



2008-09 FLORIDA GATOR BASKETBALL

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SHA BROOKS

- enters the 2008-09 season having started 91 consecutive games and 94 overall
- has never missed a game in her career, appearing in all 95 entering the 2008-09 season
- became the 19th Gator to score 1,000 career points

EBONIE CRAWFORD

- aspires to become a forensic medical examiner and has witnessed three autopsies
- earned a spot on the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll
- one of three current Gators from the state of Georgia

KIM CRITTON

- squats a program-record 355 pounds
- during the summer of 2007, tied the Gator program record by leaping 28 inches in the no-step, standing vertical jump
- 2005 Tennessee Class A-AA High School state champion in the long jump (18-5) and ran on the winning 400- and 800-relay teams, while placing second in the triple jump (35-9)
- one of three current Gators from the state of Tennessee

MARSHAE DOTSON

- can bench press a team-best 185 pounds
- obsessed with buying shoes
- voted a First-Team All-SEC performer by the league's coaches last season
- fifth different Gator from the state of Ohio

ANEIKA HENRY

- can dunk a basketball but has yet to do it in a game
- had never played an organized sport - including basketball - until the ninth grade, when she was spotted in the halls of Coral Gables Senior High School by a coach, who taught her the game
- born in Westmoreland, Jamaica, where she lived for 11 years before her family moved to Florida

JORDAN JONES

- her uncle Ken Oberkfell played Major League Baseball from 1977-95 with St. Louis, Atlanta and

2008-09 GATOR STRENGTH & CONDITIONING, CATEGORY LEADERS

Standing, No-Step Vertical Jump: Kim Critton - 28 inches[^]

Bench Press: Marshae Dotson - 185 lbs

Squat: Kim Critton - 355 lbs[^]

Pull-ups: Lonnika Thompson - 21

Power Clean: Kim Critton - 175 lbs

Half-Court Sprint: Jennifer Mossor - 2.4 seconds

300-Yard Shuttle: Sha Brooks - 58-second average

Also worth noting: Aneika Henry's Standing, No-Step Vertical Jump is 26 inches, puffing her reach four inches above the rim

[^] program record under Strength Trainer Karin Werth

San Francisco, winning a World Series ring with the 1982 Cardinals; and currently coaches for the N.Y. Mets

- skipped a grade in elementary school
- a member of the 2006-07 Collins Hills HS team that won the high school national championship

TAILOR JONES

- a member of the Lake Mary HS team that won the 2006 FHSAA 6A State Championship
- was in a professional hair show in the 11th grade
- used to model
- comes from an extremely athletic lineage: her sister Morgan is a decorated prep basketball and volleyball star; her cousin Carly Gullickson currently is a professional tennis player on the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour; her uncle Tom Gullickson, is a 1977 Notre Dame graduate and was an offensive tackle on the 1974 Irish football team that ended its season with an Orange Bowl victory over Alabama; her uncle Bill Gullickson was a 14-year pitching veteran (1979-94) in both the American and National Leagues, winning 162 games in his career, including a personal-best 20 victories with the 1991 Detroit Tigers

TRUMAE LUCAS

- played in the 34th Annual North Carolina East-West All-Star Game on July 21, 2008, earning MVP honors after scoring a game-high 21 points and leading the West to the 78-73 win
- fourth different Gator from the state of North Carolina
- a member of the Grimsley High team that reached the 2007 North Carolina state championship game, earning MVP honors after scoring 33 points despite her team falling, 69-64

NDIDI MADU

- forced to seek a medical red-shirt during the 2007-08 season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her right knee during practice on Nov. 11, 2007
- earned a spot on the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll
- one of three current Gators from the state of Tennessee on the 2008-09 squad

JENNIFER MOSSOR

- one of five Gators on the 2008-09 roster from the state of Florida
- started nine games her freshman year
- verbally announced her intentions to sign a National Letter of Intent with UF during the summer entering her junior year in high school

STEFFI SORENSEN

- named 2006 Miss Florida Basketball, the fourth different time a future Gator has earned the honor in the award's 14th year (Tonya Washington in 1995 & 1996, Tashia Morehead in 2001)
- member of the Florida Gulf Coast University team that reached the NCAA Division II national championship game in 2006; team's second-leading scorer and one of only two players who started every game that season
- aspires to be a sports broadcaster and follow in the footsteps of ESPN reporter and UF graduate Erin Andrews

MEET THE COACHING STAFF

Amanda Butler & Susie Gardner both attended Mt. Juliet (Tenn.) High School and played their prep ball under coach Tommy Martin. Butler graduated from Mt. Juliet HS in 1990 and Gardner in 1982.

Susie Gardner was the head coach at Austin Peay University when she hired **Amanda Butler** as her assistant coach for the 1997-98 season. Butler worked under Gardner with the Lady Gobs through the 2000-01 campaign.

Amanda Butler (Florida), **Susie Gardner** (Georgia) and **David Lowery** (Mississippi State) received their respective undergraduate degrees from a Southeastern Conference school, where they also worked as an assistant coach.

Amanda Butler, Susie Gardner and Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick each have their master's degree.

Coach Mock auditioned for Dawson's Creek ... and got a call-back!

Coach Lowery was an undergraduate student manager and practice player for the Mississippi State women's basketball team, working out the likes of future WNBA first-overall draft pick LaToya Thomas during his tenure.

Coach Gardner took a stained glass class during the summer of 2008.

Coach Lowery participated in a three-day seminar during the 2008 summer offered through the Black Coaches Administration entitled, "Achieving Coaching Excellence" or "ACE." At the invitation-only event, Lowery received intense training that exposed the participants to life as a head coach and prepared them for all aspects of being the leader of a program, while helping them become the best assistant they can be.

SHARIELLE SMITH

- graduated in June of 2006 from The Pendleton School, a college prep-school located within the IMG Academy in Bradenton - one of the first to complete the basketball program at the academy known world-wide for its tennis and golf teachings
- spent her freshman and sophomore prep seasons at Southeast High School in Bradenton, where she was teammates with 2007-08 Gator senior Depree Bowden
- one of five Gators on the 2008-09 roster from the state of Florida

LONNIKA THOMPSON

- attended "Point Guard College" from Aug. 5-8, 2008 in Greenwood, S.C., where she participated in the "Think the Game" session
- has a twin brother, Lonnie
- her family was forced to evacuate New Orleans due to Hurricane Katrina and Thompson began her senior year at Jonesboro High School near Atlanta, Ga., before returning to McDonough 35 High to complete her studies and receive her diploma
- signed with UF in May of 2007 by Coach Butler

SUSAN YENSER

- has written and recorded two CDs of Christian rap songs
- continues the Yenser family's tradition of stellar athletes, as her mother, Becky, played softball at the University of Kentucky (1975-78), her father, Steve, played baseball at Northern Kentucky University (1979-81) and for the Montreal Expos (1981-84), her brother, Zach, played collegiate football at Troy University and her brother, Brett, continues his collegiate career on the gridiron at the University of West Georgia
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The 2007-08 squad, pictured during a day when they helped build a home with Habitat for Humanity-Women's Build, captured the coveted Life Skills Award, presented annually to the Gator team that volunteers the most hours helping in the community.

