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LOOSE TALK WHAT THE SEMINOLES SAID



"When we were freshmen Todd always talked about us being the core of the program he was going to build at Florida State. Even when we were freshmen we put the responsibility on ourselves of being the ones to lay the foundation, set the expectations and determine what the program is going to be in the future. Todd has brought in several great classes after us so the future looks very promising and we hope that they continue to build on what we've started."

SARAH GRIFFIN

On building the program



"I like that they are very tough and intense on the court, but at the same time they're all really funny and easy going off the court. It's really important to play for a coaching staff that has that great balance because if it's too intense or too fun you're not going to have as great of an experience."

MALDRIE WESSEL

On the coaching staff



"When people think about Tallahassee, the first they think about is Florida State and Florida State athletics which is really cool. It means a lot to come to a school where you are the main focus and everyone knows who you are."

MAKINI THOMPSON

On the atmosphere at Florida State

"The support staff at Florida State is absolutely amazing. Every time I have a problem or need something, so many people are there to help me. They are so friendly and compassionate. The staff makes me feel at home, and I can't even express how much that has helped me through out my years at Florida State."

JESSICA SKOWER

On the Florida State support staff



"We are a tight group of girls who love to have fun on and off the court. My teammates love to do activities together away from volleyball. We love to do community service to help children and the program as a whole."

LAUREN WALKER

On life away from the volleyball court



"I used to live in Tallahassee so I grew up around Florida State volleyball and it's always been a dream of mine to play volleyball at Florida State. When I talked to coach Kress and he told me about the freshmen that had committed I knew we were going to a great class and that we were going to be the building blocks of a great program."

BRIANNA BARRY
On the coaching staff

"Friends, football games, the tomahawk chop, the beautiful campus...I love everything about Florida State."

SUMMER WEISSING
On her favorite things at FSU

"It means a lot to be one of the players who are setting the tone for the future of Florida State volleyball. We're really the first full group to come through with Todd and it's fun to be able to establish new traditions and really leave your mark on the program. We have a great group of freshmen and it's very positive knowing that you can start traditions and they will carry them through."

JESSICA SKOWER
On starting new traditions

"I love everything about Florida State, the coaches, the girl and the campus. I had such a great initial experience that I committed on my unofficial visit. It's just amazing how first class everything is here from academics, athletics and the facilities are outstanding."

JACKIE BONSALE
On coming to Florida State



"I think this team has a bright future. I haven't been here very long but I have a great feeling about the team. I hope this year we win the ACC and get to at least the third round in the NCAA Tournament."

MAKINI THOMPSON
On her thoughts on the season

"The future is so bright for us. Our goal is to win the ACC then be in the NCAA Championship for volleyball."

LAUREN WALKER
On the future of her team

"Todd Kress is very competitive and hardworking. He expects a lot from his players, and pushes us to be the best we can be. Off the court he will joke around with you and we a lot of fun. He has a huge heart."

SUMMER WEISSING
On her head coach

"Everyone is like a big family and takes care of each other. Also, the approach towards athletes and the athletic programs are professional, but friendly. Very nice surroundings to be in!"

ZRINKA TOMIC
On life as a student-athlete at Florida State





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FSU VOLLEYBALL BANQUET



At the end of each season, the Florida State volleyball program prides itself in holding an elegant banquet one evening to celebrate the year and all its accomplishments.



2005 TEAM AWARDS

Team MVP	Andraza Santos
Top Defensive Player	Summer Weissing
Coach's Award	Makini Thompson
Academic Award	Jessica Skower

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FUN FACTS WITH THE SEMINOLES



What I didn't know about college life until I got to FSU?

Jackie BonSalle: 1) Big campus walks 2) Hard to find parking

Brittany Byrd: 1) How messy people can be 2) Having to do everything yourself

Kim Crawford: 1) Laundry stinks 2) The dorms are extremely too small for all of my stuff.

Sarah Griffin: 1) People are crazy 2) It can really be like the movies

Jessica Skower: 1) That I would have to cook 2) That I would gain 10 pounds of muscle

Zrinka Tomic: 1) The importance and blessing of being an athlete.

Lauren Walker: 1) Parking 2) Washing clothes 3) The bus system

Summer Weissing: 1) How many new people I would meet 2) What it's like to live on your own.

