



# 2007-08 Florida Gators

## Season Review

### 2007-08 Season at a Glance

Overall Record: ..... 19-14  
 Southeastern Conference Record (finish): ..... 6-8 (tied-7th)  
 Postseason: ..... WNIT, Round of 16 (Third Round)  
 SEC Tournament: ..... 1-1 (Quarterfinals)  
 Regular-Season Tournaments: ..... 2-0 (1 event, champions)  
 All-SEC: ..... 1 Gator, 2 Honors  
 ..... (Marshae Dotson: First Team Coaches', Second Team Media)  
 SEC Academic Honor Roll (2): .... Depree Bowden & Marshae Dotson  
 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll (2): ..... Ebonie Crawford &  
 ..... Ndidi Madu

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach: ..... Amanda Butler (Florida, BS '95, MS '97)  
 Records (at UF / overall): ..... 19-14 (first year) / 59-36 (third year)  
 Assistant Coaches: ..... Susie Gardner (Georgia, '86/'88), first year  
 ..... Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick (Wake Forest, '00/'01), first year  
 ..... David Lowery (Mississippi State, '00), first year  
 Assistant to the Head Coach: ..... Janna Magette (Davidson, '02)

### 2007-08 Team Information

Seniors (1): ..... Depree Bowden  
 Juniors (4): Sha Brooks, Kim Critton, Marshae Dotson & Aneika Henry  
 Sophomores (4): ..Jennifer Mossor, Sharielle Smith, Brittaney Thomas  
 ..... & Lonnika Thompson  
 Freshmen (4): ..... Ebonie Crawford, Ndidi Madu, Jordan Parker  
 ..... & Kerri Simpson  
 Additional (1): ..... Susan Yenser (sat out season per NCAA rules  
 ..... for transfers, will have Junior eligibility in 2008-09)

### Game-Day Media Coverage

Radio: ..... Every game aired LIVE on WRUF-AM850 in Gainesville  
 ..... - audio simulcast on Cox Channel 96 with  
 ..... Steve Babik, Steve Russell & Brittany Davis  
 Internet Audio: ..... Audio of all 33 games aired LIVE  
 ..... thru www.GatorZone.com (FREE of charge)  
 GatorVision Online: ..... 9 home games offered during the  
 ..... service's fifth season  
 Television: ..... 11 Games (Sun Sports, FSN Florida, FSN South,  
 ..... FSN Southwest, COX Sports, Comcast Sports)

### 2007-08 Florida Schedule & Results

Overall 19-14 (Home 14-5 ... Away 4-8 ... Neutral 1-1)  
 SEC (Tied-7th): 6-8 (Home 3-4 ... Away 3-4)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Fri. 9	XAVIER (DH) (GVO)	W 82-71
Mon. 12	ROBERT MORRIS (GVO)	W 67-63
Sat. 17	at Nebraska	L 63-90
Tue. 20	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (DH) (GVO)	W 69-63
Fri. 23	#20/21 FLORIDA ST. (DH) (FSFL^)	L 78-81
Mon. 26	STETSON (GVO)	W 54-50
Wed. 28	at Jacksonville	L 64-75
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Sun. 2	at Louisville	L 62-79
Tue. 4	FLORIDA GULF COAST (GVO)	W 78-52
Sun. 16	TCU (SUN)	W-ot 80-76
Sat. 22	SAINT LOUIS (GVO)	W 83-77
Fri. 28	HOLY CROSS (1) (GVO)	W 66-52
Sat. 29	ALABAMA A&M (1) (GVO)	W 70-49
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Wed. 2	FLORIDA A&M (DH) (FSFL^)	W 71-51
Sat. 5	at Temple (COX)	W 68-54
Thu. 10	at Kentucky*	L 58-60
Sun. 13	ALABAMA*	W 80-65
Sun. 20	at Arkansas* (SUN)	W 92-74
Thu. 24	#17/14 GEORGIA*	L 55-82
Sun. 27	at South Carolina*	W 60-57
Thu. 31	VANDERBILT*	L 56-66
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sun. 3	#8 LSU* (FSN^)	L 71-85
Thu. 7	AUBURN*	W 73-67
Sun. 10	at Mississippi State* (SEC-TV)	L 71-83
Thu. 14	at #-/24 Georgia* (CSS)	L 66-85
Sun. 17	ARKANSAS*	W 75-73
Sun. 24	SOUTH CAROLINA* (SUN)	L 65-69
Thu. 28	at #3 Tennessee*	L 61-88
<b>MARCH</b>		
Sun. 2	at Ole Miss*	W 72-66
Thu. 6	vs. South Carolina (2-1R, SEC-TV)	W 71-57
Fri. 7	vs. #3 Tennessee (2-QF, SEC-TV)	L 61-92
Mon. 24	FLORIDA GULF COAST (3-2R, GVO) W	60-55
Wed. 27	at N.C. State (4-3R)	L 55-80

\*Southeastern Conference game; SEC-TV - FSN South, FSN Southwest & Sun Sports televised; SUN - Sun Sports & FCS televised; FSFLA - FSN Florida, only live airing within the state of Florida was North/Central Florida territory; CSS - Comcast Sports Southeast televised; COX - Cox Sports televised; GVO - GatorVision Online internet video broadcast; (DH) Doubleheader; (1) State Farm Classic, Gainesville, Fla.; (2) SEC Tournament, Nashville, Tenn.; (3) WNIT, Gainesville, Fla.; (4) WNIT, Raleigh, N.C.

### Florida's Season-Ending Starting Lineup

No.	Name	Pronunciation	POS	CL	HT	Hometown (High School)	PPG	RPG	Notes
44	Marshae Dotson	mar-SHAY	F	Jr.	5-11	Columbus, Ohio (Mifflin)	13.1	7.9	First-Team All-SEC (coaches)
42	Aneika Henry	uh-KNEE-kuh	C	Jr.	6-3	Coconut Grove, Fla. (Coral Gables)	4.6	5.6	team-best 63 blks; 53.1% FG
2	Lonnika Thompson	luh-KNEE-kuh	G	So.	5-4	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35)	3.2	1.5	32.0% 3FG (16-50)
3	Sha Brooks	SHAY	G	Jr.	5-7	Jackson, Tenn. (Jackson North Side)	12.3	3.1	12 straight dbl-figure score games
20	Depree Bowden	dee-PREE	G/F	Sr.	5-11	Palmetto, Fla. (Southeast)	13.4	5.1	avg. 18.0 ppg in SEC Tournament

### Gators Off The Bench

24	Sharielle Smith	CHAR-ee-L	F	So.	5-10	Bradenton, Fla. (The Pendleton School)	8.4	6.0	10 starts, 27.7 minutes per game
22	Jennifer Mossor	MOSS-er	G	So.	5-9	Orlando, Fla. (Orlando Colonial)	8.3	2.0	missed 7 games to injury/illness
12	Brittaney Thomas	Brittany	G	So.	5-8	Montgomery, Ala. (Jefferson Davis)	4.1	1.2	13.6 minutes per game
15	Kim Critton	CRIT-en	G	Jr.	5-7	Memphis, Tenn. (Mitchell)	2.8	2.2	39 of 72 rebounds were offensive
50	Ebonie Crawford		C	Fr.	6-3	Decatur, Ga. (Paideia)	0.7	1.3	5.8 minutes per game; 25 games
1	Kerri Simpson		G	Fr.	5-9	Charleston, Tenn. (Cleveland)	0.3	0.4	played in 15 games, 5 pts scored
10	Jordan Parker		G	Fr.	5-6	Florence, S.C. (West Florence)	0.0	0.0	walk-on; 2 games played, 2 min.
14	Ndidi Madu	De-De mah-DUE	C	Fr.	6-3	Antioch, Tenn. (McGavock)	4.0	3.0	OUT for season (ACL tear Nov11)

### Gator Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Amanda Butler (Florida, BS '95/'97) ... Assistant Coaches: Susie Gardner (Georgia, '86/'88) ... Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick (Wake Forest, '00/'01) ... David Lowery (LOW rhymes with NOW) (Mississippi State, '00) ... Asst. to the Head Coach: Janna Magette (JAN-uh muh-JET)

The University of Florida's  
2007-08 Numerical Roster

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No.	Name	POS	CL	EX	HT	Hometown (High School/Last School)
0	Susan Yenser*	G	Jr.	TR	5-9	Marietta, Ga. (Harrison/Clemson Univ.)
1	Kerri Simpson	G	Fr.	HS	5-7	Charleston, Tenn. (Cleveland)
2	Lonnika Thompson	G	So.	TR	5-4	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35/Trinity Valley (Tx.) CC)
3	Sha Brooks	G	Jr.	2L	5-7	Jackson, Tenn. (Jackson North Side)
10	Jordan Parker	G	Fr.	HS	5-6	Florence, S.C. (West Florence)
12	Brittaney Thomas	G	So.	1L	5-8	Montgomery, Ala. (Jefferson Davis)
14	Ndidi Madu	F	Fr.	HS	6-1	Antioch, Tenn. (McGavock)
15	Kim Critton	G	Jr.	2L	5-7	Memphis, Tenn. (Mitchell)
20	Depree Bowden	G	Sr.	3L	5-11	Palmetto, Fla. (Southeast)
22	Jennifer Mossor	G	So.	1L	5-9	Orlando, Fla. (Orlando Colonial)
24	Sharielle Smith	F	So.	1L	5-10	Bradenton, Fla. (The Pendleton School)
42	Aneika Henry	C	Jr.	TR	6-3	Coconut Grove, Fla. (Coral Gables HS/Seminole CC)
44	Marshae Dotson	F	Jr.	2L	5-11	Columbus, Ohio (Mifflin)
50	Ebonie Crawford	C	Fr.	HS	6-3	Decatur, Ga. (Paideia)

