

# FLORIDA STATE

## SAND VOLLEYBALL



### 2013 ALMANAC





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## THE FLORIDA STATE SAND VOLLEYBALL COMPLEX





# **FSU SAND VOLLEYBALL FACTS**

## **AN EMERGING SPORT**

- Collegiate sand volleyball is an “emerging sport.” It has 10 years to gain the minimum 40 sponsoring institutions for two years in a row required to be considered an NCAA championship sport. This season, sand volleyball has 30 participating institutions.
- Sand volleyball has four scholarships to divide among a roster of 15 players in 2013. The sport will add one scholarship each year for the next three years to eventually get to six divisible scholarships in 2015.
- Players will not wear the “traditional” sand volleyball uniform of a bikini. The AVCA concept calls for a two-piece uniform- shorts or briefs and a top, or a one-piece.

## **THE RULES**

- Each team competition is called a “dual” and will consist of five matches of pairs. The winning team will need to win three matches in a best-of-five format. The separate matches will be conducted as best-of-three set competitions, with rally scoring to 21 in the first two sets and to 15 in the third. Teams must win by at least two points in all cases.
- Sand volleyball differs from court volleyball in ways other than the numbers of players. No open hand tipping is allowed. The block touch is allowed as the first of three allowable contacts. Coaches may only speak to players or give any feedback during time-outs or in between sets. Finally, to mitigate the impact of the sun and wind, the players switch sides of the court every seven points in a 21 point set and every five points in a 15 point set. The court is smaller at 8’ m x 8’ m, while indoor is 9’ m x 9’ m.

## **AT FLORIDA STATE**

- Head Coach Danalee Corso was the first full-time sand volleyball coach in the country.
- FSU’s inaugural sand volleyball team featured 16 players: nine sand-only players and seven players from the FSU indoor squad. The 2013 team has 22 players - 15 sand-only players and seven players from the indoor team.
- If a player has an indoor volleyball scholarship, they can play sand volleyball, but a sand volleyball scholarship athlete cannot play on the indoor volleyball team.

## **GAMEDAY IN TALLAHASSEE**

- All competitions will be played at the sand volleyball courts, located north of the soccer and softball complex and between the track and field complex and the parking garage.
- Parking will be available in the lot across from the courts and in the adjacent parking garage.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to the event, but there will also be eight sets of bleachers.
- No alcohol is permitted. No dogs are allowed. Tents behind the bleachers are permissible.



# 2013 SEASON PREVIEW

After an undefeated regular season and a third-place finish at the first-ever National Championships, what does the Seminole sand volleyball squad have in store for an encore?

Heading into the inaugural collegiate sand volleyball season last year nobody knew what to expect from Florida State.

A popular sport on beaches on both coasts, sand volleyball became FSU's 20th sport in June 2011 and kicked off the initial campaign with a resounding 5-0 victory at UAB on March 2 in the first-ever official collegiate match.

From there, the Seminoles did a lot more winning, quickly proving that the landlocked school from Tallahassee will be force to be reckoned with as sand volleyball develops from a sport into a full-fledged NCAA program.

Led by a trio of All-Americans, Florida State cruised to a 15-0 record in the regular season before being one of four teams invited to the first AVCA Sand Volleyball National Championships.

"We had a fantastic first season last year and I'm confident we can improve even more," Florida State Head Coach Danalee Corso said. "We have the largest group in the country. We have a lot of depth and return a lot of sand experience. We return an All-American in Aurora Newgard as well as indoor All-American Fatma Yildirim and Jace Pardon, who finished third at the Pairs National Championship. We'll add a couple of other All-Americans from the indoor team, too.

"I feel much more prepared this year on and off the court. Our coaching staff has a year under our belts and we've been practicing on our five courts since Day 1. I expect us to be very successful again."

At the first-ever AVCA National Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala. last spring, the Seminoles placed third behind Long Beach State and Pepperdine. Additionally, freshman Jace Pardon and senior Jakaterina Stepanova made it to the semifinals of the national pairs tournament.

This season, FSU will be led by Pardon as well as All-American Aurora Davis (née Newgard) and national championship participants seniors Mallory Kiley and Fatma Yildirim, junior Jeassica McGregor and sophomores Stephanie Pelliteri and Sarah Wickstrom.

The Noles will actually have three All-Americans on the squad this spring. Joining



*Aurora Davis (left) and Fatma Yildirim (right) are both sand volleyball veterans and All-Americans.*

Davis, who was part of the inaugural 10-player AVCA sand volleyball All-America class last season, are indoor volleyball All-Americans Yildirim and Ashley Neff. Yildirim captured honorable mention honors, while Neff nabbed Third Team accolades following the 2012 indoor campaign.

FSU also returns sophomore Melanie Pavels, who played most of last season at the No. 3 pair position before an injury sidelined her for the National Championships and seniors Marija Milosavljevic and Amanda Saxton.

Milosavljevic was a three-year letterwinner on the FSU indoor squad, while Saxton has two years of indoor volleyball experience in addition to her experience on the sand squad last year.

Saxton, Kiley and Davis are all team captains this season.

The Seminoles will field the nation's largest team, bringing in a strong seven-player freshmen class in addition to four new members from the indoor squad.

FSU welcomes freshmen Julie Brown, Blyss Harkness, Kayla Joyce, Annie Montgomery, Nina Pellitteri, Katherine Plessy and Lexy Ryan as well as indoor veterans freshmen Sarah Burrington and Leah Mikesky, sophomore Katie Mosher and junior Olivera Medic.

Depth will not be an issue and Corso will have plenty options leading up to the AVCA National Championships May 3-5 in the Gulf Shores, Ala.



*Jace Pardon advanced to the National Championships pairs semifinals last season and will look to lead the Seminoles this year.*

The Seminoles will kick-off the 2013 season on March 3 with a Garnet and Gold Intersquad event at the FSU Sand Volleyball Complex.

Florida State's first matchup against outside competition will be a trip to Los Angeles to face USC and Loyola Marymount on March 10 in a Tri-Match before facing Long Beach State and UCLA the next day.

Three days later, the Seminoles will compete in a three-day event at the Chula Vista (Calif.) Tournament held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

On March 23, FSU will take on Gulf Coast State College for a dual match in Panama City Beach, Fla.

A week later, Florida State will wrap up the month of March by competing against UAB, Jacksonville and Stetson from March 29-30 in Jacksonville, Fla.

The Seminoles open April by meeting Georgia State, Tulane and ULM on April 6-7 in Atlanta, Ga.

From April 12-14, the Garnet and Gold will travel to Siesta Key, Fla. where they will face Webber International on the first day before competing in the Siesta Key Tournament the next two days.

Florida State will host a home tournament from April 20-21 where Georgia Southern, UAB and the College of Charleston will compete.

FSU will stay home the next weekend for an intersquad tune-up on April 27 before the National Championships.



# THE TEAM - BREAKDOWN



## 2013 ROSTER

No.	Name	Height	Year	Hometown/Last School
1	Melanie Pavels	5'8"	So.	North Woodmere, N.Y./ Pace University (Pleasantville, N.Y.)
2	Aurora Davis	5'9"	Jr.	Groveland, Fla./State College of Florida(Sarasota)
3	Julie Brown	6'0"	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla./Oviedo High School
4	Stephanie Pellitteri	5'8"	So.	Deerfield Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
5	Amanda Saxton	6'0"	Sr.	Orlando, Fla./Lake Highland Prep
11	Kayla Joyce	5'8"	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla./Oviedo High School
12	Marija Milosavljevic	6'4"	Sr.	Bajina Basta, Serbia/ Zrenjaninska Gimnazija
13	Jeassica McGregor	5'8"	Jr.	Groveland, Fla./ Lake Sumter CC
14	Mallory Kiley	6'0"	Sr.	Palm Harbor, Fla./ ETSU
15	Lexy Ryan	5'9"	Fr.	Acworth, Ga./Harrison High School
20	Sarah Wickstrom	5'11"	So.	Stuart, Fla./Jensen Beach HS
21	Jace Pardon	5'10"	So.	Manhattan Beach, Calif./ Mira Costa HS
22	Blyss Harkness	5'8"	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla./Chiles H.S.
24	Katie Mosher	5'9"	So.	Fort Myers, Fla./Bishop Verot H.S
25	Fatma Yildirim	5'11"	Sr.	Istanbul, Turkey/Yuzuyl Isil
30	Kristina Pellitteri	5'9"	Fr.	Deerfield Beach, Fla./Pompano Beach
31	Sarah Burrington	6'5"	Fr.	Ruskin, Fla./Riverview H.S.
32	Katherine Plessy	5'11"	Fr.	Mariotta, Ga./Walton High School
33	Annie Montgomery	6'0"	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla./Cardinal Mooney High School
34	Ashley Neff	6'3"	Jr.	Kennesaw, Ga./North Cobb H.S.
35	Olivera Medic	6'1"	Jr.	Subotica, Serbia/Western Wyoming
44	Leah Mikesky	6'1"	Fr.	Schulenburg, Texas/Schulenburg H.S.

**Head Coach:** Danalee Corso

**Assistant Coach:** Brian Corso

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Taylor Irvin

**Managers:** Blake Eaton, Isaac Kierstead, Josh Davis, Aaron Saltz



# DANALEE CORSO

**HEAD COACH • 2ND SEASON • RECORD: 16-2**



After finishing with an undefeated regular season, placing third at the National Championships and collecting a nation's-best three individual All-America awards, the Florida State sand volleyball team is not expecting a drop off in Year Two.

That's because Danalee Corso is at the helm, and the former professional beach volleyball player and coach refuses to let off the accelerator. As one of the most respected teachers of the sport in the world, Corso continues to push the NCAA's latest emerging sport and the Seminoles to new heights.

FSU was at the forefront of sand volleyball's first season of collegiate competition in 2012. Florida State hired Corso as the nation's first full-time head coach in the summer of 2011 and she went to work building and preparing a championship caliber team. The results were impressive to say the least.

The Seminoles didn't lose a regular season dual match, sporting a 15-0 mark and a 72-3 overall record in pairs play in dual contests. Florida State also captured the team titles at Clash of Collegians, FSU Sand Tournament, UNF Invitational and the Fiesta at Siesta Key.

The Garnet & Gold won six pairs championships throughout the season and the top tandems of Jekaterina Stepanova and Jace Pardon and Aurora Newgard and Brittany Tiegs advanced to the semifinals and quarterfinals, respectively, of the first-ever AVCA Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala.

At the national tournament, Stepanova, Newgard and Tiegs earned three of the 10 individual All-America awards from the AVCA.

The Seminoles finished third at the National Championships, leaving the squad and Corso wanting more for the 2013 campaign.

FSU's success should come as no surprise since Corso has enjoyed a standout career as a player and coach. She is well-known throughout the beach volleyball circuit after a highly successful professional career both domestically and internationally.

Corso, a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, spent 13 seasons excelling on several professional tours, including the Women's Professional Volleyball Association, Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), USA Volleyball, Beach Volleyball America and The Association of Volleyball Professionals.

In 2004, Corso received a Brazilian Pro Beach Coaching Accreditation and helped coach the United States National Beach Volleyball Team from 2004-07 with a specific focus on the tandem of Rachel Wacholder and Tyra Turner. She



has also coached 2008 Summer Games Olympian Nicole Branagh as well as professionals Makare Wilson, Michelle More and Suzanne Stonebarger.

Following her national team stint, Corso became owner of Aloha Ball Club - a full-service beach volleyball school that offers classes and private lessons for amateurs and professionals as well as fitness training. She was also head coach of the Under-19 and Under-21 U.S. National Teams for men and women and head coach of the World University Championship men's and women's teams. She coached the Costa Rica Women's National Beach Team in 2009-10.

Some of Corso's greatest playing achievements include finishing as one of the top 10 teams in the competitive USA Volleyball Pro Tour from 1994-97. On the AVP-USA Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, Corso guided her squad to top-8 tour finishes from 1999-2002. In 1998, her team finished first on the Switzerland Pro Beach Tour.

As a professional, Corso won five different events, including the 1995 Motherlode Open in Aspen, Colo., an international tournament in Three Lakes, Switzerland, in 1998, the 1998 Switzerland FIVB Satellite Tournament in Jona and two Norceca Tournaments in both San Juan, Puerto Rico and Mexico City in 2003.

Corso is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University, where she played indoor volleyball from 1989-92. She captained the team and was a first team All-West Coast Conference pick.

Corso and her husband Brian, who is an assistant coach on the FSU sand volleyball team, have two young children, Camryn and Asher.





# SAND VOLLEYBALL STAFF

## ASSISTANT COACH BRIAN CORSO



A former professional beach and indoor volleyball player Brian Corso is married to FSU sand volleyball head coach Danalee Corso. He and his wife form a cohesive coaching tandem that enjoyed plenty of success in collegiate sand volleyball's initial season in 2012.

Florida State finished third at the AVCA Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships and collected three individual All-America honors, while capturing a 15-0 dual match record in the regular season.

FSU pairs won six tournament championships and collected a 208-58-2 overall record. The tandems of Jekaterina Stepanova and Jace Pardon and Aurora Newgard and Brittany Tiegs advanced the semifinals and quarterfinals, respectively, at the ultra-competitive national championships. Stepanova, Newgard and Tiegs were named All-Americans as FSU had three of the nation's 10 award-winners.

Corso played collegiate indoor volleyball at San Diego State from 1995-99 and was an assistant coach with the University of San Diego in 2002-03. He played on the AVP Tour and was the head coach of the L.A. College's women's volleyball team in 2009 in addition to his career as a beach volleyball fitness and conditioning specialist since 2003.

He also coached the Costa Rican junior national squad from 2006-08 and was a USA junior national beach team coach during that same span.

He and Danalee are the proud parents of two young children, Camryn and Asher.

## DIRECTOR OF VOLLEYBALL CHRIS POOLE



As Florida State's Director of Volleyball, Seminoles' indoor volleyball head coach Chris Poole has been in charge of developing FSU's newest sport. Poole has been very successful at the helm of the FSU indoor volleyball program since coming to Florida State in 2008.

He has led the Garnet & Gold indoor volleyball team to unprecedented heights, including the Seminoles' and the ACC's first-ever trip to the NCAA Final Four in 2011 and back-to-back seasons with at least 28 wins in 2011 and 2012.

In 2012, the Seminoles won their third Atlantic Coast Conference title under Poole and the program's fourth overall. Florida State finished with a remarkable 28-4 overall record, earning back-to-back conference crowns for the first time in the ACC since Maryland achieved the feat in 2003 and 2004.

The Seminoles tied a school record with the 2011 squad by defeating five AVCA Top 25 opponents and are one of just three teams (Southern California, Western Kentucky) who have garnered 28 wins or better in the last two seasons (2011 and 2012).

Poole has a 130-34 overall record with the Noles, including a 31-3 campaign in 2009.

## VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT TAYLOR IRVIN



Taylor Irvin enters her second season on Danalee Corso's staff and her first as a volunteer assistant coach after serving as a graduate assistant during FSU inaugural collegiate sand volleyball season last season.

Irvin helped lead the team to an undefeated 15-0 regular season dual match record and a third-place finish at the first-ever AVCA National Championships.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Irvin played club volleyball at Sports Performance Volleyball Club where she says she learned most of her coaching philosophy and technique.

She was a four-year member of the South Alabama volleyball team and the President of the Student Athletic Advising Committee at South Alabama from 2008-2010. Irvin made the Sunbelt Academic Honor Roll at South Alabama and also won the South Alabama Spirit Award.

Irvin coached club at Mobile Storm Volleyball in Mobile, Ala., from 2007-2010 and was a seventh grade coach at St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, Ala. in 2010 and a volunteer assistant for their varsity team which won state.



# SAND VOLLEYBALL SUPPORT STAFF



**JOSH DAVIS**  
MANAGER



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ACADEMIC ADVISOR



**AARON SALTZ**  
MANAGER



**JASON SIMPSON**  
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING



**RYAN ZORNES**  
FACILITIES



# MALLORY KILEY



**SENIOR • 6-0 • PALM HARBOR, FL**  
**LAST COLLEGE: ETSU**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY H.S.**

**2012 RECORD**  
**29-16**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER	RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Pellitteri	16-12	7-1			1-0	6-3	3-1
Haworth	11-4	5-2			1-2	6-1	1-0
Wickstrom	2-0	2-0					2-0

### Junior Season (2012)

Tallied a 29-16 overall record in her first year ever playing sand volleyball... Played much of the season at the No. 4 position, compiling a 6-3 record with Stephanie Pellitteri and a 6-1 mark with Caitlin Haworth at that spot...Went 14-3 in all dual matches...Teamed with Pellitteri to tie for third in the "Silver" bracket of the FSU Sand Tournament (March 24-25)... Tandem of Kiley and Haworth also tied for third at the Fiesta at Siesta Key (April 14)...Advanced to the quarterfinals of the UNF Invitational (April 1) with Pellitteri...Competed on Court 3 with Haworth at the AVCA National Championships (April 27-29)...Averaged 5.04 kills, 10.20 attacks and 4.00 digs.

### Before FSU

Was first team all-conference and all-county her junior and senior year and also voted Team MVP at Palm Harbor University High school...Her club team, Tampa United, took second at Junior Nationals 17s...Transferred from East Tennessee State University where she played 31 of 32 indoor matches as a freshman and started 22 of them....Had 152 kills and was third on team in blocks and second in the team in solo blocks while at ETSU...Had a 3.95 GPA and earned All- Atlantic Sun academic honors.

### Personal

Mallory's favorite TV shows are Family Guy and Grey's Anatomy....Oldest brother Jason played baseball for the Yankees organization and other older brother, Tim, currently plays for the White Sox organization.....Parents are Kevin and Coleen Kiley...Majoring in Dietetics.

## GET TO KNOW MALLORY

### What's your motto in life?

If you don't think you're the best in what you do then you shouldn't be doing it.

### Who had the biggest influence on your athletic career?

I'd have to say my big brothers. They both started playing sports early on and that's what got me into them. They were just motivating and they both made it into the professional level in baseball. Anything that has to do with athletics I can talk to them about and it's really helpful.

### What do you think is your strongest athletic attribute?

Usually the taller you are the slower you run but I'm quick for how tall I am.

### What would you say will be the strength of the team this season?

Definitely our team chemistry is very strong this year. We have seven freshmen and they've all been good personality-wise and they're hard working and that helps a lot and they do what they're expected to do.

### Do you ever get mistaken for a celebrity? If so who?

People always tell me I look like Emma Stone.

### Why did you choose FSU?

Because of the strong athletic program and its location.

### What is your earliest memory of playing volleyball?

I was 14 when I started playing and I hit a coach right in the head when he was walking on the other side of the net.

