

# 3 NCAA Championships • 12 SEC Championships • 9 with 20 NCAA Individual Titles

### **MEET INFORMATION**

Date:
Site:
Television:
Video:
Live Stats:
Tickets:
Series History
(all-time):

Friday, Jan. 8 / 8 p.m. ET Auburn Arena (7,424) None SEC Network + <u>FloridaGators.com</u> Contact AU Ticket Office: (855) 282-2010 Florida leads 79-11. Last meeting: UF won at Auburn 197.875 – 194.75 (Feb. 14, 2020).

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

### Florida's Top 12 Season Opening Scores:

Date	UF Score	Meet	Site
1/10/20	197.350	Arkansas	Н
1/11/19	197.300	Missouri	Н
1/11/08	197.125	Illinois-Chicago	Н
1/8/17	197.100	North Carolina State	А
1/11/15	196.925	Ball State	А
1/7/11	196.925	Nebraska	Н
1/8/16	196.825	Texas Woman's U	А
1/11/14	196.650	UCLA	А
1/4/13	196.575	Ball State	Н
1/11/03	196.575	Super Six Challenge	А
1/5/07	196.55	Super Six Challenge	А
1/9/09	196.50	Oklahoma	Н

# MEET 1



Head Coach: Jenny Rowland Career: 65-12 / starting sixth season At UF: same 2021: 0-0 / 0-0 SEC

#### No. 14 Auburn Head Coach: Jeff Graba Career: 102-136-2 / starting 11<sup>th</sup> season At AU: same 2021: 0-0 / 0-0 SEC



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### What's Happening?

2021 action for preseason No. 1 Gators begins Friday at No.14 Auburn. In 2021, each Southeastern Conference gymnastics team competes in eight dual meets – all versus league opponents – over a 10-week span. There is a home-away meeting with one SEC opponent for each program. The first of those double meetings for each league team is Friday, with Missouri at Georgia, Arkansas at LSU and Kentucky at Alabama. This Friday's UF at AU meet does not count toward SEC regular-season standings.

This is the eighth time since all SEC teams began meeting in regular-season action in 1992 that Florida opens league action with Auburn (at AU in 2016, 2014, 1992; home dual in 2015, 2009, 1995, 1993). Of those seven previous SEC openers versus Auburn, Florida took the win in all but the 1993 meeting.

In the 2020 pandemic shortened season, Florida claimed its second consecutive SEC regular-season title. Florida's 7-0 SEC record was its first undefeated record since all league teams began meeting in regularseason action for the 1992 season. Florida ended the season with a 10-0 record and No. 2 in the final national rankings.

In 2020, **Trinity Thomas** became the fifth Gator named the SEC Gymnast of the Year. Of the three to earn the maximum of five All-America honors in 2020 Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) regular-season awards, Thomas is the only returner for 2021 season. All-America honors were claimed by three other Gators in 2020 – **Alyssa Baumann** (beam, floor), **Rachel Gowey** (beam) and **Savannah Schoenherr** (bars).

Auburn returns three who claimed 2020 postseason honors. Drew Watson (vault) and Derrian Gobourne (bars) earned 2020 All-SEC and All-America honors and Cassie Stevens appeared on the SEC All-Freshman team. The Tigers tied for fourth in 2020 SEC regular-season standings with a 3-4 record and posted a 7-7 overall record before the pandemic ended the 2020 season.

Florida Head Coach **Jenny Rowland** is in her sixth season with the Gators in 2021. Rowland swept all 2020 coaching honors, as she was named WCGA National, Region 5 and SEC Coach of the Year. In her first five seasons, the Gators won the 2016 SEC Championship and the 2019 & 2020 SEC regular-season titles. The team reached the NCAA team final in her first three season, finishing fourth (2016) and third (2017 & 2018). Eleven Gators collected 40 All-America honors in NCAA competition under Rowland, including winning seven NCAA event titles (**Bridget Sloan**: 2016 all-around, uneven bars, balance beam; **Alex McMurtry**: 2017 all-around, uneven bars; 2018 vault; **Alicia Boren**: 2019 floor exercise).

UF returns four with 18 All-America honors - Alyssa Baumann, Savannah Schoenherr, Megan Skaggs and Trinity Thomas. From the final regular SEC meet of 2020 (at Georgia), UF returns 17 routines.

