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UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Founded:	1853
Location:	Gainesville, Fla.
Population:	120,919
Enrollment:	50,576
Nickname:	Gators
Colors:	Orange and Blue
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Capacity:	12,000

VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

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UF Record:	551-57 (.906), 18th season
Career Record:	632-120 (.840) 22nd season
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Practice Facility:	Lemerand Athletic Center
2007 Record:	29-3
2007 SEC Record/Finish:	19-1/1st
2007 Final AVCA Ranking:	8th
2007 Postseason Play:	NCAA Regional Semifinal (lost to Texas 3-1)
Starters Returning/Lost:	3/4 (including libero)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost:	7/6
Newcomers:	7 (includes red-shirt freshman)

PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

First Year of Volleyball:	1984
All-time record:	707-157 (.819) 25th season
Years in NCAA Tournament:	18, (1987, 1991-07)
SEC Titles:	17 consecutive (1991-2007)
SEC Tournament Titles:	12 (1992-96, 1998-03, 2005)
All-Americans:	21 with 49 honors
SEC Players of the Year:	Nine with 15 honors
All-SEC Players:	47 with 90 honors
Academic All-Americans:	11 with 18 honors
SEC Academic Honor Roll:	52 with 110 honors

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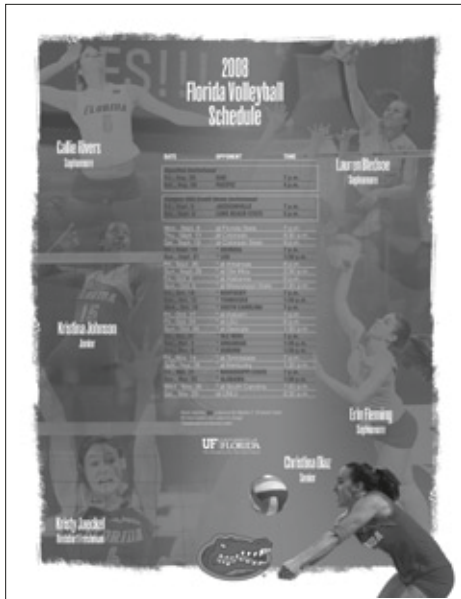
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On the front cover: Senior All-Southeastern Conference selection Kelsey Bowers and junior All-American Elyse Cusack lead a young Florida team into the 2008 season as the Gators seek their 18th consecutive SEC title and eighth Final Four berth.



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Sun Sports and FSN Florida will combine to broadcast five Gator volleyball matches in 2008. With potential viewerships of 6.3 million for Sun Sports and FSN Florida, the Gators will once again rank among the most televised Division I schools in the nation. Larry Vettel (play-by-play) and Missy Whittemore (color analysis) return to call the action.



Date	Opponent	Network	Time (ET)	Date	Opponent	Network	Time (ET)
Sept. 8	at Florida State	Sun Sports	8 p.m.	Oct. 12	Tennessee	FSN Florida	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Colorado	Sun Sports	8:30 p.m.	Oct. 15	South Florida	Sun Sports	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Colorado State	Cox	9 p.m.	Nov. 23	Alabama	Sun Sports	1 p.m.
Sept. 21	LSU	SEC-TV	1 p.m.				



Radio Broadcast Schedule

For the 12th consecutive year, the Gator Radio Network will broadcast play-by-play coverage of Florida volleyball. All 27 regular-season matches and all postseason play will be broadcast on either WRUF-AM 850, Rock 104 (103.7) or via the internet at www.GatorZone.com. Each AM 850 and Rock 104 match is also available on www.GatorZone.com. The broadcasts contain a 10-minute pre-match show and a brief post-match show, both featuring the comments of Mary Wise. Tom Collett will call the action, with former Gator All-SEC selection Missy Whittemore joining the broadcast for home matches.



