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When searching for continued success in recent years across the sport of men's tennis, followers of the game should look no further than Gainesville, Fla., where eighth-year University of Florida head coach Andy Jackson has fashioned a stretch in the history of the Gator program that is better than that of any other coach at the school.

After inheriting a team that went 9-17 the year before he arrived, Jackson has taken the program to new heights. A pair of SEC Championships (2003 and 2005) and runner-up showings (2004 and 2006) as well as the program's third SEC Tournament crown (2005) are indicative of the success. In addition, the 2008 Gators advanced to the NCAA Round of 16 for the seventh-straight season as the program moved to 14-0 in NCAA first and second round play in the Jackson era.

On Jan. 31, 2006, the Gators were elevated to the No. 1 position in the ITA Poll for the first time in school history.

In 2005, the Gators matched the deepest run ever by a UF squad in the NCAA Tournament as a shutout of rival Florida State in the quarterfinal round propelled Florida into the semifinals of the event for the second time ever.

Since arriving at UF, Jackson has taken control of the Gators and capped a dramatic transition which has resulted in an overall 134-50 (.728) mark in seven years and three SEC Eastern Division titles in the last six years. Additionally, he is the only coach in school history to take a team to the NCAA tournament in each of his first seven years and the only individual to ever win an SEC title at two different member institutions. Twice he has been recognized by his peers as he was named the SEC Coach of the Year in 2002 and the SEC Co-Coach of the Year in 2005.

With a head coaching vacancy at the University of Florida in the summer of 2001, Athletics Director Jeremy Foley was searching for just the right combination of elite coaching experience and strong work ethic to fit the uni-

In seven years, Andy Jackson has completed a transformation in Gainesville. Since inheriting a team that finished 9-17 the year before his arrival, Jackson's list of accomplishments has grown:

- The Gators have never finished below fourth in the SEC under Jackson. Jackson is the only head coach in Florida history to have his first seven teams finish fourth or higher in the league.
- No. 2 finish in the final edition of the 2003 ITA polls was the best in school history
- Guided the Gators to their first-ever national title match at the 2003 National Team Indoors
- 2003 and 2005 SEC Championship, 2004, 2006 SEC Runner-up finish making him the quickest coach in school history to bring a pair of conference titles to Gainesville
- 2005 SEC Tournament Champions
- 2003, 2004, 2005 SEC Eastern Division Champions
- First in SEC history to win an SEC title at two different member institutions
- Florida is 78-8 (.907) at home under Jackson and has lost only four conference tilts in Gainesville. In addition, UF has not lost an NCAA match on its home courts under Jackson.
- 31-2 in seven seasons against in-state opponents
- Jackson is the only coach in UF history to take a squad to the NCAA tournament in each of his first seven seasons at the helm.
- 2002 SEC Coach of the Year
- 2005 SEC Co-Coach of the Year
- 2005 Wilson/ITA Southeast Region Co-Coach of the Year

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versity's philosophy and expectations of excellence. The two recognized their mutual visions for the Gator men's tennis program and on June 19, 2001, an enthusiastic Jackson was named Florida's head coach.

"There are so many things that attracted me to Florida," Jackson said. "It is in the Southeastern Conference, which is where I grew up as a fan, where I played at Kentucky and have coached my entire career. I've always wanted to be in the SEC. It's the best conference in the country and that's very exciting. Florida clearly has the best weather within the SEC, which for tennis is crucial. Florida is one of the best academic schools in the SEC, which for tennis is also crucial. Florida has one of the finest facilities in the country and the support staff is exceptional. There's a good tradition here but a tradition that in my view can be built upon. These things are extremely exciting and on top of that, the Athletic Association clearly wants to do the sort of things that I want to be associated with. I'm excited because everyone in the administration is on the same page as the coaches here in terms of what needs to get done."

Prior to joining the Gators in the summer of 2001, Jackson coached the Mississippi State men's tennis team from 1989-2001 after serving as MSU's women's tennis head coach from 1984-89. In his 13 years as MSU men's coach, Jackson compiled a 220-106 record (.675) with a 100-59 SEC record (.629).

Jackson's MSU teams advanced to the NCAA Semifinals in 1994 and 1998 and made five quarterfinal appearances. MSU received 11 consecutive NCAA bids, one of seven teams in the nation to do so. The Bulldogs finished each of Jackson's 13 years ranked in the final top 25 and finished in the top 10 for seven consecutive seasons from 1992-98.

Mississippi State also captured SEC regular season

THE ANDY JACKSON FILE

Birthdate: August 14, 1961

Hometown: Oneida, Ky.

