



### 2008-09 Season Review

#### 2008-09 Season at a Glance

Overall Record:..... 24-8  
 SEC Record (finish):.....9-5 (tied-4th)  
 Postseason:.....NCAA Second Round: 1-1  
 SEC Tournament:..... 0-1 (Quarterfinals)  
 Regular-Season Tournaments:.....4-0 (two events)  
 All-SEC:..... 3 Gators, 5 Honors  
 ..... Sha Brooks (First Team All-SEC Coaches & Media);  
 ..... Marshae Dotson (First Team All-SEC Coaches, Second Team Media);  
 ..... Trumae Lucas (All-SEC Freshman Team)  
 SEC Academic Honor Roll (2):..... Ebonie Crawford & Susan Yenser  
 SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll:..... TBA

#### Coaching Staff

Florida (24-8, 9-5 SEC):..... Amanda Butler (Florida, BS '95, MS '97)  
 Records (at UF / overall):.....43-22 (second year) / 83-44 (fourth year)  
 Assistant Coaches:..... Susie Gardner (Georgia, '86, M.Ed. '88)  
 ..... Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick (Wake Forest, '00, MA '01)  
 ..... David Lowery (Mississippi State, '00)  
 Assistant to the Head Coach:.....Janna Magette (Davidson, '02)

#### 2008-09 Team Information (by eligibility)

Seniors (4):..... Sha Brooks, Kim Critton, Marshae Dotson & Aneika Henry  
 Juniors (5):..... Jennifer Mossor, Sharielle Smith, Steffi Sorensen,  
 ..... Lonnika Thompson & Susan Yenser  
 Sophomore (1):..... Ebonie Crawford  
 Freshmen (4):..... Trumae Lucas, Tailor Jones, Ndidi Madu & Azania Stewart  
 Additional (1):.....Jordan Jones (sat out season per NCAA rules  
 ..... for transfers, will have SOPHOMORE eligibility in 2009-10)  
 Signees (4):..... Christal Caldwell (Fr.), Jennifer George (Fr.),  
 ..... Tessah Holt (Fr.) & Lily Svetec (Fr.)

#### Game-Day Media Coverage

Radio:..... Every game aired LIVE on WRUF-AM850 or WRUF-FM (Rock 103)  
 .....with audio simulcast on Cox Channel 96 with Steve Babik & Steve Russell  
 Internet Audio:..... Audio of all 32 games aired LIVE thru  
 ..... www.GatorZone.com (FREE of charge)  
 Streaming Online Video (10):..... 8 home games, 1 away, 1 neutral site aired  
 ..... LIVE all SEC home games on tape-delay basis per SEC TV contract rules  
 Television:..... 16 games (ESPN, ESPN2, FSN Florida, FSN National telecast,  
 ..... FSN South, FSN Southwest, SUN Sports,  
 ..... Comcast Sports South, COX Sports, WRXY-TV )

### 2008-09 Florida Schedule & Results

Overall 24-8 (Home 14-1 ... Away 7-6 ... Neutral 3-1)  
 SEC 9-5 - Tied-4th (Home 6-1 ... Away 3-4)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Fri. 14	at Florida Gulf Coast (WRXY-TV)	L 86-88
Mon. 17	JACKSONVILLE (FSN-FL)	W 74-51
Thu. 20	STETSON (DH) (GVO-L)	W 82-46
Sun. 23	at #22/21 Florida State (FSN-S)	W 72-57
Mon. 24	SAVANNAH STATE (GVO-L)	W 75-55
Fri. 28	vs. Southern Illinois (1)	W 67-56
Sat. 29	vs. #21/19 Arizona State (1)	W 65-60
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Wed. 3	at UAB	W 77-75
Sun. 7	at N.C. State	W 66-61
Wed. 10	COPPIN STATE (DH) (GVO-L)	W 75-34
Fri. 12	FLORIDA A&M (GVO-L)	W 77-55
Sun. 21	#16/19 PITTSBURGH (SUN-S)	W 90-83
Mon. 29	VERMONT (2) (GVO-L)	W 85-76
Tue. 30	MIAMI (OH) (2) (GVO-L)	W 75-56
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Sat. 3	at Ohio	W 74-56
Thu. 8	MISSISSIPPI STATE* (GVO-L)	W 80-66
Sun. 11	at #9/8 Auburn*	L 65-81
Thu. 15	at South Carolina* (COX)	W 77-63
Sun. 18	GEORGIA* (FSN-N)	W 61-45
Sun. 25	OLE MISS* (GVO-T)	W 75-54
Thu. 29	KENTUCKY* (SEC-TV)	W 74-59
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sun. 1	at Arkansas*	W 94-78
Thu. 5	at Alabama* (CSS)	W 92-71
Sun. 8	#12/17 TENNESSEE* (ESPN2)	W 66-57
Thu. 12	at #24 Vanderbilt* (SUN/FSN)	L 68-84
Sun. 15	at LSU* (FSN-N)	L 47-66
Thu. 19	ARKANSAS* (GVO-L)	L 74-83
Sun. 22	SOUTH CAROLINA* (SUN-S)	W 82-66
<b>MARCH</b>		
Sun. 1	at Georgia* (CSS)	L 75-84
Fri. 6	vs. #19/24 Tennessee (3, QF) (SEC-TV)	L 67-71
Sun. 22	vs. Temple (4, 1R) (ESPN)	W 70-57
Tue. 24	at #1 Connecticut (4, 2R) (ESPN2)	L 59-87

\*Southeastern Conference game; SEC-TV - FSN South, FSN Southwest & Sun Sports will televise; SUN-S - SunSports & FCS will televise state-wide; FSN-N - FSN will televise nationally; FSN-F - FSN Florida & FCS will televise; FSN-S - FSN Florida will televise state-wide; SUN/FSN - SunSports & FCS will televise in South Florida area on Sun Sports and in North & Central Florida on FSN-FL; CSS - Comcast Sports South will televise; COX - Cox Sports will televise; GVO-L - GatorVision Online LIVE internet video broadcast; GVO-T - GatorVision Online internet video broadcast tape-delay on-demand viewing at 8 a.m. the day following the game due to SEC television contract rules; (1) Junkanoo Jam - Freeport, Bahamas; (2) State Farm Classic - Gainesville, Fla.; (3) SEC Tournament - North Little Rock, Ark.; (4) NCAA Tournament - Storrs, Conn.

### Florida's Season-Ending Starting Lineup

No.	Name	Pronunciation	POS	CL	HT	Hometown (High School)	PPG	RPG	Notes
24	Sharielle Smith	SHAR-ee-L	F	Jr.	5-10	Bradenton, Fla. (The Pendleton School)	7.6	6.2	45.7% FG; 88.7% FT
44	Marshae Dotson	mar-SHAY	F	Sr.	5-11	Columbus, Ohio (Mifflin)	14.0	6.9	led SEC in FG%, 60.3%
3	Sha Brooks	SHAY	G	Sr.	5-7	Jackson, Tenn. (Jackson North Side)	16.4	4.7a	SEC's No. 3 scorer & No. 4 assister
10	Steffi Sorensen		G	Jr.	5-10	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bartram Trail)	9.2	5.2	39.2% 3FG (78-199) 2.4
21	Trumae Lucas	true-MAY	G	Fr.	5-8	Greensboro, N.C. (Grimsley)	4.1	1.3	started last 5 gms; SEC All-Frosh Team

### Gators Off the Bench

2	Lonnika Thompson	luh-KNEE-kuh	G	Jr.	5-4	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35)	6.1	1.8a	36.5% 3FG (31-85); UF-best 57 steals
13	Azania Stewart	ah-ZANE-ee-ah	C	Fr.	6-4	Wood Green, England (Notre Dame (Va.)Acad)	3.9	2.6	53.8% FG; 10.8 min per game
42	Aneika Henry	uh-KNEE-kuh	C	Sr.	6-3	Coconut Grove, Fla. (Coral Gables)	3.7	3.3	54.5% FG; team-high 47 blocks
14	Ndidi Madu	De-De mah-DUE	C/F	R-Fr.	6-3	Antioch, Tenn. (McGavock)	2.4	1.8	51.0% FG; 6.7 min per game
20	Susan Yenser		G	Jr.	5-10	Marietta, Ga. (Harrison)	2.3	1.0	started 10 games; 34.0% 3FG
15	Kim Critton	CRIT-en	G	Sr.	5-7	Memphis, Tenn. (Mitchell)	1.3	1.0	5.2 minutes per game; 18 GP
34	Tailor Jones		G	Fr.	5-11	Altamonte Springs, Fla. (Lake Mary)	0.5	0.5	9 assists, 3 steals, 12 GP
50	Ebonie Crawford		C	So.	6-3	Decatur, Ga. (Paideia)	0.2	0.3	totalled 34 minutes, 11 GP
22	Jennifer Mossor	MOSS-er	G	Jr.	5-9	Orlando, Fla. (Orlando Colonial)	9.1	1.8	Right ACL (Jan. 8), started 1st 16 gms

### Gator Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Amanda Butler (Florida, '95/'97) ... Assistant Coaches: Susie Gardner (Georgia, '86/'88) ... Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick (Wake Forest, '00/'01) ... David Lowery (LOW rhymes with NOW) (Mississippi State, '00) ... Asst. to the Head Coach: Janna Magette (JAN-uh muh-JET)



### University of Florida Women's Basketball 2008-09 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	POS	CL	EX	HT	Hometown (High School/Last School)
2	Lonnika Thompson	G	Jr.	1L	5-4	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh 35/Trinity Valley (Tx.) CC)
3	Sha Brooks	G	Sr.	3L	5-7	Jackson, Tenn. (Jackson North Side)
10	Steffi Sorensen	G	Jr.	TR	5-10	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bartram Trail/Santa Fe College)
13	Azania Stewart	C	Fr.	HS	6-4	Wood Green, England (Notre Dame (Va.) Academy)
14	Ndidi Madu	F	R-Fr.	HS	6-1	Antioch, Tenn. (McGavock)
15	Kim Critton	G	Sr.	3L	5-7	Memphis, Tenn. (Mitchell)
20	Susan Yenser	G	Jr.	TR	5-10	Marietta, Ga. (Harrison/Clemson Univ.)
21	Trumae Lucas	G	Fr.	HS	5-8	Greensboro, N.C. (Grimsley)
22	Jennifer Mossor	G	Jr.	2L	5-9	Orlando, Fla. (Orlando Colonial)
24	Sharielle Smith	F	Jr.	2L	5-10	Bradenton, Fla. (The Pendleton School)
33	Jordan Jones*	G	So.	TR	5-9	Suwanee, Ga. (Collins Hill/Univ. of South Carolina)
34	Taylor Jones	G	Fr.	HS	5-11	Altamonte Springs, Fla. (Lake Mary)
42	Aneika Henry	C	Sr.	1L	6-3	Coconut Grove, Fla. (Coral Gables/Seminole CC)
44	Marshae Dotson	F	Sr.	3L	5-11	Columbus, Ohio (Mifflin)
50	Ebonie Crawford	C	So.	1L	6-3	Decatur, Ga. (Paideia)

#### Pronunciation Key:

**SHA** Brooks..... SHAY  
**MARSHAE** Dotson.... mar-SHAY  
 Kim **CRITTON** ..... CRIT-tun  
**NDIDI MADU** ..... De-De mah-DUE  
**ANEIKA** Henry ..... uh-KNEE-kuh  
**TRUMAE** Lucas..... true-MAY  
 Jennifer **MOSSOR**..... MOSS-er  
**SHARIELLE** Smith.... SHAR-ee-L  
**AZANIA** Stewart..... ah-ZANE-ee-ah  
**LONNIKA** Thompson luh-KNEE-kuh  
 David **LOWREY**..... LOW (rhymes with  
 ..... NOW)-ree  
**JANNA MAGETTE**.... JAN-uh muh-JETT  
 Judy **TRAVEIS**..... Travis

\*required to sit out the 2008-09 season per NCAA rules for transfers

#### Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** Amanda Butler (Florida: B.S. 1995, Master's 1997)

**Assistant Coaches:** Susie Gardner (Georgia: B.S. 1986, Master's 1988), Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick (Wake Forest: B.A. 2000, Master's 2001) & David Lowery (Mississippi State, B.S. 2000)

#### Support Staff

**Asst. to the Head Coach:** Janna Magette (Davidson, 2002) ... **Video Coordinator:** Edwina Johnson (Montevallo, 2004) ... **Strength Trainer:** Karin Werth (Florida, 1988) ... **Athletic Trainer:** Connie Andrews (Florida, 2005) ... **Athletic Training Student:** Stephanie Wordes ... **Academic Advisor:** Judy Traveis (Florida: B.S. 1993, Master's 1999) ... **Communications:** Kathy Cafazzo (Penn State, 1993) ... **Managers:** Meagan Edwards, Andrew Thompson & Serena Wilson (Head Manager) ... **Video Assistants:** Brian Kletter & Jamal Knibbs

