

The Southeastern Conference, with its storied 73-year history of athletic achievements and academic excellence, has built perhaps the greatest tradition of intercollegiate competition of any league in the country since its inception in 1933.

The 2004-05 academic year was another season to remember for the SEC as conference teams captured seven national titles and eight national runner-up finishes. Since 1990, the SEC has won 107 national team championships for an average of more than six per year.

Overall, the SEC finished in the top

two in 10 of its 20 sponsored sports and in the top five in 16 of the 20 sports. Six SEC teams participated in football postseason bowls with Auburn posting an undefeated season and a victory in the Sugar Bowl. Five men's and five women's basketball teams were invited to the NCAA Tournament with LSU and Tennessee advancing to the Women's Final Four. An NCAA record-tying nine teams advanced to postseason play in baseball with two teams (Florida and Tennessee) advancing to the College World Series. With 160 teams, an average of eight per sport, advancing

to NCAA postseason competition, the SEC continued to solidify its place as the nation's premier conference.

In addition to the seven team championships, 72 SEC student-athletes garnered individual national championships, while 554 individuals were awarded with first-team All-America honors. Student-athletes around the league continued to excel in the classroom as well with 2,052 earning recognition on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

On the national all-sport level, the SEC placed nine teams in the top 50 of the Sears/NACDA Director's Cup

rankings. Florida led the league with a sixth-place finish. Georgia placed seventh, while Tennessee was eighth, Auburn finished 17th, LSU 23rd, Arkansas 32nd, South Carolina 34th, Kentucky 35th and Alabama finished 38th to round out the league's top 50 finishes. All 12 SEC schools finished in the top 100 of the Sears Cup Standings. Mississippi State (64), Ole Miss (67) and Vanderbilt (71) also made the top 100.

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Michael L. Slive

Michael L. Slive, Commissioner of Conference USA, was named the seventh commissioner of the Southeastern Conference on July 2, 2002.

Slive was the first-ever Commissioner of Conference USA when the league was formed on April 24, 1995. He was also Commissioner of the Great Midwest Conference when that league was formed in 1991.

Slive was selected by the chief executive officers of the 12 Southeastern Conference institutions.



Tammy Wilson

Tammy Wilson has worked with the Southeastern Conference since August of 1998 and was promoted to Associate Director of Media Relations in 2001. In her role, Wilson serves as the conference media liaison for women's basketball and tennis, in addition to working closely with football.

Wilson, a 1992 graduate of Central Florida, also gained media relations experience at Alabama and East Carolina.

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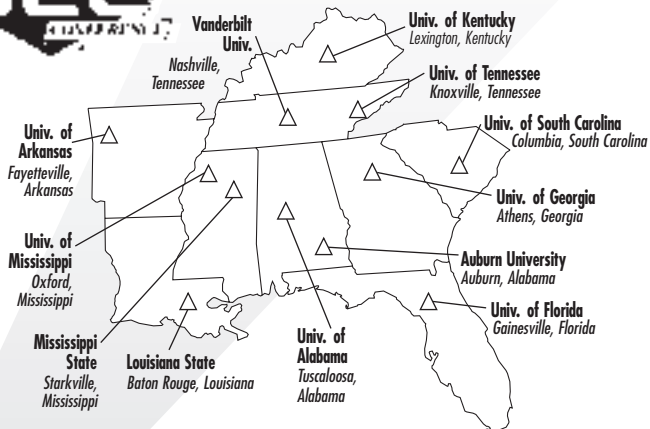
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History of the SEC

1932

The 13 members of the Southern Conference west and south of the Appalachian Mountains reorganize to form the Southeastern Conference. In 1940, Martin S. Conner, former Mississippi Governor, is named first SEC commissioner.

1933

The first SEC champions were crowned in four sports (baseball, men's basketball, football and men's outdoor track). The league's inaugural championship was a basketball tournament.

1948

Bernie Moore becomes the SEC's second full-time commissioner and moves the league offices to Birmingham, Alabama.

1966

A.M. "Tonto" Coleman becomes the SEC's third commissioner. Under Coleman, the SEC admits its first black athlete, Kentucky football player Nat Northington.

1972

As the SEC's fourth commissioner, Dr. H. Boyd McWhorter makes a formal agreement to send its football champion to the Sugar Bowl. Also, under his leadership, the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament is reborn in 1979 after being discontinued in 1952.

1979

The SEC sponsors its first women's championships in basketball, tennis and volleyball.

1986

Dr. Harvey Schiller, as the league's fifth commissioner, establishes the SEC as a leader in the areas of athletic scholarship and marketing.

1990

Under the league's sixth and current commissioner, Roy Kramer, the SEC welcomes the University of Arkansas and the University of South Carolina as its newest members.

2002

Roy F. Kramer announces his retirement on March 12. Michael L. Slive is introduced as the seventh Commissioner of the SEC on July 2.