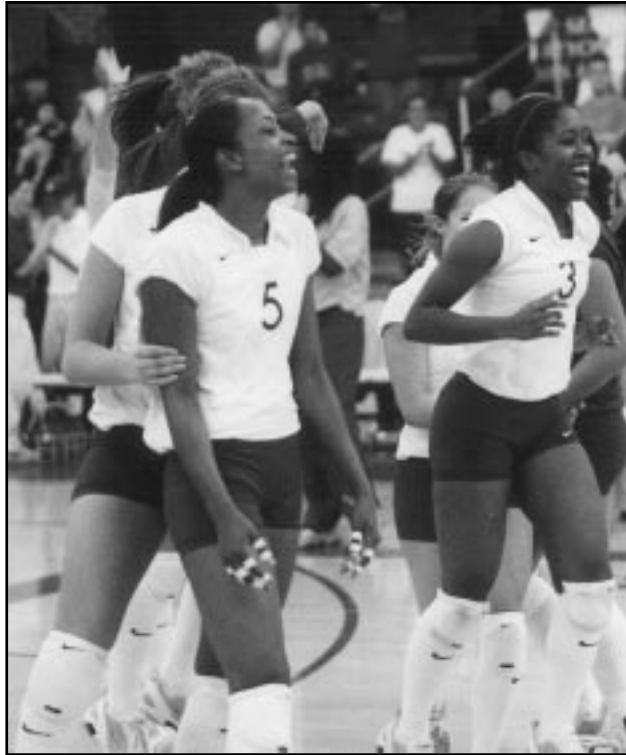
# SUPPORT STAFF



<p><b>John Lotarski</b> <b><i>Team Manager</i></b> 5th Season</p>	
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John Lotarski, from West Chicago, Ill., begins his fifth season as a manager for the Florida State volleyball team. As a manager, Lotarski's responsibilities include setting up and breaking down equipment for all home matches and practices, serving as host for visiting teams, video taping matches and traveling to away matches.

Lotarski celebrates a September 9, 1980 birthday and is a sports administration major. He is the younger brother of Catie Lotarski, who played for the Seminoles from 1991-94 as an outside hitter. An athlete himself, Lotarski was a four-year letterwinner on the football, basketball and track and field teams at St. Francis High School in Wheaton, Ill. He also played a year of club volleyball.



## Jill Hoomes

### ***Secretary***

After spending 14 years under former head coach Dr. Cecile Reynaud, Jill Hoomes enters her 16th year as the secretary of the volleyball office. Prior to her acceptance of the position with the volleyball office, Hoomes served with the Art Department on campus. Hoomes also works with the Track and Field and Cross Country programs.

A native of Pensacola, Fla., Hoomes attended Pensacola Junior College. She and her husband, Tim, have one son Levon, 14.

