

# 2011 BASEBALL REVIEW

**Records:** 53-19, 22-8 SEC

**NCAA Finish:** 2nd (3-2 at College World Series, 2-1 at Gainesville Super Regional, 3-0 at Gainesville Regional)

**SEC Finish:** T-1st overall/T-1st in Eastern Division

**Final Poll Rankings:** 2nd in Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball, NCBWA, USA Today/ESPN

**Baseball America College Coach of the Year:** Kevin O'Sullivan

**Perfect Game Freshman Pitcher of the Year:** RHP Karsten Whitson

**All-Americans:** Two with six honors – OF Preston Tucker (ABCA Second Team), C Mike Zunino (ABCA, Baseball America, Perfect Game First Team; Louisville Slugger Second Team; NCBWA Third Team)

**Freshman All-Americans:** One with four honors - RHP Karsten Whitson (Baseball America, Louisville Slugger, NCBWA, Perfect Game)

**NCAA College World Series All-Tourney Team:** INF Cody Dent, OF Bryson Smith

**All-South Region:** 4 – First Team: OF Preston Tucker, C Mike Zunino; Second Team: 2B Josh Adams, RHP Hudson Randall

**SEC Player of the Year:** C Mike Zunino

**All-SEC:** 6 - First Team: DH Brian Johnson, OF Preston Tucker, C Mike Zunino; Second Team: 2B Josh Adams, SS Nolan Fontana, RHP Hudson Randall

**SEC All-Freshman Team:** Two with two honors – 3B Zack Powers, RHP Karsten Whitson

**SEC All-Defensive Team:** SS Nolan Fontana, C Mike Zunino

**SEC Community Service Team:** Greg Larson  
**SEC Academic Honor Roll:** 8 – Matt Campbell, Cody Dent, Brian Johnson, Greg Larson, Austin Maddox, Ben McMahan, Justin Poovey, Paul Wilson

**Departing Seniors:** 6 – Josh Adams, Matt Campbell, Justin Poovey, Bryson Smith, Tommy Toledo, Paul Wilson



Sophomore catcher Mike Zunino was a finalist for the Johnny Bench Award, an All-American and became the second Gator to be tabbed as the SEC's Player of the Year.

## Team Highlights

- In Kevin O'Sullivan's fourth season at the helm, the Gators (53-19) finished as the runner-up at the NCAA College World Series and established a school record for victories.
- Florida earned a trip to Omaha in consecutive seasons for the first time and made the CWS for the seventh time in school history (1988, 1991, 1996, 1998, 2005, 2010, 2011).
- Although UF fell in the CWS Championship Finals to South Carolina, it notched a second-place showing for the second time in school history (2005).
- The Gators secured the All-SEC final round by downing Texas (8-4) and then defeating league rival Vanderbilt twice (3-1, 6-4).
- Florida was awarded the second national seed in the NCAA Tournament, its third-straight year within the Top-8 seeds. The Gators swept the NCAA Gainesville Regional with victories over Manhattan (17-3) and Miami (Fla.) (5-4, 11-4) and then defeated Mississippi State twice (11-1, 3-4, 8-6) in a classic Gainesville Super Regional to advance to the College World Series.
- O'Sullivan joined Joe Arnold (1988, 1991) and Andy Lopez (1996, 1998) as Gator head coaches who have made multiple trips to Omaha.
- This season marked the 10th time that McKethan Stadium has hosted NCAA Regional action and the third-straight year for the first time in school history. The Gators have now gone on to the College World Series from Gainesville on six occasions: 1991, 1996, 1998, 2005, 2010 and 2011. Florida is 35-10 (.778) on its own turf during NCAA play and claimed five of the six outings on its own turf this season.

O'Sullivan is 13-3 (.813) in NCAA play at home, 9-0 (1.000) in Regionals and 4-3 (.571) in Super Regionals.

