



2005-06 Florida Women's Basketball

Florida Women's Basketball (21-9, 8-6 SEC)

Season at a Glance

Overall Record: 21-9
 SEC Record (finish): 8-6 (tied-fifth)
 NCAA Tournament: 0-1 (First Round)
 SEC Tournament: 1-1 (Quarterfinals)
 Regular-Season Tournaments: 4-0 (two titles)
 Captains: Brittany Davis & Sarah Lowe

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Carolyn Peck (Vanderbilt, 1988)
 Records (overall / at UF): 120-65 (six years) / 63-54 (four years)
 Assistant Coaches: Shell Dailey (Texas '86) – first year at UF
 Jose Mori (Penn State '00) – second year at UF
 Michael Peck (Marshall '96) – fifth year at UF

2005-06 Team Information

Co-Captains: Brittany Davis & Sarah Lowe
 Seniors (4): Brittany Davis, Dalila Eshe, Sarah Lowe & Danielle Santos
 Juniors (2): Kim Dye & Briana Phillips
 Sophomore (1): Depree Bowden
 Freshmen (5): . Sha Brooks, Brooke Cornish, Kim Critton, Marshae Dotson
 & Jessica Jackson
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost from 2004-05: 7 / 4
 Starters Returning/Lost from 2004-05: 1 / 4

Game-Day Media Coverage

Radio: Every game aired LIVE on WRUF AM850 in Gainesville
 ... w/ audio simulcast on Cox Channel 96 with Steve Babik & Steve Russell
 Internet: Audio of all 30 games aired LIVE thru GatorZone.com
 GatorVision Online: 11 games offered during the service's third season
 Television: 13 Games (Sun Sports, FSN South, FSN Southwest,
 ComCast Sports, Cox Sports, ESPN2)

Florida's Primary Starting Lineup

#	Player	P	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Misc.
32	Brittany Davis	F	6-2	Sr.	12.0	7.1	47.9% FG
34	Dalila Eshe	F	6-3	Sr.	14.2	7.1	44.1% FG
3	Sha Brooks	G	5-7	Fr.	13.7	2.6	33.2% 3FG
11	Sarah Lowe	G	5-7	Sr.	7.1	2.6	3.9 apg
21	Danielle Santos	G	5-10	Sr.	9.0	4.9	2.8 apg

Gators Off the Bench

44	Marshae Dotson	F	5-11	Fr.	6.8	4.5	55.7% FG
20	Depree Bowden	G	5-11	So.	3.7	2.8	13.8 min. pg
4	Kim Dye	G	5-8	Jr.	2.7	0.4	35.3% 3FG
15	Kim Critton	G	5-7	Fr.	1.3	1.1	39.1% FG
41	Brooke Cornish	F	6-4	Fr.	1.3	0.7	4-6 FG
31	Jessica Jackson	C	6-3	Fr.	1.3	0.9	10-43 FG
50	Briana Phillips	F	6-2	Jr.	2.6*	1.4*	45.8% FG

> Microfracture surgery on left knee, Oct. 5 ... *stats from 2004-05

2005-06 Starting Line-Ups

Games	Record	Line-Up (F-F-C-G-G)
1-2	2-0	Santos-Davis-Eshe-Brooks-Bowden
3	0-1	Santos-Davis-Eshe-Lowe-Bowden
4-29	19-8	Santos-Davis-Eshe-Brooks-Lowe

2005-06 Florida Gators

Schedule & Results

Overall: 21-9 (Home: 12-3 Away: 7-4 Neutral: 2-2)
 SEC (tied-fifth): 8-6 (Home: 4-3 Away: 4-3)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
NOVEMBER		
Fri. 18	vs. St. Francis (NY) College (1)	W 83-57
Sat. 19	at Seton Hall (1)	W 52-48
Wed. 23	at Florida State	L 76-82
Sun. 27	STETSON (SUN)	W 85-56
Wed. 30	at Charlotte (FSNF)	W 93-80
DECEMBER		
Sat. 3	at #18/16 Temple	W 58-55
Mon. 5	SOUTH ALABAMA (GVO)	W 74-57
Fri. 9	ILLINOIS (DH) (FSNF)	W 69-64
Mon. 19	TEXAS-ARLINGTON (GVO)	W 59-49
Wed. 21	FLORIDA A&M (GVO)	W 73-58
Wed. 28	RHODE ISLAND (2) (GVO)	W 76-62
Thu. 29	LIBERTY (2) (GVO)	W 73-50
JANUARY		
Mon. 2	FLORIDA STATE (SUN)	W 72-62
Thu. 5	ALABAMA* (GVO)	W 59-44
Sun. 8	at #17/18 Georgia* (SUN)	L 70-89
Thu. 12	KENTUCKY* (GVO)	L 65-80
Thu. 19	at Ole Miss*	W 66-58
Sun. 22	#19 VANDERBILT* (GVO)	W 73-59
Thu. 26	at Arkansas* (COX)	L 63-69
Sun. 29	#15 GEORGIA* (GVO)	L 55-92
FEBRUARY		
Thu. 2	AUBURN* (SEC-TV)	W 72-61
Sun. 5	at #21/23 Kentucky* (SEC-TV)	W 68-61
Thu. 9	at Mississippi State* (ComCast)	W 63-48
Sun. 12	SOUTH CAROLINA* (GVO)	L 63-81
Thu. 16	#2/3 LSU* (GVO)	W-ot 79-78
Sun. 19	at Auburn*	L 58-73
Sun. 26	at #5 Tennessee* (CSS)	W-ot 95-93
MARCH		
Thu. 2	vs. Mississippi State (3-1R)	W 98-83
Fri. 3	vs. Kentucky (3-QF)	L 70-88
Sat. 18	vs. #24 New Mexico (4-1R)	L 59-83

Times are EASTERN unless noted

*Southeastern Conference game; #AP/USA Today Coaches ranking at time of game; **SEC-TV** – FSN South, FSN Southwest & Sun Sports will televise; **SUN** – Sun Sports & FCS will televise; **FSNF** - FSN Florida & FCS will televise; **COX** - Cox Sports will televise; **GVO** - GatorVision Online internet video broadcast; (1) Seton Hall Basketball Classic, South Orange, N.J.; (2) State Farm Classic, Gainesville, Fla.; (3) SEC Tournament, North Little Rock, Ark.; (4) NCAA Championship, Tucson, Ariz.

University of Florida Women's Basketball * 2005-06 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	POS	CL	HT	Hometown (High School)
3	Sha Brooks	G	Fr.	5-7	Jackson, Tenn. (Jackson North Side)
4	Kim Dye	G	Jr.	5-8	Fayetteville, Tenn. (Shelbyville)
11	Sarah Lowe	G	Sr.	5-7	Wynnewood, Pa. (Lower Merion)
15	Kim Critton	G	Fr.	5-7	Memphis, Tenn. (Mitchell)
20	Depree Bowden	G	So.	5-11	Palmetto, Fla. (Southeast)
21	Danielle Santos	G	Sr.	5-10	Marietta, Ga. (Wheeler)
31	Jessica Jackson	C	Fr.	6-3	Collierville, Tenn. (Craigmont)
32	Brittany Davis	F	Sr.	6-2	Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)
34	Dalila Eshe	F	Sr.	6-3	Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida)
41	Brooke Cornish	F	Fr.	6-4	Collegeville, Pa. (Archbishop Carroll)
44	Marshae Dotson	F	Fr.	5-11	Columbus, Ohio (Mifflin)
50	Briana Phillips	F	Jr.	6-2	Palmetto, Fla. (Southeast)

Pronunciation Key:

SHA Brooks SHAY
MARSHAE Dotson mar-SHAY
DALILA ESHE da-LEE-la esh-SHAY
 Sarah **LOWE** LOW
BRIANA Phillips bree-ANN-uh
 Danielle **SANTOS** SAN-tos
 Kim **BOES** BASE
 Jose **MORI** MORE-e

General UF Quick Facts

Location: Gainesville, Fla. (pop. 111,224)
Founded: 1853
Enrollment: 48,673
Nickname: Gators
Colors: Orange and Blue (PMS 172 and 286)
Conference: Southeastern (SEC)
Home Court: Stephen C. O'Connell Center (12,000)
Press Row Phone: 352-367-1801
President: Dr. J. Bernard Machen
Athletics Director: Jeremy Foley
Associate AD - SWA: Lynda Tealer
Faculty Rep: Dr. Jill Varnes
Ticket Office: 352-375-4683, ext. 6800
Athletic Web Page: www.GatorZone.com

Coaching Staff:

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Assistant Coaches: Shell Dailey (Texas '86) – first year at UF
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Support Staff:

Asst. to Head Coach: Kim Boes (Brown-Mackie College '92)
Student Coach: Tashia Morehead
Strength Coach: Karin Werth (Florida '88)
Athletic Trainer: Paul Kinney (Cal-Polytechnic State '97)
Student Trainer: Tanya Herman
Academic Advisor: Lindy Brown (Oregon State '99)
Sports Information: Kathy Cafazzo (Penn State '93)
Managers: Meagan Edwards, Jared Fleet, Billy McCall,
 Michael Robuck & Serena Wilson
Video Coordinator: Adam Beaupre
Video Mangers: Matt Bowers, Bill Ferrara, Amanda Noriega & Fred Williams

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 .. Cross Country (M&W), Golf (M&W), Gymnastics (W), Soccer (W),
 Softball, Swimming & Diving (M&W), Tennis (M&W),
 Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field (M&W), Volleyball (W)

Coaching Staff

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Florida Record: 63-54 (fourth year)
Assistant Coaches: Shell Dailey (Texas, 1986)
 Jose Mori (Penn State, 2000)
 Michael Peck (Marshall, 1996)
Assistant to the Head Coach: Kim Boes (Brown-Mackie 1992)
Secretary to Carolyn Peck: Lani McQuade (Holy Names)
Athletic Trainer: Paul Kinney (Cal-Polytechnic State, 1997)
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Newcomers: 5
Seniors/Jr./So./Fr.: 4 / 2 / 1 / 5

Program History

Overall Record: 522-392 (32nd year)
SEC Record: 120-175 (27 years)
NCAA Appearances: 11 (1993-94-95-96-97-98-99-01-02-04-06)
NCAA Record: 9-11 (advanced to Regional Final in 1997)
WNIT Appearances: 3 (1985, 2000, 2005)
WNIT Record: 6-3 (advanced to national final in 1985 & 2000)
WNBA Draftees: 14

2005-06 Honors, Awards & Milestones

Team

- *Earned a bid into the NCAA Championship for the 11th time in program history
- *Won 20 games for the ninth time in program history
- *Won an SEC Tournament game for the first time since 2000
- *Played in front of the largest crowd in program history (20,790 on Feb. 26 vs. Tennessee in Knoxville)
- *Defeated No. 5 Tennessee in Knoxville for the first time in program history (Feb. 26)
- *Became just second unranked team ever to defeat Tennessee at home and the first in Thompson-Boling Arena
- *Defeated No. 2 LSU for first-ever win over top-4 team (Feb. 16)
- *(Tied) Best 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15-game starts in program history
- *Nine-game home winning streak was the fourth longest in program history
- *Ranked No. 25 in USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll (Jan. 3), the team's first top-25 ranking in that poll since March 11, 2002
- *Ranked No. 23 in Associated Press Poll (Jan. 23), the team's first top-25 media ranking since Feb. 24, 2004.
- *All 12 players earned SEC Academic honors
- *State Farm Classic champions (Dec. 28-30)
- *Rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit at Charlotte (Nov. 30), tied for the third-largest comeback in program history
- *Seton Hall Basketball Classic champions (Nov. 18-19)

Team Records

- *Team Free Throw Percentage, season (this season 74.9%; record was 72.5%)
- *Team 3-Point FG Attempted, season (527 this season; record was 519)

Individual Accolades

Carolyn Peck

- *Collected 50th Gator coaching win (Dec. 19, 2005 vs. UT-Arlington)
- *Collected 100th career coaching victory (Nov. 18, 2005 vs. St. Francis-NY)

Deprea Bowden

- *SEC Winter Academic Honor Roll

Sha Brooks

- *Second Team All-SEC, Associated Press Team
- *Second Team All-SEC, Coaches Team
- *All-SEC Freshman Team
- *SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll
- *Broke UF freshman record for three-pointers in a season (record was 49 by Talatha Bingham in 1996)
- *SEC Freshman of Week (Feb. 20-26)
- *SEC Freshman of Week (Jan. 30-Feb. 5)
- *SEC Freshman of Week (Dec. 26-Jan. 1)
- *SEC Freshman of Week (Nov. 21-27)
- *Three times tied UF Freshman Record with 5 three-pointers in a game (Nov. 27 vs. Stetson, Dec. 21 vs. FAMU & Feb. 2 vs. Auburn)

Brooke Cornish

- *SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll

Kim Critton

- *SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll

Brittany Davis

- *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 3 Second Team
- *SEC Winter Academic Honor Roll
- *SEC Player of the Week (Dec. 5-11)
- *Team Co-Captain
- *Mary Myers Elliott "Unsung Hero Award" (team award)

Marshae Dotson

- *All-SEC Freshman Team
- *SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll
- *SEC Freshman of the Week (Jan. 16-22)

Kim Dye

- *SEC Winter Academic Honor Roll

Dalila Eshe

- *selected by the Seattle Storm as the 25th overall selection in the 2006 WNBA Draft
- *First Team All-SEC, Coaches Team
- *Second Team All-SEC, Associated Press Team
- *SEC Winter Academic Honor Roll
- *Set UF record with 39 consecutive made free throws

Jessica Jackson

- *SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll

Sarah Lowe

- *UF's nominee for 2005-06 NCAA Woman of the Year
- *2006 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient (\$5,000)
- *SEC's H. Boyd McWhorter Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award (third Gator ever to win the award; \$10,000 postgraduate scholarship)
- *2006 University of Florida Hall of Fame inductee (Since 1921, outstanding student leaders at the University of Florida have been selected for their contributions to the campus and community through scholarship, service and leadership. This honor is the highest recognition to a student UF gives as an institution for their role as a leader.)
- *2006 Arthur Ashe Jr. Female Sports Scholar of the Year
- *Tracy Caulkins Award winner, recognizing the top graduating female senior student-athlete at UF respectively who exemplifies the traits of Tracy Caulkins that includes academics, athletic achievement, leadership and involvement in the community.
- *Outstanding Leadership Award for Undergraduate Female Graduating Seniors, College: Liberal Arts & Sciences (overall one of five women at UF selected)
- *SEC Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District III First Team
- *SEC Winter Academic Honor Roll
- *Rhodes Scholar Finalist
- *SEC Good Works Team
- *Team Co-Captain

Danielle Santos

- *SEC Winter Academic Honor Roll

Briana Phillips

- *SEC Winter Academic Honor Roll

Also in the Record Book

Sha Brooks

- *61 three-pointers ranked No. 6 in a SEASON by a Gator
- *184 three-point attempts ranked No. 5 in a SEASON by a Gator
- *61 three-pointers ranked No. 12 in a CAREER by a Gator