### University of Florida Quick Facts

#### General Information

**Location:** ..... Gainesville, Florida (pop. 120,919)  
**Founded:** ..... 1853  
**Enrollment:** ..... 50,576  
**Nickname:** ..... Gators  
**Colors:** ..... Orange & Blue (PMS 172 & 287)  
**Conference:** ..... Southeastern (SEC)  
**Home Court:** ..... Stephen C. O'Connell Center (12,000)  
**Press Row Phone:** ..... 352-367-1801  
**President:** ..... Dr. J. Bernard Machen (Vanderbilt, 1968)  
**Athletics Director:** ..... Jeremy Foley (Hobart, 1974)  
**Sr. Associate AD - SWA:** ..... Lynda Tealer (San Diego, 1992)  
**Office:** ..... 352-375-4683  
**Faculty Rep:** ..... Dr. Jill Varnes (Florida, 1973)  
**Ticket Office:** ..... 352-375-4683, ext. 6800  
**Websites:** ..... www.GatorZone.com  
 ..... www.CoachAmandaButler.com  
**Sports Offered (20):** ..... Basketball (M&W), Baseball, Football,  
 ..... Cross Country (M&W), Golf (M&W), Gymnastics (W), Soccer (W),  
 ..... Softball, Swimming & Diving (M&W), Tennis (M&W), Indoor/Outdoor  
 ... Track & Field (M&W), Volleyball (W) - with Lacrosse (W) coming in 2010

#### 2008-09 Coaching & Support Staff

**Head Coach:** ..... Amanda Butler (Florida, '95, MS '97)  
**Overall Record (Years) / UF Record:** ..... 83-44 (4) / 43-22 (2)  
**Assistant Coaches:** ..... Susie Gardner (Georgia, '86, M.Ed. '88)  
 ..... Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick (Wake Forest, '00, MA '01)  
 ..... David Lowery (Mississippi State, '00)  
**Assistant to the Head Coach:** ..... Janna Magette (Davidson, '02)  
**Secretary to Amanda Butler:** ..... Lani McQuade (Holy Names College)  
**Athletic Trainer:** ..... Connie Andrews (Florida, 2005)  
**Strength Trainer:** ..... Karin Werth (Florida, 1988)  
**Academic Advisor:** ..... Judy Traveis (Florida, '93, MS '99)  
**Video Coordinator:** ..... Edwina Johnson (Montevallo, 2004)  
**Managers:** ..... Meagan Edwards, Andrew Thompson & Serena Wilson  
**Video Assistants:** ..... Brian Kletter & Jamal Knibbs

#### 2008-09 Team Information

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost from 2007-08:** ..... 9 / 4  
**Starters Returning/Lost from 2007-08:** ..... 4 / 1  
**Eligible Newcomers:** ..... 5  
**Eligible Seniors/Jr./So./Fr.:** ..... 4 / 5 / 1 / 4

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**Postseason:** ..... NCAA: 1-1 (second round)  
**SEC Tournament:** ..... 0-1 (Quarterfinals)  
**Regular-Season Tournaments:** ..... 4-0 (two events)  
**All-SEC:** ..... 3 Gators, 3 Honors  
 ..... Sha Brooks (First Team All-SEC Coaches);  
 ..... Marshae Dotson (First Team All-SEC Coaches);  
 ..... Trumae Lucas (All-SEC Freshman Team)  
**SEC Academic Honor Roll:** ..... Ebonie Crawford & Susan Yenser

#### Program History

**Overall Record:** ..... 574-436 (35 years)  
**SEC Record:** ..... 137-201 (30 years)  
**NCAA Appearances:** ..... 12 (1993-94-95-96-97-98-99-01-02-04-06-09)  
**NCAA Record:** ..... 10-12 (advanced to Regional Final in 1997)  
**WNIT Appearances:** ..... 4 (1985, 2000, 2005 & 2008)  
**WNIT Record:** ..... 7-4 (advanced to national final in 1985 & 2000)  
**WNBA Draftees:** ..... 15  
**Olympians:** ..... Tammy Jackson, U.S. 1992 &  
 ..... DeLisha Milton-Jones, U.S. 2000 and 2008

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### Florida's Postseason History

#### Florida's NCAA Tournament Chronology (10-12 record in Tournament Games)

Year	Seed	Region	Qualified	Round	Opponent (seed)	Result	Location
1993	none	East	at-large	1st	Bowling Green	W 69-67	Bowling Green, Ohio
				2nd	Virginia (2)	L 55-69	Charlottesville, Va.
1994	4	West	at-large	1st	Texas A&M (13)	L 76-78	College Station, Texas
1995	6	East	at-large	1st	Radford (11)	W 89-49	Charlottesville, Va.
				2nd	Virginia (3)	L 67-72	Charlottesville, Va.
1996	5	East	at-large	1st	San Francisco (12)	L 61-68	Durham, N.C.
1997	3	Midwest	at-large	1st	Fla. International (14)	W 92-68	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				2nd	Southern Cal (6)	W 92-78	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				Reg. Semi.	Louisiana Tech (2)	W 71-57	West Lafayette, Ind.
				Reg. Final	Old Dominion (1)	L 51-53	West Lafayette, Ind.
1998	3	West	at-large	1st	Montana (14)	W 85-64	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				2nd	Virginia Tech (11)	W 89-57	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				Reg. Semi.	Duke (2)	L 58-71	Oakland, Calif.
1999	11	Midwest	at-large	1st	Arizona (6)	L-ot 84-87	Piscataway, N.J.
2001	3	West	at-large	1st	Holy Cross (14)	W 84-52	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
				2nd	Washington (6)	L 75-86	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
2002	6	Midwest	at-large	1st	BYU (11)	L 52-90	Ames, Iowa
2004	5	Midwest	at-large	1st	New Mexico (12)	W 68-56	Albuquerque, N.M.
				2nd	Baylor (4)	L 76-91	Albuquerque, N.M.
2006	6	Albuquerque	at-large	1st	New Mexico (11)	L 59-83	Tucson, Ariz.
2009	8	Trenton	at-large	1st	Temple (9)	W 70-57	Storrs, Conn.
				2nd	Connecticut (1)	L 59-87	Storrs, Conn.

### Series' History in the ...

#### NCAA Tournament

Arizona	0-1
Baylor	0-1
Bowling Green	1 0
Brigham Young	0-1
Connecticut	0-1
Duke	0-1
Fla. International	1-0
Holy Cross	1-0
Louisiana Tech	1-0
Montana	1-0
New Mexico	1-1
Old Dominion	0-1
Radford	1 0
San Francisco	0-1
Southern Cal	1-0
Temple	1-0
Texas A&M	0 1
Virginia	0 2
Virginia Tech	1-0
Washington	0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10-12</b>
Home:	5-1
Away:	2-4
Neutral:	3-7

#### WNIT (and NWIT)

Arkansas	1-0
Dayton	1-0
Drake	1-0
Florida Gulf Coast	1-0
LSU	0-1
Maryland	1-0
Memphis	1-0
Montana	1-0
N.C. State	0-1
South Florida	0-1
Wisconsin	0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7-4</b>
Home:	2-0
Away:	3-3
Neutral:	2-1

### Postseason Record Breakdown

Games Decided by	NCAA	WNIT	NWIT	Total
7 points or less	1-5	3-2	1-0	5-7
Between 8-15 pts	4-4	0-0	0-0	4-4
+20 points	5-3	2-1	1-1	8-5
Home Game	5-1	2-0	0-0	7-1
Away Game	2-4	3-3	0-0	5-7
Neutral Site	3-7	0-0	2-1	5-8

### NCAA Round-by-Round Record

First Round	7-5
Second Round	2-5
Sweet 16	1-1
Elite Eight	0-1

### Florida's NWIT\* and WNIT Chronology (7-4 Record in Tournament Games)

Year	Round	Opponent	Result	Location
1985	First	Montana	W, 70-49	Amarillo, Texas
	Semifinal	Drake	W, 87-80	Amarillo, Texas
	Final	LSU	L, 74-54	Amarillo, Texas
2000	First	Dayton	W, 97-93	Dayton, Ohio
	Second	Memphis	W, 74-71	Memphis, Tenn.
	Quarterfinal	Maryland	W, 77-57	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
	Semifinal	Arkansas	W, 83-62	Fayetteville, Ark.
	Final	Wisconsin	L, 75-74	Madison, Wis.
2005	First	USF	L, 61-56	Tampa, Fla.
2008	Second	Florida Gulf Coast	W, 60-55	GAINESVILLE, Fla.
	Third	N.C. State	L, 80-55	Raleigh, N.C.



### Gator Postseason Tournament Scoring Mark

**Tonya Washington's 39-point effort** against Dayton in the first round of the 2000 WNIT is UF's all-time record for most points scored in a postseason game

**UF's NCAA Record:** Murriel Page's 35-point performance versus Southern Cal in the second round of the 1997 NCAA Tournament.

#### All Postseason Tournaments

Arizona	0-1
Arkansas	1-0
Baylor	0-1
Bowling Green	1 0
Brigham Young	0-1
Connecticut	0-1
Dayton	1-0
Drake	1-0
Duke	0-1
Florida Gulf Coast	1-0
Fla. International	1-0
Holy Cross	1-0
Louisiana Tech	1-0
LSU	0-1
Maryland	1-0
Memphis	1-0
Montana	2-0
New Mexico	1-1
N.C. State	0-1
Old Dominion	0-1
Radford	1 0
San Francisco	0-1
South Florida	0-1
Southern California	1-0
Temple	1-0
Texas A&M	0 1
Virginia	0 2
Virginia Tech	1-0
Washington	0-1
Wisconsin	0-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17-16</b>
Home:	7-1
Away:	5-7
Neutral:	5-8



### 2008-09 Season Review

Head coach **Amanda Butler** confidently announced prior to the start of the season that the 2008-09 Florida squad would be "Bigger & Better." Her Gators came through in ways only those inside the locker room could have imagined!

Sure, Florida was a 'bigger' team with the addition of 6-foot-4 freshman **Azania Stewart**. The Gators, however, learned to make their goals bigger and - with their fiery coach leading the way - produced 'better' results. In fact, the 2008-09 season will go down as one of the most successful campaigns in program history.

In addition to tying the record with 24 victories during the year, Florida marched into the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the seventh time in history - the team's first trip since 2004, as the 2008-09 squad had its season close on the road at top-ranked and eventual NCAA champion Connecticut. Florida ended the year ranked among the top-25 in both national polls for the first time since 2002.

During the season, the Gators compiled a program-record 15-game winning streak, as well as a record seven-game run against Southeastern Conference foes that helped UF finish tied-for-fourth in the 12-team league and earn a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament for the seventh time in the 30-year history of the event. The 2008-09 Gators also found themselves in the top-10 of the Associated Press national poll, when the media tabbed UF No. 9 on Feb. 9, 2009, the team's first top-10 showing since Feb. 12, 2001.

Florida emerged with a pair of regular-season tournament titles, first capturing the Junkanoo Jam in the Bahamas, where the Gators upset nationally-ranked Arizona State in the final game, before winning its own State Farm Classic.

Statistically, the Gators shattered the program record by hitting 221 three-pointers, breaking the old mark of 179 set the previous season.

Individually, seniors **Sha Brooks** and **Marshae Dotson** were the focal point of UF's offense and both lived up to preseason expectations, leaving their names etched throughout the program's record book.

### Brooks a National Finalist for State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball Team

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), in cooperation with State Farm, announced that **Sha Brooks** was among the 40 national finalists for the 10-member 2009 State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball Team for the NCAA Division I.

The 40 finalists, who were voted upon by WBCA-member coaches in each of the eight WBCA geographical regions, were in the running for selection to the 10-member State Farm Coaches' All-America Team. Brooks was among the 58 regional finalists and made the cut to the national list.

Butler became just the sixth woman in history to play for a school that was ranked in the top-25 and then coach that same school to a top-25 ranking. She also became the first Gator coach to guide the program to a postseason berth in each of her first two years.

The list of team records set or tied, as well as individual accomplishments is long, but in the end came as little surprise to a team that adopted the mantra of being "Bigger & Better" at the beginning of the year and then backed it up with unselfish play, inspiring coaching leadership and a belief that it could achieve.

Other highlights from nuggets from 2008-09:

### What They Stand 4

A glance around the O'Connell Center at the start of a Gator women's basketball game during the 2008-09 season and you would have noticed several fans standing - not just until Florida scored its first points, which is common at a lot of schools - but for the **first FOUR minutes** of each game.

After reading the Dec. 17th ESPN.com article written by Beth Mowins entitled, "Four minutes could be the key to Florida's season," that described the 2008-09 team's mantra of setting the tone of the game in the first four minutes, the Backcourt Club adopted a gesture of standing during those first four minutes of a game.

Member Nita White got the idea flowing with an email reading, "If the players can play hard for 4 minutes surely the fans can stand in support for 4 minutes." More and more Gator fans stood through those initial four minutes, with "4" signs even appearing.

