

2009 BASEBALL REVIEW

Records: 42-22, 19-11 SEC

NCAA Finish: T-9th (3-0 at Gainesville Regional, 0-2 at Gainesville Super Regional)

SEC Finish: 3rd overall/1st in Eastern Division

Final Poll Rankings: 12th in Baseball America; 13th in Collegiate Baseball; 13th in USA Today/ESPN; 14th in NCBWA

All-Americans: None

Freshman All-American: One with three honors - 1B Preston Tucker (Baseball America, Louisville Slugger, NCBWA)

All-South Region: None

All-SEC: 3 - First Team: Josh Adams, Avery Barnes; Second Team: Billy Bullock

NCBWA Freshman Hitter of the Year: Preston Tucker

SEC Co-Freshman of the Year: Preston Tucker

SEC All-Freshman Team: 1 - Preston Tucker

SEC Community Service Team: Brandon McArthur

SEC Academic Honor Roll: 7 - Avery Barnes, Kevin Chapman, Tony Davis, Teddy Foster, Clayton Pisani, Justin Poovey, Hampton Tignor

Departing Seniors: 7 - Avery Barnes, Teddy Foster, Stephen Locke, Brandon McArthur, Patrick Keating, Clayton Pisani, Chas Spottswood



Preston Tucker was the SEC's Co-Freshman of the Year and was a Freshman All-American.



Senior Avery Barnes earned first-team All-SEC recognition and was among the league leaders in an assortment of offensive categories.

Team Highlights

- In Kevin O'Sullivan's second season at the helm, the Gators (42-22) claimed the SEC's Eastern Division title for the first time since 2005 and finished one game behind league co-champions LSU and Mississippi.
- The Gators had school-record 10 players chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft.
- Florida reached the 40-win plateau for the 18th time in school history, first in four years.
- The Gators made their 25th NCAA Tournament appearance and earned the eighth national seed.
- Florida went 3-0 to sweep the Gainesville Regional, edging Bethune-Cookman (8-7) and then overpowering Miami (Fla.) (8-2 and 16-5).
- UF advanced to the NCAA Super Regional for the third time in school history, all in the past six years.
- The Gators fell two wins shy of reaching the NCAA College World Series by dropping a pair of games to Southern Miss at McKethan Stadium (9-7, 7-6).
- UF made its league-best 29th appearance at the SEC Tournament at Regions Park in Hoover, Ala. The second seed at the double-elimination event, the Gators fell to No. 20 Arkansas (8-5) before ousting SEC co-champion No. 7 Mississippi (12-2). The Gators' tourney run ended with a 10-7 loss to the Hogs.
- According to Warren Nolan, the Gators' strength of schedule ranked fourth in the country behind Arkansas, Georgia Tech and Miami (Fla.).
- Head coach Kevin O'Sullivan became the third Gator skipper to lead the team into NCAA play during his first two seasons.
- This season marked the eighth time that Florida hosted NCAA Regionals

and the fifth time the Gators won the event (1991, 1996, 1998, 2005, 2009).

- Out of UF's 42 victories, 27 (13 against SEC foes) were of the come-from-behind variety.
- The duo of 2B Josh Adams and OF Avery Barnes achieved first-team All-SEC status, while junior RHP Billy Bullock made the second team.
- The SEC Co-Freshman of the Year, Preston Tucker was also a unanimous pick on the SEC All-Freshman Team.
- Tucker established a single-season record with 85 RBI and captured the team's "Triple Crown" with a .364 batting average and 15 home runs.
- Junior OF Matt den Dekker made the league's All-Defensive Team for the second year in a row.
- Bullock's 11 saves tied for the fourth-most in school history and were third in the SEC.
- The Gators were 30-10 (.750) at McKethan Stadium this season and are 57-16 (.781) on their own turf under O'Sullivan.
- Sophomore Cole Figueroa set a single-season mark for RBI by a Gator shortstop with 57.
- The three-game series crowd of 12,322 between Florida and Miami (Fla.) from Feb. 27-March 1 was the third-highest in school history and was the largest since the stadium renovations.
- Florida claimed the regular-season series from Sunshine State rival Florida State, highlighted by a 5-4 win in Gainesville on St. Patrick's Day and a 10-2 triumph in Tallahassee on April 14.