See the full Q & A at:





# JEASSICA MCGREGOR



**JUNIOR • 5-8 • GROVELAND, FL**  
**LAST COLLEGE: LAKE SUMTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: SOUTH LAKE H.S.**

**2012 RECORD**  
**31-11-1**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER	RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Haworth	12-2-1	5-0				4-1-1	3-0
Yildirim	10-1	2-1					2-1
Wickstrom	7-2	5-0				2-0	3-0
Blackman	2-6	2-0					2-2

### Sophomore Season (2012)

A strong setter and defender...Ranked second on the team in digs (6.00) and third in attacks (11.26) per set...Compiled a record of 31-11-1 overall, including a 14-1 mark in dual matches...Played much of the season at the Nos. 4 and 5 positions...Tallied a 12-2-1 record with Caitlin Haworth... Captured two pairs tournament titles...McGregor and Haworth won the "Silver" pairs bracket at the FSU Sand Tournament (March 25)...Took first along with Fatma Yildirim in the "Siesta" pairs tournament at the Fiesta at Siesta Key (April 14)...Competed in one match with Yildirim on Court 5 at the AVCA Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships (April 27-29).

### Before FSU

Competed for Lake Sumter Community College as a right side hitter and a setter in 2010-11, earning All-Mid-Florida Conference First Team accolades as a member of the indoor volleyball squad...Led her team with 416 assists, 33 aces and a near 25 percent hitting efficiency...In the National Junior College Athletic Association final rankings, McGregor was 27th in aces per set and 48th in assists... Paired with current teammate, Aurora Davis, to win the USA Volleyball National Beach Volleyball Junior Championships in 18-and-under age division in 2009...Has won over 75 beach volleyball tournaments and is undefeated in Florida juniors since 2006...Captured the USAV National Junior Beach Tour Championship in 2008...Grabbed a bronze medal at the High Performance Nationals... Earned a silver medal at the USA Junior National Tour Beach Volleyball 20-under division event in Huntington Beach, Calif., in 2009...Also played basketball and was named the indoor volleyball team MVP and captain in 2009 at South Lake High School.

### Personal

Majoring in social science...Favorite movie is "Drop Dead Gorgeous"... Favorite athlete and role model is Misty May...Hopes to play beach volleyball professionally and also mentor young athletes...Born December 16, 1991...Parents are Geary and Becky McGregor.

### GET TO KNOW JEASSICA

**Name two things you consider yourself to be very good at?**  
 Being a good friend and being determined.

**What do you think is your strongest athletic attribute?**

Being a good teammate and being able to do just about anything to make my team successful.

**What would you say will be the strength of the team this season?**

We have really good team chemistry.

**Do you ever get mistaken for a celebrity? If so who?**

Brittany Daniel from *Joe Dirt*.

**Why did you choose FSU?**

Because they have a good athletic program and really good academic program.

**What is your favorite thing about FSU?**

How everyone is involved in the sports here. We have great fan support.

**What is your philosophy on life?**

What you put in, you'll get out.

**Favorite Movie?**

*Step Brothers*

**Finish this phrase...life is a beach...Just dig it**

**What is the best way that you would describe your game style?**

I'm poised.

See the full Q & A at:





# MARIJA MILOSAVLJEVIC



**SENIOR • 6-4 • BAJINA BASTA, SERBIA**  
**LAST COLLEGE: TULANE**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: ZRENJANINSKA GIMNAZIJA**

**2012 RECORD**  
**8-1**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Yildirim	1-0	1-0				1-0
Davis (C. of C.)	7-1 (at Fiesta at Siesta Key)					

### Junior Season (2012)

Compiled an 8-1 record in limited action...Paired with Fatma Yildirim to finish 1-0 at the No. 5 position...Went 7-1 with College of Charleston's Taeler Davis to capture runner-up honors in the "Siesta" pairs tournament at the Fiesta at Siesta Key.

### Indoor Volleyball Career

Enjoyed a stellar three-year career with the FSU indoor team as a middle blocker...Was part of a senior class that won 109 matches and captured two ACC titles in 2011 and 2012...Was part of the first Florida State or ACC squad to reach the NCAA Final Four in 2011..Started in 28 of 30 matches in 2012...Named to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team while at Tulane in 2009...Finished second in Conference USA in hitting percentage at .354... Conference USA leader with a hitting mark of .396 during conference play...Helped her Youth National Team win a gold medal at the 2007 Balkan Championships, silver medals at the 2007 European Championships and 2007 European Youth Olympic Festival, and a bronze medal at the 2005 Balkan Championships.

### Personal

Born on March 20, 1990 in Uzice, Serbia...Majoring in business... Favorite professional team is Partizan of the Serbian Basketball League... Professional athlete she'd like to meet is Roger Federer...Captained the Serbian National Team.

## GET TO KNOW MARIJA

### What's your motto in life?

If you truly believe in your dreams, you can find a way to work it out.

### Name two things you consider yourself to be very good at.

Time management and cooking.

### What is something most people don't know about you?

I survived two wars.

### What is something you wish you did better?

Singing and playing musical instruments.

### What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

Being the captain of my national team in Serbia.

### What would be your perfect sand volleyball soundtrack?

Techno music

### How do you spend your free time?

What exactly is free time?

### What is your philosophy on life?

To find the perfect balance between mind and body.

### Do you know any other languages?

Serbian and a little Spanish.

### Who would be your ideal dinner date?

Novak Djokovic

See the full Q & A at:





# AURORA DAVIS



**JUNIOR • 5-9 • GROVELAND, FL**  
**LAST COLLEGE: STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA (SARASOTA)**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: SOUTH LAKE H.S.**

**2012 RECORD**  
**50-7-1**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Tiegs	50-7-1	15-3	22-2-1	6-1		

### Sophomore Season

One of 10 student-athletes to earn All-America honors during the inaugural collegiate sand volleyball campaign...Was a team co-captain along with Amanda Saxton...Reached quarterfinals of the pairs tournament with partner Brittany Tiegs at the AVCA National Championships...Teamed with Tiegs as FSU's No. 1 tandem for much of the season, tallying a 22-2-1 mark in the top spot...Held a 50-7-1 record overall for the season...Went 6-1 at the No. 2 position...Captured the pairs championship at three tournaments - the USC Tournament (March 16-18), the FSU Sand Tournament (March 24-25) and the Fiesta at Siesta Key (April 14)...Nabbed second-place at the UNF Sand Invitational (March 31-April) and at the Clash of the Collegians (March 8-9)...Led FSU in digs per set (8.29) and attacks (12.03)...Ranked second on the Noles in kills (6.27) and aces (1.14) per set.

### Before FSU

Appeared in the 2010 Dig The Beach Top 10 Women's Open Division... Took first-place in the Fiesta On Siesta Collegiate Beach Championship in 2010...Won the 2008 USA Beach Volleyball Tour Championship in Huntington Beach, Calif...Ranked first nationally in total kills at State College of Florida in 2010-11...Received 2010-11 NJCAA All-America Honorable Mention honors...Named 2010-11 Suncoast Conference Player of the Year...Named to Suncoast Conference First Team...Named FCCAA Player of the Week...Named team captain for State College of Florida... Captured Lake County Player of the Year while in high school.

### Personal

Majoring in social science...Plans to do mission work in other countries after graduating...Involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes...Favorite athlete is professional surfer Bethany Hamilton...Parents are Frank and Glenda Newgard... Married Josh Davis in January... Maiden name is Newgard.

## GET TO KNOW AURORA

**What is something most people don't know about you?**

Well I'm a vegetarian and I use to have a skunk when I was little.

**Who had the biggest influence on your athletic career?**

My mom.

**What do you think is your strongest athletic attribute?**

I always believe that I can win even if I'm down by a lot.

**Favorite dance?**

The Bernie.

**Why did you choose FSU?**

I always loved Florida State. I grew up a Florida State fan and I always knew that they had a really good program.

**What is your earliest memory of playing volleyball?**

Probably in elementary school. Peppering with Jeass [McGregor] while our parent's played.

**The biggest difference of indoor and outdoor volleyball is sand of course, but can you tell me what are some other differences?**

Well sand volleyball is played with two people instead of six and it's pretty tough to play in the sand and you have to think about things like the wind. There are a lot of different strategies.

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# JACE PARDON



**SOPHOMORE • 5-10 • MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIF.**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: MIRA COSTA H.S.**

**2012 RECORD**  
**45-6**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER	RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Stepanova	43-6	16-0	6-2	20-0			
Pellitteri	2-0	2-0				2-0	

### Freshman Season (2012)

Teamed with Jekaterina Stepanova to advance to the semifinals of the pairs portion of the AVCA National Championships...Tallied a 45-6 overall record, including a 43-6 mark with Stepanova...Finished 18-0 in dual competitions and 20-0 at the No. 2 position...Led FSU in kills per set (6.35) and hitting percentage (.468)...Ranked third on the Seminoles in digs per set (5.35)...Teamed with Stepanova to win the pairs championship at the Clash of the Collegians tournament (March 8-9)...She and Stepanova placed second at the Fiesta at Siesta Key (April 14) and tied for third at the USC Tournament (March 16-18) and at the FSU Sand Tournament (March 24-25)...Pardon and Stepanova were the No. 1 seed in pairs portion of the UNF Tournament (April 1), but had to forfeit after Stepanova suffered an injury in the first round of bracket play...Pardon was 6-2 at the No. 1 position...Represented the United States at the FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch Junior World Championships in August and September 2012.

### Before FSU

Has won various AAU, CBVA, and USA tournaments...Teamed with Tiffany Morales to claim the USA Volleyball Youth Beach High Performance under-19 division championship in June 2011...Advanced to the final round of the 2011 USA Beach Volleyball High Performance Championships...Nabbed gold in 18U division for the 2011 California Regional Championships and placed third at the 2010 AAU National Championships for the 18U Division...Named MVP at the Gahr Tournament...Won Manhattan Beach Open in 2011...Captured Hermosa Beach Open title in 2009...Finished in the top eight at the 2009 "Queen of the Beach."

### Personal

Major is business...Favorite movie is "Anchorman"...Favorite TV show is South Park...Favorite musician is Beyonce...Enjoys going to the beach, shopping, traveling and dancing... Has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and feeding the homeless... Lettered in swimming in high school... Role models are Dwight Howard and LeBron James...Parents are Jeanne Dempsey and Michael Pardon... Born June 9, 1993...Sister, Sivan, played water polo at Hawaii...Brother, CJ, competed in water polo at UC Irvine.

### GET TO KNOW JACE

**What is something most people don't know about you?**

I played basketball in high school.

**Who had the biggest influence on your athletic career?**

My sister, she is also a college athlete for the University of Hawaii. She plays water polo and she is just encouraging.

**Best non-athletic talent?**

I am a really good dancer.

**What is the strangest talent you have?**

I can move my bottom eyelids

**What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?**

Going to the world championships this year.

**Favorite dance?**

I like 'Crank That' by Soulja Boy.

**How do you spend your free time?**

Shopping and hanging out.

**What's the major differences between indoor volleyball and sand volleyball?**

There's only two people playing and you can't set the ball or they are really strict when you set your hands on the ball. It's a lot more intense conditioning wise. Running in the sand with only two people and being a part of every play is a lot more draining and hard on your body.

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# MELANIE PAVELS



**SOPHOMORE • 5-8 • NORTH WOODMERE, N.Y.**  
**LAST COLLEGE: PACE UNIVERSITY (PLEASANTVILLE, N.Y.)**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: VALLEY STREAM SOUTH H.S.**

**2012 RECORD**  
**32-10**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Djordjevic 32-10	13-0	2-0	20-2	1-0		

### Freshman Season (2012)

Teamed with three-time indoor volleyball All-American Visnja Djurdjevic to form arguably the top No. 3 tandem in the country...The pair went 32-10 overall and 13-0 in dual matches...Went 2-0 at the No. 2 spot, 20-2 at the No. 3 position and 2-0 as the No. 4 pair with Djurdjevic...Ranked third on the Seminoles in aces per set (1.11) and fourth in digs per set (5.24)... She and Djurdjevic placed runner-up at the FSU Sand Tournament (March 24-25) pairs championship, falling to teammates Aurora Newgard and Brittany Tiegs in the finals after beating FSU's No. 1 pair earlier in the day in the double elimination bracket...Grabbed All-Tournament accolades at the UNF Invitational (April 1), as she and Djurdjevic tied for third...Missed the final three competitions because of injury.

### Before FSU

An experienced athlete (volleyball player for 10 years, skier for 10 years, and badminton for six) Melanie has a strong sports resume...An all-county volleyball selection from eighth grade through 12th grade at Valley Stream South high school... All-tournament selection all four years of her high school career...An all-state pick her junior year of high school, as well as a St. Anthony's Invitational MVP...As a senior, she became a member of the Silver Medal Long Island Scholastic Team at the Empire State Games... Snagged four first-place finishes at the East End Volleyball Tour in 2011... Has eight first-place finishes on the Women's Open Great American Volleyball Tour.

### Personal

Major is food and nutrition science...An accomplished badminton player in high school, Melanie received All-Long Island Badminton Team recognition her senior year, as well as all-county and all-conference mentions her junior and senior years... Recipient of multiple academic awards including the PTSA Award, Valley Stream State of Commerce Award, and was a member of multiple clubs including the National Honor Society...Her sister Hilary played indoor volleyball at Adelphi University and her father played indoor volleyball at UCSB and was on the AVP Tour for sand volleyball... Parents are Eric and Rhonda Pavels...Born on May 14, 1993.

## GET TO KNOW MELANIE

**Best non-athletic talent?**  
 Photography.

**What would you say will be the strength of the team this season?**  
 Our fitness.

**What is the strangest talent you have?**  
 Clapping hands to make a hollow echo sound.

**Name something, other than volleyball, that you're truly passionate about.**  
 Traveling.

**What is one item that you really should throw away but probably never will?**  
 Probably my blanket that I had since I was 19...It's really dirty.

**What is your earliest memory of playing volleyball?**  
 I used to pepper with my dad when I was five years old in between his matches.

**What is the best way that you would describe your game style?**  
 Calm, Collective and Consistent... the three C's.

**What is one daily activity that bores you?**  
 My calculus class.

**Do you speak any other languages?**  
 American Sign Language.

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# STEPHANIE PELLITTERI



**SOPHOMORE • 5-8 • DEERFIELD BEACH, FL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: POMPANO BEACH H.S.**

**2012 RECORD**  
**25-16**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER	RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Kiley	16-12	7-1			1-0	6-3	3-1
Wickstrom	4-2	0-0					3-1
Djurdjevic	3-2	3-2			2-0	1-2	
Pardon	2-0	2-0			2-0		

### Freshman Season (2012)

Extremely talented defender...Compiled a 25-16 record playing at the Nos. 3, 4 and 5 courts...Paired with Mallory Kiley for much of the season, sporting a 16-12 mark, including a 7-1 record in dual matches and a 6-3 tally at the No. 4 spot...Also paired with Jace Pardon, Sarah Wickstrom and Visnja Djurdjevic, who she teamed with on Court 4 at the AVCA Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships...Went 5-0 on the season at Court 3...Tied for third with Kiley in the "Silver" pairs bracket at the FSU Sand Tournament (April 27-29)...Averaged 3.98 kills, 1.07 aces and 4.85 digs per set.

### Before Florida State

Became the nation's first athlete to commit to a sand volleyball scholarship when she announced in February 2011 she would play for the Seminoles... Won 18U Dig the Beach Championship... Led Pompano Beach's indoor team to the Class 3A regional semifinals in 2010...Was captain of her high school team, while earning all-county honors...While playing for Club Beach Dig, Pellitteri has boasted some enormous victories over the years... Her team finished in first place in Women's AAA Florida Beach volleyball on April 2, and also won the 18-under Open Division East Coach Beach Nationals in Fort Lauderdale on Aug. 8, 2010...Other events where she has led her team to victory include the 18-under USAV Florida Regional Championship, 18-under USAV Southern Open and both the 18-under and Women's AAA Miami Beach Championships...Pellitteri also became a Junior 18-under Regional and National Dig the Beach champion...She has been invited to several camps at the sand volleyball Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., which are invitation only.

### Personal

Major is sports management...Favorite movie is "Elf"...Favorite athlete and role model is Misty May... April 13th was named "Stephanie Pellitteri Day" in her hometown... Enjoys the beach, photography and paddle boarding... Hopes to be playing pro beach volleyball in 10 years...Parents are Donna and Matt Pellitteri...Has two sisters, Nina and Brittany...Nina will join Stephanie on the FSU sand volleyball squad this season...Born October 24, 1992.

## GET TO KNOW STEPHANIE

### What's your motto in life?

Just live every day to the fullest and try to be happy.

### What is something you wish you did better?

Golf, I played it a few times and I am terrible.

### What is your favorite class at FSU?

Sport Psychology just because I can relate to it. I think that it helps me with my game and gives me different perspective on sports.

### What do you think is your strongest athletic attribute?

That I communicate well with people, I think it makes it easier to play with different people when I'm talking to them and being positive

### Best non-athletic talent?

I'm really good at Call of Duty.

### What is the strangest talent you have?

I can spin a toothpick on my nose

### What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

Being the first person to sign a letter of intent for collegiate sand volleyball

### When do you feel your best morning, noon/afternoon or night?

Night, I'm a night owl.

### Hip hop, R&B, Rock, Country or Classical?

Country

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# AMANDA SAXTON



**SENIOR • 6-0 • ORLANDO, FL**

**HIGH SCHOOL: LAKE HIGHLAND PREP H.S.**

**2012 RECORD**  
**5-1**

**BREAKDOWN**

PARTNER RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Blackmon	5-1	0-0				

**Junior Season (2012)**

Served as co-captain with Aurora Newgard in her first year playing sand volleyball...Had a 5-1 record, including a 4-0 mark in pool play.

**Indoor Volleyball Career**

Was a member of Florida State’s indoor volleyball team, which advanced to the 2011 NCAA Final Four...Appeared in one match in 2011 and earned time in one match in 2010...Captured the prestigious NCAA Elite 89 Award in December 2011 at the NCAA Volleyball Final Four in San Antonio, Texas...The award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA Championships...Was one of the ACC Top Six Service Award winners for her generous time commitment in FSU’s community service program...During her high school career, won four consecutive 3A state championships for Lake Highland Prep in Orlando, Fla., and was a team captain her senior year...Played club for Orlando Volleyball Academy... Was named Orlando Sentinel Athlete of the Week in 2007.

**Personal**

Majoring in communications with a business and English minor and carries a 3.97 cumulative grade point average...Daughter of Brad and Denise Saxton...Favorite movie is Rudy...Likes listening to “With Everything” by Hillsong...Has two younger brothers ...Traveled to Guatemala on a mission trip with the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry...Born June 19, 1991.

**GET TO KNOW AMANDA**

**What’s your motto in life?**

Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.

**Name two things you consider yourself to be very good at.**

Welcoming people and just being positive and putting a smile on people’s faces.

**What is something most people don’t know about you?**

I used to sing and dance. I was in the chorus in my high school and I was involved in theater plays. I did a lot of that in middle and high school.

**Who had the biggest influence on your athletic career?**

My coach that I had in high school, Thomas Scott. He was a strength coach and he helped grow my faith in God and helped me get to the level that I am at now.

**Have you ever lived outside of this country?**

I studied abroad in London for six weeks in summer 2011.

**How do you spend your free time?**

I do a lot of community service stuff and I hang out with a lot of friends from my campus ministry and FCA, cooking and cleaning.

**Name three things you cannot live without.**

My bible, my laptop and my phone.

