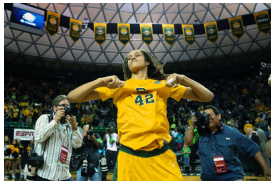


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The Phoenix Mercury made it official Monday night: Baylor Bears senior center Brittney Griner is the teams newest member courtesy of the 2013 WNBA Draft. There was little doubt on this years No. 1 Overall pick was going to be used on Griner. She is a special player with the chance to be one of the best ever to play in the WNBA.

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"Now that I can say her name, Brittney Griner, she is definitely a player that is going to change the game as we know it today," stated a very stoic and very elated Head Coach Corey Gaines.

At the Hotel Palomar in downtown Phoenix the Mercury welcomed hundreds of fans to come and view the the historic event live.

MC Kip Helt kicked off the festivities that included (at the time) the newest member of the Mercury Erin Thorn, last years No. 6 Overall pick Samantha Prahalis, Krystal Thomas, Bridget Pettis, Kayte Christensen, Amber Cox (via satellite), and Ann Meyers-Drysdale. The team rewarded the fans for being the fans.

Griner enters the fold with a litany of talent, all-stars, champions, and gold medal winners. She comes in as the rookie and looks like she has the humility and humbleness to make that transition with ease.

"I think in college, as you just saw her interview when she got drafted, she was saying how she wants to learn more things," Gaines on Griner's potential. "She is going to make Diana (Taurasi) better and Diana is going to make her better. I think pick-and-roll, moving around the lane will make her, offensively, better."

She comes in as the tallest player in the WNBA now officially at 6-8 locking down the center position for the Mercury for the future playing with the likes of Diana Taurasi, Penny Taylor,

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