

# Lady Gator Head Coach Carol Ross

## Ross vs. All Opponents

Alabama	9-7
Alabama State	2-0
Appalachian State	1-0
Arizona	1-1
Arizona State	1-0
Arkansas	11-1
Arkansas State	2-0
Auburn	4-9
Barry	1-0
Baylor	1-0
Bethune Cookman	4-0
Boise State	1-0
Boston College	0-1
Bowling Green	1-0
California	2-0
Central Florida	7-0
Clemson	0-1
Colorado State	0-2
Connecticut	0-1
Dayton	1-0
Duke	1-1
East Carolina	1-0
E. Michigan	1-0
Fairfield	1-0
Florida Atlantic	4-1
Florida A&M	1-0
Fla. International	1-0
Florida State	12-2
Furman	2-0
Georgetown	1-1
George Washington	2-0
Georgia	3-13
Georgia Southern	2-0
Hampton	1-0
Huntsville	1-0
Illinois	1-2
Indiana	1-0
Indiana State	1-0
Iowa	1-0
Kansas	1-0
Kansas State	1-0
Kentucky	8-4
Louisiana State	7-4
Louisiana Tech	1-0
Loyola Maymount	1-0
Lynn	1-0
Manhattan	1-0
Marquette	1-1
Maryland	1-0
Massachusetts	1-0
Memphis	1-1
Mercer	1-0
Miami	7-1
Mississippi	8-2
Mississippi State	7-4
Montana	1-0
Montana State	1-0
New Hampshire	1-0
New Mexico State	1-0
New Orleans	1-1
North Carolina	1-1
N.C.-Charlotte	2-0
North Carolina State	1-0
North Texas	1-0
Ohio	1-0
Old Dominion	0-1
Pennsylvania	1-0
Penn State	0-1
Pepperdine	1-1
Purdue	0-3
Radford	1-0
Rhode Island	1-0
Richmond	0-1
Rutgers	1-0
St. Bonaventure	1-0
San Francisco	1-1
South Alabama	1-1
South Carolina	10-1
South Florida	5-0
Southern Cal	1-0
Southern Mississippi	1-2
Southwest Texas	2-0
Southwestern Louisiana	1-0
Stephen F. Austin	0-2
Stanford	0-1
Stetson	5-0
Tennessee	1-12
Tennessee State	2-0
Tennessee Tech	1-1
Texas	3-1
Texas A&M	0-1
UC-Santa Barbara	0-1
Utah	1-0
Vanderbilt	7-7
Villanova	1-0
Virginia	0-2
Virginia Tech	2-0
West Virginia	3-1
Western Kentucky	1-0
Western Michigan	2-0
William and Mary	1-0
Wisconsin-Green Bay	1-0
Wisconsin-Madison	0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>205-104</b>

## Ross' Record

Year	Overall	SEC	Finish	Home	Postseason
1990-91	17-11	3-7	t-8th	10-4	—
1991-92	15-13	4-7	t-7th	8-5	—
1992-93	19-10	6-5	t-4th	9-3	NCAA
1993-94	22-7	8-3	3rd	14-0	NCAA
1994-95	24-9	7-4	t-4th	10-2	NCAA
1995-96	21-9	6-5	t-5th	9-1	NCAA
1996-97	24-9	9-3	t-3rd	9-3	NCAA
1997-98	23-9	10-4	t-2nd	16-0	NCAA
1998-99	19-14	6-8	t-8th	8-7	NCAA
1999-00	21-13	6-8	t-6th	11-3	WNIT
<b>Total</b>	<b>205-104</b>	<b>65-54</b>		<b>105-28</b>	<b>7 NCAA , 1 WNIT</b>

## Charting the 19 Upsets

### Ross' teams have defeated ..... When her team was...

No. 18 Vanderbilt, 74-68 (home)	Not Ranked (1-9-91)
No. 19 Bowling Green, 69-67 (away)	Not Ranked (3-17-93)
No. 10 Alabama, 80-75 (away)	Not Ranked (1-16-94)
No. 10 Georgia, 59-46 (away)	UF No. 18 (2-8-95)
No. 11 Alabama, 97-88 (home)	UF No. 18 (1-15-95)
No. 17 Ole Miss, 69-48 (home)	UF No. 20 (2-11-96)
No. 10 Vanderbilt, 83-73 (neutral)	UF No. 18 (3-2-96)
No. 12 Iowa, 68-58 (neutral)	Not Ranked (12-13-96)
No. 12 Auburn, 71-58 (home)	Not Ranked (1-4-97)
No. 17 LSU, 74-57 (home)	UF No. 24 (1-18-97)
No. 8 Tennessee, 71-62 (home)	UF No. t-19 (1-21-97)
No. 11 Vanderbilt, 70-56 (home)	UF No. t-19 (1-25-97)
No. 6 Alabama, 83-72 (neutral)	UF No. 10 (3-2-97)
No. 5 La. Tech, 71-57 (neutral)	UF No. 7 (3-22-97)
No. 5 North Carolina, 68-48 (neutral)	UF No. 9 (11-23-97)
No. 6 Vanderbilt, 62-46 (away)	UF No. 14 (2-1-98)
No. 13 G. Washington, 82-59 (neutral)	UF No. 20 (11-22-98)
No. 9 Alabama, 77-71 (away)	UF No. 17 (12-10-98)
No. 20 Mississippi St., 85-72 (home)	Not Ranked (1-6-00)

## Carol Ross has invested 21 years in the SEC

Four years as a player (Ole Miss)  
 Seven years as an assistant coach (Auburn)  
 10 years as a head coach (Florida)

## Carol Ross at a Glance

**Hometown:** Oakland, Miss.

**Education:** Ole Miss (B.S. in Education, 1982)

### Highlights:

- \*2000 Coaches vs. Cancer Champion Award recipient
- \*Named head coach of the 1998 USA Select Team
- \*Named 1997 WBCA District 9 Coach of the Year
- \*Named 1994 SEC Coach of the Year
- \*Eight consecutive postseason berths
- \*Seven NCAA Tournament appearances
- \*Six 20-win seasons
- \*All-time winningest coach at Florida
- \*Coached players on both 1992 & 1996 U.S. Olympic teams
- \*Coached the 1997 Wade Trophy winner
- \*Coached 1997 SEC Player of the Year
- \*Coached Florida's first-ever first team All-American (Kodak & Associated Press)
- \*Helped 19 students-athletes to All-SEC accolades
- \*Tutored 34 student-athletes to SEC Academic Honor Roll status

Southwest Texas	2-0	Texas	3-1	West Virginia	3-1
Southwestern Louisiana	1-0	Texas A&M	0-1	Western Kentucky	1-0
San Francisco	1-1	UC-Santa Barbara	0-1	Western Michigan	2-0
Stanford	0-1	Utah	1-0	William and Mary	1-0
Stetson	5-0	Vanderbilt	7-7	Wisconsin-Green Bay	1-0
Tennessee	1-12	Villanova	1-0	Wisconsin-Madison	0-1
Tennessee State	2-0	Virginia	0-2	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>205-104</b>
Tennessee Tech	1-1	Virginia Tech	2-0		

# #5 Tombi (TOOM-bee) Bell

## 5-5 \* Junior \* Guard

### Miami, Florida \* Miami Norland HS

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**Tombi Bell** is a quick, feisty player... spunky guard who's an aggressive defender and fearlessly drives to the basket... provides an enthusiastic spark every time she takes the court... one of the strongest members of the squad, squatting a team-best 340 pounds and benching 140 pounds... shaved four minutes off her 3.2 mile run test during the summer, clocking in at 26:19... best vertical jump on the team at 29.5 inches and quickest in the 40-yard dash, consistently clocking in under five seconds... the entire Bell family received matching tattoos during the summer of 1999 — the Chinese symbol for "family"... "Simba & Nala," the feline characters from *The Lion King*, are tattooed on her left shoulder blade... the team joker.

#### Career Notes

Ranks ninth for career assists (292)... set UF junior record for assists (204), steals (84), free throws made (107), free throws attempted (158), games played (34) and games started (34).

#### Junior Year (1999-2000)

Starting point guard every game this season... emerged as the leader of the team... led team in assists (204) and steals (84)... led SEC in assists and ranked fifth in steals per game... led UF in free throws attempted (158) - the third highest seasonal total in UF history... second on the team in free throws made (107) - the fourth-highest season total... more than doubled her scoring and assist per game average from last year... scored 11 points and stole a career-high seven passes in the WNIT championship game at Wisconsin (March 29)... scored 13 points with nine assists in the 35 minutes of action in the WNIT second round game at Memphis (March 17)... recorded eight assists against Dayton (March 15) in the first round of the WNIT... her 204 assists ranked fourth all-time in UF history for most assists in a season... her 84 steals was the third most in a season... scored a career-high 24 points against Tennessee (March 3) in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament, when she hit 7-of-8 from the floor and 10-of-14 from the free throw line, while dishing six assists... recorded 10 assists against Arkansas (March 2) in the first round of the SEC Tournament... dished a career-high 12 assists in the win over Alabama (Feb. 27)... had not recorded consecutive double-figure scoring games until this season, when she strung together three straight performances: 10 at Auburn (Jan. 20), 18 at South Carolina (Jan. 23) and 17 vs. South Carolina (Jan. 30)... scored a career-high 18 points at South Carolina (Jan. 23), when she went 13-for-16 from the free throw line, setting UF's record for free throws in an SEC game... played a career-high 39 minutes twice this season: at Tennessee (Feb. 13) and vs. South Carolina (Jan. 30)... collected a team-high eight rebounds at Purdue (Nov. 26) and a team-high seven at Tennessee (Feb. 13)... dished a career-high 11 assists at Florida State (Dec. 7)... nine double-figure scoring games... six double-figure assist games this season.

