

# 2006-07 FLORIDA ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW

University of Florida athletic teams matched the school record of 12 top-10 finishes in 2007-08, marking the seventh consecutive year that 10 or more Gator athletic teams finished among the nation's top 10. This is the fourth time in the program's history that a dozen Gator teams achieved that record (1992-93, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2007-08).

Florida's top 2007-08 finishes both came in the month of May. The Gator softball team tied for third in its first Women's College World Series appearance for the top national finish in the program's 12-year history. Women's tennis reached the NCAA Championships semifinal. It was the Gators 19th final four appearance of the last 22 seasons.

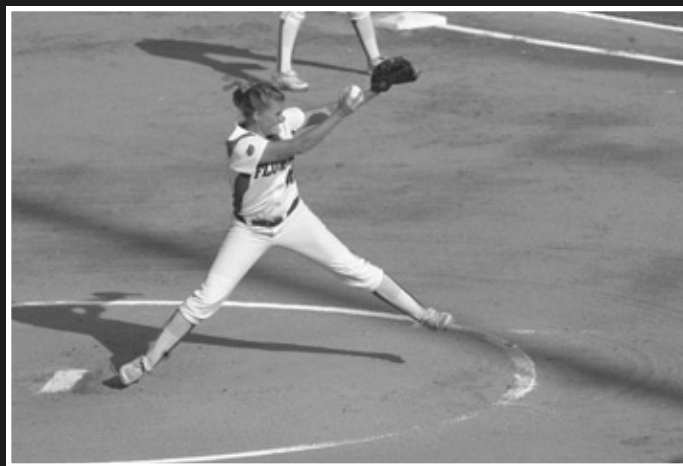
The complete list of Florida's 2007-08 top-10 teams includes:

- Softball (No. T-3)
- Women's Tennis (No. T-3)
- Gymnastics (No. 4)
- Women's Swimming & Diving (No. 6)
- Men's Swimming & Diving (No. 8)
- Men's Indoor Track & Field (No. 8)
- Women's Indoor Track & Field (No. T-8)
- Women's Golf (No. 9)
- Women's Outdoor Track & Field (No. 9)
- Soccer (No. T-9)
- Men's Tennis (No. T-9)
- Volleyball (No. T-9)

"Florida teams throughout the year found success on the national stage, as shown by the 12 teams among the final top-10," Florida Athletics Director Jeremy Foley said. "We are truly fortunate to have top caliber student-athletes and coaches that push themselves each and every year to place Florida among the nation's elite athletics programs. As good of a year it was, we know that our coaches and student-athletes will look for further success in the upcoming season."

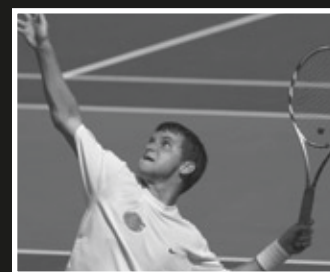
The UF athletics program finished sixth in the 2007-08 Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings, marking the 25th consecutive year the Gator program has ranked among the nation's top 10 in all-sports standings. The Sports Academy Directors' Cup, presented annually by the nation's athletics directors, recognizes the schools with the best overall sports performances in an academic year.

Florida was also successful away from the athletic arena in 2007-08, as a total of 187 UF student-athletes earned SEC Academic Honor Roll accolades - equaling the second-highest total in school history for the second consecutive year. Four UF student-athletes also earned spots on ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America teams in 2007-08.



*Junior Stacey Nelson led the Gator softball team to its first-ever Women's College World Series appearance. Nelson was named the SEC Pitcher of the Year and was a first-team All-America selection by two outlets. She also was named to the NCAA WCWS All-Tournament team.*

