

# News of Women

## WNBA Stars On The Importance Of Teamwork



**Nykeshia Sales**

(NAPSA)—Sports are widely acknowledged to bring people together. Whether it's being part of the team or gathering in the bleachers or around the TV to watch the game, there's nothing like sports to bring family and friends closer.

The WNBA's 11th season is underway and many of its stars are finding that not only are they closer on the court, they're bonding off the court as well.

"In college, my teammates and I were very close off the court, and our team in San Antonio is probably unique in that we really have a family atmosphere," says the Silver Stars' Kendra Wecker. "That starts all the way at the top with our coaches and carries through to the players and video staff and cheerleaders and managers. That is something that as

we continue to play together as a core group of people, for the next couple of years, we will build off of that."

Chemistry among the players is a great way of fostering the sort of teamwork that leads to a successful season. Coaches, too, can help foster an environment that encourages players to work together.

According to Nykeshia Sales of the Connecticut Sun, "Our coach, Mike Thibault, does a very good job with that. Some coaches don't emphasize it as much as he does. We go to different places to practice and get away, we have team dinners and little events together. I think we really enjoy each other off the court, so it makes it better on the court."

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**Kendra Wecker**