Brittany Davis

- *78.7% free throw percentage ranked No. 10 in a SEASON by a Gator

Kim Dye

- *35.3% three-point field goal percentage ranked No. 8 in a SEASON by a Gator

2005-06 Honors, Awards & Milestones (cont'd)

Dalila Eshe

- *121 free throws ranked No. 2 in a SEASON by a Gator
- *85.2% free throw percentage ranked tied for No. 1 in a SEASON by a Gator
- *80.2% free throw percentage ranked No. 2 in a CAREER by a Gator

Sarah Lowe

- *79.1% free throw percentage ranked No. 8 in a SEASON by a Gator
- *376 assists ranked No. 6 in a CAREER by a Gator
- *3337 minutes played ranked No. 7 in a CAREER by a Gator
- *176 steals ranked No. 10 in a CAREER by a Gator
- *76.2% free throw percentage ranked No. 7 in a CAREER by a Gator
- *75 three-pointers ranked tied for No. 9 in a CAREER by a Gator

Danielle Santos

- *80 three-pointers ranked No. 7 in a CAREER by a Gator
- *162 steals ranked No. 11 in a CAREER by a Gator
- *265 assists ranked No. 11 in a CAREER by a Gator
- *78.2% free throw percentage ranked No. 5 in a CAREER by a Gator

Florida's 2005-06 Opponents & How They Fared

UF Played 13 Games versus 9 NCAA teams
(Record: 7-6)

UF Played 4 Games versus 4 WNIT teams
(Record: 3-1)

Opponent	Record	Postseason
St. Francis (NY)	5-22	--
Seton Hall	6-21	--
Florida State	20-10	NCAA
Stetson	9-19	--
Charlotte	21-9	WNIT
Temple	24-8	NCAA
South Alabama	15-14	--
Illinois	16-15	WNIT
Texas-Arlington	20-9	--
Florida A&M	12-17	--
Rhode Island	8-20	--
Liberty	25-6	NCAA
Florida State	20-10	NCAA
Alabama	9-18	--
Georgia	22-8	NCAA
Kentucky	21-8	NCAA
Ole Miss	16-13	WNIT
Vanderbilt	20-10	NCAA
Arkansas	13-14	--
Georgia	22-8	NCAA
Auburn	13-14	--
Kentucky	21-8	NCAA
Mississippi State	6-21	--
South Carolina	17-11	WNIT
LSU	29-3	NCAA
Auburn	13-14	--
Tennessee	28-5	NCAA
Mississippi State	6-21	--
Kentucky	21-8	NCAA
New Mexico	22-10	NCAA

(teams listed in order of UF's schedule)

What Returned from 2004-05 for 2005-06

Category	Percent Returning
Games Started	37.2% (54 of 145)
Minutes Played	49.8% (2927 of 5875)
Points	40.1% (775 of 1933)
Rebounds	51.0% (498 of 976)
Field Goals	40.3% (277 of 688)
3-Point Field Goals	24.3% (41 of 169)
Assists	40.0% (167 of 418)
Steals	50.7% (141 of 278)
Blocks	50.0% (45 of 90)

Letterwinners Returning / Lost: 7 / 4
Primary Starters Returning / Lost: 1 / 4
Newcomers: 5

2005-06 Gators By the Numbers

- 6** of the 12 Gators were either sophomores or freshmen.
- 13** games were televised during the 2005-06 season.
- 59** consecutive games **Brittany Davis** had started entering the 2005-06 season.
- 87** consecutive career games senior **Sarah Lowe** has played before she misses the first two of the 2005-06 season to participate in the Rhodes Scholarship interviews Nov. 18 & 19 in Birmingham, Ala.
- 99** career wins collected by head coach **Carolyn Peck** entering the 2005-06 season.
- 164** total career games started entering the 2005-06 season by seniors **Brittany Davis** (65), **Dalia Eshe** (12), **Sarah Lowe** (41) and **Danielle Santos** (46).
- 0** combined games started by non-seniors entering the 2005-06 season.

'06 NCAA Teams State-by-State Breakdown

State	No. of		Total	State	No. of		Total
	Women's teams	Men's teams			Women's teams	Men's teams	
Alabama	0	3	3	Missouri	3	0	3
Alaska	0	0	0	Montana	0	1	1
Arizona	2	1	3	Nebraska	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	1	1	Nevada	0	1	1
Calif.	6	4	10	New Hamp.1	0	1	1
Colorado	0	1	1	New Jersey 1	2	2	2
Conn.	3	1	4	N. Mexico	1	0	1
Delaware	0	0	0	New York	3	3	6
Wash. D.C.	1	2	3	N.C.	3	6	9
Florida	4	1	5	N.D.	0	0	0
Georgia	1	0	1	Ohio	2	3	5
Hawaii	0	0	0	Oklahoma	2	2	4
Idaho	0	0	0	Oregon	0	0	0
Illinois	1	3	4	Pennsy.	1	4	5
Indiana	3	1	4	R.I.	0	0	0
Iowa	1	2	3	S. Carolina	0	0	0
Kansas	0	2	2	Tennessee	5	3	8
Kentucky	2	2	4	Texas	4	3	7
Louisiana	3	2	5	Utah	2	1	3
Maine	0	0	0	Vermont	0	0	0
Maryland	2	0	2	Virginia	2	2	4
Mass.	1	1	2	Washington1	2	2	3
Michigan	2	1	3	West Va.	0	1	1
Minnesota	1	0	1	Wisconsin	1	3	4
Mississippi	0	0	0	Wyoming	0	0	0

Florida's NCAA Championship Chronology

(9-11 record in Championship Games)

Year	Seed	Region	Qualified	Round	Opponent (seed)	Result	Location
1993	none	East	at-large	1st	Bowling Green	W 69-67	Bowling Green, Ohio
				2nd	Virginia (2)	L 55-69	Charlottesville, Va.
1994	4	West	at-large	1st	Texas A&M (13)	L 76-78	College Station, Tex.
1995	6	East	at-large	1st	Radford (11)	W 89-49	Charlottesville, Va.
				2nd	Virginia (3)	L 67-72	Charlottesville, Va.
1996	5	East	at-large	1st	San Francisco (12)	L 61-68	Durham, N.C.
1997	3	Midwest	at-large	1st	Fla. International (14)	W 92-68	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				2nd	Southern Cal (6)	W 92-78	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				Reg. Semi.	Louisiana Tech (2)	W 71-57	West Lafayette, Ind.
				Reg. Final	Old Dominion (1)	L 51-53	West Lafayette, Ind.
1998	3	West	at-large	1st	Montana (14)	W 85-64	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				2nd	Virginia Tech (11)	W 89-57	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				Reg. Semi.	Duke (2)	L 58-71	Oakland, Calif.
1999	11	Midwest	at-large	1st	Arizona (6)	L 84-87	Piscataway, N.J.
2001	3	West	at-large	1st	Holy Cross (14)	W 84-52	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				2nd	Washington (6)	L 75-86	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
2002	6	Midwest	at-large	1st	BYU (11)	L 52-90	Ames, Iowa
2004	5	Midwest	at-large	1st	New Mexico (12)	W 68-56	Albuquerque, N.M.
				2nd	Baylor (4)	L 76-91	Albuquerque, N.M.
2006	6	Albuquerque	at-large	1st	New Mexico (11)	L 59-83	Tucson, Ariz.

