

Dear Prospective Student-Athlete,

Hi & Greetings from the Women's Tennis Team at Florida State University. We wanted to say hello and reintroduce ourselves to you as the summer recruiting and tournament schedule opens up. There have been major developments in the women's tennis program here at Florida State University this past year that we want to share with you.

We produced the single best turn around in program history. Last year we ended the season ranked #72 in the nation, but this year we ended the season ranked #19 in the nation but reached as high as #13 mid March. We are the highest moving team of any team in the country in the collegiate tennis rankings, including both men and women's programs.

Coach Jennifer Hyde was recently awarded the 2006-2007 Wilson/ITA South Region Coach of the Year Award. Included in this category is every South region coach including Florida, Georgia, Miami, Georgia Tech, South Florida, Auburn, and many other outstanding coaches. Coach Hyde was a finalist for the ITA National Coach of the year as well.

Below is a list of further accomplishments to show you the progress we have made here at Florida State. These accomplishments are a great foundation to build upon in order to produce a program worthy of an ACC Conference and National Championship title, which are goals that we have our sights set upon.

- This season we achieved the highest ranking ever in the history of any Florida State University women's tennis program at No. 13.
- After finishing the 2006 season ranked No. 72 in the nation, we have been ranked in the top 19 for the last 12 weeks, with a final ranking of No. 19.
- Our season concluded with a record of 16-8, 8-5 in the ACC compared to last season where we went 9-13 and 2-10.
- Last season, we lost to Duke, Wake Forest, NC State, UVA and Maryland. This year we defeated all six teams and had two close 4-3 losses to No. 9 Miami, as well as a tight 4-3 loss to No. 4 Florida, and recent NCAA Championship Team finalist UCLA.
- In 2006, we finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the ACC. This season, we finished No. 5 in the strongest tennis conference in the nation.
- In 2006 we did not make the NCAA Tournament. This season, we were one spot shy of hosting the NCAA Regionals and advanced to the second round.

- In 2006, our biggest wins came against No. 67 and No. 68 in the nation. This year, we had wins over No. 19, 22, 27, 32, 36, 39, 45, and 60, with absolutely no losses to any teams outside the top 12 in the nation.
- We also defeated Duke for the first time since 1983 and the first time since FSU joined the ACC in 1992.
- Doubles team Lauren Macfarlane and Nicola Slater advanced to the South Region final and were invited to the 2006 Indoor National Championships (comprised of the top 16 teams in the nation), the first doubles or singles players in FSU Women's Tennis program history to be invited.
- Throughout this year we have seen three of our players ranked inside the top 60 in the nation in singles, as well as two doubles teams ranked inside the top 30.
- Recent graduate Nicola Slater and freshman Lauren Macfarlane were recently awarded All-ACC honors, a very prestigious award, especially from the toughest conference in the nation.

The ACC conference, of which we are members, is deemed as the toughest tennis conference in the nation, with 7 teams inside the top 21 in the country, and 10 teams ranked in the top 75 in the country. Over 25 singles players ranked inside the top 125 in the nation, including 17 doubles teams ranked inside the top 60.

We are very excited about the direction the women's tennis program is headed, knowing we will have every opportunity to break through and win a conference and national championship in the near future. With our recent signees, and with the addition of one or two more capable players, we will be more equipped to achieve those goals and take this program to new heights.

We would like to get in touch with you about your possible interest in Florida State University Women's Tennis Program. At the bottom of this letter you will find e-mail addresses and phone numbers for both Head Coach Jennifer Hyde and Assistant Coach Oliver Foreman.

We will be traveling to all of the major tennis tournaments throughout the summer, including the Clay Courts in Memphis, TN; the Sectionals in San Rafael, CA; the Hard Courts in Berkeley, CA and others. Your tournament schedule is very important to us, as we would love to see you perform at the highest level of junior competition in the country. Please e-mail us your summer schedule as soon as you can, as well as a few other things in order to expedite this recruiting process:

- 1. Your E-mail Address**
- 2. Your Current Cell Phone Number**
- 3. Your Current Home Address**

We hope this letter has shed some light on our goals and expectations for the FSU Women's tennis program, and that the possibility of you being a part of this excites you. Good luck with your upcoming tournaments, and we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you very soon.

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