Individual Highlights

Josh Adams, So., INF

- First-team All-SEC
- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team

Avery Barnes, Sr., OF

- First-team All-SEC
- Led the team in hits (90), runs (76) and stolen bases (18)
- Finished career with .342 batting average, 185 runs, 48 stolen bases, 13 homers and 12 triples

Billy Bullock, Sr., RHP

- Second-team All-SEC
- Third in the SEC with 11 saves, most by a Gator since Josh Fogg in 1998
- Highest Florida pitcher drafted since Justin Hoyman was a second-round pick in 2004 by the Cleveland Indians

Matt den Dekker, Jr., OF

- SEC All-Defensive Team
- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team
- Ninth player in school history to join the 20 HR – 100 RBI – 30 SB club

Patrick Keating, Sr., RHP

- SEC Pitcher of the Week (Feb. 23)

Stephen Locke, Sr., LHP

- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team

Brandon McArthur, Sr., INF

- Recipient of the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for baseball
- Member of the SEC Community Service Team for the second year in a row
- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team

Mike Mooney, Jr., INF

- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team
- Brooks Wallace Watch List as nation's top shortstop

Alex Panteliodis, Fr., LHP

- SEC Freshman of the Week (March 23)

Jonathan Pigott, Jr., OF

- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team
- SEC All-Tournament Team

Preston Tucker, Fr., INF

- Invited to USA Baseball National Team Trials
- NCBWA Freshman Hitter of the Year
- SEC Co-Freshman of the Year
- Baseball America Freshman All-American
- Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American
- NCBWA Freshman All-American
- SEC All-Freshman Team
- Most Outstanding Player, NCAA Gainesville Regional
- SEC All-Tournament Team
- SEC Freshman of the Week (March 30, April 13, April 27)
- College Baseball Foundation All-Star Lineup (April 14)

Professional Draft Selections

Player	Team (Round)
Billy Bullock	Minnesota (2nd)
Avery Barnes (OF)	Colorado (11th)
Tony Davis (LHP)	Minnesota (12th)
Matt den Dekker (OF)	Pittsburgh (16th)
Patrick Keating (RHP)	Kansas City (20th)
Buddy Munroe (C)	Minnesota (22nd)
Stephen Locke (LHP)	L.A. Angels of Anaheim (22nd)
Mike Mooney (SS)	Baltimore (23rd)
Riley Cooper (OF)	Texas (25th)
Kevin Chapman (LHP)	Chicago White Sox (50th)



Billy Bullock was drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the second round after notching 11 saves and earning All-SEC.

Statistical Leaders

At Bats	Avery Barnes (247)
Runs Scored	Avery Barnes (76)
Hits	Avery Barnes (90)
Doubles	Brandon McArthur (14)
Triples	Avery Barnes (6)
Home Runs	Preston Tucker (15)
Runs Batted In	Preston Tucker (85)
Total Bases	Preston Tucker (152)
Slugging Percentage	Preston Tucker (.628)
Bases on Balls	Josh Adams (40)
Hit by Pitch	Matt den Dekker (14)
On-base Percentage	Mike Mooney (.442)
Sacrifice Flies	Matt den Dekker (7)
Sacrifice Hits	Matt den Dekker (7)
Stolen Bases	Avery Barnes (18)
Putouts	Preston Tucker (428)
Assists	Josh Adams (164)

Earned Run Average	Tony Davis (2.25)
Wins	Anthony DeSclafani (6)
Appearances	Alex Panteliodis (6)
Games Started	Billy Bullock (34)
Complete Games	Stephen Locke (12)
Saves	None
Innings Pitched	Billy Bullock (11)
Hits Allowed	Stephen Locke (66.2)
Earned Runs Allowed	Stephen Locke (85)
Bases on Balls	Anthony DeSclafani (36)
Allowed	Billy Bullock (22)
Strikeouts	Nick Maronde (59)
Opponent B.A.	Tony Davis (.190)

Signees

Player	Hometown
Bobby Borcherding	Alva, Fla.
Ben Brown	Winter Haven, Fla.
Cody Dent	Boynton Beach, Fla.
Nolan Fontana	Winter Garden, Fla.
Danny Healey	Cooper City, Fla.
Michael Heller	Bradenton, Fla.
David Holmberg	Port Charlotte, Fla.
Brian Johnson	Cocoa Beach, Fla.
Austin Maddox	Jacksonville, Fla.
Hudson Randall	Atlanta, Ga.
Mike Rayl	Lake Worth, Fla.
Steven 'Paco' Rodriguez	Miami, Fla.
Patrick Schuster	Holiday, Fla.
Bryson Smith	Athens, Ga.
Kamm Washington	Boynton Beach, Fla.
LeVon Washington	Gainesville, Fla.
Mike Zunino	Cape Coral, Fla.