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# SARAH WICKSTROM



**SOPHOMORE • 5-11 • STUART, FL**

**HIGH SCHOOL: JENSEN BEACH H.S.**

**2012 RECORD  
13-6**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER	RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
McGregor	7-2	5-0				2-0	3-0
Pellitteri	4-2	0-0					3-1
Kiley	2-0	2-0					2-0
Yildirim	0-2	0-2					0-2

### Freshman Season (2012)

Notched a 13-6 record, including a 7-2 mark in dual matches...Partnered with Jeassica McGregor, Mallory Kiley, Stephanie Pellitteri and Fatma Yildirim at the Nos. 4 and 5 spots...Went 2-0 at No. 4 and 3-0 at No. 5 with McGregor...Paired with Yildirim at the No. 5 spot for two matches at the AVCA Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships (April 27-29)... Had lowest average of serving errors on the team at 0.31 per set...Ranked fourth on Seminoles in kills per set (5.38).

### Indoor Volleyball Career

An extremely talented setter, Sarah is a member of the FSU indoor volleyball team and helped the squad win back-to-back ACC titles and advance to the NCAA Final Four in 2011...Named to 2012 All-ACC Academic Team and was FSU's 2012 Golden Torch award recipients for excellent academic work...Named to the All-ACC Freshman team in 2011... Played in all 32 matches in 2012 and tallied 639 assists, 164 digs and 15 service aces...Named a finalist for the Andi Collins Award in high school, which recognizes the best setter in the nation at the prep level, while at Jensen Beach high school...Guided Jensen Beach to two state titles in her freshman and junior seasons and two state regional final appearances as a sophomore and senior...Florida Dairy Farmers 4A Player of the Year in 2009...Earned first-team all-state honors in 2009 and a nomination for the Gatorade Player of the Year.

### Personal

Born April 5, 1993...Majoring in sport management...Roots for the Miami Dolphins and Miami Heat...Has traveled to Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica and the Bahamas...Person she'd most like to meet in sports is Misty May...Two of her proudest moments in sports were winning two state championships in high school.

## GET TO KNOW SARAH

**Name two things you consider yourself to be very good at.**  
Volleyball would be one and I'll go with surfing.

**What is your favorite class at FSU?**  
I like my speech class.

**Who had the biggest influence on your athletic career?**  
My parents because they supported me the whole way and they wanted me to try to be the best that I can be.

**Favorite song to dance to?**  
"Gangnam Style" by PSY

**Why did you choose FSU?**  
To play volleyball and to stay in the state that I have lived in my whole life.

**What is the best way that you would describe your game style?**  
Calm and smooth.

**What do you think is one of the biggest misconceptions about sand volleyball?**  
It not just girls in bathing suits. It's a very athletic sport and you have to be strong to compete.

**Hip hop, R&B, Rock, Country or Classical?**  
Hip hop

**If you could have any super power what would it be?**  
To become invisible.

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# FATMA YILDIRIM



**SENIOR • 5-11 • ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

**HIGH SCHOOL: YUZYIL ISIL**

**2012 RECORD**  
**11-3**

## BREAKDOWN

PARTNER RECORD	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
McGregor 10-1	2-1					2-1
Milosavljevic 1-0	1-0					1-0
Wickstrom 0-2	0-2					0-2

### Junior Season (2012)

Tallied an 11-3 overall record, including a 3-3 mark in dual matches at the No. 5 spot...Teaming with Jeassica McGregor, she won the “Siesta” pairs tournament at the Fiesta at Siesta Key (April 14)...Paired with McGregor and Sarah Wickstrom on Court 5 at the AVCA Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships (April 27-29)...Led the team in aces per set (2.36)...Averaged 4.91 kills and 4.91 digs per set.

### Indoor Volleyball Career

Captured honorable mention All-America honors and was named to the All-ACC Team as an outside hitter for Florida State in 2012...A fierce attacker, Yildirim led the Noles in kills (324) and added 308 digs as a senior...She also earned AVCA East Region honors and was a co-captain in 2012...Member of two ACC title teams in 2011-2012 and the first Florida State and ACC squad to advance to the NCAA Final Four in 2012...Named to the ACC All-Freshman Team in 2009...Led the Yuzyil Isil High School team to the title at the 2006 and 2007 Turkish Volleyball Championship...Ecazacibasi Youth team won the Turkish Championship all four years she was a member (2006-2008).

### Personal

Born March 1, 1990...Majoring in dietetics...Played badminton, basketball, swimming and tennis in high school...Can speak Turkish, English, and German...Grew up with two birds, two tortoises, a chick, a rabbit and a goldfish...Wears No. 7 because she believes it is lucky... Biggest role model is her mother... favorite quote is “When it gets hard, you know you are on the right path.”

### GET TO KNOW FATMA

#### What’s your motto in life?

I like to dream big and fight for it. There’s a saying, ‘When it gets harder, you know you’re on the right track.’ I like to be challenged.

#### Name two things you consider yourself to be very good at

I’m really good at being responsible and I can speak three languages (German, English and Turkish).

#### What is something most people don’t know about you?

I don’t drink Coke at all. When I was 10 my coach told me I wasn’t allowed to drink soda and I didn’t drink it until I was 15. Now I just drink sprite every once in a while.

#### If your life was made into a movie what would it be titled and who would be your character?

It would be a comedy movie because I can never be serious and Zach Galifianakis, I love him. I think he’s the funniest person ever.

#### Name something, other than volleyball, that you’re truly passionate about

I love watching tennis and curling.

#### What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

When I was 17 we played in the World Final against China and it was probably the best time I had in my life.

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# JULIE BROWN

**FRESHMAN • 6-0 • OVIEDO, FL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: OVIEDO H.S.**

## High School Career

Has experience with both indoor and beach volleyball...Star outside hitter at Oviedo High School while being named to the all-conference team in 2010 and 2011...Third-team All-Central Florida selection as a junior with 141 kills and 102 digs while earning the school's MVP award...Improved her senior season to 278 kills and 213 digs while leading Oviedo to its fourth consecutive regional tournament...Named to the all-tournament team while leading her team to a 4-1 record in the Dig Pink Festival...Has experience playing sand volleyball with teammate and fellow FSU freshman Kayla Joyce, who teamed up at the USA Beach Volleyball Junior Tour National Championship Tournament to take home second-place honors...The duo started playing sand volleyball together in 2009 and have not finished worse than third in every tournament they've entered...Competed for Club Beach Dig along with Joyce and fellow freshman Kristina Pellitteri.

## Personal

Lifelong friends and teammates with fellow freshman Kayla Joyce...They have been friends since first grade and started playing volleyball together in seventh grade...Parents are Kay and Dave Brown...Has one brother, Thatcher...Plans to major in business and made the Dean's List her first semester of college...Born on Dec. 12, 1993.



# BLYSS HARKNESS

**FRESHMAN • 5-8 • TALLAHASSEE, FL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: CHILES H.S.**

## High School Career

Doesn't have a lot of experience in sand volleyball but was MVP of Chiles High School indoor team in 2010 and 2011...Named Florida Class 7A Player of the Year and First Team All-Big Bend in 2011...Played in the FHSAA All-Star game her senior year...Ended her senior season with 310 kills, 270 digs and 60 aces...All-Big Bend honorable mention as a sophomore...Played club for six years and competed at the junior olympics three times...Named MVP and was a captain of her club team, NFVA...Club coach was Rita Crockett.

## Personal

Had multiple division I scholarship offers to play indoor volleyball...Was named to the honor roll all four years of high school...Member of FCA at FSU...Plans to major in hospitality management...Plans to be a wedding/event planner...Daughter of Debbie and Don Harkness...Father, Don, played professional baseball in the Houston Astros organization...Brother Josh graduated from FSU in the PGM (professional golf management) program.



# KAYLA JOYCE

**FRESHMAN • 5-8 • OVIEDO, FL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: OVIEDO H.S.**

## High School Career

Three-year starter as the setter at Oviedo High School, leading Oviedo to its fourth consecutive regional tournament her senior year with 359 assists... Has experience playing sand volleyball with teammate and fellow FSU freshman Julie Brown, who teamed up at the USA Beach Volleyball Junior Tour National Championship Tournament to take home second-place honors...The duo started playing sand volleyball together in 2009 and have placed either third or better in every single tournament they've competed in...Competed for Club Beach Dig along with Brown and fellow freshman Kristina Pellitteri.

## Personal

Lifelong friends and teammates with fellow freshman Julie Brown...They have been friends since first grade and started playing volleyball together in seventh grade...Loves to hunt...Last hunting season shot a 19-point buck... Two-time regional qualifier in weight lifting in high school...Parents are Jim and Jeff Joyce...Has two brothers, David (17) and Brock (5)...Born on Feb. 9, 1994.



# ANNIE MONTGOMERY

**FRESHMAN • 6-0 • SARASOTA, FL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: CARDINAL MOONEY H.S.**

## High School Career

Named the Sarasota Herald Tribune's Volleyball Player of the Year at Cardinal Mooney High School in 2011-12... Team captain who averaged 15 kills per game and led her prep squad to a 17-12 record and appearance in the region quarterfinals...Four-year varsity starter and team MVP her senior year...All-Bradenton area honorable mention her junior and senior year...All-Sarasota honorable mention her junior year...Trained and coached by professional beach volleyball players Kristen Batt and Joe Rohr...Has been playing sand volleyball for four years...Played in beach tournament each summer.

## Personal

Brother, Craig Montgomery (22), played football at Georgetown University and will graduate in spring of 2013... Plans to major in sports management...Student government president in high school...Daughter of Scott and Kim Montgomery...Aspires to open a bakery with her mother and play professional beach volleyball...Favorite beach to play volleyball at is Siesta Key...Born July 25, 1993.



# KRISTINA PELLITTERI

**FRESHMAN • 5-9 • DEERFIELD BEACH, FL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: POMPANO BEACH H.S.**

## High School Career

Helped lead Pompano Beach High School to the 2011 district 5A Championship...Captained 2011 Pompano Beach indoor team...All-Broward County First Team selection in 2011-12...Four-year high school varsity starter...Joining her sister, Stephanie Pellitteri, a rising sophomore, on the FSU sand volleyball team...The duo won a AAA Florida Beach Volleyball tournament against adults in the summer of 2011...Also teamed with Savannah Davis to win four straight tournaments that summer, including the U16 division at the Florida Beach Volleyball Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale...Led her Pompano Beach high school indoor squad to the 5A regional semifinals, capturing all-county honors along the way...Competed for Club Beach Dig along with fellow FSU freshmen Julie Brown and Kayla Joyce...Won 10 sand events in 2011...Won the junior regional and national championship in 2011 for 18s...Took third at the USAV Beach High Performance U21 event in 2012.

## Personal

Goes by "Nina"...Parents are Donna and Matt Pellitteri...In addition to Stephanie, also has a younger sister, Brittany...Aspires to play pro beach volleyball...Undecided on a major...Born on Feb. 5, 1994.



# KATHERINE PLESSY

**FRESHMAN • 5-11 • MARIETTA, GA**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: WALTON H.S.**

## High School Career

Star indoor player at Walton High School in Cobb, Ga., where she captured all-state, all-area and all-county honors her sophomore, junior and senior years...She and Lexy Ryan are FSU sand volleyball's first two players from the "Peach State"...Led by Plessy, Walton edged Ryan's Harrison (Kennesaw, Ga.) High School squad in five sets to win its second straight Georgia Class AAAAA state championship last fall.

## Personal

Captured Dean's List honors her first semester of college...Member of badminton club and FCA at FSU...Named to the honor roll, a scholar-athlete and was a member of the National Honors Society in high school...Daughter of Rena and Antoine Plessy...Has two older brothers, David and Chris...Role models are Drew Brees and her uncle, Ray McDonald...Plans to major in Psychology...Born Nov. 23, 1993.



# LEXY RYAN

**FRESHMAN • 5-9 • ACWORTH, GA  
HIGH SCHOOL: HARRISON H.S.**

## High School Career

Doesn't have much experience playing sand volleyball, but was a star indoor player in high school...Captured Harrison High School MVP, all-area, all-county and all-state her junior and senior seasons (2010-11)...Led Harrison in kills her junior and senior year...She and Katherine Plessy are FSU sand volleyball's first two players from the "Peach State"...Ryan's Harrison (Kennesaw, Ga.) High School squad fell to Plessy's Walton (Cobb, Ga.) squad in five sets in the Class AAAAA state championship match last fall...Member of A5 Club team...Won 16-under American National Championship in club volleyball...Competed at the Junior Olympics for volleyball every year since she was 11.

## Personal

Named to the honor roll and was a Beta Club scholar in high school...Daughter of Scott and Cindy Ryan, who both graduated from Florida...Has two brothers, Will and Jared...Plans to major in biology...Born Nov. 22, 1994.



*(From left to right) Katherine Plessy, Nina Pellitteri and Lexy Ryan are all expected to contribute as freshmen to the Florida State sand volleyball team in 2013.*



# SARAH BURRINGTON

**FRESHMAN • 6-5 • RUSKIN, FL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: RIVERVIEW H.S.**

## Indoor Volleyball Career

Redshirted her first season at Florida State in 2012...Provided excellent competition against several Seminole starters during practice.

## High School

Arguably the nation's top middle blocker in the 2012 recruiting class...Helped Riverview to the 7A-Region 2 quarterfinals in her senior year, amassing 26 kills in her final match...Called "the most mobile, balanced player with outstanding length that I have seen in years" by Tampa Bay Juniors club coach Randy Dagostino.

## Personal

Born on Jan. 20, 1994...daughter of Jack and Sandy Burrington...Earned a No. 3 academic ranking in her senior class in high school...Two-year member of National Honor Society...Favorite movies are "Titanic" and "Transformers"...Favorite band is Dave Matthews Band...Enjoys cooking with her teammates...Refuses to step on the Seminole head on the locker room carpet as part of a superstition .



# OLIVERA MEDIC

**JUNIOR • 6-1 • SUBOTICA, SERBIA**  
**LAST COLLEGE: WESTERN WYOMING**

## Indoor Volleyball Career

Joined Florida State in 2012 after two years as a junior college All-American at Western Wyoming...Captured All-Tournament honors at the Comcast Lady Vol Classic and the Florida State Invitational...Finished second on FSU with 3.06 digs per set and 2.42 kills per set in 2012...Recorded one of her most impressive performances with a season-high 19 kills and a .516 hitting percentage against nationally-ranked Iowa State on Aug. 25...Recorded season highs of 18 digs twice, including Florida State's ACC title-clinching match against Miami on Nov. 23 and at Virginia Tech on Sept. 21...Finished second on the team with 25 service aces, including a season high three on two occasions at Duke and versus Miami

## Personal

Born on Dec. 11, 1990...Psychology major...Daughter of Branko and Slavica Medic...Has one brother and sister...Earned an NJCAA Award for exemplary academic achievement...Favorite movies include "Pearl Harbor" and "Jack & Jill"...Can speak Serbian and English and is also learning Spanish...Sports idols as a child were volleyball players Vanja Grbić and Anja Spasojević.



# LEAH MIKESKY

**FRESHMAN • 6-1 • SCHULENBURG, TX**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: SCHULENBURG H.S.**

## Indoor Volleyball Career

Redshirted her first season at Florida State in 2012...Gained experience through practice everyday and showed immense improvement by season's end...Earned the Maximum Effort award at the team banquet because of her relentless pursuit every day

## High School

Culminated her high school career with 6.3 kills per set, 466 digs, 105 service aces and 63 total blocks...Four-sport athlete at Schulenburg High...A four-time All-State selection and a member of the Under Armor Girls High School All-America Second Team and PrepVolleyball.com's special mention All-America list.

## Personal

Born June 29, 1993...Majoring in biology...Daughter of Shawn and Renee Mikesky...Has one sister...Multiple-sport athlete growing up...Knows how to play the piano and saxophone...Her sports idol is Tim Duncan...Wears No. 8 because of American volleyball player Reid Priddy and Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub .



# KATIE MOSHER

**SOPHOMORE • 5-9 • FORT MYERS, FL**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: BISHOP VEROT H.S.**

## Indoor Volleyball Career

Has been Florida State's starting libero the past two seasons and helped lead the Seminoles to ACC titles in 2011 and 2012, as well as the program's first NCAA Final Four in 2011...In just two seasons already has 1,099 digs with ranks seventh in FSU history...A co-captain of the indoor team as a redshirt sophomore in 2012...Started all 32 matches and had 495 digs...After redshirting in 2010, sparked the Seminoles in 2011 by placing third in the ACC with 604 digs...Teamed with Elise and Nicole Walch on the USA A2 Junior National Team, winning a championship in the European Global Challenge in Croatia in 2011...Was an Under Armour Honorable Mention All-American at Bishop Verot High School.

## Sand Volleyball Experience

Has extensive beach volleyball experience and was one of 16 athletes named to the National Beach High Performance U19 Elite Holiday Camp roster at the Olympic Training Center in 2009...Captured national titles at the 18U Dig the Beach Zephyrhills Tour Junior Championship in 2007 and the 15U Dig the Beach Zephyrhills Juniors in 2006...Has won 32 gold medals since 2005 and has four state championships on the Florida Beach Volleyball Tour.

## Personal

Born on Jan. 19, 1992...Majoring in sport management...Daughter of Bob and Lanie Mosher...Career ambition includes coaching or working as a sports rep for an established brand...Person in sports she'd most like to meet is Michael Jordan...Proudest moment was walking on the court in the NCAA national semifinals in 2011.



# ASHLEY NEFF

**FRESHMAN • 6-3 • KENNESAW, GA**  
**HIGH SCHOOL: NORTH COBB H.S.**

## Indoor Volleyball Career

Captured AVCA All-America Third Team honors in 2012, becoming just the third non-honorable mention All-American and second two-time All-American in Florida State history...Named ACC Player of the Year after finishing in the top 10 in the nation in blocks and hitting percentage...Two-time All-ACC and All-East Region award winner...Led the nation in total blocks as a sophomore in 2011 with 197 - the most by a Seminole since Gabrielle Reece had 212 in 1989...Led FSU to ACC titles in 2011 and 2012 and to the NCAA Final Four in 2011.

## Personal

Born Sept. 24, 1991...Social science major...Daughter of Randy and Lisa Neff... Played volleyball and basketball in high school...Best part of being an ACC student-athlete is having her parents close enough to travel to most of the matches...Favorite accessory in her wardrobe is her 2011 ACC Championship ring...Favorite activity with her teammates is the team dinners...Did not start playing volleyball until she was 14 years old...Favorite home-cooked meal is her mother's meat loaf with mashed potatoes and green peas...Her father played basketball at Vanderbilt.