Tom Collett

Date	Opponent	Time (ET)	Date	Opponent	Time (ET)
Aug. 29	UAB	6:50 p.m. *	Oct. 17	at Auburn	6:50 p.m. ^
Aug. 30	Pacific	3:50 p.m. #	Oct. 24	at LSU	7:50 p.m. *
Sept. 5	Jacksonville	6:50 p.m. *	Oct. 26	at Georgia	1:20 p.m. *
Sept. 6	Long Beach State	4:50 p.m. #	Oct. 31	Ole Miss	6:50 p.m. *
Sept. 8	at Florida State	7:50 p.m. *	Nov. 2	Arkansas	1:20 p.m. *
Sept. 11	at Colorado	8:20 p.m. *	Nov. 9	Auburn	1:20 p.m. *
Sept. 13	at Colorado State	8:50 p.m. *	Nov. 14	at Tennessee	6:50 p.m. ^
Sept. 19	Georgia	6:50 p.m. *	Nov. 16	at Kentucky	1:20 p.m. *
Sept. 21	LSU	12:50 p.m. *	Nov. 21	Mississippi State	6:50 p.m. *
Sept. 26	at Arkansas	7:50 p.m. ^	Nov. 23	Alabama	12:50 p.m. *
Sept. 28	at Ole Miss	2:20 p.m. ^	Nov. 26	at South Carolina	6:50 p.m. *
Oct. 3	at Alabama	7:50 p.m. ^	Nov. 29	at UNLV	8:20 p.m. *
Oct. 5	at Mississippi State	2:20 p.m. *			
Oct. 10	Kentucky	6:50 p.m. *			
Oct. 12	Tennessee	1:20 p.m. *			
Oct. 15	South Carolina	6:50 p.m. *			

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It is recommended that users have the latest version of Windows Media Player to ensure the best quality. To see an event or to get pricing information, just click on the GatorVision Online button at www.GatorZone.com, the official website of the Florida Gators.



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Oct. 10	Kentucky	7 p.m.	Nov. 21	Mississippi State	7 p.m.

Gator Hotline With Mary Wise

More popular than ever and back for its fifth season, Gator Hotline with Mary Wise will go out on location for no less than 15 shows during the 2008 season. The volleyball-devoted, hour-long call-in show is hosted by Tom Collett, and features special appearances by former Gator Missy Whittemore. The show airs on a regular basis every Monday night from 6-7 p.m. on WRUF-AM 850. Gator Hotline will go live on location to the Alachua Beef O'Brady's on Aug. 25, Sept. 1, Sept. 8, Sept. 15 and Sept. 22, to the NW 43rd St. Beef O'Brady's on Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 20 and Oct. 27, as well the Archer Road Beef O'Brady's on Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Nov. 24 and Dec. 1. Fans can also listen online at www.am850.com.



Follow the Tradition

Despite the 2008 edition of the Florida volleyball team being one of the youngest teams in Mary Wise's tenure as head coach, the expectations for success have not changed. After all, that tradition has led to 17 Southeastern Conference titles, 17 consecutive NCAA appearances and seven Final Fours.

2008 OUTLOOK

When 11-time Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year Mary Wise looks over her 2008 roster, she notices that, for the first time in a number of years, there are a lot of new names that will be counted on to produce for Florida in the upcoming season.

And while the faces on the team may look different to Gator fans in the stands, the expectations Wise has for her team and her players are no different. The 2008 edition of the Florida volleyball team will be expected to follow the tradition of past years that has resulted in 17 consecutive SEC Championships, 17 consecutive berths in the NCAA Tournament and seven Final Four appearances.

"We expect this team, like Florida teams of the past, to compete, to practice hard and to train hard," Wise said. "We believe this will be a team that will continue to improve with experience and be one that no other team will want to play at the end of the season."

While the Gators will have to compensate for the loss of four All-America selections, who exhausted their eligibility following the 2007 season, the expectation for success is no different. In order for this year's squad to achieve the level of success that has become synonymous with Florida volleyball, the Gators will have to strike a balance between several experienced veterans and one of the most highly touted incoming freshman classes in program history.

"We will be able to find kills, blocks and aces, but it's the experience we will miss the most," Wise said. "You can't put a price on experience. We have a freshman class with a boatload of playing experience, but none of it is at the collegiate level. The bottom line is, to be successful, we need contributions out of everyone. This team will be the sum of its parts."

The nucleus of the 2008 squad will center around senior middle blocker Kelsey Bowers and junior All-America honorable mention selection Elyse Cusack. The duo will provide necessary leadership for a team that features just four upperclassmen on its 14-player roster.



Christina Diaz

SETTERS

12	Kelly Murphy	S/RS	6-2	Fr.	Joliet, Ill.
1	Cindy Bathelt	S	5-9	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
3	Christina Diaz	S/D/S	5-6	Sr.	Hollywood, Fla.