Lauren Young: 1) How different everyone is 2) How little sleep I'd get

What sport did you always wish you could play?

Nikki Baker: Rugby

Brianna Barry: Basketball

Caitlin Belvin: Gymnastics

Jackie BonSalle: Volleyball

Brittany Byrd: None

Kim Crawford: Football

Sarah Griffin: Football

Alex Plummer: Hockey

Jessica Skower: Soccer

Makini Thompson: Figure skating/gymnastics

Zrinka Tomic: Tennis

Lauren Walker: Tennis

Summer Weissing: Any water sport

Malorie Wessel: Football

Lauren Young: Swimming & Diving

Road trip must haves:

Nikki Baker: 1) Portable DVD player 2) Food 3) Pillow
Brianna Barry: 1) Good food 2) Loud music 3) Lots of laughter

Caitlin Belvin: 1) Food 2) iPod 3) Cell phone

Jackie BonSalle: 1) Taco Bell 2) Brittany Byrd & Alex Plummer 3) 80's compilation CDs

Brittany Byrd: 1) 80's music 2) Lots of food

Kim Crawford: 1) Conditioner 2) Mascara 3) Underwear

Sarah Griffin: 1) Face soap 2) Snacks 3) Things to do in the airport

Alex Plummer: 1) My blankie 2) Mascara 3) Candy

Jessica Skower: 1) iPod 2) Snowcaps 3) Hair gel

Makini Thompson: 1) iPod 2) Cell phone

Zrinka Tomic: 1) Good company 2) Music

Lauren Walker: 1) Cell phone 2) Food 3) Music

Summer Weissing: 1) iPod 2) Camera 3) Books

Malorie Wessel: 1) Sunglasses, 2) CDs 3) best friend

Lauren Young: 1) CDs 2) Food 3) Car

Teammates whose closet you would like to raid and why?

Jackie BonSalle: Zrinka Tomic

Brittany Byrd: Jackie BonSalle

Kim Crawford: Alex Plummer - she's always cute

Sarah Griffin: Summer Weissing - she has lots of outfits

Alex Plummer: Kim Crawford

Jessica Skower: Summer Weissing - for her shoes

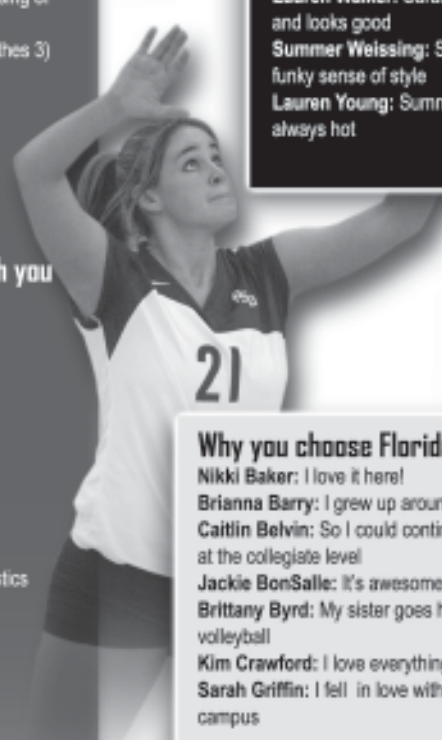
Makini Thompson: Sarah Griffin

Zrinka Tomic: Sarah Griffin - she's stylish

Lauren Walker: Sarah Griffin - always dresses nice and looks good

Summer Weissing: Sarah Griffin - she's got a fun/funky sense of style

Lauren Young: Summer Weissing - her clothes are always hot



Why you choose Florida State?

Nikki Baker: I love it here!

Brianna Barry: I grew up around FSU volleyball

Caitlin Belvin: So I could continue playing volleyball at the collegiate level

Jackie BonSalle: It's awesome

Brittany Byrd: My sister goes here and she loves volleyball

Kim Crawford: I love everything about the school

Sarah Griffin: I fell in love with the staff and campus

Jessica Skower: Kim Crawford convinced me.

Makini Thompson: Because of the staff and the girls

Zrinka Tomic: The family and caring environment

Lauren Walker: Beautiful campus

Summer Weissing: Good people and big athletics program

Malorie Wessel: The school, volleyball team, coach Kress and I love football

Lauren Young: The coaches

Three people, dead or alive, that you would like to have dinner with?