# 2012 FINAL WIN-LOSS RECORD

DUO RECORDS	OVERALL	POOL	PAIRS	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Newgard/Tiegs	50-7-1	16-0-1	19-4	15-3	22-2-1	6-1			
Stepanova/Pardon	43-6	16-2	11-4	16-0	6-2	20-0			
Pavels/Djurdjevic	32-10	11-4	8-6	13-0		2-0	20-2	1-0	
Pellitteri/Kiley	16-12	4-5	5-6	7-1			1-0	6-3	3-1
McGregor/Haworth	12-2-1	2-1-1	5-1	5-0				4-1-1	3-0
McGregor/Yildirim	10-1	4-0	4-0	2-1					2-1
Haworth/Kiley	11-4	3-1	3-1	5-2			1-2	6-1	1-0
McGregor/Wickstrom	7-2	0-0	2-2	5-0				2-0	3-0
Blackman/Saxton	5-1	4-0	1-1	0-0					
Wickstrom/Pellitteri	4-2	3-1	1-1	0-0					3-1
Djurdjevic/Pellitteri	3-2	0-0	0-0	3-2			2-0	1-2	
Wickstrom/Kiley	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0					2-0
Pardon/Pellitteri	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0			2-0		
McGregor/Blackman	2-6	0-5	0-1	2-0					2-2
Blackman/Haworth	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0					1-0
Milosavljevic/Yildirim	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0					1-0
Milosavljevic/Davis (C.of C)*	7-1	4-0	3-1	0-0					
Wickstrom/Yildirim	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-2					0-2
<b>Team</b>	<b>208-58-2</b>	<b>67-19-2</b>	<b>62-28</b>	<b>79-11</b>					

IND. RECORDS	OVERALL	POOL	PAIRS	DUALS	1	2	3	4	5
Newgard	50-7-1	16-0-1	19-4	15-3	22-2-1	6-1			
Tiegs	50-7-1	16-0-1	19-4	15-3	22-2-1	6-1			
Pardon	45-6	16-2	11-4	18-0	6-2	20-0	2-0		
Stepanova	43-6	16-2	11-4	16-0	6-2	20-0			
Djurdjevic	35-12	11-4	8-6	16-2		2-0	22-2	2-2	
Pavels	32-10	11-4	8-6	13-0		2-0	20-2	1-0	
McGregor	31-11-1	6-6-1	11-4	14-1				6-1-1	10-3
Kiley	29-16	7-6	8-7	14-3			2-3	10-4	6-1
Pellitteri	25-16	7-6	6-7	12-3			5-0	7-5	7-1
Haworth	24-5-1	5-2-1	8-2	11-2			3-2	7-2-1	4-0
Yildirim	11-3	4-0	4-0	3-3					3-3
Wickstrom	13-6	3-1	3-3	7-2				2-0	8-3
Milosavljevic*	8-1	4-0	3-1	1-0					1-0
Blackman	8-7	4-5	1-2	3-0					3-2
Saxton	5-1	4-0	1-1	0-0					

\*Milosavljevic paired with College of Charleston's Davis to go 7-1 at the Fiesta at Siesta Key on April 14

Overall = Overall won-loss mark in all matches

Pool = Record in pool play at tournaments/invitationals

Pairs = Record in pairs tournament play

Duals = Record in dual (team vs. team) matches

## 2012 FINAL RESULTS

Date	Opponent/Event	Place	Result
Mar. 3	at UAB	Birmingham, Ala.	W, 5-0
Mar. 5	at Tulane	New Orleans, La.	W, 5-0
<b>MAR. 8-9</b>	<b>CLASH OF THE COLLEGIANS</b>	<b>WINTER HAVEN, FLA.</b>	
Mar. 8 Duals	Stetson	Winter Haven, Fla.	W, 5-0
Mar. 9 Pairs	College of Charleston 15-team pairs tournament	Winter Haven, Fla.	W, 5-0 1st - Stepanova/Pardon; 2nd - Tiegs/Newgard; 3rd - Djurdjevic/Pavels
Mar. 13	vs. Tulane (DH)	Tallahassee, Fla.	W, 5-0, W, 5-0
<b>MAR. 16-18</b>	<b>AT USC TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES CALIF.</b>	
Mar. 16	Pool Play		
Mar. 17	Team Competition UH/Pepp/USC/LBSU		2nd
Mar. 18	20-team pairs tournament		1st - Tiegs/Newgard; T2nd - Stepanova/Pardon
<b>MAR. 24-25</b>	<b>FSU SAND TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>TALLAHASSEE, FLA.</b>	
Mar. 24	vs. FCCU		W, 5-0
	vs. Stetson		W, 5-0
	vs. USC		W, 4-1
Mar. 25	10-team "Gold" pairs tournament		1st - Tiegs/Newgard; 2nd - Pavels/Djurdjevic; T3rd - Stepanova/Pavels
	10-team "Silver" pairs tournament		1st - McGregor/Haworth; T3rd - Pellitteri/Kiley
Mar. 29	vs. Hawai'i (DH)	Tallahassee, Fla.	W, 4-1; W, 4-1
<b>MAR. 31-APRIL 1</b>	<b>AT UNF SAND INVITATIONAL</b>	<b>JACKSONVILLE, FLA.</b>	
Mar. 31	Pool Play/Team Competition		1st
April 1	16-team "Gold" pairs tournament		2nd - Tiegs/Newgard; T3rd - Djurdjevic/Pardon
April 6	at Stetson	Deland, Fla.	W, 5-0
April 6	vs. FAU	Deland, Fla.	W, 5-0
<b>APRIL 14</b>	<b>AT FIESTA AT SIESTA KEY</b>	<b>SIESTA KEY, FLA.</b>	
April 14	Pool Play/Team Competition		1st
April 14	Fiesta Pairs Tournament		1st - Tiegs/Newgard; 2nd - Djurdjevic/Pardon; T3rd - Kiley/Haworth
April 14	Siesta Pairs Tournament		1st - McGregor/Yildirim; 2nd - Milosavljevic/Davis (C. of C.)
April 21	vs. UAB	Tallahassee, Fla.	W, 5-0
April 21	vs. FAU	Tallahassee, Fla.	W, 5-0
<b>APRIL 27-29</b>	<b>AT COLLEGIATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>GULF SHORES, ALA.</b>	
April 27	Pairs Tournament Pool Play		Tiegs/Newgard - 3-0; Stepanova/Pardon - 3-0
April 28	Team Championship		3rd/4; Long Beach State def. FSU, 4-1; FSU def. College of Charleston, 4-1; LBS def. FSU, 3-2.
April 29	Pairs Championships		Stepanova/Pardon - Semifinals; Newgard/Tiegs - Quarterfinals



# COMPLETE 2012 RESULTS

## Florida State at UAB at Birmingham, Ala. - March 3, 2012 Results

Florida State 5, UAB 0  
Court 1: Newgard/Tiegs (FSU) def. Gallagher/Thomas (UAB) - 21-10, 21-12  
Court 2: Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Secley/Woods (UAB) - 21-16, 21-18  
Court 3: Pavels/Djurdjovic (FSU) def. Morrell/Slaughter (UAB) - 21-15, 21-11  
Court 4: Pellitteri/Kiley (FSU) def. Fairbanks/Hirini (UAB) - 21-14, 9-21, 17-15  
Court 5: McGregor/Wickstrom (FSU) def. Simmons/Howard (UAB) - 21-15, 21-14

Records: Florida State 1-0, UAB 0-1.  
Note: This was the first collegiate sand volleyball match ever played.

## Florida State at Tulane at New Orleans, La. - March 5, 2012 Results

Florida State 5, Tulane 0  
Court 1: Newgard/Tiegs (FSU) def. Wolfe/Martone (TLN) - 21-15, 21-12  
Court 2: Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Weaver/Osuna (TLN) - 21-7, 21-11  
Court 3: Pavels/Djurdjovic (FSU) def. Dragovic/Wruck (TLN) - 21-11, 21-14  
Court 4: Kiley/Pellitteri (FSU) def. Badawi/Utt (TLN) - 21-8, 21-8  
Court 5: McGregor/Wickstrom (FSU) def. Arora/Bennett (TLN) - 21-8, 21-6

Records: Florida State 2-0, Tulane 0-1.

## Clash of the Collegians at Winter Haven, Fla. - March 8-9, 2012 Results \*Complete results were not available

### Team Duals

Florida State 5, Stetson 0  
Florida State 5, College of Charleston 0

### Pairs Championship

1st. Stepanova/Pardon  
2nd. Newgard/Tiegs  
3rd. Djurdjovic/Pavels  
T5th. Pellitteri/Kiley  
T5th. McGregor/Wickstrom

## Florida State vs. Tulane Doubleheader Dual at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex in Tallahassee, Fla. - March 13, 2012 Results

### Match 1

Florida State 5, Tulane 0  
Court 1: Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Martone/Weaver (Tulane) - 21-8, 21-13  
Court 2: Newgard/Tiegs (FSU) def. Dragovic/Osuna (Tulane) - 21-6, 21-7  
Court 3: Pavels/Djurdjovic (FSU) def. Wruck/Wolfe (Tulane) - 21-13, 21-7  
Court 4: Pellitteri/Kiley (FSU) def. Utt/Badawi (Tulane) - 21-4, 21-12  
Court 5: McGregor/Blackman (FSU) def. Javic/Arora - 21-18, 21-11

### Match 2

Florida State 5, Tulane 0  
Court 1: Newgard/Tiegs (FSU) def. Martone/Weaver (Tulane) - 21-11, 21-13  
Court 2: Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Dragovic/Osuna (Tulane) - 21-6, 21-8  
Court 3: Pellitteri/Kiley (FSU) def. Wruck/Wolfe (Tulane) - 21-16, 21-11  
Court 4: Pavels/Djurdjovic (FSU) def. Utt/Badawi (Tulane) - 21-7, 21-9  
Court 5: McGregor/Blackman (FSU) def. Bennett/Arora - 21-12, 21-11

Records: Florida State 6-0, Tulane 0-4.  
Attendance: 320  
Note: Play was delayed for one hour, 22 minutes (4:37 - 5:59 p.m.) in the first match because of a lightning warning.

## USC Tournament at Santa Monica Annenberg Community Beach House - March 16-18, 2012 Results

### POOL PLAY (March 16) \*Only FSU matches listed

**Court 1 (1. PEP 3-0, 2. USC 2-1, 3. FSU 1-2, 4. LBSU 0-3)**  
Sara Shaw-Gene Urango (USC) def. Visnja Djurdjovic-Melanie Pavels (FSU) 21-16, 21-19  
Christiaansen-Cook (PEP) def. Djurdjovic-Pavels (FSU) 26-24, 21-19  
Djurdjovic-Pavels (FSU) def. Minkel-Aigner-Swese (LBSU) 21-19, 21-17

**Court 2 (1. PEP 3-0, 2. LBSU 2-1, 3. USC 1-2, 4. FSU 0-3)**  
Caitlin Ledoux-Tara Roenicke (LBSU) def. Laurysa Blackman-Jeassica McGregor (FSU) 21-11, 21-18  
Adelhelm-Woolever (PEP) def. Blackman-McGregor (FSU) 21-19, 23-21  
Fuller-Hagglund (USC) def. Blackman-McGregor (FSU) 21-13, 21-18

**Court 3 (1. FSU 3-0, 2. PEP 2-1, 3. USC 1-2, 4. LBSU 0-3)**  
Jace Pardon-Jekaterina Stepanova (FSU) def. Lilla Frederick-Kim Hill (PEP) 23-21, 21-19  
Pardon-Stepanova (FSU) def. Burnham-Irvin (USC) 21-13, 21-10  
Pardon-Stepanova (FSU) def. Fontanilla-Serna (LBSU) 21-14, 21-15

**Court 4 (1. FSU 3-0, 2. PEP 1-2, 3. LBSU 1-2, 4. USC 1-2)**  
Aurora Newgard-Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Kelley Larsen-Stevi Robinson (PEP) 21-16, 23-21  
Newgard-Tiegs (FSU) def. Bateman-Hirschmann (USC) 21-14, 23-21  
Newgard-Tiegs (FSU) def. Jackson-Johnson (LBSU) 21-16, 21-19

**Court 5 (1. PEP 3-0, 2. USC 2-1, 3. FSU 1-2, 4. LBSU 0-3)**  
Caitlin Racich-Summer Ross (PEP) def. Mallory Kiley-Stephanie Pellitteri (FSU) 21-9, 21-12  
Duddridge-Thornberry (USC) def. Kiley-Pellitteri (FSU) 21-18, 21-18  
Kiley-Pellitteri (FSU) def. Cabrajac-Hampton (LBSU) 21-13, 17-21, 15-7

TOTALS: PEP 12-3, FSU 8-7 USC 7-8, LBSU 3-12

### FLIGHT PLAY (March 17) \*Only FSU matches listed

**Flight 1 (No. 1 teams)**  
Jace Pardon-Jekaterina Stepanova (FSU) def. Sara Shaw-Geena Urango (USC) 15-21, 21-13, 15-5  
Racich-Ross (PEP) def. Pardon-Stepanova (FSU) 21-16, 21-12  
Pardon-Stepanova (FSU) def. Ledoux-Roenicke (LBSU) 21-16, 17-21, 15-12  
Racich-Ross (PEP) def. Pardon-Stepanova (FSU) 21-16, 21-14

**Flight 2 (No. 2 teams)**  
Aurora Newgard-Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Katie Fuller-Natalie Hagglund (USC) 19-21, 21-17, 15-12  
Newgard-Tiegs (FSU) def. Frederick-Hill (PEP) 21-17, 13-21, 15-12  
Newgard-Tiegs (FSU) def. Frederick-Hill (PEP) 21-19, 21-9

**Flight 3 (No. 3 teams)**  
Visnja Djurdjovic-Melanie Pavels (FSU) def. Burnham-Irvin (USC) 21-7, 21-9  
Adelhelm-Woolever (PEP) def. Djurdjovic-Pavels (FSU) 19-21, 21-17, 15-13  
Djurdjovic-Pavels (FSU) def. Burnham-Irvin (USC) 13-21, 21-11, 16-14  
Adelhelm-Woolever (PEP) def. Djurdjovic-Pavels (FSU) 21-11, 21-17

**Flight 4 (No. 4 teams)**  
Kendall Bateman-Sam Hirschmann (USC) def. Mallory Kiley-Stephanie Pellitteri (FSU) 21-16, 21-16  
Fontanilla-Serna (LBSU) def. Kiley-Pellitteri (FSU) 21-15, 12-21, 16-14

**Flight 5 (No. 5 teams)**  
Kati Duddridge-Megan Thornberry (USC) def. Blackman-McGregor (FSU) 21-12, 18-21, 15-10  
Jackson-Johnson (LBSU) def. Blackman-McGregor (FSU) 21-15, 21-15

Team Results from Flight Play - Pepperdine (18 points), Florida State (12), USC (10), Long Beach State (10)

### PAIRS TOURNAMENT (March 18)

**Play-In Matches**  
16 Kendall Bateman-Sam Hirschman (USC 4) def. 17 Chelsea Cabrajac-Bre Mackie (LBSU 3) 21-9, 21-17  
20 Libby Fontanilla-Alma Serna (LBSU 4) def. 13 Visnja Djurdjovic-Melanie Pavels (FSU 3) 21-17, 21-15  
15 Mallory Kiley-Stephanie Pellitteri (FSU 4) def. 18 Lauren Minkel-Jocelyn Neely (LBSU 2) 18-21, 23-21, 15-10  
14 Tyler Jackson-Janisa Johnson (LBSU 5) def. 19 Laurysa Blackman-Jeassica McGregor (FSU 5) 21-17, 21-15

### Round of 16

1 Caitlin Racich-Summer Ross (PEP 1) def. Bateman-Hirschman (USC 4) 21-9, 21-17  
9 Kelley Larsen-Stevi Robinson (PEP 3) def. 8 Sara Shaw-Geena Urango (USC 1) 21-16, 24-22



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4 Michaela Christiaansen-Emily Cook (PEP 5) def. Fontanilla-Serna (LBSU 4) 21-17, 21-15  
 5 Victoria Adelhelm-Kellie Woolever (PEP 4) def. 12 Kirby Burnham-Kelly Irvin (USC 3) 21-16, 17-21, 15-11  
 2 Jace Pardon-Jekaterina Stepanova (FSU 1) def. Kiley-Pellitteri (FSU 4) 18-21, 23-21, 15-10  
 7 Lilla Frederick-Kim Hill (PEP 2) def. 10 Kati Duddridge-Megan Thornberry (USC 5) 21-18, 21-15  
 3 Aurora Newgard-Brittany Tiegs (FSU 2) def. Jackson-Johnson (LBSU 5) 21-17, 21-15  
 6 Caitlin LeDoux-Tara Roenicke (LBSU 1) def. 11 Katie Fuller-Natalie Hagglund (USC 2) 18-21, 21-12, 16-14

## Quarterfinals

Ross-Racich (PEP 1) def. Larsen-Robinson (PEP 3) 21-18, 21-13  
 Adelhelm-Woolever (PEP 4) def. Christiaansen-Cook (PEP 5) 26-24, 19-21, 15-11  
 Pardon-Stepanova (FSU 1) def. Frederick-Hill (PEP 2) 21-19, 21-19  
 Newgard-Tiegs (FSU 2) def. Ledoux-Roenicke (LBSU 1) 21-16, 15-21, 15-5

## Semifinals

Newgard-Tiegs (FSU 2) def. Pardon-Stepanova (FSU 1) 21-14, 21-10  
 Racich-Ross (PEP 1) def. Adelhelm-Woolever (PEP 4) 21-14, 21-16

## Final

Newgard-Tiegs (FSU 2) def. Racich-Ross (PEP 1) 16-21, 21-16, 15-10

## FSU Sand Tournament

at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex in Tallahassee, Fla. - March 24-25, 2012  
 Results

## DUAL TEAM FLIGHT PLAY (March 24)

### Team Standings

FSU - 3-0

USC - 2-1

FGCU - 1-2

Stetson - 0-3

### USC 5, Stetson 0

Court 1: Sara Shaw/Geena Urango (USC) def. Julie Bassett/Kaley Melville (Stetson) - 22-20, 21-16  
 Court 2: Natalie Hagglund/Katie Fuller (USC) def. Maren Rygh/Alexa Stonish (Stetson) - 21-14, 21-13  
 Court 3: Kelly Irvin/Kirby Burnham (USC) def. Alisha Hoffman/Katie DiGirolamo (Stetson) - 21-16, 21-7  
 Court 4: Kendall Bateman/Sam Hirschman (USC) def. Savannah Byl/Kaylee Ream (Stetson) - 21-11, 21-6  
 Court 5: Megan Thornberry/Kati Duddridge (USC) def. Taylor Story/Claudia Kalin (Stetson) - 21-4, 21-12

### FSU 5, FGCU 0

Court 1: Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Karina Mambuca/Holly Youngquist (FGCU) - 21-19, 21-7  
 Court 2: Jekaterina Stepanova/Jace Pardon (FSU) def. Kaitlin Holm/Jill Hopper (FGCU) - 21-9, 21-12  
 Court 3: Melanie Pavels/Visnja Djurdjevic (FSU) def. Brooke Kohler/Brittany Muse (FGCU) - 21-14, 21-6  
 Court 4: Stephanie Pellitteri/Mallory Kiley (FSU) def. Lindsey Childs/Olivia Mesner (FGCU) - 21-9, 21-12  
 Court 5: Jeassica McGregor/Caitlin Haworth (FSU) def. Gigi Meyer/Whitney Masters (FGCU) - 21-6, 21-11

### USC 5, FGSU 0

Court 1: Sara Shaw/Geena Urango (USC) def. Karina Mambuca/Holly Youngquist (FGCU) - 21-7, 21-14  
 Court 2: Natalie Hagglund/Katie Fuller (USC) def. Kaitlin Holm/Jill Hopper (FGCU) - 21-10, 21-11  
 Court 3: Kelly Irvin/Kirby Burnham (USC) def. Brooke Kohler/Brittany Muse (FGCU) - 21-10, 21-17  
 Court 4: Sam Hirschman/Kendall Bateman (USC) def. Lindsey Childs/Olivia Mesner (FGCU) - 21-11, 21-10  
 Court 5: Megan Thornberry/Kati Duddridge (USC) def. Gigi Meyer/Whitney Masters (FGCU) - 21-13, 21-12

### FSU 5, Stetson 0

Court 1: Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Julie Bassett/Kaley Melville (Stetson) - 21-11, 16-21, 15-6  
 Court 2: Jekaterina Stepanova/Jace Pardon (FSU) def. Maren Rygh/Alexa Stonish (Stetson) - 21-12, 21-9  
 Court 3: Visnja Djurdjevic/Melanie Pavels (FSU) def. Savannah Byl/Kaylee Ream (Stetson) - 21-7, 21-10  
 Court 4: Stephanie Pellitteri/Mallory Kiley (FSU) def. Claudia Kalin/Taylor Story (Stetson) - 21-16, 21-12  
 Court 5: Jeassica McGregor/Caitlin Haworth (FSU) def. Ashley Rutherford/Stephanie Marin (Stet.) - 21-12, 21-10.