The Florida setter position in 2008 will feature the youngest collection of athletes on the floor. The Gators will rely on freshmen Kelly Murphy and Cindy Bathelt to split time running the team's offense following the graduation of two-time SEC Player of the Year and three-time All-America selection Angie McGinnis.

Florida is likely to initiate a 6-2 offense into its scheme this season, allowing both Bathelt and Murphy to compete on the floor at the same time.

"We will ask two freshmen to split the setter role and think a 6-2 offense of some sort will be in our future," Wise said. "Kelly and Cindy are very different players, but each bring unique talents to the position. Our hitters are going to enjoy playing with them."

Murphy, 6-foot-2, is a 2008 AAU All-America selection who led her Sports Performance club team to the Junior Volleyball Director's Association national championship this past June. That title capped off a perfect 84-0 record for the squad since it was assembled when its members were 16 years of age. She was the nation's top recruit according to PrepVolleyball.com and the National Gatorade Player of the Year.

Bathelt, 5-foot-9, is a three-time all-conference selection at Pine Creek High School, who has been named a Rocky Mountain Region Volleyball All-Star each year since 2003. She played club volleyball for Colorado Juniors, earning Senior Ace status by PrepVolleyball.com and garnering Outstanding Setter recognition at the magazine's 2007 Classic.

Senior Christina Diaz is a defensive specialist who also has experience as a setter, who can bring depth and veteran leadership to the position.



Callie Rivers

OUTSIDE HITTERS

5	Callie Rivers	OH	6-0	So.	Winter Park, Fla.
6	Kristy Jaeckel	OH/RS	6-2	R-Fr.	Littleton, Colo.
16	Colleen Ward	OH	6-2	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.

The outside hitter position will be a deep and talented one this season, leading Wise to compare this year's collection of outside hitters to the best ever to take the court at Florida.

Callie Rivers, a member of the 2007 All-SEC Freshman team, led the Gators in total aces and aces per game during the conference season, posting six double-figure kill outings during the league slate and four double-doubles. Her four double-dips marked the most by a UF freshman during the SEC season since the 2004 campaign.

Rivers, 6-foot, was a member of the US Women's National

A2 Red Team, helping the USA capture the Open Division of the USA Adult Open Volleyball Championships, registering 16 kills and contributing a team-leading 17 points in the championship match.

"Callie Rivers had a great freshman season," Wise said. "She had an even better spring and her production increased during her time with the USA A2 program. We expect her to continue along that path."

Kristy Jaeckel, 6-foot-2, will be the nation's most experienced redshirt freshman after being the only player in the country without a season of collegiate playing experience to be named to the USA A2 Blue Team. She helped lead that team to the bronze medal. Jaeckel posted a breakout spring season that included strong performances against Florida State and Miami.

"Kristy Jaeckel might be the most improved player in our program after going from being a redshirt freshman to making the USA A2 team," Wise said.

Colleen Ward, 6-foot-2, is the No. 7 recruit in the nation by PrepVolleyball.com and will make an immediate impact on the outside for the Gators. Ward was a 2008 AAU All-American as a member of Sports Performance with Murphy. She holds Naperville North's school record in kills (career and single season) and ranks fifth in school history in career digs.

"Colleen Ward was the starting outside hitter for arguably the most successful club team in the history of junior volleyball," Wise said. "With Callie, Kristy and Colleen, our quality and depth on the left side is as good as we've ever had at Florida."

RIGHT-SIDE HITTERS

17	Lauren Bledsoe	RS	6-2	So.	Long Beach, Calif.
12	Kelly Murphy	S/RS	6-2	Fr.	Joliet, Ill.
6	Kristy Jaeckel	OH/RS	6-2	R-Fr.	Littleton, Colo.

The Gators will have a strong presence on the right side after sophomore Lauren Bledsoe moved from the outside to the right side during the spring season. Bledsoe, 6-foot-2, finished the 2007 campaign on a high note, averaging 11.0 kills per game in her last two matches.

Bledsoe recorded a career-high 12 kills, including the match-clincher, in a win against No. 23 Oklahoma in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Her easy adjustment to the right side during the spring season has Bledsoe ready to provide leadership at that position.

"Lauren Bledsoe had a great spring, moving full-time to the right side," Wise said. "She hits a very heavy ball as she continues to improve on her blocking."

Murphy is one of the most skilled hitters the Gators will have on the court, both as a setter and on the right side. A two-time PrepVolleyball.com All-American, Murphy's status as the National Player of the Year puts her into a select group that includes Kerri Walsh (1995-96), Logan Tom (1998-99) and Ogona Nnamani (2000-01).