**Pronunciation Key:**

DEPREE Bowden.....dee-PREE  
 SHA Brooks.....SHAY  
 MARSHAE Dotson.....mar-SHAY  
 Kim CRITTON.....CRIT-tun  
 NDIDI MADU.....De-De mah-DUE  
 ANEIKA Henry.....uh-KNEE-kuh  
 Jennifer MOSSOR.....MOSS-er  
 SHARIELLE Smith.....SHAR-ee-L  
 LONNIKA Thompson.....luh-KNEE-kuh  
 David LOWREY.....LOW (rhymes with  
 NOW)-ree  
 JANNA MAGETTE.....JAN-uh muh-JETT  
 J'NAI Pittman.....juh-NAY  
 Judy TRAVEIS.....Travis

\*Yenser was required to sit out the 2007-08 season per NCAA rules for transfers

**Coaching Staff**

**Head Coach:** Amanda Butler (Florida: B.S. 1995, Master's 1997)

**Assistant Coaches:** Susie Gardner (Georgia: B.S. 1986, Master's 1988); Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick (Wake Forest: B.A. 2000, Master's 2001); David Lowery (Mississippi State, B.S. 2000)

**Support Staff**

**Asst. to the Head Coach:** Janna Magette (Davidson, 2002); **Video Coordinator:** Edwina Johnson (Montevallo, 2004); **Strength Coach:** Karin Werth (Florida, 1988); **Athletic Trainer:** Aimee Struk (Florida, 1995); **Athletic Training Student:** J'nai Pittman; **Academic Advisor:** Judy Traveis (Florida: B.S. 1993, Master's 1999)

**Managers:** Vince Choi, Meagan Edwards, DeShay Harris, Billy McCall & Serena Wilson (Head Manager)

**Video Assistants:** Brian Kletter & Jamal Knibbs

**University of Florida Quick Facts**

**General Information**

**Location:** ..... Gainesville, Florida (pop. 120,919)  
**Founded:** ..... 1853  
**Enrollment:** ..... 51,520  
**Nickname:** ..... Gators  
**Colors:** ..... Orange & Blue (PMS 172 & 287)  
**Conference:** ..... Southeastern (SEC)  
**Home Court:** ..... Stephen C. O'Connell Center (12,000)  
**Press Row Phone:** ..... 352-367-1801  
**President:** ..... Dr. J. Bernard Machen (Vanderbilt, 1968)  
**Athletics Director:** ..... Jeremy Foley (Hobart, 1974)  
**Sr. Associate AD - SWA:** ..... Lynda Tealer (San Diego, 1992)  
**Office:** ..... 352-375-4683  
**Faculty Rep:** ..... Dr. Jill Varnes (Florida, 1973)  
**Ticket Office:** ..... 352-375-4683, ext. 6800  
**Athletic Web Page:** ..... www.GatorZone.com  
**Sports Offered (20):** ..... Basketball (M&W), Baseball, Football, 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) - with Lacrosse (W) coming in 2010

**2007-08 Coaching & Support Staff**

**Head Coach:** ..... Amanda Butler (Florida, '95, MS '97)  
**Overall Record (Years) / UF Record:** ..... 59-35 (3) / 19-14 (1)  
**Asst. Coaches:** ..... Susie Gardner (Georgia, '86, M.Ed. '88)  
 ..... Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick (Wake Forest, '00, MA '01)  
 ..... David Lowery (Mississippi State, '00)  
**Assistant to the Head Coach:** ..... Janna Magette (Davidson, 1998)  
**Secretary to Amanda Butler:** ..... Lani McQuade (Holy Names College)  
**Athletic Trainer:** ..... Aimee Struk (Florida, 1995)  
**Strength Coach:** ..... Karin Werth (Florida, 1988)  
**Academic Advisor:** ..... Judy Traveis (Florida, '93, MS '99)  
**Video Coordinator:** ..... Edwina Johnson (Montevallo, 2004)  
**Managers:** ..... Vince Choi, Meagan Edwards, DeShay Harris, Billy McCall & Serena Wilson (head manager)

**2007-08 Team Information**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost from 2006-07:** ..... 7 / 5  
**Starters Returning/Lost from 2006-07:** ..... 3 / 2  
**Eligible Newcomers:** ..... 5  
**Seniors/Jr./So./Fr.:** ..... 1 / 4 / 4 / 4

**2007-08 Season Review**

**Overall Record:** ..... 19-14  
**SEC Record (finish):** ..... 6-8 (tied-7th)  
**Postseason:** ..... WNIT Third Round (1-1)  
**SEC Tournament:** ..... 1-1 (Quarterfinals)  
**Regular-Season Tournaments:** ..... 2-0 (one event)  
**All-SEC:** ..... 1 Gators, 2 Honors (Marshae Dotson, Coaches' First Team, AP Second Team)  
**SEC Academic Honor Roll:** ..... 2 (Depree Bowden & Marshae Dotson)  
**SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll:** ..... 2 (Ebonie Crawford & Ndidi Madu)  
**Tri-Captains:** ..... Depree Bowden, Marshae Dotson & Susan Yenser

**Program History**

**Overall Record:** ..... 550-428 (34th year)  
**SEC Record:** ..... 128-196 (29th year)  
**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:** ..... 4 (1985, 2000, 2005 & 2008)  
**WNIT Record:** ..... 7-4 (advanced to national final in 1985 & 2000)  
**WNBA Draftees:** ..... 15  
**Olympians:** ..... Tammy Jackson, U.S. 1992 & DeLisha Milton-Jones, U.S. 2000

## Florida's Postseason History

### Florida's NWIT\* and WNIT Chronology (7-4 Record in Tournament Games)

Year	Round	Opponent	Result	Location
1985	First	Montana	W, 70-49	Amarillo, Texas
	Semifinal	Drake	W, 87-80	Amarillo, Texas
	Final	LSU	L, 74-54	Amarillo, Texas
2000	First	Dayton	W, 97-93	Dayton, Ohio
	Second	Memphis	W, 74-71	Memphis, Tenn.
	Quarterfinal	Maryland	W, 77-57	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
	Semifinal	Arkansas	W, 83-62	Fayetteville, Ark.
	Final	Wisconsin	L, 75-74	Madison, Wis.
2005	First	USF	L, 61-56	Tampa, Fla.
2008	Second	Florida Gulf Coast	W, 60-55	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
	Third	N.C. State	L, 80-55	Raleigh, N.C.

\*NWIT is not longer contested

### Florida's NCAA Tournament Chronology (9-11 record in Tournament 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-ot 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.

## Gator Postseason Tournament Talk

The 2008 WNIT was Florida's 14th postseason appearance in the last 16 years.

**Amanda Butler** was the eighth different full-time head coach in the 34-year history of the Florida women's basketball program ... and the **FIRST** to guide the Gators to a postseason berth in their first year with the Gators!

The Gators played **six different teams** that competed in the 2008 Postseason WNIT, logging a 5-3 regular-season record against those squads (Florida Gulf Coast, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Prairie View A&M, South Carolina & TCU).

Florida played **11 different teams** that earned an NCAA Tournament berth in 2008, posting a 4-9 record against those foes (Auburn, Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Louisville, Nebraska, Robert Morris, Temple, Tennessee, Vanderbilt & Xavier).

**Tonya Washington's 39-point effort** against Dayton in the first round of the 2000 WNIT is UF's all-time record for most points scored in a postseason game (UF's NCAA Record: Murriel Page's 35-point performance versus Southern Cal in the second round of the 1997 NCAA Tournament).

On Feb. 11, 2001, the Florida played host to Tennessee in front of a sold out crowd of 12,222 fans in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. That attendance total remained as the largest crowd ever to watch a women's college basketball game anywhere in the state of Florida until the 2008 Final Four which was played at the St. Pete Times Forum that sold out the 21,497-seat facility!

### Postseason Record Breakdown

Games Decided by	NCAA	WNIT	NWIT	Total
7 points or less	1-5	3-2	1-0	5-7
Between 8-15 pts	3-4	0-0	0-0	3-4
+20 points	5-2	2-1	1-1	8-4
Home Game	5-1	2-0	0-0	7-1
Away Game	2-3	3-3	0-0	5-6
Neutral Site	2-7	0-0	2-1	4-8

## Florida's Series' History in the ...

### NCAA Tournament

Arizona	0-1
Baylor	0-1
Bowling Green	1 0
Brigham Young	0-1
Duke	0-1
Fla. International	1-0
Holy Cross	1-0
Louisiana Tech	1-0
Montana	1-0
New Mexico	1-1
Old Dominion	0-1
Radford	1 0
San Francisco	0-1
Southern Cal	1-0
Texas A&M	0 1
Virginia	0 2
Virginia Tech	1-0
Washington	0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9-11</b>
Home:	5-1
Away:	2-3
Neutral:	2-7

### WNIT (and NWIT)

Arkansas	1-0
Dayton	1-0
Drake	1-0
Florida Gulf Coast	1-0
LSU	0-1
Maryland	1-0
Memphis	1-0
Montana	1-0
N.C. State	0-1
South Florida	0-1
Wisconsin	0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7-4</b>
Home:	2-0
Away:	3-3
Neutral:	2-1

### All Postseason Tournaments

Arizona	0-1
Arkansas	1-0
Baylor	0-1
Bowling Green	1 0
Brigham Young	0-1
Dayton	1-0
Drake	1-0
Duke	0-1
Florida Gulf Coast	1-0
Fla. International	1-0
Holy Cross	1-0
Louisiana Tech	1-0
LSU	0-1
Maryland	1-0
Memphis	1-0
Montana	2-0
New Mexico	1-1
N.C. State	0-1
Old Dominion	0-1
Radford	1 0
San Francisco	0-1
South Florida	0-1
Southern California	1-0
Texas A&M	0 1
Virginia	0 2
Virginia Tech	1-0
Washington	0-1
Wisconsin	0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16-15</b>
Home:	7-1
Away:	5-6
Neutral:	4-8

## 2007-08 Season Review

To say that the **Amanda Butler** Coaching Era got off to a successful start would not even begin to do justice in explaining the remarkable job Florida's first-year head coach did during the 2007-08 season.