### FGCU 3, Stetson 2

Court 1: Karina Mambuca/Holly Youngquist (FGCU) def. Maren Rygh/Alexa Stonish (Stet.) - 14-21, 21-16, 16-14  
 Court 2: Julie Bassett/Kaley Melville (Stet.) def. Kaitlin Holm/Jill Hopper (FGCU) - 21-13, 21-12  
 Court 3: Alisha Hoffman/Katie DiGirolamo (Stet.) def. Brooke Kohler/Brittany Muse (FGCU) - 14-21, 21-17, 15-13  
 Court 4: Lindsey Childs/Olivia Mesner (FGCU) def. Savannah Byl/Kaylee Ream (Stetson) - 14-21, 21-10, 15-12  
 Court 5: Gigi Meyer/Whitney Masters (FGCU) def. Taylor Kennedy/Claudia Kalin (Stetson) - 21-17, 21-19.

### FSU 4, USC 1

Court 1: Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Sara Shaw/Geena Urango (USC) - 21-14, 21-17  
 Court 2: Jekaterina Stepanova/Jace Pardon (FSU) def. Natalie Hagglund/Katie Fuller (USC) - 21-17, 21-14  
 Court 3: Melanie Pavels/Visnja Djurdjevic (FSU) def. Kelly Irvin/Kirby Burnham (USC) - 21-19, 14-21, 15-13  
 Court 4: Sam Hirschman/Kendall Bateman (USC) def. Stephanie Pellitteri/Mallory Kiley (FSU) - 21-6, 21-11  
 Court 5: Jeassica McGregor/Caitlin Haworth (FSU) def. Megan Thornberry/Kati Duddridge (USC) - 21-10, 21-10

Attendance: 542

Note: Play was moved up and started at 8 a.m. because of the threat of a storm later in the day.

## PAIRS TOURNAMENT (March 25)

### Gold Division Results

Match 1: #9 Pavels/Djurdjevic (FSU) def. #8 Stonish/Rygh (Stetson) - 21-18, 21-7  
 Match 2: #10 Irvin/Burnham (USC) def. #7 Hopper/Holm (FGCU) - 21-12, 21-5  
 Match 3: #9 Pavels/Djurdjevic (FSU) def. #1 Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) - 21-18, 20-22, 15-12  
 Match 4: #5 Pardon/Stepanova (FSU) def. #4 Bassett/Melville (Stetson) - 21-11, 21-15  
 Match 5: #6 Hagglund/Fuller (USC) def. #3 Youngquist/Mambuca (FGCU) - 21-12, 21-7  
 Match 6: #10 Irvin/Burnham (USC) def. #2 Urangp/Shaw (USC) - 21-13, 21-14  
 Match 7 (Consolation): #1 Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) def. #7 Hopper/Holm (FGCU) - 28-16  
 Match 8 (Consolation): #2 Urangp/Shaw (USC) def. #8 Stonish/Rygh (Stetson) - 28-17  
 Match 9: #5 Pardon/Stepanova (FSU) def. #9 Pavels/Djurdjevic (FSU) - 22-20, 24-22  
 Match 10: #10 Irvin/Burnham (USC) def. #6 Hagglund/Fuller (USC) - 27-25, 25-23  
 Match 11 (Consolation): #1 Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) def. #4 Bassett/Melville (Stetson) - 28-16  
 Match 12 (Consolation): #2 Urangp/Shaw (USC) def. #3 Youngquist/Mambuca (FGCU) - 28-16  
 Match 13 (Consolation): #1 Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) def. #6 Hagglund/Fuller (USC) - 28-23  
 Match 14 (Consolation): #9 Pavels/Djurdjevic (FSU) def. #2 Urangp/Shaw (USC) - 28-26  
 Semifinals 1: #9 Pavels/Djurdjevic (FSU) def. #10 Irvin/Burnham (USC) - 21-16, 22-20  
 Semifinals 2: #1 Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) def. #5 Pardon/Stepanova (FSU) - 21-13, 21-23, 15-13  
 Finals: #1 Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) def. #9 Pavels/Djurdjevic (FSU) - 21-16, 21-15

### Silver Division Results

Match 1: #18 Thornberry/Duddridge (USC) def. #19 Masters/Meyer (FGCU) - 21-14, 21-14  
 Match 2: #17 McGregor/Haworth (FSU) def. #20 Rutherford/Martin (FGCU) - 21-10, 21-11  
 Match 3: #18 Thornberry/Duddridge (USC) def. #11 Muse/Kohler (FGCU) - 21-11, 21-16  
 Match 4: #14 Pellitteri/Kiley (FSU) def. #15 Ream/Byl (Stetson) - 21-9, 21-10  
 Match 5: #13 Hirschmann/Bateman (USC) def. #16 Strautniece/Mesner (FGCU) - 21-6, 21-14  
 Match 6: #17 McGregor/Haworth (FSU) def. #12 Hoffman/DiGirolamo (Stetson) - 21-16, 21-8  
 Match 7 (Consolation): #11 Muse/Kohler (FGCU) def. #20 Rutherford/Martin (FGCU) - 28-26  
 Match 8 (Consolation): #12 Hoffman/DiGirolamo (Stetson) def. #19 Masters/Meyer (FGCU) - 28-25  
 Match 9 (Semifinals): #18 Thornberry/Duddridge (USC) def. #14 Pellitteri/Kiley (FSU) - 21-16, 21-17  
 Match 10 (Semifinals): #17 McGregor/Haworth (FSU) def. #13 Hirschmann/Bateman (USC) - 21-15, 22-20  
 Match 11 (Consolation): #11 Muse/Kohler (FGCU) def. #15 Ream/Byl (Stetson) - 28-25  
 Match 12 (Consolation): #12 Hoffman/DiGirolamo (Stetson) def. #16 Strautniece/Mesner (FGCU) - 28-24  
 Finals: #17 McGregor/Haworth (FSU) def. #18 Thornberry/Duddridge (USC) - 21-13, 21-19

Notes: FSU sophomore Brittany Tiegs was named the Seminole Sand Tournament MVP in a vote of coaches...Seeds are in front of each team name in the results.... The top 10 seeds were placed in the Gold Division, while the bottom 10 seeds were placed in the Silver Division...Consolation matches were scored one set to 28.

Attendance: 373

## Florida State vs. Hawai'i Doubleheader Dual

at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex in Tallahassee, Fla. - March 29, 2012  
 Results

### Match 1

#### Florida State 4, Hawai'i 1

Court 1: Stoltzman/Hartong (Hawaii) def. Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) - 17-21, 21-17, 15-12  
 Court 2: Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Nordyke/Lee (Hawaii) - 21-17, 21-17  
 Court 3: Djurdjevic/Pavels (FSU) def. Croson/Long (Hawaii) - 22-20, 21-18  
 Court 4: McGregor/Haworth (FSU) vs. Stauber/Griffiths (Hawaii) - 21-6, 17-21, 16-14  
 Court 5: Wickstrom/Kiley (FSU) def. Uiato/Blake (Hawaii) - 21-9, 21-14

### Match 2

#### Florida State 4, Hawai'i 1

Court 1: Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) vs. Stoltzman/Hartong (Hawaii) - 21-9, 21-11  
 Court 2: Croson/Lee (Hawaii) def. Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) - 21-18, 21-19  
 Court 3: Djurdjevic/Pavels (FSU) vs. - Nordyke/Stauber (Hawaii) - 21-12, 21-16  
 Court 4: McGregor/Haworth (FSU) vs. Blake/Long (Hawaii) - 21-9, 21-16  
 Court 5: Wickstrom/Kiley (FSU) def. Lelepai/Vorster (Hawaii) - 24-22, 21-19

Records: Florida State 11-0, Hawai'i 1-1.

Attendance: 424



# COMPLETE 2012 RESULTS

## UNF Sand Invitational at the Jacksonville (Fla.) Beach Courts - March 31- April 1, 2012 Results

### Team Standings (based on pool play)

1. Florida State (34-6)
2. Hawaii (27-13)
3. College of Charleston (21-19)
4. North Florida (17-23)
5. Jacksonville (15-25)
6. UAB (11-19)
7. FAU (10-30)

### All Tournament

- UH #2 (Lee/Corson)
- FSU #1 (Teigs/Newgard)
- JU #1 (Courtney/Witmire)
- FSU #3 (Djurdjovic/Pavels)
- UH #3 (Nordyke/Uiato)

### GOLD BRACKET

- FSU #2 (Stepanova/Pardon) vs JU #1 (Courtney/Witmire) - JU wins (Medical Forfeit)
- UAB #1 (Hirini/Fairbanks) vs CofC #1 (Chub/Theesfeld) - UAB wins 2-0 (21-11, 21-16)
- UH #1 (Stoltzman/Hartong) vs UNF #1 (Medina/Strack) - UH wins 2-0 (21-18, 21-16)
- FSU #4 (Hayworth/McGregor) vs FSU #1 (Teigs/Newgard) - FSU #1 wins 2-0 (21-11, 21-17)
- UH #2 (Lee/Croson) vs UH #4 (Griffiths/Stayer) - UH #2 wins 2-1 (24-26, 21-18, 15-9)
- FAU #1 (Joanne/Pizzocheri) vs CofC #2 (Kolich/Shelton) - FAU #1 wins 2-1 (20-22, 23-21, 15-2)
- FSU #3 (Djurdjovic/Pavels) vs UAB #2 (Thomas/Gallagher) - FSU #3 wins 2-0 (21-17, 21-12)
- FSU #5 (Kiley/Pellitteri) vs JU #2 (Stausbaugh/Cullen) - FSU #5 wins 2-0 (21-10, 21-10)

### Quarterfinals

- JU #1 vs UAB #1 - JU #1 wins 2-1 (21-16, 16-21, 22-20)
- FSU #1 vs UH #1 - FSU #1 wins 2-0 (21-13, 21-17)
- UH #2 vs FAU #1 - UH #2 wins 2-0 (21-17, 21-17)
- FSU #5 vs FSU #3 - FSU #3 wins 2-1 (21-11, 16-21, 15-6)

### Semifinals

- JU #1 vs FSU #1 - FSU #1 wins 2-0 (23-21, 21-16)
- UH #2 vs FSU #3 - UH #2 wins 2-0 (21-12, 21-14)

### Championship

- FSU #1 vs UH #2 - UH #2 wins 2-1 (21-16, 19-21, 15-11)

### Tied for 3rd

- JU #1, FSU #3

### First Round Consolation

- FSU #2 vs UH #4 - UH #4 wins (Medical Forfeit)
- FSU #4 vs CofC #2 - FSU #4 wins
- UNF #1 vs CofC #1 - CofC #1 wins 2-0 (21-17, 21-13)
- JU #2 vs UAB #2 - JU wins 2-1 (25-23, 18-21, 15-11)

### Tied for 9th

- UH #4, JU #2, CofC #1, FSU #4

### Tied for 13th

- FSU #2, UAB #2, UNF #1, CofC #2

### Second Round Consolation

- UAB #1 vs FAU #1 - FAU #1 wins 2-0 (21-18, 21-19)
- UH #1 vs FSU #5 -- UH #1 wins 2-0 (23-21, 21-10)

### Tied for 5th

- FAU #1, UH #1

### Tied for 7th

- UAB #1, FSU #5

## Florida State vs. Stetson and Florida Atlantic at the Stetson Sand Volleyball Complex in Tallahassee, Fla. - April 6, 2012 Results

### Match 1

#### Florida State 5, Stetson 0

- Court 1: Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Julie Bassett/Kaley Melville (STET) 21-13, 21-11
- Court 2: Melanie Pavels/Visnja Djurdjevic (FSU) def. Maren Rygh/Alexa Stonish (STET) 21-14, 21-14
- Court 3: Stephanie Pellitteri/Jace Pardon (FSU) def. Alisha Hoffman/Taylor Story (STET) 21-17, 21-14
- Court 4: Jeassica McGregor/Sarah Wickstrom (FSU) def. Katie DiGirolamo/Stephanie Marin (STET) 21-16, 19-21, 15-10
- Court 5: Caitlin Haworth/Mallory Kiley (FSU) def. Savannah Byl/Kaylee Ream (STET) 21-10, 21-15

### Match 2

#### Florida State 5, FAU 0

- Court 1: Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Jocavio ??/Alessia Pizzocheri (FAU) 21-13, 21-18
- Court 2: Melanie Pavels/Visnja Djurdjevic (FSU) def. Grace Vega/Daria Sataric (FAU) 21-18, 21-13
- Court 3: Stephanie Pellitteri/Jace Pardon (FSU) def. Isabelle Arboleda/Sara Stoll (FAU) 21-4, 21-11
- Court 4: Caitlin Haworth/Mallory Kiley (FSU) def. Cintia Nightingale/Thacilli Pereira (FAU) 21-5, 21-8
- Court 5: Jeassica McGregor/Sarah Wickstrom (FSU) def. Lauren Jones/Chandler Hatton (FAU) 21-4, 21-8

## Fiesta at Siesta Key

### at Siesta Key Beach Courts, Fla. - April 14, 2012

### FSU Results

#### Pool Play

##### Fiesta Division

- \*Pool 1: Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (4-0)  
def. JU's Kylie Jacob/Jenna Orner 21-3  
def. ULM's Biana Ocana/Marcella Araya 21-10  
def. Stetson's Alisha Hoffman/Taylor Story 21-5  
def. FIU's Paola Ortiz Colon/Gloria Lecorin 21-8

- \*Pool 2: Jekaterina Stepanova & Jace Pardon (4-0)  
def. FAU's Thaci Pererra & Cintia Knightengale 21-7  
def. JU's Nicole Teplitz & Niatha Cullen 21-13  
def. Stetson's Stephanie Marin & Kate DiGirolamo 21-14  
def. USF's Valerie El Houssine & Jessica Burghart 21-7

- \*Pool 3: Visnja Djurdjevic/Melanie Pavels (4-0)  
def. FGCU's Jill Hopper/Whitney Masters 21-9  
def. Webber's Julianne Daughtery/Katie Lindstrom 23-21  
def. UCF's Angelica Crump/Roxy Mendez 21-8  
def. USF's JB Davis/Andrea Rodriguez Gomez 21-7

- \*Pool 4: Caitlin Haworth/Mallory Kiley (3-1)  
def. Tulane's Anna Wruck/Lilly Wolfe 22-20  
lost to Webber's Kristine Monforte/Tanner Garbutt 19-21  
def. Stetson's Kaylee Ream/Savannah Byl 21-14  
def UM's Ryan Shaffer/Alex Johnson 21-11

- \*Pool 5: Sarah Wickstrom & Stephanie Pellitteri (3-1)  
def. Stetson's Kaley Melville/Julie Bassett 21-13  
lost to JU's Sammie Strausbaugh/Katherine Kane 23-25  
def. UCF's Kayla Keller/Ashley Gialenios 21-17  
def. Webber's Alida Schat/Michelle Einzinger 21-9

##### Siesta Division

- \*Pool 13: Jeassica McGregor/Fatma Yildirim (#5 seed in pool) (4-0)  
def. Webber's Raisa Thorne Romany/Jessica Bryant 21-15  
def. UM's Mariel Schofield/Savanah Leaf 21-17  
def Stetson's Taylor Johnson/Erika White 21-8  
def. PHCC's Lisa Kerns/Natscha Stafford 21-17

- \*Pool 16: Lacey Blackman/Amanda Saxton (#4 seed in pool) (4-0)  
def. FIU's Renele Forde/Carolyn Fouts 21-8  
def. SPC's Erin Robertson/Audrey Boren 21-8  
def. LSCC's Stephanie Hebert/Brittany Muller 21-8  
def. Ave Maria's Mary Eckard/Julia Brkich 21-6

- \*Pool 20: FSU's Marija Milosavljevic & College of Charleston's Taeler Davis (#2 seed in pool) (4-0)  
def. St. Catherine's Shauna Stone/Lauren Bowling 21-10



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def. PHCC's Michelle Wanek/Lauren Wixted 21-6  
def. Ave Maria's Christianne Ludwick/Cecilia Eckard 21-10  
def. LSCC's Shelby Spring/Casey Langfield 21-9

## Bracket Play Results

### Siesta Gold Division

Round of 16: (#5 seed) Blackman/Saxton def. (#12 seed) LSCC's Spring/Langfield 25-6  
Round of 16: (#8 seed) Milosavljevic/Davis def. (#9 seed) SCF's Geraldson/Smith 27-25

Round of 16: (#2 seed) McGregor/Yildirim def. (#18 seed) FGCU's Strautniece/Dominguez 25-13

Quarter-final: (2) McGregor/Yildirim def. (#7 seed) SFCC's Tax/Tribit 25-12  
Quarter-final: (8) Milosavljevic/Davis def. (#1 seed) SCF's McDonald/Fralely 25-23  
Quarter-final: (#4 seed) Rollins's Wilson/ Welsch def. (5) FSU Blackman/Sexton 25-19

Semi-final: (2) McGregor/Yildirim def. (#6 seed) LSCC's Dierick/Generroth 25-14

Semi-final: (8) Milosavljevic/Davis def. (4) Rollins's Wilson/Welsch 27-25

Finals: (2) McGregor/Yildirim def. (8) Milosavljevic/Davis 28-23

1st Place— FSU's McGregor/Yildirim  
2nd Place — FSU/C of C's Milosavljevic/Davis  
Tied for 5th — FSU's Blackman/Saxton

### Fiesta Gold Bracket

Play-in game: (#17 seed) Pellitteri/Wickstrom def. (#16 seed) Tulane's Osuna/ Dragovic 25-9

Play-in game: (#19 seed) Kiley/Haworthe def (#14 seed) UCF's Murphy/Vilde 25-16

Round of 16: (#1 seed) Tiegs/Newgard def. (17) FSU's Pellitteri/Wickstrom 25-17

Round of 16: (19) FSU Kiley/Haworthe def. (#3 seed) FSU's Djurdjevic/Pavels 25-23

Round of 16: (#2 seed) FSU's Stepanova/Pardon def. (# 15 seed) College of Charleston's Zbojniec/Koehler 25-18