- Florida reached the 40-win plateau for the 20th time in school history and the school-record 53 wins marked the third time that the program exceeded 50 wins (also in 1991 & 1996).
- The Gators blanked Vanderbilt, 5-0, to capture the 2011 SEC Tournament in Hoover, Ala. It was the first time in 20 years that Florida won the league's tourney and was its sixth title (1981, 1982, 1984, 1988, 1991, 2011). The triumph also represented the first time since 1988 that the Orange and Blue had won the SEC and SEC Tourney in the same season.
- With a 22-8 performance in the SEC that matched South Carolina and Vanderbilt, Florida has now captured an SEC-best 21 division championships and its 12 league championships are third behind LSU (14) and Alabama (13). UF became the East winner for the third year in a row, matching its feat from 1996-98. Florida has also won SEC crowns in 1952, 1956, 1962, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1988, 1996, 1998, 2005 and 2010.
- Florida claimed eight of its 10 SEC series and the team's 22 victories in league play matched the school record set last season.
- According to statistics guru Warren Nolan, Florida's strength of schedule was second in the country, trailing only fellow SEC Eastern Division member Georgia. The NCAA site had the Gators second in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) behind North Carolina and Virginia.
- The Gator pitching staff twirled 11 shutouts in 72 games, exceeding the three donuts in 64 games last year and breaking the previous school record for shutouts (10 in 1970).
- Sophomore catcher Mike Zunino was named the SEC Player of the Year, joining Matt LaPorta (2005, 2007) as Gators who have earned the league's top accolade.

## Individual Highlights

### Josh Adams, Sr., INF

- Second-team All-South Region
- Second-team All-SEC

### Cody Dent, So., INF

- College World Series All-Tournament Team

### Nolan Fontana, So., INF

- Named to USA Baseball Collegiate National Team
- Brooks Wallace Shortstop of the Year Award semifinalist
- Second-team All-SEC
- SEC All-Defensive Team
- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team
- SEC All-Tournament Team
- SEC Player of the Week (February 21, May 16)
- CollegeBaseball360 Primetime Player of the Week (March 14-20)
- CollegeBaseball360 Weekly Honor Roll (May 9-15)

### Brian Johnson, So., LHP/DH

- Named to USA Baseball Collegiate National Team
- John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award semifinalist
- Dick Howser Trophy semifinalist
- Golden Spikes Award Watch List
- First-team All-SEC
- Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week (Feb. 28)

### Austin Maddox, So., INF/RHP

- John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Watch List

### Alex Panteliodis, So., LHP

- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team

### Daniel Pigott, Jr., OF

- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team
- Most Valuable Player, SEC Tournament

### Zack Powers, Fr., INF

- SEC All-Freshman Team
- SEC Freshman of the Week (March 7)

### Hudson Randall, So., RHP

- Pitcher of the Year Award quarterfinalist
- Second-team All-South Region
- Second-team All-SEC
- SEC All-Tournament Team
- SEC Pitcher of the Week (March 21, April 4)
- CollegeBaseball360 Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 28-March 6, March 21-27)
- National All-Star Lineup (April 6)

### Bryson Smith, Sr., OF

- College World Series All-Tournament Team
- SEC All-Tournament Team

### Tyler Thompson, Jr., OF

- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team

### Preston Tucker, Jr., 1B/OF

- Golden Spikes Award Watch List
- ABCA All-American (second team)
- First-team All-South Region
- First-team All-SEC
- Most Outstanding Player, NCAA Gainesville Regional

### Karsten Whitson, Fr., RHP

- Perfect Game National Freshman Pitcher of the Year
- Baseball America Freshman All-American (first team)
- Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American
- NCBWA Freshman All-American (first team)
- Perfect Game Freshman All-American
- SEC All-Freshman Team
- SEC Freshman of the Week (April 25)

### Mike Zunino, So., C

- Named to USA Baseball Collegiate National Team
- Johnny Bench Award finalist
- Golden Spikes Award semifinalist
- Dick Howser Trophy semifinalist
- ABCA All-American (first team)
- Baseball America All-American (first team)
- Perfect Game All-American (first team)
- Louisville Slugger All-American (second team)
- NCBWA All-American (third team)
- First-team All-South Region
- SEC Player of the Year
- First-team All-SEC
- SEC All-Defensive Team
- NCAA Gainesville Regional All-Tournament Team
- SEC Player of the Week (May 2, May 23)

- College Baseball Insider Player of the Week (May 4)
- National All-Star Lineup (May 4, May 25)