Schedule & Results

Overall: 42-22 Home: 30-10 Away: 10-9
Neutral: 2-3 SEC (3rd): 19-11

Date	Opponent	Result
Feb. 20	Louisville (GVO)	W, 6-3
Feb. 21	Louisville (GVO)	W, 10-4
Feb. 22	Louisville (GVO)	W, 3-2
Feb. 24	Eastern Michigan	W, 12-0
Feb. 25	Eastern Michigan	W, 17-6
Feb. 27	Miami (Fla.) (GVO)	L, 5-8
Feb. 28	Miami (Fla.) (GVO)	L, 1-2
Mar. 1	Miami (Fla.) (SUN)	L, 2-16
Mar. 3	at Stetson (GVO)	W, 5-2
Mar. 4	Florida Atlantic (GVO)	L, 6-7
Mar. 6	Duquesne	W, 10-5
Mar. 7	Duquesne	W, 5-3
Mar. 8	Duquesne	W, 12-2
Mar. 13	at Arkansas* (GVO)	L, 4-11
Mar. 14	at Arkansas* (GVO)	L, 4-8
Mar. 15	at Arkansas* (COX)	L, 2-4
Mar. 17	Florida State (GVO)	W, 5-4
Mar. 18	at UCF (CSS)	W, 7-3
Mar. 20	Tennessee* (SUN)	W, 3-2
Mar. 21	Tennessee* (GVO)	W, 10-2
Mar. 22	Tennessee* (GVO)	W, 7-5
Mar. 24	at UNF	L, 0-3
Mar. 25	UNF	W, 5-3
Mar. 27	Alabama* (GVO)	W, 11-4
Mar. 28	Alabama* (FSN-FL)	W, 9-8
Mar. 29	Alabama* (GVO)	W, 10-7
Mar. 31	vs. Florida State (Jax) (SUN)	L, 2-3 (5)
April 3	at Vanderbilt* (FSN-FL)	W, 8-4
April 4	at Vanderbilt* (SEC-TV)	L, 3-4
April 5	at Vanderbilt* (COX)	L, 9-16
April 7	Bethune-Cookman	W, 12-7
April 8	UCF (GVO)	W, 16-3
April 10	at Auburn*	L, 7-8 (11)
April 11	at Auburn*	W, 24-2
April 12	Arkansas*	W, 5-1
April 14	at Florida State	W, 10-2
April 15	Stetson (GVO)	W, 15-4
April 17	Ole Miss* (GVO)	L, 2-6
April 18	Ole Miss* (GVO)	W, 8-4
April 19	Ole Miss* (GVO)	L, 3-5
April 21	vs. Florida Gulf Coast	W, 12-3
April 22	USF (FSN-FL)	W, 5-4 (10)
April 24	South Carolina* (GVO)	W, 9-4
April 25	South Carolina* (SEC-TV)	W, 8-3
April 26	South Carolina* (GVO)	W, 9-5
May 1	at Georgia* (FSN-FL)	W, 10-9 (11)
May 2	at Georgia* (CSS)	W, 7-6
May 3	at Georgia*	W, 10-8
May 6	Florida Gulf Coast (GVO)	L, 5-17
May 8	at LSU* (COX)	L, 1-10
May 9	at LSU* (SUN)	L, 0-4
May 10	at LSU* (COX)	W, 9-3
May 12	Jacksonville (GVO)	W, 7-4
May 14	Kentucky* (FSN-FL)	W, 10-3
May 15	Kentucky* (GVO)	L, 7-8
May 16	Kentucky* (SUN)	W, 13-9
May 20	vs. Arkansas@ (CSS)	L, 5-8
May 21	vs. Ole Miss@ (CSS)	W, 12-2 (8)
May 22	vs. Arkansas@ (FSN)	L, 7-10
May 29	Bethune-Cookman&	W, 8-7
May 30	Miami (Fla.) & (SUN)	W, 8-2
May 31	Miami (Fla.) & (SUN)	W, 16-5
June 6	Southern Miss^ (ESPNU)	L, 7-9
June 7	Southern Miss^ (ESPN2)	L, 6-7

*SEC Game; GVO-GatorVision Online; CSS-Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast; SUN/FSN-FL-Sun Sports/FSN Florida; SEC-TV Game of the Week; COX-Cox Sports; @-SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.); &-NCAA Gainesville Regional; ^-NCAA Gainesville Super Regional