Quarter-final: (1) Tiegs/Newgard def. (#8 seed) FAU's Tate/Pizzacherri 25-20

Quarter-final: (2) Stepanova/Pardon def (#10 seed) JU's Courtney/Whitmire 25-22

Quarter-final: (19) Kiley/Haworthe def. (#6 seed)College of Charleston's Theesehold/Chubb 26-24

Semi-final: (1) Tiegs/Newgard def. (#20 seed) Webber's Daughtery/Lindstrom 25-17

Semi-final: (2) Stepanova/Pardon def. (19) Kiley/Haworthe 25-19

Finals: (1) Tiegs/Newgard def. (2) Stepanova/Pardon 28-16

1st Place — Tiegs/Newgard  
2nd Place — Stepanova/Pardon  
Tie for 3rd — Kiley Haworthe  
Tie for 9th — Djurdjevic/Pavels & Pellitteri/Wickstrom

Team Champion: Florida State

## Florida State/UAB/FAU Tri-Match at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex in Tallahassee, Fla. – April 21, 2012 Results

### Match 1

#### Florida State 5, UAB 0

Court 1: Newgard/Tiegs (FSU) def. Thomas/Gallagher (UAB) – 21-9, 21-10  
Court 2: Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Fairbanks/Hirini (UAB) – 21-13, 21-10  
Court 3: Djurdjevic/Pellitteri (FSU) def. Serley/McCallum (UAB) – 21-12, 21-7  
Court 4: Kiley/Haworth (FSU) def. Slaughter/Morrell (UAB) – 21-10, 21-12  
Court 5: McGregor/Yildirim (FSU) def. Simmons/Howard (UAB) – 21-16, 17-21, 15-4

### Match 2

#### Florida State 5, FAU 0

Court 1: Newgard/Tiegs (FSU) def. Marras Tate/Pizzocheri (FAU) – 21-13, 21-12  
Court 2: Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Sataric/Vega (FAU) – 21-10, 21-11  
Court 3: Djurdjevic/Pellitteri (FSU) def. Arboleda/Stoll (FAU) – 21-10, 21-10  
Court 4: Kiley/Haworth (FSU) def. Jones/Hatton (FAU) – 21-6, 21-12  
Court 5: McGregor/Yildirim (FSU) def. Nightingale/Pereira (FAU) – 21-4, 21-17

### Match 3

#### UAB 3, FAU 2

Court 1: Marras Tate/Pizzocheri (FAU) def. Thomas/Gallagher (UAB) – 21-16, 21-13  
Court 2: Fairbanks/Hirini (UAB) def. Sataric/Vega (FAU) – 21-8, 17-21, 15-9

Court 3: Arboleda/Stoll (FAU) def. Serley McCallum (UAB) – 18-21, 22-20, 15-11  
Court 4: Slaughter/Morrell (UAB) def. Jones/Hatton (FAU) – 21-11, 21-12  
Court 5: Simmons/Howard (UAB) def. Nightingale/Pereira (FAU) – 21-16, 21-11

Records: Florida State 15-0  
Attendance: 219

## AVCA Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships at Gulf Shores, Ala. – April 27-29, 2012 FSU Results

### Pairs Pool Play - April 27

#### Pool A

Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) def. Hampton/Cabrajac (LBSU) - 19-21, 21-17, 15-8  
Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) def. Shelton/Kolich (CC) - 21-12, 21-10  
Tiegs/Newgard (FSU) def. Croson/Lee (UH) - 21-18, 28-30, 16-14

#### Pool D

Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Medina/Strack (UNF) - 21-10, 21-17  
Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Hartong/Stoltzman (UH) - 19-21, 21-14, 15-13  
Stepanova/Pardon (FSU) def. Urango/Shaw (SC) - 21-14, 21-17

### Team Championship - April 28

#### FIRST ROUND

##### LONG BEACH STATE 4, FLORIDA STATE 1

- Caitlin Ledoux/Tara Roenicke (LB) def. Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (FSU) - 14-21, 21-16, FSU forfeit set three
- Jekaterina Stepanova/Jace Pardon (FSU) def. Chelsea Cabrajac/Halie Hampton (LB) - 21-17, 21-13
- Delaney Aigner-Sweeny/Libby Fontanilla (LB) def. Mallory Kiley/Caitlin Haworth (FSU) - 21-19, 21-8
- Lauren Minkel/Jocelyn Neely (LB) def. Visnja Djurdjevic/Stephanie Pellitteri (FSU) - 26-24, 21-19
- Janisa Johnson/Tyler Jackson (LB) def. Fatma Yildirim/Jeassica McGregor (FSU) - 21-13, 21-19

#### QUARTERFINALS

##### FLORIDA STATE 4, COLLGE OF CHARLESTON 1

- Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Lizzie Thesfeld/Elyse Chabb (CC) -21-13, 21-11
- Jekaterina Stepanova/Jace Pardon (FSU) def. Kelly Kolich/Emily Shelton (CC) - 21-14, 21-14
- Emily Neideffer/Sloane White (CC) def. Caitlin Haworth/Mallory Kiley (FSU) - 22-20, forfeit on sets two and three
- Visnja Djurdjevic/Stephanie Pellitteri (FSU) def. Kirsten Koehler/Andi Zbojniec(CC) -21-17, 21-14
- Sarah Wickstrom/Fatma Yildirim (FSU) def. Catey Warren/Sloane White (CC) – 21-13, 21-4

#### SEMIFINALS

##### LONG BEACH STATE 3, FLORIDA STATE 2

- Aurora Newgard/Brittany Tiegs (FSU) def. Caitlin Ledoux/Tara Roenicke (LB) - 16-21, 21-16, LB forfeit set three
- Jekaterina Stepanova/Jace Pardon (FSU) def. Chelsea Cabrajac/Halie Hampton (LB) - 21-11, 21-10
- Delaney Aigner-Sweeny/Libby Fontanilla (LB) def. Mallory Kiley/Caitlin Haworth (FSU) - 21-15, 21-14
- Lauren Minkel/Jocelyn Neely (LB) def. Visnja Djurdjevic/Stephanie Pellitteri (FSU) - 21-18, 23-21
- Janisa Johnson/Tyler Jackson (LB) def. Sarah Wickstrom/Fatma Yildirim (FSU) - 23-21, 23-21

### Pairs Championship - April 29

#### FIRST ROUND

Tiegs/Newgard def. Shelton/Kolich - 21-15, 21-16  
Stepanova/Pardon def. Medina/Strack - 21-14, 21-13

#### QUARTERFINALS

Stepanova/Pardon def. Burnham/Irvin - 21-17, 23-21  
Ledoux/Roenicke def. Tiegs/Newgard - 21-17, 21-16

#### SEMIFINALS

Ledoux/Roenicke def. Stepanova/Pardon - 21-19, 17-21, 15-8



## NATION'S FIRST-EVER SAND VOLLEYBALL WIN



History was made by the Florida State sand volleyball team on Saturday, March 3, as the Seminoles won the nation's first ever collegiate sand volleyball match at UAB in Birmingham, Ala.

Florida State swept the Blazers, 5-0, only losing one set in the No. 4 matchup.

"We made history today," Florida State head coach Danalee Corso said. "We won the first ever collegiate sand volleyball match. It was awesome. It was great to share it with our team. Everyone felt it. It's something we can look back on and be proud of."

Five dual matches and three exhibitions were played at UAB's newly completed sand volleyball facility located next to West Campus Field in Birmingham.

FSU's No. 1 team of Brittany Tiegs and Aurora Newgard defeated Heather Thomas and Kisten Gallagher, 21-10, 21-12. Tiegs had 13 kills and

Newgard recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 14 digs.

The No. 2 tandem of Kate Stepanova (13 kills) and Jace Pardon (14 kills) downed Sarah Secley and Alison Woods, 21-16, 21-18.

FSU's No. 3 pair of Visnja Djurdjevic and Melanie Pavels handled Kate Morrell and Ally Slaughter, 21-15, 21-11. Pavels had 10 kills and 14 digs.

The Garnet & Gold's No. 5 squad of Jeassica McGregor and Sarah Wickstrom dispatched Michele Simmons and Becca Howard, 21-15, 21-14, behind McGregor's 12 digs.

The only match that was close for the Noles was the No. 4 matchup between Mallory Kiley and Stephanie Pellitteri of FSU and Rachel Fairbanks and Kiriavia Hirini of UAB. Kiley and Pellitteri edged the Blazer pair in three sets, 21-14, 9-21, 17-15. Kiley had 17 kills.



# FLORIDA STATE STARTS STRONG IN NEW ORLEANS



**NEW ORLEANS** - Two days after winning the nation's first-ever collegiate sand volleyball match in dominating fashion, the Florida State sand volleyball team captured another impressive victory on March 5 at Tulane. The Seminoles didn't drop a set en route to defeating the Green Wave, 5-0, at the Coconut Beach Volleyball Courts at The Dock In Slidell.

FSU improved to 2-0, as the Seminoles also claimed a 5-0 victory at UAB on Saturday. In two matches, FSU has dropped just one set.

Senior Visnja Djurdjevic posted some eye-popping statistics in a return to where she started her collegiate volleyball career. The three-time indoor volleyball All-American tallied a match-high 20 kills to go along with five aces and eight digs. She and freshman Melanie Pavels (14 digs) nabbed a 21-11, 21-14 win over Milena Dragovic and Anna Wruck in the No. 3 team spot.

Because of limitations at the Coconut Beach facility, the Nos. 4 and 5 teams began the match, and the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 tandems followed.

The team on Jeassica McGregor (10 kills) and Sarah Wickstrom (11 kills) breezed past Tulane's Shefali Arora and Amber Bennett, 21-8, 21-6 at No. 5.

Senior Mallory Kiley and freshman Stephanie Pellitteri simultaneously dispatched of Azarri Badawi and Olivia Utt, 21-8, 21-8 at No. 4. Kiley had 13 kills and a match-best six aces.

Junior Aurora Newgard's 14-kill, 20-dig double-double led FSU's No. 1 squad of her and sophomore Brittany Tiegs past Lilly Wolfe and Cori Marton, 21-15, 21-12.

At No. 2, senior Kate Stepanova (10 kills) and freshman Jace Pardon cruised by Grace Weaver and Nikki Osuna, 21-7, 21-11, behind Pardon's 14 kills and 11 aces.

## SEMINOLES PLACE FIVE TEAMS IN TOP SIX

**WINTER HAVEN, Fla.** - Senior Kate Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon won the Clash of the Collegians bracket play championship on March 19, as the Florida State sand volleyball team captured five of the top six places on day two of the event at the Aspire High Volleyball SuperCenter.

Stepanova and Pardon, FSU's No.1 dual team, defeated their teammates, junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tiegs, in the finals.

"Jace was our team MVP," Florida State head coach Danalee Corso said. "It was a fantastic day for us. We learned so much about bracket play and so much about ourselves. Everyone had a good day and played great. This wraps up our first road trip and it was a lot of fun. I'm feeling very confident about this team, and we'll know even more about how we stack up against the rest of the country next weekend (March 16-18) at USC's tournament."

The Seminoles (4-0) snagged 5-0 victories over Stetson and the College of Charleston on Thursday before beginning a 15-team double-elimination bracket play dual tournament.

Stepanova and Pardon edged Tiegs and Newgard in a three-set battle during bracket play early Friday. Tiegs and Newgard survived the loser's bracket to face their teammates again in the finals. Stepanova and Pardon won the championship, however, 21-19, 21-18.

Senior Visnja Djurdjevic and freshman Melanie Pavels placed third, while the teams of freshman Stephanie Pellitteri and senior Mallory Kiley, and sophomore Jeassica McGregor and freshman Sarah Wickstrom tied for fifth.

Among 15 teams, the Seminoles' squads grabbed five of the top six places.





## 2012 MATCH RECAPS

# SEMINOLES TAKE DOWN TULANE



**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** - Not even mother nature can halt the dominant run the Florida State sand volleyball team is on to begin the inaugural season of the NCAA's newest emerging sport.

The Seminoles weathered a one-hour, 22-minute lightning warning delay in the middle of its first match against Tulane before sweeping the Green Wave, 5-0, in both matches of a home-opening doubleheader at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex on March 13.

Arguably the most impressive win for the Seminoles was the 21-4, 21-14 smackdown freshman Stephanie Pellitteri and senior Mallory Kiley put on Tulane's Olivia Utt and Azarri Badwai in the first match. Pellitteri had 14 kills and Kiley tallied 10 kills. The duo moved up to court three in the second match and defeated Anna Wruck and Lilly Wolfe of the Green Wave in straight sets (21-16, 21-11).

Stepanova teamed with freshman Jace Pardon to win on court No. 1, 21-8, 21-13, versus Cori Martone and Grace Weaver in the first match before drilling Tulane's second-best squad, Milena Dragovic and Nikki Osuna, 21-6, 21-8, on court No. 2 in the second match.

Stepanova had 13 kills and a doubleheader-best 14 digs in the second match.

Djurdjevic teamed with freshman Melanie Pavels and won at court No. 3 over Wruck and Wolfe, 21-13, 21-7, in match one before routing Utt and Badawi, 21-7, 21-9, on court No. 4 in match two.

Djurdjevic recorded the afternoon's highest kill total (16) in the second match.

The pair hammered Dragovic and Osuna, 21-6, 21-7, on court No. 2 in the first match, and defeated Martone and Weaver, 21-11, 21-13, in the second match on court No. 1.

Pavels was able to perfectly sum up the Seminoles' feelings after the first-ever sand volleyball match on FSU's campus.

In six dual matches to start the season, the Seminoles have a perfect 30-0 mark against their opponents.

# FLORIDA STATE BATTLES OUT WEST

**LOS ANGELES** - The Florida State sand volleyball team captured an 8-7 mark during pool play matches on day one of the four-team, three-day tournament hosted by USC on March 16 at Santa Monica's Annenberg Community Beach House.

Senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon went 3-0 in their pool, while junior Aurora Newgard and Brittany Tiegs also tallied an unblemished 3-0 record on the first day of the event.

Pepperdine grabbed a 12-3 record, while the host Trojans went 7-8. Long Beach State went 3-12.

Friday's pool play format saw one pairs team from each school compete in each of the five pools. The results determined the seedings for Sunday's single-elimination bracket play tournament that will crown a pairs champions.

Pardon and Stepanova won all three of their matches in three sets, routing USC's Kirby Burnham and Kelly Irvin (21-13, 21-10), Pepperdine's Lilla Frederick and Kim Hill (23-21, 21-19) and Long Beach State's Libby Fontanilla and Alma Serna (21-14, 21-15). The pair remains undefeated this season.

Newgard and Tiegs served two-set losses to Kelley Larsen and Stevi Robinson of Pepperdine (21-16, 23-21), USC's Kendall Bateman and Sam Hirschmann (21-14, 23-21) and Long Beach State's Tyler Jackson and Janisa Johnson (21-16, 21-19).

Senior Visnja Djurdjevic and freshman Melanie Pavels went 1-2, with their lone victory coming against Long Beach State's Larn Minkl-Delaine and Aigner Swesey, 21-19, 21-17.

Senior Mallory Kiley and freshman Stephanie Pellitteri also had a 1-2 mark, beating Chelsea Cabrajac Haleigh Hampton of Long Beach State, 21-13, 17-21, 15-7.

Junior Lacey Blackman and sophomore Jeassica McGregor went 0-3.





## NOLES TAKE SECOND IN TEAM COMPETITION



**LOS ANGELES** - Led by the No. 2 tandem of junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tiegs, the Florida State sand volleyball team finished second in the team competition on March 17 during day two of USC's three-day, four-team tournament held at Santa Monica's Annenberg Community Beach House.

Newgard and Tiegs survived unfavorable rainy and windy weather conditions as well as any duo in the tournament. The tandem picked up a pair of three-set wins over USC's Katie Fuller and Natalie Hagglund (19-21, 21-17, 15-12) and Pepperdine's Lilla Frederick and Kim Hill (21-17, 13-21, 15-12), before claiming the No. 2 flight championship with a 21-19, 21-9 victory over Frederick and Hill again.

Senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon finished second in the No. 1 flight, while the Seminole duo of senior Visnja Djurdjevic and freshman Melanie Pavels earned runner-up in the No. 3 flight.

Stepanova and Pardon finished 2-2 in their flight with both of their losses coming against Pepperdine's top team of Catilin Racich and Summer Ross.

Djurdjevic and Pavels also tallied a 2-2 mark in their group with both losses coming to the Waves, including a hard-fought, three-set defeat to Victoria Adelhelm and Kellie Woolever.

FSU's No. 4 team of senior Mallory Kiley and freshman Stephanie Pellitteri and No. 5 team of junior Lacey Blackman and sophomore Jeassica McGregor both finished fourth in their flights.

Florida State won two of the five pairs flights, while Pepperdine took the other three, during pool play on Friday. The Waves posted an overall record of 12-3 during day one. Florida State went 8-7, followed by USC at 7-8 and Long Beach State at 3-12. The results of Friday's pool play, which saw one pairs team from each school compete randomly in each of the five pools, determined the seedings for Sunday's bracket play.

## NEWGARD AND TIEGS TAKE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

**LOS ANGELES** - A third-seed, an early deficit, a two-time world champion and terrible weather conditions didn't faze Florida State junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tiegs on March 18 on the final day of USC's four-team tournament at Santa Monica's Annenberg Community Beach House.

The duo completed an undefeated weekend by capturing the pairs championship over first-seeded Caitlin Racich and Summer Ross of Pepperdine in three sets, 16-21, 21-16, 15-10.

Tiegs and Newgard defeated their teammates, senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon in the semifinals of the single-elimination 20-team tournament. Five teams from each school (FSU, Pepperdine, Long Beach State and host USC) competed.

Newgard and Tiegs began the day by dispatching Long Beach State's Tyler Jackson and Janisa Johnson, 21-17, 21-15.

In the quarterfinals, the FSU pair took out Caitlin LeDouz and Tara Roenicke of LBSU, 21-16, 15-21, 15-5 to set up the semifinals match with Stepanova and Pardon.

Stepanova and Pardon, FSU's No.1 team, were seeded second and defeated Seminole teammates Mallory Kiley, a senior, and Stephanie Pellitteri, a freshman, in the round of 16. Kiley and Pellitteri won a play-in game over Long Beach State's Lauren Minkel and Jocelyn Neely, 18-21, 23-21, 15-10..

Florida State finished second in Saturday's team competition with 12 points, behind Pepperdine's 18. USC and Long Beach State had 10.





## SEMINOLES STAY UNDEFEATED IN DUAL MATCHES



**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** - The Florida State sand volleyball team continued its undefeated streak in dual matches by going 3-0 on March 24 during Day 1 of competition at the inaugural Seminole Sand Battle held at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex.

The four-team event features Southern California, Florida Gulf Coast and Stetson along with the host Seminoles.

Florida State captured the team championship by picking up a pair of 5-0 victories over both Florida Gulf Coast and Stetson before handing the Trojans a 4-1 loss in the day's final match. Over 500 fans showed up to support Florida State's newest sport throughout the day, as the event was pushed up by two hours to 8 a.m. to start because of storm threats.

