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Tim Walton

Head Coach

Oklahoma '96

Fifth Season



Head coach Tim Walton has changed the face of Florida softball since his first season in 2006. He has brought the program to new heights, setting countless records and earning many firsts for the Gator softball program.

In his four years at Florida, Walton has coached the Gators to the Women's College World Series twice, including a trip to the championship series, brought home two Southeastern Conference regular-season and tournament titles and earned SEC Coach of the Year honors twice. UF has made the NCAA Tournament every year of his tenure and hosted Regionals all four times. He has coached 12 All-Americans, 14 NFCA All-Southeast Region honorees, four WCWS All-Tournament team selections, 18 All-SEC selections, 11 SEC All-Tournament team members, including two MVPs, two SEC Pitchers of the Year and a Player of the Year. The coaching staff has earned NFCA Southeast Regional Coaching Staff of the Year three years running and the team was one of Easton's Teams of the Year in 2008 and 2009.

The Gators also continue to shatter the UF record book under Walton's tutelage. They have broken 218 records combined since 2006. In 2008, Walton led his team to an NCAA-record 70-win season and set the best SEC record in league history at 27-1. In 2009, UF batters set SEC home run (86) and walks (274) records while being only the second team ever to registered a perfect conference road record (13-0), doing so with three more games on the schedule than the 1997 South Carolina Gamecocks (10-0).

The 2009 season brought new accomplishments and challenges for Walton's Gators. Their .926 (63-5) winning percentage was the best in the country, as was their 0.69 ERA. They garnered the program's first-ever preseason No. 1 ranking in both the USA Today/NFCA and ESPN.com/USA Softball polls and returned to the top spot for 12 weeks, including three where they tallied unanimous first-place votes. The Gators then earned the No. 1 seed for the NCAA Tournament and for the second time in program history, Florida punched its ticket to the WCWS in Oklahoma City. UF soared to new heights with its first-ever berth in the championship series, going 8-0 in games leading to the showdown. The No. 2 final ranking was the highest in the program's history.

Walton led the '09 team as it broke or tied 61 school records, including the two conference records. The Gators went 15-0 on the road and recorded only two home losses. They captured the SEC regular-season and tournament titles and set the country's longest win streak of the season at 29 games. In all, Walton coached five All-Americans, six NFCA All-Southeast Region selections, seven All-SEC honorees, the most in Florida history, two SEC Freshman team selections, four SEC All-Defensive team members, four SEC All-Tournament team members, including the tournament's MVP, two WCWS All-Tournament team members and the SEC Pitcher of the Year as Stacey Nelson repeated the accomplishment, all while earning his second SEC Coach of the Year award.

Walton set a few milestones of his own during the 2009 season. He reached 300 career wins on Feb. 27 with a 10-5 victory over Pacific in the Gators' sweep of the Cox Invitational. He also became the winningest coach in Florida's history when he tallied his 193rd victory on March 21 when the Gators took down Tennessee, 7-0. He surpassed former coach Karen Johns's (2001-



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05) previous high (192) in 76 fewer games. In the 11-2 win over Mississippi State on April 4, Walton became the first coach in program history to amass 200 wins.

Walton's third season was a true turning point for Florida softball, as the team racked up the NCAA-record 70 wins and set many firsts for the program in 2008. The Gator tallied only five losses, each by only one run and four by a score of 1-0. They were the first team in school history to reach the WCWS and finished 3-2 in their first appearance, fighting through the losers' bracket to play in the semifinals. The '08 Gators were also the first UF softball team to host a Super Regional, garnering the program's first-ever No. 1 seed. UF took the SEC Tournament Championship for the first time as the Gators defeated Alabama, 4-1, in the title game. They also captured the SEC title for the second time in program history with their 27-1 record, the best winning percentage (.964) and most conference wins in SEC history.

The 2008 season also saw the program's first No. 1 ranking while the team broke or tied 72 school records through the course of the year. The Gators tallied a program-high 37-game win streak, which still stands today, and a 41-game home win streak, which spanned the 2007 and 2008 seasons. Walton also coached a school-record five players to All-America honors. He also earned SEC Coach of the Year honors while coaching four All-SEC players, four SEC All-Defensive team members, four All-SEC Freshmen team members and the SEC Pitcher of the Year.