High School: Franklin County (Ky.) High School, 1979

Education: University of Kentucky

Overall Head Coaching Record: 421-201 (25 seasons)

Men's Tennis Head Coaching Record: 354-156 (20 seasons)

Record at Florida: 134-50 (7 seasons)

Playing Career:

Lettered at the University of Kentucky in 1983 and 1984...Played No. 2 singles and doubles for UK... Served as team captain in 1984, helping team to NIT Championship...UK's 1984 Outstanding Christian Athlete of the Year...On July 26, 2008, Jackson was inducted into the UK Tennis Hall of fame...Maintained a World Class ranking on the ATP Tour from June 1986 to July 1988.

Coaching Career:

Women's Tennis Head Coach, Mississippi State University, 1984-89

Men's Tennis Head Coach, Mississippi State University, 1989-2001

Men's Tennis Head Coach, University of Florida, 2001-present

Coaching Highlights:

Team:

- 1994, '98, '05 NCAA Semifinalists
- 1994, '95, '96, '97, '98, '03, '05 NCAA Quarterfinalists
- 18 straight NCAA team appearances, including 12 straight NCAA team appearances (1991-2001) at MSU
- Advanced to NCAA final site in 17 of the last 18 years (10 at MSU and seven at UF)
- 1993, '03, '05 SEC Champions
- 1996, '05 SEC Tournament Champions

- 1992, '93 SEC Regular Season Champions
- 1991, '93, '94, '03, '08 SEC Tournament Runner-up
- 1991, '02, '05 SEC Coach of the Year
- Twenty consecutive Top 25 finishes; has never missed the final top 25 as a men's coach (13 at MSU, seven at UF)
- Eleven Top 10 finishes
- Five 20-plus win seasons
- Four National Team Indoor semifinal berths

Individual:

- Has coached NCAA Doubles Champions in both 1989 (Jackie Holden/Claire Pollard) and 1994 (Laurent Miquelard/Joc Simmons) and is the only coach in NCAA history to coach men's and women's NCAA doubles champions at the same school
- Has coached a total of nine collegiate grand slam event champions
- Has coached four different singles players and three different doubles teams to the No. 1 spot in the ITA rankings
- Thomas Dupré named 1997 National Player of the Year
- Has coached three SEC Players of the Year (Marco Baron - 2001, Thomas Dupré - 1997, Greg Ouellette, 2008)
- Has coached two ITA National Rookies of the Year (Janne Holmia, 2003; Jesse Levine, 2007)
- Has coached three SEC Rookies of the Year (Janne Holmia, 2003; Greg Ouellette, 2005; Jesse Levine, 2007)
- Has coached 34 NCAA Singles qualifiers and 21 NCAA Doubles qualifiers
- Has coached 15 of the 16 All-Americans in MSU's men's tennis history
- Has coached five two-time Academic All-Americans
- Has coached 62 men's Academic All-SEC selections.

championships in 1992 and 1993 under Jackson, the 1991 SEC Coach of the Year. MSU won the SEC Tournament Championship in 1996 and has made three other appearances in the SEC Tournament final. MSU appeared three times in the semifinals of the National Team Indoors under Jackson, most recently in 1998.

Jackson coached Laurent Miquelard and Joc Simmons to the 1994 NCAA Doubles Championship. He also coached an NCAA Doubles Championship winning women's tandem in 1989 when Jackie Holden and Claire Pollard captured the title. He is the only coach in the his-

tory of collegiate tennis to coach both NCAA men's and women's doubles champions at the same school.

Jackson coached a total of nine collegiate grand slam event champions while at MSU. Under Jackson's tutelage, four different MSU singles players and three doubles teams have held the No. 1 spot in the ITA national rankings, including Marco Baron who finished the 2001 season on top of the collegiate tennis world in singles.

In 2001, Baron became the second Bulldog to earn

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SEC Player of the Year honors under Jackson, joining Thomas Dupré who in 1997 was honored as both the SEC and the national Men's Player of the Year. Dupré earned the national citation by capturing the first two legs of the collegiate grand slam (National Clay Court Championship and All-American) and finishing the year ranked No. 1 in the nation by the ITA. Dupré was also one of three Bulldog men's tennis players to be named an Academic All-American twice under Jackson.

A high school basketball and tennis star for Franklin County (KY) High School, Jackson soon found that at the University of Kentucky he would have better success playing the latter as opposed to the former. After all, his high school teams did post a 79-1 record in men's tennis during his time there. Jackson lettered at UK twice in tennis, playing at No. 2 in both singles and doubles while serving as a team captain for the Wildcats' 1984 NIT Championship squad. That spring Jackson collected UK's Outstanding Christian Athlete of the Year Award. On July 26, 2008, Jackson was inducted into the UK Tennis Hall of fame.

Jackson started his coaching career at Mississippi State as the head women's tennis coach in 1984. Jackson maintained an ATP Tour World Ranking in 1986-88 while coaching the MSU women's tennis team.