## Professional Draft Selections

Player	Team (Round)
Nick Maronde (LHP)	L.A. Angels (3rd)
A. DeSclafani (RHP)	Toronto (6th)
Alex Panteliodis (LHP)	N.Y. Mets (9th)
Tommy Toledo (RHP)	Milwaukee (11th)
Josh Adams (2B)	Florida (13th)
P. Tucker (1B/OF)	Colorado (16th)
Ben McMahan (C)	Milwaukee (23rd)
Matt Campbell (RHP)	Philadelphia (24th)
Greg Larson (RHP)	L.A. Angels (29th)
Bryson Smith (OF)	Cincinnati (34th)
Tyler Thompson (OF)	Washington (46th)

## Statistical Leaders

<b>At Bats</b>	Preston Tucker (286)
<b>Runs Scored</b>	Mike Zunino (75)
<b>Hits</b>	Mike Zunino (98)
<b>Doubles</b>	Preston Tucker (23)
<b>Triples</b>	Nolan Fontana (5)
<b>Home Runs</b>	Mike Zunino (19)
<b>Runs Batted In</b>	Preston Tucker (74)
<b>Total Bases</b>	Mike Zunino (178)
<b>Slugging Percentage</b>	Mike Zunino (.674)
<b>Bases on Balls</b>	Nolan Fontana (52)
<b>Hit by Pitch</b>	Bryson Smith (16)
<b>On-base Percentage</b>	Mike Zunino (.442)
<b>Sacrifice Flies</b>	Nolan Fontana (9)
<b>Sacrifice Hits</b>	Josh Adams (13)
<b>Stolen Bases</b>	Daniel Pigott (15)
<b>Putouts</b>	Mike Zunino (532)
<b>Assists</b>	Nolan Fontana (209)
<b>Earned Run Average</b>	Steven Rodriguez (1.91)
<b>Wins</b>	Hudson Randall (11)
<b>Appearances</b>	Nick Maronde (36)
<b>Games Started</b>	Hudson Randall (19)
<b>Complete Games</b>	Karsten Whitson (19)
<b>Saves</b>	Hudson Randall (2)
<b>Innings Pitched</b>	Austin Maddox (5)
<b>Hits Allowed</b>	Hudson Randall (124.1)
<b>Earned Runs Allowed</b>	Hudson Randall (104)
<b>Bases on Balls Allowed</b>	Brian Johnson (32)
<b>Allowed</b>	Karsten Whitson (28)
<b>Strikeouts</b>	Karsten Whitson (92)
<b>Opponent B.A.</b>	Nick Maronde (.178)

## Signees

Player	Hometown
Hudson Boyd	Fort Myers, Fla.
Ryan Harris	Jupiter, Fla.
Michael Kelly	Boynton Beach, Fla.
John Magliozzi	Milton, Mass.
Brandon Sedell	Cooper City, Fla.
Justin Shafer	Lake Wales, Fla.
Kyle Smith	Lake Worth, Fla.
Corey Stump	Lakeland, Fla.
Joshua Tobias	Greensboro, N.C.
Sean Trent	Maitland, Fla.
Casey Turgeon	Palm Harbor, Fla.
Daniel Vogelbach	N. Fort Myers, Fla.

