



2004-05 Athletics Year in Review

GATOR ATHLETICS PROGRAM FINISHES SIXTH IN THE NATION

Four national runner-up finishes led the University of Florida athletics program to sixth-place overall in the 2004-05 Sports Academy Directors' Cup competition. The national all-sports competition award is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), United States Sports Academy and USA Today. The finish marks Florida's 22nd consecutive position among the nation's top-10 programs.

Points are awarded based on finishes in 20 NCAA Division I sports, based on participation. Fielding 18 athletic teams that can score in the Sports Academy Directors' Cup, Florida earned its second consecutive sixth-place finish with 979 1/4 points. The Sports Academy Directors' Cup uses the best finish between the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships to determine a program's track & field points. Only two programs in the nation - Florida and UCLA - have ranked among the nation's top 10 in each of the national all-sports rankings of the last 22 years. Stanford collected its 11th consecutive Directors' Cup title in 2005 with 1,238.75 points.

Eleven Gator athletic teams turned in top-10 finishes in 2004-05, just off the school record of 12 set in three previous seasons. Florida's top-10 programs in 2004-05 include:

- Baseball (2nd)
- Men's Indoor Track & Field (2nd)
- Women's Indoor Track & Field (2nd)
- Men's Outdoor Track & Field (2nd)
- Men's Tennis (T-3rd)
- Women's Tennis (T-3rd)
- Women's Swimming & Diving (4th)
- Men's Swimming & Diving (5th)
- Gymnastics (7th)
- Women's Golf (10th)
- Women's Outdoor Track & Field (T-10th)

"Four NCAA runner-up finishes highlight Florida's 11 top-10 finishes this year. Those efforts show that the goal to place the University of Florida among the nation's best athletic programs is a focus for our coaches and student-athletes," Florida Athletics Director Jeremy Foley said. "This year certainly had some outstanding highlights and we are looking forward to more success in the future."

Nine individual NCAA event titles were claimed by Florida and 64 UF student-athletes earned 146 All-America honors in 2004-05. Ryan Lochte was named the Swimmer of the Meet after picking up the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard backstroke titles and leading off the winning 800-yard free relay team at the NCAA Championships. Kerron Clement set the world record en route to winning the NCAA Indoor 400-meter dash title. He

also anchored the national champion 4x400m relay (indoor) and won his second consecutive NCAA 400m hurdle title in '05. Two Gator women claimed NCAA Indoor titles in 2005 - Tiandra Ponteen (400m) and Candice Scott (weight throw). Josh Walker successfully defended his NCAA 110m hurdle crown in 2005.

In Southeastern Conference action, Florida won three league titles in 2004-05 - baseball, men's tennis and volleyball. In addition, Florida claimed SEC Tournament titles in men's basketball, soccer, men's and women's tennis. For the 14th consecutive year, UF was awarded the *New York Times* Regional Newspaper Group SEC All-Sports title. The Gator program also finished first in the men's competition and third in the women's race. Olympic medalist swimmer Ryan Lochte was named the SEC Male Athlete of the Year in June, joining Danny Wuerffel (1996, '97) as the only Gator male athletes to win the prestigious honor.

Florida was also successful away from the athletic arena in 2004-05, earning a league-high 173 SEC Academic Honor Roll accolades in league championship sponsored sports. In the last 10 years, UF student-athletes have been distinguished on the SEC Academic Honor Roll 1,317 times, also a league high. Five UF student-athletes also earned spots on *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America teams in 2004-05.

2004-05 University of Florida Athletics Recap

Sport	Record	SEC	NCAA Finish
Baseball	48-23	20-10 (1st)	2nd, NCAA Championships
Men's Basketball	24-8	12-4 (2nd)	T-17th, NCAA Championships
Women's Basketball	14-15	5-9 (8th)	N/A
Men's Cross Country	--	2nd	27th, NCAA Championships
Women's Cross Country	--	4th	7th, NCAA South Region
Football	7-5	4-4 (T-5th)	No. 25 (ESPN/USA Today)
Men's Golf	--	4th	T-18th, NCAA Championships
Women's Golf	--	6th	10th, NCAA Championships
Gymnastics	17-7	5-1 (4th)	7th, NCAA Championships
Soccer	16-4-3	7-2-2 (3rd)	T-33rd, NCAA Championships
Softball	41-23	18-12 (5th)	T-33rd, NCAA Championships
Men's Swimming & Diving	12-1	4-1 (2nd)	5th, NCAA Championships
Women's Swimming & Diving	9-2	3-2 (3rd)	4th, NCAA Championships
Men's Tennis	24-6	10-1 (T-1st)	T-3rd, NCAA Championships
Women's Tennis	22-3	9-2 (T-2nd)	T-3rd, NCAA Championships
Men's Indoor Track & Field	--	2nd	2nd, NCAA Championships
Women's Indoor Track & Field	--	4th	2nd, NCAA Championships
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	--	2nd	2nd, NCAA Championships
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	--	8th	T-10th, NCAA Championships
Volleyball	28-5	15-1 (T-1st)	T-17th, NCAA Championships



2004-05 All-Sports Rankings

2004-05 SEC All-Sports Rankings

For the 14th consecutive year, the University of Florida has been awarded the New York Times Regional Newspaper Group SEC Overall All-Sports title. UF also finished first in the men's standings and third in the women's.

The Florida men's program has now won four consecutive titles and seven of the last eight. The women's program finished in the top three and has never finished below third in the 22-year history of the women's award.

The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group, which includes 14 newspapers throughout the Southeastern United States, awards trophies to the league school which captures each of those three all-sports titles. A first-place SEC finish is worth 12 points, second is given 11 points, and so on. A school's point total is divided by the number of sports it fields to arrive at the average. The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group took over coordination of the SEC All-Sports rankings in 1994-95. Prior to that, the league tabulated the SEC All-Sports totals.

Florida won three regular-season SEC Championships in 2004-05 to raise its total to 48 since the 1995-96 academic year, the most by any conference school during the 10-year span. The Gators won the SEC title in baseball and shared the league crowns for volleyball and men's tennis.

Florida finished with 149 total points this year in its 16 sports to win the overall all-sports title with an average of 9.31 points. Tennessee was second with an average of 9.03 (135.50 points in 15 sports).

The Florida's men's program finished first, totaling 72 points for the highest-ever average of 10.29 points in its seven sports. Tennessee was second with 59 points for an average of 8.43. The previous high average was turned in by the Gator men's program in 2001-02 with 70.50 points for an average of 10.07.

The Florida women finished third with an average of 8.56 points (77 points in nine sports). Tennessee claimed their second consecutive SEC Women's All-Sports Trophy with 76.50 points, which computes to an average of 9.56 in UT's eight sports. Georgia was second with 85.50 points (9.50 average in nine sports).

2004-05 Sports Academy Directors' Cup Standings

Rank	School	Total
1	Stanford	1238.75
2	Texas	1074.00
3	UCLA	1067.00
4	Michigan	1064.25
5	Duke	1021.25
6	FLORIDA	979.25
7	Georgia	970.00
8	Tennessee	960.25
9	North Carolina	940.50
10	Southern California	902.25