After inheriting virtually the same squad that won just nine games the previous year, Butler and her staff produced the greatest one-year turnaround by a coach in their first year in program history, winning 19 games while facing 17 different teams that earned a postseason bid. Butler also became the program's first head coach to guide Florida to a postseason berth, as the squad competed in the WNIT, reaching the third round.

Florida also shattered the preseason expectations of the Southeastern Conference's head coaches, who picked the Gators to finish 11th in the final standings of the 12-team league. The Gators finished four places ahead of those predictions, posting a 6-8 record and tying for seventh in the mighty SEC that once again produced two of the Final Four teams, including the national champion.

Individually, junior **Marshaë Dotson** flourished under Butler's tutelage, emerging as a First-Team All-SEC performer in a conference that featured 10 players selected in the 2008 WNBA Draft. The 5-11 forward ranked among the league's top 10 in scoring (13.1 ppg), rebounding (7.9 rpg), field goal percentage (53.1%) and free throw percentage (67.9%). Senior **Depree Bowden** had the best season of her four-year career, leading the Gators in scoring (13.4 ppg), steals (68) and three-point field goals (55), which led Florida's perimeter shooting to a program-record 179 treys. Junior **Sha Brooks** became the unselfish utility guard, running the point when needed while canning spectacular long-range shots and keeping the opposition's defense honest with her slashing drives to the basket. She contributed 12.3 points in addition to a team-leading 87 assists, with 62 steals, 48 three-pointers and shooting 79.8 percent (103-129) from the free throw line, the second-best percentage in the SEC.

Those accomplishments by the team and the those three players, however, are just a small sampling of the success Florida enjoyed throughout the 2007-08 season during Coach Butler's inaugural stint, which provided a glimpse into the success and growth in the program's near future.

Additional highlights from the 2007-08 campaign:

### Butler Ties the Record

**Amanda Butler** tied Debbie Yow for the most wins by a first-year Gator coach in program history.

Coach	Record	First Year
Debbie Yow	19-9	1983-84
<b>Amanda Butler</b>	<b>19-14</b>	<b>2007-08</b>
Carol Ross	17-11	1990-91
Paula Welch	13-6	1974-75
Cathy Davis	12-10	1976-77
Carol Higginbottom	10-18	1985-86
Mickie DeMoss	10-19	1979-80
Carolyn Peck	9-19	2002-03

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### Tough When it's Tight

Florida sported a 10-3 record during the 2007-08 season in games that were decided by six points or less, with three of the last four regular-season games contributing to the mark, as well as the Gators' 60-55 win over Florida Gulf Coast in the WNIT second round.

The Gators ended the regular season with a 72-66 win at Ole Miss (March 2), after falling at home to South Carolina, 69-65, on February 24th. UF defeated Arkansas, 75-73, on February 17th, with **Sha Brooks** hitting two free throws with 1.2 seconds remaining to seal the win.

### Senior Citizen

**Depree Bowden** was the lone senior on the 2007-08 Gator roster and her leadership was on display from the preseason under the final game. Bowden capped her career with 987 points, increasing her scoring average each year and leading Florida with 13.4 points in her finale.

She assumed the top-spot on UF's scoring chart following her impressive two-game showing at the SEC Tournament, where she contributed a team-high 18.0 points, hitting 7-of-11 from the three-point arc (63.6%) and 14-of-24 shots overall (58.3%). Bowden also dished eight assists with just two turnovers in the league's postseason event.

She graduated on May 3, 2008, with a bachelor's degree in Criminology and plans to attend graduate school.

### Who Else was Hot?

**Sha Brooks** scored in double-figures in the final 12 games of the year. During that span, she averaged a team-best 15.3 points per game, connecting on 34.4 percent (22-64) from the three-point arc, while dishing 32 assists and collecting 27 steals, also team-highs. Additionally during those last 12 games, Brooks converted 42-of-51 free throws (82.4%), including her 2-of-2 effort with 1.2 seconds remaining in the thrilling 75-73 victory over Arkansas on February 17.

### Moving on Up

No other Southeastern Conference team made a bigger improvement from the 2006-07 season to the 2007-08 season than the Ga-

## Numbers Watch

- 987:** career points scored by senior **Depree Bowden**
- 164:** career 3-point field goals by **Sha Brooks**, the third-most in UF history (No. 2 is 230 by Brandi McCain, 1998-02)
- 120:** games senior **Depree Bowden** played during her career, a total that ranked tied-for-sixth with Crystal Parker (1992-96), who sits sixth on the all-time Gator list (No. 1 is 129 by Tamara Stocks, 1997-2001)
- 94:** games played by **Sha Brooks** and **Marshaë Dotson** (every game of their respective careers)
- 91:** consecutive games started by **Sha Brooks** (has started all except one game during her collegiate career)
- 65:** consecutive games **Marshaë Dotson** has scored (has scored in all except one game during her collegiate career) ... she has grabbed at least one rebound in EVERY game she has played
- 19:** overall wins compiled by the 2007-08 squad, helping **Amanda Butler** tie the Gator record for victories by a first-year head coach in UF history
- 14:** home wins this season (14-4), tied for the second-most in program history with the 1993-94 team that posted a 14-0 home record (the 1997-98 Gator squad was 16-0)
- 2:** Gators (**Sha Brooks & Marshaë Dotson**) who topped the career 1,000-point plateau during the 2007-08 season
- +10:** the improvement in wins by the 2007-08 team (2006-07 record was 9-22), tied for the **best** in program history with the 2003-04 squad that posted a 19-11 record after a 9-19 mark the previous year

tors, who won four more SEC games in 2008 than in 2007, had a greater improvement in their place in the final league standings (from 11th in 2007 to tied-for-seventh in 2008) and made a bigger jump from preseason expectations (voted 11th in SEC Preseason Coaches' Poll).

## Improvements Made by Schools with 2007-08 New Head Coaches

When the 2007-08 season tipped-off, Florida was one of 48 NCAA Division I schools with a new head coach on the sidelines. **Amanda Butler's 10-game improvement** upon the win total of the 2006-07 team (9 wins) to the 2007-08 **tied for the BEST** of all 48 of those programs!

A detailed chart of all 48 of those programs with a new head coach in place can be found later in this notes packet. The top-five schools with the biggest improvements with a new head coach in place for the 2007-08 season:

SCHOOL	2007-08 Coach	2006-07 Wins	2006-07 Losses	2007-08 Wins	2007-08 Losses	Win Change	RPI*	Postseason
Florida	<b>Amanda Butler</b>	9	22	19	14	<b>+10</b>	42	WNIT
Portland State	Sherri Murrell	12	18	22	9	+10	119	none
Michigan	Kevin Borseth	10	20	19	14	+9	78	WNIT
Duquesne	Suzie McConnell Serio	7	20	15 <sup>^</sup>	15	+8	172	none
Longwood	Kristin Caruso	8	21	16	13	+8	239	none

\*CollegeRPI.com; <sup>^</sup>includes one win vs. non-Division I opponent



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### Gators Were Lean on Postseason Minutes

Only four players - **Depree Bowden**, **Sha Brooks**, **Marshae Dotson** and **Kim Critton** - had ever played in a postseason game prior to the 2008 WNIT and only Bowden had experienced two games of action, totaling 18 minutes.

In fact, head coach **Amanda Butler** had logged more postseason games and combined minutes during her days as a Gator letterwinner than the current quartet. Butler helped Florida reach the 1993 NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history during her junior season and followed it with a second trip her senior year.

### The "Big Three"

During the pre-season, Florida's 'Big 3' were expected to produce big things ... and they did not disappointed. The trio of **Depree Bowden**, **Marshae Dotson** and **Sha Brooks** combined for 1,281 of UF's 2,257 points (56.8%), 530 of 1,300 rebounds (40.8%), 221 of 417 assists (53.0%) and 187 of 310 steals (60.3%) during the season.

**Depree Bowden**, the lone senior on the 2007-08 squad, picked up where she left off the previous season, contributing a team-best 13.4 points and 5.1 rebounds, with a team-high 68 steals along with 80 assists. She took just took over the leading scoring spot following her 15-point effort against Tennessee in SEC Tournament quarterfinal round game (March 7).

Junior **Marshae Dotson** was the under-sized work-horse in the paint again during the season, leading UF in rebounding (7.9 rpg) and holding the scoring (13.1 ppg) title for the majority of the year until the end of the SEC Tournament. The 5-11 forward exploded with a 20-point, 14-rebound effort against LSU on February 3rd, netting her eighth double-double of the season and collected her ninth double-double on March 2 at Ole Miss in the regular-season finale, when she tallied 11 points and 13 rebounds helping the Gators rally for the 17-point comeback win. She was named the MVP of the State Farm Classic (Dec. 29) after tagging Alabama A&M for 26 points and 10 rebounds in the title game. She topped the 1,000-point plateau for her career during the February 10th game at Mississippi State.

Junior **Sha Brooks** continued to be a steady offensive contributor, averaging 12.3 points, but emerged as more of a complete player, tallying a team-best 87 assists with 62 steals, and played a team-long 32.2 minutes per game. She topped the 1,000-point plateau for her career during the December 22nd game against Saint Louis.

### The Silent Swatter

**Aneika Henry** blocked 63 shots during the season, which, surprisingly, was the most ever by a Gator junior. It ranked as the sixth-most in a season in UF history, five blocks behind the 68 all-time swatter **Vanessa Hayden** blocked during the 2000-01 season. Hayden also owns the single-season record with 126 blocks during the 2001-02 campaign.