## Schedule & Results

Overall: 53-19 Home: 34-7 Away: 11-7

Neutral: 8-5 SEC (T-1st): 22-8

Date	Opponent	Result
Feb. 18	USF (SUN) (GVO)	W, 7-2
Feb. 19	USF (GVO)	W, 4-1
Feb. 20	USF (GVO)	W, 5-0
Feb. 22	vs. Florida Atlantic (FS-FL)	W, 13-2
Feb. 24	Boston College (GVO)	W, 4-0
Feb. 25	Boston College (GVO)	W, 9-3
Feb. 27	Boston College (GVO)	W, 7-2
Mar. 1	vs. Florida State (BHSN)	L, 3-5
Mar. 4	Miami (Fla.) (GVO)	W, 8-3
Mar. 5	Miami (Fla.) (SUN) (GVO)	W, 1-0
Mar. 6	Miami (Fla.) (SUN) (GVO)	W, 5-3
Mar. 8	Georgia Southern	L, 0-7
Mar. 9	at USF (BHSN)	W, 8-1
Mar. 11	Rhode Island	W, 11-5
Mar. 12	Rhode Island	W, 12-4
Mar. 13	Rhode Island	W, 8-6
Mar. 15	Florida State (SUN) (GVO)	W, 5-4 (10)
Mar. 18	at LSU* (CSS)	W, 5-4
Mar. 19	at LSU* (FS-FL) (GVO)	W, 1-0
Mar. 20	at LSU* (CST) (GVO)	W, 7-3
Mar. 22	Winthrop	W, 22-5
Mar. 23	Winthrop	W, 10-0
Mar. 25	South Carolina* (GVO)	L, 2-9
Mar. 26	South Carolina* (FS-FL) (GVO)	W, 2-1
Mar. 27	South Carolina* (SUN) (GVO)	L, 3-4
Mar. 29	vs. Florida State (FS-FL)	L, 2-5
April 1	Tennessee* (CSS)	W, 3-0
April 2	Tennessee* (CSS)	W, 11-2
April 3	Tennessee* (GVO)	W, 9-1
April 5	UCF (GVO)	L, 3-4
April 8	at Mississippi State* (GVO)	L, 5-7
April 9	at Mississippi State* (CSS)	W, 18-0
April 10	at Mississippi State* (GVO)	W, 3-1
April 12	at Florida State	L, 1-3
April 15	at Georgia* (CSS)	W, 5-4
April 16	at Georgia* (ESPNU)	L, 2-7
April 17	at Georgia* (CSS)	W, 14-7
April 20	at UCF (BHSN)	L, 6-8
April 22	Alabama* (GVO)	W, 7-0
April 23	Alabama* (ESPN2)	W, 9-2
April 24	Alabama* (GVO)	W, 2-1
April 29	Ole Miss* (GVO)	W, 9-3
April 30	Ole Miss* (GVO)	W, 8-1
May 1	Ole Miss* (GVO)	W, 7-2
May 3	Bethune-Cookman	W, 11-0
May 5	at Arkansas* (ESPNU)	L, 3-4
May 6	at Arkansas* (GVO)	L, 3-5
May 7	at Arkansas* (ESPNU)	W, 5-3
May 11	UNF	W, 4-1
May 13	at Vanderbilt* (CSS)	W, 6-5
May 14	at Vanderbilt*	L, 1-14
May 15	at Vanderbilt*	W, 6-3 (12)
May 17	Jacksonville	L, 2-11
May 19	Kentucky* (GVO)	W, 9-6
May 20	Kentucky* (FS-FL) (GVO)	L, 1-14
May 21	Kentucky* (SEC-TV)	W, 19-3
May 25	vs. Mississippi State# (CSS)	W, 7-5
May 26	vs. Alabama# (SUN)	W, 6-0
May 28	vs. Georgia# (SUN)	L, 3-4
May 28	vs. Georgia# (CSS)	W, 3-2
May 29	vs. Vanderbilt# (ESPN2)	W, 5-0
June 3	Manhattan@ (ESPNU)	W, 17-3
June 4	Miami (Fla.)@ (ESPNU)	W, 5-4
June 5	Miami (Fla.)@ (ESPNU)	W, 11-4
June 10	Mississippi State& (ESPN2)	W, 11-1
June 11	Mississippi State& (ESPN)	L, 3-4
June 12	Mississippi State& (ESPN)	W, 8-6
June 18	vs. Texas\$ (ESPN)	W, 8-4
June 20	vs. Vanderbilt\$ (ESPN2)	W, 3-1
June 24	vs. Vanderbilt\$ (ESPN)	W, 6-4
June 27	vs. South Carolina\$ (ESPN)	L, 1-2 (11)
June 28	vs. South Carolina\$ (ESPN)	L, 2-5

\*SEC Game; GVO-GatorVision Online; SUN/FSN-FL-Sun Sports/FOX Sports Florida; BHSN-Bright House Sports Network; CSS-Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast; CST-Cox Sports Television; ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN-ESPN Family of Networks; SEC-TV Game of the Week; #-SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.); @-NCAA Gainesville Regional; &-NCAA Gainesville Super Regional; \$-NCAA College World Series (Omaha, Neb.)