



University of Florida Lady Gator Basketball

2000-01 Schedule & Results

Overall: 24-6 (Home: 12-3 - Away: 10-2 - Neutral: 2-1)

SEC (tied-2nd): 11-3 (Home: 5-2 - Away: 6-1)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
NOVEMBER		
Fri. 17	at Fordham	W 76-36
Tue. 21	FLORIDA STATE	W 79-65
Fri. 24	vs. Harvard (1)	W 78-56
Sat. 25	vs. Maine (1)	W 87-41
Wed. 29	at West Virginia	W 96-70
DECEMBER		
Sun. 3	#11/9 PENN STATE (SUN)	W 92-79
Sat. 9	CENTRAL FLORIDA	W 85-44
Sun. 17	vs. New Mexico (SUN) (2)	W 79-58
Wed. 20	at Chicago State	W 79-30
Fri. 22	at Colorado (SUN)	L 62-98
Thu. 28	TENNESSEE ST (3)	W 100-54
Fri. 29	#7/7 RUTGERS (3) (SUN)	W 66-58
JANUARY		
Thu. 4	at #17/18 Mississippi State*	W 82-70
Sun. 7	at Kentucky*	W 85-48
Thu. 11	at #4/4 Georgia* (SUN)	L 59-72
Thu. 18	AUBURN*	W 72-59
Sun. 21	at South Carolina* (FOX/SUN)	W 97-85
Thu. 25	PROVIDENCE	W 88-56
Sun. 28	SOUTH CAROLINA*	W 91-53
FEBRUARY		
Thu. 1	#5/5 GEORGIA*	W 75-64
Sun. 4	#19/18 VANDERBILT* (SUN)	W 62-57
Thu. 8	at Arkansas* (CSSE)	W 75-64
Sun. 11	#2/2 TENNESSEE* (Comcast)	L 73-103
Thu. 15	at Mississippi*	W 71-65
Sun. 18	MISSISSIPPI ST* (SUN)	L 75-79
Thu. 22	#14/14 LOUISIANA ST*	W 67-59
Sun. 25	at Alabama* (FOX/SUN)	W 74-62
MARCH		
Fri. 2	vs. Arkansas (4) (FOX) - QF	L 69-78
Fri. 16	HOLY CROSS (5)	W 84-52
Sun. 18	WASHINGTON (5) (ESPN FC)	L 75-86

AP/USA Today-ESPN ranking; *Southeastern Conference game; **FOX** - FOX Sports Net South & Sunshine Network will televise; **SUN** - Sunshine Network television; **CSSE** - College Sports Southeast television; **ESPN FC** -- ESPN Full Court; **(1)** Dead River Company Classic, Orono, ME; **(2)** Baptist Health Systems Women's Fab Four Classic, Miami, FL - host Florida International University & Orange Bowl Committee; **(3)** STATE FARM CLASSIC, Gainesville, FL; **(4)** SEC Tournament, Memphis, TN; **(5)** NCAA Championship, Gainesville, FL



2000-01 Season Review

Information as of May 5, 2001

Final Records

Overall 24-6
 Southeastern Conference 11-3 (tied-2nd)

Postseason

NCAA Seed No. 3 in NCAA West Region (at-large)
 NCAA Record 1-1 (advanced to second round)
 History Eighth Appearance (1993-94-95-96-97-98-99-01)

Final Rankings

Associated Press No. 14
 USA Today/ESPN Coaches No. 18

Head Coach

Florida Carol Ross (229-110 in 11th season overall & at UF)

Last Time-Out

Florida L 86-75 -- March 18 vs. Washington (NCAA 2nd Round)

Game Day Media Coverage

Radio: Every game aired LIVE on WRUF- AM 850 in Gainesville with several games offered to the Gator Radio Network
 Internet: Every game aired LIVE through gatorzone.com
 Television: 13 Games (ESPN Full Court, Fox Sports Net South, Comcast, College Sports Southeast, Sunshine Network)

Primary Starting Lineup Florida Lady Gators (24-6)

#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Misc.
25	Monique Cardenas	G/F	6-0	Jr.	8.9	4.6	44.1% FG
43	Naomi Mobley	F	6-2	Jr.	10.8	9.8	46.3% FG
4	Tamara Stocks	C	6-3	Sr.	10.8	5.1	77.2% FT
5	Tombi Bell	G	5-5	Sr.	12.4	4.8	5.0 apg
11	Brandi McCain	G	5-3	Jr.	19.7	2.6	31.4% 3FG

Off the Bench

55	Vanessa Hayden	C	6-4	Fr.	10.4	9.2	52.2% FG
01	Sherisha Hills	G	5-8	So.	6.0	2.3	83.9% FT
32	Jameelah Trimble	C	6-5	So.	2.8	3.4	48.4% FG
21	Misty Knight	F	6-1	Sr.	1.2	1.4	11.7 min. pg
34	Lindsey DeLoach	G	5-10	Jr.	1.1	0.5	87.5% FT
00	Ash'lea Moore	G	5-3	Fr.	0.6	0.6	12 Gms Played

2000-01 Starting Line-Ups

Games	Record	Line-Up (F-F-C-G-G)
1-4	4-0	Cardenas - Stocks - Trimble - Bell - McCain
5-10, 13-23		
25, 27-30	16-6	Cardenas - Mobley - Stocks - Bell - McCain
11-12	2-0	Cardenas - Mobley - Stocks - Hills - McCain
24, 26	2-0	Knight - Mobley - Stocks - Bell - Cardenas