"Kelly is the most decorated high school player to come into our program," Wise said. "She has the skill set to score all sorts of points for us – both in the front and back row."

Jaeckel also will see time on the right side after seeing action at that position during her stint with the bronze medal A2 team. Her versatility gives the Gators a strong attack on both the left and right sides.

"Kristy Jaeckel played some right during the spring and again with her A2 team," Wise said. "We love Kristy's versatility

and think she can play either position. One of our challenges will be to see how we can put so many of these hitters on the court at the same time."



Kelsey Bowers

MIDDLE BLOCKERS

35	Kelsey Bowers	MB	6-2	Sr.	Gainesville, Fla.
15	Kristina Johnson	MB	6-2	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
21	Cassandra Anderson	MB	6-1	Fr.	Bakersfield, Calif.
14	Betsy Smith	MB	6-2	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.

Florida's middle blockers could prove to be the Gators' biggest question mark or their greatest strength in 2008. Keeping the front-line players healthy will be key if Florida looks to make the program's eighth trip to the Final Four.

A pair of veterans in Bowers, a 6-2 senior, and Kristina Johnson, a 6-2 redshirt junior, return to headline an experienced middle blocking corps. Freshmen Cassandra Anderson and Betsy Smith join the Gators to add depth at that position.

"The key in the middle blocker position will be the health status," Wise said. "If we can get both Kelsey and KJ on the court completely healthy, we will have one of the quickest middle blocker combinations in the country. Cassandra and Betsy are just as quick and, as they gain experience playing that position in college, we will have great depth with them as well."

Bowers, an All-SEC second-team member in 2007 and an Academic All-America selection, was second in the league in hitting percentage with a .361 clip and seventh in blocks with 1.31 rejections per game. In SEC matches only, she hit a league-leading .402.

Johnson battled through injuries during the 2007 campaign after a breakout redshirt freshman season in 2006. Her rookie year, Johnson was a member of the SEC All-Freshman team, ranking 31st in the nation in hitting percentage with a .372 clip, which set the UF freshman record. She also ranked eighth in the conference with 1.17 blocks per game, which was tied for third in school history in rejections by a freshman.

Anderson, 6-foot-1, helped her TCA club team to the 18 Open Division of the USA Volleyball Junior Nationals this past June. She is the No. 17 recruit in the nation by PrepVolleyball.com and has been noted for her impressive leaping ability and athleticism.

Smith, the National Christian School Athletic Association Large-School Division National Volleyball Player of the Year, is the nation's 26th-ranked recruit according to PrepVolleyball.com. She was Georgia's 2007 Gatorade Player of the Year and holds her school's career records in kills (1,478) and hitting percentage (.369), as well as the school's single-season kills record (441).



Elyse Cusack

LIBERO/DEFENSIVE SPECIALISTS

7	Elyse Cusack	L	5-9	Jr.	Melrose, Fla.
3	Christina Diaz	DS/S	5-6	Sr.	Hollywood, Fla.
27	Erin Fleming	DS	5-10	So.	Orlando, Fla.
19	Elissa Hausmann	DS	5-6	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.

The school's first-ever All-American at the libero position, Cusack returns as the squad's leader on the back row. Entering her junior season, Cusack has gained strength during the offseason that will improve upon her stellar sophomore campaign.

Cusack became the first player in SEC history to win Defensive Player of the Week honors in back-to-back weeks. She became the fastest player in league history to reach the 1,000-dig mark and just the second SEC player ever to accomplish that feat as a sophomore. She set 11 school records during her sophomore campaign and was the only UF player to see action in each of the team's 109 games.

"One of the best things we have going is the fact that Elyse Cusack has two more years of eligibility," Wise said. "As good of a sophomore year as she had, she is poised to take her game to an even higher level with the strength she has gained since January. With all the different players surrounding her, we know we'll have Elyse's stability to count on." Senior Christina Diaz will be one of the team's top leaders in 2008 and her dedication in the weight room will pay dividends during her final campaign.

"Christina, now in her fourth year, has emerged as one of the team's best leaders – especially in the weight room," Wise said. "She has become an invaluable member of our program."

Sophomore Erin Fleming and freshman Elissa Hausmann both will look to factor into the mix as defensive specialists this season. Fleming gained valuable experience a year ago, substituting into the back row for All-America right-side hitter Amber McCray.

