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Brittney Thomas
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Bolingbrook, Ill.
Bolingbrook High School

- Thomas Notables**
- Led Bolingbrook to a 117-7 record in her four years.
 - Helped Bolingbrook to a state title as a junior, averaging 11.4 points per game.
 - A part of the Team USA U18 Team Trials.
 - Rated as a four-star recruit and a Top-100 player by HoopGurlz.com.
 - Ranked one of the top 100 prospects in the nation (Blue Star Basketball.com).
 - Also earned all-conference honors in volleyball.

Strong, athletic freshman will see time at point guard this season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked 26th among the nation's shooting guards by *All-Star Girls Report*...rated 50th in the nation's Top 100 recruits by Blue Star Basketball.com...a four-star recruit, ranked 70th in the nation's Top 100 recruits by HoopGurlz.com...ranked among the nation's top guards by HoopGurlz.com (No. 39) and Scout.com (No. 39)...three-year captain and three-time team MVP...high school team was a combined 117-7 in her four years...first-team all-state as a senior, averaging a team-best 13.6 points (422 total) and 2.7 assists (85 total)...team reached the state finals for the second year in a row in 2007 and finished with a 30-1 record...a part of the Team USA U18 Team Trials...helped Bolingbrook to a state title as a junior, averaging 11.4 points, 4.5 rebounds, 4.2 assists, 3.2 steals and 2.0 blocks per contest...team finished with a 31-2 record...a four-time all-conference selection and three-time all-area pick...was a part of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All-State teams three times and was an Associated Press Class 2A All-State honorable mention honoree in 2006...a 2004-05 *Street & Smith's* honorable mention All-American as team went 28-2 and placed fourth in the state...freshman year helped team to sectional title and a 28-2 record...was a standout on her AAU team, the Illinois Dream Team...also a member of the volleyball and track and field teams, earning all-conference and all-area honors in volleyball and qualifying for the state meet in the 400-meter relay...named an Illinois state scholar...member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL: Born Feb. 13, 1989...daughter of Mark and Angela Thomas...mother, Angela, played volleyball and basketball at Ohio University...an advertising major.



Getting to Know Brittney

What does it mean to be a Spartan?
 Being a Spartan means having pride in everything you do. Especially in athletes, just represent yourself in a respectful manner and have fun!

Why did you choose to come to MSU?
 Michigan State offered everything I was looking for in a college: great facilities, awesome support, academically sound - especially in my field, and a chance to win an NCAA national title.

What does it mean to you to give back to the community?
 Giving back is a way to show your appreciation for all the support the community gives. It's a fun and effective way to say thanks. I think that it also helps everyone stay grounded and involved.

What quote best describes you?
 "The leaders who work most effectively, it seems to me, never say 'I'. And that's not because they have trained themselves not to say 'I'. They don't think 'I'. They think 'we', they think 'team'".
 -Peter Drucker

In difficult situations, how do you handle adversity?
 Adversity is inevitable. I just keep my head up and keep pushing through. Everything happens for a reason, so know yourself and just keep striving. Luckily for me, I've always had great support from friends and family, so they're there to help me if I need them.