Consecutive Starts

Stocks	37 games
Cardenas	29 games
Mobley	25 games
McCain	5 games
Bell	3 games

Total Career Starts

Stocks	123	Cardenas	33
Bell	62	Trimble	4
McCain	61	Hills	2
Mobley	60	Knight	2



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2000-01 University of Florida Lady Gator Basketball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	POS	Cl	Exp	HT	Birthdate	Hometown (High School)
00	Ash'lea Moore	G	Fr.	HS	5-3	8/1/82	Gainesville, FL (P.K. Yonge)
01	Sherisha Hills	G	So.	TR	5-8	1/5/80	Tampa, FL (Academy of the Holy Names/Notre Dame)
4	Tamara Stocks	C	Sr.	3L	6-3	1/29/79	Pickerington, OH (Pickerington)
5	Tombi Bell	G	Sr.	3L	5-5	4/19/79	Miami, FL (Miami Norland)
11	Brandi McCain	G	Jr.	2L	5-3	9/21/79	Silsbee, TX (Silsbee)
12	Tara Taylor	G	Fr.	HS	5-10	9/8/81	Huntsville, AL (Butler)
21	Misty Knight	F	Sr.	3L	6-1	12/22/78	Savannah, GA (Beach)
25	Monique Cardenas	G	Jr.	2L	6-0	10/17/79	Keystone Heights, FL (Keystone Heights)
32	Jameelah Trimble	C	So.	1L	6-5	11/18/80	Opa-Locka, FL (American Senior)
34	Lindsey DeLoach	G	Jr.	2L	5-10	4/30/80	Orlando, FL (Pine Castle Christian Academy)
35	Kelly Stevenson	G	So.	*	5-7	1/6/81	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL (nease/Jacksonville)
43	Naomi Mobley	F	Jr.	2L	6-2	7/9/80	Jacksonville, FL (Ed White)
55	Vanessa Hayden	C	Fr.	HS	6-4	6/5/82	Orlando, FL (Boone)

Staff: Head Coach: Carol Ross (11th year, Mississippi '82)
 Assistant Coaches: Joi Williams (11th year, South Florida '88)
 Matthew Mitchell (first year, Mississippi State '95)
 Renee Ladner (first year, Mississippi '81)
 Athletic Trainer: Kellye Mowchan (third year with basketball, Florida '92)

Pronunciation Key:

TOMBI Bell	TOOM-be
Monique CARDENAS	car-DEAN-us
SHERISHA Hills	sure-EE-sha
Naomi MOBLEY	MO-blee
ASH'LEA Moore	ASH-lee
TAMARA Stocks	ta-MAR-uh
TARA Taylor	TAR-uh
JAMEELAH Trimble	ja-ME-la
JOI Williams	JOY

*Transferred from Jacksonville University and not eligible for 2000-01 season.

University of Florida Quick Facts

General Information

Location: Gainesville, Florida
 Founded: 1853
 Enrollment: 44,841
 Nickname: Lady Gators
 Colors: Orange and Blue
 Conference: Southeastern (SEC)
 Home Court: Stephen C. O'Connell Center (12,000)
 Press Row Phone: 352-367-1801
 President: Dr. Charles Young (UC-Riverside, '55)
 Athletics Director: Jeremy Foley (Hobart, '74)
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 Office: 352-375-4683
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 Ticket Office: 352-375-4683, ext. 6800
 Athletic Web Page: www.gatorzone.com
 Sports Offered: (18) Basketball (M&W), Baseball, Football,
 Golf (M&W), Gymnastics (W), Soccer (W),
 Softball, Swimming & Diving (M&W), Tennis (M&W),
 Track & Field (M&W, XC), Volleyball (W)

Lady Gator Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Carol Ross (Mississippi, 1982)
 Overall Record: 229-110 (11th season)
 Florida Record: 229-110 (11th season)
 SEC Record: 76-56
 Assistant Coaches: Joi Williams (South Florida, 1989)
 Matthew Mitchell (Mississippi St., 1995)
 Renee Ladner (Mississippi, 1981)
 Administrative Assistant: Margie Gill (Florida, '95)
 Secretary to Carol Ross: Lani McQuade (Holy Names)
 Athletic Trainer: Kellye Mowchan (Florida, '92)
 Strength Coach: Karin Spence (Florida, '88)
 Basketball Phone: 352-375-4683, ext. 5511
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2000-01 Season Review

Overall Record: 24-6
 SEC Record: 11-3 (tied-second)
 SEC Tournament: 0-1 (lost in quarterfinals)
 NCAA Championship: 1-1 (second round)
 Regular-Season Tournaments: 4-0 (won two titles)
 Final Rankings: No. 14 AP / No. 18 USA Today-ESPN

2000-01 Team Information (entering season)

Captains: Tombi Bell, Misty Knight & Tamara Stocks
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost from 2000: 8/7
 Starters Returning/Lost from 2000: 3/2
 Newcomers: 4
 Seniors/Jr./So./Fr.: 3/4/3/3

Program History

Overall Record: 441-328 (27th season)
 NCAA Appearances: 8 (1993-94-95-96-97-98-99-01)
 NCAA Record: 8-8 (advanced to Regional Final in '97)
 WNIT Appearances: 2 (1985-2000)
 WNIT Record: 6-2 (advanced to national final in '85 & '00)

Game-Day Media Coverage

Radio: Every game LIVE on WRUF 850AM (Gainesville)
 with games offered to the Gator Radio Network
 Internet: Every game LIVE on gatorzone.com
 Television: 13 Televised Games