### A Record-Tying Record

Florida's 24-8 record tied for the best 32-game record in program history, also accomplished by the 1995 and 1997 squads.

### A Record Record

Florida's 70-57 victory over Temple in the first round of the NCAA Tournament was the team's 24th win of the year, tying the all-time program record also achieved by the 1995 (24-9), 1997 (24-9) and 2001 (24-6) teams.

### Second Round Smarties

**Florida and Connecticut** were two of the 14 schools competing in the 64-team 2009 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament with a **100 percent graduation rate**, as listed by a report from The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida.

The other schools with 100 percent graduation rates were DePaul, Evansville, Lehigh, Marist, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Sacred Heart, Stanford, Tennessee, Texas, Vanderbilt and Villanova.

The graduation rates were based on whether freshmen who entered school between the 1998-99 and 2001-02 school years earned diplomas within six years.

### NCAA Numbers to Note

- 16:** days UF has had off between its SEC Tournament game and the NCAA First Round game against Temple
- 1009:** miles separating Gainesville and Storrs - site of UF's NCAA Tournament games
- 10:** of the 12 SEC women's basketball teams received a postseason berth, with Auburn, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, Tennessee & Vanderbilt joining Florida in the NCAA field, while Arkansas, Kentucky & Ole Miss competed in the WNIT

### UF Numbers to Note

- 221:** three-point field goals UF hit, the MOST in a season (**record was 179** by 2007-08 team)
- 1:** win shy of winning the most games in a season in UF history; the Gators **tied for the most victories ever tallied in a season** with the 1995 (24-9), 1997 (24-9) and 2001 (24-6) teams.

### Gator Numbers

- 123:** consecutive games **started** by **Sha Brooks**, the longest streak in UF history, passing the **109** straight started by All-American **Murriel Page**, from 1994-98
- 125:** total games **started** by **Sha Brooks**, the **most** in UF history (one more than the 124 started by Tamara Stocks)
- 126:** games played by **Sha Brooks** and **Marshae Dotson** (every game of their respective careers)
- 97:** consecutive games **Marshae Dotson** scored to end her collegiate career (scored in all except one game in her career) ... she grabbed **at least one rebound in EVERY game** she played
- 78:** three-pointers made by **Steffi Sorensen** was the **third most** in a season in UF history (Brandi McCain's 80 in 2002 ranks No. 2 all-time and her 101 treys in 2001 is the program's record)

### Who Finished Hot

In the **last five games of the year**, **Marshae Dotson** lead the Gators with 19.0 points, 6.0 rebounds, while hitting 60.0 percent from the floor (39-65) and 81.0 percent from the free throw line (17-21).

**Sha Brooks** tallied 17.0 points and 5.0 assists over those final five games, connecting on 45.2 percent from the 3-point arc (14-31) and 78.9 percent from the line (15-19).

**Steffi Sorensen** had an exciting NCAA Division I Tournament debut, as she posted her first career double-double with 13 points and a career-high 13 rebounds to go along with three assists and three steals in the first round win against Temple. During the last five games of the year, Sorensen averaged 11.2 points, 5.0 rebounds and a team-best 2.8 steals, while hitting 35.7 percent (15-42) from long range.



### What's Next?

All four of UF's seniors were on target to receive their bachelor's degrees during the 2009 calendar year.

**Aneika Henry** earned a B.S. degree in Family, Youth & Community Sciences with a minor in Education in May.

**Sha Brooks** and **Marshae Dotson** needed to complete an internship during the summer to receive their respective B.S. degrees in Recreation, Parks & Tourism with a specialization in Recreation Event Management.

**Kim Critton** needs to finish coursework and an internship to receive a B.S. degree in Recreation, Parks & Tourism with a specialization in Recreation Event Management and a minor in Education in December.

### Downtown Record

The 2008-09 squad shattered the all-time Gator record for made three-pointers in a season - nailing 221. **Sha Brooks** hit the record-breaker with 10:53 remaining in the 27th game of the year (vs. Arkansas, Feb. 19), as Florida topped the **previous mark of 179** set by the 2007-08 team.

But the Gators didn't just launch treys at will, they did so as the most accurate long-range shooting team in program history, hitting **36.5 percent** of their attempts to shatter the previous mark of 34.2 set by the 1991 Gator squad.

### Double-Digit Triples

**Eight times** in 2008-09 Florida hit at least **10** from behind the arc, including the **program-record 13 three-pointers** against Arkansas (Feb. 1). Five different Gators canned a three-pointer in that record-setting performance in Fayetteville. Florida followed that showing with an 11-for-17 effort at Alabama (Feb. 5).

**Six** different Gators totaled at least **15 three-pointers**.

### Sorensen Stepping Up

Junior **Steffi Sorensen** led the Gators' outside shooting barrage. She held a streak of hitting at least one 3-pointer **20 consecutive games**, tied for the **second-longest streak** in program history, before missing on all four attempts against LSU (Feb. 15).

Sorensen connected on at least one from long range in all except three games during the season, totaling **78 treys**, tied for the **second-most per game (2.4)** by an SEC athlete.

But Sorensen was much more than a 3-point shooter. In SEC games, she averaged 9.8 points per SEC game (better than her overall scoring average of 9.1 ppg), shooting 37.1 percent from the three-point arc (36-97), the fourth-highest percentage among league players, while emerging as UF's **second-leading rebounder in SEC games** with 5.6 per outing.

### Trio Honored by SEC Coaches

**Sha Brooks, Marshae Dotson** and **Trumae Lucas** were recognized by the Southeastern Conference coaches.

Brooks and Dotson were **unanimous First Team All-SEC selections**, while Lucas earned notice on the **All-SEC Freshman Team**.

This marked the third time the Gators have

placed two on the All-SEC First Team, as Brooks and Dotson join **Merlakia Jones & LaTonya McGhee**, who both were honored in 1993, and **DeLisha Milton & Murriel Page** in 1997.

Lucas was the first Gator named to the SEC All-Freshman team since Brooks and Dotson were chosen in 2006.

### Doubling their Pleasure

**ELEVEN** of the 14 Gators tallied at least one double-figure scoring game during the year: **Sha Brooks** (26 games), **Marshae Dotson** (25), **Sharielle Smith** (11), **Steffi Sorensen** (13), **Jennifer Mossor** (6), **Lonnika Thompson** (4), **Trumae Lucas** (3), **Aneika Henry** (3), **Ndidi Madu** (1), **Susan Yenser** (1) and **Azania Stewart** (1).

### Plenty of Balance

**Eight** different Gators were or shared the team's individual game-top scoring honors, with **Brooks, Dotson, Lucas Mossor, Smith, Sorensen, Thompson** and **Stewart** each leading UF offensively at least once.

### Better Than Expected

For the second consecutive season, the Gators finished higher in the final SEC regular-season standings than predicted during the preseason by both the coaches and media, who tabbed Florida to finish sixth.

The Gators' 9-5 league record tied with Tennessee for fourth place, the team's highest finish since the 2003-04 squad also tied for fourth in the SEC race.

### Gator Watch

Coming as no surprise, UF seniors **Sha Brooks** and **Marshae Dotson** were the team's offensive leaders during the 2008-09 campaign. The pair were the only two Gators who averaged a double-figure scoring effort, headlining UF's potent and (usually) very balanced attack.

**Brooks** led the team in scoring (16.4 ppg), assists (4.66), free throws made (135) and free throws attempted (171), while ranking second for steals (1.63) and made 3-pointers (48).

In addition to 14.0 points per game, **Dotson** led UF in field goal percentage (60.3%), rebounding (6.9 pg) and offensive rebounds (97), while logging a team-best three double-doubles.

### The Best Little Post Around

It would have been tough to find another post player under 6-foot that was as consistent and as valuable as senior **Marshae Dotson**.

The 5-foot-11 forward was UF's second-leading scorer overall and in SEC games, averaging **14.0** and **15.4 points**, respectively. Even more impressive was her accuracy and tenacity in the paint, leading the SEC in field goal percentage overall (60.3%). Dotson also ranked among the SEC leaders in **conference play** for **scoring** (t-No. 5) and **rebounding** (t-No. 9).

### Don't Doubt Dotson

Senior **Marshae Dotson** completed her career ranked No. 2 in field goal percentage (55.5%), slightly behind former Gator & U.S. Olympian **Tammy Jackson** for the highest **career** field goal percentage in program history.

Dotson's season mark of 60.3 percent also led all SEC players in 2008-09 and became

### Misc. Milestones & Records

#### TEAM

- 36.5:** percent (221-605) UF hitting from the 3-point arc, **shattering the previous high** of 34.2 percent set during the 1991 season
- 45.0:** percent UF shot overall, the highest percentage since the 1998 squad canned 46.1 percent from the floor
- 478:** assists UF has dished, the most since the 2000 team provided 504

### 2008-09 Season Numbers to Note

#### TEAM

- 20:** wins the Gators compiled, the **10th 20-win season** in program history
- 300:** home games won in program history, with the milestone victory coming on UF's home finale, Feb. 22 vs. South Carolina (82-66)

#### INDIVIDUAL

- 3:** **players in UF history who hit 200 three-pointers, with Sha Brooks** becoming the third with her second of five treys against South Carolina (Feb. 22), as she joined Talatha Bingham (246 from 1995-99) and Brandi McCain (230 from 1998-02)

the first Gator to lead the SEC in an individual stats category since 2004 WNBA First-Round Draft pick **Vanessa Hayden** led the league in rebounding and blocked shots.

### Injury Bug Bit Hard

The Gators had been able to overcome a number of different injuries until Jan. 8, when junior guard **Jennifer Mossor** suffered a season-ending knee injury with 12:38 remaining in the game against Mississippi State. She went up for a non-contact layup and tore the ACL in her right knee.

Florida had just enjoyed the return of freshman center **Azania Stewart** to the floor, as she entered the Mississippi State game (Jan. 8) at the 6:37 mark of the first half. She had been sidelined with a left hip-flexor strain suffered during the game against FAMU (Dec. 12) for the previous four games. **Stewart** had a kidney removed on Sept. 10, 2008, shortly after doctors discovered that she had a non-functioning kidney that became infected. Recovering from the surgery kept her away from basketball and conditioning for nearly six weeks, however, **Stewart** was back on the court at practice on Oct. 21st and played in every game prior to the outing against Pittsburgh (Dec. 21). **Stewart** tied her season-high of 18 minutes during the game versus South Carolina (Jan. 15) and played in every contest since that outing.

### Rounding Up Rebounds

**Marshae Dotson** collected at least one rebound in all 126 games she played wearing the orange & blue, grabbing the 800th of her career during the game against Tennessee (Feb. 8).

The Gator senior jumped into the top-10 at UF on Jan. 29 against Kentucky, when she



### Associated Press Poll FINAL

1. Connecticut (45) .....	1125
2. Stanford .....	1062
3. Maryland .....	1039
4. Oklahoma .....	934
5. Baylor .....	928
6. Duke .....	891
7. Louisville .....	846
8. <b>Auburn</b> .....	<b>827</b>
9. Texas A&M .....	766
10. Ohio State .....	739
11. North Carolina .....	698
12. <b>Florida State</b> .....	<b>592</b>
13. California .....	541
14. <b>Vanderbilt</b> .....	<b>522</b>
15. <b>Pittsburgh</b> .....	<b>492</b>
16. South Dakota State .....	386
17. Iowa State .....	370
18. <b>Tennessee</b> .....	<b>322</b>
19. <b>Arizona State</b> .....	<b>275</b>
20. Xavier .....	243
21. Kansas State .....	227
22. <b>FLORIDA</b> .....	<b>191</b>
23. Notre Dame .....	170
24. Virginia .....	163
25. Texas .....	113

**Others Receiving Votes:** Middle Tennessee State 41, Wisconsin-Green Bay 30, Marist 22, Purdue 22, **LSU** 17, DePaul 13, USC 4, Utah 4, Gonzaga 3, Montana 3, Ball State 1, Bowling Green 1, **Florida Gulf Coast** 1, Villanova 1,

### USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll FINAL

1. Connecticut (31) .....	775
2. Louisville .....	736
3. Stanford .....	715
4. Oklahoma .....	687
5. Maryland .....	641
6. Baylor .....	545
7. Texas A&M .....	513
8. <b>Vanderbilt</b> .....	<b>470</b>
9. Ohio State .....	468
10. California .....	461
11. Iowa State .....	428
12. <b>Arizona State</b> .....	<b>410</b>
13. <b>Auburn</b> .....	<b>380</b>
14. Duke .....	379
15. <b>Pittsburgh</b> .....	<b>365</b>
16. Purdue .....	313
17. North Carolina .....	302
18. <b>Florida State</b> .....	<b>267</b>
19. South Dakota State .....	252
20. Kansas State .....	180
21. Rutgers .....	148
22. Michigan State .....	136
23. <b>FLORIDA</b> .....	<b>125</b>
24. Virginia .....	98
25. Xavier .....	70

