



Whatever tag people wanted to place on the Gator soccer team's 1998 season... Stunomg... Giant-killers... Upstarts... there was only one title that fit properly at the end of the 1998 collegiate season - NCAA Champions. The University of Florida team, in just its first appearance in the NCAA College Cup, claimed the NCAA title with a 1-0 victory over defending champion North Carolina. For the 13 members of the Gators' 1998 senior class, it marked the end of a remarkable collegiate career where they took the program from its initial season (1995) to a NCAA Championship in just the course of four short years.

## 1998 SEASON

**Record:** 26-1  
**NCAA Finish:** NCAA Champions  
**Final Poll Rankings:** No. 1 NSCAA, Soccer News, Soccer Buzz, No. 3 on Soccer Times and Soccer America  
**SEC Finish:** 8-0 (Eastern Division champions)  
**SEC Tournament Finish:** 1st



## 1998 NCAA COLLEGE CUP ACCOLADES

- Five Florida players were named to the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship All-Tournament Team:  
 Keisha Bell (D)  
 Heather Mitts (D)  
 Meredith Flaherty (GK)  
 Danielle Fotopoulos (F)  
 Sarah Yohe (MF)
- Meredith Flaherty was named the tournament's Defensive Most Valuable Player after eight saves in the championship match and seven against Santa Clara in the semifinals. Flaherty did not allow a goal in either match of the 1998 NCAA College Cup.
- Danielle Fotopoulos was named the tournament's Offensive Most Valuable Player. Of the three goals scored during the three games of the Championships, she was a part of two with the game-winning goal against UNC and the game-winning assist against Santa Clara. She finished her collegiate career with the NCAA All-Time Career Records (male or female) for goals (118) and points (284).





A reunion of the 1998 NCAA Championship team is planned for the Oct. 10-12 weekend. Check [www.GatorZone.com](http://www.GatorZone.com) for promotional activities planned for that weekend's home matches.