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2000-01 Season Highlights

Team Milestones & Accomplishments

- *MATCHED Most Team Wins (record of 24 wins set in 1995 & 1997)
- *MATCHED highest seeding in the NCAA Championship (also No. 3 Seed in 1997 & 1998)
- *Received eighth NCAA Championship bid in program history
- *Selected to host NCAA Championship Sub-Regional for third time in program history
- *The 11 SEC wins are the most in program history, breaking the 10-win plateau set during the 1997-98 season (10-4 record)
- *Matched the highest SEC Tournament seed, No. 2
- *Secured a first-round bye (a.k.a. Top-4 finish) for the SEC Tournament for the fifth time in program history
- *womenscollegethroughs.com National Team of the Week (Feb. 6)
- *Posted eighth 20-win season in program history
- *Earned Top-10 National Ranking
- *Earned second-highest national ranking in Associated Press poll (No. 6 on Feb. 5)
- *13 Televised Games
- *Won 20th game of the season faster than other Lady Gator team — quickest by date (Feb. 8 at Arkansas) and by number of games played (22)
- *Extended home winning streak to 16 games, third longest in UF history
- *MATCHED highest-ranked opponent ever defeated (defeated No. 5 Georgia 75-64, 2/1/01)
- *Won the State Farm Classic, hosted by UF
- *Won the Dead River Company Classic, hosted by Maine
- *TIED best start to a season (9-0), with the 1983-84, 1984-85 & 1995-96 teams
- *Posted the best 19-game record in program history (17-2)
- *Posted the best 14-game record in program history (13-1)
- *First time two players recorded 100-plus assists in the same season (Tombi Bell & Brandi McCain)
- *Won sixth consecutive SEC opener
- *Played in the states of Maine and New York for the first time in program history
- *Played a team from the Mid-Continent Conference for the first time (Chicago State)

Team Records

- *All-time Single Game Home Attendance Record (12,222 fans vs. Tennessee, 2/11/01; record was 5,031 vs. Tennessee, 1/21/99) - the 12,222 fans were the fifth-most ever to see a basketball game in UF history
- *Most Blocked Shots, Season (165... record was 110 set in 1985)
- *Most 3-Pt Field Goal Attempts, Game (32 vs. Washington, 3/18/01)
- *Average Home Attendance, Season (2,621 ... record was 2,245 pg set in 1997)
- *10 Road Wins is Most Under Carol Ross (10-2 road record)
- *3-Pt. Field Goals, Season (157... record was 136 set in 1999)
- *Free Throw Pct., 70.1% (record as 68.6% set in 1997)

Individual Awards/Milestones

Carol Ross

Finalist for Naismith Coach of the Year
WBCA District 3 Coach of the Year
SEC Coach of the Year (media)

Tombi Bell

WNBA Third Round Draft Pick (Minnesota Lynx, 39th overall)
WBCA Senior All-Star Challenge participant
All-SEC, Second Team (coaches)
All-SEC, Honorable Mention (media)
Dead River Company Classic All-Tournament Team (hosted by Maine)
Team Tri-Captain

Monique Cardenas

SEC Academic Honor Roll
Dead River Company Classic All-Tournament Team (hosted by Maine, Nov. 25)
SEC Good Works Team

Lindsey DeLoach

SEC Academic Honor Roll

Vanessa Hayden

First Team Freshman All-America Team, Real Sports Magazine
All-SEC Freshman Team
SEC Player of the Week (Jan. 29) - only freshman to earn the award this season
Set Freshman record for blocks in a season (was 42 by DeLisha Milton in 1994)

Misty Knight

www.cnn.com's First Team All-Name Team
SEC Academic Honor Roll
Team Tri-Captain

Brandi McCain

First Team All-American, womenscollegethroughs.com
First Team All-American, Real Sports
Third Team All-American, Basketball Times
WBCA District 3 Kodak All-American
All-SEC, First Team (coaches & media)
Finalist for the Naismith Player of the Year Award (1 of 15)
Finalist for the Conesco Nancy Lieberman-Cline Step Up Award presented to the best point guard in the nation (1 of 10)
SEC Player of the Week (Feb. 26)
SEC Player of the Week (Dec. 4)
State Farm Classic All-Tournament Team (hosted by UF, Dec. 29)
Dead River Company Classic All-Tournament Team (hosted by Maine, Nov. 25)
Star of the Week by womenscollegethroughs.com (Dec. 4)
Steak 'n Shake Player of the Game (Orange Bowl Classic, Dec. 17)
Became the 16th Lady Gator to hit the 1,000-point plateau (Feb. 11 vs. Tennessee)

Naomi Mobley

All-SEC, Second Team (coaches)
All-SEC, Honorable Mention (media)
MVP of the State Farm Classic (hosted by UF, Dec. 29)
Dead River Company Classic All-Tournament Team (hosted by Maine, Nov. 25)

Tamara Stocks

WNBA Second Round Draft Pick (Washington Mystics, 25th overall)
Team Tri-Captain



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Statistical Review

All Games	Category	SEC Only
78.4	Points Per Game	75.6
63.4	Opp. Points PG	67.1
+15.1	Scoring Margin	+8.4
45.1	Rebounds PG	44.1
37.2	Opp. Reb. PG	38.8
+7.9	Rebound Margin	+5.3
43.2	FG %	43.3
36.9	Opp. FG %	38.4
30.3	3-Pt. FG %	29.5
32.4	Opp. 3-Pt. FG %	28.8
70.1	FT %	71.4
McCain, 19.7	Leading Scorer	McCain, 18.7
Mobley, 9.8	Leading Rebounder	Mobley, 9.9
Bell, 5.0	Assist Leader	Bell, 4.6
McCain, 31.4% (101-322)	3-Pt. FG %	McCain, 31.9% (46-144)
Bell, 37.7% (23-61)		Bell, 46.4% (13-28)

Gator Bits

* Junior **Brandi McCain** ended the season hitting at least one 3-point field goal in 15 consecutive games.

* Freshman **Vanessa Hayden** blocked at least one shot in each of UF's final 17 games of the 2001 season.