Four freshmen join the Gators in 2021. **Chloi Clark** (Denver, Colo.), **Gabrielle Gallentine** (Iron Station, N.C.) and **Ellie Lazzari** (Wheaton, III.) all competed at Junior Olympics Level 10 National Championships. Lazzari won 2019 J.O. Junior F all-around, beam and floor titles. Gallentine took third in 2017 J.O. Junior B all-around and Clark tied for fourth in 2019 J.O. Senior B vault competition. Both Gallentine and Lazzari competed as Junior International Elites. **Alex Magee** was third on bars and fourth in both all-around and floor in 2019 Florida L10 State Championships.

### MEET COACH ROWLAND



Jenny Rowland, one of the nation's rising coaching talents, is in her sixth season as University of Florida's head gymnastics coach. Rowland is the seventh head coach for the Gator program, which is in its 49<sup>th</sup> season in 2021.

Rowland swept 2020 coaching awards – Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) National, Region 5 and Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year. She also shared the 2016 SEC Coach of the Year honor with Arkansas' Mark Cook.

Rowland's experiences from the sport's highest level are the same as many current Gators. She is a former U.S. National Team member, a collegiate All-American and was named a 2015 National Collegiate Assistant of the Year.

Rowland is a Category 3 International Brevet level judge. She served on the judging panel for the 2008, 2012 and 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials.

In the fall of 2019, Rowland was appointed to the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee. Her term runs through the 2023 season.

#### **Rowland's Coaching Career:**

#### At Florida:

Florida reached the NCAA Super Six team final in each of Rowland's first three seasons with the Gators, taking fourth in 2016 and third in 2017 & 2018. Rowland swept all coaching awards in 2020 (national, region & SEC) after the Gators finished at No. 2 with a 10-0 record in the pandemic shortened season. She claimed her first SEC Coach of the Year honor in 2016 when the Gators won the SEC Championship meet. Florida won the last two SEC regularseason titles – 2019 (6-1 record) and 2020 (7-0).

Gators won NCAA individual event titles in each of the last four NCAA Championships. Bridget Sloan won the 2016 NCAA allaround and shared that season's uneven bars and balance beam titles. Alex McMurtry won the 2017 NCAA all-around champion and shared that season's uneven bars crown. She finished her career by claiming a share of the 2018 vault title. In 2019, Alicia Boren claimed a share of the NCAA floor title. The Honda Award for gymnastics went to Sloan (2016) and McMurtry (2017), distinguishing them as the nation's top collegiate gymnast. McMurtry was part of a rare double in 2017 and 2018, claiming both the SEC Gymnast (2017)/SEC Event Specialist (2018) and the SEC Gymnast of the Year award.

In WCGA All-America regular-season awards, 12 Gators earned 50 honors since 2016.

#### At Auburn:

Rowland came to Florida after spending five seasons at Auburn. She joined the Auburn coaching staff as an assistant coach in October of 2010 and was elevated to associate head coach in March of 2013. Rowland worked with all aspects of the Auburn gymnastics program, coordinating all of the program's community outreach efforts and interactions on campus as well as playing an integral role in recruiting and in-gym activities.

She was named co-National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2015 after helping Auburn reach the NCAA Super Six for the first time in 22 years.

Coaching Career Start in Sooner State:

Rowland coached Elite gymnasts at Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy in Norman, Okla., for five years and then joined the Oklahoma coaching staff in June of 2001. At OU, she helped coach the Sooners to the 2004 Big XIII title, three-time team NCAA qualifiers (2004-06) and three Big XIII Gymnasts of the Year.

#### As a Gymnast:

During her gymnastics career, Rowland was a USA National Team member from 1985-1990 and was part of the U.S.'s 1989 World Championships team. During her collegiate career, she earned All-America honors for the uneven bars in 1993 for Arizona State.

After retiring from competition, she returned to her home state, enrolling at the University of Oklahoma to finish her degree.