In Walton's second season, the Gators claimed the school's first 50-win (50-22) season and an NCAA Super Regional appearance. Florida also advanced to the SEC Tournament Championship game for the first time since the inaugural 1997 season. In addition, two Gators earned All-America accolades, becoming only the second and third players in program history to earn the high honor, with Kim Waleszon being the first position player named to an All-America team. As a team, the Gators set 59 school records.

In his first season, Walton led the Gators to a 43-25 overall record, making him the winningest first-year head coach in program history. The 43 wins was the most by the Gators since 2000 and the .632 winning percentage was the second-best in program history. Walton led the Gators to set 26 school records. Four individuals were named to All-SEC teams, a then program high and senior Kristen Butler became only the second Gator to earn SEC Player of the Year honors. The Gators tallied another first when they defeated a No.1-ranked team for the first time ever, beating defending national champion Michigan, 3-2, on Feb. 18, 2006.

Walton, the third head coach in the history of the Gator program, came to Florida from Wichita State University, where he had been the head coach for three seasons. In 2005, Walton led the Shockers to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 16 years as they earned the first at-large bid in school history. Wichita State finished the 2005 season with a program-best 46-18 record and broke 30 school records in the process.

Walton began his tenure at Wichita State with a bang in 2003. The team put together one of the best turnarounds in the nation that year, improving its 2002 record by 18 wins to a 39-20 overall record. The Shockers' 39 wins was a school record at that point. Under Walton's watch, Wichita State ranked among the top 30 in the nation for ERA and fielding percentage, including the fifth-best fielding percentage in 2005 (.977).

Walton has been a part of national championship teams as an assistant softball coach and as a baseball player, both for the University of Oklahoma. Before heading to Wichita, Walton served as an assistant softball coach



Walton earned his 300th career coaching win during the 2009 season. (Pictured with Florida's Senior Woman Administrator Lynda Tealer.)

Walton's Year-By-Year Record			
Year	Overall	Conference	NCAA Appearance/Seed
2003 (Wichita State)	39-20 (.661)	16-9/3rd (.640)	
2004 (Wichita State)	38-26 (.594)	15-12/5th (.556)	
2005 (Wichita State)	46-18 (.719)	22-4/2nd (.846)	Regional
2006 (Florida)	43-25 (.632)	17-13/5th (.567)	Regional/No. 16 seed
2007 (Florida)	50-22 (.694)	17-11/4th (.607)	Super Regional/No. 13 seed
2008 (Florida)	70-5 (.933)	27-1/1st (.964)	Semifinals – World Series/ No. 1 Seed
2009 (Florida)	63-5 (.926)	26-1/1st (.963)	Finals – World Series/ No. 1 Seed
TOTAL (7 yrs.)	349-121 (.743)	140-51 (.733)	
At Florida (4 yrs.)	226-57 (.799)	87-26 (.770)	

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The Walton File

Fifth Season

Record at Florida: 226-57(.799)
Overall Record: 349-121 (.743)
NCAA Appearances: 2005 (at WSU), 2006,
2007, 2008, 2009

Coaching Experience

2006-present: University of Florida
Head Coach
2003-05: Wichita State
Head Coach
1999-02: University of Oklahoma
Assistant Coach

Playing Experience

1995-97: Philadelphia Phillies
*1995 25th-round draft pick
pitched in minor league
various levels*
1994-95: University of Oklahoma
two-year letterwinner
1992-93: Cerritos Junior College

Hometown

Cerritos, Calif.

Education

University of Oklahoma
Bachelor's of Arts in History

Family

Wife Samantha
Children Brooks (10), Palmer (4) and
Camden (7)

for the national-powerhouse Sooners, as the hitting coach and outfielders coach. In his four seasons at OU, the Sooners won three Big XII titles and made three consecutive WCWS appearances, including winning the 2000 NCAA title.

Walton played baseball for two years at Cerritos Junior College in his hometown of Cerritos, Calif., before transferring to Oklahoma. Walton made two trips to the College World Series as part of the Sooners pitching staff, earning the win in the 1994 national title game in a 13-5 victory over Georgia Tech.

As a head coach, Walton stresses academics and community involvement with his teams, as well as on-field performance. Since arriving in Gainesville, Walton has had his team involved in the community through Shands Hospital, March of Dimes, Climb for Cancer and Habitat for Humanity, among other activities. In 2009, the Gators held the inaugural "Gators Swinging for Cancer" event, which raised money for Shands Cancer Research Hospital. In 2010, the same event's proceeds went toward the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation as the team adopted a 13-year-old to become a member of the Gators through FOJ earlier in the year.

