



Girls4Sport Team Rider Kristina Mekdeci featured in Her Sports Magazine

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Kristina Mekdeci Melbourne, Fla.

Age: 11

Sports: Surfing, roller skating, yoga

Profession: Elementary school art teacher

How I got started in sports: A dare turned me on to surfing. When I was 14, some boys in my neighborhood told me that girls couldn't surf. To prove them wrong, I pulled on one of their wetsuits, headed into the cold water, and stood up on my first wave. From that day, I've loved surfing.

Favorite spot to be active: Sandline Beach, Fla. The waves break so well off the main reef there.

Life/sport philosophy: Do it now because you might never get another chance.

Athletic highlights: Making it to the regional competitions of the Eastern Surfing Association in '97 and '98. And I always consider it an athletic highlight whenever I pull off my moves with the grace of a dolphin.

Athletic goals: To "land an air" like pro surfer Melanie Dartsch.

Favorite food: A breakfast of eggs benedict with crabmeat.

When I'm not surfing, I'm: On the beach sketching or painting.

Other interesting facts: When I finished college my goal was to find a job I loved that also allowed me time to surf. Being an art teacher is the best job ever! I'll never get rich, but I can spend winter break surfing at Puerto Rico, spring break snowboarding in Colorado, and summers working at a surf camp in Costa Rica.