Round-by-Round Record

First Round 6-5
 Second Round 2-4
 Sweet 16 1-1
 Elite Eight 0-1

Site Record

Home 5-1
 Away 2-3
 Neutral 2-7

In Games Decided by

7 points or less 1-5
 Between 8-15 pts 3-4
 16+ points 5-2

Season Review

Not much was expected from the 2005-06 Florida women's basketball team entering the year. The media picked the Gators to finish seventh in the preseason Southeastern Conference rankings. Florida was no where to be seen in the 'receiving votes' category of the early national polls and maybe for good reason since the 2005-06 squad lost four of its five primary starters from a year ago when the team posted a 14-15 overall record and returned just 40 percent of its scoring. Six of the 12 members on this year's team were either freshmen or sophomores.

Not much was expected. Florida's four seniors and those in the Gator locker room, however, thought otherwise. Behind the leadership, work ethic and passion of **Brittany Davis, Dalila Eshe, Sarah Lowe** and **Danielle Santos**, the 2005-06 Gators not only exceeded the expectations of those doubters, they made history.

The 2005-06 Gators compiled a 21-9 overall record that included some of the most stunning victories in program history.

Florida reached the 20-win plateau for the ninth time in history and for the first time since the 2000-01 season.

The Gators made their 11th overall appearance in the NCAA Championship, and their first since the 2004 season.

Florida tied for fifth in the mighty SEC standings, earning the No. 5 seed in the league's postseason tournament and advancing to the quarterfinals.

First Time for Everything

Florida's thrilling 95-93 overtime victory against No. 5 Tennessee on Feb. 26 marked the end of one of the most exciting 11-day runs in program history. While the Gators posted a 2-1 record during that span, the other win came against No. 2 LSU, a 79-78 overtime decision.

It marked the first time that the Gators have defeated two top-5 teams in such a

short time span. In fact, entering this season, Florida had won just three games total against top-5 teams.

More Firsts ... from the Win vs. UT

Florida's win was its first in 16 tries against the Lady Vols in Knoxville.

The Gator victory marked just the second loss ever at home to an unranked opponent for the Lady Vols, and the first time in Thompson-Boling Arena. Cincinnati defeated then-12th ranked Tennessee 72-69 on Nov. 26, 1984 in Stokely Athletics Center for the only other loss. Overall, the Lady Vols had lost just 15 games in Thompson-Boling and all to ranked opponents. The loss also was the first time since the 1984-85 season that UT has lost two SEC home games.

The victory was Florida's second in 10 days over a top-5 ranked team. The Gators upset No. 2 LSU in Gainesville on February 16, 79-78, in overtime.

The last time Florida defeated a top-10 team on the road was January 24, 2002, when the 18th-ranked Gators defeated No. 6 Vanderbilt, 62-51, in Nashville.

Historic Win

Prior to Florida's 79-78 overtime win over No. 2 LSU, the highest ranked team the Gators had ever defeated was ranked No. 5, with victories coming against Georgia (Feb. 1, 2001), North Carolina (Nov. 23, 1997) and Louisiana Tech (March 22, 1997).

The Gators entered the game against the Lady Tigers 0-28 since the 1990-91 season against teams ranked in the top-4 of the AP Poll... and 0-17 versus top-2 teams.

Seventh Heaven

Florida's stunning upset win over No. 2 LSU was even more significant because it was the team's seventh SEC win, guaranteeing at least a .500 mark in league play.

Eight Games vs. Ranked Foes

Florida was 5-3 against ranked opponents, with the most recent victories coming in overtime: a 95-93 win at No. 5 Tennessee and a stunning 79-78 overtime win against No. 2/3 LSU. Prior to those victories, the Gators upset No. 21/23 Kentucky, 68-61, in Lexington.

Two losses were against Georgia and the other to New Mexico in the first round of the NCAA Championship.

The Gators defeated No. 19 Vanderbilt 73-59 and topped No. 18/16 Temple, 58-55, snapping an eight-game losing streak to ranked opponents.

Under Carolyn Peck, UF has compiled a 10-26 against ranked teams.

Gator Watch

Senior **Dalila Eshe** led the team in scoring (14.2 ppg) and tied for the lead in rebounding (7.1). Her scoring average was more than the combined total of her averages from her first three years (12.2 ppg)! Eshe also hit 20-of-52 (38.5%) from the three-point arc this year after going 0-13 during her first three seasons.

Freshman **Sha Brooks** made an immediate impact, scoring 13.7 ppg and collecting 65 steals.

Senior **Brittany Davis** averaged 12.0

So Said ESPN.com's Charlie Creme

March 10: "An 18-point loss to Kentucky in the SEC quarters further explains how inexplicable these Gators in fact are. They're as capable of reaching the Sweet 16 as getting drilled in the first round."

Feb. 27: "Lose to South Carolina. Beat LSU. Lose to Auburn. Beat Tennessee. The Gators have to be the most schizophrenic team in the country."

2005-06 National Polls

Associated Press Poll FINAL

1	North Carolina (46)	1150
2	Ohio State	1056
3	Maryland	1008
4	Duke	1001
5	LSU	967
6	Tennessee	943
7	Oklahoma	901
8	Connecticut	853
9	Rutgers	804
10	Baylor	718
11	Purdue	622
12	Georgia	598
13	DePaul	564
13	Stanford	564
15	Arizona State	489
16	Michigan State	449
17	Louisiana Tech	374
18	Utah	346
19	Temple	317
20	Texas A&M	197
21	UCLA	188
22	BYU	187
23	Bowling Green	168
24	New Mexico	87
25	Minnesota	83

Others Receiving Votes: Vanderbilt 53, **FLORIDA** 51, **Kentucky** 44, Tulsa 33, Chattanooga 26, St. John's 20, N.C. State 17, George Washington 15, Virginia Tech 14, Boston College 11, **Florida St.** 7, Indiana St. 6, Old Dominion 6, Hartford 4, Virginia 3, Wyoming 3, **Liberty** 2, Army 1.

USA TODAY/ESPN/WBCA COACHES' FINAL

1	Maryland (31)	775
2	Duke	744
3	North Carolina	689
4	LSU	679
5	Tennessee	641
6	Connecticut	619
7	Stanford	536
8	Oklahoma	499
9	Rutgers	494
10	Ohio State	463
11	Purdue	460
12	Utah	447
13	Georgia	437
14	Baylor	436
15	DePaul	356
16	Michigan State	289
17	Arizona State	228
18	UCLA	173
19	Boston College	162
20	Brigham Young	161
21	New Mexico	108
22	Vanderbilt	103
23	Temple	81
24	Louisiana Tech	79
25	George Washington	64

Others receiving votes: St. John's 60; Texas A&M 58; Tulsa 53; **Kentucky** 45; Bowling Green 36; **Florida State** 22; Western Kentucky 16; Virginia Tech 13; Minnesota 11; Southern California 11; Hartford 10; Kansas State 8; Washington 4; **FLORIDA** 3; Chattanooga 1; TCU 1

BOLDFACE indicates 2005-06 opponent

Florida Week-by-Week in the 2005-06 Polls

Week	AP	USA Today/ESPN
Preseason	-- (5/7)	rv (5/9)
Nov. 15	no poll	-- (5/8)
Nov. 22	-- (5/7)	-- (5/8)
Nov. 28	-- (5/7)	rv (5/8)
Dec. 5	rv (5/7)	rv (5/8)
Dec. 12	rv (5/8)	rv (5/8)
Dec. 19	rv (6/8)	rv (6/7)
Dec. 26	rv (5/8)	rv (6/7)
Jan. 2	rv (5/8)	25 (5/7)
Jan. 9	rv (5/6)	24 (5/6)
Jan. 16	rv (5/6)	rv (5/8)
Jan. 23	24 (5/5)	23 (5/7)
Jan. 30	rv (6/7)	rv (6/6)
Feb. 6	rv (5/8)	rv (5/8)
Feb. 13	rv (5/8)	rv (5/6)
Feb. 20	rv (5/7)	rv (5/7)
Feb. 27	t-23 (5/7)	rv (5/7)
March 6	rv (5/7)	rv (5/8)
March 12	rv (5/9)-FINAL	rv (6/9)
April 5	no poll	rv (6/8)-FINAL

(opponents in Top-25 / total receiving votes)

Florida in the National Rankings

- * All-time number of weeks ranked in AP: 117
- * Highest AP ranking: 5th, Nov. 24, 1997
- * High USA Today/ESPN rank: 5th, Nov. 25, 1997
- * First AP ranking: 19th on Dec. 26, 1983
- * Last AP ranking: 20th on Feb. 9, 2004 (prior to Jan. 23, 2006)
- * Last ESPN ranking: 21st, March 11, 2002 (prior to Jan. 3, 2006)

points with 7.1 rebounds.