"Erin played a huge role for us coming in for Amber McCray in the back row last year," Wise said. "Our three Floridian defensive specialists – Christina Diaz, Erin Fleming and Elissa Hausmann – will be asked to help us coming off the bench."

SCHEDULE

Seven 2007 NCAA Tournament participants highlight an always challenging Florida Volleyball schedule. Florida will face West coast powers Long Beach State, UNLV and Colorado State, while also competing in a 20-match double round-robin SEC schedule.

The teams on Florida's slate for the 2008 season combined to post a 283-220 (.583) last season, while UF's non-conference foes alone piled up a 156-86 (.632) mark a year ago. The schedule includes nine teams (Colorado State, Jacksonville, Kentucky, Long Beach State, LSU, Mississippi, Pacific, UAB and UNLV) that won at least 18 matches last season.

"We feel that this schedule is loaded with many challenges, and that it's also a nice fit for our personnel," Wise said. "We always try to schedule competitive non-conference matches and play teams from different parts of the country. Our fans don't often get a chance to see west coast teams, but they'll get an opportunity to watch two tradition-rich programs this fall when Pacific and Long Beach State come to Gainesville. The trip to Colorado and the Thanksgiving-weekend match with UNLV will give us valuable road experience against teams from leagues that are well-represented in the NCAA Championship each year."

With the right balance of experienced veterans and talented newcomers, the 2008 Gators are poised to follow the tradition of past teams en route to a trip to Omaha for volleyball's version of the Big Dance.

WHAT'S RETURNING

	RETURNING	DEPARTED	% RETURNING
Kills	615	1291	32.3
Assists	197	1578	11.1
Aces	95	83	53.4
Digs	1103	773	58.8
Blocks	213	119.5	64.1

2008 ROSTER

2008 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
1	Cindy Bathelt	S	5-9	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)
3	Christina Diaz	S/DS	5-6	Sr.	Hollywood, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
5	Callie Rivers	OH	6-0	So.	Winter Park, Fla. (Winter Park)
6	Kristy Jaeckel	OH	6-2	R-Fr.	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage)
7	Elyse Cusack	L	5-9	Jr.	Melrose, Fla. (P.K. Yonge)
12	Kelly Murphy	S/RS	6-2	Fr.	Joliet, Ill. (Joliet Catholic Academy)
14	Betsy Smith	MB	6-2	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Wesleyan)
15	Kristina Johnson	MB	6-2	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike)
16	Colleen Ward	OH	6-2	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville North)
17	Lauren Bledsoe	RS	6-2	So.	Long Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa)
19	Elissa Hausmann	DS	5-6	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. (Gaither)
21	Cassandra Anderson	MB	6-1	Fr.	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)
27	Erin Fleming	DS	5-10	So.	Orlando, Fla. (Lake Highland)
35	Kelsey Bowers	MB	6-2	Sr.	Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)

2008 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
21	Cassandra Anderson	MB	6-1	Fr.	Bakersfield, Calif. (Bakersfield)
1	Cindy Bathelt	S	5-9	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)
17	Lauren Bledsoe	RS	6-2	So.	Long Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa)
35	Kelsey Bowers	MB	6-2	Sr.	Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)
7	Elyse Cusack	L	5-9	Jr.	Melrose, Fla. (P.K. Yonge)
3	Christina Diaz	S/DS	5-6	Sr.	Hollywood, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
27	Erin Fleming	DS	5-10	So.	Orlando, Fla. (Lake Highland)
19	Elissa Hausmann	DS	5-6	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. (Gaither)
6	Kristy Jaeckel	OH	6-2	R-Fr.	Littleton, Colo. (Heritage)
15	Kristina Johnson	MB	6-2	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike)
12	Kelly Murphy	S/RS	6-2	Fr.	Joliet, Ill. (Joliet Catholic Academy)
5	Callie Rivers	OH	6-0	So.	Winter Park, Fla. (Winter Park)
14	Betsy Smith	MB	6-2	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Wesleyan)
16	Colleen Ward	OH	6-2	Fr.	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville North)

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

SENIORS (2)

Kelsey Bowers
Christina Diaz

JUNIORS (2)

Elyse Cusack
Kristina Johnson

SOPHOMORES (3)

Lauren Bledsoe
Erin Fleming
Callie Rivers

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (1)

Kristy Jaeckel

FRESHMEN (6)