### Home Sweet Home

Fourteen of Florida's 19 wins during the season came within the friendly confines of the O'Connell Center, where they sported a 14-5 record. **The 14 wins tied for the second**

**most home wins in program history.** The 1997-98 squad (when Amanda Butler was a UF assistant coach) ended the year with a 16-0 record that included two wins in the NCAA Tournament, while the 1993-94 Gator team (Amanda Butler's senior year), compiled a 14-0 mark.

The Gators had won **eight consecutive home games** before their January 24th loss to Georgia. The eight-game home win streak tied for the **fifth-longest in program history.**

### Hit a Three ... Give a Three

With its second of eight 3-pointers in the SEC Tournament quarterfinal game against Tennessee (March 7), the 2007-08 Gator squad became the most prolific three-point shooting team in program history, topping the 169 treys sank by the 2004-05 group. Florida capped the season with 179 three-pointers.

During that same SEC Tournament game, the Gators had allowed its 2007-08 opponents to move into **second place in the record books** for the most treys against Florida, trailing only the 194 sank by foes during the 1996-97 season. Florida allowed 189 three-pointers during the season.

### Starting at Guard ... again and again ...

**Sha Brooks** was on the floor for the opening tip of the WNIT third round game at N.C. State, marking her **94th career starting assignment** and her **91st consecutive.** Brooks has started every game except one during her career.

### And going and going and going ...

During UF's WNIT second-round win, junior **Sha Brooks** topped the 1,000-minute mark for the season, marking the 16th time a Gator has played at least 1,000 minutes in a year. Eleven different Gators have played 1,000 minutes in a season, including Brooks, who played 1,021 minutes last season.

She became just the fourth Gator to have played at least 1,000 minutes in two different seasons, joining **Dana Smith**, **Murriel Page** and **Brandi McCain** - who had three-1,000-minute seasons.

### Anything but FREE

During the WNIT second-round win, **Marshae Dotson** was 3-of-5 from the free throw line, passing **Tombi Bell** (107) on UF's all-time chart for made free throws by a junior. She also passed Bell's 158 attempts by a Gator junior in that same contest.

*"I can remember when she (Coach Butler) played here (at UF) and she was gritty and tough and this team has exactly her personality. I think she's done a great job."* - LSU Head Coach Van Chancellor, Feb. 3, 2008

### Building Blocks

UF's first of three blocked shots against Florida Gulf Coast on its March 24th was the team's 100th of the season. The 100th and 101st blocks came from unexpected Gators, with guard **Sha Brooks** swatting the milestone shot and junior guard **Kim Critton** getting credit for her first career blocked shot. Center **Aneika Henry**, who headlined UF's blocking brigade, had the other block during the game, which was her 60th of the year.

It was the eighth different time a Gator squad has blocked at least 100 and the first time since the 2003-04 season.

### Brooks Joins 1,000-Point Club

On December 22nd versus Saint Louis, **Sha Brooks** became the 19th Gator to score 1,000 points during her career, nailing a three-pointer from the right side of the arc that put her over the top of the milestone with five minutes remaining in the contest. Brooks missed her first eight shots from the floor and didn't score until a free throw with 5:24 remaining, but ended with 12 points as she canned 7-of-8 from the charity stripe in the waning minutes, while collecting four steals and dishing two assists. She eclipsed the mark in her 72nd career game, the seventh fastest in program history.

### Dotson Joins Brooks in 1,000-Point Club

With 6:24 remaining in the game against Mississippi State (Feb. 10), junior **Marshae Dotson** eclipsed the 1,000-point plateau for her career, becoming the 20th Gator to reach the scoring milestone. Fellow classmate **Sha Brooks** topped the mark during the December 22 game against Saint Louis.

The last time the Gators took the court featuring two 1,000-point scorers was during the 1999-2000 season, when three players all topped the milestone: **Tiffany Travis**, **Tonya Washington** and **Tamara Stocks** ... and all three eclipsed the mark during that same season.

### More High Marks For Butler

Florida won 10 more games in the game against the team compiled last season (9). The 10-game improvement made by **Amanda Butler** and her staff is **the most** by a Gator head coach in their first year in Gainesville. **Debbie Yow** led her inaugural Florida team to an eight-game improvement, posting a 19-9 record during the 1983-84 season after inheriting a team that finished 11-16 the previous year.

### Boarding School

As a team, Florida won the rebounding battle in 18 of its 33 games during the 2007-08 season.

Last year, the Gators won the rebounding battle just 10 times.

### The Butler Did It!

**Amanda Butler** is the eighth different full-time head coach in the 34-year history of the Florida women's basketball program ... and became the **FIRST** to guide the Gators to a postseason berth in their first year with the Gators!



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**From WAY Downtown**

**Sha Brooks** drained a career-high seven three-pointers against Tennessee on February 28, when she connected on 7-of-11 from behind the arc en route to a season-high 27 points.

The seven treys tied for the second-most in a game in UF history, one behind the eight **Bridget Pettis** canned against Georgia on Jan. 20, 1993. Brooks' seven 3-pointers were the most by a Gator since **Brandi McCain** also hit seven against Washington on March 18, 2001 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

**Sunshine State Record ... Fell**

On Feb. 11, 2001, Florida played host to Tennessee in front of a sold out crowd of 12,222 fans in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. That attendance total remained as the largest crowd ever to watch a women's college basketball game anywhere in the state of Florida ... until the 2007-08 season. The St. Pete Times Forum hosted the 2008 Final Four where the 21,497-seat facility sold out for the event!

**Five Foes from Florida**

Florida posted a 4-2 record against other teams from the Sunshine State, earning victories against FAMU, Stetson and Florida Gulf Coast (twice), but falling to Florida State and Jacksonville.

The Gators ended the year with a 202-58 all-time record versus its in-state foes.

**Gators Win #200 vs. Sunshine State Foes**

The Gators' 78-52 victory over Florida Gulf Coast on December 4th marked the program's 200 win versus Sunshine State teams. UF's all-time record at the time of the milestone win was 200-58.

**She Couldn't Tell Anyone Her Wish, but We Knew**

The youngest of the SEC's 12 head coaches, UF's **Amanda Butler** celebrated her 36th birthday on March 6th watching her Gators defeat South Carolina, 71-57, in the first round of the SEC Tournament.

**How'd They Do That?**

The Gators ended the regular-season riding the moment of posting a thrilling 72-66 victory at Ole Miss, as Florida erased a 17-point halftime deficit which tied for the second biggest comeback in program history. The largest deficit UF has ever overcome was on January 4, 1992, when the Gators rallied from a 20-point hole with 11:52 remaining in the second half against Alabama, before turning in the 103-102 double-overtime win. Current UF head coach **Amanda Butler** was the starting point guard for the Gators in the victory.

**Don't Doubt Dotson - First-Team All-SEC Marshae Dotson**

, who stands just 5-foot-11, was the SEC's SIXTH-leading rebounder for league games, collecting 8.0 per outing, trailing the likes of LSU's 6-foot-6 Sylvia Fowles, South Carolina's 6-foot-4 Demetress Adams, Auburn's 6-foot-4 DeWanna Bonner, Tennessee's 6-foot-4 Candace Parker, Georgia's 6-foot-3 Tasha Humphrey and UG's 6-foot-5 Angel Robinson.

For good measure, Dotson ranked No. 3 in SEC games for field goal percentage

(53.8%), No. 8 in scoring (13.6 ppg), No. 2 in offensive rebounds (3.43 pg), No. 8 for free throw percentage (70.0%) and tied for No. 9 for defensive rebounds (4.57 pg).

**All That Really Mattered was the "W"**

With the frenetic pace the Gators played on both ends of the floor, turnovers were to be expected. Florida averaging 19.2 miscues per game during the season, while forcing 19.1 turnovers.

**We Thought We Were Back in Focus**

Florida entered its Feb. 24th game against South Carolina hitting 81.1 percent (77-95) of its free throws in its previous FIVE games. The Gators, however, faltered from the line against the Gamecocks, missing 12 from the charity stripe (19-31) in the four-point loss.

Florida began the conference slate struggling with a 63.2-percent mark in its first six SEC games. That sub-par effort included UF's two-point loss at Kentucky (Jan. 10) where the Gators were just 13-of-20 from the line and the 10-point setback to Vanderbilt (Jan. 31), when UF missed 11 free throws, hitting 14-of-25.

During the non-conference portion of their scheduled, the Gators shot a steady 71.5 percent from the free throw line, ranking among the league leaders from the charity stripe.

**Darn Flu Bug!**

**Marshae Dotson** did not participate in the team's two practices prior to its February 24th game against South Carolina, so she did not start the game and ended her streak of 57 consecutive contests on the floor for the opening tip. Dotson did manage to score a team-high 17 points on 6-of-7 shooting along with seven rebounds in the loss.

**Twice the Fun ... for Two More Years**

The 2007-08 season began a new opponent rotation for the 12 SEC schools. For the next two years, Florida will play **Arkansas, South Carolina** and **Georgia** twice, while meeting each of the other eight league schools once to complete the 14-game slate.

Once this rotation ends, the SEC will move to a 16-game conference schedule.

**Butler & the Postseason**

Head Coach **Amanda Butler** is no stranger to postseason play.

During her time as a Gator letterwinner, Butler helped Florida earn its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth (1993) and followed that with another her senior year (1994).

During her two years as an assistant coach at UF, Butler was on staff when the Gators earned an NCAA bid both seasons, including the 1997 run into the Elite Eight.

In her fourth and final year as an assistant coach at Austin Peay State University, the 2001 Lady Gavs earned just the second-ever NCAA bid in program history and the first since 1996.

