

# Media Information

**CREDENTIALS:** Requests for credentials will be taken online and reviewed by Florida basketball SID Fred Demarest. To access the credential request form, please visit the Media Services section of the GatorZone web site at [www.GatorZone.com/mediaonly](http://www.GatorZone.com/mediaonly) (please contact the Communications Office for the username and password). Click on the apply for men's basketball credentials button and follow the on screen instructions. Once you have submitted your credential request, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from the Communications Department acknowledging your information was received and is being processed. As soon as your request has been processed, you will receive additional information via e-mail on how to pick up your credentials.

**CREDENTIAL PICK-UP:** Depending on the situation, credentials will be mailed or held at the press "Will Call" window at Gate One of the O'Connell Center for pick-up prior to each game. If enough advance notice is given, credentials can be mailed or overnighted at the expense of the media organization making the request.

**INTERNET CREDENTIALS:** Only official websites of each participating institution, along with networks holding contractual broadcast rights to a game, will be issued credentials.

**PLAYER/STAFF INTERVIEWS:** Please coordinate all interview requests for the players or coaching staff through Fred Demarest at least 24 hours in advance. Interviews will be arranged before or after practice according to class and meeting schedules during the preseason and once the season begins, players will be available twice a week plus game days. Please contact Demarest for player availability during the season.

**PRACTICE COVERAGE:** University of Florida men's basketball practices are closed to the media, as are walk-throughs at the O'Connell Center the day of and day before home games.

**WEEKLY TELECONFERENCE:** The South-eastern Conference office will conduct a weekly teleconference beginning Jan. 4 and will be each Monday through March 8 while an additional teleconference with coaches from teams participating in the Postseason will be held on March 15 at times to be determined the week of.

**SCHEDULE: (All Times ET)**

Kevin Stallings (VU) . . . . .	11:00 a.m.
<b>BILLY DONOVAN (UF) . . . . .</b>	<b>11:07 am.</b>
Darrin Horn (USC) . . . . .	11:14 a.m.
Mark Fox (UGA) . . . . .	11:21 a.m.
Trent Johnson (LSU) . . . . .	11:28 a.m.
John Calipari (UK) . . . . .	11:35 a.m.
Bruce Pearl (UT) . . . . .	11:42 a.m.
John Pelphrey (Ark.) . . . . .	11:49 a.m.
Anthony Grant (UA) . . . . .	11:56 a.m.
Tony Barbee (AU) . . . . .	12:03 p.m.
Andy Kennedy (UM) . . . . .	12:10 p.m.
Rick Stansbury (MSU) . . . . .	12:17 p.m.

**PRESS CONFERENCES:** Head Coach Billy Donovan will conduct a weekly press conference at 11:15 a.m. each Monday during SEC season beginning Jan. 10 at the Women's Club, adjacent to the Florida Basketball Practice Facility. Gator players will be brought in afterwards when class schedules permit.

**MEDIA ROOM/INTERVIEW AREA:** Located in the Martial Arts room near the Gate Four entrance/exit of the O'Connell Center. Includes work space, necessary electrical outlets, and a

limited number of telephones on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are also television sets in the media room. A meal, snacks and soft drinks are also available in the media room. Post-game coaches and player press conferences are also conducted in this area.

**FLORIDA LOCKER ROOM:** The Gator locker room is closed to the media with the exception of the SEC and NCAA Tournaments. Coach Donovan and selected players will be available to the media following games in the media room/interview area. At Florida home games, players are available outside the locker room in the Gate 3 corner of the O'Connell Center while Coach Donovan will conduct a post-game press conference in the Martial Arts/Media Room.

**VISITOR LOCKER ROOM:** Interview policies and procedures will be determined by visiting Sports Information Directors and coaches. Those procedures will be announced on game days.

**RADIO:** ISDN and telephone lines are provided for visiting broadcasts. Broadcast coordinators/producers are encouraged to contact Fred Demarest prior to arrival in Gainesville to make sure all broadcast needs are met. All other telephone requests must be made through Southern Bell (Susan Fisher) at 1-800-781-0063. When ordering lines, contact Basketball SID Fred Demarest to assure proper placement along press row.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Restricted to two baseline locations closest to the team benches.

**TELEPHONES:** We strongly encourage you to make sure that your phone needs are met before game day, as there are a limited number of phones located in the media workroom. Telephone orders should be placed directly with Southern Bell (Susan Fisher, 1-800-781-0063). If you anticipate deadline problems, we recommend you order your own line to ensure meeting deadlines. The Communications Office will not be able to help you with a phone line/equipment on the day of a game.

**GENERAL GAME DAY MEDIA SERVICES:** Game program/scorecards, game notes, play-by-play, complete half-time and final statistics, coaches quote sheets and post-game notes are all regular services on game days. Coach Donovan and Florida players, and the opposing coach will conduct press conferences in the media room after the game. A fax service is also available by contacting a member of the Florida Communications staff on game day.

**PARKING:** A limited number of parking spaces exist. Please contact Basketball SID Fred Demarest as soon as possible to place a request for parking. Preference will be given to the state's major daily newspapers, radio and television stations that cover the Gators on a regular basis. All other available parking passes will be distributed on a game-by-game basis.

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