

FLORIDA STATE SAND VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS NOTES



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TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Pepperdine	18-0
2. Long Beach State	14-2
3. Florida State	15-2
4. Southern California	12-5
5. North Florida	16-3
6. Louisiana-Monroe	6-5

FSU PROJECTED LINEUP

1. Pardon/Wickstrom	10-3
2. Brown/Pavels	18-6
3. Davis/Plessy	11-2
4. Yildirim/Kiley	4-1
5. Pellitteri/Pellitteri	31-4

AT THE 2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Seminoles finished third...FSU fell 4-1 to Long Beach State in the first round, as only Jace Pardon and Kate Stepanova won at No. 2...The Noles rebounded with a 4-1 win over College of Charleston in the quarterfinals, but fell to Long Beach, 3-2, in the semifinals...In the pairs championship, Aurora Davis and Brittany Tiegs made the quarterfinals, while Pardon and Stepanova reached the semifinals...Both teams were eliminated by Long Beach State's Caitlin Ledoux and Tara Roenicke...Davis, Tiegs and Stepanova were part of the inaugural 10-member All-America class.

FSU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY • MAY 3

Team Championship Day 1 (all times Central Daylight)

9 a.m. No. 4 USC vs. No. 5 North Florida
10 a.m. No. 3 Florida State vs. No. 6 ULM
12 p.m. No. 1 Pepperdine vs. Winner of No. 4/5
1 p.m. No. 2 Long Beach State vs. Winner of No. 3/6
4 p.m. Loser No. 4/5 vs. Loser of 1 p.m. match
5 p.m. Loser No. 3/6 vs. Loser of 12 p.m. match

SATURDAY • MAY 4

Double Elimination Team Championship

Team Championship Day 2
11 a.m. Semifinal No. 1
12 p.m. Semifinal No. 2
3:30 p.m. Championship Match

SUNDAY • MAY 5

16 Final Pairs Championship

8 a.m. First Round
10 a.m. Quarterfinals
12 p.m. Semifinal No. 1
12:45 p.m. Semifinal No. 2
2 p.m. Finals

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SISTER ACT

Florida State's No. 5 tandem of sisters Stephanie Pellitteri and Kristina "Nina" Pellitteri has been the Seminoles' most productive pair this season. The sisters have a 31-4 record with two of those losses coming against other Garnet and Gold teams in tournament play and the other two blemishes coming against Pepperdine's Woolever and Larsen and Long Beach State's Janisa Johnson and Tyler Jackson.

COULD BE A MARQUEE MATCHUP AT THE FIVE SPOT

If No. 3 seed Florida State defeats No. 6 seed ULM in the team championship's first round, the Noles will face off against No. 2 seed Long Beach State at 1 p.m. CT. FSU lost twice to the 49ers at the 2012 National Championships by scores of 4-1 in the first round and 3-2 in the semifinals. The Noles also fell to Long Beach State, 4-1, earlier this season, but lost two three-set matches. If FSU is finally able to take down the 49ers it could come down to Court No. 5 where the Pellitteri sisters will look to hand Long Beach State's Janisa Johnson and Tyler Jackson their first loss of the season. Johnson and Jackson are 14-0 in dual play this season, while the Pellitteri's are 15-1 in duals. Their only dual loss? At the hands of Johnson and Jackson, 21-16, 21-19 on March 11 in Long Beach, Calif.

PARDON PUTS TOGETHER ALL-AMERICA LEVEL CAMPAIGN

Sophomore Jace Pardon was one of the nation's top freshmen a year ago, putting together a 45-6 record and pairing with Kate Stepanova to reach the semifinals of the Pairs National Championship, losing in a three-set affair to Long Beach State's Caitlin Ledoux and Tara Roenicke. This season Pardon has a 24-10 record playing with various partners in the No. 1 and 2 positions. She will pair with fellow sophomore Sarah Wickstrom at No. 1 this weekend, looking to lead the Noles to the national title.

2013 FSU SAND VOLLEYBALL 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	Alexis 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/Yuzuil 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
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 and Aaron Saltz