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Media Memo

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2005 Stanford Varsity Roster

No	Name
1	Cynthia Barboza OH, 6-0, Freshman, Long Beach, CA
2	Katie Goldhahn S, 5-11, Senior, Lodi, CA
3	Kirsten Hornbeak DS/L, 5-9, Sophomore, Encintas, CA
4	Bryn Kehoe S, 5-11, Sophomore, North Bend, OH
5	Nji Nnamani OH, 5-9, Junior, Bloomington, OH
6	Franci Girard OH, 6-2, Sophomore, Brooklyn, NY
8	Alex Fisher OH, 6-1, Freshman, Menlo Park, CA
9	Jennifer Wilson MB, 5-11, Junior, Spokane, WA
10	Kristin Richards OH, 6-0, Junior, Orem, UT
11	Jessica Fishburn L/OH, 6-0, Freshman, Los Angeles, CA
12	Erin Waller OH/MB, 6-1, Freshman, Ballwin, MO
13	Lizzie Suiter MB, 6-2, Junior, Aspen, CO
14	Courtney Schultz L, 6-1, Senior, Pacific Palisades, CA
15	Michelle Mellard MB, 6-3, Junior, Leawood, KS
16	Foluke Akinradewo MB, 6-3, Freshman, Plantation, FL
Head Coach: John Dunning	
Associate Head Coach: Denise Corlett	
Assistant Coach: Jason Mansfield	
Volunteer Asst. Coach: Damian Elder	

World Wide Web

For a complete report on Stanford Athletics, checkout www.gostanford.com ... The latest information from the Pac-10 is available at www.pac-10.org

Television Talk

Three of Stanford's matches will be televised on Fox Sports Net (FSN) ... That includes matches on Sept. 23 against USC at Maples Pavilion, Nov. 3 at Washington and Nov. 25 at UCLA ... Both of Stanford's matches at the AVCA/NACWAA Showcase in Omaha, Ne, will be televised on CSTV ... The Stanford match at California

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Third-Ranked Stanford women's volleyball team opens 2005 season vs fifth-ranked Penn State at AVCA/NACWAA Showcase in Omaha, Ne

**AVCA/NACWAA Showcase, Qwest Center, Omaha, Ne (CSTV)
Friday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. (ct)**

Stanford Cardinal (0-0 overall, 0-0 Pac-10) vs Penn State (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big Ten)

**Friday, August 26, 8:30 p.m. (ct)
Nebraska (0-0 overall, 0-0 Big 12) vs Hawai'i (0-0 overall, 0-0 WAC)**

**AVCA/NACWAA Showcase, Qwest Center, Omaha, Ne (CSTV)
Saturday, August 27, 5:00 p.m.**

Consolation Match

**Saturday, August 27, 7:00 p.m.
Championship Match**

Series Story

A 3-2 victory by Penn State at last year's Stanford Invitational has given the Nit-tany Lions a 4-3 edge in the series against Stanford ... **Kristin Richards, Ogonna Nnamani and Jen Hucke** combined for 69 of Stanford's 85 kills ... **Kate Price** led Penn State with 28 kills ... Stanford held Penn State to a .192 hitting percentage while the Cardinal checked in at .263 ... Stanford holds a 7-3 advantage over Nebraska while Hawai'i leads the series with the Cardinal, 15-10.

Coaches Corner

John Dunning begins his fifth season as head coach of the Stanford Cardinal ... Under **Dunning's** direction, the Cardinal has won two NCAA titles (2001, 2004) and produced a runnerup finish in 2002 ... His Stanford record is 120-20 (.857) against the toughest collegiate competition in the United States ... **Dunning's** career mark (16 seasons at Pacific, 4 seasons at Stanford) is 557-122 (.820) ... In 2005, **Dunning** was named recipient (along with Penn State's **Russ Rose**) of the USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Awards.

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Did You Know ...

*** Stanford head coach **John Dunning** has chalked up 30 or more wins in three of his four seasons at Stanford ... That included 33 wins in 2001, 32 wins in 2002, and 30 wins in Stanford's championship season last year.

*** Stanford has appeared in the Top-10 in every coaches' preseason poll since the AVCA started the coaches poll in 1982 ... The Cardinal start the 2005 season ranked third in the nation behind top-ranked Nebraska and Pac-10 rival Washington ... Stanford is one of six Pac-10 schools ranked in the pre-season Top-10 ... Washington is second followed by Stanford (#3), USC (#7), UCLA (#13), Arizona (#17) and California (#19).

*** Stanford has won its last six season openers and 23-3 since it started varsity competition in 1976.

*** **Jennifer Wilson** will celebrate her 20th birthday on August 24.

on Oct. 21 will be televised on Comcast.