Eshe, Brooks and Davis each totaled 21 double-figure scoring games during the season.

Who was Hot?

In the final six games of the season, freshman **Sha Brooks** averaged a team-high 20.2 points per game, netting four 20-point games during that span, including a season-high 25 at Tennessee (Feb. 26).

During those final six games, senior **Dalila Eshe** also stepped up her offensive production, contributing 16.8 points.

Senior **Sarah Lowe** also stepped up her game down the stretch, scoring 9.3 points while dishing 28 assists with 14 steals in the final six games. She hit 16-of-18 from the free throw line, which included two with 3.2 seconds remaining in overtime to help the Gators defeat No. 2 LSU, 79-78.

In the final five games of the year, senior **Danielle Santos** tallied 13.4 points with 5.8 rebounds per game while totaling 14 assists and 14 steals. She recorded a double-figure scoring effort in the final four games, including a career-best 24 points in the SEC Tournament first round win against Mississippi State.

Senior **Brittany Davis** collected a team-best 8.6 rebounds per game over the last five games of the year, also scoring 12.4 per outing.

Seniors Stepped Up

There's a saying that sometimes a team is only as good as its seniors. If that's the case, it shouldn't come as any surprise that the Gators had the successful season that they did.

Not only did UF seniors **Brittany Davis**, **Dalila Eshe**, **Sarah Lowe** and **Danielle Santos** exhibit solid leadership, during the season the quartet scored 1,258 of the team's 2,119 points (59.4%) and collected 644 of the 1130 rebounds (57.0%). The four also are solid from the free throw line, hitting a combined 81.1 percent (291-of-359) from the free throw line.

During their careers, the four seniors:

- * Played in a combined 454 games;
- * Started a combined 280 games;
- * Played 11,124 minutes;
- * Scored 3,147 points;
- * Grabbed 1,8902 rebounds;
- * Accounted for the first four Academic All-District Team honors in program history;
- * Compiled 11 SEC Academic Honor Roll honors;
- * Were the last recruits signed under former coach Carol Ross.

Rookies Made an Impact

Freshmen **Sha Brooks** and **Marshae Dotson** made an immediate impact during their rookie season, with both earning a spot on the SEC All-Freshman Team. Brooks was UF's leading scorer in nine games, while Dotson posted two double-doubles, led the

team in field goal percentage (55.7%) and was UF's fourth-leading rebounder (4.5 pg).

Quartet Earned SEC Honors

Senior **Dalila Eshe** was voted women's basketball First Team All-Southeastern Conference, as selected by the league's 12 coaches the conference office announced Tuesday. Freshman **Sha Brooks** received Second Team All-SEC honors. Both were named to the All-SEC second team by the media.

Senior **Sarah Lowe** became the first Gator selected as the SEC Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year, an award that began in 2004, while Brooks and **Marshae Dotson** were named to the All-SEC Freshmen Team.

Stayin' Alive

The Gators trailed at halftime in 17 games, rallying in nine of those to secure victory (10-7 record).

Senior Salute

Brittany Davis is on pace to earn her degree in Exercise & Sports Sciences - Fitness & Wellness in the Fall of 2006;

Dalila Eshe will earn her degree in psychology in the 2006 spring;

Sarah Lowe will earn TWO degrees at the end of the 2006 spring semester - one in Political Science and the other in Spanish;

Danielle Santos is on pace to graduate at the end of the 2006 summer with a degree in Sports Management.

The Lowe Standard

Sarah Lowe graduates as the most decorated off-the-court Gator in program history. Among the countless academic and community service awards included:

*SEC's H. Boyd McWhorter Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award (third Gator ever to win the award; \$10,000 postgraduate scholarship)

*2006 University of Florida Hall of Fame inductee (Since 1921, outstanding student leaders at the University of Florida have been selected for their contributions to the campus and our community through scholarship, service and leadership. This honor is the highest recognition to a student UF gives as an institution for their role as a leader.)

*2006 Arthur Ashe Jr. Female Sports Scholar of the Year

*Tracy Caulkins Award winner, recognizing the top graduating senior female student-athlete at UF respectively who exemplify the traits of Tracy Caulkins that includes academic achievement, athletic achievement, leadership, and involvement in the community.

*Outstanding Leadership Award for Undergraduate Female Graduating Seniors, College: Liberal Arts & Sciences (overall one of five women at UF selected)

Sharing the Wealth

Five different Gators assumed game scoring honors.

Dalila Eshe (9 games), **Sha Brooks** (9), **Brittany Davis** (8), **Danielle Santos** (3) and **Marshae Dotson** (1) all led the Gators in the scoring column during the year.

Balanced Scoring Attack

Florida featured an extremely balanced scoring attack. The Gators' three double-figure scorers seemed to rotate after each game as to their position atop the team's stats. **Dalila Eshe**, **Sha Brooks** and **Brittany Davis** ended the season with scoring averages of 14.2, 13.7 and 12.0 points per game, respectively.

Davis and Eshe also led the Gators in rebounding, collecting 7.1 rebounds per game, while Brooks canned a team-best 61 three-pointers (61-184).

Balanced Scoring, Part 2

In the February 2 win over Auburn, five Gators scored in double-figures, marking the first time as many have reached the scoring mark since Carolyn Peck's UF debut on Nov. 24, 2002, when six Gators (Brittany Davis, Vanessa Hayden, Sarah Lowe, Trish Patterson, Tamia Williams and Bernice Mosby) scored double-figures in the 91-42 route over Lamar.

The Line was Fine

In the 21 victories, the Gators made 28 more free throws (335) than their opponents have attempted (307).

UF won 15 of its games when opponents reach the free throw line fewer than 20 times.

20 Wins!

Florida's stunning 95-93 overtime win at No. 5 Tennessee was its 20th victory of the season. It marked the Gators' ninth 20-win season in program history, the last one coming during the 2000-01 season when Florida compiled a 24-6 record.

Going and Going and Going

Against LSU on February 16, **Dalila Eshe** became the fourth different Gator to play every minute of a game - and she played all 45 against the Lady Tigers.

Sarah Lowe (Kentucky, LSU-ot & Tennessee-ot) played every minute in three games, joining **Brittany Davis** (Charlotte) and **Sha Brooks** (Seton Hall). **Danielle Santos** logged 39 minutes at Ole Miss and LSU.

In the overtime win against LSU (Feb. 16) Lowe and Eshe played all 45 minutes, while Brooks logged 41 minutes and Santos played 39. During the 45-minute thriller at Tennessee (Feb. 26), Lowe played every minute, while Davis and Brooks logged 40 minutes, Eshe 39 and Santos 38.