A Frankfort, Ky., native, Jackson was born David Andrew Jackson in Oneida, Ky., on August 14, 1961. He is a descendent of former United States President and War of 1812 hero Andrew Jackson along with Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

JACKSON YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	M/W	Overall	Pct.	SEC (Fin.)	Pct.	NCAA Tourn.	Final Rank
1985	MSU	W	7-15	.318	1-8 (7th)	.111	NR	
1986	MSU	W	19-8	.704	5-4 (5th)	.556	NR	
1987	MSU	W	15-7	.682	5-4 (4th)	.556	NR	
1988	MSU	W	14-8	.636	5-4 (4th)	.556	NR	
1989	MSU	W	12-7	.632	5-4 (5th)	.556	20th	
1989	MSU	M	16-8	.667	4-5 (5th)	.444	20th	
1990	MSU	M	12-11	.522	5-6 (6th)	.455	t25th	
1991	MSU	M	17-12	.586	5-7 (6th)	.417	Round of 16	20th
1992	MSU	M	19-6	.760	9-3 (4th)	.750	Round of 16	9th
1993	MSU	M	19-7	.731	12-2 (t1st)	.857	Round of 16	7th
1994	MSU	M	21-7	.750	10-4 (t2nd)	.714	Semifinals	3rd
1995	MSU	M	19-7	.731	10-3 (3rd)	.769	Quarterfinals	6th
1996	MSU	M	20-6	.769	11-4 (3rd)	.733	Quarterfinals	8th
1997	MSU	M	17-6	.739	8-4 (t4th)	.667	Quarterfinals	6th
1998	MSU	M	21-5	.807	10-3 (3rd)	.769	Semifinals	4th
1999	MSU	M	13-12	.520	5-7 (9th)	.417	Round of 16	15th
2000	MSU	M	12-8	.600	6-5 (6th)	.546	Second Round	22nd
2001	MSU	M	14-11	.560	5-6 (t5th)	.455	Round of 16	14th
2002	UF	M	18-7	.720	7-4 (t3rd)	.636	Round of 16	11th
2003	UF	M	25-5	.833	11-0 (1st)	1.000	Round of 8	2nd
2004	UF	M	18-8	.692	8-3 (2nd)	.727	Round of 16	8th
2005	UF	M	24-6	.800	10-1 (t1st)	.909	Semifinals	4th
2006	UF	M	17-8	.680	8-3 (t2nd)	.727	Round of 16	15th
2007	UF	M	15-8	.652	7-4 (t3rd)	.636	Round of 16	16th
Totals			421-201	.677	180-101	.641		

ASSISTANT COACH JEREMY BAYON



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ASSISTANT COACH

Entering his sixth year with the Florida men's tennis team, Jeremy Bayon was named assistant coach in November of 2003.

Bayon came to Gainesville from Starkville, Miss., where he was an assistant coach at Mississippi State for two seasons.

Bayon was a four-year letterman for Mississippi State from 1997-2000 where he played for Andy Jackson who was the head men's tennis coach for the Bulldogs for 13 years. He was a member of four teams that made NCAA appearances including one of Mississippi State's school-best national semifinal showings in 1998.

During his four-year stint on the squad, Bayon compiled career records of 88-51 (63.3 percent) in singles and 82-49 (62.6 percent) in doubles, ranking him in fifth place on Mississippi State's all-time list for total wins when combining singles and doubles play. He ranks eighth in singles and second in doubles overall.

More impressively, however, was Bayon's victory rate in team match situations for the Bulldogs. MSU's team

captain in 1999 and 2000, he registered dual match records of 63-23 (73.3 percent) in singles and 57-32 (64.0 percent) in doubles. When combining those two marks, he is Mississippi State's all-time leader in dual match triumphs with 120 career wins in team competition. He is third in Mississippi State history in dual match singles wins and first in doubles.

Bayon held national rankings in both singles and doubles for much of his career, climbing as high as 43rd in the country in singles and sixth in doubles. He closed out his career in 2000, his senior campaign, with his best results, qualifying for the NCAA Singles Championship that year. He was also an NCAA Doubles Championship participant in 1998, teaming with Simon Larose.

A native of St. Etienne, France, Bayon holds a bachelor of business and administration degree from Mississippi State.

In the summer of 2006, Bayon and Rhonda Faehn were married. The couple resides in Gainesville and are the parents of Noah Emile Bayon, who was born Jan. 8, 2008.

THE JEREMY BAYON FILE

Hometown: St. Etienne, France

Education: Mississippi State University

Seasons at Florida: Entering sixth

Playing Career:

Four-year letterman for Mississippi State (1997-2000)... 88-51 (63.3 percent) singles record and went 82-49 (62.6 percent) in doubles.

Coaching Career:

Men's Assistant Coach, Florida, Oct. 2003-Present
Men's Assistant Coach, Mississippi State, 2002-2003



(left to right): UF gymnastics head coach Rhonda Faehn and Bayon with their one-year old son, Noah.

Former Gator Jesse Levine (left) and Bayon (right) pose with Roger Federer in Duda. Levine served as a sparring partner for Federer after his freshman year at UF where he finished the year undefeated in dual match (21-0).