Rankings USA Today/CSTV
Pre-Season 3rd

Pac-10 Standings Pac-10 Overall

Stanford	0-0	0-0
Arizona	0-0	0-0
Arizona State	0-0	0-0
California	0-0	0-0
Oregon	0-0	0-0
Oregon State	0-0	0-0
UCLA	0-0	0-0
USC	0-0	0-0
Washington	0-0	0-0
Washington State	0-0	0-0

Friday, August 26

#Stanford vs Penn State, 6:00 p.m. (CSTV)

+Arizona State vs St. Mary's, 10:30 a.m.
=Gonzaga at Oregon, 1:00 p.m.
=Eastern Washington at Oregon, 7:00 p.m.
^Gardner-Webb at Washington, 7:00 p.m.
+Arizona State at CS Northridge, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 27

#Stanford at AVCA/NACWAA Showcase, 5:00 or 7:00 p.m. (CSTV)

+Arizona State vs UNLV, 5:00 p.m.
UC Davis at California, 7:00 p.m.
=South Dakota at Oregon, 7:00 p.m.
Cal Poly at USC, 7:00 p.m.
^Montana State at Washington, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 28

Washington State at Portland, 2:30 p.m.

#AVCA/NACWAA Showcase (Omaha, Ne)

+Fremont Investment & Loan Invitational at Northridge, Ca
=Oregon Kickoff Classic at Eugene, Or
^Husky Challenge at Seattle, Wa

Pac-10 Potpourri

With Stanford winning the 2004 NCAA title, the Pac-10 has now captured four consecutive NCAA crowns (2004-Stanford, 2003-USC, 2002-USC, 2001-Stanford) and 12 NCAA titles overall - that's half of the 24 titles presented by the NCAA ... **Kristin Richards'** 878 career kills is currently ranked fourth among active Pac-10 players ... **Richards** trails **Kim Glass (Arizona, 1,526)**, **Sanja Tomasevic (Washington, 1,318)** and **Kelly Russell (Oregon, 903)** ... **Katie Goldhahn's** 1,674 career assists is fourth-best among active Pac-10 setters ... **Goldhahn** trails **C. Thompson (Washington, 3,233)**, **Samantha Carter (California, 2,904)** and **Stephanie Butkus (Arizona, 2,535)**.

Scouting Stanford

Stanford lost one of its all-time great players to graduation, **Ogonna Nnamani**, who won numerous athletic and academic awards last year including AVCA Player of the Year, and Collegiate Woman of the Year (Honda/Broderick Award) ... **Nnamani** was a dominant, intimidating player for Stanford opponents, and her presence on the court will be difficult to match ... Stanford also graduated a second starter, **Jen Hucke**, who was a steady influence in terms of blocks and kills ... **Leahi Hall** was another Stanford senior who graduated ... **Hall**, a defensive specialist/libero, brought excellent defensive skills and a strong work ethic to the court ... Stanford returns a strong group of players, including five starters ... The list includes two-time All Pac-10 selection **Kristin Richards**, starting setter **Bryn Kehoe**, middle blocker **Lizzie Suiter**, outside hitter **Franci Girard** and libero **Courtney Schultz** ... **Richards**, a two-year starter and an All Pac-10 selection in 2004, set a school record last year with 502 digs and was second in kills (486) ... **Kehoe** etched her name into the Cardinal record book with a school record 1,637 assists as the team's starting setter as a freshman ... **Suiter** dominated at middle blocker with 198 total blocks, second-best in school history ... **Girard** started as a freshman last year and recorded 234 kills, third-best on the team ... **Schultz** averaged 2.61 digs per game as the team's starting libero ... Stanford also returns excellent depth with the likes of senior setter **Katie Goldhahn**, sophomore defensive specialist **Kirsten Hornbeak**, junior outside hitter **Nji Nnamani**, and junior middle blockers **Michelle Mellard** and **Jennifer Wilson** ... The Stanford freshman class is nothing short of outstanding ... Five new players are entering the Cardinal program, and their talent and work ethic will help continue Stanford's strong tradition in women's volleyball ... The list of newcomers includes **Foluke Akinradewo**, **Cynthia Barboza**, **Jessica Fishburn**, **Alex Fisher** and **Erin Waller** ... **Akinradewo** was an outstanding three-sport athlete in high school ... **Akinradewo** has been a member of the United States Junior National Team the past three years ... **Barboza** is a very gifted athlete who despite being in high school served as an alternate on the 2004 United States Olympic Team ... **Barboza's** talent is limitless ... **Fishburn** played outside hitter while in high school, but her marvelous ball control skills and her passion for playing defense means that she will probably make the change to defensive specialist and libero at Stanford ... **Fisher**, according to the Cardinal coaching staff, has the talent to make a contribution immediately at the outside hitter position or at the opposite position ... **Waller** has gained experience playing on some of the best club and high school teams in the nation.

Frequent Fliers

Stanford believes in seeing all parts of the United States ... In 2000, Stanford started the year with nine road matches, and the following year, the Cardinal played its first eleven matches away from Maples Pavilion ... This year, the defending NCAA champion Stanford Cardinal will gather extensive frequent flier miles during the first three weeks of the 2005 season, first with two matches at the AVCA/NACWAA Showcase in Omaha, Ne (August 26-27) followed by the Boston College Tournament (Sept. 1-3), a road match at New Hampshire (Sept. 6) and then back to the Midwest to the Colorado Invitational (Sept. 8-10) ... Stanford will then return home to host the Stanford Invitational (Sept. 15-17) at Maples Pavilion.