#### Sophomore Year (1998-99)

Played in 25 games, starting one... the lone start was at Baylor (Nov. 16) when she scored 10 points... the back-up point guard to freshman Brandi McCain, Bell played the point when she and McCain were in the game simultaneously, giving UF a vertically challenged, but extremely quick backcourt... missed eight games early in the season after spraining her right ankle during the team's shoot-around prior to playing Colorado State (Nov. 19)... first game back she played one minute at Alabama (Dec. 10), hitting one of two free throws with 1:14 remaining in the game to give UF a four-point lead, which it held on to for the upset win... was on the

receiving end of a Tamara Stocks-elbow in practice Jan. 9 which fractured her nose and forced her to wear a protective mask for all but the final game of the year... had a career high eight assists vs. Auburn (Jan. 14)... tallied three double-figure scoring games this season and six in her career.

#### Freshman Year (1997-98)

Scored in nine of the last 11 games... saw action in 25 games, playing a season-high 27 minutes at Alabama (Feb. 14)... during UF's three NCAA games she averaged 21.3 minutes, 7.7 points, 2.3 rebounds and 2.0 assists, while hitting 9-of-10 free throws, including her last seven... scored seven points in 20 minutes of action during her NCAA Championship debut against Montana (March 14)... recorded three double-figure scoring games this season (10 points vs. Duke in NCAA Championship, 10 points vs. UCSB & sharing a team-high of 12 points vs. Alabama Feb. 14)... played 12 quality minutes in the SEC Quarterfinal win over Arkansas (Feb. 27), when she contributed four points, two rebounds and three assists... hit 6-of-11 three-point field goals, including three versus Alabama (Feb. 14) ... suffered a sprained ligament in her left (non-shooting hand) thumb during practice on January 2nd after colliding with teammate Dana Smith and was hampered in for a number of weeks in practice and games... was counted on heavily as the backup point guard while starter Mo Hudson was recovering from ACL surgery... got her first career start versus Miami (Nov. 21) when she checked into the game as a starter — by mistake — for Dana Smith.

#### High School

Named a first team Class 6A All-State performer by the Florida Sports Writers Association her senior season at Miami Norland High School and a second team selection as a junior... *USA Today* honorable mention All-USA Girls Team from Florida... 1997 first team All-State Tournament team... coached by Jim Wilson... posted three-year career numbers of 1,281 points (14.6 ppg), 660 rebounds (7.5 rpg), 501 assists (5.7 apg) and 121 steals (1.4 spg)... her No. 5 jersey was retired... the 1997 Gatorade Girls Player of the Year in the state of Florida... two-time *Miami Herald* first team All-Dade County honoree... a continually successful program, MNHS has won at least 20 games each of the last 10 years, including the 74-14 record logged during Bell's three years... played at Gulliver Prep in ninth grade, where she was the team's MVP... 1997 BCI All-American with Team Florida (AAU)... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida on Nov. 18, 1996 at 4:39 p.m... also competed as a middle blocker on the volleyball team and competed in the high jump, the long jump and 100-yard dash and the 400-relay for the track team.

#### Personal

Full name is Tombi Atiya Bell... daughter of Roger and Denise Bell... born on April 19, 1979, in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands... has one older brother, Raja, who played basketball at Florida International and led the team in scoring during the 1998 season, also ranking third in the TAAC... father is assistant athletics director at the University of Miami and Mother works at Arcola Lake Elementary School... named to the *Miami Times*' First Team All-Decade of Dade County squad during March of 1999... her brother also earned First Team All-Decade notice by the same publication... also considered Florida State, Miami, Houston and Pittsburgh... majoring in Exercise & Sport Sciences – Sport Management.

# 25 Monique Cardenas (car-DEAN-us)

## 6-0 \* Sophomore \* Guard

### Keystone Heights, Florida \* Keystone Heights HS

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**Monique Cardenas** is a solid, instinctive player... an aggressive rebounder who possesses good height on the perimeter... came to UF from a very successful high school program, where she helped Keystone Heights to three state titles... hometown of Starke, Fla., is a 20-minute drive northeast of Gainesville... frequently hosts teammates at home in Starke for weekends and home cooked meals... look for her increased physical strength to translate into more significant playing time.

#### **Sophomore Year (1999-2000)**

Appeared in 32 of 34 games, missing the Boston College (Dec. 30) and Florida State (Dec. 7) contests... starter in four games... earned her first career start against Arkansas (Feb. 10) ... first guard off the bench... came off the bench against Memphis (March 17) in the second round of the WNIT to record four points with two rebounds... snatched a career-high eight rebounds at LSU (Feb. 24)... one of the first guards off the bench prior to starting... scored a career-high 12 points against Western Michigan (Feb. 1) and equaled that mark against Arkansas (Feb. 10), when she also stole a career-high four passes and played a career-high 32 minutes... snatched a career-high eight rebounds against South Carolina (Jan. 30)... named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll... three double-figure scoring games this season.

#### **Freshman Year (1998-99)**

Played in 27 games... scored a career-high 10 points in the win over Vanderbilt (Jan. 31)... collected a career-high seven rebounds twice: at Illinois (Dec. 19) and at Mississippi State (Feb. 21)... played a season-high 17 minutes against SW Texas (Dec. 5)... saw snow for the first time ever when the team traveled to Fort Collins, Col., to play in the Preseason NIT. However, while the Lady Gators were there, it did not snow, but she was treated to her first-ever snowfall on Jan.

2, when UF visited Lexington for its Jan. 3 meeting with Kentucky... tallied one double-figure scoring game.

#### **High School**

Cardenas was a four-time first team All-State selection at Keystone Heights High School, where she was coached by Kathleen Boatwright, one of the winningest coaches in Florida high school history... instrumental in guiding the Lady Indians to the 1994, '95 and '97 state titles, earning State Tournament MVP honors in 1995 and '97... team was state runner-up in 1996... scored 25 points in her prep finale, as KHHS lost a 62-58 overtime game in the North II Regional semifinals... concluded her career with a school-record – boys or girls – 2,805 points, which also set a Gainesville area scoring record... also tallied 1,393 career rebounds (8.5 rpg), 401 assists (2.4 apg), 316 steals (1.9 spg) and shot 56.0-percent (1205-for-2151) from the floor... named 1998 Player of the Year by *The Gainesville Sun* and (Jacksonville) *Florida Times-Union*... represented the North squad in the 1998 Florida Athletic Coaches' Association North-South All-Star Game... earned 1997 Best Performance in Amateur Basketball honors by the First Coast Sports Awards.

#### **Personal**

Full name is Monique Suzanne Cardenas... resides with her legal guardians Uncle Ronny and Aunt Terri Hall... born on Oct. 17, 1979, in Gainesville, Fla... lists as non-basketball role models The Lord and former Gator football quarterback Danny Wuerffel... admires the Utah Jazz's John Stockton on the basketball court and her Aunt Terri away from the court because, "she has treated me as a daughter and has been a tremendous role model for any individual"... did not seriously consider any other schools besides Florida... majoring in Criminology.

# #42 Candace Cunningham

## 6-1 \* Forward \* University of Florida (1997-00)

### Valparaiso, Florida \* Niceville High School

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**Candace Cunningham** ... on pace to earn her degree in Criminal Justices in May of 2000 — one year ahead of schedule! She plans to enroll in law school for the fall of 2000, so her junior season was her final year with the team... added depth to the forward position... a great motivator with a good feel for the game... has shown great court sense... an intelligent player... brings a solid work ethic and a determined attitude... spent the summer of 1999 in Gainesville attending classes, developing her strength and conditioning and working with SPARC (Sexual and Physical Abuse Resource Centers)... took a mini vacation during the summer of 1998, traveling to St. Louis to spend time with her brother and learn to strut and model on a cat-walk.

#### **Junior Year (1999-2000)**

Saw action in 13 games this season... 7-for-14 shooting from the floor... played a total of 53 minutes... during her one minute of action against Arkansas (March 25) in the WNIT semifinals, she hit her only three-point shot attempted and collected one steal... played two minutes in UF's WNIT quarterfinal win against Maryland (March 21), when she put back on offensive rebounds to score on her only field goal attempt on the night... scored a season-high four points in the season opener against Florida Atlantic (Nov. 19) and ended the regular season tying her career high during the win over Alabama (Feb. 27)... hit the first three-pointer of her career on Senior Day against Alabama (Feb. 27)... recorded a career-high two blocks against Florida Atlantic (Nov. 19).

#### **Sophomore Year (1998-99)**

Appeared in 11 games this season, totaling 38 minutes played... netted a career-high 6 points vs. Western Michigan (Dec. 28) in just three minutes of action... hit 6-of-11 shots from the field... tied her career-high of three rebounds against Western Michigan (Dec. 28)... scored in a total of

seven games this season... named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll after posting a 3.29 GPA in Criminal Justices.

#### **Freshman Year (1997-98)**

Candace Cunningham saw action in 11 games her rookie season... blocked a shot in four consecutive games, finishing the year with five swats... hit a career-high four points in the win over Central Florida (Feb. 10)... played a total of 40 minutes and scored nine points... an invaluable member of the scout squad.