Cassandra Anderson
Cindy Bathelt
Elissa Hausmann
Kelly Murphy
Betsy Smith
Colleen Ward

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Cindy Bathelt – (BATH-elt)
Nick Cheronis – (Shur-OWN-is)
Elyse Cusack – (Ee-LEASE CUE-sack)
Elissa Hausmann (HOUSE-man)
Kristy Jaeckel – (JAY-kull)

Head Coach: Mary Wise (Purdue '81)

UF Record: 551-57 (.906), 18th season

Career Record: 632-120 (.840), 22nd season

Associate Head Coach: Nick Cheronis (Ball State '80), 17th season

Assistant Coach: Ken Ko (UC Davis '93), 1st season

Vol. Asst. Coach: Chris Keen (Findlay '05), 1st season

Coordinator of Volleyball Operations: Kelley Kish (Florida '03)

Athletic Trainer: Randall Wilkerson (Florida '04)

Strength and Conditioning: Matt DeLancey (East Stroudsburg '98)

Nutritionist: Anna Grout (Murray State '04)

Head Team Manager: Lance Burbank (Florida '07)

Front Row (L-R): Athletic trainer Randall Wilkerson, Cindy Bathelt, Erin Fleming, Christina Diaz, Kelsey Bowers, Elyse Cusack, Elissa Hausmann, student trainer Aucuria Harrison.

Back Row (L-R): Head coach Mary Wise, associate head coach Nick Cheronis, assistant coach Ken Ko, student manager Bryan Hopkins, Callie Rivers, Lauren Bledsoe, Kelly Murphy, Colleen Ward, Kristy Jaeckel, Kristina Johnson, Betsy Smith, Cassandra Anderson, student manager Lance Burbank, strength and conditioning coach Matt DeLancey, volunteer assistant coach Chris Keen, coordinator of volleyball operations Kelley Kish.



2008 OPPONENTS

ALABAMA

Location: Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Nickname: Crimson Tide
Athletics Director: Mal Moore
Head Coach: Judy Green
Assistant Coaches: Ben Boldt, Josh Lauer
Facility: The CAVE (1,000)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 15-14/12-8 (3rd West)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NCAA First Round/NA
Starters R/L: 3/4
Letterwinners R/L: 9/4
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Press Row: NA
Web site: www.rolltide.com

ARKANSAS

Location: Fayetteville, Ark.
Nickname: Razorbacks
Athletics Director: Jeff Long
Head Coach: Robby Pullizza
Assistant Coaches: Kris Grunwald
Facility: Barnhill Arena (9,000)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 12-19/6-14 (5th West)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 2/4
Letterwinners R/L: 10/4
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AUBURN

Location: Auburn, Ala.
Nickname: Tigers
Athletics Director: Jay Jacobs
Head Coach: Wade Benson
Assistant Coaches: Chris Campbell, April Yantis
Facility: Student Activities Center (1,320)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 11-20/3-17 (6th West)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 4/3
Letterwinners R/L: 8/6
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COLORADO

Location: Boulder, Colo.
Nickname: Buffaloes
Athletics Director: Mike Bohn
Head Coach: Pii Aiu
Assistant Coaches: Jill Thompson, Stevie Mussie
Facility: Coors Events and Conference Center (11,064)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 6-22/1-19 (T-10th)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 6/1
Letterwinners R/L: 13/5
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COLORADO STATE

Location: Ft. Collins, Colo.
Nickname: Rams
Athletics Director: Paul Kowalczyk
Head Coach: Tom Hilbert
Assistant Coaches: Bri Frech, Jesse Mahoney
Facility: Moby Arena (8,745)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 23-8/13-3 (1st)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NCAA Second Round/NA
Starters R/L: 6/1
Letterwinners R/L: 10/2
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FLORIDA STATE

Location: Tallahassee, Fla.
Nickname: Seminoles
Athletics Director: Randy Spetman
Head Coach: Chris Poole
Assistant Coaches: Holly Watts
Facility: Tully Gym (1,162)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 16-14/13-9 (T4th)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 7/0
Letterwinners R/L: 11/4
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GEORGIA

Location: Athens, Ga.
Nickname: Bulldogs
Athletics Director: Damon Evans
Head Coach: Joel McCartney
Assistant Coaches: Chad Hanson, Briana McCarthy, Andrea McCartney
Facility: Ramsey Student Center (1,925)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 17-13/8-12 (3rd East)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 5/2
Letterwinners R/L: 9/7
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JACKSONVILLE

