

2008 REVIEW

GATORS AMONG THE NATION'S ELITE IN 2008

The 2008 season was a successful one in which UF went 17-8 overall and 8-3 in SEC play, finishing fourth in the SEC. In addition, the Gators continued their streak of appearing at the finals site of the NCAA team draw as Head Coach Andy Jackson has guided the team to at least the Round of 16 each of his seven years in Gainesville.

2007-08 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Ended season ranked No. 10 in ITA polls and finished NAAs tied for ninth
- Made 18th consecutive appearance in NCAA team draw
- Advanced to the NCAA Round of 16 for the seventh-straight season and 15th time in the last 18 years.
- Finished in the SEC marking the seventh straight year the Gators finished fourth or higher

- Earned No. 4 seed in the SEC Tournament and advanced to the finals of the event for the fifth time in school history
- Ranked No. 19 or higher all season, cracking the Top 10 on six separate occasions
- Finished with an 11-3 regular season record at home
- Picked up three wins over top 10 opponents, the first came versus then-No. 9 Illinois (Feb. 24) when UF won 6-1, the second was a 5-2 win at then-No. 5 Ole Miss (March 21), and the third was a 4 -2 victory over eventual NCAA Champion Georgia (April 19) in the SEC Semifinals.

GATORS ADVANCE TO NCAA ROUND OF 16

For the seventh-straight year and the 15th- time in the past 18, the Florida men's tennis team earned its way to the NCAA Round of 16. The Gators utilized their home advantage in the NCAA Regional to shutout Navy (5-0) and then defeat Miami (4-1) to advance to the NCAA finals site.

2007-08 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

Records: 17-8 overall, 8-3 SEC

NCAA Finish: T-9th (NCAA Round of 16)

Final Poll Rankings: 10th (ITA)

SEC Finish: 4th

SEC Tournament Finish: Runner-Up (2-1)

All-Americans: 1 athlete, 1 honor - Greg Ouellette (singles)

All-SEC: 2 athletes, 2 honors - Greg Ouellette (first team), Alex Lacroix (second team)

SEC Academic Honor Roll: 4 - Greg Ouellette, Nestor Briceno, Daniel Cash, Geoffrey Barton



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FLORIDA'S 2008 SCHEDULE

Overall: 17-8 (Home 11-3, Away 4-3, Neutral 2-2)

SEC: 8-3 (Home 4-2, Away 4-1, Neutral 0-0)

Date	Opponent/Tournament	Time
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January

18-20	at SEC Indoor*	All Day
27	Furman (No. 64)	W, 7-0
29	at Miami (No. 36)	L, 4-3

February

1	UCF	W, 7-0
3	at Baylor (No. 4)	L, 5-2
8	USF (No. 57)	W, 4-3
9	Florida State (No. 14)	W, 5-2
24	Illinois (No. 9)	W, 6-1
25	Pepperdine (No. 22)	L, 4-3
29	at Vanderbilt (No. 29)	W, 6-1

March

2	at Kentucky (No. 54)	W, 6-1
9	Georgia (No. 3)	L, 5-2
18	Tennessee (PPD) (No. 13)	W, 4-3
21	at Ole Miss (No. 5)	W, 5-2
23	Mississippi State (No. 47)	W, 5-2
28	at Arkansas (No. 40)	W, 5-2
30	at LSU (No. 19)	L, 4-3

April

4	Auburn (No. 26)	W, 7-0
6	Alabama (No. 24)	L, 5-2
12	South Carolina (No. 63)	W, 4-3
17-20	at SEC Tournament#	
18	S. Carolina (No. 57) Qtrfinals	W, 4-0
19	Georgia (No. 3) Semifinals	W, 4-2
20	Ole Miss (No. 6) Finals	L, 4-1

May

10-11	NCAA 1st 2nd Rounds##	
10	vs. Navy	W, 5-0
11	vs. Miami (No. 19)	W, 4-1
16-20	NCAA Team Championships###	
16	vs. Texas (No. 7)	L, 4-0
21-26	NCAA Individual Championships###	

* SEC Indoor located in New Orleans, La.

SEC Tournament located in Baton Rouge, La.

NCAA 1st and 2nd Rounds in Tallahassee, Fla.

NCAA Championships located in Athens, Ga.

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Overall Singles wins: Nestor Briceno (25-15), Tyler Hochwalt (25-9)

Dual match singles wins: Tyler Hochwalt (19-4)

Overall doubles wins: Nestor Briceno (23-10)

Dual match doubles wins: Nestor Briceno (17-6); Alex Lacroix (17-6)

SENIOR GREG OUELLETE BECAME THE FIRST GATOR PLAYER UNDER HEAD COACH ANDY JACKSON AND ONLY THE FOURTH PLAYER IN PROGRAM HISTORY TO BE NAMED THE SEC PLAYER OF THE YEAR, WHEN HE RECEIVED THE HONOR AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2007-08.

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FLORIDA ADVANCES TO SEC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

For only the fifth time ever, and third time under Coach Andy Jackson, the Gators advanced to the SEC Championship match. A 4-0 shutout over No. 57 South Carolina in the quarterfinals allowed Florid to advance. In the semifinals, the Gators defeated No. 3 Georgia 4-2. Florida fell to Ole Miss in the championship match, 4-1.

NCAA SINGLES TOURNAMENT

The University of Florida men's tennis team was represented by two of its seniors in the NCAA singles draw. Greg Ouellette made his fourth-straight appearance in the singles draw, but failed to advance past the first round. Nestor Briceno, made his first appearance in the NCAA singles draw. Nestor earned a straight set victory over 10th ranked Dimitry Kutrovsky in the opening round, before losing to Bassam Beidas in three sets during the Round of 32.

GATORS GAIN SEC HONORS ON AND OFF COURT

Several members of the University of Florida men's tennis team were honored by the Southeastern Conference throughout the year. Senior Greg Ouellette capped a stellar career with several honors, including All-American, SEC Player of the Year, All-SEC, and the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Alex Lacroix was a Second Team All-SEC honoree. Four players including Ouellette, senior Nestor Briceno and sophomores Daniel Cash and Geoffrey Barton earned SEC Academic Honors. Freshman Johnny Hamui was named to the SEC Community Service Team. Additionally, two Florida freshman received SEC Freshman of the Week Honors: Jeff Dadamo (April 12) and Tyler Hochwalt (March 25).

THE 2008 SCHEDULE

During the regular season, Florida took on three of the top five teams in the nation and six of the top 20. Sixteen of the 19 opponents Florida played dual matches against in the 2008 regular season appeared in the

top 75 of the rankings. With its win over No. 19 Miami in the NCAA Second Round, the Gators defeated six opponents ranked inside the top 25 in 2008. Overall, UF faced 16 different teams in 2008 that were selected for the NCAA's field of 64 and played a total of 19 of its 25 matches against NCAA tournament teams. UF posted a 11-8 record against the 2008 NCAA field.

THE GATORS AT HOME

Florida finished the regular season with an 11-3 record in Gainesville and is 78-8 all-time in the seven completed seasons under UF head coach Andy Jackson. His teams are 14-0 in NCAA first and second round play. Since 2002, UF has outscored opponents 57-9 in regional play in Gainesville. The total includes nine shutouts.