In her last five years with UNC Charlotte, the 49ers competed in the postseason, earn-

**2007-08 SEC Final Standings**

Rk.	School	SEC	Overall	
1.	LSU	14-0	31-6	NCAA
2.	Tennessee	13-1	36-2	NCAA
3.	Vanderbilt	11-3	25-9	NCAA
4.	Kentucky	8-6	17-16	WNIT
	Georgia	8-6	23-10	NCAA
6.	Auburn	7-7	20-12	NCAA
<b>7.</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>19-14</b>	<b>WNIT</b>
	Ole Miss	6-8	13-16	
9.	Mississippi St.	4-10	16-15	WNIT
	South Carolina	4-10	16-16	WNIT
11.	Arkansas	2-12	17-13	
12.	Alabama	1-13	8-22	

**2007-08 Preseason Coaches' Poll**

	Votes	2006-07 Results	
		SEC	Overall
Tennessee (9)	119	14-0	34-3
LSU (2)	112	10-4	30-8
Georgia	102	11-3	27-7
Vanderbilt	81	10-4	28-6
Auburn	77	6-8	21-13
Kentucky	73	6-8	20-14
Mississippi State	64	7-7	18-14
Arkansas	43	3-11	18-13
Ole Miss	41	9-5	24-11
South Carolina	37	6-8	18-15
<b>Florida</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>9-22</b>
Alabama	11	0-14	10-20

**2007-08 Preseason Media Poll**

	Votes	2006-07 Results	
		SEC	Overall
Tennessee (28)	358	14-0	34-3
LSU (2)	252	10-4	30-8
Georgia	234	11-3	27-7
Vanderbilt	189	10-4	28-6
Auburn	176	6-8	21-13
Kentucky	145	6-8	20-14
Mississippi State	135	7-7	18-14
Ole Miss	107	9-5	24-11
Arkansas	95	3-11	18-13
<b>Florida</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>9-22</b>
South Carolina	74	6-8	18-15
Alabama	30	0-14	10-20

ing an NCAA bid in 2003 and a WNIT in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, the final two of those coming when Butler served as the head coach of the program.

**Postseason Streak Stopped**

Florida's 60-55 victory over Florida Gulf Coast in the WNIT second round snapped a three-game postseason losing streak.

That run began with its NCAA second-round setback to Baylor in 2004. The Gators then lost to USF in the first round of the 2005 WNIT, before bowing out in the opening round of the 2006 NCAA Tournament to New Mexico.

**SEC First Timers**

No other NCAA Division I women's basketball conference entered the 2007-08 season with more new head coaches in place than the SEC.

Florida's **Amanda Butler** was one of five SEC coaches making their debut in the league ... sort of.

Butler was a four-year starter for the Gators (1990-94) and was an assistant coach at UF for two seasons (1995-97).



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**Associated Press Poll  
FINAL - March 17, 2008**

1	Connecticut (49)	1249
2	North Carolina (1)	1188
<b>3</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>1158</b>
4	Stanford	1091
5	Maryland	1027
<b>6</b>	<b>LSU</b>	<b>1014</b>
7	Rutgers	952
8	Texas A&M	858
9	Duke	817
10	California	788
11	Old Dominion	711
12	Baylor	705
13	Oklahoma State	552
14	Oklahoma	535
15	Notre Dame	477
16	Kansas State	436
17	West Virginia	434
18	Utah	426
<b>19</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>371</b>
20	George Washington	352
<b>21</b>	<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>263</b>
22	Marist	222
23	Texas-El Paso	218
24	Virginia	113
25	Ohio State	86

Others Receiving Votes: **Georgia** 34; Pittsburgh 31; Texas 24; **Xavier** 18; Hartford 16; Chattanooga 15; Wyoming 13; Purdue 12; Arizona State 11; Southern Methodist 8; Illinois State 7; DePaul 5; Liberty 5; Iowa 3; TCU 2; Western Kentucky 2; Syracuse 1

**Florida Week-by-Week in  
the 2007-08 Polls**

Week	AP	USA Today/ESPN
Preseason	nr (6/12)	nr (6/13)
Nov. 12	RV (6/9)	nr (6/12)
Nov. 19	nr (6/10)	nr (6/9)
Nov. 26	nr (6/8)	nr (6/8)
Dec. 3	nr (5/9)	nr (5/9)
Dec. 10	nr (5/10)	nr (5/9)
Dec. 17	nr (5/9)	nr (5/7)
Dec. 24	nr (5/8)	nr (6/8)
Dec. 31	nr (5/8)	nr (5/8)
Jan. 8	nr (5/9)	nr (5/10)
Jan. 14	nr (4/9)	nr (4/9)
Jan. 21	RV (4/8)	nr (4/8)
Jan. 29	nr (3/7)	nr (3/6)
Feb. 4	nr (3/7)	nr (3/7)
Feb. 11	nr (3/6)	nr (3/8)
Feb. 18	nr (4/6)	nr (3/8)
Feb. 25	nr (4/6)	nr (4/7)
March 3	nr (4/5)	nr (4/7)
March 10	nr (4/8)	nr (5/9)
March 17	nr (4/7)-FINAL	nr (5/8)
April 9	no poll	nr (5/7)-FINAL

(opponents in Top-25 / total receiving votes)

**USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll  
FINAL - April 9, 2008**

1.	Tennessee (31)	775
2.	Stanford	740
3.	Connecticut	704
<b>4.</b>	<b>LSU</b>	<b>694</b>
5.	North Carolina	623
6.	Rutgers	617
7.	Maryland	594
8.	Texas A&M	585
9.	Duke	451
10.	Old Dominion	438
11.	Oklahoma State	428
<b>12.</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>422</b>
13.	Notre Dame	415
14.	George Washington	372
<b>15.</b>	<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>331</b>
16.	Pittsburgh	284
17.	Baylor	277
18.	California	259
19.	Oklahoma	188
20.	West Virginia	167
21.	Kansas State	150
22.	Virginia	118
23.	Marist	102
<b>24.</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>81</b>
25.	Texas-El Paso	63

Others receiving votes: Arizona State 43; Utah 32; **Florida State** 29; Iowa State 21; **Nebraska** 20; Texas 16; Hartford 15; Marquette 6; DePaul 5; Georgia Tech 5; Ohio State 3; Purdue 2.

**BOLDFACE** indicates 2007-08 opponent

Arkansas' **Tom Collen** returned to the Lady Razorbacks and Fayetteville, where he was an assistant coach for four seasons.

Kentucky's **Matthew Mitchell** was an assistant coach at Tennessee, Florida (2000-03) and Kentucky, prior to his return to Lexington.

LSU's **Van Chancellor** spent 19 years as Ole Miss' head coach before moving on to a 10-year career with the WNBA's Houston Comets.

Ole Miss' **Renee Ladner** was in her first true season as a collegiate head coach, yet anything but a newcomer to the SEC, as she played four years with the Lady Rebels, was an assistant coach at Florida for two years (2000-02) and an assistant coach at Ole Miss for three seasons.

**Now Wearing Orange & Blue...**

Florida assistant coach **Susie Gardner** is a graduate of Georgia, earning her bachelor's degree in 1986 and her master's in 1988. As a four-year letterwinner (1982-86) under Andy Landers, Gardner was a member of the 1983 and 1985 Final Four teams that also won three SEC championships (1983, 1984 & 1986). She followed her playing career as a graduate assistant coach in Athens for two seasons, helping the Dawgs reach the NCAA Tournament both seasons.

During her tenure as a head coach at Austin Peay State University, Gardner coached the Lady Gobs to the largest victory in program history - a 71-66 victory over then-No. 9 Georgia on Dec. 16, 1997 in Athens. Current UF head coach **Amanda Butler** was an assistant coach on Gardner's staff during that monumental upset.

**A Break Does a Body Good**

The holiday break couldn't have come at a better time for the Gators, whose roster was so depleted during its last game before the break - December 22nd vs. Saint Louis - that only eight scholarship players could suit up. In the first practice following the break, 11 scholarship Gators (plus walk-on Jordan Parker) were on the court and participated in practice!

**Rested, Ready and Rolling!**

In the four games immediately following the holiday break, Florida posted four wins, all by at least 13 points, while carrying a +17.3 average margin of victory, a +11.3 averaging rebounding edge and committing "only" 15.5 turnovers per game (compared with the then-overall average of 21.3).

The run ended with the 60-58 loss at Kentucky on January 10th.

**A Perfect 10**

While new head coach **Amanda Butler** probably wouldn't be satisfied with a 10-win season, Florida's 71-51 victory on January 2nd against FAMU was the team's 10th win this season - needing just 14 games to surpass the entire win total from last year, when Florida posted a 9-22 record.

**50 and Counting**

Florida's 71-51 victory over FAMU on January 2nd, 2008, was the 50th career win for **Amanda Butler**, who entered the contest with a 49-26 record in her two-plus years as a head coach. Butler spend her first two seasons at UNC Charlotte, where she coached the 49ers to a 40-22 record before taking the helm at Florida this year.

**2007-08 Gators by the Numbers**

- 1:** total number of seniors on the 2007-08 Gator squad ... **Depree Bowden** was the lone senior (the 1998-99 squad was the last to feature just one senior - **Talatha Bingham**)
- 24:** former Division I women's basketball letterwinners who have returned to their respective alma maters and served as head coach of that program during the 2007-08 season - including Florida's **Amanda Butler**.
- 34:** years Florida has sponsored a varsity women's basketball program (the 2007-08 season is the 34th year) ... ALSO the uniform number head coach **Amanda Butler** wore during her Gator playing days!

**Sweeter Second Time Around**

Florida played seven different non-SEC teams during the 2007-08 season that also appeared on the previous year's schedule.

The Gators posted a 1-6 record versus those teams in 2006-07, defeating Stetson, but falling to Xavier, Nebraska, Florida State, Louisville, TCU and Temple.

The 2007-08 Gators showed their improvement, posting a 4-3 mark against those same teams, earning wins against Temple, TCU, Stetson and Xavier.



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### Bowden Honored By SEC

**Depree Bowden** was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week (for Dec. 17-23) after leading the Gators to their third consecutive win. It was Bowden's first league honor of her career.

The 5-foot-10 guard tied her season-high of 23 points in leading Florida to its 83-77 victory over Saint Louis, helping the Gators win three straight for the first time since the 2005-06 season.