Graduate Student Caitlin Haworth and sophomore Jeassica McGregor flew past USC's Megan Thornberry and Kati Duddridge, 21-10, 21-10, on Court 5 to put FSU ahead 1-0.

After senior Mallory Kiley and Stephanie Pellitteri dropped FSU's only match of the day to USC's Sam Hirschman and Kendall Bateman on Court 4, 21-6, 21-11, the Seminoles quickly clinched the team title by grabbing straight-set wins on Court 1 and Court 2. FSU's No. 1 tandem of junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tiegs made quick work of USC's Sara Show and Geena Urango, 21-14, 21-17, while the Seminoles' No. 2 pair of senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon defeated the Trojan duo of Natalie Hagglund and Katie Fuller, 21-17, 21-14.

FSU's fourth point came in a thrilling three-set win as senior Visnja Djurdjevic and freshman Melanie Pavels grabbed a hard-fought 21-19, 14-21, 15-13 victory over USC's Kelly Irvin and Kirby Burnham.

The three wins on Saturday give the Seminoles an unblemished 9-0 mark in duals and a 44-1 record in individual pairs matches in duals.

Newgard and Tiegs will earn the No. 1 seed in Sunday's double-elimination "Gold Bracket" featuring the event's top 10 teams. The bottom 10 teams will play in a single elimination "Silver Division" bracket.

## NOLES TAKE BOTH GOLD AND SILVER DIVISIONS

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** - After losing in their first match of the pairs tournament on March 25 at the Seminole Sand Tournament, junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tiegs faced an uphill battle in the double-elimination "Gold" division at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex.

After falling in three sets to their teammates, senior Visnja Djurdjevic and freshman Melanie Pavels, in their first match of the day, Tiegs and Newgard rebounded to win five consecutive matches to capture their second straight pairs championship. They also won the pairs title at the USC Tournament last weekend.

Following their loss, Newgard and Tiegs cruised through three consolation matches, before narrowly defeating another set of FSU teammates, senior Kate Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon, 21-13, 21-23, 15-13, in the semifinals.

Pavels and Djurdjevic also won in the semifinals, capturing a two-set victory over USC's Kelly Irvin and Kirby Burnham, 21-16, 21-16, setting up an exciting all-Nole final, and a rematch from earlier in the day.

Hungry for payback, Newgard and Tiegs jumped out to an 8-1 lead in the first set of the "Gold" final against their teammates, and cruised to a 21-16 win in the first set, as Newgard was all over the court tallying 11 kills and 14 digs.

The second set was tied 14-14, before Newgard and Tiegs ended on a 7-1 run to win 21-15 and grab the title.

Sunday's pairs tournament was broken into two different divisions with the top 10 seeded teams competing in the "Gold" bracket and the bottom 10 seeded squads in the "Silver" bracket. In addition to Florida State and Southern California competing in the tournament, Florida Gulf Coast and Stetson were also at the competition.

In the "Silver" final, Jeassica McGregor and Caitlin Haworth breezed past USC's Megan Thornberry and Katie Duddridge, 21-13, 21-19. It was their first tournament playing together. The pair went 7-0 over two days.





## 2012 MATCH RECAPS

# DUAL STREAK EXTENDS TO 11-0 OVER HAWAII'I



**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** - The Florida State sand volleyball team kept its undefeated streak intact on March 29 at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex, capturing back-to-back 4-1 victories over Hawai'i in an afternoon doubleheader.

The Seminoles improved to 11-0 in dual matches in the inaugural collegiate sand volleyball season, and have all but locked up one of four spots at the AVCA National Championships, which will be held from April 27-29 in Gulf Shores, Fla.

Senior Jekateina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon defeated Hawai'i's Larissa Nordyke and Ashley Lee, 21-17, 21-17, on Court 2 and senior Mallory Kiley and freshman Sarah Wickstrom cruised past the Rainbow Wahine's Mita Uiato and Elizabeth Blake, 21-9, 21-14.

Freshman Melanie Pavels and senior Visnja Djurdjevic put the Seminoles ahead 3-0 to clinch the win on Court 3 after Pavels delivered her third ace of the match to give the duo a 22-20, 21-18 win. Pavels also had the match-clinching point in the second end of the doubleheader.

Graduate student Caitlin Haworth and Jeassica McGregor edged out a three-set win on Court 4 in Match 1, defeating Monica Stauber and Alex Griffiths, 21-6, 17-21, 16-14. McGregor tallied a staggering 32 digs and 18 kills in the match.

Newgard and Tieggs fell to Hawai'i's No. 1 team of Elizabeth Stoltzman and Emily Hartong, 17-21, 21-17, 15-12.

FSU showed no rust in the second match after a 20-minute break. The Seminoles won in straight sets on four of five courts. Only Newgard and Tieggs dropped a match, losing to Jane Croson and Ashley Lee, 21-18, 21-19 on Court 2.

Stepanova and Pardon moved up to the No. 1 Court for the second match where they dismantled Stoltzman and Hartong, 21-9, 21-11.

Haworth and McGregor improved to 9-0 as team with their two wins on Thursday. The pair moved up from Court 5 to Court 4 against the 'Bows.

# SEMINOLES DOMINATE DAY ONE ON JAX BEACH

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** - The Florida State sand volleyball team dominated the field during pool play on Day 1 of the UNF Sand Invitational presented by Chicago Pizza and Metro PCS on March 31 at the Jacksonville Beach courts.

In what is becoming a theme in this inaugural sand volleyball season, the Seminoles spent a lot of time waiting for the weather to cooperate. Saturday's northern Florida storms caused four separate weather delays and much of the play was spent under showers.

Those are playing conditions FSU has become accustomed to, however, and the Garnet and Gold didn't let the severe weather have an effect on their play.

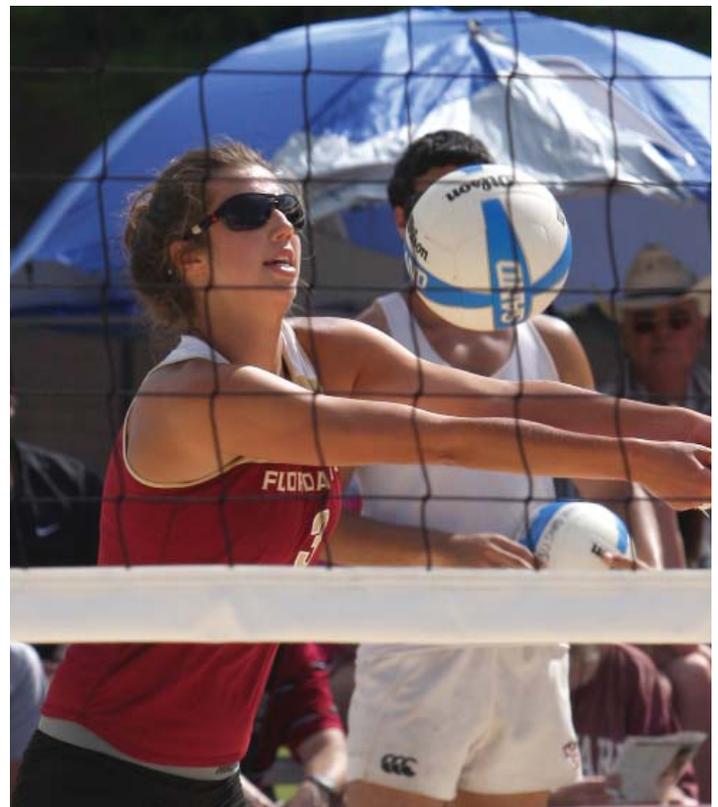
Saturday's competition featured seven pools of five teams. The top two finishers in each pool along with the top two third place finishers advance to Sunday's gold bracket play. A 12-team silver bracket and a seven-team bronze bracket will also be contested on Sunday.

The Seminoles are at the top or near the top of each of their pools. Leading the way on Saturday were the duos of senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon and senior Visnja Djurdjevic and freshman Melanie Pavels. Both teams went 3-0 and neither dropped a set.

"It was a pretty good day," Stepanova said. "Luckily, Jace and I didn't have any of our matches get delayed. We didn't have to run off the court and take cover while we were playing. We got our full matches in. This is a pretty good site. It's fun to be at the beach."

The tandem of junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tieggs was the only Garnet and Gold tandem to play all four of its games, winning three and tying (splitting a pair of sets) with UAB's No. 1 squad.

Graduate student Caitlin Haworth and sophomore Jeassica McGregor wrapped up the day 1-1-1, while senior Mallory Kiley and freshman Stephanie Pellitteri went 2-1.





## 2012 MATCH RECAPS

# FSU TAKES TEAM TITLE, PLACES 2ND & 3RD IN PAIRS



**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** - The Florida State sand volleyball team ran away with the team title and grabbed second- and third-place finishes in the pairs tournament on April 1 at the UNF Sand Invitational presented by Chicago Pizza and Metro PCS at the Jacksonville Beach courts.

Junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tieg lost a hard-fought, three-set battle to Hawaii's Jane Croson and Ashley Lee, 21-16, 19-21, 15-11, in the pairs championship. The FSU duo nearly won its third consecutive tournament pairs title, and now has two runner-up placements and two victories in four tournaments this season.

Tieg and Newgard defeated Jacksonville's top duo in the semifinals, 23-21, 21-16. The pair went 6-1-1 on the weekend.

Tieg and Newgard, the fifth-seed in the gold bracket, were joined in the semifinals by senior Visnja Djurdjevic and freshman Melanie Pavels, the third seed.

Djurdjevic and Pavels won their first six matches on the weekend before falling to Croson and Lee, 21-12, 21-14, with the finals berth on the line.

Tieg, Newgard, Djurdjevic and Pavels were all named to the all-tournament team.

The foursome likely would've been joined by Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon if Stepanova hadn't sprained her left ankle during the first round of the bracket tournament. The pair had steamrolled the competition all weekend and was the gold No. 1 seed, but had to withdraw midway through the second set against Jacksonville after winning 21-9 in set one.

Senior Mallory Kiley and freshman Stephanie Pellitteri (11th-seed) placed sixth, pushing Djurdjevic and Pavels to three sets in the quarterfinals, while graduate student Caitlin Haworth and sophomore Jeassica McGregor took ninth. Haworth and McGregor (12th-seed) unfortunately drew their teammates, Tieg and Newgard, in the first round, and fell, 21-11, 21-17.

## SEMINOLES TAKE DOWN STETSON AND FAU

**DELAND, Fla.** - The Florida State sand volleyball team improved to 13-0 in dual matches on the season on April 6 with a pair of 5-0 wins over Stetson and FAU at the Stetson Sand Volleyball Complex.

The Seminoles dropped only one set over 10 games in two dominating performances.

"We had a tough week of practice, so I'm happy with the results today," head coach Danalee Corso said. "Having us play tired this week was part of my plan. That's what we are going to have to do to win at Nationals in a few weeks. We played great today."

Junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tieg, FSU's No. 1 duo, defeated Stetson's top squad of Julie Bassett and Kaley Melville, 21-13, 21-11, before cruising past the Owls' No. 1 duo, 21-18, 21-13.

Moving up to the No. 2 position in place of freshman Jace Pardon and senior Jekaterina Stepanova was the tandem of senior Visnja Djurdjevic and Melanie Pavels. The duo routed Stetson's second team, 21-14, 21-14, and FAU's two tandem, 21-18, 21-13.

Freshman Stephanie Pellitteri replaced Stepanova and paired with Pardon as FSU's third team. The pair defeated Stetson, 21-17, 21-14, and FAU, 21-4, 21-11, earning praise from Corso.

"Stephanie and Jace really stepped up today," Corso said. "That was a great win. They probably stepped up the most of anybody today because they haven't really played together."

Sophomore Jeassica McGregor and freshman Sarah Wickstrom had the closest call of the day, taking three sets to beat Stetson's Katie DiGiralamo and Stephanie Marin, 21-16, 19-21, 15-10, in the battle of No. 4's. The pair followed up the win by hammering FAU, 21-4, 21-8, on court five.

Graduate student Caitlin Haworth and senior Mallory Kiley picked up victories at No. 5 versus Stetson (21-10, 21-15) and at No. 4 against FSU (21-5, 21-8).





## SEMINOLES SWEEP COMPETITION AT SIESTA KEY



**SIESTA KEY, Fla.** - Led by junior Aurora Newgard's dominant performance, the Florida State sand volleyball team swept both brackets and won the team competition at the Fiesta on Siesta Key on April 14.

Newgard paired with sophomore Brittany Tieggs to capture first-place in the top-level "Fiesta" bracket, defeating teammates, senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon, 28-16 in the final. Senior Mallory Kiley and graduate student Caitlin Haworth upset FSU's No. 3 team of senior Visnja Djurdjevic and freshman Melanie Pavels to take third-place.

It's the third pairs championship of the season for Newgard and Tieggs, who also won the FSU Sand Tournament and the USC Tournament in March.

"Everything clicked today," Newgard said. "Brittany and I played real well. We kept the ball low. In pool play, we kept almost every team under 10 points. We had a lot of energy. It's always kind of a bummer when you play your teammates in the final, but it also shows how well our team is playing - to have two teams in the finals. Hopefully we can take this momentum to Nationals in two weeks."

FSU sand volleyball head coach Danlee Corso described Newgard as an "All-World" performer for the Seminoles during the competition, hammering her jump serve and putting on a dazzling display with her passing and defense. She was also impressed with FSU's three tandems that played in the second division, "Siesta" bracket, which the Noles also took the first three places in.

Sophomore Jeassica McGregor and junior Fatma Yildirim didn't drop a match en route to grabbing the title. Junior Marija Milosavljevic teamed with the College of Charleston's Taeler Davis to finish second. Senior Amanda Saxton and junior Lacey Blackman took third.

The tournament featured 210 participants and 23 teams, one of the NCAA's largest events of the year and the largest sand volleyball competition in the country this year.

## FLORIDA STATE FINISHES DUAL SEASON 15-0

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** - The Florida State sand volleyball team wrapped up the regular season on Saturday at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex in familiar fashion.

FSU picked up a pair of 5-0 victories, dropping just one set, over UAB and FAU to finish 15-0 in dual matches in 2012.

Before the match, Florida State honored seniors Jekaterina Stepanova and Visnja Djurdjevic and graduate student Caitlin Haworth, who will cap their careers as Seminoles in Gulf Shores.

Stepanova teamed with freshman Jace Pardon at the No. 2 spot to easily pick up wins over UAB (21-13, 21-10) and FAU (21-10, 21-11). The pair is the No. 5 seed in the pairs portion of the national championship and has a sterling 37-6 record on the season, including a 13-0 mark in duals.

Djurdjevic paired with freshman Stephanie Pellitteri for the first time this season, and the duo grabbed straight set victories versus the Blazers (21-12, 21-7) and Owls (21-10, 21-10) on Court 3. Djurdjevic went 15-0 in dual matches this season.

Haworth and her partner, senior Mallory Kiley (who is expected to compete next year as a graduate student), may have been the competition's most dominant duo on Court 4, handling UAB's Ally Slaughter and Kate Morrell (21-10, 21-12) before annihilating FAU's Lauren Jones and Chandler Hatton (21-6, 21-12).

Florida State's No. 1 pair of junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tieggs improved to 45-6-1 on the season with victories over UAB's top tandem of Heather Thomas and Kirsten Gallagher (21-9, 21-10) and FAU's No. 1 team of Joanne Marras Tate and Alessia Pizzocheri (21-13, 21-12).

The only set FSU dropped on the day came on Court 5 against UAB. Junior Fatma Yildirim and Jeassica McGregor lost the second set to the Blazers' Michele Simmons and Becca Howard, but won the match - 21-16, 17-21, 15-4. The FSU duo followed that match by hammering FAU's fifth squad, 21-4, 21-17.





## 2012 MATCH RECAPS

# FSU BUILDS MOMENTUM ON DAY 1 OF NATIONALS

**GULF SHORES, Ala.** - At practice Florida State sand volleyball head coach Danalee Corso said great performances from her top two pairs on the first day of the Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championship would be key to provide the Seminoles with momentum heading into April 28's team championship.

The Garnet and Gold got just that out of the tandems of junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tiegs, and senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon on April 27 on the beaches of Gulf Shores, Ala.

The Noles went a perfect 6-0 and won a trio of three-set battles during pool play of the 16-team pairs portion of the weekend. Stepanova and Pardon captured the No. 3 seed in Sunday's pairs championship by winning Pool D. Tiegs and Newgard grabbed the No. 4 seed by winning Pool A, including capturing the day's final match, an epic three-setter over Hawaii's No. 1 tandem of Jane Croson and Ashley Lee.

Most importantly, the exciting and successful first day will give FSU a strong push into the four-team double-elimination team championship that begins Saturday at 11 a.m. CT when first-seed Pepperdine takes on fourth-seed College of Charleston. The second-seeded Seminoles will face third-seed Long Beach State at 12 p.m. CT.

"This will give us momentum, but those two teams will be a little tired," Corso said. "Thankfully, we are very well conditioned. The goal is to become the first-ever collegiate sand volleyball national champions tomorrow."

Tiegs and Newgard dropped their first set to of the day to Long Beach State's Haleigh Hampton and Chelsea Cabrajac, 21-19, before cruising in the next two sets, 21-17, 15-8, to win. The Nole pair then blew past College of Charleston's Emily Shelton and Kelly Kolich, 21-10, 21-17.

Tiegs and Newgard had been looking to gain revenge against Croson and Lee since the Rainbow Wahine tandem downed the Seminole duo in three sets at the UNF Invitational pairs final on April 1.

Friday's match was another three-setter. After Tiegs and Newgard handedly grabbed the first set, 21-18, Croson and Lee outlasted the Garnet and Gold pair, 30-28, in set two. Trailing 13-9 in the final set, the FSU tandem dug deep, fought back to snag an emotional 16-14 to keep FSU undefeated on the day.

Pardon and Stepanova also had an impressive three-set victory over Hawaii of their own in their second match of the day. After routing UNF's Dagnija Medina and Emily Strack, 21-10, 21-17, the Seminole pair dropped its first set to the Rainbow Wahine team of Emily Hartong and Elizabeth Stoltzman, 21-19, but rallied to take the second set 21-14. The FSU tandem was down 13-11 in the third set, before scoring four straight points to win the match.



*(From left to right) FSU sand volleyball head coach Danalee Corso, Aurora Newgard, Brittney Tiegs, Jekaterina Stepanova, FSU director of volleyball Chris Poole and FSU assistant sand volleyball coach Brian Corso.*

The inaugural class of AVCA Sand Volleyball All-Americans:

- Aurora Newgard, FSU**
- Brittany Tiegs, FSU**
- Jekaterina Stepanova, FSU**
- Jane Croson, Hawaii
- Caitlin Ledoux, LBSU
- Tara Roenicke, LBSU
- Caitlin Racich, Pepperdine
- Summer Ross, Pepperdine
- Lilla Frederick, Pepperdine
- Kim Hill, Pepperdine



## 2012 MATCH RECAPS

# FSU FINISHES THIRD AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**GULF SHORES, Ala.** - The Florida State sand volleyball team's quest to become the first collegiate sand volleyball champion came up short on April 28 at the hands of Long Beach State, as the Seminoles finished third on the beaches of Gulf Shores, Ala. at the inaugural Collegiate Sand Volleyball National Championships.