2001 Team Banquet Awards

The following awards were voted on by the players and coaching staff:

Goodwill Gator (player who unselfishly gave her time and attention to the community and volunteer affairs) - Misty Knight

The Stopper (player who played the best defense within the team's structure) - Brandi McCain and Naomi Mobley

Leadership Award (player who guided the team by example with good leadership, skill and enthusiasm and set a good example for others to follow) - Tombi Bell

Mary Myers Elliott Unsung Gator Award (player who made significant contributions, on the court, but never received recognition) - Monique Cardenas

Most Valuable Gator (player who was the most value to this team throughout the season) - Brandi McCain

Most Improved Gator (player who made the most progress throughout the season) - Vanessa Hayden

The following awards were achieved based on specific statistical accomplishments:

The InstiGator (player who was most productive when in the game - outscoring opposition while in the game) - Tamara Stocks

Fightin' Gator Hustle Award (charges, deflections, defensive rebounds) - Tombi Bell

Lady Gator Award (overall student-athlete award - combination of statistics, academics and community service) - Vanessa Hayden

Dedicated Gator (strength and conditioning award) - Sherisha Hills

Most Improved GPA - Misty Knight

Highest Overall GPA - Lindsey DeLoach (3.98 GPA)

Time Flies When You're Havin' Fun

The 2000-01 campaign began with **Tombi Bell** diving for a loose ball off the season's opening-tip from Jameelah Trimble, which sent UF's 5-5 guard crashing into press row and the Gator Radio Network equipment. That collision sent radio wires and table skirts flying in the Bronx as the Lady Gators raced toward a 76-36 victory over Fordham to open the season. Bell's play was kamikaze-like ever since that opening tip, as she and the Lady Gators provided one of the most memorable and exciting seasons in program history.

Dancing Again!

The Lady Gators were motivated to return to the NCAA Championship since last March, when they were denied a postseason bid for the first time in eight years. Instead of playing in the "Big Dance," Florida waltzed through the WNIT to the finals before losing to Wisconsin 75-74 in Madison.

In 2000-01 the Lady Gators made their eighth overall trip to the NCAA Championship and played host to the postseason tournament for the third time in program history.

Expectations Exceeded

Florida was picked to finish in sixth place in the SEC in a preseason media poll; and was absent from the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN Coaches polls.

When the dust finally settled from the regular season, the Lady Gators had earned the No. 3 seed in the NCAA Championship after finishing the regular season tied with Georgia for second place in the SEC.

Florida ended the year in the national polls ranked No. 14 & No. 18 in the country, respectively.

What a Difference a Year Makes

Through 30 games last year, Florida had a 19-11 overall record, was 6-8 in SEC games - tied for No. 6 in the SEC standings - and playing in the WNIT.

McCain's Mark

Junior guard **Brandi McCain** helped turn the Lady Gators from a WNIT team into a national contender.

The 5-foot-3 water-bug missed a total of 19 games during the 1999-2000 season due to injuries. UF managed a mere 9-10 record with McCain on the sideline, but posted a 12-3 record with her ready for action.

This season, McCain ranked in the top-10 in seven different statistical categories against SEC foes.

She was named one of 15 finalist for the **Naismith College Player of the Year** and one of 10 finalists for the **Conseco Nancy Lieberman-Cline Step Up Award** presented to the best point guard in the nation.

McCain also was named to the five-player **First Team All-America** squad, compiled by womenscolleg hoops.com, **First Team All-America** by Real Sports and was a **Kodak District 3 Honorable Mention All-American**.

"Big V"

Vanessa Hayden was extremely impressive during her rookie season, finishing No. 2 in the SEC in rebounding. She was the only freshman in the league to be recognized as the SEC Player of the Week, when she was honored on January 29th.

With her first of two blocks against Arkansas on Feb. 8, Hayden - or "Big V" as her teammates have nicknamed her - established a new UF freshman record for rejections. She passed DeLisha Milton's mark of 42 set in 1994.



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2000-01 National Polls

Associated Press Poll FINAL - March 12, 2001

1. Connecticut (32).....	990
2. Notre Dame (5).....	951
3. Tennessee (3).....	934
4. Georgia.....	860
5. Duke.....	851
6. Louisiana Tech.....	778
7. Oklahoma.....	722
8. Iowa St.....	715
9. Purdue.....	642
10. Vanderbilt.....	618
11. Rutgers.....	598
12. Xavier.....	566
13. Texas Tech.....	522
14. Florida.....	492
15. Sw Missouri St.....	399
16. Iowa.....	374
17. Utah.....	371
18. LSU.....	303
19. N. Carolina St.....	287
20. Colorado.....	236
21. Penn St.....	161
22. Clemson.....	120
23. Baylor.....	85
24. Wisconsin.....	82
25. (tie) Arizona St.....	35
25. (tie) Virginia Tech.....	35

Others Receiving Votes: Drake 30, Stanford 29, Villanova 29, Colorado St 27, Toledo 24, **Washington 23**, Michigan 15, Idaho St 14, St Marys Ca 14, Texas 14, TCU 11, Missouri 10, **Arkansas 8**, Geo Washington 7, Santa Barbara 5, **Florida St 4**, Tulane 4, Arizona 3, Virginia 2.

USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll FINAL - April 2, 2001

1. Notre Dame (10).....	1,000
2. Purdue.....	948
3. Connecticut (24).....	925
4. Sw Missouri St.....	817
5. Tennessee (6).....	758
6. Louisiana Tech.....	748
7. Vanderbilt.....	736
8. Duke.....	719
9. Xavier.....	712
10. Oklahoma.....	590
11. Texas Tech.....	544
12. Iowa St.....	542
13. Georgia.....	534
14. Washington.....	439
15. Utah.....	414
16. No Carolina St.....	382
17. Rutgers.....	367
18. Florida.....	301
19. Missouri.....	270
20. LSU.....	265
21. Iowa.....	198
22. Clemson.....	161
23. Colorado.....	154
24. Villanova.....	70
25. Florida St.....	64

Others: Stanford 59; **Penn State 52**; St. Mary's (Calif.) 39; **Arkansas 25**; Texas 23; Colorado State 22; Virginia Tech 16; Arizona 14; Wisconsin 14; Texas Christian 13; Michigan 12; Arizona State 10; **New Mexico 7**; George Washington 6; Virginia 6; Baylor 5; Maryland 4; Chattanooga 3; Hawaii 3; Ohio State 3; Oregon 3; Liberty 1; Loyola Marymount 1; Tulane 1.