Against Saint Louis, Bowden also contributed seven rebounds, a career-high-tying six assists and four steals, while hitting 4-of-7 from the 3-point arc and 5-of-5 from the free throw line. It was her third 20-point game of the season and the seventh of her career.

Florida worked the closing seconds of the first half against the Billikens to perfection, as Bowden capped period by hitting a three-pointer at the buzzer that gave the Gators the momentum entering the locker room in addition to a 13-point lead.

### The Gators at a Glance

The 2007-08 Gators returned seven letterwinners from last year's roster, including their top three scorers (**Sha Brooks, Marsha Dotson & Depree Bowden**) and three of their top four rebounders (**Marsha Dotson, Depree Bowden & Sharielle Smith**). Six newcomers completed the 13-player roster that comprised Butler's inaugural season as the Gator's head coach.

### Tough Start - but we Survived!

Florida's first five opponents - and six of its first eight ... and seven of its first 10 - of the 2007-08 season each competed in the NCAA Tournament the previous season.

The Gators played a total of 18 different TEAMS that earned a postseason bid in 2006-07 - tied with Rutgers, Tennessee and Louisville for the most in the country ... and Florida Gulf Coast was NOT among those 18 teams counted despite them reaching the national championship game because the Eagles were still Division II.

### It Looked Tough ... and it Was!

Florida played **11 different teams** that earned an NCAA Tournament berth in 2008, posting a 4-9 record against those foes (Auburn, Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Louisville, Nebraska, Robert Morris, Temple, Tennessee, Vanderbilt & Xavier).

The Gators played **six different teams** that competed in the 2008 Postseason WNIT, logging a 5-3 regular--season record against those squads (Florida Gulf Coast, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Prairie View A&M, South Carolina & TCU).

### Conference Favorites

UF played five different non-SEC teams that were the preseason pick to finish either first or second in their respective league standings: **Xavier** picked No. 2 in Atlantic 10; **Robert Morris** picked No. 2 in Northeast; **Prairie View** picked to win SWAC; **Jacksonville** picked to win Atlantic Sun; **TCU** picked No. 2 in the Mountain West.

Among UF's non-conference foes that were not one of the top-two picks in their respective conferences: **Florida State** (ranked No. 20 nationally and picked fourth in the ACC), **Nebraska** (receiving votes in the national polls and picked seventh in the Big 12),

**Louisville** (AP preseason national poll No. 21 and picked sixth in the 16-team BIG EAST) and **Florida Gulf Coast** (picked 10th in the 12-team Atlantic Sun in its first year of Division I play ... 2007 Division II national runner-up).

### Starting Over

Florida's 0-for-11 performance from the three-point arc against Jacksonville on November 28th marked snapped a streak of 215 consecutive games the Gators had hit at least one trey. Prior to the game against the Dolphins, the last time UF failed to connect was on March 21, 2000 against Maryland.

**Jennifer Mossor** ended the Gator's 3-point drought when she canned her first of two treys during the first half against Louisville in UF's next game (Dec. 2), as the team sank five from long range.

### Ouch!

The injury bug played havoc with the Gators during the first half of THE season.

Freshman **Ndidi Madu**, who showed signs of being able to contribute valuable depth in the paint, tore the ACL in her right knee during practice on November 11th and is out of the year after playing in just the season-opener. Madu underwent reconstructive surgery on Wed., December 12th.

Sophomore **Jennifer Mossor** (finger) was sidelined beginning October 29th with a broken finger until being released to practice for the first time on Tuesday, November 27 and actually playing 16 minutes against Jacksonville the following day. She missed the first six games of the season because of the injury.

**Sharielle Smith** missed the first two games with a stress fracture in her right foot, but came off the bench against Nebraska (Nov. 17), scoring 12 points in her season debut.

Junior **Marsha Dotson** broke the tip of her nose during the November 9th game against Xavier, but the 5-11 forward showed no effects from the blow as she led the Gators with 25 points and 16 rebounds in their win over Robert Morris on November 12th. A couple weeks later, she broke a front lower tooth during the game against Stetson (Nov. 26), needing a root canal and a crown to repair the damage.

**Mossor, Kerri Simpson, Ebonie Crawford** and **Madu** all missed the Saint Louis game on December 22nd with either an injury or illness, leaving the Gators with just eight scholarship players in uniform.

Against FAMU on January 2nd, Dotson was poked in the eye and played just 18 minutes as a result, Mossor banged her bandaged left hand and **Lonnika Thompson** fell hard on her back after a collision diving for a loose ball.

**Sha Brooks** left the January 10th game at Kentucky with 1:03 remaining, holding her right knee and did not re-enter during the thrilling finish.

**Lonnika Thompson** missed the February 10th game at Mississippi State and played just two minutes at Georgia (Feb. 14) after suffering a separated shoulder during the

game against Auburn (Feb. 7).

### Welcome Home!

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### Jump Start

Florida tipped off the 2007-08 season on November 9, playing host to and defeating Xavier, 82-71. This was the earliest season-opener in the 34-year history of the program. Last year's season got underway on November 10, which was the earliest since the 1998-99 season tipped off on November 14th.

### First Day on the Job

The Gator's 82-71 victory over Xavier (Nov. 9) made **Amanda Butler** the sixth different women's basketball coach to win their Florida head coaching debut.

Florida's previous eight head coaches combined to post a 5-3 record in their inaugural game on the Gator sidelines. Coach Butler's opening game could be considered the most challenging, too, as Xavier was the first defending conference champion to oppose a new UF coach in their debut.

Butler also is the first Gator head coach to begin their tenure playing each of their first five games against teams that competed in the NCAA Tournament the previous year.

### She's 1 of 24

Of the 328 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball programs, 45 have head coaches who also received at least their undergraduate degree from that school ... and of those 45 head coaches, only 24 played for their school's women's basketball program - including Florida's **Amanda Butler**.

A complete list of those head coaches and their alma mater can be found later in this notes packet.

### Double the Fun

The Gators played a total of five double-headers during the 2007-08 season, including one that was an exhibition contest for both teams. The hoops teams responded, posting a combined 8-2 record in those games, with both dropping their respective games in the twinbill against Florida State on November 23rd.

### First Timers

Florida played six different teams for the first time in program history, posting a 5-1 record in those series' debuts.

**Robert Morris** was the first of the first-timers on the Gator's 2007-08 schedule, as Florida earned a hard-fought 67-63 win over the Colonials on Nov. 12th.

Other series' debut results: Florida lost its series debut to **Jacksonville**, 75-64, on Nov. 28 ... defeated **Prairie View A&M**, 69-63, on November 20th ... defeated **Florida Gulf Coast**, 78-52, on Dec. 4th ... defeated **Saint Louis**, 83-77, on Dec. 22nd ... and defeated **Alabama A&M**, 70-49, on Dec. 29th.



### Stop That Streak!

The Gators have lost 15 consecutive games to ranked teams (including five in 2007-08), posting an 0-9 record during the 2006-07 season and dropping the last game they played versus a ranked foe in 2005-06. Florida's last win over a ranked team was the 95-93 overtime thriller in Knoxville against No. 5 Tennessee on Feb. 26, 2006.

### UF vs. Ranked Teams

Florida owns a 50-160 all-time record versus teams ranked in the Associated Press Top-25 national poll, including an 0-5 record in 2007-08.

### Florida Coaches in their First Year vs. Ranked Teams

The previous eight Florida head coaches posted a combined 1-29 record in their debut season versus ranked teams. **Debbie Yow's** unranked squad defeated No. 20 Kentucky, 68-66 on Dec. 22, 1983 ... which also was the program's first-ever victory against a nationally ranked opponent.

**Amanda Butler** and the Gators were 0-5 during the 2007-08 season against nationally ranked opponents.

### Amanda Butler vs. Ranked Teams

In her two seasons as **Charlotte's head coach**, the 49ers were 0-2 versus top-25 teams (AP rank first/ESPN-Coaches): Feb. 15, 2007 - vs. #8/9 Geo. Wash. - L 64-59 Jan. 6, 2006 - at #24/23 Temple - L 77-69

As a **four-year starter** for the Gators, **Amanda Butler** helped UF log a 7-19 record during her tenure against ranked teams, after the Gators posted a 4-51 record in the 13 years prior to her wearing the Orange & Blue.

During her two seasons as an **assistant coach at Florida** (1995-97), Butler helped the Gators tally a 12-14 record against ranked teams.

### Captains Named

On Thursday, November 8, the Gators voted **Depree Bowden**, **Marshaé Dotson** and **Susan Yenser** tri-captains for the 2007-08 squad.

### She CAN Do It - But WILL She?

Junior transfer **Aneika Henry** can dunk. She has done so in practice on multiple occasions. Should Henry "throw one down" during a game, she would become just the seventh woman to dunk in a collegiate game.

Already slamming one down: Tennessee's Candace Parker and Michelle Snow, Houston's Sancho Lyttle, North Carolina's Charlotte Smith, West Virginia's Georgeann Wells ... and most recently LSU's Sylvia Fowles (Nov. 21, 2007).

### Who's That Girl?

Wearing No. 10 for the Gators was **Jordan Parker**, a 5-foot-6 walk-on freshman guard who joined the team on October 17, 2007. Parker is a native of Florence, S.C., where she attended West Florence High School.

### Thomas Recognized

Sophomore **Brittany Thomas** made the most of her first career starting assignment, scoring a career-high 17 points in the November 9th season-opening victory against Xavier

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## Gators Ink Three in Signing Class

Three talented players from extremely successful high school and summer programs highlight Florida's 2007-08 signing class (data as of Nov. 2007).

Signing National Letters of Intent to begin playing for the Gators in the 2008-09 season:

**Taylor Jones** (5-foot-11, Guard, Altamonte Springs, Fla./Lake Mary High School);  
**Trumae Lucas** (5-foot-8, Guard, Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley High School);  
**Azania Stewart** (6-foot-4, Center, Wood Green, England/Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, Va.).