#### **High School**

Cunningham starred on a Niceville High School squad that captured two consecutive District titles... coached at NHS by Edward Coleman... named the Eagles' Player of the Year twice and earned Most Improved honors... Cunningham recalls how her 10th grade team showed tremendous competitiveness and determination after enduring a mediocre regular season only to regroup and claim the first of two District titles... holds all-time school records for most rebounds and blocked shots... played for The Panhandlers AAU team... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida on Nov. 13, 1996 at 8:00 a.m... also competed at the middle position for the volleyball team.

#### **Personal**

Full name is Candace Rochelle Cunningham... daughter of Jimmie and Janice Cunningham... born on August 21, 1979, in Lakenhath, England... has five siblings: two older brothers, Calvin and Cortney; two older sisters, Carolyn and Cynthia; and one younger sister, Chandra... her most exciting moment to date is purchasing her first car... also considered Mississippi State and Troy... contemplating a career as a sports agent or family attorney... majoring in Criminal Justices.

# #34 Lindsey DeLoach

## 5-10 \* Sophomore \* Guard

### Orlando, Fla. \* Pine Castle Christian Academy

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**Lindsay DeLoach** is a walk-on who brings an enthusiastic attitude to the court every day... solid work ethic.

#### **Sophomore Year (1999-2000)**

Appeared in 11 games this season... saw her first career postseason action this year, playing the final minute of UF's WNIT quarterfinal win over Maryland (March 21)... named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll... played a total of 24 minutes... 0-for-6 shooting from the field... dished a career-high two assists at Central Florida (Nov. 28)... the entire Lady Gator squad enjoyed a home-cooked meal at the DeLoach's the night before the team played Central Florida (Dec. 28).

#### **Freshman Year (1998-99)**

Made the 1998-99 Lady Gator squad as a walk-on... appeared in nine games this season, totaling 18 minutes of action... scored her only two points of the season against Western Michigan (Dec. 28), when she hit her lone field goal attempt of the game... collected two of her three rebounds against Western Michigan... wore three different jersey numbers during the season: No. 14 (white), No. 15 (blue) and No. 34 (orange).

#### **High School**

Graduated from Pine Castle Christian Academy in 1998 as the valedictorian with a 4.0 grade point average... tallied 1,738 points during her four-year career averaging 18.9 ppg, in addition to contributing 753 total rebounds (8.2 rpg) and 230 assists (2.5 apg)... as a senior averaged 20.0 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game... a two-time all-state selections and a three-time all-conference honoree... participated in the Boo Williams Tournament and the Rising Stars Fall Shootout... four-year volleyball star, earning First Team 1A All-State honors... basketball coach was Marvin Harvey.

#### **Personal**

Full name is Lindsey Marie DeLoach... daughter of Jackie and David DeLoach... born on April 30, 1980 in Orlando, Fla... has five sisters: Carla, Erin, Lauren, Jordan and Lydia; and one brother: Casey... elected class president of Pine Castle Christian Academy her senior year... president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)... contemplating a career as a lawyer... major is business

# #24 Kelly Freeman

## 6-1 \* Forward \* University of Florida (1996-00)

### Brentwood, Tenn. \* Brentwood High School

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**Kelly Freeman's** versatility, knowledge of the game and fundamentals made her a key member of the Lady Gator squad... voted team co-captain of the 2000 squad by her teammates... played on the perimeter and in the paint... scheduled to earn her undergraduate degree in Exercise & Sports Science - Sport Management in August of 2000 following a summer internship.

#### Career Notes

Ranked seventh all-time in total games played (118)... started 22 games... scored 296 points for a 2.5 ppg career average... collected 222 rebounds for an average of 1.9 rpg... shot 42.7% from the floor... 99 career assists... played in a UF postseason-record 12 games.

#### Senior Year (1999-2000)

Appeared in 32 of 34 games, when she did not see action against Tennessee (March 3) in the quarterfinal loss of the SEC Tournament and at Mississippi State (Feb. 20)... played in a program-record 11th postseason game, logging 13 minutes during UF's WNIT semifinal win at Arkansas (March 25)... also saw six minutes of action in the WNIT final at Wisconsin (March 29)... scored nine points on 3-for-3 shooting against Maryland (March 21) in the WNIT quarterfinal win... named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll... one of the first three post players off the bench... second-highest shooting percentage on the team (47.0%)... scored a season-high 10 points on a perfect 5-for-5 shooting effort in the win at California (Dec. 19)... snatched a season-high six rebounds against Western Kentucky (Dec. 28)... elected co-captain by her teammates... one double-figure scoring game this season.

#### Junior Year (1998-99)

One of five Lady Gators to play in every game this season... earned 22 starting assignments... averaged 3.0 points and 2.8 rebounds per game... scored in all except six games... grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds at Colorado State (Nov. 19)... averaged over 17 minutes of playing time per game... scored a season-high nine points twice in back-to-back games: against Auburn (Jan. 14) and at South Carolina (Jan. 17)... played both the '3' and '4' positions this season.

#### Sophomore Year (1997-98)

Kelly Freeman played the '3' and '4' positions during the season... saw action in 29 games - all but three this season: the season opener versus Florida State (Nov. 20), against Mississippi (Feb. 8), when she was suffering with an upper respiratory infection and the season finale versus Duke (March 21)... had the top free throw percentage on the team (88.0%, 22-of-25)... ended the season by successfully converting her last 14 free throws... broke the tip of her left thumb during practice in mid-January... tallied her first career double-figure scoring game at Georgetown (Dec. 7), when she contributed 13 points in 24 minutes during the 74-63 win... averaged 10.4 minutes off the bench.

#### Freshman Year (1996-97)

The second post off the bench, behind senior Jackie Wright... had a solid nine-minute performance in the SEC Tournament semifinal upset over Alabama, when she guarded Dominique Canty for three straight possessions and held her scoreless, while collecting a pair of steals and completed a transition lay-up at the 8:46 mark of the second half to give UF a 66-62 lead... her Mom, Dad and brothers attend several road games... saw action in all but three games (Alabama, Auburn, Vanderbilt - was ill versus Vandy and did not suit up)... canned the first 3-pointer of her career (collegiate or high school) against North Texas (Dec. 6) where she tallied a career-high nine points... hit a second trey versus Florida International (Mar. 15) in the first round of the NCAA Championship.

#### High School

Freeman was a two-sport standout for Brentwood High School, where she was recognized as a three-time All-District 9 Class 3A performer in both basketball and volleyball... on the hardwood, she recorded 1,284 career points for a 14.2 average during her four-year career with the Bruins... also posted a career average of 6.9 rebounds, while shooting 52.4-percent from the floor... shot a school record 57% from the floor as a junior (1995), when she also contributed 18.6 points per game... led the team in scoring each of her four years... played AAU ball under Rick Insell and former Tennessee Lady Vol Tiffany Woosley... tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee on June 10, 1995, which forced her to miss her entire senior volleyball season... as a middle blocker, she dominated the net, where she established the state record for blocks in a season (244) and set the high school mark of 90 solo blocks in one season... earned first team All-State volleyball honors as a junior... guided the Bruins to the volleyball state finals in 1992, '94 and '95, while reaching the semifinals in 1993... in 1992, the volleyball team logged a state-record 61 wins versus just eight losses... basketball coach was Ronnie Seigenthaler and volleyball coach was Barbara Campbell.

#### Personal

Full name is Kelly Christine Freeman... daughter of Rod and Dinah Freeman... born on January 29, 1978, in Nashville, Tenn... has two younger brothers, Bobby, who is a sophomore at Auburn this year, and Richard... Mom and Dad are Vanderbilt alums... Father played basketball for the Commodores from 1969-73 and then for the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers from 1973-74, while her uncle, Greg Freeman, hooped at Alabama from 1972-75... hobbies include church, water skiing, rollerblading, drawing, camping, traveling and sleeping... sees her AAU Coach, Rick Insell, as a role model, crediting him for "helping her become the basketball player she is today"... developed her passion for the game from her father... signed her National Letter of Intent within minutes after Coach Ross extended the scholarship offer.

# #21 Misty Knight

## 6-1 \* Junior \* Forward

### Savannah, Georgia \* Beach High School

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**Misty Knight** brings versatility to the Lady Gator lineup... has three-point range... won't shy away from contact in the paint... completed a couple of summer classes during the summer session, while working out with her teammates... an injury-free summer gave her time to focus on improving her strength and preparing herself for the season.

#### **Junior Year (1999-2000)**

Appeared in 15 games this season, totaling 51 minutes... named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll... saw seven minutes of action against Dayton (March 15) in the first round of the WNIT, grabbing a pair of rebounds... played a season-high eight minutes in the season-opening victory over Florida Atlantic (Nov. 19)... has scored 10 points this year... scored three points in two different games: West Virginia (Dec. 4) and Wisconsin-Green Bay (Jan. 3)... hit a career-high three free-throws and a season-high two rebounds against Wisconsin-Green Bay (Jan. 3).

#### **Sophomore Year (1998-99)**

Played in 13 games this season, totaling 51 minutes... recorded five of her seven points this season against California (Dec. 29)... grabbed a career-high four rebounds at Stetson (Dec. 3), when she played four minutes... received the Sophia Witherspoon Academic Award (Fall, 1998), which is awarded to one UF female student-athlete each semester for their dedication and effort in the classroom.

#### **Freshman Year (1997-98)**

Misty Knight was hampered by a stress fracture in her right foot, which limited her practice time early in the season... worked back into full practice by mid-Janu-

ary... saw action in six games this year... played just two minutes of the season prior to February... scored her first collegiate points against Ole Miss (Feb. 8), when she hit a field goal and grabbed a pair of rebounds in five minutes of action... connected on her first 3-point field goal in the win over Central Florida (Feb. 10), playing nine minutes.

