

# JILL CRAYBAS

University of Florida (1994-96)

5-3, Right-handed

East Greenwich, R.I., (Lincoln School), University of Texas (1993-94)

Primary Positions: No. 1 singles & No. 3 doubles (with Cathrine Insteboe & Lori Ann Freedman)

Final ITA Rankings: No. 1 singles

## CAREER RECORD

YEAR	OVERALL SINGLES	DUAL SINGLES	SEC SINGLES	NCAA SINGLES	OVERALL DOUBLES	DUAL DOUBLES	SEC DOUBLES	NCAA DOUBLES
1993*	15-2	6-0	NA	3-0	7-2	2-0	NA	2-0
1994*	23-2	23-2	NA	2-1	15-2	15-2	NA	1-0
1995	45-6	27-3	13-1	7-2	19-2	9-1	3-0	0-1
1996	41-8	23-6	13-0	9-1	10-3	6-1	2-0	1-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>124-18</b>	<b>79-11</b>	<b>26-1</b>	<b>21-4</b>	<b>51-9</b>	<b>32-4</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>4-1</b>

\* At Texas

## ADDITIONAL

Craybas was inducted into the UF Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008 ... member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team.

### AS A SENIOR (1995-96)

Craybas was a strong baseliner with a powerful forehand... Became the third Gator to win the Honda Award winner for Tennis... concluded a fantastic career as the NCAA Singles Champion with a 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 upset victory over top-seeded Kylie Hunt of Kansas... her return of serve was outstanding late in the year and propelled her to a 9-1 record in NCAA play... member of the winning no. 3 doubles team (with Lori Ann Freedman) that clinched the team dual match against Stanford, 5-2, and gave the Gators the NCAA national championship ...became the first player in the history of the NCAA Women's Tennis Championships (and possibly of any NCAA sport) to be a member of a national championship team with two different schools (was a freshman for Texas' 1993 title team)... earned All-America honors in singles ... one of six nominees for the prestigious Honda-Broderick Award for Tennis... SEC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season...All-SEC first team at no. 1 singles position...named ITA national Player of the Month (April) after compiling an 8-0 record and helping Florida to the SEC tournament and regular season titles... ITA South Region Senior Player of the Year... honored as the Rhode Island Amateur Athlete of the Year... Florida's nominee for the SEC Woman of the Year award... won first collegiate grand slam title by claiming the Riviera All-America singles championship ...competed in the Rolex Intercollegiate Championship and lost in the second round to Farley Taylor of Texas...defeated teammate Dawn Buth 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 for the Lady Seminole flight A singles title...advanced to the finals of the SEC Women's Fall Classic before bowing to teammate Divya Merchant...clinched tough match against her former team Texas at no. 3 doubles (with Freedman)...struggled with lower leg problems in the fall, which hampered her play in early spring but gained strength, confidence and momentum entering the NCAA Championships.

### AS A JUNIOR (1994-95)

Recipient of the Dorothy Anderson Scholarship given by former Gator and Chicago Bear star Neal Anderson to the Florida tennis program for the 1995-96 season...Named Penn/ITA Player to Watch and SEC Player of the Year...Garnered All-America honors in singles and earned a spot on the All-SEC first team in singles and All-SEC second team in doubles...Also selected *Gator Bait* UF Female Athlete of the Year...Advanced to the semi-finals of the NCAA Singles Championships before losing to eventual NCAA Champion Keri Phebus of UCLA...Posted a 45-6 overall singles record (14-2 Fall, 27-3 Dual, 4-1 NCAA) and 19-2 doubles mark (10-1 Fall, 9-1 Dual)...Played no. 1 singles and no. 2 doubles (w/ Divya Merchant)...Clinched SEC title over Georgia with win at no. 2 doubles with Merchant...Finished campaign ranked No. 7 in the nation in singles and tied for 37th in doubles...Also listed No. 1 in South Regional Rankings in singles...Went undefeated in SEC regular season dual match play with a 11-0 record and 13-1 mark overall...Won 16 consecutive matches at one point during the season...Posted a 24-6 record against ranked opponents during the season with four wins over top-10 opponents, including a

straight-set win over then No. 3 Rachel Viollet of Miami...Won 41 matches in straight sets...Won 14 of 16 singles matches in the fall with the only losses to teammate Dawn Buth (as a result of default due to injury in the finals of the SEC Coaches Fall Tournament) and Tina Samara of Georgia...Posted a 10-1 doubles record with Merchant in fall action and the duo was 8-1 in dual match play...Captured the Flight A singles title and the Flight E doubles title with Merchant at the Lady Seminole Fall Classic in first action at Florida.

### PRIOR TO FLORIDA - AS A SOPHOMORE at Texas (1993-94)

Named to the All-Southwest Conference team in singles...Voted team co-MVP by her teammates...Finished the season with a 23-2 record playing at the No. 2, 3 and 4 positions for the Lady Longhorns...Helped Texas to a national semifinal berth...Completed campaign with a No. 42 national ranking and No. 5 regional ranking...Failed to qualify for NCAA singles competition due to time lost to injury...Sat out the fall season while rehabilitating from stress fracture injury.

### AS A FRESHMAN (1992-93)

Invaluable part of Texas' national championship...Undeclared in NCAA team play at No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles with partner Ashley Johnson...Saw limited action during the dual match season due to a stress fracture in her lower leg...Posted a 15-2 record for the season, including a 6-0 mark in the spring...Helped clinch Texas' win over Florida in the NCAA team semi's with a 6-1, 6-0 victory against former Lady Gator Kristin Osmond and a doubles win...Compiled a 7-2 doubles record with Johnson...Finished the campaign ranked No. 66 in the nation.

### LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Earned all-state honors during both freshman and sophomore campaigns...Did not play high school tennis during final two seasons in order to compete in national tournaments...Ranked No. 8 in the nation in the 1992 Girls' 18 singles...Ranked No. 1 in her section in singles in both 1990 and 1991...Won the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn., in 1989, as well as *Seventeen's* Tennis Tournament of Champions in Mission Viejo, Calif., in May of 1990...Also claimed the Women's National Indoor Amateur Tournament in 1990 and was a finalist at the 1991 USTA Girls' 18 National Clay Court singles...Played in the 1991 US OPEN Juniors tournament...Earned the National Sportsmanship Award from the USTA.

### Extras...

One of six American collegiate athletes named to the inaugural USTA All-American Summer Team (1996) but declined to declare professional status ...earned automatic bid to play in the 1996 U.S. Open singles main draw as the NCAA singles champion, where she lost a tough three-set match (6-1, 2-6, 7-5) in the first round to

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Alexandra Fusai, the 60th ranked player in the world... plans to graduate in December with a degree in telecommunications, after which compete in satellite tournaments.

1996 NCAA Singles Champion (Grand Slam event)  
1996 Riviera All-America Champion (Grand Slam event)  
1995 & 1996 All-American  
1995 & 1996 SEC Player of the Year  
1996 ITA South Region Player of the Year  
1995 & 1996 All-SEC, first team  
Finished 1996 regular season ranked fourth nationally  
Finished 1995 regular season ranked seventh nationally  
Career record of 124-18 (87.3-winning percentage)  
ITA National Player of the Month (April, 1996)  
Recorded the victory that clinched two NCAA team championships (1993 & 1996)  
Became first women in the history of the NCAA Tennis Championships to win the national championship with two different schools  
1996 Rhode Island Amature Athlete of the Year  
1995 Gator Bait UF Female Athlete of the Year  
1994 All-Southwest Conference

Spoke with area elementary children on several occations, discussiong issues such as staying in school and avoiding drugs