**Others receiving votes:** Notre Dame 65; Gonzaga 37; **Tennessee** 25; Middle Tennessee 24; Texas 13; **Mississippi State** 8; Boston College 7; Utah 7; Ball State 6; Minnesota 5; San Diego State 5; Bowling Green 4; **LSU** 3; North Carolina A&T 1; South Florida 1

**BOLDFACE** indicates 2008-09 opponent

### Florida Week-by-Week in the 2008-09 Polls

Week	AP	USA Today/ESPN
Preseason	nr (6/9)	nr (8/8)
Nov. 18	nr (5/9)	nr (6/8)
Nov. 24	RV (4/9)	nr (4/8)
Dec. 1	RV (5/6)	RV (4/7)
Dec. 8	23 (5/6)	RV (5/7)
Dec. 14	20 (5/7)	24 (5/7)
Dec. 21	18 (5/6)	20 (5/7)
Dec. 29	18 (4/5)	20 (4/7)
Jan. 5	18 (4/4)	19 (4/6)
Jan. 11	19 (3/6)	19 (3/6)
Jan. 19	15 (5/5)	19 (4/5)
Jan. 26	12 (5/5)	15 (5/5)
Feb. 2	11 (5/7)	13 (5/6)
Feb. 9	9 (5/8)	11 (5/7)
Feb. 16	15 (6/6)	15 (5/7)
Feb. 23	17 (6/7)	17 (5/7)
March 2	21 (6/8)	18 (5/8)
March 9	21 (6/8)	22 (6/7)
March 16	22 (6/8)-Final	21 (5/7)
April 8	--	23 (6/9)-Final

(opponents in Top-25 / total receiving votes)

### Florida in the National Rankings

- \* All-time weeks ranked in AP: 132
- \* Highest AP ranking: 5th, Nov. 24, 1997
- \* High ESPN/USA Today/Coaches rank: 5th, Nov. 25, 1997
- \* First AP ranking: 19th, Dec. 26, 1983
- \* Last AP ranking (prior to 2008-09 season): t-23rd, Feb. 27, 2006
- \* Last ESPN ranking (prior to 2008-09 season): 23rd, Jan. 23, 2006

collected a team-high eight rebounds to pass **Rhvonja Smith** (1987-91), who garnered 777 rebounds.

### Off-Fence! Off-Fence!

The Gators averaged 73.9 points per game, the second-highest scoring offense among SEC teams (and No. 14 nationally), while shooting **45.5 percent from the field - the No. 3 percentage among all SEC teams (behind Auburn & Vanderbilt) and the 15th-best in the country!** A mark even more impressive since the Gators' primary starting lineup did not feature **one 6-footer**.

### Double Dribble

\*Florida's 45.0 field goal percentage ranked as the **15th-highest in the nation;**

\*The Gators **shot at least 50 percent in eight games** during 2008-09 (most recently 50.9% in a win vs. South Carolina, Feb. 22), after doing so only twice all of the 2007-08 season;

\*Florida tallied at least **10 three-pointers in eight different games**, knocking down 13 to set the record at Arkansas (Feb. 1);

\*The most points Florida **allowed in a win** during the 2008-09 season was the 83 Pittsburgh posted during the Gators' 90-83 victory on Dec. 21st.

\*The **fewest points** Florida scored in a win was the 61 points against Georgia (Jan. 18) in the 61-45 victory.

### Defensive Marks of Note

\*The 34 points **UF's defense** held Coppin State to on Dec. 10th, was the fewest by an opponent since holding Chicago State to 30 on Dec. 20, 2000. Coppin State's 34 points tied for the second-fewest ever by a Florida opponent in a game played in Gainesville;

\*The 57 points UF's defense held Tennessee to Feb. 8th was the fewest the Lady Vols have scored in the 40-game series history'

\*The 45 points Georgia scored during UF's 61-45 win on Jan.18), was its fewest in the 53-game series history against the Gators;

\*The Gators' 23.5 percent field-goal efficiency defense against Jacksonville (No. 17) was its best since holding Arkansas State to 22 percent shooting on Dec. 9, 1995.

### Because You Asked...

\*The **program-record 15-game win streak** UF established in 2008-09 eclipsed the previous mark of **12 consecutive victories** won during the 1993-94 campaign, when current UF head coach **Amanda Butler** was in her junior year as the Gators' starting point guard.

\*The Gators appeared at the No. 23 spot in the Dec. 8, 2008 Associated Press poll. The last time **Florida was ranked in the AP's top-25**

was on **Feb. 27, 2006**, when the team was tied-for-23rd. UF went 1-1 that week and dropped out of the poll the next listing.

\*The Gators defeated then-No. 22/21 Florida State on Nov. 23 and won its next game against a top-25-ranked team, Arizona State on Nov. 29. The last time Florida **defeated nationally-ranked opponents in back-to-back attempts** was ... during the 2005-06 season, when the Gators knocked off No. 2 LSU, 79-78 in overtime, on Feb. 16, before shocking No. 5 Tennessee in Knoxville, 95-93 in overtime on Feb. 26.

\*The Dec. 21st game against No. 16/19 Pittsburgh was the first time a **ranked-Gator team had played a nationally ranked opponent** since Jan. 29, 2006, when then-No. 24 Florida lost to then-No. 15 Georgia, 92-55, in Gainesville.

\*Seniors **Sha Brooks & Marshae Dotson** both had topped the 1,000-career point plateau entering the 2008-09 season. The last time Florida **featured two active players who had scored 1,000 points during their career** was ... during the 1999-2000 season, when three players all topped the milestone: **Tiffany Travis, Tonya Washington** and **Tamara Stocks** - and all three eclipsed the mark during that same season.



### Two-Way Streakers

Five Gators on the 2008-09 experienced the best and worst streaks in program history. **Sha Brooks, Marshae Dotson, Kim Critton, Jennifer Mossor** and **Sharielle Smith** had a unique perspective of the program-record 15-game win streak, while also having endured the hardship of the 2006-07 season when the team tied the program record with 13 consecutive losses.

### Twentysomething in Two

Florida has had eight different full-time women's basketball head coaches and **Amanda Butler** became **one of only two Gator coaches who have won at least 20 games in their second season**. In 2008-09, Butler joined **Debbie Yow**, whose second Gator team went 22-9 in 1984-85; **Carol Ross** (the winningest Gator coach with 247 victories) posted seven 20-win seasons, but didn't net her first until her fourth year, when Butler was the Gators' senior captain).

### More on Coach Butler

**Amanda Butler** became the first Gator head coach to **guide the team to a postseason berth in their first year** with the program (2007-08 team earned a WNIT bid, reaching the Sweet 16) and is the first to reach the postseason in her first two years at the helm.

### Lean on NCAA Experience

While Florida had made 11 previous trips to the NCAA Tournament, the 2008-09 Gators entered the 2009 postseason a bit lean on NCAA experience.

Only seniors **Sha Brooks, Marshae Dotson** and **Kim Critton** had played in an NCAA game. During their freshmen year against New Mexico, Brooks played 28 minutes and scored nine points, Dotson saw 13 minutes of action and tallied eight points and Critton entered the final minute of the first-round loss.

In fact, head coach **Amanda Butler** and assistant coach **Susie Gardner** had logged more playing time in NCAA games than any of the 2008-09 members entering the 2009 tournament. During her time as a Gator letterwinner, Butler helped Florida earn its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth (1993) and followed that with another her senior year (1994), playing in all three games and totaling 65 minutes, 18 points, seven rebounds, nine assists with just two turnovers. Gardner was an NCAA regular during her days at Georgia, which reached the postseason every year, advancing to the 1983 and 1985 Final Fours, with a runner-up showing in '85.

### However...

Junior **Steffi Sorensen** sported significant experience in the NCAA Tournament prior to the 2008-09 season. During her freshman year, Sorensen led Florida Gulf Coast University to the **NCAA Division II** national championship game. Sorensen hit the go-head three-pointer in the semifinal that sent the Eagles to the title game, where they lost to Southern Connecticut State and ended their final year as a Division II program with a 34-1 record.

### COACH Butler & the Postseason

Head Coach **Amanda Butler** is no stranger to postseason play.

During her two years as an assistant coach at UF, Butler was on staff when the Gators earned an NCAA bid both seasons, including the 1997 run into the Elite Eight.

In her fourth and final year as an assistant coach at Austin Peay State University, the 2001 Lady Gavs earned just the second-ever NCAA bid in program history and the first since 1996.

In her last five years with UNC Charlotte, the 49ers competed in the postseason each time, earning an NCAA bid in 2003 and a WNIT in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, the final two of those coming when Butler served as the head coach of the program.

### Sha's Starting Streak

Senior **Sha Brooks** set UF's all-time record for consecutive starts with her 110th straight appearance on the floor for the opening tip during the Jan. 18th game against Georgia, breaking the mark held by **Murriel Page** (1994-98), who started the final **109 games** of her All-American career.

Brooks, who **never missed a game** during her career, **started all but one game** during her collegiate tenure (**125 of 126 games**) and ended her career having **started the final 123 games**.

### Already on Top

During her 9-for-9 performance from the free throw line against South Carolina (Jan. 15), **Sha Brooks** passed former All-American **DeLisha Milton** for most free throws made in a career. Milton converted **364** from 1993-97. **Brooks is the only guard who ranks among the top-5 all-time**, having also passed **Tamara Stocks** (343), **Murriel Page** (334) and **Rhvonja Smith** (299).

### They're Weren't Free - We Earned 'Em

Junior **Sharielle Smith** hit 88.7 percent of her free throws (55-62) in 2008-09 and 83.3 percent (140-168) in her career, which stands as the **highest career percentage in program history**.

Senior **Sha Brooks** hit a steady 78.9 percent from the line (135-171) in 2008-09 and 78.2 percent (430-550) in her career. During the game at South Carolina, she became UF's all-time leader for made free throws, passing the **364** made by All-American **DeLisha Milton** (1993-97).

### Brooks Joined McCain

When **Sha Brooks** scored her first four points during her career-high 31-point outburst against Mississippi State on Jan. 8, she joined **Brandi McCain** (1998-2002) as the only Gators ever to score **1,500 points**, dish at least **275 assists** and collected at least **200 steals** in their career.

### Dotson's Double

**Marshae Dotson** was named the MVP of UF's annual home tournament - State Farm Classic - for the second consecutive year, becoming **only the third two-time winner** of the event's top individual honor. Dotson joined UF All-Americans **Merlakia Jones** (1993 & 1994)

## Gator Postseason Tournament Talk

The 2009 NCAA Tournament was Florida's **15th postseason appearance in the last 17 years**.

**Amanda Butler** is the eighth different full-time head coach in the 35-year history of the Florida women's basketball program ... and the **FIRST** to guide the Gators to a post-season berth in each of her first two years; in 2007-08, Butler became the **FIRST** to lead the Gators to a postseason bid (WNIT) in their first year with the Gators.

Florida played **10 different teams** during the regular season that earned an **NCAA Tournament** berth in 2009, posting a 7-5 record against those foes (Arizona State, Auburn, Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh, Tennessee, Vanderbilt & Vermont).

The Gators played **five different teams** that competed in the 2009 Postseason WNIT (Arkansas, Coppin State, Florida Gulf Coast, Kentucky & Ole Miss).

All three schools where **Amanda Butler** served as either a head coach (Charlotte & Florida) or assistant coach (Austin Peay, Charlotte & Florida) made the 2009 NCAA Tournament field.

and **DeLisha Milton** (1995 & 1996) as the only other repeat winners.

Dotson guided the Gators to the December 2008 title after averaging a team-high 16.0 points along with 8.5 rebounds, while shooting 73.7 percent (14-19) from the floor.

The Gators have won 15 of the 17 State Farm Classic team titles.

### Ranking Places Butler in Rare Category

When Florida earned the No. 23 spot in the Dec. 8, 2008 Associated Press ranking, **Amanda Butler** joined an elite list of women. She became **one of only 24 women in the history** of NCAA Division I women's basketball who have played for a team that was ranked in the AP Top-25 and later coached a team that earned a top-25 ranking (a complete list of those individuals can be found later in these notes).

### Gators have 2 of those 24

One of those 24 women whom Butler joined was none other than UF assistant coach **Susie Gardner**, who played for a top-25-ranked Georgia squad and was the head coach at Arkansas when the Lady Razorbacks earned a top-25 ranking.

### But Even MORE Unusual ...

Even more rare was the fact the **Amanda Butler** **played for and coached the SAME team** that earned a top-25 ranking, becoming **only the sixth woman** ever to accomplish



that feat. She joins LSU's Pokey Chatman, Old Dominion's Wendy Larry, Southern California's Cheryl Miller, Ole Miss' Carol Ross and Oregon's Bev Smith.

