

2012 FLORIDA TENNIS

SEC CHAMPIONS

1950 | 1961 | 1968

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2000 | 2003 | 2005



2012 Division I Men's Tennis Championships | Round of 16 No. 12 Florida (16-9, 7-4 SEC) vs. No. 5 Ohio State (33-3, 11-0 B1G) Dan Magill Tennis Complex | Athens, Georgia | May 18-22



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

President	Dr. Bernie Machen (Vanderbilt '68)
Director of Athletics	Jeremy N. Foley (Hobart '74)
Faculty Representative	Dr. Jill Varnes (Florida '73)
Location	Gainesville, Fla.
Enrollment	50,116
Founded	1853
Mascot	Gators (Albert and Alberta)
Colors	Orange (PMS 172) and Blue (PMS 287)
Home Court	Linder Stadium at Ring Tennis Complex
ITA Region	Southeast
Affiliation	Division I
Conference	Southeastern (SEC), Eastern Division
Website	GatorZone.com
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TEAM INFORMATION

First Year of Tennis	1940
All-Time Record	1,168-480-6 (.708)
2012 Dual Record	16-9 (.640)
Home/Away/Neutral	11-2/4-4/1-3
SEC Record/Finish	7-4/T-4th
2012 NCAA Tournament	
First Round	Def. Navy, 4-0
Second Round	Def. #24 Harvard, 4-0
ITA Ranking	No. 12

TENNIS STAFF

Head Coach	Andy Jackson (Kentucky '84)
UF Record/Years	209-82 (.718)/11
Men's Tennis Record/Years	429-188 (.695)/24th
Overall Record/Years	496-233 (.680)/28th
Assistant Coach	Jeremy Bayon (Miss. St. '00)/9th
Volunteer Asst. Coach	Mike Hocht (Maine '67)/9th
Sports Health	David Greene
Program Coordinator	Kate Harte
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FLORIDA AT THE NCAA

The Florida men's tennis team is making its third-straight appearance in the Round of 16 at the NCAA Championship. Head Coach Andy Jackson has led the Gators to the Round of 16 or further in 10 of his 11 years at the helm, advancing to the semifinals in 2005.

Since 1991, Florida has posted a 38-19 record in NCAA play. UF has advanced to the quarterfinals five times during that span and made two semifinal appearances.

Last year, UF was knocked out by fellow-SEC foe Kentucky in the Round of 16 in Palo Alto, 4-2. In 2010, Florida fell victim to another SEC opponent, losing 4-2 against Georgia in Athens.

2011-12 ROSTER

Michael Alford	6-1	So.	SQ	Tampa, Fla./Wharton High School
Andrew Butz	6-3	So.	1L	Vero Beach, Fla./St. Edward's School
Frank Carleton	5-8	Jr.	TR	Naples, Fla./Barron Collier/Wake Forest
Florent Diep	6-2	So.	TR	Paris, France/Lycée Paul Doumer/CNED
Billy Federhofer	5-10	Jr.	2L	North Miami, Fla./Dr. Michael Krop High School
Spencer Newman	5-10	So.	1L	Miami, Fla./Kaplan College Preparatory School
Stephane Piro	5-10	So.	TR	Marseille, France/CNED
Thomas Proisy	6-3	Fr.	HS	Saint Nom La Breteche, France/Laurel Springs
Nassim Sliilam	5-9	Sr.	2L	Paris, France/CNED
Bob van Overbeek	6-2	Jr.	2L	Boca Raton, Fla./Kaplan College Preparatory School
Gordon Watson	5-11	Fr.	HS	Naples, FL/First Baptist Academy

Andrew Butz (BUTTS)
Florent Diep (DEE-epp)

Nassim Sliilam (nah-SEEM slee-LAHM)
Bob van Overbeek (OH-ver-beck)

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HOW THE GATORS GOT HERE

After facing a schedule that included 11 matches against teams currently ranked in the top-15 of the Campbell/ITA College Tennis Rankings, Florida earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Championship finishing the regular season 14-9 (7-4 SEC) and ranked 12th in the poll.