Bumps & Bruises

***Brooke Cornish** had surgery on September 6, 2005 to repair a navicular stress fracture on her left foot and continued to work her way back on the court.

***Briana Phillips** had microfracture surgery on her left knee on October 5, 2005 and did not see any action during the year.

Against Ranked Teams

Since the 1990-91 season, Florida is 48-92 all-time against nationally ranked opponents, including a 17-44 record on the road ... a 14-49 mark against top-10 teams and 5-34 record versus top-5 teams.

They Know the SEC

UF's **Carolyn Peck** is one of four current SEC head coaches who also played four years at a league school. LSU's **Pokey Chatman** earned her degree in 1991 from LSU. Arkansas' **Suzie Gardner** capped her Georgia Bulldog career in 1986, while Ole Miss' **Carol Ross** returned to her alma mater where she graduated from in 1982.

Lowe & Davis Recognized Academically

Sarah Lowe was voted ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 3 first team, while fellow senior **Brittany Davis** was a second team honoree, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Lowe carried a 3.90 grade point average, while pursuing a double-major in political science and Spanish in addition to a minor in criminology. Davis sported a 3.55 grade point average in exercise and sports science - fitness wellness. Lowe became the first-ever Gator named All-District First Team, while it also is the first time that two Gators have earned district recognition in the same year.

Gator Bytes

Sarah Lowe's GPA of 3.9 was slightly lower than her 3.93 assists per game, which led UF and ranked fifth in the SEC (all games).

Sha Brooks was named the SEC Freshman of the Week four times - the most by a true freshman during the season (UT's redshirt freshman Candace Parker earned the award five times)

Dalila Eshe ranked second in the SEC for free throw percentage in league games, hitting 90.5 percent (57-63) from the line.

With her third of four three-pointers against LSU on Feb. 16, **Sha Brooks** set UF's freshman record for treys, passing the 49 set by **Talatha Bingham** in 1996.

24 of **Kim Dye's** 25 field goals in 2005-06 were three-pointers.

Seniors **Sarah Lowe**, **Dalila Eshe**, **Danielle Santos** and **Brittany Davis** each averaged over 30 minutes of playing time per game.

Brittany Davis and **Dalila Eshe** scored in every game of the 2005-06 season.

Senior **Dalila Eshe** was considered one of the SEC's most improved players. Her scoring average during the 2005-06 season was higher than the combined average from her first three seasons (12.2)!

Senior **Sarah Lowe** was voted by her teammates as co-captain of the 2005-06 squad. She was only the second Gator ever to be named captain three times during her career - the other was former Gator great and U.S. Olympian **DeLisha Milton**.

Dalila Eshe hit a program-record 39 consecutive free throws, ending the streak on Feb. 12 against South Carolina. Other significant streak this season were compiled by **Brittany Davis**, who had a streak of 22, while **Sha Brooks** canned 17 in a row from the charity stripe this season.

The Gators set a program record by hitting 74.9 percent from the free throw line. Last year's squad hit 72.5 percent of its shots.

Florida won five games over nationally ranked opponents - including the 95-93 overtime victory at No. 5 Tennessee on Feb. 26 and the 79-78 overtime stunner over No. 2 LSU on Feb. 16.

Look Out Below!

In an unofficial preseason listing of the tallest teams in the country, Tennessee was the tallest team in the country (73.55 inches), with Auburn second (73.18) and Georgia sixth (72.43). The average 2005-06 Gator stood just over 5-foot-11.

Florida, however, boasted one of the tallest coaching staffs in the country, with Michael Peck standing 6-7, Carolyn Peck 6-4 (without heels!), Jose Mori 6-3 and Shell Dailey 6-2.

No Free Points

Florida's opponents made just 333 free throws this year, the second fewest during a season in program history. The 1984 team allowed just 280 free throws.

Olympic Ties

The Gators faced four head coaches who have coached or played for the U.S. Olympic Team.

Pat Summit (Tennessee) was a player on the 1976 U.S. Olympic team and the head coach of the 1984 gold-medal winning squad. **Neil Fortner** (Auburn) was the head coach of the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team. Illinois' **Theresa Grentz** was the head coach of the 1992 U.S. Women's Basketball Olympic Team that captured the bronze medal in Barcelona, Spain. Former Gator great **Tammy Jackson** was a member of that Olympic team. Temple head coach **Dawn Staley** was a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Basketball team that won the gold medal. She also was elected to carry the U.S. flag during the opening ceremonies in Athens, Greece this summer. It was Staley's third gold medal, having collected the title with the 1996 and 2000 U.S. teams, as well.

Familiar Faces

The Gators are the only school in the country that faced TWO former head coaches during the regular season.

On January 19th, the Gators faced Ole Miss and head coach **Carol Ross**, who resigned from UF following the 2001-02 season as the program's all-time winningest coach with a 247-121 record over 12 years.

Three times this season, Florida faced Kentucky and the Wildcat's head coach **Mickie DeMoss**, who was head coach of the Gators from 1979 to 1983. During DeMoss' four-year tenure, Florida compiled a 45-68 overall record, including a 3-29 mark in SEC play.

She Can Do It... Twice!

Carolyn Peck is one of only two former Lady Vol assistant coaches or players who have been a head coach of a team that defeated Pat Summitt and Tennessee. Peck directed the Gators to their stunning 95-93 victory over the Lady Vols in Knoxville on Feb. 26, 2006. During Purdue's national championship season with Peck at the helm, the Boilermakers ended UT's 46-game winning streak with a 78-68 decision on Nov. 15, 1988. **Mickie DeMoss** directed Kentucky's upset over the Lady Vols during the 2005-06 season.

Twice the Fun

Florida played four teams twice during the regular season. In the 14-game SEC slate, the Gators had home-and-home series against Auburn (split), Kentucky (three times, 1-2 record) and Georgia (lost both).

UF also faced instate rival Florida State twice, splitting those meetings.

Shhhhhhh!

Coach Peck lost her voice during the February 2nd win against Auburn. She was cheering on the team which had just forced a 30-second violation when her voice disappeared. The team was forced to read cue cards held on the bench by junior **Briana Phillips** with the names of plays Coach Peck wanted to run during the February 5 win at Kentucky.

Gators Appear in Both Polls

Florida ranked No. 24 in the Jan. 23rd Associated Press poll and No. 23 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll, marking the first time the Gators have been ranked in both polls during the same week since March 11, 2002, when UF was tied-24 in the AP and 21st in the coaches rankings.

The appearance in the AP poll was the Gators' first since Feb. 9, 2004 when UF was slotted No. 20.

The Gators were ranked No. 24 in the Jan. 16, 2006 USA Today/Coaches Poll but fell out the next week after losing to Kentucky.

10 at Home

Florida's 73-59 win over No. 19 Vanderbilt was the team's 10th victory at home during the season. It was the 11th time in the 32-year history of the program the Gators have collected at least 10 wins in the O'Connell Center, most recently in 2004-05 when UF went 10-7.

Nine in a Row at Home

The Gators' 80-65 loss to Kentucky snapped the team's nine-game home winning streak, which was the fourth longest in program history.

Gators Crack Top 25 Coaches' Poll

UF received the No. 25 ranking in the January 3, 2006 USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll, marking UF's first top-25 ranking in this national poll since being No. 21 on March 11, 2002.

Triple Double-Double

In the Gators' 66-58 victory at Ole Miss on January 19, **Danielle Santos**, **Dalila Eshe** and **Marshae Dotson** each recorded double-doubles. It was the first time since Dec. 29, 2001 that three Gators had logged double-doubles in the same game. **Vanessa Hayden**, **Brandi McCain** and **Courtney Cooper** each tallied a double-double in the 73-47 victory over Kent State. Hayden actually posted a triple-double in that game, recording 17 points, 12 rebounds and 10 blocks.