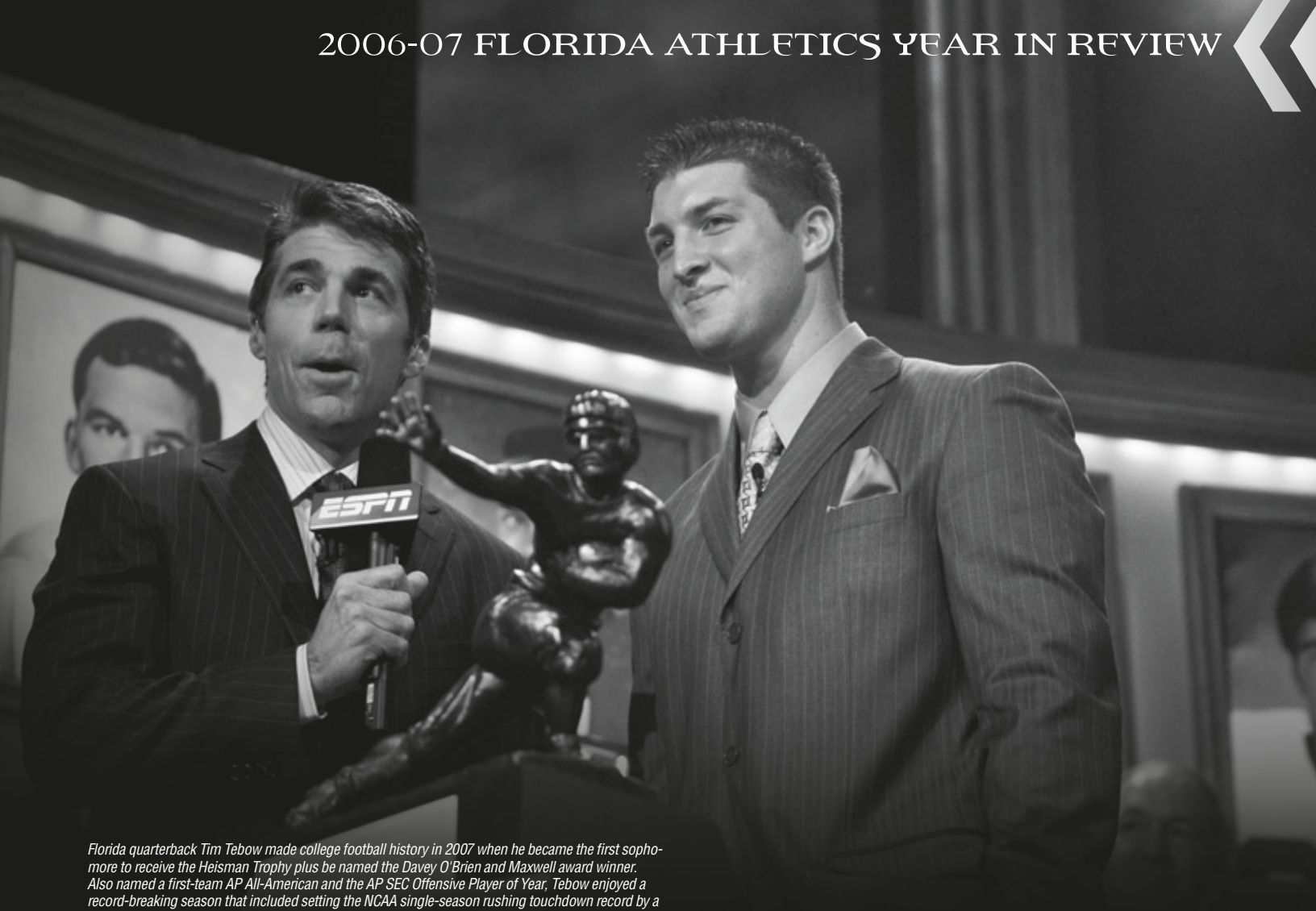
Seven teams had 100 percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR) as reported by the NCAA in October of 2007. All but two of UF's 16 athletic teams were above the national average (but were each within eight points of the average GSR). The overall athletic program's GSR checked in at 89 percent or 12 points above the national average.



*Greg Ouellette became the fourth Gator in the program's history to be named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year. Ouellette ended his singles career with a record of 110-37 and the 110 wins ranks as the fourth-most in school history.*



*Florida led the league with five SEC Championships in 2007-08, which included the title by the Gator soccer team.*



*Florida quarterback Tim Tebow made college football history in 2007 when he became the first sophomore to receive the Heisman Trophy plus be named the Davey O'Brien and Maxwell award winner. Also named a first-team AP All-American and the AP SEC Offensive Player of Year, Tebow enjoyed a record-breaking season that included setting the NCAA single-season rushing touchdown record by a quarterback with 23. Tebow also became the first quarterback in college football history to pass for 20 and rush for 20 touchdowns.*



*Senior Caroline Burckle was named swimming's Honda Sports winner, given annually to the top collegiate woman swimmer of the year. Burckle, winner of the 2008 national 200- and 500-yard freestyles titles, was also named the NCAA Swimmer of the Year.*

## GATORS BY THE NUMBERS

**12** top-10 national finishes by 2007-08 Florida teams matches school record.

**4** Gators named ESPN the Magazine Academic All-Americans.

**\$48.2 million** contributed since 1990 by the UAA to UF to fund academic endeavors.

More than **1.1 million** fans attended 169 2007-08 home events.

**4** UF teams ranked among the nation's top 10 in attendance.

**348** student-athletes participated in **1,877** hours of community service in 2007-08, partnering with 43 schools, 27 civic organizations and 19 non-profit organizations.