### Brooks was Clutch!

**Sha Brooks** stepped up every part of her game during her senior season ... Especially when a game was on the line!

She poured in a then-season- and game-high 25 points against No. 21/19 Arizona State in the championship game of the Junkanoo Jam, which included **two free throws with seven seconds** remaining to seal the upset victory. On the road at UAB, Brooks totaled 12 points that included the **game-winner with five seconds** remaining to lead the Gators. On Dec. 7 at N.C. State, she scored a team-high 15 points and hit **9-of-9 from the free throw line**, including **four in the final 29 seconds** to secure the five-point win.

### Sorensen was Solid

While she might have been one of the five newcomers on the 2008-09 Gator squad, junior **Steffi Sorensen** played like a seasoned-veteran.

### Azania Stewart was a 2009 V Foundation Comeback Award Finalist

*(Award presented by The V Foundation for Cancer Research and ESPN)*

The V Foundation for Cancer Research announced the finalists for the ninth annual V Foundation Comeback Award. The award is presented in conjunction with ESPN and the recipient will be announced during ESPN's basketball Final Four/NIT weekend coverage.

**Azania Stewart** was named one of the 10 finalists for the award, which is open to men and women collegiate basketball student-athletes in all divisions. It is awarded to an individual or a team who has accomplished a personal triumph in the face of true adversity, be it in health, life or moral dilemma.

On September 10, 2008 Azania had to have one of her kidneys removed due to a sudden infection. Since she is from London, Azania spent much time without familial support and faced her recovery alone. She was told she could not play for two months after the surgery, but six weeks was enough for Azania, as she was back on the court shooting around and practicing. She spent extra time in the weight room, came to work out in between classes and even snuck in shooting practice, all before being cleared by a doctor. Azania's sheer determination to play enabled her to compete earlier than expected.

The other finalists are: Suzanne Albert, Felician College; Jermaine Bishop, Northern Arizona University; Kelvin Davis, San Diego State University; Joe Ford, University of the Pacific; Jerika Jenkins, Hampton University; Brooke Johnson, Western Carolina University; Cait McMahan, University of Tennessee; Ole Miss Men's Basketball Team, University of Mississippi; Eleia Roddy, University of Kentucky; Dana Pernel Smith II, Longwood University; Tiffara Steward, Farmingdale State College.

She started all except the season-opener and her impact was undeniable - but stats don't necessarily reflect her well-rounded game.

That couldn't have been more true during UF's run at the Junkanoo Jam (Nov. 28-29), where she was named to the All-Tournament Team. Sorensen averaged a modest 9.5 points during the two games, but tallied 6 assists, 6 steals and 10 rebounds, while recording countless defensive deflections. She did score a then-career-high 14 points against Southern Illinois, helping the Gators reach the title game, before topping that mark with 15 points in the upset win over then-No. 16/19 Pittsburgh.

### Milestone Win

Florida's victory over Arkansas (Feb. 1) was the team's 20th of the season, marking the **10th time** in the history of the program the Gators have reached the 20-win plateau and the first time since the 2005-06 squad went 21-9.

### Coach Butler is Right at Home

Not only is head coach **Amanda Butler** a UF alum, earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in Gainesville, but she knows the importance of protecting her home court.

In her four years as a collegiate head coach, Butler's teams have posted a **54-10 record at home**, including a **28-6 during her two years** at her alma mater - with a **14-1 record in 2008-09**.

### UF's Home Record in First Two Years as a Gator Head Coach:

Paula Welch	10-4	.714
Cathy Davis	10-7	.588
Mickie DeMoss	10-12	.455
Debbie Yow	18-6	.750
Carol Higginbottom	12-8	.600
Carol Ross	18-9	.667
Carolyn Peck	14-9	.609
Amanda Butler	28-6	.824 (14-1 in '09)

### 16 Straight vs. Non-Conference at Home

The Gators capped their **non-conference home slate riding a 16-game winning streak**, which included an **8-0 record during 2008-09**. UF's last setback to a non-SEC team was on Nov. 23, 2008, when the Gators dropped an 81-78 decision to then-No. 20 Florida State.

### Best 24-Game Record

Florida's 22-2 record was the **best 24-game record** in program history, bettering the 21-3 mark established by the 1994 and the 2001 Gator squads.

### Best 23-Game Record

Florida's 21-2 record was the **best 23-game record** in program history. The 2000-01 Gator squad reached a 20-2 mark, but lost its 23rd contest. The 1993-94 team (Coach Butler's senior year) also went 20-3.

### Best 16-Game Start in Program History

Florida's **15-1 record** was the **BEST START through 16 games** in the 35-year history of the program. The 1984-85 and 2000-01 teams were 14-1, however, both lost its next game and fell to 14-2, which had been the standard prior to the Gators' 80-66 victory against Mississippi State on Jan. 8th.

### 2008-09 SEC Standings

Team	SEC	Overall	Post
Auburn*	12-2	30-4	NCAA
Vanderbilt^	10-4	26-9	NCAA
LSU	10-4	19-11	NCAA
FLORIDA	9-5	24-8	NCAA
Tennessee	9-5	22-11	NCAA
Mississippi State	8-6	23-10	NCAA
Georgia	7-7	18-14	NCAA
Arkansas	6-8	18-14	WNIT
Ole Miss	5-9	18-15	WNIT
Kentucky	5-9	16-16	WNIT
South Carolina	2-12	10-18	--
Alabama	1-13	13-17	--

\*SEC Champion, ^SEC Tournament Champion

### Gators in the STATS' Rankings

Gator	Category	SEC Gm	All Gm	Nat'l
<b>Brooks</b>	Scoring	2	3	72
	Assists	t-2	4	54
	FT%	8	4	118
	Steals	5	14	316
	Ast/TO Ratio	9	8	133
	FG%	10	9	
	3-PT%	3	--	
<b>Dotson</b>	3-PT PerGm	7	t-11	287
	Scoring	t-5	7	191
	FG%	1	1	
	FT%	--	14	363
<b>Henry Smith</b>	Rebounding	t-9	8	232
	Steals	t-12	--	
	Off. Rebs	t-7	6	
	Def. Rebs	t-11	--	
	Blocks	5	t-6	100
<b>Sorensen</b>	Rebounding	--	11	357
	Def. Rebs	--	t-10	
<b>Stewart</b>	3-PT%	4	3	45
	3-PT PerGm	4	2	28
<b>Thompson</b>	Blocks	15	13	264
	Steals	t-2	t-10	230

### Best 15-Game Start in Program History

Florida's **14-1 record** was the **BEST START through 15 games** in the 35-year history of the program. The 2005-06 and 2000-01 teams also moved to 13-1, however, both lost its next game and fell to 13-2, which had been the standard prior to the Gators' 74-56 win at Ohio University on Jan. 3rd.

### What about the SEC Record?

UF jumped out to an 8-1 record in the SEC for the third time in program history, tying the 1996-97 and 2000-01 teams for the **best nine-game league record**. The loss at Vanderbilt (Feb. 13) prevented a record-9-1 start.

### Mini-Streaking

At first glance, Florida's **seven-game SEC win streak** might not have seemed like much, but was the **longest SEC win streak in program history**, passing the six-game march made by the 2000-01 team.

### No. 300 at Home

Florida notched its **300th all-time home win** on Feb. 22, 2009, when the Gators defeated South Carolina, 82-66. The team's home record at the time of the milestone was 300-133.



### Home in the O'Dome

The women's basketball team played its first-ever game in the O'Connell Center on Jan. 3, 1981, and has played every home game there since, compiling a **268-112 record** in the building (**14-1 during 2008-09**).

The Gators are **300-133 all-time at home**, with a 32-21 record coming at the Florida Gym (nicknamed "Alligator Alley") prior to the opening of the O'Connell Center.

### Court-ing Success

Florida's current home court inside the O'Connell Center is the actual floor that the Gator men's basketball team won the 2006 NCAA championship on in Indianapolis. The University Athletic Association purchased the court and had it refinished and Gatorized for the teams to play on for the 2006-07 season. Blocks of the court from the team's 2007 title run are available for purchase.

### 1,000th Game a Win

Florida's 74-59 victory over Kentucky on Jan. 29, 2009, was the 1,000th game played in UF women's basketball history, as the Gators ended the evening with a 569-431 all-time record in 35 years of hoops.

### First Timers

Florida played four different opponents during the 2008-09 season for the first time in program history and earned victories in each of those initial meetings: **Southern Illinois** (Nov. 28, W 67-56), **Coppin State** (Dec. 10, W 75-34), **Vermont** (Dec. 29, W 85-76) and **Miami-Ohio** (Dec. 30, W 75-56).

### Not Only Did Sha Start...

**Sha Brooks** became only the **10th Gator** to eclipse the **3,000-minute mark** for her career, surpassing the milestone against Florida State on Nov. 23, 2008, when she played a few seconds under 40 minutes (left the game briefly when the wind was knocked out of her during a play under the basket) en route to scoring a game-high 24 points and leading the Gators to the upset win over the nationally-ranked Seminoles.

Brooks **averaged 30.8 per game** during her career.

**Sarah Lowe** was the most recent Gator to top the 3,000-minute plateau, as she compiled the time from 2002-06.

### Movin' on Up!

The Gators were ranked No. 9 in the Feb. 9th Associated Press national poll, the team's first appearance in the top-10 since Feb. 12, 2001, when Florida was ranked ninth.

### Sliding Up

Florida began the 2008-09 season unranked and started receiving votes on Nov. 24th, eventually cracking into the top-25 on Dec. 8 at the No. 23 position, the team's first national ranking by the media since Feb. 27, 2006.

Florida's highest ranking in the AP poll was No. 5 back on Nov. 24, 1997.

### How Big is It?

Mt. Juliet, Tenn., a suburb of Nashville with a population of 12,366, is the hometown of UF

head coach **Amanda Butler** and UF assistant coach **Susie Gardner**.

### Hectic Stretch

The Gators concluded an eight-day stretch when Florida played - and won - four games. The Gators began the run on Nov. 17, defeating Jacksonville in UF's home-opener, then topped Stetson on Nov. 20th and followed that up with the Nov. 23rd stunner at No. 22/21 Florida State, before capping the stretch with a home win against Savannah State on Nov. 24.

### Starting at Guard ... again and again ...

**Sha Brooks** entered the 2008-09 season having **started 91 consecutive games**, the fourth-longest active streak in the country, with only UConn's Renee Montgomery (99), Kansas State's Shalee Lehning (94) and Southern Miss' Kendra Reed (94) having a longer run.

### Sha's Starting Story

**Sha Brooks** started the final **123 games and 125 of the 126** contests she played during her career.

The only game she did not start was against Florida State on Nov. 23, 2005 in Tallahassee.

Brooks originally was not panned as a starter during the pre-season of her freshman year, however, she received the starting nod at the point guard spot for the season-opening game against St. Francis (NY), replacing senior **Sarah Lowe**, who was interviewing for the Rhodes Scholarship. Brooks led a balanced scoring attack in both wins during the season-opening Seton Hall Basketball Classic, netting 13 against St. Francis (NY) in her collegiate debut, before recording 18 points with seven steals in 40 minutes of action against Seton Hall.

When Lowe rejoined the team for the game against the Seminoles, Brooks stepped aside for the Gator senior. She continued to make her presence felt again on the court and was re-inserted into the starting lineup the next game, replacing then-sophomore **Depree Bowden**... and she never came of the bench again!

### Florida vs. the No. 1 Seed

The NCAA Second Round contest against top-seeded Connecticut was the **second time Florida faced a No. 1 seed** in the NCAA Tournament. The only other time was a heart-breaking 53-51 loss to Old Dominion in the 1997 Regional Final. Current Gator head coach **Amanda Butler** was an assistant coach for Florida that season.

### Florida vs. No. 1

Florida is 0-9 all-time against No. 1-ranked teams, including an 0-4 mark on the top-team's home court following the NCAA Second Round setback. The last time the Gators squared off against a No. 1-ranked team was on Feb. 27, 2005, when LSU captured the 76-52 decision in Baton Rouge.

The 2008-09 finale marked the first time Florida faced a No. 1-ranked team that was not a member of the SEC. The other top-ranked teams the Gators have faced includes Auburn, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

Florida is 1-39 all-time versus teams

### Florida's Record by Game Location (State & Territories)

State/U.S. Territory	Win	Loss
Alabama	13	29
Alaska	0	0
Arizona	1	2
Arkansas	9	6
California	4	7
Colorado	1	2
Connecticut	2	2
Delaware	0	0
District of Columbia	1	1
Florida	403	188
Georgia	14	48
Hawaii	2	1
Idaho	1	1
Illinois	3	3
Indiana	2	2
Iowa	0	1
Kansas	0	0
Kentucky	10	13
Louisiana	4	17
Maine	2	0
Maryland	0	0
Massachusetts	3	0
Michigan	1	0
Minnesota	0	0
Mississippi	16	25
Missouri	0	0
Montana	2	0
Nebraska	0	1
Nevada	1	1
New Hampshire	0	0
New Jersey	6	1
New Mexico	3	1
New York	1	0
North Carolina	5	5
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	2	1
Oklahoma	1	0
Oregon	0	1
Pennsylvania	5	3
Rhode Island	3	0
South Carolina	10	5
South Dakota	0	0
Tennessee	20	51
Texas	9	6
Utah	0	2
Vermont	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	2
Virginia	6	7
Washington	0	0
West Virginia	2	0
Wisconsin	3	1
Wyoming	0	0
Bahamas	3	1

ranked in the top-3 of the national polls. The lone win was a 79-78 overtime stunner against No. 2 LSU on Feb. 16, 2006. The Gators' 2008-09 senior class was in its freshmen year on the team when that history was made.

