



# Kraze Krush CONNECTIONS



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## *Announcement*

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Welcome!

Kraze Krush Connections will be a quarterly newsletter that features interviews, stories, recaps, and more! 2020 will be a big year for Florida Kraze Krush and you, our community, will play as big a role as ever.

We can't wait to show you what we have in store this year as we strive every day to be the "One Family" in our motto.

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# 2019 SOCCERTHON

Florida Kraze Krush participated in its first ever 24-hour fundraiser last November. Hosted at the FreeKickCenter in Orlando, FKK teams each spent one hour on the turf, all through the day and night, participating in pick-up games, soccer tennis, billiards and more. With a goal of reaching \$40,000, roughly \$150 per player, we exceeded our goal raising a total of \$46,012!

FKK went from granting \$40,000 in scholarship aid in the 2018/19 year to \$80,000 in 2019/20. Without the help of scholarships, many families in our community wouldn't be able to afford to have their children play this beautiful game. Not only does the money raised during this event go into the FKK Scholarship Fund, proceeds were also given to the new Oviedo Boys and Girls Club whose new facility will be opening up just a couple miles away from the FKK office.



The FKK Scholarship Fund was created with the idea that every child who desires to play soccer must be given the opportunity for success not only on the field, but in life as well.

Whether it's a neighborhood scrimmage or a national championship, experts agree that the benefits of belonging to a team are significant and they range well beyond physical exercise. These important experiences teach lessons that help shape kids and teens' outlooks about themselves, working with others, and the world around them.

We are committed to never turn any child away from playing this beautiful game we all love, due to financial situations beyond their control. Over the last seven years, we've contributed more than \$300,000 to 1,000+ players through the FKK Scholarship Fund.

## Top Ten Fundraisers

1. Ivan Mendez – 2010 Kraze Black \$1905
2. Mia Stark – 2007 Krush Blue \$1000
3. MacKenzie Becker – 2007 Krush NPL \$975
4. Jackson White – 2006 Kraze NPL \$825
5. Kate Mikalsen – 2005 Krush ECNL \$780
6. Taylor Kish – 2005 Krush ECNL \$675
7. Ella Peterson – 2007 Krush ECNL \$675
8. Breck Peterson – 2010 Kraze Black \$675
9. Hayden Kish – 2007 Krush ECNL \$650
10. Gia Spinetti – 2007 Krush ECNL \$630

## 2020 NWSL College Draft

BALTIMORE, MD – Jan 15, 2020: Florida Kraze Krush had four girls eligible for the 2020 NWSL College draft who all at one point had played for the Florida Krush in the WPSL. Of those four, Konya Plummer and Camryn Biegalski were drafted by the Orlando Pride and Chicago Red Stars respectively. The other two players eligible were forward, Ru Mucherera, from UNC and Gabriella English, goalkeeper from Mississippi State.

Plummer and Biegalski will join an elite group as they are two of only five girls who have played for the Krush and gone on to a professional team. The other three being Carrie Lawrence (Orlando Pride) Khadija “Bunny” Shaw (Bordeaux) and Deneisha Blackwood (Slavia Prague).



### Orlando Pride Draft Konya Plummer

With the tenth overall pick at the 2020 NWSL College Draft, the Orlando Pride selected Konya Plummer, a former UCF and Florida Krush standout. After captaining her country in the 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup, Plummer joins the Pride which also features the likes of FKK grad and coach, Carrie Lawrence!

 What’s a soccer player’s favorite drink? - Penal-Tea!

 According to FIFA, the Chinese game, Cuju, is the earliest form of soccer.

 A combined 3.572 Billion people tuned in to watch the 2018 FIFA World Cup!

 Greenland was not able to join FIFA due to the permafrost which doesn’t allow them to have a grass pitch.

## New Rules Explained!

This year the IFAB (International Football Association Board) implemented a number of clarifications and amendments to the rules of the game. Let’s break them down.

1. No attacking player can be within one yard of a defensive wall when it has three or more players.
2. Goal kicks do not have to leave the 18-yard box before being touched by another player.
3. Goalkeepers must have at least one foot on the goal line when the penalty is taken.
4. No goal can be allowed if the ball strikes an attacker’s hand during the build up.

# Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Every year in October, Florida Kraze Krush participates in a Breast Cancer Awareness campaign to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer Research. After seven years of pink jersey and sock sales within our teams, FKK has raised over \$50,000 towards Breast Cancer research.

This year, \$20,000 was given back to the community after our campaign ended. The proceeds were donated to Wigs and Wishes, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, and the Base Camp Children's Cancer Foundation.



## COACH SPOTLIGHT

### *Eddie Jimenez*

- 2011 Kraze Black
- Shane Kelly FTD Coordinator
- Events & Volunteer Coordinator



Birthday: December 18th

Hometown: Miami, FL

Number of Years Coaching: 10

What does FKK mean to you: "FKK means family. The emphasis on community is what sets our club apart. Our coaches strive to create a family oriented culture with their teams in order to create the best environment to develop players which to me is very special.

Favorite Soccer Moment: Scored a last second goal at UCF to beat Marshall which put the Knights into the Conference Tournament