#### **High School**

Graduated from Beach High School in 1997... coached by Ronald Booker... sat out 17 games her senior year due to a stress fracture in her right foot, but played 10 games, returning for the postseason and averaging 16 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks while helping the Lady Bulldogs capture the Region championship... team won four Sub-Region titles and three Region 3-AAAA crowns during her tenure... as a junior, contributed 20 ppg, 13 rpg and three blocks per game en route to earning All-State honors... during sophomore season, tallied 16 ppg, 12 rpg and two blocks per game as BHS garnered the Sub-Region title... earned a starting spot as a freshman, averaging eight points per outing... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida on Nov. 13, 1996 at 10:20 a.m... spent three seasons as a middle blocker on the volleyball team, where she was coached by Deborah Clarke, Terrel Cummings and Ilene Torrence; and was named the team's best defensive player.

#### **Personal**

Full name is Misty Vanessa Knight... daughter of Harvey Knight Jr., and Jerrie Huewitt... born on December 22, 1978, in Savannah, Ga... has one older brother, Harvey Knight, III... also considered Houston and UNC-Charlotte... contemplating a career as a sports agent... majoring in Recreation — Leisure Service Management.

# #11 Brandi McCain

## 5-3 \* Sophomore \* Guard

### Silsbee, Texas \* Silsbee High School

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**Brandi McCain** has excellent court leadership, versatility and quickness... very unselfish floor general... quickest first step on the team... possesses one of the best vertical jumps on the squad... terrific student of the game, with countless posters of other guards she idolizes adorning her dorm room walls... only the second Lady Gator to participate in the WBCA HS All-America game – current UF teammate Tamara Stocks was the first... has played organized basketball since the fourth grade, when she was the only girl on the team for five years and played post because she was taller than most of the boys.

#### Summer of 2000

Selected to the U.S. Jones Cup Team, which competed July 16-20 in Taipei, Taiwan.

#### Sophomore Year (1999-2000)

Plagued by injuries this season... played in a total of 15 games this year, with UF posting a 12-3 record in those games... ended the season hitting 12 consecutive free throws and 33 of her final 34 attempts... shot a team-high 90.3% (28-31 from the charity stripe)... scored 15 points and dished seven assists in the WNIT semifinal win at Arkansas (March 25)... held scoreless for the first time in her career during the WNIT final at Wisconsin (March 29)... played a season-high 38 minutes at Memphis (March 17), when she scored seven points, dished eight assists and tied a career-high with five steals... saw 26 minutes of action against Dayton (March 15) in the first round of the WNIT, when she dished five assists and stole three passes, including a crucial steal late in the game to secure the four-point victory... after an 18-game lay-off because of a fractured fibula, finally returned to action against Arkansas (March 2) in the first round of the SEC Tournament... scored 10 points and dished six assists versus the Lady Razorbacks after checking into the game at the 14:08 mark of the first half. She collected her first assist less than 10 seconds after entering the game and scored on her first shot attempt, which came with 12:59 on the first-half clock. She hit all six free throw attempts... played 20 minutes against Tennessee (March 3) the following day, scoring 13 points after hitting all three of her 3-point attempts... sidelined for UF's exhibition season and first game after tearing the ACL in her **right** knee on July 5th while playing with the USA World University Games team... saw her first action of the season on Nov. 26 against Purdue, 126 days after undergoing surgery on July 23... played 22 minutes coming off the bench against the Boilermakers, entering the game at the 17:46 mark of the first half and hit an eight-foot jumper on her first attempt... played in eight games and appeared to be hitting her stride when she fractured the fibula (the small, non-weight bearing bone) in her **left** leg during the Dec. 28 win over Western Kentucky... was clutch from the free throw line in a pair of games this season: went 6-for-6 in the final two minutes of the comeback victory at Miami (Dec. 1), when UF rallied from an 18-point second-half deficit; and went 6-for-6 in the final minute of the eight-point win at Florida State (Dec. 7)... moved into seventh place on UF's all-time assists chart... tallied a season-high 13 points in a win at Central Florida (Nov. 28)... Preseason candidate for Naismith Player of the Year... ranked as the third fastest player in the country in a poll conducted by the *Women's Basketball Journal*. The publication asked several coaches around the nation, "who is the fastest player to run the length of the court." Louisiana Tech's Tamicha Jackson and Tennessee's Semeka Randall topped the list... first sophomore to be selected as captain by her teammates since former Lady Gator-great DeLisha Milton assumed the reigns in 1995... four double-figure scoring games.

#### Summer of 1999

Starter for the U.S. team at the World University Games before tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in her **right** knee with one second remaining in the first half of the USA's 107-89 victory against China on July 5th in the opening round held in Andratx, Spain... underwent reconstructive surgery performed by Dr. Walter Lowe on Friday, July 23 at the Physicians Surgery Center of Houston in Texas.

#### Freshman Year (1998-99)

Started all 33 games... named by the Women's Basketball News Service as First Team Freshmen All-American... selected to the Women's Basketball Journal's Freshmen All-America Team... first UF freshman in history to earn first team All-SEC honors (coaches' team)... honorable mention All-SEC (media team)... led the SEC in assists per game (7.5) and total assists (246)... tied for sixth in the nation in assists per game... UF's third leading scorer (13.1 ppg)... averaged 35.5% from the 3-point line which ranked ninth in the SEC and was the fifth-highest season percentage in UF history... 2.39 steals per game ranked fifth in the SEC... had a 2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio, the third best in the SEC... averaged a team-high 33.8 minutes per game... established a new UF record for assists in a season... played 1115 total minutes, the third most minutes in UF's season record book... free throw percentage of 80.2% was third highest season average in UF history... 79 steals was third most in UF history for a season... set UF's single-game assist record, dishing 17 against Miami (Nov. 24)... her 17 assists was the single-highest total in the country this season... became only the second freshman in UF history to be named the SEC Player of the Week on Dec. 14, after leading UF with 20 points and 10 assists in a 77-71 upset at No. 8 Alabama... voted the Most Outstanding Player of the State Farm Classic (Dec. 30), after guiding UF to the title while scoring 34 points and recording 15 assists in two games... set UF freshman records for assists (246), steals (79), minutes played (1115) and average minutes played (33.8)... four double-doubles... tallied 26 double-figure scoring games and six double-figure assist games.

#### High School

McCain was a four-year starter for Coach Kim Albers at Silsbee High School... 1998 Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Texas... two-time first team All-State... listed as Texas Hoops Magazine's No. 1 Texas recruit... named the top high school senior player in the state by The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Women's Recruiting Service... 1998 Street & Smith All-American... 1998 Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) All-American... 1998 third team Parade All-American... Most Valuable Player on *Beaumont Enterprise* 1997 and '98 Super Gold Teams... three-time MVP of District 19-4A and 1995 Newcomer of the Year... posted career numbers of 2,407 points (19.1 ppg), 690 rebounds (5.5 rpg), 628 steals (5.0 pg) and 588 assists (4.7 pg)... recorded one triple-double during her sophomore year (23 points, 13 steals, 12 assists)... started all 37 games her freshman year alongside senior LaQuan Stallworth, who currently plays at Louisiana Tech, and helped the Lady Tigers to the State 4A finals and a 35-2 record... scored eight points for the 78-75 winning White team in the WBCA All-American game, played in Hartford, Conn., in April 1998... national nominee for Wendy's High School Heisman award... graduated in the top 10-percent of Silsbee's Class of 1998, while being named Outstanding Biology I Honors Student, Outstanding U.S. History Student, Outstanding World History Student and Outstanding English III Student... member of the National Honor Society in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade... four-year Honor Roll awardee... senior year superlative awards included Miss Silsbee High School, Class Favorite, Most Likely to Succeed, Most Popular, Most Athletic, Most Talented, Who's Who Among Seniors and Prom Queen... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida on Nov. 12, 1997 at 7:30 a.m., CT... also played setter and middle blocker for Silsbee's volleyball team for two seasons, and was named to the 1996 second team All-State squad.

#### Personal

Full name is Brandi McCain... daughter of Marie McCain... born on Sept. 21, 1979, in Silsbee, Texas... has six older brothers: Carlos, Willie, Michael, John, Jerry and Derrick... enjoys drawing and listening to music during her free time... tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee during the Nike All-America Camp on July 22, 1997... also considered Arkansas, Kansas, Tennessee, Texas, Texas Tech and Washington... major is undecided.

# #43 Naomi Mobley (MO-blee)

## 6-2 \* Sophomore \* Forward

### Jacksonville, Florida \* Ed White HS

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**Naomi Mobley** possesses excellent athletic ability... one of the most improved players in the SEC... has very good instincts for the game... an excellent high-post player... a determined, unselfish player... took the court under four different coaches at Ed White High School... played a lot of "street ball" at home with the neighborhood boys.