Gators in the Individual SEC Rankings

Player	All Games	SEC Only
Scoring		
Dalila Eshe, UF	8	6
Sha Brooks, UF	9	10
Brittany Davis, UF	15	19
Rebounding		
Dalila Eshe, UF	7	7
Brittany Davis, UF	8	15
Danielle Santos, UF	--	t-17
Free Throw Pct.		
Dalila Eshe, UF	3	1
Sarah Lowe, UF	9	t-11
Brittany Davis, UF	11	--
Sha Brooks, UF	12	--
Assists		
Sarah Lowe, UF	5	7
Danielle Santos, UF	--	t-15
Steals		
Sha Brooks, UF	5	8
Sarah Lowe, UF	7	3
Danielle Santos, UF	8	t-15
3-Point FG Pct.		
Sha Brooks, UF	14	--
3-Point FG Made		
Sha Brooks, UF	4	t-5
Assist/TO Ratio		
Sarah Lowe, UF	10	10
Blocked Shots		
Danielle Santos, UF	--	t-11
Minutes Played		
Sarah Lowe, UF	5	2
Danielle Santos, UF	10	6
Dalila Eshe, UF	12	8

Good When it Counts

Brittany Davis compiled a then-team-best streak of 22 consecutive made free throws, but had the run snapped during the January 19 game at Ole Miss when she missed two straight from the charity stripe. Davis, however, returned to the line with 37 seconds remaining and UF holding a slim five-point lead, and calmly canned both to help the Gators secure the win.

Second Time at 13-1

Florida's 13-1 record matched its best record through 14 games with the 2001 squad. Ironically, both of those teams lost their 15th game of the year to Georgia.

Third Time at 13-2

Florida's 13-2 record match its best record through 15 games with the 2001 and 1985 squads.

Second Best Streakers

The Gators compiled an 11-game winning streak starting in November and running into January, extending their record to 13-1 before falling to Georgia 89-70 on Jan. 8. It was the longest win streak under fourth year head coach Carolyn Peck and the second longest in program history

The Gators won a record-12 consecutive games during the 1993-94 season.

During the Streak

During UF's 11-game winning streak, the Gators...

*outscored their opponents by 14.0 points per game (71.9-57.9);

*hit 28 more free throws (166) than their opponents attempted (138);

*forced 22.2 turnovers per game;

*held a slim 3.1 rebound margin per game;

*collected 11.3 steals per game;

*outscored their opponents by an average of 7.3 points in the second half (405-325);

*staged six second-half comebacks, including the last two games during the streak when UF trailed by 11 points in the second half.

Home Sweet O'Dome

UF played a program-record eight consecutive home games that ran from December into January, posting an 8-0 record during the stretch. The 1997-98 team played six consecutive games at home, going 6-0 during that run with three wins over ranked teams.

Nine is Just Fine ... before the Holiday

The Gators reached the nine-win plateau prior to the holiday break, a win total not unrecognized by the senior class. During their rookie year in 2002-03, Florida finished the season with a 9-19 overall record, not collecting the ninth victory until the 25th game of the season.

A Fine Finish

On December 3, Florida wrapped up its season-opening span of playing five of its first six games away from Gainesville, capping the trip with a 58-55 upset over No. 18/16 Temple. It marked the team's first win over a ranked opponent since a 71-60 upset of No. 18 Auburn on Feb. 28, 2004.

Big Time

A slightly different look appeared on the court for the Gators. Several times the combination of **Dalila Eshe**, **Brittany Davis** and **Marshae Dotson** were on the floor at the same time, giving the team a bigger lineup, with either Eshe or Davis moving to the perimeter. Both 'biggs' responded, as each hit 3-pointers with Eshe canning the first two of her collegiate career versus FSU on Nov. 23.

Davis Earns First Career SEC Honor

Brittany Davis was named the SEC Player of the Week for Dec. 5-11 when she led the Gators to wins over South Alabama and Illinois, averaging 16.0 points and 9.0 rebounds while hitting 73.7 percent of her shots, that included 2-of-3 from the three-

point arc. She collected a career-high five steals against Illinois, the last of which came with 15 seconds remaining and UF holding a slim three-point lead.

Brooks Named SEC Freshman of Week Four Times

On February 26, February 13, January 2 and November 28 and again on January 2, **Sha Brooks** was named the SEC Women's Basketball Freshman of the Week.

The most recent honor came when she tied her career-high of 25 points with four steals in the win at No. 5 Tennessee (Feb. 26).

She was the Gator's leading scoring in two wins, scoring a team-high 16 against Auburn and a game-high 21 at No. 21/23 Kentucky. During the two-game blitz, Brooks shot 8-of-18 from the three-point arc (44.4%) while averaging 18.5 points per game.

She received the January honor after helping Florida capture the State Farm Classic with wins over Rhode Island and Liberty. Against Rhode Island, Brooks scored all of her 11 points in the second half, with 10 coming in the final 4:23 of the game - also collecting five steals and three assists.

In the championship game against Liberty, Brooks scored a career-high 22 points and pulled down a team and career-best eight rebounds in leading Florida to its ninth straight win and its 13th State Farm Classic title in the 15-year history of the event.

The first time she was recognized for her performances against Florida State and Stetson, as she shot 61.5 percent from the three-point arc, hitting 8-of-13, while averaging 16.5 points and 5.0 assists. She scored 17 of the Gators' first 22 points versus the Hatters.

Dotson Named SEC Freshman of Week Marshae Dotson

was named the SEC Freshman of the Week for the span of Jan. 16-22 after averaging a team-best 15 points with 7 rebounds while shooting a blistering 91.7 percent (11-12) from the floor in victories at Ole Miss and No. 19 Vanderbilt, Jan. 19 and 22, respectively.

Back from the Rhodes

Senior guard **Sarah Lowe** missed UF's season-opening two-game road trip to interview as a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship. Unfortunately, she was not one of the two individuals selected. Those were the first games Lowe missed during her career, playing in all 87 before spending the weekend in Birmingham, Ala., to interview. Sarah is double-majoring in Spanish and political science.

Rookie Gets the Nod

True freshman **Sha Brooks** received the starting nod at the point guard spot for the season-opening game against St. Francis, replacing senior **Sarah Lowe**, who was interviewing for the Rhodes Scholarship. Brooks became the first true freshman to start a season-opener since Lowe and current senior **Brittany Davis** earned starts in the initial game of the 2002-03 campaign.

Brooks led a balanced scoring attack in both wins during the season-opening

Seton Hall Basketball Classic, netting 13 against St. Francis (NY) in her collegiate debut, before recording 18 points with seven steals in 40 minutes of action against Seton Hall.

Peck Nets 100th Career Win

Florida's 83-57 victory over St. Francis (NY) on November 18th was the 100th career coaching win for **Carolyn Peck**, who sported a six-year record of 100-56 at the time of the milestone victory.

Peck Collects 50th Gator Win

UF's 59-49 victory over Texas-Arlington on December 19th was the 50th Gator win for head coach **Carolyn Peck**.

Sunshine State Foes

Florida sports a 197-55 record versus its Sunshine State foes, including a 3-1 record this year and a 14-4 mark under head coach Carolyn Peck.

Rookie Review

UF's talented freshmen class was rated as the ninth-best recruiting class in the nation by Blue Star Report, tying for the highest that longtime publication has ever ranked an incoming Gator class. The current senior class, which included five players at the time of the listing, also earned a No. 9 rating by Blue Star.