UF earned the No. 12 national seed and the Gators hosted the first two rounds of the NCAA Championship in Gainesville. In the first round, Florida defeated Navy, 4-0, advancing to play No. 24 Harvard in the second round. UF advanced to the finals site in Athens after defeating the Crimson, 4-0.

ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Ohio State beat Notre Dame, 4-0, in the second round in the Columbus, Ohio, regional. The victory was the 148th-consecutive win at home for the Buckeyes. As the fifth-seed, Ohio State improved to 31-12 overall in the NCAA tournament and has advanced to the Round of 16 each of the last six seasons, including a semifinal appearance last year in Palo Alto.

On the season, the Buckeyes are 33-3 and won the Big Ten regular season title with a perfect 11-0 mark in conference play. Ohio State has been in the top five of the national team rankings the entire spring, reaching as high as No. 2 in the country for a long stretch in March and April. OSU and Florida have faced 10 common opponents, with the Buckeyes holding a 7-3 record in those matches. UF has a 2-7 record against the same opponents.

OSU vs. Common Opponents

Mississippi St.	W, 6-1
Pepperdine	W, 4-1
vs. Kentucky	W, 4-3
vs. Virginia	W, 4-1
vs. Southern Cal	L, 4-3
Kentucky	W, 4-0
at LSU	W, 6-1
at Georgia	L, 4-3
Illinois	W, 7-0
vs. Illinois	L, 4-3

UF vs. Common Opponents

at Virginia	L, 6-1
Illinois	W, 6-1
vs. Pepperdine	W, 4-3
vs. Georgia	L, 4-2
Georgia	L, 4-3
at Kentucky	L, 4-3
at Southern Cal	L, 6-1
Mississippi St.	L, 4-3
at LSU	L, 4-2

SERIES HISTORY

Florida holds a 3-1 all-time record against Ohio State, but the two teams have only met once in recent years. The last meeting came in 2010 at the ITA National Indoors in Charlottesville, Va., when the Buckeye claimed a close 4-3 decision over the Gators. After UF won the doubles point, OSU

won at 1, 2, 4 and 5 singles to earn the victory. Current Florida senior Nassim Sliilam and junior Bob van Overbeek appeared in the match, with Sliilam earning a win at No. 6 singles and van Overbeek dropped his match at No. 4 singles. Current OSU senior Chase Buchanan won at No. 1 singles in that match.

Florida vs. Ohio State (All-Time Results)

1956	Florida 9, Ohio State 0
1955	Florida 9, Ohio State 0
1990	Florida 5, Ohio State 4 (in Houston)
2010	Ohio State 4, Florida 3 (in Charlottesville, Va.)

HONORS

The Gators had three players earn All-SEC recognition this season. Tripper Carleton, Nassim Sliilam and Bob van Overbeek were all named to the All-SEC Second Team. The Gators have had multiple All-SEC honorees every year since 1999 and have had three or more in eight of the 11 seasons under head coach Andy Jackson.

Carleton has a 24-10 singles record this season, including a 15-6 mark in dual matches. He finished SEC play with an 8-3 record in dual matches, including a 4-1 mark at No. 2 singles and 4-2 record at No. 3 singles in conference matches. He has also totaled 25 doubles wins, partnering with several teammates.

Sliilam earned second team honors for the second-straight year. Sliilam has a 23-13 singles record on the year and finished an impressive 7-1 in SEC dual matches, playing at No. 2 and No. 3 singles. He also pairs with Billy Federhofer to form one of the nation's best doubles tandems, consistently ranking in the top 10 for most of the spring. Sliilam and Federhofer have a 25-15 record on the season, including 16 wins over ranked opponents.

Van Overbeek played at the No. 1 singles position in 22 dual matches this season. He finished with an overall singles record of 21-15 for the season with a 5-6 record in SEC matches. Faced with the task of playing the opponent's top player every week, van Overbeek took on a ranked opponent in 13-straight matches to finish the regular season and totaled eight victories against ranked foes. He was named the SEC Player of the Week on February 15 after winning two singles and two doubles matches over the prior weekend, including victory over No. 2-ranked Dennis Nevolo from Illinois.