Location: Jacksonville, Fla.
Nickname: Dolphins
Athletics Director: Alan Verlander
Head Coach: Shaun Kupferberg
Assistant Coaches: Kelly Hopkins
Facility: Swisher Gymnasium (1,500)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 19-13/8-3 (4th)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 6/2
Letterwinners R/L: 7/3
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KENTUCKY

Location: Lexington, Ky.
Nickname: Wildcats
Athletics Director: Mitch Barnhart
Head Coach: Craig Skinner
Assistant Coaches: Chris Beerman, Lauren Sauer
Facility: Memorial Coliseum (8,700)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 22-10/13-7 (2nd East)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NCAA First Round/NA
Starters R/L: 6/1
Letterwinners R/L: 11/2
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LONG BEACH STATE

Location: Long Beach, Calif.
Nickname: 49ers
Athletics Director: Vic Cegles
Head Coach: Brian Gimmillaro
Assistant Coaches: Debbie Green, Melissa Ohta, Matt Ulmer
Facility: The Walter Pyramid (4,200)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 26-7/14-2 (2nd)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NCAA Second Round/23
Starters R/L: 3/4
Letterwinners R/L: 8/5
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LOUISIANA STATE

Location: Baton Rouge, La.
Nickname: Lady Tigers
Athletics Director: Joe Alleva
Head Coach: Fran Flory
Assistant Coaches: Steve Loeswick, Jill Lytle Wilson
Facility: Pete Maravich Assembly Center (13,373)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 25-8/15-5 (1st West)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NCAA 2nd Round/RV
Starters R/L: 7/0
Letterwinners R/L: 9/3
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OLE MISS

Location: Oxford, Miss.
Nickname: Lady Rebels
Athletics Director: Pete Boone
Head Coach: Joe Getzlin
Assistant Coaches: Molly Alvey, Anastasia Porter
Facility: Gilliom Sports Complex (1,000)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 25-8/14-6 (2nd West)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NCAA First Round/NA
Starters R/L: 5/2
Letterwinners R/L: 8/2
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MISSISSIPPI STATE

Location: Starkville, Miss.
Nickname: Bulldogs
Athletics Director: Greg Byrne
Head Coach: Tina Seals
Assistant Coaches: Don Perkins, Lindsay Shondell
Facility: Newell-Grissom Building (2,000)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 12-17/7-13 (4th West)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 2/5
Letterwinners R/L: 6/9
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PACIFIC

Location: Stockton, Calif.
Nickname: Tigers
Athletics Director: Lynn King
Head Coach: Charlie Wade
Assistant Coaches: Dave Johnson, Molly Mordaunt
Facility: Alex G. Spanos Center (6,150)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 18-9/9-7 (4th)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 5/2
Letterwinners R/L: 9/2
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Location: Columbia, S.C.
Nickname: Gamecocks
Athletics Director: Eric Hyman
Head Coach: Ben Somera
Assistant Coaches: Damian Elder, Laura Collins, Kristin Belzing
Facility: Volleyball Competition Facility (2,000)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 14-15/7-13 (4th East)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 6/1
Letterwinners R/L: 10/6
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TENNESSEE

Location: Knoxville, Tenn.
Nickname: Lady Vols
Athletics Director: Joan Cronan
Head Coach: Rob Patrick
Assistant Coaches: Gregg Whitis, Katie Noble, Annie Sadowski
Facility: Thompson-Boling Arena (7,500)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 11-18/6-14 (5th East)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 6/1
Letterwinners R/L: 10/3
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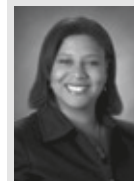
Location: Birmingham, Ala.
Nickname: Blazers
Athletics Director: Brian Mackin
Head Coach: Kerry Messersmith
Assistant Coaches: Alan Segal, Tammy Richardson
Facility: Bartow Arena (8,500)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 24-10/12-4 (3rd)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NA/NA
Starters R/L: 5/2
Letterwinners R/L: 10/5
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UNLV

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Nickname: Rebels
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Assistant Coach: Elani Kollias
Facility: Cox Pavilion (2,452)
2007 Overall/Conference (Finish): 24-6/12-4 (T2nd)
2007 Postseason/Final Ranking: NCAA First Round/NA
Starters R/L: 3/4
Letterwinners R/L: 10/5
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