### Gators vs. Ranked Teams in '09

Florida was 4-4 during the 2008-09 season against nationally-ranked teams, including one win on an away court (at then-No. 22/21 Florida State on Nov. 23).

### Big-Game Brooks

In Florida's eight games in 2008-09 vs. ranked opponents, **Sha Brooks** averaged 18.8 points, while shooting 39.5 percent from the floor (47-119), collecting 2.6 rebounds, with



12 of the 21 coming on the offensive end. She scored at least 24 points in four of those eight games.

### UF vs. Ranked Teams

Through the end of the 2008-09 season, Florida is 57-156 all-time versus teams ranked in the Associated Press Top-25 national poll, including a 27-60 record at home, a 20-72 record on an away court and a 10-24 mark on a neutral court.

The Gators have earned **42 upset victories** over higher-ranked opponents, with the **last three coming during the 2008-09 season**: Nov. 23, 2008 at then-No. 22/21 Florida State, 72-57, Nov. 29 vs. No. 21/19 Arizona State, 65-60, and Dec. 21 vs. No. 16/19 Pittsburgh, 90-83.

### Amanda Butler vs. Ranked Teams

In four years overall as a head coach, **Amanda Butler** is 4-11 all-time against nationally ranked teams, including a 4-9 record with UF, with her first-ever win coming on Nov. 23, 2008 on the road against in-state rival Florida State, 72-57.

In her two seasons as **Charlotte's head coach**, the 49ers were 0-2 versus top-25 teams (AP rank first/ESPN-Coaches): Feb. 15, 2007 - vs. #8/9 Geo. Wash. - L 64-59 Jan. 6, 2006 - at #24/23 Temple - L 77-69

### We Stopped That Streak!

Prior to the Gators' 72-57 win over No. 22/21 Florida State in Tallahassee on Nov. 23, 2008, Florida had **lost 15 consecutive** games to Associated Press-ranked teams. Florida had not earned a win over a ranked team since the 95-93 overtime thriller in Knoxville against No. 5 Tennessee on Feb. 26, 2006, when the Gators were unranked.

### Five Florida Foes

The Gators earned a 4-1 record in 2008-09 against its fellow teams from the Sunshine State.

The Gators improved their all-time record to **206-59** versus their in-state rivals.

During the 2008-09 regular season, UF lost to **FGCU**, 88-86, to start the run, but rebounded to defeat **Jacksonville**, 74-51, **Stetson**, 82-46, No. 22/21 **Florida State**, 72-57, and **Florida A&M**, 77-55.

### Sister Hazel Performed National Anthem

**Ken Block** and **Andrew Copeland**, lead vocalists for Gainesville's own nationally renowned singing group Sister Hazel, performed the national anthem prior to the Feb. 8 home game against Tennessee. Four of the five members who comprise Sister Hazel attended UF, including Block, Copeland, lead guitarist **Ryan Newell** and bass guitarist **Jett Beres**.

### First Points

Florida's 2008-09 roster featured five eligible newcomers ... and all five scored their first points wearing Florida orange & blue.

\***Steffi Sorensen** scored her first points in a Gator uniform against FGCU, where she began her collegiate career, knocking down a 3-pointer from the top-left arc at the 12:23 mark of the first half;

## Four First-Team All-Staters Sign with Gators for 2009-10

**Christal Caldwell** (Charlotte, N.C.), **Jennifer George** (Orlando, Fla.), **Tessah Holt** (Fayette County, Ga.) and **Lily Svete** (Granger, Ind.) have officially signed a National Letter of Intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the University of Florida beginning next fall.

**Caldwell**, a 2008 EA Sports Second Team All-American, is a 5-foot-11 guard who led West Charlotte High School to the NCHSAA 4A State Championship game before falling to Westover, 58-53, as Caldwell scored a game-high 22 points. The Lions posted a 30-3 overall record, including a 12-0 mark in league play, when Caldwell averaged 19.1 points, seven rebounds and three assists per game. Named the ME-CA 7 4A Player of the Year by the Charlotte Observer, Caldwell was the leading vote-getter on the 2008 Associated Press All-State team. She eclipsed the 1,000-point career milestone during her junior year, having been the Lions' leading scorer and rebounder each of her three seasons.

**George**, a 6-foot-2 forward, led Bishop Moore High School to the 2008 State 4A Championship and a 28-4 record. George averaged 13 points and 7.1 rebounds per game, while shooting 60 percent from the field during that championship season. In the 2008 title game against Pensacola, she collected a game-high 12 rebounds, helping the Hornets to the convincing 55-39 win. George was honored as a 2008 Class 4A First-Team All-State selection by the Florida Sports Writers Association, after earning third-team recognition her sophomore year.

**Holt**, a 5-foot-7 point guard from Fayette County, Ga., led Fayette County High School to the 2009 state championship game, helping the Lady Tigers finish the season with a program-best 31-1 overall record. Holt contributed 12.7 points, 7.1 assists, 3.8 rebounds and 2.8 steals during her senior season, when she also was recognized as a first team All-State performer after helping FCSH end the year ranked No. 2 in the final Class AAAA state rankings and No. 47 in the country in the ESPN Rise FAB 50 Girls Basketball Final poll. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's 2009 Georgia Class AAAA Girls' Basketball Player of the Year, Holt capped her four-year career as FCSH's all-time leader with 1,422 points, 762 assists and steals, guided the Lady Tigers to a 90-27 record during her tenure, helping the squad win three region championships and reach the state title game twice.

**Svete**, a 6-foot-2 forward, was a 2008 Indiana All-State First Team selection, starring at Penn High School in Mishawaka, Ind., as she capped her junior year contributing 17.3 points and almost 10 rebounds per game. Svete, who was recognized by The Sporting News to its 2007 and 2008 HS Girls All-American Honorable Mention Teams, also gained noticed by being listed as an adidas Super 64 performer. She is considered one of the top 10 players in the state of Indiana, as listed by ESPN HS Magazine.

### Gators' 2009 Signing Class

**Christal Caldwell**, 5-11, Guard, Charlotte, N.C./West Charlotte HS

**Jennifer George**, 6-2, Forward, Orlando, Fla./Bishop Moore HS

**Tessah Holt**, 5-7, Guard, Fayette County, Ga./Fayette County HS

**Lily Svete**, 6-2, Forward, Granger, Ind./Penn HS

\***Azania Stewart** scored her first collegiate points against FGCU, putting back an offensive rebound at the 11:02 mark of the first half;

\***Susan Yenser** made her offensive debut against Jacksonville, nailing her first of three 3-pointers at the 13:17 mark of the first half.

\***Trumae Lucas** got in the score column for the first time when she sank a slashing layup with 7:29 remaining in the game against Stetson.

\***Taylor Jones** converted two free throws with 4:26 remaining in the game against Savannah State to net her first career points. She hit her first field goal in the season finale, sinking a jumper with 50 seconds remaining in the NCAA Second Round game at Connecticut.

### Dandy December

The Gators' 75-56 win over Miami (OH) December 30th not only was for the championship of UF's home State Farm Classic, that victory also capped a 7-0 record in the month of December, just the fourth time the program has posted a perfect record in the final month of the calendar year.

Since the 1977-78 season, the other **three Gator teams that have gone undefeated in the month of December**: the **1983-84** team, **1989-90** and the **2005-06** squad and each were 7-0.

### Every Day of the Week

The 2008-09 Gators earned at least one win on each of the seven days of the week. UF had just one chance to play on Tuesday during the regular season and came through with a 75-56 victory against Miami (Ohio) Dec. 30th to secure the unusual accomplishment.

### Third Time was the Charm

Junior **Jennifer Mossor** scored a career-high 22 points in UF's season-opener at FGCU. That game marked the first time Mossor was healthy enough to suit up for a Gator season-opener.

Her collegiate debut was delayed two games because of a stress fracture in her left foot. Mossor missed the first six games of 2007-08 after she broke the pinky finger on her left hand on Oct. 27 and had surgery Oct. 30.

She did break a finger again during the 2008 summer, but was ready to go this season!

### More College

Junior **Lonnika Thompson** took it upon herself to attend "Point Guard College" from Aug. 5-8, 2008 in Greenwood, S.C., where she participated in the "Think the Game" session.



### The One Kidney Wonder!

That's the nickname Coach **Amanda Butler** gave freshman **Azania Stewart**, who had a kidney removed on Sept. 10, 2008, shortly after doctors discovered that Stewart had a non-functioning kidney that became infected! Recovering from the surgery kept her away from basketball and conditioning for nearly six weeks, however, Stewart was back on the court at practice on Oct. 21st and played in the first 11 games before straining her left hip-flexor.

### Slamming Start to the Season

Senior **Aneika Henry** opened the first drill of the first practice of the 2008-09 season with a dunk. She dunked twice during that initial practice, igniting an upbeat and enthusiastic session the evening of Oct. 17th at the Basketball Complex.

"Aneika set the tone for practice by dunking to start it off and got everyone fired up. It was fantastic," **Head Coach Amanda Butler** said. "No one expected it and it brought an energy that only that kind of play can bring to the floor. She did it not once, but twice."

The Gators' 6-foot-3 center was shy about bringing the attention to herself that such a shot can bring.

### Back-2-Back Back-2-Backs

The Junkanoo Jam (Dec. 28-29) was the second time during the 2008-09 season when Florida played games on consecutive days. The Gators entered that tournament action fresh off a similar experience, as Florida defeated Florida State, 72-57, on Nov. 23rd in Tallahassee, before tipping off in Gainesville 27 hours later to earn a 75-55 win against Savannah State, a game that marked the team's fourth in eight days.

### Back-2-Back at Different Places

While it doesn't happen often, the 2008-09 Gators played games on consecutive days at two different venues. They began with a 72-57 win against Florida State in Tallahassee on Nov. 23, before returning to Gainesville to earn a 75-55 win over Savannah State less than 27 hours later.

The last time UF had played on back-to-back days in non-tournament games was Dec. 13-14, 1996, when the Gators defeated then-No. 12 Iowa, 68-58, in Madison, Wis., as part of the SEC-Big Ten Challenge, before jetting home to defeat Florida State, 77-59, the following night in Gainesville. Whew!

### Brooks Named SEC Player of the Week

Fresh off her game-high 24-point performance on Nov. 23 when she helped Florida upset No. 22/21 Florida State, **Sha Brooks** was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week. Surprisingly, this was the **first time in her career** Brooks has been honored with the SEC's weekly award. She was, however, recognized four times as the Freshman of the Week during the 2005-06 season.

### How tough is she?

**Amanda Butler** is regarded by her teammates and her Gator head coach Carol Ross as being the toughest player ever to wear the

orange & blue.

### Two perfect examples of that:

Butler took **10 numbing shots in the face to reset a severely broken nose** she incurred during practice on Feb. 2, 1993, **but didn't miss a game**, playing 20 minutes against Florida State less than 24 hours after the injury, helping the Gators to a 81-78 win ... became the **first woman and the fourth intercollegiate athlete in history to wear a Bill Laimbeer-style co-polyester face mask**, donning the protective clear mask that fit tightly against her face and held in place a small cast on her nose underneath for the Feb. 6, 1993 game at South Carolina ... during the game against Stephen F. Austin her senior year, sustained a cut above her **right eye requiring seven stitches, but returned to the game 12 minutes later!**

### Slow Starts Soured Streak

Florida had compiled a program-record seven-game SEC win streak prior to its loss at Vanderbilt (Feb. 12). The Gators **fell behind 12-0** against the Commodores and never recovered. Florida's slow start on Sunday at LSU resulted in a **16-2 hole in the first 10:37 of the game** en route to the Gators' second straight loss. While the initial deficit wasn't as much as those first two, Arkansas scored the **first five points** of the Feb. 19th game, setting the tone early as the Razorbacks took the 83-74 win.

During that **three-game losing streak**, nothing seemed to go Florida's way, with scoring and shooting percentages falling from all over the court falling (63.0 ppg, 42.2% FG, 26.0% 3FG, 56.1% FT), while their opponents' numbers were on the upswing (77.7 ppg, 48.8% FG, 47.7% 3FG).

