



2008-09 FLORIDA GATOR BASKETBALL • THE FLORIDA EXPERIENCE

# THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

## THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE IS WHERE THE BEST STUDENT-ATHLETES COME TO PLAY!



Nightly battles featuring future WNBA first-round draft picks and Olympians is a common occurrence in the SEC.



### THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE - THE NATION'S PREMIER OVERALL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE!

- 159 current AND former SEC student-athletes qualified to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games (as of Aug. 8, 2008)
- Since 1990, the SEC has won 126 national team championships - an average of nearly seven per year!
- In addition to the five team championships SEC team collected during the 2007-08 season, 46 SEC student-athletes garnered individual national championships, while 457 individuals were awarded with First-Team All-America honors.
- The SEC had 168 teams in 20 sports take part in 2007-08 NCAA post-season play, an average of almost eight teams per sport.

### THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE - THE NATION'S PREMIER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CONFERENCE!

- 6 of the 12 members on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team were SEC alumnae
- SEC schools have produced 35 Women's Basketball Olympians since 1976
- an SEC player was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2008 WNBA Draft - the fifth time the pro league has looked to the SEC for its top player since the inaugural Draft in 1997
- 10 SEC women's basketball players were selected in the 2008 WNBA Draft
- 7 of the first 17 players selected in the 2008 WNBA Draft were from the SEC
- the SEC has led the WNBA each season with the most number of alumnae on opening-day rosters, including the 39 former SEC stars in 2008, with the next closest conference having 28 players (Big East, followed by the ACC's 18 players)
- 11 of the SEC's 12 schools featured players on a 2008 opening-day WNBA roster
- the SEC has had 55 women's basketball student-athletes combine for 82 First-Team All-America honors since 1982-83
- the SEC has led the nation in NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament bids 21 times in the 27-year history of the event
- the SEC was the first and is one of only two leagues ever to have EIGHT teams invited to the NCAA Tournament, which has done TWICE ... 1999 and 2002!
- the SEC was the first league to ever to have at least SEVEN teams invited to the NCAA Tournament, which it has done NINE times (1986, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003 & 2004)
- Is the only league in the country that has had teams finish fifth, sixth and seventh place in the regular season standings and later reach the Final Four that same season