Since Walton's arrival, the Gators have posted team GPAs in the top 20 every season, culminating with the fifth-highest GPA in 2009, recording the highest team GPA of all the WCWS teams. In 2008, they recorded the 13th highest in the nation and were the only WCWS team to record a top-20 cumulative GPA. In 2007, they held the 12th highest and in 2006, the 16th. Since 2006, 40 Gators have earned SEC Academic Honor Roll status, 19 freshmen earned SEC Freshman Honor Roll accolades, 11 players were named CoSIDA Academic All-District III and five were named ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans, including three first-team members. The 2009 team tallied the highest GPA in program history, recording a 3.53 cumulative GPA with five 4.0's. It was also the highest among all UF sports teams for the fall semester.

"The importance of academic and community involvement stresses life after softball," Walton said. "Because the student-athletes are going to be part of a community it helps them learn what it is going to take to be good people. Being

an student-athlete at the University of Florida makes you a role model and we want our team to be involved in the community and performing in the classroom to show the young people that playing in college is about more than what they do on the field."

After graduating from Oklahoma with a degree in history, Walton played with the Philadelphia Phillies minor league organization for two seasons.

Walton is married to the former Samantha Rhoten, who was a basketball player



The Walton Family:

Samantha, Brooks, Tim, Palmer and Camden



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Jennifer Rocha

Assistant Coach

Oklahoma '99

Fifth Season



Jennifer Rocha has made a name for herself as one of the top pitching instructors in the country. Since her arrival to Florida in 2006, the Gators' pitching staff has compiled 226 wins and a 1.29 ERA.

In her first season with the Gators, the pitching staff ranked 50th in the nation with a 2.16 team ERA. Rocha only improved that over the next three years. In 2007, UF recorded a 1.40 team ERA for eighth-best in the country. In 2008, Florida set a then-program-best 0.92 ERA for the second-lowest ERA in the nation and in 2009, UF's 0.69 ERA was the lowest in the nation, the Southeastern Conference and the Florida record book.

The 2008 and 2009 seasons were record-breaking years for the pitching staff. In 2008, 34 UF pitching records were broken, including 15 team records. Rocha's pitchers earned the top spot in the record books for wins (70) and tied for innings pitched (512.1). In 2009, the pitching staff broke 24 records, including 12 team records, such as ERA (0.69), strikeouts (547), shutouts (39) and hits allowed (250).

Pitchers under Rocha's tutelage grace many pages of the Florida record books. Stacey Nelson, the first pitcher in UF history to earn multiple All-America accolades (2007, 2008, 2009), holds 15 career pitching records and is on 12 other top-10 career lists. A four-year student under Rocha, Nelson left Florida with the lowest career ERA (0.99) and most strikeouts (1,116). She also tallied the most wins (136) in Florida history, among other records. The right-hander set 15 single-season record at UF as well. Her 136 wins stands tied for sixth most in NCAA record books and second most in SEC history.

In 2008, Nelson garnered ESPN The Magazine First-Team Academic All-America honors, becoming the first player in school history to earn both All-American and Academic All-America honors in the same season. She then repeated the feat one year later. Nelson was also named SEC Pitcher of the Year and NFCA All-Southeast Region first team in 2008 and 2009.

Current junior Stephanie Brombacher ranks second all-time for fewest walks allowed (1.27 per 7 innings) and most strikeouts per seven innings (7.34) after two years of suiting up in the Orange and Blue. She holds the highest winning percentage in UF history as she went 20-0 as a freshman and 22-0 as a sophomore for a perfect 42-0 record. Brombacher earned her first All-SEC accolades, making the second team, and garnered NFCA All-Southeast and All-American honors in 2009. She was also the only sophomore on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District III first team and the first Gator sophomore to be an academic All-American.

In 2007, then-senior Stacey Stevens, with two season pitching under Rocha, finished her career as the program leader in nine categories including wins (74, now second), strikeouts (624, now second) and strikeouts looking (186, now second).