### Bad Tiger Tales

The Gators loss to LSU (Feb. 15) was the first time UF had **lost back-to-back games** in 2008-09. Other streaks that were halted during that loss included **Steffi Sorensen's** streak of hitting a three-pointer in 20 straight games (which was tied for the second-longest in program history) and **Aneika Henry's** run of blocking at least one shot in 14 consecutive contests cam to an end.

The Gators also shot a season-low 32.1 percent in the game, scored the fewest total points (47) since Feb. of 2005, scored their fewest points in a half (16) and faced their largest halftime deficit (11 points) of the year in that setback.

### Vanderbilt's Victory

Florida's loss to Vanderbilt (Feb. 13) snapped several streak the Gators had compiled entering the game. Among those that ended were UF's program-record **seven-game SEC win streak**, as well as the **consecutive double-figure scoring games** by **Sha Brooks** and **Marsha Dotson**, who had tallied 14 and nine in a row, respectively, before both were held under 10 against the Commodores.

### Auburn Game Aftermath

Not only did the Gators lose a game for the first time since their season-opener on Nov. 14th to snap their program-record 15-game winning streak, in the defeat at Auburn on Jan.

## Miscellaneous Team Records

### Consecutive Wins

Gms	Began	Ended	Broken by	Score
15	11/17/08	1/11/09	Auburn	81-65
12	12/20/93	2/6/94	Vanderbilt	82-65
11	11/27/05	1/8/06	Georgia	89-70
9*	11/17/00	12/22/00	Colorado	92-62
9*	11/24/95	12/19/95	Illinois	67-53
9*	11/28/84	12/20/84	Pittsburgh	72-68
9*	11/26/83	1/4/84	Vanderbilt	86-77

\*also season-opening win streaks

### Consecutive Home Wins

Gms	Began	Ended	Broken by	Score
21	3/14/97	12/21/98	Purdue	84-76
20	12/12/93	2/1/95	Tennessee	76-69
16	1/30/00	2/11/01	Tennessee	103-73
14	3/24/08	present	Arkansas	83-74
9	11/27/05	1/12/06	Kentucky	80-65
8	12/26/07	1/24/08	Georgia	82-55
8	2/14/02	1/12/03	Georgia	105-62

7-twice, last during 1996-97 season

### Consecutive Conference Wins

Gms	Began	Ended	Broken by	Score
7	1/15/09	2/13/09	Vanderbilt	84-68
6	1/18/01	2/11/01	Tennessee	103-73
5	1/18/04	2/12/04	Miss. State	88-76
5	1/4/97	1/29/97	Georgia	86-73
5	2/8/95	3/4/95	Georgia	88-71
5	1/4/94	2/6/94	Vanderbilt	82-65
4	1/13/02	1/31/02	Tennessee	86-66
4	1/5/79	1/29/79	Vanderbilt	67-65
4	1/28/98	2/14/98	Alabama	73-51

11, Florida shot 34.9 percent (22-63) overall from the floor, the **first of three occasions the Gators have shot below 40 percent during 2008-09**. Auburn hit 56.4 percent (31-55), the **first (and one of only three) UF opponent to shoot better than 50 percent**.

The Tigers also out-scored the Gators, 38-20, in the paint and limited Florida to just 13 second-chance points after the Gators had collected 22 offensive rebounds.

### Early Recognition

Senior forward **Marsha Dotson** was selected to the five-player preseason First Team All-SEC squad by the league's media, which also tabbed senior **Sha Brooks** to the second team. Both were voted to the coaches' 10-player All-SEC First Team squad.

The Gators were picked by the media and the SEC coaches to finish sixth in the 12-team league, after having been voted to place 11th at the start of last season when Florida exceeded expectations and tied for sixth under the direction of first-year head coach and UF alum Amanda Butler.

### Quick Rewind

Florida compiled a 19-14 record during the 2007-08 season, winning 10 more games than the previous year to tie for the greatest one-year turn-around in program history.

**Depree Bowden**, the lone senior on the squad, led the Gators in scoring (13.4 ppg), steals (68) and 3-pointers (55).

**Amanda Butler**, a former letterwinner and four-year starting point guard for the Gators, began her first year as head coach at her alma



mater and became the program's first coach to guide the team to a postseason berth in her debut season.

### Golden Gator

Former Gator All-American **DeLisha Milton-Jones** was a member of the gold-medal-winning 2008 U.S. Olympic Basketball Team. She also was selected to the 2000 and 2004 teams, helping the Red, White & Blue win the gold in Australia. Milton-Jones injured her knee prior to the start of the 2004 games and never participated.

### Page in the Hall

Former Gator All-American **Muriel Page** was one of seven former letterwinners who were inducted into UF's Athletics Hall of Fame on April 17, 2009.

Page concluded her Gator career with numbers of 1,915 points and 1,251 rebounds... she ranked No. 1 at UF for career double-doubles (65), No. 1 for games played (128), No. 2 all-time at UF for rebounding, No. 2 at UF for scoring and No. 2 at UF for career field goal percentage (55.0%) ... No. 6 all-time in SEC history for rebounding, just 21 behind the 1,272 by Vanderbilt's Wendy Scholtens ... had 103 double-figure scoring games & 67 double-figure rebounding games ... UF was 92-36 during her four-year career, won at least 21 games each of those seasons, reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA twice, the NCAA Elite Eight once and earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament every year.

In addition to Page, the Hall of Fame Class of 2009 inductees are **Reidel Anthony** (football), **Erin (Baxter) McCorkle** (soccer), **Mike Cotton** (track and field), **Tommy Kelley** (football), **Ike Hilliard** (football), **Bill Holloway** (ticket manager) and **Cheryl (Morley) Pontious** (women's golf).

Page is the fifth member of the women's basketball program to be included in the UF Athletics Hall of Fame, joining **Quientella Bonner** (Hall of Fame Class of 1998), **Tammy Jackson** (Class of 1995), **DeLisha Milton** (Class of 2007) and **Sophia Witherspoon** (Class of 2005).

### Goodwill Gators

The 2007-08 UF women's basketball team won the coveted UAA Life Skills Cup presented annually to the Gator athletics team that excels the most in the five areas of the CHAMPS Life Skills program. Teams earn points for participating in any Life Skills programming including but not limited to: SAAC, Goodwill Gators (community outreach), workshops and presentations.

### Cocher Butler Named to USA Coaching Staff

**Amanda Butler** will be an assistant coach for the 2009 USA Basketball Women's U19 World Championship Team. Two-time defending FIBA U19 World Championship gold medalists, the USA will look to capture its third straight gold medal at the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship, scheduled for July 23 - Aug. 3 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship features 16 national teams comprised of athletes 19-years-old or younger (born on or after Jan. 1, 1990) that qualified through their FIBA zone tournaments. Included in the field of nations are: Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Japan, Lithuania, Mali, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia and the USA.

### All-Time List of Women Who Played for AND Coached an Associated Press-Ranked Team

NAME	School Coach	School Played
1. Katie Abrahamson-Henderson	Missouri St./Georgia	Iowa
2. Cheryl Burnett	Missouri St.	Kansas
3. <b>Amanda Butler%</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Florida</b>
4. Pokey Chatman%	LSU	LSU
5. June Daugherty	Boise St./Washington	Ohio St.
6. Nell Fortner	Purdue/Auburn	Texas
7. <b>Susie Gardner</b>	<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
8. MaChelle Joseph	Georgia Tech	Purdue
9. Wendy Larry%	Old Dominion	Old Dominion
10. JoAnne P. McCallie	Michigan St./Duke	Northwestern
11. Kathy McConnell-Miller	Colorado	Virginia
12. Muffet McGraw	Notre Dame	St. Joseph's
13. Cheryl Miller%	Southern Cal	Southern Cal
14. Kim Mulkey	Baylor	Louisiana Tech
15. Mary Murphy	Wisconsin	Northwestern
16. Kathy Olivier	UCLA	UNLV
17. Carolyn Peck	Purdue/Florida	Vanderbilt
18. Laurie Pirtle	Cincinnati	Ohio St.
19. Carol Ross%	<b>Florida/Mississippi</b>	Mississippi
20. Bev Smith%	Oregon	Oregon
21. Dawn Staley	Temple	Virginia
22. Jan Ternoik	San Francisco	Montclair St.
23. Charli Turner Thorne	Arizona St.	Stanford
24. Amy Tucker*	Stanford	Ohio St.

\*-Filled in for Tara VanDerveer in 1995-96

%- played and coached at same ranked school (**Amanda Butler is one of only six other women who have done this!**)

Research by Mel Greenberg, Philadelphia Inquirer

### What Returned from 2007-08 for 2008-09

Category	Percent Returning
Games Started	75.8% (125 of 165)
Minutes Played	77.7% (5,150 of 6,625)
Points	74.4% (1,679 of 2,257)
Rebounds	72.3% (940 of 1,300)
Field Goals	73.0% (602 of 825)
FT Made	83.4% (357 of 428)
FT Attempted	83.5% (512 of 613)
3-Point Field Goals	65.9% (118 of 179)
Assists	70.7% (295 of 417)
Blocks	86.7% (91 of 105)
Steals	72.3% (224 of 310)

### UF's Most Frequent Foes

Team	Games Played	UF Record in Series
Florida State	65	40-25
Georgia	54	11-43
Alabama	46	20-26
Vanderbilt	45	18-27
Auburn	44	14-30
Miami	41	28-13

### Misc. Numbers to Note

- 91:** consecutive games started entering the 2008-09 **season** by **Sha Brooks** (has started all except one game during her collegiate career) - the **FOURTH longest streak by any active player in the country entering the 2008-09 season** (UConn's Renee Montgomery has started 99 straight, while Kansas State's Shalee Lehning and Southern Miss' Kendra Reed had started 94 in a row)
- 19:** **overall wins** compiled by the 2007-08 squad, helping **Amanda Butler** tie the Gator record for victories by a first-year head coach in UF history
- 2:** Gators (**Sha Brooks & Marshaé Dotson**) who topped the career 1,000-point plateau, both doing so during the 2007-08 season
- +10:** the improvement in wins by the 2007-08 team (2006-07 record was 9-22), tied for the **best** in program history



### 2008-09 Milestones, Honors & Awards

#### TEAM

- \*TIED program record with **24 wins in a season** (also accomplished in 1995, 1997 & 2001)
- \*Ranked **No. 22 in the final Associated Press Poll**, eighth time ranked in final poll & first since the 2002 season
- \*Ranked **No. 23 in the final ESPN-USA Today/Coaches' Poll**
- \*Advanced to **NCAA Second Round** for seventh time in program history; first time since 2004
- \*Earned an **NCAA Tournament bid for the 12th time** in program history
- \*Secured **first-round bye in the SEC Tournament** for the seventh time in the 30-year history of the event
- \*Produced 10th **20-win season** in program history (20th win was at Arkansas, Feb. 1)
- \***16 televised games**, including five nationally televised games
- \*Compiled Program-Record **15-Game Winning Streak** (record was 12 games won in 1993-94)
- \*Compiled **Program-Record seven-game SEC Winning Streak** (record was six straight in 2001)
- \*Compiled **14-Game HOME Winning Streak** (fourth-longest in UF history)
- \*Hit **season-record three-pointers** (record was 179 by 2007-08 team)
- \*First ESPN network regular-season broadcast in Gainesville since Jan. 27, 2002 (ESPN2 televised the Feb. 8 game vs. Tennessee)
- \*Completed Home Schedule vs. Non-Conference Opponents with a **16-Game Winning Streak (ACTIVE streak, second-longest in UF history)**
- \***Won 300th HOME game** in program history (Feb. 22 vs. South Carolina; all-time home record at milestone win was 300-133)
- \*Undeclared in December, 7-0 (fourth time in program history)
- \*Earned **first top-10 ranking in the AP Poll** since being No. 9 on Feb. 12, 2001 (No. 9 on Feb. 9, 2009)
- \*Ranked **No. 12 in the AP Poll** on Jan. 26, 2009 (highest ranking since Jan. 28, 2002, No. 12)
- \*Ranked **No. 15 in the AP Poll** on Jan. 19, 2009 (highest ranking since Feb. 11, 2002, No. 14)
- \*Earned **first AP Top-25 ranking** since Feb. 27, 2006 (No. 23 on Dec. 8, 2008)
- \*Earned first ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Top-25 ranking since Jan. 23, 2006 (No. 24 on Dec. 15, 2008)
- \*Played the 1,000th game in program history, defeating Kentucky, 74-59, on Jan. 29
- \*TIED for best 10-game SEC record (8-2) in program history
- \*TIED for best nine-game SEC record (8-1) in program history
- \*TIED for best eight-game SEC record (7-1) in program history
- \*TIED for best seven-game SEC record (6-1) in program history
- \*Best 31-game record (24-7 record) in program history (record was 23-8 by 1995, 1997 & 1998 teams)
- \*Best 24-game record (22-2 record) in program history (record was 21-3 by 1994 and 2001 teams)
- \*Best 23-game record (21-2 record) in program history (record was 20-3 by 2001 team)
- \*Best 16-game record (15-1 record) in program history (record was 14-2 by 1985 & 2001 teams)
- \*Best 15-game record (14-1 record) in program history (record was 13-2 by 2001 & 2006 teams)
- \*TIED best 26-game record (22-4 record) in program history (third time)
- \*TIED best 25-game record (22-3 record) in program history (second time)
- \*TIED best 22-game record (20-2 record) in program history (second time)
- \*TIED best 21-game record (19-2 record) in program history (second time)
- \*TIED best 20-game record (18-2 record) in program history (second time)
- \*TIED best 19-game record (17-2 record) in program history (second time)
- \*TIED best 18-game record (16-2 record) in program history (second time)
- \*TIED best 17-game record (15-2 record) in program history (second time)
- \*TIED best 14-game record (13-1 record) in program history (third time)
- \*TIED best 13-game record (12-1 record) in program history (fifth time)
- \*TIED best 12-game record (11-1 record) in program history (fifth time)
- \*TIED best 11-game record (10-1 record) in program history (fifth time)
- \*TIED best 10-game record (9-1 record) in program history (seventh time)
- \*Defeated first five home opponents by 20+ points for the first time in program history
- \*Posted 400th win played in the state of Florida (Jan. 25, 2009 vs. Ole Miss, record at milestone victory was 400-187)
- \*Limited Coppin State to 34 points, tied for the second-fewest by an opponent all-time on UF's **home court** (Dec. 10)
- \*State Farm Classic (UF home tournament) Champions
- \*Junkanoo Jam (Bahamas) Champions
- \*Florida won a tournament that it has not hosted for the first time since Nov. 19, 2005, when the Gators captured the Seton Hall Basketball Classic after victories against St. Francis (NY) and Seton Hall
- \*First win over a top-25 ranked team on a neutral court since Nov. 22, 1998, when Florida defeated then-No. 13 George Washington, 82-58, in Boston, Mass. (def. No. 21/19 Arizona State, Nov. 29)
- \*First win vs. Ranked Team since Feb. 26, 2006 (def. No. 22/21 Florida State, 72-57, on Nov. 23, 2008)