### Taylor Jones

A starter for Lake Mary High School as a freshman and sophomore, Jones helped the Lady Rams win the 2006 FHSAA 6A State Championship, scoring 11 points against Miami Norland in the 63-53 title game, after finishing as the state runner-up in 2005. During the summer of 2006, Jones and her family moved to Chicago, where she played for Whitney Young High School and the Chicago Hoops Express 17U I club team, before moving back to Florida, where she is in her senior year at Lake Mary. With WYHS, Jones helped the team capture the 2007 City of Chicago title. She is a four-time invitee to the prestigious Adidas Top Ten All-American Camp, while being nominated as a Street and Smith and McDonald's All American. Jones also played AAU summer ball for DEBO, where she was teammates with current Gator sophomore Jennifer Mossor.

### Trumae Lucas (pronounced tru-MAY)

Named Most Outstanding Player of the 2007 North Carolina 4-A State Championship game for Grimsley High School, Lucas scored 33 points in a tough 69-64 loss to South View High in the title game, hitting 10-of-17 from the floor and 12-of-13 from the free throw line. Lucas recorded a game-high 26 points in the 4-A West final game, leading Grimsley past West Charlotte, 58-51. She was named the Metro 4-A Player of the Year in 2005-06 and 2006-07, helping the Whirlies compile a 30-2 record her junior season. Lucas was invited to participate in the prestigious Adidas Top Ten All-American Camp in 2006 and 2007, while being recognized as an NCHSAA First-Team All-State performer in 2007.

### Azania Stewart (ah-ZANE-e-ah)

The first Gator signee from Europe, Stewart is a key member of this year's Notre Dame Academy's team that sits atop the Full Court Press/Sports Illustrated and the ESPN HIGH Elite 25 national preseason rankings. Considered one of the top post players in the Virginia/Maryland/D.C. area, Stewart averaged 14 points, eight rebounds and three blocks last year when she helped the Dragons to a No. 5 ranking in the final USA Today national poll after posting a 29-1 record, their lone loss to top-ranked Collins Hill (Suwanee, Ga.). Stewart was recognized as a 2005-06 First-Team All-State Honorable Mention performer in Division I, while collecting All-Tournament honors for the 2007 Naples Daily News Holiday Shootout and the 2006 Flint Hill Tip-Off Classic. She played with the famed Boo Williams Summer League travel team during the summer.

and was recognized as the SEC Player of the Week for her performance.

### Unhappy Halloween

The week beginning October 27 was a tough one for the Gators!

Sophomore guard **Jennifer Mossor** broke the pinky finger on her left (non-shooting) hand during practice on Sunday, October 27. She underwent surgery on October 30 and had two pins inserted and missed the first six games as a result. Mossor also missed the first two games of the 2006-07 season, sitting out because of a stress fracture in her left foot.

On October 31st, sophomore forward **Sharielle Smith** had an MRI on her left foot, where a stress fracture was revealed. She saw her first action of the season during the November 17th game at Nebraska, scoring 12 points.

### Regular-Season Schedule Notes

\*Florida's first five opponents of the season competed in the NCAA Tournament last year, with the stretch capped by a home date against in-state rival Florida State, which reached the Sweet 16 for the first time in history last season

\*The Gators played 18 different TEAMS that earned a postseason bid last year - tied

with Rutgers, Tennessee and Louisville for the most in the country

\*Five of the Gator's first six regular-season games were home contests, with three of those doubleheaders with the Florida men's team

\*Florida played host to a total of 18 regular-season home games

\*The Gators played a game in the state of Nebraska (Nov. 17) for the first time in program history

### Court-ing Success

Florida's home court inside the O'Connell Center is the actual floor that the Gator men's basketball team won the 2006 NCAA championship on in Indianapolis. The University Athletic Association purchased the court and had it refinished and Gatorized for the teams to play on for the 2006-07 season. Blocks of the court from the team's 2007 title run are available for purchase.

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## 2007-08 Gator Team &

## Individual Highlights

- \*TIED program record for biggest improvement (+10 games) from one season to next (9-22 record in 2006-07)
- \*Earned a Bid Into the WNIT, the First Post-season Appearance for the Gators Under a First-Year Head Coach
- \*TIED the second-most home wins in a season (14-5 record in 2008; 14-0 in 2004)
- \*Recorded 550th victory in program history (March 24 vs. Florida Gulf Coast; record at time of milestone was 550-427)
- \*Most 3-pointers in a Season - 179 (record was 169 during 2004-05 season)
- \*TIED the second-largest comeback victory in program history (won 72-66 after trailing by 17 points at halftime at Ole Miss, March 2)
- \*Produced eight-game home winning streak (tied for fifth-longest in program history)
- \*State Farm Classic Champions (14th time in 17-year history of event)
- \*TIED Program Record for 3-Pointers in a Game - 11 (vs. TCU, Dec. 16, 2007 and at Tennessee, Feb. 28, 2008)

### Individual Honors & Milestones

#### Amanda Butler

- \*The 19 Wins Tied was for the Most by a Gator Head Coach in their First Year
- \*Tied for the Nation's Leader by Producing the Greatest Turn-Around by a First-Year Head Coach (+10 wins)
- \*Produced Greatest Turn-Around by a First-Year Gator Head Coach (+10 wins)
- \*Earned 50th career head coaching win (Jan. 2, 2008 vs. FAMU)

#### Depree Bowden

- \*Voted Team Tri-Captain
- \*SEC Academic Honor Roll
- \*SEC Community Service Team
- \*State Farm Classic All-Tournament Team (Dec. 28-29)
- \*SEC Player of the Week (Week 7: Dec. 17-23)
- \*TIED for Sixth-Most Games Player in a Career (120)
- \*Eighth-Most 3-Pointers Made in a Career (87)
- \*Eighth-Most 3-Pointers Attempted in a Career (298)
- \*10th-Most Steals in a Career (185)
- \*Seventh-Most 3-Pointers Made in a Season (55)
- \*Third-Most 3-Pointers Made in a Season by a Gator Senior (55)
- \*Fourth-Most Steals in a Season by a Gator Senior (68)

#### Sha Brooks

- \*19th Gator to score 1,000 Career Points (reached milestone vs. Saint Louis, Dec. 22, 2007)
- \*held career-long streak of 25 consecutive made free throws
- \*Twice TIED UF record for FT percentage in a game, hitting 10-of-10 vs. Temple and Stetson
- \*TIED Program Record for Second-Most Three-Pointer in a Game - 7 (at Tennessee, Feb. 28, 2008)
- \*Fifth-Most Free Throws Made in a Career (295)
- \*Eighth-Most Steals in a Career (190)
- \*TIED Program Record for Most Games Started by a Gator Junior (33)
- \*Third-Most Free Throws Made in a Season by a Gator Junior (103)
- \*Third-Highest Free Throw Percentage in a Season by a Gator Junior (79.8%, 103-129)
- \*Seventh-Most Minutes Player in a Season (1,064)

#### Ebonie Crawford

- \*SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll

#### Kim Critton

- \*Scholar-Baller (one of eight Female Academic Momentum Award national winners,

presented by The National Consortium for Academics and Sports)

#### Marshae Dotson

- \*First-Team All-SEC (coaches)
- \*Second-Team All-SEC (media)
- \*SEC Academic Honor Roll
- \*20th Gator to score 1,000 Career Points (reached milestone vs. Mississippi State, February 10, 2008)
- \*State Farm Classic Most Valuable Player (Dec. 28-29)
- \*Voted Team Tri-Captain
- \*Sixth-Most Free Throws Made in a Season (110)
- \*Most Free Throws Attempted in a Season (162)
- \*Most Free Throws Made in a Season by a Gator Junior (110)
- \*Most Free Throws Attempted in a Season by a Gator Junior (162)

#### Aneika Henry

- \*Ninth-Most Blocked Shots in a Career (63)
- \*Most Blocked Shots in a Season by a Gator Junior (63)

#### Ndidi Madu

- \*SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll

#### Sharielle Smith

- \*Third-Highest Free Throw Percentage in a Season, 82.8% (48-58)
- \*Second-Highest Free-Throw Percentage by a Gator Sophomore (82.8%, 48-58)

#### Brittaney Thomas

- \*SEC Player of the Week (Week 1: Nov. 5-11)

#### Susan Yenser

- \*Voted Team Tri-Captain

### Florida Head Coaches in their First Year

There have been eight different full-time head coaches the 34-year history of the Gator program and **only three have improved** upon the win total the team compiled the season prior to their arrival in Gainesville: **Debbie Yow** led the Gators to **eight more wins** than the year prior to her hire ... **Carol Ross** added **two more victories** to the team's win total during her inaugural season ... and **AMANDA BUTLER**, who already guided the Gators to **10** more wins than the nine they totaled during the 2006-07 season!

Coach	1st Year	1st Yr. Record	UF's Record the Year PRIOR to Hire	Change in Win/Loss
Paula Welch	1974-75	13-6	first year of program	n/a
Cathy Davis	1976-77	12-10	16-8	-4
Mickie DeMoss	1979-80	10-19	12-15	-2
Debbie Yow	1983-84	19-9	11-16	+8
Carol Higginbottom	1985-86	10-18	22-9	-12
Carol Ross	1990-91	17-11	15-13	+2
Carolyn Peck	2002-03	9-19	18-11	-9
<b>Amanda Butler</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>19-14</b>	<b>9-22</b>	<b>+10</b>

# Carol Higginbottom-Whitmire resigned on Feb. 13, 1990. Lea Henry became interim head coach.



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# Head Coach Amanda Butler

**Amanda Butler**, one of the nation's top young coaching talents as well as a former four-year starter and two-year assistant coach for the University of Florida, was named the Gators' ninth head women's basketball coach on April 13, 2007. Butler, 37, possesses 13 years of college coaching experience through the 2007-08 season, including one at UF and two as the head coach of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. During her two years as

head coach at Charlotte, Butler compiled a 40-22 record that included two WNIT berths and a share of the 2005-06 Atlantic 10 Conference regular-season championship. Her debut season resulted in a 21-9 record, the most wins ever by a Charlotte coach in their first year, as Butler was recognized as the league's Coach of the Year. During the 2006-07 season, the 49ers posted a 19-13 overall mark, advancing to the WNIT second round before losing to Virginia, 74-72.