Florida Week-by-Week in the 2000-01 Polls

Week	AP	USA Today/ESPN
Preseason	rv (8/9)	rv (8/12)
Nov. 14	rv (8/10)	no poll
Nov. 20	rv (8/10)	rv (8/9)
Nov. 27	rv (8/10)	rv (8/11)
Dec. 4	20 (8/11)	22 (8/11)
Dec. 11	18 (8/10)	20 (8/9)
Dec. 18	16 (8/10)	16 (8/10)
Dec. 25	19 (8/11)	19 (8/11)
Jan. 1	14 (8/11)	15 (8/13)
Jan. 8	10 (8/10)	11 (8/11)
Jan. 15	10 (7/11)	12 (7/12)
Jan. 22	10 (7/12)	11 (7/12)
Jan. 29	9 (7/10)	11 (6/12)
Feb. 5	6 (7/10)	9 (7/12)
Feb. 12	9 (7/11)	9 (7/11)
Feb. 19	11 (7/9)	10 (7/11)
Feb. 26	11 (7/7)	10 (7/10)
March 5	15 (7/8)	14 (7/9)
March 12	Final -14 (7/10)	14 (7/11)
April 2	no poll	Final -18 (8/11)

(opponents in Top-25 / total receiving votes)

Lady Gator Poll Notes

- * All-time number of weeks ranked in AP: 95
- * Highest AP ranking: 5th, Nov. 24, 1997
- * High USA Today/ESPN rank: 5th, Nov. 25, 1997
- * First AP ranking: 19th on Dec. 26, 1983

BOLDFACE indicates 2000-01 opponent

Hayden earned First Team Freshman All-America honors by Real Sports and was named to the five-player SEC All-Freshman Team.

Injury Woes

Senior **Tombi Bell** received a concussion with 1:17 remaining in the game against Mississippi State (Feb. 18) after colliding heads with Meadow Overstreet. The blow to the head sidelined the gutsy Bell, who was unable to suit up on Thu., Feb. 22 against LSU on "Senior Night." She was cleared by Florida physicians to play in the regular season finale against Alabama.

Junior **Monique Cardenas** suffered a deep bond bruise in her right tibia (a non-weight bearing bone) on the final play of the game against MSU and was forced to go to the hospital for x-rays following the game. She did not miss a game due to the injury.

Junior **Brandi McCain** was listed as day-to-day for the later part of the season because of chronic plantar fasciitis in her right foot, a nagging injury that sidelined her for the Feb. 15 game at Ole Miss. Two games later she led UF with 21 points in the Feb. 22 win over LSU.

Junior **Naomi Mobley** also was listed as day-to-day for most of the year because of chronic instability in her right shoulder. Her shoulder subluxed (aka "popped-out") during the Tennessee game on Feb. 11 and

was extremely sore since. She underwent surgery on April 9th to repair and correct that instability.

Sherisha Hills, Tara Taylor and **Kelly Stevenson** all suffered ACL injuries this season.

ACL Trio

The ACL injury bug bit three Lady Gators during the season.

Sophomore **Sherisha Hills** injured her right knee with 4:38 remaining in UF's January 18th victory against Auburn. She underwent successful reconstructive surgery on February 19th.

Freshman **Tara Taylor** tore the ACL in her left knee during UF's Nov. 12 exhibition game against Norrkoping. The rookie, who totaled 34 points and 10 steals over two games, suffered the injury with 11:23 remaining in the contest. She underwent successful reconstructive surgery on January 3rd.

Sophomore **Kelly Stevenson** tore the ACL in her left knee during preseason conditioning drills on September 25, 2000 and underwent reconstructive surgery on Oct. 9.

Thin Was In

The Lady Gators played four games with only seven scholarship players available for action. UF topped Ole Miss on Feb. 15 when Brandi McCain (chronic plantar fasciitis) was sidelined and defeated LSU on Feb. 22 with Tombi Bell (concussion) in street clothes. Jameelah Trimble left the team prior to the NCAA Tournament, where the team posted a 1-1 record. Florida usually dressed eight scholarship players after three ACL injuries rocked the team.

Four Earn All-SEC Postseason Honors

Junior **Brandi McCain** was one of four members of the University of Florida women's basketball team recognized by the Southeastern Conference coaches in the postseason awards.

McCain was honored as a First Team All-SEC performer for the second time in her career. She also received the award for her freshman season.

Senior **Tombi Bell** (Miami, FL) and junior **Naomi Mobley** (Jacksonville, FL) were named Second Team All-SEC, while **Vanessa Hayden** (Orlando, FL) was recognized to the five-player All-Freshman Team.



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Talent Tales

UF head coach **Carol Ross** and assistant coach **Renee Ladner** were college teammates at Ole Miss, where they were coached by **Van Chancellor**, who was the color analyst for all "SEC Game of the Week" broadcasts. In fact, Chancellor was Ladner's coach at Harrison Central High School in Gulfport, Miss., before both moved on to the college scene.

UF assistant coach **Matthew Mitchell**, who does a remarkable Van Chancellor impression, is from the same hometown of Louisville, Miss., as Coach Chancellor.

Senior Salute

UF's three seniors - **Tombi Bell**, **Misty Knight** and **Tamara Stocks** - helped the Lady Gators to a combined 87-42 overall record during their four-year tenure, including a 47-13 home record.