#### **Sophomore Year (1999-2000)**

Starter in all 34 games this season after averaging just 11.2 minutes per game last year... doubled her scoring (11.4 ppg) and rebounding (9.1 rpg) averages from last season (5.2 ppg & 4.4 rpg) ... named to the WNIT Final Four All-Tournament team, averaging 16.2 points and 10.8 rebounds over the five-game run... finished the season with four consecutive double-doubles... led SEC in double-doubles (12)... UF's leading rebounder (9.1) and third leading scorer (11.4)... ranks third in the SEC in rebounding... leads UF in blocked shots (28)... third on the team in free throw attempts (153)... recorded a team-high 19 points with a game-high 13 rebounds during the WNIT championship game at Wisconsin (March 29)... tagged Arkansas (March 25) in the WNIT semifinal game for 17 points and 11 rebounds... against Maryland (March 21), went for 12 points and 13 rebounds during the WNIT quarterfinal win... logged her ninth double-double of the season (13 pts & 10 reb) in the WNIT second round win at Memphis (March 17)... scored 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds in 35 minutes of work against Dayton (March 15) in the first round of the WNIT... tallied her eighth double-double of the season in the first round of the SEC Tournament, when she recorded 17 points and 16 rebounds (in the second half, she had 11 points and 15 rebounds) against Arkansas (March 2)... had her streak of seven consecutive games scoring double-figures snapped against Alabama (Feb. 27), when she tallied nine points with six rebounds in only 18 minutes of action... tied her career-high of 21 points in a tough overtime loss at Georgia (Feb. 3)... played a career-high 43 minutes at Georgia (Feb. 3)... scored a team-high 21 points in the upset victory over Mississippi State (Jan. 6)... snatched a career-high 17 rebounds in the championship game of the State Farm Classic vs. Boston College (Dec. 29)... the team's leading rebounder in 22 games this season... has 21 double-figure scoring games, 15 double-figure rebounding games and a team-high 12 double-doubles this season.

#### **Freshman Year (1998-99)**

Played in 27 games, earning her first career start in the win at South Carolina (Jan. 17)... averaged 4.4 rebounds per game, the third highest on the team... the team's sixth-leading scorer (5.2 ppg)... a great asset to the team, scoring 141 points and grabbing 120 rebounds coming in off the bench this season... recorded two double-doubles: against Central Florida (Jan. 11) she had a career-high 21 points with 10 rebounds and then versus Tennessee (Jan. 21) she tallied 13 points with 14 rebounds... after playing in only two of UF's first four games of the year and failing to score a point, Mobley shocked then-No. 13 George Washington when she came off the bench to spark UF with 17 points, eight rebounds and two blocks in the win... saw snow for the first time ever when the team traveled to Fort Collins, Col., to play in the Preseason NIT. However, while the Lady Gators were there, it did not snow, but she was treated to her first-ever snowfall on Jan. 2, when UF visited Lexington for its Jan. 3 meeting with Kentucky... tallied five double-figure scoring games and two double-figure rebounding games.

#### **High School**

Mobley was a three-year captain at Ed White High School, where she played under Coach Pat Adams her senior year... became the first female in Jacksonville to earn All-Conference basketball honors each of her four prep years... named 1998 Class 5A first team All-State by the Florida Sports Writers Association... posted senior season averages of 21.6 points, 14.5 rebounds, 5.1 steals, 4.7 blocks and 4.0 assists per game ... during her junior year she averaged 22.1 points, 12.6 rebounds, 4.2 steals, 5.8 blocks and 5.1 assists per game... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida on Nov. 12, 1997 at 9:07 a.m... also earned All-Conference honors in volleyball and track.

#### **Personal**

Full name is Naomi Georgianna Mobley... daughter of Winella and James Mobley... born on July 9, 1980, in Ft. Pierce, Fla... has one older brother, James Smith, two older sisters, Jametta and Margiella and two younger sisters, Paula and Kimberly... also considered Clemson and Florida State... contemplating a profession as a sports psychologist... majoring in Sociology.

# #13 Erin O'Neil

## 6-3 \* Center \* University of Florida (1996-00)

### Winnipeg, Manitoba \* Glenlawn Collegiate Institute

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**Erin O'Neil** provided strength and agility to the Lady Gators inside game... an intense competitor... developed into a strong rebounder who took pride on the defensive end... battled All-Americans DeLisha Milton and Muriel Page every day in practice her first two years... a very determined player with a strong work ethic... perfectionist on and off the court... first-ever Canadian on the Lady Gator roster... scheduled to earn her undergraduate degree in Wildlife Ecology & Conservation in the spring of 2001.

#### Career Notes

Played in 108 career games... started nine games... scored 252 points for a 2.3 scoring average... collected 258 rebounds for a 2.4 average... blocked 18 shots... dished 48 assists... stole 26 passes... shot 42.2% from the floor.

#### Senior Year (1999-2000)

Appeared in 33 of 34 games this season, sitting out against South Carolina (Jan. 30) for personal reasons... one of the first two post players off the bench... recorded one rebound, one assist and one block in final collegiate game on March 29 in the WNIT final at Wisconsin... snared four rebounds and dished a pair of assists in UF's WNIT semifinal win at Arkansas (March 25)... sparked UF's comeback win over Memphis (March 17) in the second round of the WNIT, when she scored nine points with five rebounds in 12 minutes of action... tied her career-high by dishing a pair of assists in the regular season finale against Alabama (Feb. 27)... played a season-high 19 minutes against Mississippi (Feb. 17), when she contributed seven points with eight rebounds in the victory... contributed a career-high 12 rebounds along with a season-high 13 points vs. West Virginia (Dec. 4)... played a then-season-high 18 minutes in the comeback victory at Miami (Dec. 1)... swatted a career-high two blocks in the win at Central Florida (Nov. 28)... scheduled to earn her degree in Wildlife Ecology & Conservation in the spring of 2001... one double-figure scoring game this season.

#### Junior Year (1998-99)

One of five Lady Gators to play in every game this season... earned nine starting assignments... averaged career-highs of 3.3 points and 3.2 rebounds per game... first post player off the bench... had a career night in the 75-73 loss to Alabama (Feb. 15), when she scored 18 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the field and grabbed eight rebounds with three steals in 26 minutes of action... collected a career-high 11 rebounds in the win at Arkansas (Feb. 4)... scored a then-career high 13 points at Colorado State (Nov. 19)... tallied three double-figure scoring games this season; five in her career.

#### Sophomore Year (1997-98)

Erin O'Neil was a valuable contributor in the paint for UF, especially during the last few games of the season... saw action in 28 games... scored in six of the last 10 games, including a career-high 12 points at Alabama (Feb. 14), which shared for team-high honors... played a key 12 minutes during the SEC Quarterfinal win against Arkansas (Feb. 27)... tallied a her first career double-figure scoring effort, contributing 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting during a career-high 25 minutes against Ole Miss (Feb. 8)... hit a key

basket in the 65-61 win at Auburn, when she connected on an 11-footer during the second half during an 8-0 run... grabbed a career-high five rebounds versus Hampton (Dec. 30)... named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

#### Freshman Year (1996-97)

Saw action in 14 games... scored the first points of her career against North Texas (Dec. 6), connecting on all four trips to the free throw line... hit her first field goal vs. St. Bonaventure, going 2-for-2 from the floor... contributed nine solid minutes in the win at Kentucky (Feb. 13), where she scored two points and snared four rebounds with two steals... troubled during the preseason with a stress reaction in her right fibula and saw limited playing time as a result.

#### High School

O'Neil excelled in several sports, especially basketball, volleyball and rowing... on the hardcourt, she recorded 1,277 career points during three years at Glenlawn Collegiate Institute, while averaging 9.1 rebounds and 7.8 assists per game... there are 10 provinces that comprise Canada and O'Neil guided the Lions to the 4A Manitoba Provincial Championship as a senior, when she contributed 24 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks in the title game... named Most Valuable Player of the prestigious five-member All-Manitoba Province team, equivalent to an all-state team in the U.S.... led the Lions with 12.7 points and 8.4 rebounds per game as a senior, also tallying 57 blocks, 78 assists with 337 deflections... guided Glenlawn to the 3A Provincial title as a junior when she was ranked sixth in the *Winnipeg Sun's* Top 10 girls listings... voted top grade 10 player in Province by Manitoba Coaches Association, when she was also a 3A Provincial All-Star and a Juvenile Team Member... on the volleyball court, the Provincial All-Star captained the Lions to the 4A Provincial Finals... winner of the 1995-96 Time Out Hustle Award... starter on the 3A Provincial championship team her junior year... as a rower, O'Neil captured the gold medal in the women's quad at the 1995 Western Canada Summer Games... a member of the Provincial rowing team since 1991, O'Neil was the 1995 Manitoba indoor rowing champion in the Under 16 division... at the 1994 Canada Cup Rowing National Championships, O'Neil captured the silver medal in the junior women's quad and the bronze in the junior women's double... approached by several schools for her volleyball abilities, but chose to focus on basketball... also played rugby... basketball coach was her father Jim O'Neil.

#### Personal

Full name is Erin Kathleen O'Neil... daughter of James and Deborah O'Neil... born on July 31, 1978, in Winnipeg, Manitoba... has one younger brother, Michael... views Canadian Olympic rower Silken Laumann as a role model... O'Neil wears a nose ring off the court... contemplating a career as a marine biologist.

**#22 Shona Rucker**  
**5-8 \* Guard \* University of Florida (1999-00)**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. \* Kilgore (Texas) JC/ Wolfson HS**

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**At Florida**

**Junior Year (1999-2000)**

Left the team on Feb. 7 for personal reasons... appeared in all of UF's first 21 games of the year... the first guard off the bench... played the point guard and 2-guard positions... averaged 3.3 points, 1.4 rebounds and 12.9 minutes per game... notched a season-high 11 points in the season opener against Florida Atlantic (Nov. 19)... season-high four steals vs. West Virginia (Dec. 4)... logged a season-high 22 minutes vs. Boston College (Dec. 29)... one double-figure scoring game this season.

