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WOMEN'S FLORIDA WAVE TO HOST VOLLEYBALL EXHIBITION GAME VS. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS

The Women's Team Florida Wave is set to host an exhibition game on Friday, April 18th against the University of Florida Gators at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. The game is free and open to the public.

Orlando, FL – April 16th, 2014 – The Women's Team Florida Wave will be hosting the University of Florida Gators on Friday, April 18th at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. This exhibition game starts at 7 PM and is free and open to the public. Parking charges may apply.

In addition to the game, there will also be a dance contest, prize giveaways, autograph signings, a VERT contest and much more entertainment.

Steve Bishop, Executive Director for the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, said, "Having the Florida Gators join the Florida Wave for an exhibition match in Orlando is part of the original goal for the PVL. Connecting our Florida universities and their alumni with the Florida Wave is what will help us grow the league and create heroes for our youth and junior athletes. We are excited to be in our third year of the league and we invite all volleyball enthusiasts to join us in Orlando for a great night of high level volleyball."

This event features some of Florida's top volleyball athletes, including Sareea Freeman, Tanya Jarvis and Correy Johnson.

Sareea Freeman (MB) hails from Florida State University, where she proved to be one of the most dominant offensive forces in the country in 2012. She helped FSU win three ACC titles in her four seasons played, and won ACC Player/Co-Player of the Week four times, the most in school history.

Tanya Jarvis (OH) was a standout athlete at the University of Central Florida where she was a four-year starter for the Knights. In her first season with UCF, she was named to the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman Team and in 2004 was an Atlantic Sun Second Team member. She made three NCAA tournament appearances while at UCF and holds five top-10 records for the program.

Correy Johnson (OPP) a hometown athlete from Winter Park, played for the University of California, Berkeley where she earned an All-Pac 12 honorable mention as well as most valuable player of the Cal Molten Classic and the Holiday Inn Jefferson Cup All-Tournament Team.

Other athletes on the roster and their past Florida club affiliations (if any) include:

Elise Burke (S) – *Gainesville Jrs.* 2004-2007

Priscila Sale (OH)

Amanda Youell (S) – *Jacksonville Jrs.* 2004-2005

Devin Von Pingel (MB)

Caitlin Haworth (OH) – *Florida Gold Coast* 2004-2005, *Boomers Volleyball Club* 2006-2007

Christina Alessi (OPP) – *Palm Beach Jrs.* 2009-2010

Ashley Carrero (OH)

Jordana Price (MB)

Taylor Cassidy (OH)

The Team Florida Wave staff consists of:

Nick Cheronis (Gainesville, FL) – Head Coach

Michelle Chatman (Gainesville, FL) – Asst. Coach

Tanya Jarvis (Jacksonville, FL) – Asst. Coach

Steve Bishop (Eustis, FL) – General Manager/PVL President

Ben Keyes (Orlando, FL) – Licensed Massage Therapist

David Jester (Orlando, FL) – Official Photographer of the PVL

About USA Premier Volleyball League:

The USA PVL is a grass roots professional volleyball league that began in 2012 and is made up of teams from among of the forty (40) regional volleyball associations across the United States. The USA PVL is sanctioned by USA Volleyball and offers tournament play and a League Championship event each year. Additional information on the USA Premier Volleyball League can be found at:

www.usapvl.com.

About USA Volleyball:

USA Volleyball is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States and is recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Additional information on USA Volleyball can be found at:

www.USAVolleyball.org.

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves over 12,500 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at:

www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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