#### INDIVIDUALS

##### Head Coach Amanda Butler

- \*Became second coach in program history to produce a 20-win season in her second year (Debbie Yow was the other)
- \*Recorded 75th career victory (Jan. 15 at South Carolina, 77-63)

- \*Became one of six women in history to play for a school that was ranked in the top-25 and then coach that same school to a top-25 ranking
- \*Guided UF to first top-25 national ranking since the 2005-06 season
- \*Named Assistant Coach of the 2009 USA Basketball Women's U19 World Championship Team

##### Sha Brooks

- \*Selected by Phoenix with the 31st overall pick (third round) in the WNBA Draft (16th Gator selected in WNBA Draft)
- \*Associated Press All-American, Honorable Mention
- \*one of the 40 national finalists for the 2009 State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball Team
- \*one of the 52 regional finalists for the 2009 State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball Team (Region III)
- \*First Team All-SEC (Media, five-member team)
- \*First Team All-SEC (Coaches, eight-member team)
- \*Became UF's all-time leader for consecutive games started (record was 109 by Murriel Page)
- \*Became UF's all-time leader for made free throws, Jan. 15 at South Carolina (record was 364 held by DeLisha Milton, 1993-97)
- \*Became 10th Gator to record 300+ assists during a career (reached the milestone vs. Georgia, Jan. 18)
- \*First Gator to dish 10 assists in a game since Brandi McCain had 14 vs. Florida State on Feb. 11, 1999 (at Arkansas, Feb. 1)
- \*State Farm Classic (UF) All-Tournament Team
- \*Junkanoo Jam (Bahamas) MVP
- \*SEC's nominee for WBCA February Player of the Month
- \*SEC Player of the Week (Feb. 9, 2009)
- \*SEC Player of the Week (Dec. 23, 2008)
- \*SEC Player of the Week (Nov. 24, 2008)
- \*SEC Community Service Player of the Week (Feb. 9, 2009)
- \*Became sixth Gator to collect 200 career steals (milestone steal came at UAB, Dec. 3, 2008)
- \*Became second Gator to start 100 consecutive games (milestone start at N.C. State, Dec. 7, 2008)
- \*Became eighth Gator to start at least 100 games (100th vs. Arizona State, Nov. 29)
- \*Became 10th Gator to play more than 3,000 minutes in her career (topped the milestone Nov. 23, 2008 at Florida State)
- \*Topped the 1,800-point plateau (March 6, 2009 vs. Tennessee)
- \*Topped the 1,700-point plateau (Feb. 16, 2009 at LSU)
- \*Topped the 1,600-point plateau (Jan. 29, 2009 vs. Kentucky)
- \*Topped the 1,500-point plateau (Jan. 8, 2009 vs. Mississippi State)
- \*Topped the 1,400-point plateau (Dec. 7, 2008 at N.C. State)
- \*Topped the 1,300-point plateau (Nov. 20, 2008 vs. Stetson)
- \*Preseason First-Team All-SEC (by Coaches, 10-player team)
- \*Preseason Second-Team All-SEC (by Media, five-player teams)
- \*Scored 31 points vs. Mississippi State (Jan. 8), first Gator to score 30+ since Dec. 22, 2003 (Bernice Mosby, 30 pts vs. George Washington)
- \*Sophia Witherspoon Award for Overall Excellence (presented each term to two UF student-athletes - one male and one female - who exemplify the positive attitude and strong work ethic in the classroom that they display on the playing field. It is one of the most prestigious awards presented by the Office of Student Life)

##### Marshaé Dotson

- \*First Team All-SEC (Coaches, eight-member team)
- \*State Farm Classic MVP
- \*SEC Player of the Week (Jan. 19, 2009)
- \*Topped the 1,500-point plateau (March 6, 2009 vs. Tennessee)
- \*Topped the 1,400-point plateau (Feb. 16, 2009 at LSU)
- \*Topped the 1,300-point plateau (Jan. 15 at South Carolina)
- \*Topped the 1,200-point plateau (Dec. 12 vs. FAMU)
- \*Moved into UF's Top-10 All-Time Rebounding Chart (Jan. 29 vs. Kentucky)
- \*Topped the 800-rebound plateau (Feb. 8 vs. Tennessee)
- \*Topped the 700-rebound plateau (Dec. 7 at N.C. State)
- \*Preseason First-Team All-SEC (by Media & Coaches)
- \*Preseason Third-Team All-American (by Sporting News)

##### Aneika Henry

- \*Became sixth Gator to block 100 shots in a career (100th came at Alabama, Feb. 5)

##### Trumae Lucas

- \*All-SEC Freshman Team

##### Ndidi Madu

- \*SEC Freshman of the Week (Dec. 14, 2008)

##### Steffi Sorensen

- \*ESPN's Player of the Game, March 22 vs. Temple (NCAA First Round)
- \*Held streak of 20 consecutive games with at least one three-pointer, tied for the second-longest in program history
- \*Junkanoo Jam (Bahamas) All-Tournament Team

##### Azania Stewart

- \*1 of 12 Finalists for the 2009 V Foundation Comeback Award (includes men, women and teams)



### Consecutive and Total Games Started by Active Players, entering the 2008-09 season

#### CONSECUTIVE Games Started, entering the 2008-09 season

99	Renee Montgomery, Connecticut
94	Shalee Lehning, Kansas State
94	Kendra Reed, Southern Miss
<b>91</b>	<b>Sha Brooks, Florida</b>
89	Ashley Langford, Tulane
83	Jasmine Young, East Carolina

#### TOTAL Career Games Started, entering the 2008-09 season

109	Renee Montgomery, Connecticut
97	Marissa Coleman, Maryland
96	Xenia Stewart, Pittsburgh
94	Shalee Lehning, Kansas State
94	Kendra Reed, Southern Miss
94	Takia Starks, Texas A&M
<b>93</b>	<b>Sha Brooks, Florida</b>
93	Kristi Toliver, Maryland
92	DeWanna Bonner, Auburn
92	La Toya Micheaux, Texas A&M
92	Johnette Walker, Radford
91	Jasmine Young, East Carolina
90	Alis Freeman, Towson
90	Kemie Nkele, UC Riverside
90	Ashley Langford, Tulane
90	Lauren Powell, Western Carolina

#### Players in the SEC:

#### CONSECUTIVE Games Started

<b>91</b>	<b>Sha Brooks, Florida</b>
68	Christina Wirth, Vanderbilt
61	Tysheka Grimes, Mississippi State
57	Sherell Hobbs, Auburn
54	Ashley Houts, Georgia
50	Jennifer Risper, Vanderbilt

#### TOTAL Games Started (Top-10, plus team leader for each SEC team also included)

<b>93</b>	<b>Sha Brooks, Florida</b>
92	DeWanna Bonner, Auburn
83	Christina Wirth, Vanderbilt
79	Marneshia Richard, Mississippi State
73	Robin Porter, Mississippi State
71	Carly Ormerod, Kentucky
69	Sherell Hobbs, Auburn
67	Demetress Adams, South Carolina
64	Ashley Houts, Georgia
<b>63</b>	<b>Marshae Dotson, Florida</b>
47	Charity Ford, Arkansas
37	Dedrea Magee, Alabama
36	Shawn Goff, Ole Miss
36	Alliesha Easley, Ole Miss
30	Angie Bjorklund, Tennessee
4	Allison Hightower, LSU

### 2008-09 SEC Preseason Media Poll

1. Vanderbilt (12) .....	273 points
2. Tennessee (9).....	261 points
3. Auburn .....	246 points
4. Georgia (4) .....	216 points
5. LSU.....	183 points
<b>6. Florida.....</b>	<b>174 points</b>
7. Kentucky.....	129 points
8. Ole Miss.....	126 points
9. Mississippi State.....	87 points
10. Arkansas.....	81 points
11. South Carolina.....	72 points
12. Alabama.....	25 points

**Player of the Year:** DeWanna Bonner, Auburn (24), Christina Wirth, Vanderbilt (1)

#### All-SEC First-Team

DeWanna Bonner, Auburn  
**Marshae Dotson, Florida**  
 Ashley Houts, Georgia  
 Shawn Goff, Ole Miss  
 Christina Wirth, Vanderbilt

#### All-SEC Second-Team

Whitney Boddie, Auburn  
**Sha Brooks, Florida**  
 Angel Robinson, Georgia  
 Allison Hightower, LSU  
 Angie Bjorklund, Tennessee  
 Shekinna Stricklen, Tennessee

### 2008-09 Schedule Highlights

- \*29 regular-season games
- \*18 games versus 2008 postseason teams (11 teams earned NCAA bids)
- \*15 Home Games
- \*5 games vs. in-state teams, including first four games (FGCU, JU, Stetson, FSU ... then FAMU)
- \*the three other teams in the 2008 State Farm Classic field each had 20+ wins last year, with Vermont reaching the WNIT and Miami-Ohio the NCAA Tournament
- \*8 opponents ranked in the Top-25 of the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Preseason Poll
- \*Last year's SOS was No. 17 by Collegiate Basketball News, No. 20 by CollegeRPI.com

### 2008-09 SEC Preseason Coaches' Poll

2007-08 Results		
	SEC	Overall
Vanderbilt	11-3	25-9
Tennessee	13-1	31-6
Auburn	7-7	20-12
Georgia	8-6	23-10
LSU	14-0	31-6
<b>Florida</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>19-14</b>
Kentucky	8-6	17-16
Mississippi State	4-10	16-15
Ole Miss	6-8	13-16
South Carolina	4-10	16-16
Arkansas	2-12	17-13
Alabama	1-13	8-22

#### FIRST TEAM ALL-SEC

DeWanna Bonner, Auburn#  
**Sha Brooks, Florida**  
**Marshae Dotson, Florida**  
 Ashley Houts, Georgia  
 Allison Hightower, LSU  
 Shawn Goff, Ole Miss  
 Angie Bjorklund  
 Christina Wirth, Vanderbilt#

#### SECOND TEAM ALL-SEC

Whitney Boddie, Auburn  
 Sherell Hobbs, Auburn  
 Angel Robinson, Georgia  
 Victoria Dunlap, Kentucky  
 Marneshia Richard, Mississippi State  
 Demetress Adams, South Carolina  
 Vicki Baugh, Tennessee  
 Shekinna Stricklen, Tennessee  
 Jennifer Risper, Vanderbilt

**POY:** DeWanna Bonner

#-Unanimous Selection; Ties are not broken

### All-Time Teammates Who Have Surpassed the Career 1,000-Point Barrier in the SAME GAME

- \*Krystal Vaughn and Quanitra Hollingsworth of Virginia Commonwealth vs. Old Dominion on Jan. 14, 2008
- \*Rhvonja Smith and Sophia Witherspoon of Florida vs. Alabama-Huntsville on Dec. 13, 1990

(Research by Randy Peterson, Kansas State)