**Kilgore Junior College (1997-99)**

Earned NJCAA Honorable Mention All-America honors during her sophomore year... two-time Texas Eastern Athletic All-Conference team selection... during her sophomore year averaged 12.4 points per game, 4.8 rebounds pg, 5.3 assists pg and 3.5 steals pg, leading the conference in assists and ranking second in steals... statistics from her freshman season were unavailable... coached by Scotti McClain as a sophomore and Evelyn Blaylock as a freshman.

**High School**

Graduated from Wolfson (Jacksonville, Fla.) HS in 1997... *Florida Times Union's* Player of the Year in 1996-97... named the Wolfpack's Most Valuable Player each of her four seasons... nominated for a Jacksonville Jasper Award... earned All-Regional and All-Conference honors... coached by Frank Jenkins.

**Personal**

Full name is Shona Beyonka Rucker... daughter of Jo-an Rucker... born on Dec. 18, 1979 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla... has one older brother, Kelvin Rucker, and one younger brother, Brian Martin... enjoys reading in her spare time... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida in April of 1999... contemplating a career in child psychology or pediatrics... majoring in recreation.

# #4 Tamara Stocks (ta-MAR-uh)

## 6-3 \* Junior \* Center

### Pickerington, Ohio \* Pickerington HS

**Tamara Stocks** is a very quick and smooth player... assumed the post player throne that was vacated by former All-Americans Murriel Page and DeLisha Milton... fundamentally sound product of the talent-rich Pickerington High School program which consistently produces well-rounded collegiate talent... worked part-time during the summer of 1998 for the local Gainesville radio station 101.3 FM, where she read the daily weather report.

#### Career Notes

Ranks 15th all-time for scoring (1,018 pts)... 10th for field goal percentage (50.8%)... ninth for free throws (245)... 11th for free throws attempted (352)... sixth for blocks (74)... set UF record for games played by a junior (34).

#### Junior Year (1999-2000)

Played all 34 games, starting 30... UF's fourth leading scorer (9.4 ppg) and third-leading rebounder (4.3 rpg)... second-leading free throw shooter (72.9%)... notched her third double-double of the season, when she scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds - including 10 offensive boards - in the WNIT championship game at Wisconsin (March 29)... topped the 500 career rebound mark against the Badgers... became the 15th Lady Gator to score 1,000-career points, when she converted a short jumper from under the basket with 13:22 remaining in the first half against Maryland on March 21 in the WNIT quarterfinals... fouled out of 11 games... broke out of her 13-game double-figure scoring slump when she hit for 20 points in just 19 minutes, shooting 9-for-13, against Dayton (March 15) in th first round of the WNIT... shot a perfect 4-for-4 in the first round of the SEC Tournament against Arkansas (March 2)... one of three Lady Gators to score in every game this season... named to the State Farm Classic All-Tournament team (hosted by UF) after scoring a two-game total of 32 points and 10 rebounds... scored a career-high 28 points against Western Kentucky (Dec. 28)... snatched a career-high four steals at Penn State (Jan. 8)... 13 double-figure scoring games... three double-doubles this season.

#### Sophomore Year (1998-99)

Played in every game this season, starting all except one — vs. Georgia, Feb. 18 — when she pulled herself from the lineup because of her ailing back... set a UF sophomore record by starting 32 games... UF's second-leading rebounder and fourth-leading scorer... led the team with 32 blocks and a 53.0-field goal percentage... ninth-highest field goal percentage in the SEC... her 88 free throws was the second-most by a UF sophomore... averaged 12.0 points and 8.5 rebounds during the two SEC Tournament games... tied her career-high of 22 points in the SEC Tourney quarterfinal game versus Tennessee (Feb. 26), while grabbing nine rebounds... had career highs in points and rebounds at South Carolina (Jan. 17) with 22 points and 15 rebounds... four double-doubles this season... named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll after posting a 3.36 GPA in Public Relations... tallied 21 double-figure scoring games and four double-figure rebounding games this season.

#### Freshman Year (1997-98)

Stocks set a UF record for starts by a freshman (32), breaking DeLisha Milton's 1994 record of 29... started every game, becoming only the fourth player in the 24-year history of the program to start every game of their freshman season

(DeLisha Milton, 1994-95, started all 29 games; Lisa Born, 1987-88, 28; & Angie Scott, 1988-89, 27)... complemented senior All-American Murriel Page in the paint... closed the season successfully converting her last 15 free throws attempts... during UF's three NCAA Tournament games, she averaged 24.3 minutes, 14.7 points and 5.3 rebounds, while shooting 59.1 FG% and 78.3 FT% (18-23)... shared team scoring honors with 19 points and eight rebounds in her NCAA Championship debut against Montana (March 14)... followed that performance with 17 points in 24 minutes in the second round versus Virginia Tech (March 16)... plagued by foul trouble late in the regular season, reaching the limit in just 12 minutes during the SEC Quarterfinal win over Arkansas (Feb. 27)... one of three Lady Gators to score in every game (with Page & Talatha Bingham)... among the SEC leaders in field goal percentage (but did not make the minimum 5.5 per game to qualify for the official standings)... UF's fourth-leading scorer and fourth-leading rebounder... led the team in blocked shots (18) and free throw percentage (78.3%)... scored a team-high 17 points and grabbed six rebounds leading UF to a 70-62 victory over No. 25 Alabama in her SEC debut... collected first career double-double versus Purdue (Dec. 12) with 18 points and 11 rebounds... named to the State Farm Classic (Florida) All-Tournament team (Dec. 29), after scoring a total of 29 points in two games, including 20 in the championship versus Duke... led the team in scoring four times and once in rebounding... 17 double-figure scoring games.

#### High School

First Lady Gator to play in the NIKE/WBCA Girls' High School All-America game (scored eight points with eight rebounds)... a four-year starter for Pickerington HS, Stocks graduated with 1,284 points, while shooting 66.0-percent from the field... the 1997 fourth team *Parade* All-American averaged 15.8 points and 5.6 rebounds during her senior season, leading the Lady Tigers to 26-1 record and a No. 7 final national ranking... named the State of Ohio Player of the Year, Division I... 1997 Pickerington Holiday Classic Tournament MVP and Kodak All-American... selected for the Ohio North-South State All-Star game... holds school record for most points in a game by a junior (40 pts)... a 1994 *USA Today* Top Ten Freshman honoree... during her four-years, PHS reached the state finals her freshman year (No. 4 in *USA Today* final poll) and the semifinals her sophomore and senior seasons, where the squad finished the year ranked No. 2 and No. 7, respectively... Pickerington ranked No. 1 in a *USA Today* poll in 1994 after downing then-top-ranked Oregon City in the Lady Tiger Holiday Classic, as Stocks garnered All-Tournament honors... rated No. 27 in the Blue Star Index... AAU All-American with Cincinnati Niners... coached by Dave Butcher.

#### Personal

Full name is Tamara Celeste Stocks... daughter of James and Debby Stocks... born on Jan. 29, 1979, in Akron, Ohio... has one older brother, James, III, and one older sister, Amber, both of whom played basketball at Cincinnati... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida on Nov. 13, 1996 at 12:12 p.m... also considered Alabama, Clemson, Duke, Kentucky and Virginia... majoring in Public Relations.

# #10 Nikki Tibbs

## 5-8 \* Freshman \* Guard

### Huntsville, Ala. \* Butler High School

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**Nikki Tibbs** gives the Lady Gators a bona fide, long range, net sizzling, three-point shooting threat... drilled 154 treys her senior year at Butler High School — 18 more three-pointers than the entire Florida squad tallied that season, when the Lady Gators hit a program-record 136... played for national-power Butler High School.

#### **Freshman Year (1999-2000)**

Appeared in 21 games this season... played a career-high 19 minutes against LSU (Feb. 24), recording two rebounds with one steal... tied her career-high of nine points, all on 3-pointers, when she hit all three attempts in nine minutes of action in the regular season finale against Alabama (Feb. 27)... scored a career-high nine points after a 3-for-3 shooting performance from behind the 3-point line against Central Florida (Nov. 28)... saw her high school jersey (No. 5) hanging in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on Feb. 12, when the team traveled to Knoxville, Tenn. (Butler HS is well represented after claiming the national championship)... played a season-high 11 minutes in the season-opener against Florida Atlantic (Nov. 19)... hit the first 3-pointer of her college career, connecting from long range on her last of five attempts against Purdue. UF's next game, she nailed all three of her treys. The rookie, who owns the national high school record for career 3-pointers (406), missed her first 11 long range attempts before ripping the nets, then missed her next 11 shots, before hitting her final attempt against Ole Miss (Feb. 17)... zero double-figure scoring games this season.

#### **High School**

Graduated from Butler High School in 1999... her senior season she helped the Butler Lady Rebs win *Full Court Press*' Girls national championship, while setting the national girls' prep record with 154 three-pointers made... finished her stellar career with 406 treys, that figure also established a national record... during her senior season, recorded 725 points and 258 assists, averaging 21.5 points and 7.4 assists per game while shooting 36.8-percent (154-for-418) from three-point range and 83.1-percent (69-for-83) from the free throw line... set a regional record by netting 11 three-pointers in one game, en route to a season-high 40 points... garnered All-State 6A honors following her junior and senior seasons, while earning notice as a Super 5 All-State performer by the sportswriters her final year... Third-Team Southeast Region selection by All-Stater Magazine... during Tibbs' tenure with Butler, the Lady Rebs captured three consecutive 6A state championships and guided the team to national rankings in *USA Today* during that span... ranked among the top 100 senior players in the nation, according to Blue Star Index listing... coached by Linda Holt, Rock Holt and Robert Holt Jr.