FSU dropped a pair of matches, 4-1 in the first round and 3-2 in the semifinals, to the 49ers. The Garnet & Gold downed College of Charleston 4-1 in the quarterfinals.

The Seminoles wrap up the season with a 16-2 dual match record.

FSU's top two tandems of junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tiegs and senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon give Florida State another shot at a national championship in Sunday's 16-team single-elimination pairs tournament.

"I had very high expectations this season and the team exceeded them in terms of how hard they worked and how much they improved," Florida State head coach Danalee Corso said. "I knew these indoor players from the West Coast would close the gap on us, they just needed time in the sand. I don't think the team was expecting Long Beach State to improve this much. Congratulations to Long Beach and Pepperdine. I still think we've had a successful season. I definitely plan on challenging this team more next year so we are prepared for this national championship."

Stepanova and Pardon captured the third seed, while Tiegs and Newgard snagged the fourth seed in the pairs tournament. Both duos will play at 8 a.m. CT on Sunday with first round matches against 13-seed Kelly Kolich and Emily Shelton of College of Charleston and 14-seed Dagnija Medina and Emily Strack of UNF, respectively. The quarterfinals matches will be at 9 a.m., the semifinals will start at 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., and the championship will start at 1:30 p.m. All times are Eastern.

"There are a lot of good teams out here, so it's not going to be easy by any means," Corso said. "It's definitely possible to win. Our top two teams are very strong."

CBS Sports Network will televise portions of this weekend's competition in two hour-long specials. Part 1 of their coverage will air beginning on Wednesday, June 6 at 9 p.m. ET and Part 2 will begin airing on Wednesday, June 13, also at 9 p.m. ET.

After Pepperdine defeated Long Beach State to capture the first-ever sand national title, the inaugural 10-member class of All-Americans were announced, featuring FSU's Stepanova, Newgard and Tiegs.



## STEPANOVA, PARDON ADVANCE TO NATIONAL SEMIFINALS

**GULF SHORES, Ala.** - The Florida State sand volleyball team's inaugural season ended in the semifinals of the National Championships pairs tournament on April 29 on the beaches of Gulf Shores, Ala.

Senior Jekaterina Stepanova and freshman Jace Pardon lost in a hard-fought semifinal to Long Beach State's Caitlin Ledoux and Tara Roenicke, 21-19, 17-21, 15-8.

That same 49ers' team knocked junior Aurora Newgard and sophomore Brittany Tiegs out in the semifinals, 21-17, 21-16, earlier in the day.

The Seminoles wrap up the season with a 16-2 final record and a third-place team national championship finish on Saturday. Stepanova, Tiegs and Newgard all captured All-America awards, as well.

"Long Beach is a strong team," FSU head coach Danalee Corso said after the semifinals. "I think if we could've won that first set, it would've been a different match. It was a great match, and this weekend was a great tournament. I'm really proud of Jace and Kate, and I'm really proud of the whole team."

"I think it was great for everyone to be here. I talked about it the whole year - that these West Coast teams with the indoor players would get better as they learned how to play in the sand."

Stepanova and Pardon fought back with a dominant second set against 49ers that included back-to-back points from the 6-2 Riga, Latvia, native who scored a point on a back dump before an ace gave the Noles an early 8-4 lead that set the tone for the rest of the set.

Roenicke and Ledoux had just a little more left in the tank to advance to the finals in the third set, however

After winning set one, 21-17, Stepanova and Pardon were down 18-14 in the second set of the quarterfinals to USC's Kirby Burnham and Kelly Irvin before rallying to defeat the Trojan duo, 23-21, and advance to the semifinals. Stepanova had a powerful block to put the Seminoles ahead on a point before the Trojans hit the ball into the net to give the Garnet and Gold duo the set and the match.

The duo also routed UNF's Dagnija Medina and Emily Strack in the opening round 21-14, 21-13.

Newgard and Tiegs defeated College of Charleston's Emily Shelton and Kelly Kolich, 21-15, 21-16 in the first round.

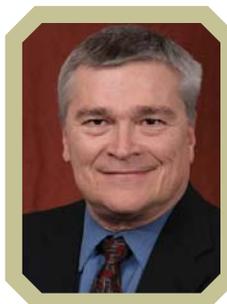
Now the Seminoles will focus on next year. As the emerging NCAA sport continues to grow, Florida State has built strong foundation for the coming years.





# UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

## Dr. Eric J. Barron University President



Dr. Eric J. Barron became 14th president of The Florida State University on February 1, 2010.

He is a 1973 Florida State alumnus, with a bachelor's degree in geology. He earned master's and doctoral degrees in oceanography from the University of Miami.

Prior to assuming the Florida State presidency, he served as director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. From 2006-2008 Dr. Barron was dean of the Jackson School of

Geosciences at the University of Texas at Austin. At Pennsylvania State University from 1986 to 2006, he was professor of geosciences, director of the Earth System Science Center, director of the EMS Environment Institute, and finally dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

Dr. Barron is a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society and the Geological Society of America. He has received many national awards as a scholar, researcher and distinguished lecturer, has published extensively, and has been editor or a member of the editorial boards of a dozen academic journals.

He has testified before Congress and has chaired numerous committees in service to the federal government, including the NASA Senior Review for the Earth Sciences in 2005. He has chaired committees and panels of the National Research Council since 1987 and currently chairs "An Ocean Infrastructure for U.S. Ocean Research in 2030."

A highly visible scientist, Barron is committed to the full spectrum of academic disciplines. He is an ardent supporter and advocate for the full spectrum of excellence in the arts and humanities, sciences, law, business and medicine.

A native of Lafayette, Ind., Barron and his wife, Molly, have two grown children and one granddaughter.

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# ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

## Randy Spetman Director of Athletics



Florida State Director of Athletics Randy Spetman can rightfully look at his four years at the helm of the Seminole athletic program with great pride. In his three full seasons as the Seminoles AD, FSU qualified for NCAA postseason play in every sport every year with just one exception. This past athletic year FSU equaled its highest-ever Director's Cup finish placing fifth for the second time in three years. The Seminoles were also just one of two schools to finish ranked among the Top 25 in football, men's basketball and baseball. Six Seminole teams made it to the final four in their respective sports and the ACC named six of FSU's student-athletes the top scholar-athlete of the year in their sport.

In 2010-11 Florida State athletics was the only Division I department in the NCAA to have all of its 19 sports participate in the NCAA postseason. It marked the second consecutive year that FSU sent every one of its athletic programs into NCAA postseason play. In addition, this past athletic year the FSU's men's basketball program won the ACC Tournament

Title for the first time in school history, as did the Seminole women's soccer team.

After being ranked 15th nationally in the Director's Cup following his first year, FSU earned its highest ever ranking in 2009-10 when the school finished fifth overall. In 2010-11 FSU was in the top 10 once again finishing ninth in the nation. These were the first top 10 finishes in school history and in each of the last seven years the Seminole athletic program has finished higher in the standings than at any other point in program history. The first ever top 10 finishes under Spetman are so impressive as this has been accomplished during a time when budgets are as constrained at Florida's universities as they have ever been in the modern era.

In 2011-12 Florida State had a banner athletic year under Spetman's guidance both on the field and in the classroom. There were more than 50 All-America honors earned by Seminole student-athletes this past year, a number that was surpassed only by the amount of athletes selected to All-ACC Academic Teams.

"This was a wonderful athletic year on so many levels. Finishing in the top 5 for the second time in three years, something only four programs with three straight top 10 finishes have done, speaks to the commitment and excellence of this entire department, our coaches and especially our student-athletes," said Spetman. "To finish in the top 5 for a second time in three years and inside the top 15 every year I have been at Florida State is an amazing accomplishment. We are very proud to be amongst this select group of athletic programs and I know our fans appreciate the success we have had across the board."

In 2011-12 Florida State was one of only two schools to have football play in a bowl game, the men's team make the NCAA Basketball tournament and the baseball team play in the College World Series. That blend of rare success has been the norm the last three years at Florida State under Spetman. FSU was one of only eight schools to have its football team play in a bowl game, its men's basketball team selected to the NCAA Tournament and its baseball team selected for the NCAA Championships in 2010-11. That came on the heels of 2009-10 when the Seminoles were one of only three universities in the country to appear in a bowl game, a NCAA men's basketball tournament and advance to the baseball College World Series.

The success Spetman has experienced at Florida State begins with excellence in the classroom. In November of 2008, football's Myron Rolle highlighted the academic year when he became the second Seminole student-athlete since 2006 to earn a Rhodes Scholarship - one of the oldest and most prestigious awards for international study. It was the first time in nearly 25 years a Rhodes Scholar was awarded to a prominent college football player. Rolle is the fourth Florida State student ever to be named a Rhodes Scholar.

In the last three years alone there have been 18 Seminoles named the ACC's top student-athlete in their sport. 13 student-athletes have been named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, 25 have been named CoSIDA Academic All-District first team selections and well over 200 All-ACC Academic honors have been bestowed on FSU student-athletes.

The success FSU's student-athletes and coaches have achieved since Spetman's first full year on the job in 2009 is a credit to his leadership and direction for the department. In just four years, there have been more than 250 All-America honors earned by Seminole student-athletes, 18 ACC Coach of the Year awards, 18 ACC team championships and out of a possible 76 NCAA Tournament appearances, the Seminoles have advanced to NCAA postseason play 69 times.

Over the last two years FSU added three exciting facilities with the completion of a multi-purpose teaching facility and six indoor courts for the tennis programs, a softball hitting complex, and a new sand volleyball complex as well. In 2011-12 the football practice fields, which underwent a major renovation during the summer, opened for fall practice.

Spetman was introduced as Director of Athletics at FSU on February 4, 2008 following a national search. A former pilot and retired Air Force colonel, he took over after serving as Director of Athletics at Utah State from 2004-2008 and in the same position at the United States Air Force Academy from 1996-2003.

Spetman, 59, was lauded over his tenure at Utah State for the success of the Aggies' athletic programs both on the field or court and in the classroom. Utah State joined the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) in 2005 and claimed four conference championships in its first two years. USU's student-athletes led the WAC with a 78 percent graduation rate and maintained over a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Under Spetman's leadership, Utah State made high profile improvements to the football stadium. He also spearheaded fundraising and building efforts for a \$12.5 million facility and crafted a unique business partnership for medical health coverage that improved the overall coverage of USU student-athletes and reduced

medical costs. In addition, he negotiated a lucrative new marketing agreement for Aggie Athletics with Learfield Sports Properties.

Spetman spent eight successful years as Director of Athletics at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. During his tenure, he administered the school's 27-sport intercollegiate program as well as the physical education and intramural programs. Under his command, the football team participated in four bowl games.

Born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Spetman graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1976. He earned three letters as a defensive end for the Falcons and was a team captain as a senior. He also won a pair of heavyweight Wing Open Boxing Championships. Spetman's 28-year military career took him around the world in a variety of positions. A command pilot with more than 3,000 hours of flight time, his range of positions took him from assistant football coach at his alma mater to Chief of Bomber Planning in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm to serving as Chief, Command and Control Division, Operations Directorate of the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

A graduate from Squadron Officer School, he attended the National War College and earned a master's degree in National Security Strategy. Spetman also holds a master's in management and supervision from Central Michigan University.

He served as President of the National Association of Collegiate Director's of Athletics (NACDA) in 2009-10.

He and his wife, the former Becky Luhring of Des Moines, Iowa, are the parents of two grown children, Brian and Kim.



## Dr. Pamela L. Perrewé Faculty Athletics Representative



Pamela L. Perrewé (Ph.D.) is in her second year as the Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA and the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Perrewé is the Haywood and Betty Taylor Eminent Scholar of Business Administration and Distinguished Research Professor at Florida State University. She received her Bachelor degree in Psychology from Purdue University and her Master and Ph.D. degrees in Management from the University of Nebraska. Dr. Perrewé has focused her research interests in the areas of job stress, burnout, coping, mentoring, organizational politics, emotion and personality. Dr. Perrewé has published several books, over 20 book chapters and over 100 journal articles in journals such as Academy of

Management Journal, Journal of Management, Journal of Applied Psychology, and Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes. She holds Fellow status in the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology and the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Perrewé has maintained a commitment to her profession as well as to Florida State University for over 25 years, and she has won teaching, mentoring, and research awards at Florida State University. She has served as the Management Department Chair as well as the Associate Dean for Graduate Programs in the College of Business. She has a passion for sports, enjoys playing tennis, and has served on the Athletic Board since 2004. Dr. Perrewé also served on the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) from 2004-2007. She is married to Dr. Gerald R. Ferris and together they have six children: Erin, Jennifer, Emily, Ellie, Stephen and Matthew and one granddaughter, Lily.



# ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION



## Monk Bonasorte Senior Associate Athletic Director

Monk Bonasorte is in his fifth year as Senior Associate Director of Athletics at Florida State and among his responsibilities is oversight of internal operations within the athletic department and oversight of Florida State's football program.

Currently, Bonasorte is responsible for administrative oversight of the following departments: Media Relations, Equipment, Communications, Student Services, Athletic Training, Coaches Video and

Strength & Conditioning.

A member of Florida State's All-Time football team as named by Athlon Magazine, Bonasorte earned four varsity letters (1977-80), played in the 1977 Tangerine Bowl and two Orange Bowls (1980 and 1981) and was inducted into the FSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995 as one of the top defensive backs in school history. He ranks second in school history with 15 interceptions while his eight interceptions in 1979 ranks as the second highest single season total in school history.

Bonasorte joined the Florida State athletics department executive staff in 2008 after a 13-year career as the president and executive director of the Florida State University Varsity Club - the organization that gives back to every Seminole letter winner and allows them to give back to the current letter winners. He helped build the FSU Varsity Club into one of the top organizations of its kind across the nation.

As a player, Bonasorte earned All-America Third Team honors in 1979 by the Associated Press and All-America Second Team honors from Football News in 1980 starring on one of the toughest defensive units in Florida State history in 1979. He led the nation in interceptions for the majority of the 1979 season and finished with eight to rank fourth nationally and set a Seminole record for interceptions in a season. The Seminoles ranked sixth nationally and fifth nationally during his junior and senior seasons respectively.

Bonasorte spent seven years working with the Elmont Sports Group - a leader in the building and marketing of professional sports teams. He served as the marketing director for two seasons for the Tallahassee Scorpions of indoor professional league. He served as the director of marketing for the East Coast Hockey league Tallahassee Tiger Sharks (1997-99) and served as the Vice-president and General Manager for the Tallahassee Thunder of the Arenal Football league (1999-2003).

Bonasorte and his wife, Beverly, have two sons, T.J. and Rocky.



## Vanessa Fuchs Senior Associate Athletic Director SWA/Sand Volleyball Oversight

Florida State Athletic Director Randy Spetman promoted Vanessa Fuchs to the role of Senior Associate Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator in May of 2012. Fuchs has served as the department's associate athletic director for compliance since 2010.

Since joining the athletics staff in 2010, Fuchs has focused her time on building a comprehensive rules education program, implementing a department-wide recruiting and compliance software system and establishing a new team structure for the compliance office.

Prior to arriving at Florida State, Fuchs committed seven years to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 2007, her extensive knowledge of NCAA legislation, interpretations and the NCAA's governance process earned her a promotion to Associate Director of Academic and Membership Affairs (AMA).

Fuchs remained rooted in AMA throughout her tenure with the NCAA. Fuchs was primarily responsible for supervising the functions of the Legislative Relief Waiver team and contributed heavily to issuing interpretations, serving as a staff liaison to NCAA governance committees and leading project teams for the association.

Before embarking on her career with the NCAA, Fuchs got her start working for the Atlantic Coast Conference as a Championships Intern in 2001. The Pompano Beach, Fla., native was a four-year letterwinner for the Seminoles' women's basketball team from 1997-2001. She was the team co-captain in her senior year. Fuchs finished her career as a three-time ACC Honor Roll selection.

Fuchs graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in communications at Florida State University and earned her master's degree from the University of North Carolina in sport administration. She will oversee the compliance and academic departments in her new role.



# MEDIA INFORMATION

## A NOTE TO THE MEDIA, FANS AND OPPONENTS

Florida State assistant sports information director Zach Stipe is ready to assist you with any questions or requests you may have about Florida State's inaugural sand volleyball program, almanac, coaches and student-athletes. Please do not hesitate to contact the FSU Sports Information office if we can further assist you.

## PLAYERS & COACHES INTERVIEWS

All players and coaches interviews should be arranged through the sports information office by contacting Zach Stipe at (850) 645-7683 or by e-mail (zstipe@fsu.edu) at least 24 hours in advance. Student-athlete's phone numbers will not be released. Media may not contact any student-athlete through the use of social media, including Facebook and Twitter.

## HOME EVENTS

All of the 2013 sand volleyball matches are located at the Seminole Sand Volleyball Complex, which is located north of the soccer and softball complex and between the track and field complex and the parking garage on Spirit Way. All media and photographers should notify Zach Stipe prior to attending a home sand volleyball match.

## FSU ON THE WEB

All the game stories, updated stats and sand volleyball news you could ever ask for is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at Seminoles.com. The official FSU athletics Web site is your first stop for all news on the Seminoles.

## FOLLOW FSU SAND VOLLEYBALL ON TWITTER

Media and fans are encouraged to follow @FSU\_SVB on the team's official Twitter page for instantaneous information surrounding the squad.



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# 2013 SCHEDULE

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Georgia State</b>	<b>Tallahassee, Fla.</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 3</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Garnet &amp; Gold Intersquad Event</b>	<b>Tallahassee, Fla.</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
Mar. 10	Sunday	USC/Loyola Marymount (at USC)	Los Angeles, Calif.	9 a.m.
Mar. 11	Monday	Long Beach State/UCLA (at LBSU)	Long Beach, Calif.	11 a.m.
Mar. 14-16	Thur. - Sat.	Chula Vista OTC Grand Canyon Univ/Nebraska/ Pepperdine/CSU Bakersfield	Chula Vista, Calif.	All Day
Mar. 23	Saturday	Gulf Coast State College	Panama City Beach, Fla.	10 a.m.
Mar. 29	Friday	Jacksonville Event UAB (11:30 a.m.)/JU (1 p.m.)	Jacksonville, Fla.	11:30 a.m./1 p.m.
Mar. 30	Saturday	Jacksonville Event Stetson (8:30 a.m.)/JU (2 p.m.)	Jacksonville, Fla.	8:30 a.m./2 p.m.
Apr. 6-7	Sat. - Sun.	Georgia State/Tulane/ULM	Atlanta, Ga.	9 a.m.
Apr. 12	Friday	Webber	Siesta Key, Fla.	2 p.m.
Apr. 13-14	Sat. - Sun.	Siesta Key Tournament	Siesta Key, Fla.	All Day
<b>Apr. 20-21</b>	<b>Sat. - Sun.</b>	<b>*Georgia State/UAB/ College of Charleston</b>	<b>Tallahassee, Fla.</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Apr. 27</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Garnet &amp; Gold Intersquad Event</b>	<b>Tallahassee, Fla.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
May 3-5	Fri.-Sun.	AVCA National Championships	Gulf Shores, Ala.	All Day

**Bold - Home match**

*Times and dates subject to change*

*\* April 20 will be Senior Day*