Not only does Butler bring success from her decade on the sidelines, she brings a unique passion to the University of Florida. Butler returning to her alma mater, where she was a four-year starter for the Gators from 1990-94. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Sport Sciences with honors on May 6, 1995 and was awarded a Master of Exercise and Sport Sciences on August 9, 1997.

## Coaching Highlights

*\*Eight times in Butler's 13 years on the sidelines her team has competed in the postseason, including four NCAA Championship appearances*

### 1995-97 Florida Assistant Coach

\*1997 Gators won a program-record 24 games and advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Championships for the first - and still only - time in program history  
\*Advance to the 1997 SEC Tournament final for first - and still only - time in school history

### 1997-2001 Austin Peay Assistant Coach

\*Ohio Valley Conference Tournament champions for the second time in program history resulting in the school's second-ever trip to the NCAA Championship

### 2001-03 Charlotte Assistant Coach

\*2003 Conference USA regular-season title and earned the program's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Championship.

### 2003-05 Charlotte Associate Head Coach

\*2 WNIT Appearances

### 2005-07 Charlotte Head Coach

\*2006 Atlantic 10 Conference Coach of the Year  
\*2006 Atlantic 10 Regular-Season Co-Champions  
\*2 WNIT Appearances

### 2007-08 Florida Head Coach

\*WNIT Third Round  
\*10-win improvement was the greatest by a first-year UF head coach and was the best of any school in the country with a new head coach for the 2007-08 season

## Amanda Butler at a Glance

### Personal

**Full Name:** Amanda Kay Butler  
**Hometown:** Mt. Juliet, Tenn.  
**Born:** March 6, 1972

### Education

**College:** University of Florida (B.S. in Exercise and Sport Sciences, 1995; Master of Exercise and Sport Sciences, 1997)  
**High School:** Mt. Juliet HS (1990 graduate)

### Playing Experience

**College:** Univ. of Florida, Four-year starting guard (1990-94)  
\*1993 & 1994 NCAA Berths were first two in program history

## Amanda Butler's Career Coaching Record

	Overall (at UF)	Home	Away	Neutral
Alabama	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Alabama A&M	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Appalachian State	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Arkansas	2-0 (2-0)	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0
Arkansas State	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Auburn	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Ball State	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Charleston Southern	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Clemson	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Colorado	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Davidson	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
Dayton	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Duquesne	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-1
Florida	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0
Florida A&M	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Florida Gulf Coast	2-0 (2-0)	2-0 (2-0)	0-0	0-0
Florida State	0-1 (0-1)	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-0
Fordham	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
George Washington	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-0
Georgia	0-2 (0-2)	0-1 (0-1)	0-1 (0-1)	0-0
High Point	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Holy Cross	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Houston	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Jacksonville	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-1 (0-1)	0-0
James Madison	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Kentucky	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-1 (0-1)	0-0
La Salle	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
LSU	0-1 (0-1)	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-0
Louisville	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-1 (0-1)	0-0
Loyola Marymount	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Massachusetts	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
Minnesota	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Mississippi	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	1-0 (1-0)	0-0
Mississippi State	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-1 (0-1)	0-0
Murray State	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Nebraska	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-1 (0-1)	0-0
N.C. State	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-1 (0-1)	0-0
Old Dominion	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0
Prairie View A&M	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Rhode Island	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
Richmond	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0
Robert Morris	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Saint Francis	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
Saint Joseph's	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-1
Saint Louis	5-0 (1-0)	3-0 (1-0)	2-0	0-0
St. Bonaventure	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
South Carolina	2-1 (2-1)	0-1 (0-1)	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)
Stetson	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Temple	1-2 (1-0)	0-1	1-1 (1-0)	0-0
Tennessee	0-2 (0-2)	0-0	0-1 (0-1)	0-1 (0-1)
TCU	1-0 (1-0)	1-0 (1-0)	0-0	0-0
Tulsa	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
UCLA	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
UNC Greensboro	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
UNC Wilmington	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Virginia	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Virginia Tech	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Western Kentucky	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0
Winthrop	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
Wyoming	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Vanderbilt	0-1 (0-1)	0-1 (0-1)	0-0	0-0
Xavier	4-0 (1-0)	3-0 (1-0)	1-0	0-0
<b>Overall (3 Years):</b>	<b>59-36</b>	<b>40-9</b>	<b>17-20</b>	<b>2-6</b>
<b>at Florida (1 Year):</b>	<b>19-14</b>	<b>14-5</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>1-1</b>
<b>Conference (at UF):</b>	<b>28-16 (6-8)</b>	<b>16-6 (3-4)</b>	<b>12-10 (3-4)</b>	<b>0-0 (0-0)</b>

## Butler's Head Coaching Record

Year	School	Record	Home	Away	Neutral	Conference
2005-06	Charlotte	21-9	13-2	8-5	0-2	13-3 (T-1st, A-10)
2006-07	Charlotte	19-13	13-2	5-7	1-3	9-5 (4th, A-10)
2007-08	Florida	19-14	14-5	5-8	1-1	6-8 (T-7th, SEC)
<b>Totals (3 Years)</b>		<b>59-36</b>	<b>40-9</b>	<b>17-20</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>28-16</b>
<b>at Charlotte (2)</b>		<b>40-22</b>	<b>26-4</b>	<b>13-12</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>22-8 Atlantic 10</b>



**Division I Women's Basketball  
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**Launched November 2, 2007**

With University of Florida alumna

Amanda Butler entering her first season as head coach of the Gator women's basketball team, the school's Homecoming weekend seemed the perfect time to launch the program's new website:

**[www.CoachAmandaButler.com](http://www.CoachAmandaButler.com)**

Making its debut on November 2, 2007, this in-depth Internet site gives fans an opportunity to learn about the Gators' head coach, her staff, the current Gators and the history of the program.

New video clips, blogs and other items from Coach Butler and the team frequently will be updated on the site, with the Gators sharing their thoughts and impressions about the season, the program and the University of Florida.



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The new site also is accessible through and branches off from [www.GatorZone.com](http://www.GatorZone.com), the official website of the Florida Gators.

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1240 AM in Gainesville

**The Butler Did It!**

**Amanda Butler** is the eighth different full-time head coach in the 34-year history of the Florida women's basketball program ... and the **FIRST** to guide the Gators to a postseason berth in their first year with the Gators!

*"I can remember when she (Coach Butler) played here (at UF) and she was gritty and tough and this team has exactly her personality. I think she's done a great job."* - LSU Head Coach Van Chancellor, Feb. 3, 2008

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<u>Division I School</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>WBB Letter</u>
		<u>Yr Graduated</u>
Alabama State	Freda Freeman-Jackson	yes, 1984
Campbell	Wanda Watkins	yes, 1979
<b>Florida</b>	<b>Amanda Butler</b>	<b>yes, 1995</b>
George Mason	Debbie Taneyhill	yes, 1992
Maine	Cindy Blodgett	yes, 1998
Miami (Ohio)	Maria Fantanarosa	yes, 1990
Mississippi	Renee Ladner	yes, 1981
Northern Illinois	Carol Owens	yes, 1990
Northwestern State	Jennifer Graf	yes, 1999
Old Dominion	Wendy Larry	yes, 1977
Oregon	Bev Smith	yes, 1982
Purdue	Sharon Versyp	yes, 1989
Rider	Lynn Milligan	yes, 1992
Saint Joseph's	Cindy Griffin	yes, 1991
Seton Hall	Phyllis Mangina	yes, 1981
South Carolina State	Tonya Mackey	yes, 1990
Southeastern Louisiana	Lori Davis Jones	yes, 1992
Southern Methodist	Rhonda Rompola	yes, 1983
Southern Mississippi	Joye Lee-McNelis	yes, 1984
Tennessee State	Tracee Jones	yes, 1988
Tennessee-Martin	Tara Tansil	yes, 1995
Weber State	Carla Taylor	yes, 1984
Western Kentucky	Mary Taylor Cowles	yes, 1992
William & Mary	Debbie Taylor	yes, 1986
Alcorn State	Shirley Walker	no, 1968
Belmont	Tony Cross	no
California-Davis	Sandy Simpson	no
California-Santa Barbara	Mark French	no
Creighton	Jim Flanery	no
DePaul	Doug Bruno	no
High Point	Tooev Loy	no
James Madison	Kenny Brooks	no
Lipscomb	Frank Bennett	no
Louisiana-Lafayette	Errol Rogers	no
Loyola (Maryland)	Joe Morgan	no
Middle Tennessee	Rick Insell	no
Mississippi Valley State	Nate Kilbert	no
Montana	Robin Selvig	no
Morgan State	Donald Beasley	no
Rhode Island	Tom Garrick	no
Rice	Greg Williams	no
Sacred Heart	Ed Swanson	no
South Alabama	Rick Pietri	no

**Florida Head Coaches in their First Year  
vs. Ranked Teams (in AP Poll)**

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Record</u>
Paula Welch	1974-75	no poll
Cathy Davis	1976-77	0-1
Mickie DeMoss	1979-80	0-3
Debbie Yow	1983-84	1-5
Carol Higginbottom	1985-86	0-3
Lea Henry#	1985-86	0-2
Carol Ross	1990-91	0-5
Carolyn Peck	2002-03	0-10
Amanda Butler	2007-08	0-5

# Carol Higginbottom-Whitmire resigned on Feb. 13, 1990. Lea Henry became interim head coach.