#### **Personal**

Full name is Shanika Nicole Tibbs... daughter of Robin Tibbs and Marshall Healey... born on July 24, 1981 in Huntsville, Ala... the youngest of four children: brothers Rodney and Myron; and sister Renoka... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida on April 7, 1999... also considered Vanderbilt, Middle Tennessee State, North Carolina, UIC and Old Dominion... major is undecided.

# #12 Tiffany Travis

## 5-10 \* Guard/Forward \* University of Florida (1996-00)

### Gulfport, Mississippi \* Harrison Central HS

**Tiffany Travis** brings a complete offensive package to the court... instant offense... fierce competitor on both ends of the court... loves to create her own shot and penetrate from the corner... displays great body control... will graduate in May 2000 with an undergraduate degree in Health Science - Rehabilitative Services... on April 25, 2000 became the 27th overall selection in the 2000 WNBA draft, picked by Charlotte as the 11th selection in the second round.

**Career Notes:** Records upon graduation: ranks seventh on UF's all-time scoring chart with 1,488 points... 73 double-figure scoring games... scored at least 20 points in a game 23 times during her career... 11th highest career scoring average (12.9 ppg)... eighth most field goals made (579)... eighth most field goals attempted (1,271)... 10th most 3-point field goals made (38)... second-highest 3-point field goal percentage (34.2%)... 11th most steals (133)... became the 13th Lady Gator to reach the 1,000-point plateau for her career on Wed., Dec. 1 at Miami, when she scored 17 points in the victory.

**Senior Year (1999-2000):** Started all 34 games... earned Second Team All-SEC honors by the league coaches... named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll... UF's second-leading scorer (swapped for the lead with Tonya Washington several times)... ranked fourth in the SEC in scoring for all-games and SEC-only games... second on the team in steals (54)... led in the team in 3-point shooting percentage (35.2%)... led UF in free throws made and second for free throws attempted... the team's third-most accurate top free throw shooter (71.2%)... on UF's season charts: fifth most points (560); ninth for field goals made (212); third for field goals attempted (490); sixth for 3-point field goal percentage (35.2%); third for free throws made (111); fifth for free throws attempted (156)... scored a team-high 17 points in the WNIT quarterfinal win over Maryland (March 21)... topped the 1,400 point plateau when she scored 23 in the win over Arkansas (March 2) in the first round of the SEC Tournament... one of three Lady Gators to score in every game this season... scored in double-figures in all but five games this season... played a career-high 42 minutes at Georgia (Feb. 3)... named to the Oakland Tribune Classic All-Tournament team (hosted by California) after scoring a two-game total of 32 points with six steals... hit a career-high seven consecutive 3-pointers, over a three-game span in December... became the 13th Lady Gator to reach the 1,000-point plateau for her career on Wed., Dec. 1 at Miami, when she scored 17 points in the victory. The milestone shot was a 3-pointer from the left baseline with 10:53 remaining in the game... 29 double-figure scoring games this season... has scored at least 20 points 10 times this season.

#### Junior Year (1998-99)

Played in 32 games, starting 22... only game missed was at Baylor (Nov. 14), when she sat out after spraining her ankle just one minute into the season opener against Arkansas State... set UF's single season record for free throw percentage, averaging 85.2% from the line (record was 81.8% by Terry Whitehead)... led the SEC in free throw percentage... team's second-leading scorer and fourth-leading rebounder... ranked 11th in scoring in the SEC... netted a career-high 31 points at South Carolina (Jan. 17)... her 17 points sparked the Lady Gators' comeback victory over Indiana... her buzzer-beating 3-pointer against Kentucky was selected as CNN's Jan. 3rd Play of the Day, even getting the nod over the NFL's San Francisco 49ers last second touchdown pass against the Packers in the playoffs (Travis received the ball on the far left sidelines just beyond the half-court line before she heaved the final shot of the Lady Gator's 77-63 victory)... named to the State Farm Classic All-Tournament team (Dec. 30) after helping UF to the title... tallied 21 double-figure scoring games, including nine 20-plus point games.

**Sophomore Year (1997-98)** UF's second leading scorer (14.3 ppg) and rebounder (5.9 rpg) while playing 22.1 minutes through the first 16 games this season before tearing the ACL in her right

knee during the game at Auburn (Jan. 14), which forced her to miss the remainder of the season... she suffered the injury after converting a slashing lay-up with 9:34 remaining in the first half, playing just four minutes and scoring four points... instant offense!... tallied a combined 82 points (20.5 ppg) in 84 minutes (21.0 minutes per game) over the last four games prior to her injury... underwent reconstructive surgery on Jan. 26th... led the team in scoring in five games and was the leading rebounder in two games... started the first nine games of the season but returned from the Christmas break with bronchitis and saw limited action in the next three games, coming off the bench until her season-ending injury... tallied her first career double-double (14 pts & 11 reb) versus North Carolina (Nov. 23)... named to the Dial Classic/ Florida Four All-Tournament team (Nov. 21) after totaling 33 points with 13 rebounds and six assists in a pair of wins... doubled her scoring average from her freshman year and almost tripled her rebound production... 12 double-figure scoring games, including four 20-plus point games.

**Freshman Year (1996-97)** Played in all 33 games, earning three starts... first guard off the bench... scored in all but two games this season, including the two points she contributed in the two minutes played at Memphis... contributed 18 points on 8-of-9 shooting in the NCAA first round win over Florida International... sparked UF with 12 points in 13 minutes of action against Vanderbilt in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament... contributed a combined 18 points in just 23 minutes of work in the pair of upset wins over Tennessee & Vanderbilt... was fouled while connecting on a shot 12 times this season (three vs. Boise State), completing the three-point play in nine of those... the top free throw shooter on the team and takes great pride in her performance at the line... would rank among SEC free throw leaders if she had more attempts... continued UF's tradition of freshmen cracking the starting lineup, getting the call in three games this season... scored a career-high 22 points with eight rebounds in 21 minutes of work at Boise State... named to the all-tournament team of the Boise State Coca-Cola Holiday Classic... began the season wearing jersey #2, however, NCAA basketball players cannot wear Nos. 1 or 2, so she wore #20 for four games until #12 arrived... 11 double-figure scoring games.

**High School** Received national recognition by *USA Today*, which named Travis the Mississippi Player of the Year... guided Harrison Central High School to a 28-3 record, which included its second straight Class 5A state title and claimed the top ranking in the final state poll... the state's second all-time leading scorer with 3,106 points, a mark just 33 points shy of the all-time mark set by Philis Hayes... contributed 33 points and 10 rebounds for the Red Rebels in the state title game against Warren Central in the 73-47 victory... averaged 28.6 points, 12.3 rebounds and 3.9 steals her senior year... enjoyed all-state honors for three seasons, including first-team notice as a senior and second-team recognition as a junior, when she averaged 19.3 points per game... the *Street & Smith* Honorable Mention All-American was the *Sun Herald's* 1995 & '96 Player of the Year, as well as the *Clarion Ledger's* top performer... honored as Ms. Mississippi Basketball for her outstanding senior season and named to the Mississippi Dandy Dozen... scored 45 in a district playoff game... played against some of the nation's finest young talent in the 1994 Pickerington (Ohio) High School Tournament, which included Tennessee's Chamique Holdseclaw and Connecticut's Tammy Arnold... also played softball and ran track at HCHS... Carried a 3.7 grade point average... also considered Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana Tech in the recruiting process... coached by Dean Shaw, George Rosetti and Darlene Burney.

**Personal** Full name is Tiffany Latrice Travis... daughter of Burnetta and Gordon Travis... born on March 20, 1978, in Pica-yune, Miss... has one older sister, Kasondra, and one younger sister, Syrenthia, as well as a niece, Rashonda... sister Kasondra played junior college ball... most exciting moment she remembers was bringing home her niece from the hospital... admires her mother "because she's a loving person who not only cares for herself, but for others as well"... dreams of representing the U.S. basketball team at the Olympic Games and playing professionally.

# #32 Jameelah (ja-ME-la) Trimble

## 6-5 \* Freshman \* Center

### Opa-Locka, Fla. \* American Senior High School

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At 6-foot-5, **Jameelah Trimble** is one of the tallest players ever to wear a Lady Gator uniform... a natural shot-blocker... broke her own American Senior High School season record with 218 blocks her senior year.

#### **Freshman Year (1999-2000)**

Appeared in 17 games this season... played a season-high eight minutes against West Virginia (Dec. 4)... had a strong defensive showing in five minutes of action late during the five-point loss at LSU (Feb. 24)... scored six points, all coming on field goals in three different games... snatched a season-high four rebounds twice, in the season-opener against Florida Atlantic (Nov. 19) and against Wisconsin-Green Bay (Jan. 3)... zero double-figure scoring games this season.

#### **High School**

Graduated from American Senior High School in 1999... attended Northwestern High School her freshman and sophomore years... as a senior, averaged 15.9 points and 13.7 rebounds per game... blocked a school-record 218 shots her senior year... the 164 total blocks she recorded her junior year was a school record... following her senior year, she earned All-Dade Class 6A-5A First Team honors, selected by *The Miami*

*Herald*... averaged 12.0 points, 11.0 rebounds and 5.5 blocks per game during her junior year... ranked among the top 100 senior players in the nation, according to Blue Star Index listing... earned First-Team All-Dade County honors as a senior as the Patriots compiled a 29-4 record and reached the Elite 8 of the Class 6A state tournament for the second consecutive year... a third-team All-Dade County selection as a junior after guiding AHS to a 26-7 record... *Street & Smith* Honorable Mention All-America team... listed her junior and senior years as a *USA Today* Honorable Mention performer in the state of Florida... Third-Team Southeast Region selection by All-Stater Magazine... the middle blocker for Northwestern's volleyball team for two years... coached at American Senior by Paul Torres and at Northwestern by Robin Atkins.

