

LONNIKA (uh-KNEE-kuh) THOMPSON IS A QUICK GUARD WHO MADE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT IN 2007-08, HER FIRST SEASON WITH THE GATORS ... OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HER INTENTIONS TO ATTEND UF ON MAY 16, 2007 UNDER HEAD COACH AMANDA BUTLER ... 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 MCDONOGH 35 HIGH TO COMPLETE HER STUDIES AND RECEIVE HER DEGREE.

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LONNIKA THOMPSON

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SOPHOMORE YEAR (2007-08)

Played in 32 of 33 games, earning 21 starting assignments, including the last six of the season ... averaged 16.1 minutes per game ... her 50 assists and 41 steals ranked fourth on the team ... hit 32.0 percent (16-50) from the three-point arc ... suffered a separated shoulder against Auburn (Feb. 7) and missed the game at Mississippi State (Feb. 10) as a result ... played just two minutes against Georgia (Feb. 14) and seven versus Arkansas (Feb. 17) in the next two contests following the injury ... ended a streak of three straight scoreless games at the end of the season with eight points against Tennessee (March 7) in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament ... scored a career-high nine points in the victory over Saint Louis (Dec. 22) ... credited with a career-high five assists against Alabama A&M (Dec. 29), after collecting a career-high six rebounds in a win over Holy Cross (Dec. 28).

FRESHMAN YEAR (2006-07)

An academic qualifier out of high school, Thompson's unusual circumstances during her final high school season due to Hurricane Katrina led her to Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, where she was recruited to replace Shannon Bobbitt, who left and became the starting point guard for Tennessee's 2007 and 2008 national championship teams ... Thompson spent one season with the Lady Cards, helping TVCC win its sixth consecutive Region XIV Conference championship ... earned a spot on the 2007 Women's All-Region XIV and All-Conference teams after averaging 12 points and 6.2 assists per game and helping TVCC to a 24-7 record, including a 15-3 mark in conference play ... despite being hampered with an ankle injury, still managed seven points along with eight assists in TVCC's final game, a 63-60 loss to Blinn College in the regional semifinal.

HIGH SCHOOL

Graduated from McDonogh 35 High School in 2006 after helping the Roneagles basketball team to the Louisiana state 5A championship game her senior year ... collected 2005 class 5A All-State First-team honors ... her prep career, however, was anything but usual, as Thompson and her family were forced to evacuate New Orleans due to Hurricane Katrina and she began her senior year at Jonesboro High School near Atlanta, Ga. ... played for the Lady Cardinals hoops team until she was able to return home to New Orleans in February of 2006 to complete her prep playing career and earn her diploma from McDonogh 35, where she also played her sophomore and junior years.



"Lonnika is in the best shape of her life and is playing with more confidence. Extremely coachable, she always tries to do to whatever we ask of her to the best of her ability. She took the initiative to spend a week in August at a point-guard camp to make herself and our team even better."

— HEAD COACH AMANDA BUTLER

LONNIKA THOMPSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	Min	Avg	Total		3-Point		FT-FTA	Pct	Off-Def	Rebounds		PF-FO	Ast	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	FG-FGA	Pct				Tot	Avg							
2007-08	32-21	516	16.1	37-142	.261	16-50	.320	12-18	.667	13-35	48	1.5	43-0	50	66	0	41	102	3.2
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LONNIKA THOMPSON

ON THE COURT:

One aspect of my game that will be BETTER than last year: Being more of a leader on the court.

My best move on the court: In and out.

The best player I've played with: Whitney Jones

The best player I've played against: Candace Parker

MY FAVORITE...

Song: "Sky's the Limit" by Lil' Wayne

Singers: Lyfe Jennings and Lil' Wayne

Professional sports teams: L.A. Sparks, New Orleans Hornets and L.A. Lakers

Professional athletes: Sheryl Swoopes, Kobe Bryant, Michael Jordan and Chris Paul

Pre-game ritual: I listen to a Lil' Wayne song before I go on the court.

Ice cream flavor: Cookies & Cream

Dessert: Ice cream and cookies

Breakfast food(s): Pancakes and eggs

Meal or food: Pasta

Snack: Gummy Bears and Freezer Pops

Pizza topping: Sausage

Book: Beloved

Actors: Will Smith and Martin Lawrence

Actresses: Gabrielle Union and Sanaa Lathan

TV show that no longer airs: Beverly Hills 90210

TV show that currently airs: Tyler Perry's House of Payne

Video game: Pac-Man

Movie that has been made in the last few years: Enough

Movie of all-time: Love & Basketball

Vacation spot: Atlanta, Ga.

I AM MOST LIKE...

Which super hero: Superman

Which cartoon character: Dora the Explorer

Which professional sports athlete on the court: Allen Iverson

People would be surprised to know that I: am a twin to a boy.

The BIGGEST surprise I've ever experienced was: my freshman year of college when I had a game on the weekend of my birthday and my mom, dad, brother and three of my friends drove to Florida to come spend my birthday with me the whole weekend.

The best thing about attending UF: is having our own practice court.

Describe the Basketball Complex: Great.

Describe Coach Butler: Funny and cool.

LONNIKA THOMPSON'S GAME-HIGHS

2007-08 Season & Career Highs

Pts	9 vs. St. Louis, 12/22/07
Rbs	6 vs. Holy Cross, 12/28/07
Ast	5 vs. Ala.A&M, 12/28/07
Stl	6 at Nebraska, 11/17/07
Blk	0
Min	31 at Louisville, 12/2/07
FG	4 vs. Tennessee, 3/7/08
FGA	11-2x last vs. FGCU, 3/24/08
3FG	2-2x last vs. St. Louis, 12/22/07
3FGA	3-6x last vs. FGCU, 3/24/08
FT	3 vs. St. Louis, 12/22/07
FTA	4 vs. St. Louis, 12/22/07
Dbl Fig Scoring Games: 0 in 2007-08 & in UF Career	