

MEET THE PIRATES



#13 | FRESHMAN | OUTSIDE HITTER | FLORIAN GORNICK | SCHWECHAT, AUSTRIA

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD HERE IN THE UNITED STATES?

"I am a big fan of the Kansas City Steaks around here and I have had some really good pasta while I've been here as well. I would have to say the best restaurant I have been to so far is the Skies restaurant downtown near Crown Center."

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE MUSICIAN?

"My two favorite musicians today are Jason Miraz and James Blunt. I really like both of their music."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

"I just saw the new movie *Taken* and I really liked it. It was a little scary but very good. I also enjoy comedies such as *Borat* and movies like that."



2009 - One of Park's most prolific outside hitters, Gornick is second on the team in kills with 141 and second on the squad in kills per game with 3.2...Has 315 total attacks to his credit and eight service aces...Also ranks second on the team in total blocks with 27.

PERSONAL - Born Dec. 17 in Vienna, Austria, Florian Gornick is the son of Walter and Gabi Gornick, who reside in Schwechat, Austria...Comes to Park after attending Vienna University of Economics...Also attended HTL Rennweg for high school in Vienna... Is majoring in marketing at Park University and chose the Pirates for the University's volleyball program as well as the international education.

WHO IS THE FUNNIEST PLAYER ON THE TEAM?

"Definitely Bob, because he is always positive and always funny. I really like his attitude. He brings a lot of fun into the serious work that we do."

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT PARK UNIVERSITY?

"The International aspect of the school is one of the most impressive things to me. Back home we really don't have anything like that so that's really outstanding to have that here. I also like that it is a small campus but everything is within a few minute walk and the dorms are very nice as well."

WHAT DO YOU AND YOUR TEAMMATES DO FOR FUN OUTSIDE OF VOLLEYBALL?

"We try and get together a lot after practice or after games and just hang out. We sometimes hang out in each other's room and watch movies or go downtown and hang out too sometimes."

WHAT HAS IT BEEN LIKE PLAYING FOR THE DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPS?

"It's certainly special to play for a program that has such a good reputation and good record, but on the other hand there is some pressure and comparisons to last year's team, so that is tough. But we are a totally new team with a lot of freshmen and new players and we have a lot of motivation to continue that success."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPORT TO PLAY OTHER THAN VOLLEYBALL?

"Skiing is really big in Austria back home, so I really enjoy that and I also play a lot of sand volleyball back home as well. One of my other hobbies is kite surfing, I try and go do that during the summer back home."