Rocha came to Florida and took a veteran junior pitcher and two freshmen and worked them into a confident and experienced staff able to help the Gators to wins over some of the nation's top ranked teams. With Rocha's guidance, Nelson set freshman records for wins (14), complete games (19) and shutouts (6), while earned SEC All-Freshman team honors. She also led the Gators to their first-ever win over a No. 1 team, as she recorded the win over defending national champion Michigan. Stevens led the

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The Rocha File

Fifth Season

Coaching Experience

2006-present:	University of Florida <i>Assistant Coach</i>
2003-05:	Wichita State <i>Assistant Coach</i>
2002:	University of Oregon <i>Assistant Coach</i>
1999-01:	University of Oklahoma <i>Graduate Asst. Coach</i>

Playing Experience

1998:	Virginia Roadsters
1996-98:	University of Oklahoma <i>three-year letterwinner</i>
1995:	Long Beach City College

Hometown

South Gate, Calif.

Education

University of Oklahoma
Bachelor of Arts in sociology
Master's in Human Relations

Family

Husband Paul

pitching staff in several categories and put herself in the position to break many school records in her final season.

Rocha made the trip to Gainesville with current head coach Tim Walton, as the two have worked together for eight years. Under Rocha, the Shockers pitching staff set several school records and posted an earned run average of under 2.00 for two consecutive seasons. Their 1.46 ERA in 2004 was the lowest in program history. The pitching staff struck out over 400 batters in each Rocha's final two seasons, with one individual recording over 200. In 2005, the Shockers' top pitchers registered records of 20-8 and 22-8 and each had a 1.52 ERA in 202.1 and 180.0 innings pitched.

"Jennifer is a great pitching coach," Walton said. "She has a calm, collected presence about her. She is a good teacher as well as a good game day coach."

Rocha was an assistant coach at Oregon for a year before going to WSU. She began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma in 1999.

Rocha is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and played for the Sooners from 1996 to 1998. During her time as both a player and a coach, Rocha was a part of six consecutive NCAA Regional appearances, three Big XII Conference titles, two Big XII Tournament titles, two WCWS appearances and one national championship. She finished her playing career with a .721 winning percentage (43-17) and posted a 1.46 ERA.

Prior to arriving at Oklahoma, Rocha played for Long Beach City College (LBCC) softball team for one season. She earned California Junior College Athletic Association (CJCAA) All-American honors in 1995 after leading LBCC to the California

State Championship. She posted a 24-0 record and a 0.42 ERA while at LBCC.

Rocha earned a degree in sociology from Oklahoma in 1999 and her master's in human relations in 2001.

The former Jennifer Jaime married Paul Rocha in November 2006. The couple resides in Gainesville.



Paul and Jennifer Rocha



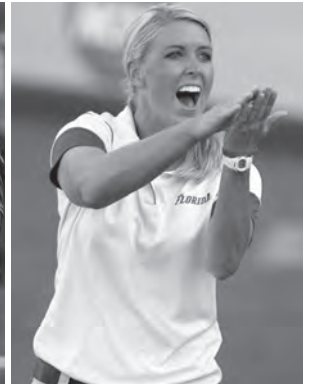
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Jenny Gladding

Assistant Coach

Florida '04

Fourth Season



Jenny Gladding, a two-year letterwinner in the pitching circle for the Gators, is in her fourth season as an assistant coach, working primarily with the infielders. Gladding also helps with offensive decisions on the field as the Gators' first base coach.

Since Gladding's arrival the Gator defense has posted the top-three fielding percentage records in Florida history. In 2007, the team tallied a .975 percentage and in 2008, a .972 percentage. In 2009, the Gators broke the record, registering a program-high .977, while setting the record for fewest errors in a season (43). With the defensive success, teams only managed 16 stolen bases against the Gators, another record low.

The 2008 putout total of 1,536 is second highest all-time and the 2007 total of 1,496 is third. The 2006 Gator infield compiled a .564 (31-55) stolen-base percentage, ranking second best all-time. The 2008 Gators also tallied the most chances in UF record books (2,232), tied for the fourth-best number of errors (63) and turned double plays (24). In 2007, Gladding helped the Gator defense record the most double plays (26) and the second fewest errors (55) in Florida history.