Nikki Baker: 1) Will Ferrell 2) Johnny Depp
Brianna Barry: 1) Orlando Bloom 2) My uncle Kevin
Caitlin Belvin: 1) My brother Bryton 2) Paul Walker
 3) My boyfriend Bret
Jackie BonSalle: 1) Gandhi 2) Abe Lincoln 3) Whitney Houston
Brittany Byrd: 1) Whitney Houston 2) Ryan Gosling
 3) Vince Vaughn
Kim Crawford: 1) George Bush 2) Johnny Depp
Sarah Griffin: 1) Pat Green 2) JJ Redick 3) Mother Teresa
Alex Plummer: 1) Ozzie Smith 2) Wally Szczerbak
Jessica Skower: 1) Muhammad Ali 2) Teddy Roosevelt 3) Dwyane Wade
Makini Thompson: 1) Michael Jordan 2) Michael Jackson 3) Oprah
Zrinka Tomic: 1) Mother Theresa 2) Goran Ivanisevic
Lauren Walker: 1) Janet Jackson 2) Michael Jackson 3) Oprah
Summer Weissing: 1) Michael Jordan 2) King Tut
Malorie Wessel: 1) Al Capone 2) Jesus 3) P Diddy
Lauren Young: 1) Dr. Phil 2) Jamie Foxx 3) Devon Harris

If I wasn't playing volleyball in college I would be:

Nikki Baker: Working three jobs and still poor at Owens
Brianna Barry: A photographer
Caitlin Belvin: A regular student
Jackie BonSalle: In a sorority
Brittany Byrd: In a sorority
Kim Crawford: Concentrating more on my nursing major
Sarah Griffin: Playing basketball
Alex Plummer: Bored with nothing to do
Jessica Skower: Be a soccer goalie
Makini Thompson: An FSU Cowgirl with Summer
Zrinka Tomic: I would like to think dancing.
Lauren Walker: Living at the Leach Center
Summer Weissing: An FSU Cowgirl with Makini
Malorie Wessel: Going to Ohio State
Lauren Young: Playing Basketball



Favorite restaurant in Tallahassee?

Nikki Baker: Backyard Burgers
Brianna Barry: Momo's
Jackie BonSalle: Whataburger
Brittany Byrd: Taco Bell
Sarah Griffin: Moe's & The Main Ingredient
Jessica Skower: Moe's
Makini Thompson: Kool Beanz
Zrinka Tomic: Moe's
Lauren Walker: Kool Beanz
Summer Weissing: Mori
Malorie Wessel: Hip Hop Chicken
Lauren Young: The Loop

Do you have any uniform quirks?

Nikki Baker: I always braid my hair.
Brianna Barry: I wear a ribbon in my hair
Caitlin Belvin: None
Jackie BonSalle: None
Brittany Byrd: Short socks
Kim Crawford: None
Sarah Griffin: None
Alex Plummer: None
Jessica Skower: I have to wear double socks.
Makini Thompson: I have left and right socks, I have to tape my fingers and wear a towel in my spandex
Lauren Walker: None
Summer Weissing: I put a rubber band on my left shoe
Malorie Wessel: I like to put tape around my wrists
Lauren Young: I have to wear a headband

Favorite childhood memory?

Nikki Baker: Beating boys in sports
Brianna Barry: Picking huge watermelons out in my backyard
Caitlin Belvin: My brother being born
Jackie BonSalle: Playing on the beach
Kim Crawford: Dancing around the living room with my sister
Sarah Griffin: Going to San Diego and New York for vacation
Jessica Skower: Watching Saturday morning cartoons
Makini Thompson: Playing with the kids in my neighborhood
Zrinka Tomic: Playing with my friends on the streets of my hometown.
Lauren Walker: Going on a cruise with my family
Summer Weissing: Water skiing at the lake
Malorie Wessel: Playing with my neighbors
Lauren Young: Falling off the top bunk





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Quincy, Mass.
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JACKIE BONSALE

FR • OH • 6-3
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CAITLIN BELVIN

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(Winter Park)



BRITTANY BYRD

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BRIANNA BARRY

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SARAH GRIFFIN

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SUMMER WEISSING

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LAUREN YOUNG

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TODD KRESS

HEAD COACH
Fifth Season
(Cincinnati, '92)