SEC Tournament Talk

Florida's victory at Ole Miss on Feb. 15, combined with a variety of outcomes in other SEC games played that evening, secured the Lady Gators a top-4 seed in the SEC Tournament and had a first-round bye. It was the fifth time in the 21-years UF competed in the league's postseason event that the Lady Gators had a first-round bye. It also is the first time since 1998 that the Lady Gators rested on day one of the tournament. That squad, led by All-American Murriel Page, also finished a program-high tied-for-second in the standings and entered as the No. 2 seed in the tournament.

1,000-Point Club Gets New Member

Junior **Brandi McCain** became the 16th Lady Gator to score 1,000-career points, when she hit a 3-pointer with 7:13 remaining in the game against Tennessee on February 11th. McCain ended the evening with 1,003 career points - 18 in the game.

Swat Squad

The 2000-01 Lady Gator team needed just 21 games to break the all-time program blocks record of 110 set by the 1984-85 team. Freshman **Vanessa Hayden** was the primary rejector for Florida, swatting a new freshman record of 68, smashing the old mark of 42 set by DeLisha Milton in 1994. Hayden and company blocked 165 shots during the season.

20 Wins Again!

Florida's 75-64 victory at Arkansas on February 8th was the team's 20th win of the season, marking the eighth 20-win season in program history and the seventh time the plateau has been reached under Coach Ross.

It also was the quickest Florida has

Head Coach Carol Ross

Ross vs. All Opponents		Ross' Record		SEC			
		Year	Overall	SEC	Finish	Home	Postseason
Alabama	10-7	1990-91	17-11	3-7	t-8th	10-4	—
Alabama State	2-0	1991-92	15-13	4-7	t-7th	8-5	—
Appalachian State	1-0	1992-93	19-10	6-5	t-4th	9-3	NCAA
Arizona	1-1	1993-94	22-7	8-3	3rd	14-0	NCAA
Arizona State	1-0	1994-95	24-9	7-4	t-4th	10-2	NCAA
Arkansas	12-2	1995-96	21-9	6-5	t-5th	9-1	NCAA
Arkansas State	2-0	1996-97	24-9	9-3	t-3rd	9-3	NCAA
Auburn	5-9	1997-98	23-9	10-4	t-2nd	16-0	NCAA
Barry	1-0	1998-99	19-14	6-8	t-8th	8-7	NCAA
Baylor	1-0	1999-00	21-13	6-8	t-6th	11-3	WNIT
Bethune Cookman	4-0	2000-01	24-6	11-3	t-2nd	12-3	NCAA
Boise State	1-0	Total	229-110	76-57		117-31	8 NCAA, 1 WNIT
Boston College	0-1	Carol Ross has invested 22 years in the SEC					
Bowling Green	1-0	Four years as a player (Ole Miss)					
California	2-0	Seven years as an assistant coach (Auburn)					
Central Florida	8-0	11 years as a head coach (Florida)					
Chicago State	1-0	Carol Ross at a Glance					
Clemson	0-1	Hometown: Oakland, Miss.					
Colorado	0-1	Education: Ole Miss (B.S. in Education, 1982)					
Colorado State	0-2	Highlights:					
Connecticut	0-1	*Finalist for 2001 Naismith National Coach of the Year					
Dayton	1-0	*Named 2001 WBCA District 9 Coach of the Year					
Duke	1-1	*Named 1997 WBCA District 9 Coach of the Year					
East Carolina	1-0	*Named 2001 SEC Coach of the Year (media)					
E. Michigan	1-0	*Named 1994 SEC Coach of the Year (coaches & media)					
Fairfield	1-0	*2000 Coaches vs. Cancer Champion Award recipient					
Florida Atlantic	4-1	*Named head coach of the 1998 USA Select Team					
Florida A&M	1-0	*Nine consecutive postseason berths					
Fla. International	1-0	*Eight NCAA Championship appearances					
Florida State	13-2	*Seven 20-win seasons					
Fordham	1-0	*All-time winningest coach at Florida					
Furman	2-0	*Coached players on the 1992, '96 & 2000 U.S. Olympic teams					
George Washington	2-0	*Coached the 1997 Wade Trophy winner					
Georgetown	1-1	*Coached 1997 SEC Player of the Year					
Georgia	4-14	*Coached Florida's first-ever first team All-American (Kodak & Associated Press)					
Georgia Southern	2-0	*Helped 24 students-athletes to All-SEC accolades					
Hampton	1-0	*Tutored 34 student-athletes to SEC Academic Honor Roll status					
Harvard	1-0	North Texas	1-0	Stanford	0-1		
Holy Cross	1-0	Ohio	1-0	Stetson	5-0		
Huntsville	1-0	Old Dominion	0-1	Tennessee	1-13		
Illinois	1-2	Pennsylvania	1-0	Tennessee State	3-0		
Indiana	1-0	Penn State	1-1	Tennessee Tech	1-1		
Indiana State	1-0	Pepperdine	1-1	Texas	3-1		
Iowa	1-0	Providence	1-0	Texas A&M	0-1		
Kansas	1-0	Purdue	0-3	UC-Santa Barbara	0-1		
Kansas State	1-0	Radford	1-0	Utah	1-0		
Kentucky	9-4	Rhode Island	1-0	Vanderbilt	8-7		
Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0	Richmond	0-1	Villanova	1-0		
Louisiana State	8-4	Rutgers	2-0	Virginia	0-2		
Louisiana Tech	1-0	St. Bonaventure	1-0	Virginia Tech	2-0		
Loyola Marymount	1-0	San Francisco	1-1	Washington	0-1		
Lynn	1-0	South Alabama	1-1	West Virginia	4-1		
Maine	1-0	South Carolina	12-1	Western Kentucky	1-0		
Manhattan	1-0	South Florida	5-0	Western Michigan	2-0		
Marquette	1-1	Southern Cal	1-0	William and Mary	1-0		
Maryland	1-0	Southern Mississippi	1-2	Wisconsin-Green Bay	1-0		
Massachusetts	1-0	Southwest Texas	2-0	Wisconsin-Madison	0-1		
Memphis	1-1	Stephen F. Austin	0-2	TOTAL	229-110		
Mercer	1-0						
Miami	7-1						
Mississippi	9-2						
Mississippi State	8-5						
Montana	1-0						
Montana State	1-0						
New Hampshire	1-0						
New Mexico	1-0						
New Mexico State	1-0						
New Orleans	1-1						
North Carolina	1-1						
N.C.-Charlotte	2-0						
North Carolina State	1-0						



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reached the 20-win mark -- by date and by number of games played (22)!