Go Gators!

During the trip to the Seton Hall Classic, the team attended Madison Square Garden on November 17 and watched their male counterparts defeat Wake Forest in the semifinal round of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic Benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

Goodwill Gators

Florida student-athletes are extremely active in the Gainesville community.

*Entire team volunteered on Dec. 10, 2005 at the Girls Club of Alachua County, conducting a basketball clinic and participating in a Q&A session.

*Entire team volunteered on October 15, 2005 at the walk sponsoring Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Gainesville;

*Entire team volunteered on October 22, 2005 at the 2005 North Central Florida Heart Walk to help raise money for the American Heart Association.

What's Returning from 2005-06 for 2006-07

Category	Percent Returning
Games Started	21.3% (32 of 150)
Minutes Played	37.2% (2248 of 6050)
Points	40.6% (861 of 2119)
Rebounds	31.2% (352 of 1130)
Field Goals	16.8% (310 of 1844)
3-Point Field Goals	53.7% (87 of 162)
Assists	29.1% (116 of 398)
Steals	41.7% (126 of 302)
Blocks	27.6% (21 of 76)

Letterwinners Returning / Lost: 7 / 4
Primary Starters Returning / Lost: 1 / 4
Newcomers: 4

Early Signing Period Nets Four Prep Stars

Carolyn Peck

announced on November 14, 2005 that she received signed National Letters of Intent from four prep standouts.

Joining the Gators for the 2006-07 season will be **Jennifer Mossor** (Orlando, Fla.), **Kendra Phillips** (Memphis, Tenn.), **Sharielle Smith** (Bradenton, Fla.) and **Brittaney Thomas** (Montgomery, Ala.)

Jennifer Mossor, a 5-foot-9 guard from Orlando Colonial High School, is 2006 a McDonalds High School All-American nominee. She tallied seven 20-point games during her junior season with the Grenadiers, topping the 1,000-point plateau for her career. Mossor, who has been the team Most Valuable Player each of her first three years, was an honorable mention selection to the 2004-05 Class 6A All-State Girls Basketball Team. She was a first-team member of the All-Central Florida Girls Basketball squad by the Orlando Sentinel following her junior year and second team honoree after sophomore campaign. Mossor, who committed to the Gators in July of 2004, averaged 18 points, eight rebounds and four assists last season for Colonial, when she also was named the Metro Conference Player of the Year.

Lakendra Phillips is a 5-foot-11 guard who stars for Ridgeway High School. She helped the Lady Roadrunners compile a 29-8 record her junior year, when the squad was the Region 8 runner-up and reach the Class AAA Sections where Ridgeway lost to eventual state champion Dyersburg. Phillips

2005-06 University of Florida Signees

Jennifer Mossor, 5-9, Guard, Orlando, Fla. (Orlando Colonial High School)
Kendra Phillips, 5-11, Guard, Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway High School)
Sharielle Smith, 6-0, Forward, Bradenton, Fla. (IMG Academy/The Pendleton School)
Brittaney Thomas, 5-9, Guard, Montgomery, Ala. (Jefferson Davis High School)

was named to the 2005 Class AAA Women's All-State Basketball First Team, in addition to recognition on the 2004-2005 Best of the Preps /All-Metro Class AAA girls basketball team, as compiled by the Memphis Commercial Appeal. She was a 2004 Associated Press All-State prep basketball girls honorable mention team and named to the 2003-04 Class AAA Team as a sophomore.

"Kendra is a guard who is extremely athletic. She has a nice vertical leap. She can score facing up and is not afraid of attacking the basket. She can bring some good things to floor for us defensively."

Sharielle (SHAR-e-el) Smith is a 6-foot forward attending IMG Academy/ The Pendleton School. She spent her freshman and sophomore seasons at Southeast High School in Bradenton where she was teammates with current Gators Depree Bowden and Briana Phillips. As a sophomore, Smith led Southeast High School averaging 16.6 points, 10.8 rebounds and a 54 field goal percentage and helping the Seminoles to a 27-4 record and the 2004 Class 4A state semifinals, before transferring to IMG Academy for the 2005 season. Smith garnered second team 4A All-State honors in 2003 and 2004, as well as Street & Smith All-American honorable mention notice in 2003 and 2005. She was named

the 2004 County Freshman of the Year. IMG Academy does not keep statistics, but Smith estimated

her averages were approximately 18 points and 10 rebounds per game in 2005.

Brittaney Thomas is a 5-foot-9 guard from Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery, Ala. She guided the Volunteers to the 6A Southeast Subregional in 2005, when she led the team in scoring with 15.4 points per game, while ranking second with 94 assists and third with 13 three-pointers in addition to grabbing 4.8 rebounds per game. Thomas was honored as a 2006 McDonalds High School All-American nominee, a 2005 Street and Smith Magazine High School All-American Honorable Mention, while competing in the Alabama North/South All Star game in July 2005 in Huntsville, Ala. In 2004 and 2005, Thomas participated in prestigious invitation-only adidas Top Ten All-American Camp. She was a Montgomery Advertiser's 6-A All-Metro first team in 2005 and was an honorable mention in 2004, while being honored as a 6-A All-Area and 6-A All-Region selection in 2005 and a 6-A All-Area in 2004. Thomas, who received full scholarship offers from 28 major colleges and universities, verbally committed to UF on September 20, 2005, selecting the Gators over Clemson, Louisiana Tech, Louisville, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Samford. Thomas is the fifth overall and first prep star from the state of Alabama to sign with the Gators since Tara Taylor, who played at UF from 2001-04.

What Returned from 2004-05 for 2005-06

Category	Percent Returning
Games Started	37.2% (54 of 145)
Minutes Played	49.8% (2927 of 5875)
Points	40.1% (775 of 1933)
Rebounds	51.0% (498 of 976)
Field Goals	40.3% (277 of 688)
3-Point Field Goals ..	24.3% (41 of 169)
Assists	40.0% (167 of 418)
Steals	50.7% (141 of 278)
Blocks	50.0% (45 of 90)

Letterwinners Returning / Lost: 7 / 4
 Primary Starters Returning / Lost: 1 / 4
 Newcomers: 5

*The Gators set a program record in 2004-05 with 169 three-pointers, needing just 26 games to break the previous mark of 157 set during the 2000-01 season in 30 games.

*UF's free throw percentage of 72.5% (388-535) shattered the program record of 70.1% set during the 2000-01 season.

2005-06 Gators By the Numbers

- 6** of the 12 Gators were either sophomores or freshmen.
- 13** games were televised during the 2005-06 season.
- 59** consecutive games **Brittany Davis** had started entering the 2005-06 season.
- 87** consecutive career games senior **Sarah Lowe** has played before she misses the first two of the 2005-06 season to participate in the Rhodes Scholarship interviews Nov. 18 & 19 in Birmingham, Ala.
- 99** career wins collected by head coach **Carolyn Peck** entering the 2005-06 season.
- 164** total career games started entering the 2005-06 season by seniors **Brittany Davis** (65), **Dalia Eshe** (12), **Sarah Lowe** (41) and **Danielle Santos** (46).
- 0** combined games started by non-seniors entering the 2005-06 season.

Gators Picked Seventh in SEC

Florida was selected by the Southeastern Conference media attending Media Day to finish seventh in the 12-team league race.

2005-06 SEC Women's Basketball Preseason Media Poll

Tennessee (10)	251
LSU (11)	248
Georgia (1)	224
Vanderbilt	201
Ole Miss	144
Auburn	129
Florida	114
Alabama	104
Kentucky	87
Arkansas	76
Mississippi State	76
South Carolina	62