#### **Personal**

Full name is Jameelah-Siddeeqah Trimble... daughter of Gary and Michelle Trimble... born on November 11, 1980 in Miami, Fla... loves to shop and enjoys listening to music... signed her letter of intent to play at Florida on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday... contemplating a career in sports medicine... major is undecided.

# #44 Tonya Washington

## 6-0 \* Guard/Forward \* University of Florida (1997-00)

### Paxton, Florida \* Paxton High School

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**Tonya Washington** has an explosive first step... creates her own shots... can shoot off the dribble... plays with a lot of enthusiasm on the court... very versatile player who can play or the perimeter on in the paint... a remarkable scoring talent... sports one of the best vertical jump and broad jump on the team... has a terrific one-on-one game and drives aggressively to the hole... nicknamed "LT" by her teammates, taking the first and third letters of her given name: Latonya... ough luck at USA Basketball tryouts: invited to tryout for the 1999 World University Games team, but underwent an emergency appendectomy days before the event began; earned a spot on the 1998 USA Jones Cup Team, but could not accept the position due to an academic conflict... on target to graduate with an undergraduate degree in Recreation — Program Delivery in August of 2000, when she would have had the option of retaining a fourth year of college eligibility after having sat out as a freshman due to NCAA rules (She was a partial qualifier her freshman season and was forced by the NCAA to sit out the year), however, she decided to forego a fourth year of eligibility to pursue a professional basketball career.... on April 25, 2000 became the 18th overall selection in the 2000 WNBA draft, picked by Washington as the 2nd selection in the second round.

#### Career Notes

Played three collegiate seasons... records upon graduation: eighth all-time leading scorer (1,448 points)... highest 3-point field goal percentage (36.0%)... sixth highest career scoring average (15.4 ppg)... seventh most field goals made (620)... sixth most field goals attempted (1,352)... sixth most 3-pointers made (73)... seventh most 3-pointers attempted (203)... scored double-figures in 79 of 94 career games played... 12 career double-doubles.

#### Senior Year (1999-2000)

Starting forward in every game this season... named to the WNIT Final Four All-Tournament team... earned First Team All-SEC honors by the league coaches & Second Team All-SEC honors by the media... UF's leading scorer... ranks second for scoring in the SEC... played every position on the floor this season except center, and was the backup point guard to starter Tombi Bell... UF's leading scorer in the WNIT in three of its five games... team-high 48 three-pointers... second on the team in rebounds per game... second on the team in assists... second-highest offensive rebounding average the SEC (all games & SEC-only)... passed the 1,400-point plateau after scoring 16 points in the WNIT quarterfinal win over Maryland (March 21)... set a UF post-season record by scoring a career-high 39 points against Dayton (March 15) in the first round of the WNIT - hitting 16-of-24 from the floor... her 39 points tied for the third most points scored in a game in UF history... played every minute of UF's SEC Tournament games, averaging 23 points over the pair of games... topped the 1,300-point plateau in the win over Arkansas (March 2) in the first round of the SEC Tournament, when she scored a game-high 28 points, while grabbing seven rebounds... recorded a career-high 31 points during UF's close five-point defeat at ninth-

ranked LSU (Feb. 24), scoring 26 points in the second-half alone on 6-of-10 shooting from long range and grabbing seven rebounds... one of three Lady Gators to score in every game this season... scored double-figures in all except one game this season (at Purdue)... tied her then-career-high with 29 points in the win against Arkansas (Feb. 10)... scored a career-high 29 points at No. 3 Georgia (Feb. 3), which included the game-tying, buzzer-beating 16-foot jumper at the end of regulation... played a career-high 45 minutes in the overtime loss at Georgia (Feb. 3)... became the 14<sup>th</sup> Lady Gator to net 1,000 career points, when her 16-foot jumper with 9:20 remaining in the game against Wisconsin-Green Bay on Jan. 3 broke the plateau - and she did this in just three seasons... named to the State Farm Classic All-Tournament team (Dec. 29), averaging 20.0 points and six rebounds... named MVP of the Oakland Tribune Classic (hosted by California) after scoring a two-game total of 37 points and 15 rebounds and leading UF to the tournament title... double-figure scoring games in 33 of 34 this season... four double-doubles this season.

#### Junior Year (1998-99)

Played in 28 games this season, starting 12... UF's leading scorer (16.7) and rebounder (8.3)... named second team All-SEC (coaches' and media teams)... was the SEC's sixth-leading scorer and third-leading rebounder... second-highest scoring average by a junior in UF history... highest 3-point field goal percentage (40.7%) by a junior in UF history... dominate in the win over George Washington (Nov. 22), scoring 19 points with a career-high 20 rebounds, while shooting 6-of-10 from the field and 7-of-8 from the free throw line... a starter in five games during the first half of this season, Washington told Coach Ross she preferred to come off the bench and provide a spark... earned All-Tournament team honors at the State Farm Classic (Dec. 30) for totaling 37 points and 19 rebounds during the two-game event... named to the Preseason WNIT All-Tournament team after averaging 17.5 points and 9.5 rebounds, leading UF to a third place finish... named to the Duke Classic All-Tournament team (Nov. 29)... sprained the medial collateral ligament (MCL) in her right knee during practice on Jan. 16 and missed the ensuing five games as a result of the injury: South Carolina, Tennessee, LSU, Kentucky and Vanderbilt... UF went 2-3 with her out of action... recorded a career-high 26 points twice this season (vs. Miami, Nov. 24 and at Kentucky, Jan. 24)... received a pep-talk from former Lady Gator great Sophia Witherspoon on Dec. 28 after scoring 12 points against Western Michigan and was inspired to average 21.7 points over the next five games until suffering the knee injury... eight double-doubles this season... tallied 26 double-figure scoring games this season and eight double-figure rebounding games.

#### Sophomore Year (1997-98)

Washington was the first player off the bench... played both the '3' and the '4' position... scored in every game but one (at Alabama, Feb. 14), playing just seven minutes in the loss... averaged 15.8 points and 6.2 rebounds during the last five games of the season... earned three starts in place of

## #44 Tonya Washington (continued)

Tiffany Travis after the Christmas break... totaled 51 points over three games in the NCAA Tournament games, one behind senior All-American Murriel Page's total of 52, averaging 27.3 minutes, 17.0 points, 5.7 rebounds, while shooting 63.9 FG% (23-36) and 5-for-5 from the free throw line... UF's second leading scorer & rebounder during the NCAA Tournament... averaged 14.0 points & 7.0 rebounds during the SEC Tournament... hit her first career 3-pointer at LSU (Jan. 24)... was dazzling during the final 10 minutes of the win at Florida State (Jan. 21), scoring nine points during the decisive 12-2 run, and recording UF's last 11 points to finish the game with 16 points and 11 rebounds, her first career double-double... recorded her first double-figure rebounding game on Jan. 10th, grabbing 10 at Tennessee... trailing 63-60 with 5:01 remaining versus Duke (Dec. 29), UF used stifling defense to shut down the Blue Devil offense for the remainder of the contest, while Washington scored five of her 11 points during UF's final scoring run en route to the 70-63 win... had a team & career-high five assists at Georgetown (Dec. 7)... 20 double-figure scoring games and three double-figure rebounding games.

### Freshman Year (1996-97)

Washington spent her inaugural collegiate season concentrating on academics... she practiced during the fall with the team and did not travel or suit-up.

### High School

One of the most talented players in Florida high school history, Washington established the all-time national scoring record, netting 4,489 points during her final four years at Paxton High School, surpassing the previous mark

of 4,385 set from 1974-77 by Jeri Grigsby of McDowell, Kentucky... played six years on the varsity team, as she was permitted to run with the high school team while attending middle school... her six-year numbers top the 5,000-point plateau... averaged 25.9 points and 12 rebounds per game her senior year, when she guided the Bobcats to a second consecutive 1A state title... became the state of Florida's all-time girls or boys prep scorer during her junior year, dethroning former Lady Gator teammate Dana Smith, who tallied 3,469 points at St. Cloud HS... the only girl in Florida history to net over 1,000 points in a single year, a feat accomplished as a sophomore during the 1993-94 season when she averaged 29.2 points per game... contributed 34.3 ppg as a freshman... holds school record for most three-point field goals in a game... received national recognition by *USA Today*, which tabbed her a second team All-USA performer and named her the Florida Girls Player of the Year... Miss Florida Basketball her senior year... also a *Street & Smith* third team All-American... ranked 11th in *College Sports* magazine's listing of the Top 100 Seniors in 1996... played softball and ran track at PHS... received perfect attendance awards and was a member of the 'A' and 'B' honor rolls.

### Personal

Full name is Latonya Felicia Washington... daughter of Joyce Washington... born on December 30, 1977, in Opp, Ala... is one of 18 children: nine brothers and eight sisters... Tonya is child "number 17" of the "Washington 18"... all of her 17 brothers and sisters played basketball at some level... her sister, Cassandra, was a Lady Gator from 1988-91... the person she most admires away from the court is her mom, "because we can always talk about anything and she's always there for me, on and off the court."