High Five

The Lady Gators matched the program record for the highest-ranked opponent UF has ever defeated after topping No. 5 Georgia 75-64 on Feb. 1st.

Record vs. Ranked Opponents

Florida was 6-2 against nationally ranked opponents this season.

The Lady Gators are 34-61 all-time versus top-25 ranked opponents (AP rank) under coach Carol Ross. During 10 years with Ross at the helm, UF is 11-39 against top-10 teams and 23-22 versus teams ranked Nos. 11-25. The Lady Gators have pulled 22 upset victories over higher-ranked teams under Ross.

Under Ross, UF is 17-21 at home versus top-25 teams, 9-30 on the road and 8-10 at neutral site arenas.

"Coach Mitchell & the B Team"

Assistant coach **Matthew Mitchell** sang the National Anthem prior to UF's final home game this season - a 67-59 win over LSU on February 22nd. He was the lead singer in a band in Mississippi named "Coach Mitchell & the B Team."

Swamp Sweet Swamp

Prior to the February 11 loss to Tennessee, the Lady Gators had a 16-game home winning streak, the third longest home winning streak in program history. The run began with a 79-63 victory over South Carolina on Jan. 30, 2000. The all-time streak is 21 games, followed by a string of 20 consecutive victories.

Road Rules

Florida is the only team in the SEC that opened its conference schedule playing its first three games on the road. In fact, the Lady Gators played four of their first five league games away from home. Last year UF compiled 1-6 SEC road record, but regrouped this year and posted a 6-1 mark.

Off and Running

Florida's 13-1 record to open the season was the team's best-ever mark through its first 14 games. Three previous Lady Gator teams had gone 12-1, but each lost its 14th game of the year.

Top-10 Again!

Florida reentered the top-10 in the Associated Press poll on Jan. 8, 2001 for the first time since February 9, 1998, when the Lady Gators were ranked No. 8. The team had an 18-5 overall record at that time and was led by senior All-American Murriel Page. The 1997-98 squad advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16, where it lost to Duke and

ended the year with a 23-9 record. UF tied for second place in the SEC that year, the Lady Gator's best-ever finish in the league race.

Ranking Returns

After defeating then-No. 11-ranked Penn State on Dec. 3, the Lady Gators received enough votes in the Associated Press and the USA Today/ESPN Coaches polls to enter the top-25. UF entered the Dec. 4 AP poll at the No. 20 spot and the coaches poll at No. 22. The Dec. 4th ranking is the first time the Lady Gators have been in the top-25 of either poll since January 17, 1999.

Bell Dinged

Senior **Tombi Bell** did not suit up for the December 28 game against Tennessee State after injuring her left patella during practice on December 26. She had started a team-high 44 consecutive games prior to being sidelined.

Fun While it Lasted

Florida tied the all-time program record for the best start to open a season by winning its first nine games of the year. The quick start also was accomplished by the 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1995-96 teams.

Welcome Back!

A pair of former State Farm Classic Tournament MVPs returned to the O'Connell Center during the two-day event. Lady Gators **Sophia Witherspoon** and **Murriel Page**, who garnered the 1990 and 1997 honor, respectively, presented the team and individual trophies during the post-tournament ceremony.

Whew!

UF's December 22nd game against Colorado was the final contest of a three-game road trip for the Lady Gators, who played three games in three different time zones over a six-day span.

Magnolia Madness

For the first time since Carol Ross has taken the helm at Florida there was not one player from the state of Mississippi on the Lady Gator roster. However, three of the four coaches are from the Magnolia State. **Coach Ross** was born and raised in Oakland before playing hoops at Ole Miss. **Matthew Mitchell** is a native of Louisville, Miss., and graduated from MSU in 1995. **Renee Ladner** hails from Gulfport and played basketball at Ole Miss from 1977-81 when she was teammates with Ross.

First Time for Everything

The Lady Gators' season of 'firsts' continued when Florida played its first-ever game against a team from the Mid-Continent

In Case You're New to Lady Gator & SEC Women's Basketball...

Did you know ...

- ... Florida has the second highest number of former players in the WNBA (8) of any school in the nation.
- ... former Lady Gator great **DeLisha Milton** was a member of the 2000 USA Olympic team.
- ... 18 Lady Gator games were televised last season.
- ... Florida is one of only two schools in the country to finish in the top 10 in national all-sports rankings every year since 1983-84.
- ... the average daily temperature in Gainesville is 70 degrees.
- ... *Sports Illustrated for Women* ranked Florida's women's athletics program No. 2 in the nation in the fall of 2000.

SEC Standings & Games

- ... unlike the format used by several other SEC sports, the SEC women's basketball format does NOT split the 12 league teams into two divisions. Teams play for places one through 12.
- ... each SEC team plays 14 regular season conference games, facing each team once, and three teams twice with home-and-home outings. Each school is assigned a permanent "geographic rival" to play twice every year (UF's is Georgia), and rotates every two years with two different teams (UF played Mississippi State & South Carolina twice during the 2001 season).

SECond to None!

- ... five former SEC athletes comprised the 12-member USA Olympic Basketball team in Sydney, including UF's **DeLisha Milton**.
- ... 35 former SEC players were on WNBA opening-day rosters in 2000.
- ... six of the 12 SEC schools have reached the Final Four.
- ... nine of the 12 SEC schools earned postseason bids in 2000.
- ... 11 of the 12 SEC schools have made at least four NCAA Tournament appearances.