Gladding transferred to UF for the 2003 season after playing her first two years at Arizona. In just two years at Florida, she rewrote the Florida pitching record book, setting career records for opponent batting average, strikeouts per game and strikeouts looking. She fin-

ished her career just 35 strikeouts short of the school record. Gladding also set several single-season records, including earned run average, opponent batting average, strikeouts per game, win percentage, strikeouts and strikeouts looking. In addition to her stellar performance in the pitching circle, Gladding had a powerful bat and led the Gators with a .318 average in 2003. She set the school record with a 13-game hit streak from April 18 to May 3, 2003. She earned USA Softball and National Player of the Week Honors on April 22, 2003 for her performance against Tennessee, pitching a no-hitter against the Lady Vols and hitting the game-winning home run in the first game of the series and pitching a complete game and striking out nine in the final game.

Gladding earned All-Southeastern Conference Honors in 2003 and 2004 and All-Pac 10 honors in 2002. She earned NFCA All-Region honors both her sophomore season at Arizona and her junior season at Florida. She was also the last Gator and one of only three to pitch a perfect game, as she did so against Missouri on Feb. 7, 2004.

Gladding was a member of two College World Series teams at Arizona, and helped the Wildcats win the national title in 2001.

"We are very excited to have Jenny as part of our staff," Walton said when Gladding was hired. "She is a tremendous young person with a lot of knowledge. Having someone on staff who played at

Florida and is a Gator was a priority to us. We feel very fortunate to have her back with the program."

A native of Palm City, Fla., Gladding graduated from Florida with a degree in criminology in 2004. She began her coaching career as a private instructor in Orlando. She accepted her first collegiate coaching position in the summer of 2005 as the head coach at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach. PBA is a Division II school in the National Christian College Athletic Association. She had four players named to the NC-CAA All-Region team in 2006.

The Gladding File Fourth Season

Coaching Experience

2007-present:	University of Florida <i>Assistant Coach</i>
2006:	Palm Beach Atlantic <i>Head Coach</i>
2005:	Private Instructor Orlando, Fla

Playing Experience

2003-04:	University of Florida <i>two-year letterwinner</i>
2001-02:	University of Arizona <i>two-year letterwinner</i>

Hometown

Palm City, Fla.

Education

University of Florida
Bachelor of Arts in criminology

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Coy Adkins

Volunteer Assistant Coach

Florida State '01

First Season



Coy Adkins is in his first year with the University of Florida softball team as a volunteer assistant coach. Adkins will utilize his experience from coaching high school and club softball to aid the Gators in the 2009-2010 season.

Adkins began as an assistant coach at Wewahitchka (Fla.) High School in 2004 and helped coach the softball team to the district and regional championships every year during his tenure. In 2007, when Adkins was promoted to head assistant coach, the team won the Class 2A State Championships and again in 2008, when Adkins was head coach. He also coached the Wewahitchka Gators to a state high school record 43 home runs. In his six years with the program, he helped the Wewahitchka Gators to a 162-34 (.827) record.

Prior to Wewahitchka, Adkins was the head coach for a two-year stint at Chipley (Fla.) High School, where he helped the softball team to a 47-14-1 (.766) record and district and regional championships in 2003.

In 2003, Adkins founded Team North Florida and which went on to finish 33rd out of 128 teams at the 2006 Amateur Softball Association of America (ASA) National Championship Tournament. They placed in the top-10 in the following year and earned a spot in their first Gold National Tournament in 2008. The team earned a fifth-place finish in the 2009 ASA Gold tournament.

Adkins was named the Tallahassee Democrat's Coach of the Year, the ASA Co-Coach of the Year, Florida's Class 2A Coach of the Year and the Dairy Farmers' Coach of the Year in 2008.

Adkins received his bachelor's degree in mathematics education from Florida State University in 2001 and went on to teach math at Wewahitchka High School for six years. He started his collegiate career on a basketball scholarship at St. Johns River Community College. He currently resides with his wife, Sonya, and two daughters, Kenna and Anniston, in Gainesville.

The Adkins File First Season

Coaching Experience

2009-present:	University of Florida <i>Volunteer Asst. Coach</i>
2008-09:	Wewahitchka High School <i>Varsity Head Coach</i>
2007:	Wewahitchka High School <i>Head Assistant Coach</i>
2004-06:	Wewahitchka High School <i>Assistant Coach</i>
2002-03:	Chipley High School <i>Varsity Head Coach</i>
2003-09:	Team North Florida <i>Founder & Head Coach</i>

Hometown

Altha, Fla.

Education

Florida State University
Bachelor of Science in mathematics education



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