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Conference, defeating Chicago State. The Lady Gators began the season playing games in the states of New York and Maine for the first time in the 27-year history of the program.

Sunshine Success

In 11 seasons under coach **Carol Ross**, the Lady Gators have posted a 50-4 record against other teams from the state of Florida. Only two teams from the Sunshine State appear on the Lady Gator schedule this season (FSU Nov. 21 & UCF Dec. 9).

Florida Atlantic was the last team from the Sunshine State to defeat the Lady Gators, claiming the 84-63 win on Feb. 16, 1993.

Since that loss, UF has won 37 consecutive games against its Sunshine State rivals.

Heads Up!

Freshman **Vanessa Hayden** blocked seven shots in the game against Colorado on December 22nd - one shy of the school's all-time record set by **Quientella Bonner**. Hayden became only the second player to block at least seven shots joining Bonner, who accomplished the feat eight times, last on January 8, 1981.

Going ... and going ... and going ...

Senior **Tamara Stocks** started her 100th career game in the win against Penn State. While she hasn't started every game, Stocks has never missed playing in a game during her career and is on pace to set the all-time program record for games started, which is 116 set by DeLisha Milton from 1993-97.

Road Warriors

Four of the Lady Gator's first five games this season were played away from Gainesville. Without having left the eastern time zone, Florida traveled 5,774 miles to open its season!

Brandi's Back!

Junior **Brandi McCain** was recognized as one of the nation's top five point guards, selected by Beth Mowins for ESPN.com. McCain is listed with Connecticut's Sue Bird, Oklahoma's Stacey Dales, Notre Dame's Niele Ivey and Georgia's Kelly Miller.

Tough Enough

UF played three teams that advanced to the 2000 NCAA Final Four. Penn State, Rutgers and national runner-up Tennessee all visit the Stephen C. O'Connell Center this season.

Florida played 14 games against teams that competed in the postseason last year.

Baby Gators

On Thu., Nov. 9, UF collected two commitments from highly-touted prep stars, with **Tishona (tuh-SHAWN-uh) Gregory** from Romulus, Mich., and **Tamia (tuh-ME-uh) Williams** from West Palm Beach each signing a National Letter of Intent to play for the Lady Gators next year.

During the late signing period, **Courtney Cooper** from Miami, Fla., and **Trisha Patterson** from Toronto, Canada, joined the Lady Gator team.

Gregory, a 5-foot-5 point guard from Detroit King High School, is was one of 11 finalists for Michigan's Miss Basketball. She is a Class A Third Team All-State honoree, a USA Today Honorable Mention All-American, a Nike All-American and a First Team All-Metro (Detroit) selection.

Williams, a 6-foot perimeter player from Palm Beach Gardens HS, is regarded as one of the highest rated prep players from the state of Florida, ranking as high as no. 8 in the country by All-Star Girls Report.

Cooper, a 5-10 forward, was a Kodak Junior College All-American at Miami-Dade Community College, where she also was named the 2001 Southern Conference Player of the Year. She led the nation in rebounding each of her two years, averaging 15.0 during her JC career. Cooper also tallied two-year averages of 15.7 points and 4.3 steals per game.

Patterson is a 6-foot-2 forward from Miami-Dade Community College, where she contributed 13.9 points, 10.1 rebounds and blocked 41 shots in 26 games last season. She earned first team All-Southern Conference honors last year, finishing eighth in the nation in rebounding. Patterson, a native of Toronto, Canada, helped the Lady Sharks into the FCCAA state championship, earning All-Tournament honors for her performance after scoring 25 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

WE Got Next!

With eight former Lady Gators on 2000 opening-day WNBA rosters, Florida ranked No. 2 among all schools in the nation for the number of active alumnae in the league. Stanford leads the country with 13 players.

Tombi Bell and **Tamara Stocks** joined the growing list of Gators in the WNBA, as they were drafted by Minnesota and Washington, respectively, in the 2001 draft.

Active Lady Gators in the WNBA

Tammy Jackson, Houston
Merlakia Jones, Cleveland
DeLisha Milton, Los Angeles
Murriel Page, Washington
Bridget Pettis, Phoenix
Tiffany Travis, Charlotte
Tonya Washington, Washington
Sophia Witherspoon, Portland

Schools with Men's & Women's Teams in the 2001 NCAA Championship

School	Seed (M)	Seed (W)
Arkansas	7 West	9 West
Duke	1 West	1 West
Florida	3 South	3 West
Georgia	8 East	2 East
Georgia State	11 West	14 East
Holy Cross	15 East	14 West
Iowa	7 East	4 Midwest
Iowa State	2 West	2 Midwest
Maryland	3 West	8 East
Missouri	10 East	9 East
Notre Dame	6 Midwest	1 Midwest
Oklahoma	4 South	2 West
Penn State	7 South	6 East
Stanford	1 West	10 West
Tennessee	8 Midwest	1 Mideast
Texas	6 South	8 Midwest
Virginia	5 South	9 Midwest
Wisconsin	6 West	7 East
Xavier	11 Midwest	4 Mideast

SEC Schools with Men's & Women's Teams in the 2001 NCAA Championship

Arkansas ... FLORIDA ... Georgia ...
Tennessee

Other Dancing Gators in the 2001 NCAA Field

Former Players

Amanda Butler (1990-94) is an assistant coach at Austin Peay State
Kerry Cremeans (1990-94) is an assistant coach at Purdue
Erika Lang (1988-92) is an assistant coach at Wisconsin

Former Lady Gator Coaches

Mickey DeMoss (head coach) is an assistant coach at Tennessee
Lea Henry (assistant & head coach) is the head coach at Georgia State
Michael Peck (assistant coach) is an assistant coach at Penn State
Jim Davis (assistant coach) is the head coach at Clemson