### 2021 GATOR GYMNASTICS ROSTER

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Volunteer Coach: Jerem	AA     4-11     JR     Ann Arbor, Mich. (Gym America)       AA     5-2     FR     Denver, Colo. (Colorado Gymnastics Inst.       g     AA     5-2     SR     Bayville, N.J. (MG Elite)       nnine     AA     5-0     FR     Iron Station, N.C. (Everest Gymnastics)       on-Scharpf     V, BB,     4-11     JR     Clermont, Fla. (Brandy Johnson's Global Gymnastics)       AA     5-0     FR     Wheaton, III. (Legacy Elite Gymnastics)       AA     5-0     FR     Wheaton, III. (Legacy Elite Gymnastics)       AA     5-3     JR     Landover, Md. (Capital Gymnastics)       ds     AA     5-3     JR     Columbus, Ga. (Georgia Elite)       s     AA     5-3     SR     Marietta, Ga. (Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta)       AA     5-2     JR     Tampa, Fla. (LaFleur's Gymnastics)       s     AA     5-3     JR     York, Pa. (Prestige Gymnastics)       s     AA     5-3     JR     York, Pa. (Prestige Gymnastics)					
Athletic Trainer: Janet T		elei	Ellie LAZZARI – La-zar-ee			
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:				Payton Richards - Peyton Savannah SCHOENHERR – Shane-hair Halley Taylor – hAE-lee (rhymes with valley)		
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Returning All-Ame Alyssa Baumann				am; 2018 – beam, floor		
Savannah	2020 – bars;	2019 vau	IIt (NCA	A)		
Schoenherr						
Megan Skaggs	2019 bars					
Trinity Thomas	2020 – all-around, vault, bars, beam, floor; 2019 all-around, bars, floor (NCAA & regular season), beam					
Returning All-SEC	Eour					
Alyssa Baumann	•					
Savannah Schoenherr	2020 bars					
Megan Skaggs	2019 beam@	D				
Trinity Thomas	2019 beaning 2020 all-around, bars, beam, floor 2019 vault@, floor @-SEC champion					

### ANOTHER GATOR TEAM MEMBER

The Gator gymnastics team welcomes back **Bailey Warner**. The team adopted Bailey on Oct. 13, 2017 and supported the now 11-year old as she underwent juvenile pilocytic astrocytoma glioma treatment at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She rang the bell in Shands Pediatric Ward on May 23, 2018 to signal the successful end to her chemotherapy treatments.

The team met <u>Bailey</u> through the <u>Friends of Jaclyn</u> organization. Bailey has a locker, participated in the team's SEC Network and video board shoots and stops by for a Gator practice as often as she can. Bailey is the fifth Friends of Jaclyn child currently part of a Gator team.

<u>Brooke Dunn</u> – soccer (age 9) <u>Hartley Georges</u> – softball (age 10) <u>Sophia Murrilo</u> – volleyball (age 4) <u>Jada Turner</u> – lacrosse (age 11)

<u>The Gator men's golf team adopted Theo Kelly, age 7</u>, in spring of 2019 through the Team IMPACT and Golf Fights Cancer organizations.

# **ABOUT THE GATORS:**

Location: Gainesville, Fla. President: Dr. W. Kent Fuchs Athletics Director: Scott Stricklin Senior Women's Administrator: Lynda Tealer Associate Athletics Director (GYM admin): Kim Green Conference: Southeastern Enrollment: 57,806 Nickname: Gators Colors: Orange & Blue

#### **UF GYMNASTICS QUICK FACTS:**

2020 Record: 10-0, SEC 7-0 (1st)

#### COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Jenny Rowland Career & School Record/Years: 65-12 - regular season (beginning sixth season / same); 105-23 - all meetings Assistant Coaches: Adrian Burde, Owen Field Volunteer Coach: Jeremy Miranda

#### **RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS:**

4 with 18 honors • Alyssa Baumann – 5x 2020 beam^, floor^ 2019 beam^ 2018 beam^, floor\*

 Megan Skaggs – 1x 2019 beam^

 Savannah Schoenherr – 2x 2020 bars^ 2019 vault\*

• Trinity Thomas – 10x 2020 all-around^, vault^, bars^, beam^, floor^ 2019 all-around^, bars^, floor^\*, beam^

WCGA Regular Season All-America \*NCAA All-America

# Project Gator Leo

Using terminology familiar to fans of Bravo Network's "Project Runway", the Gators are "In." Team members designed three of the leotards the Gators will wear this season.

### 2020 NOTABLES

- Florida completed the pandemic shortened season at 10-0 and ranked No. 2 in the final Road to Nationals standings.
- Won its second consecutive Southeastern Conference regular season title (7-0). First undefeated SEC record for UF since every league team started meeting in regular-season action in 1992.
- Four earned nine All-America honors in Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) regular-season awards.
- WCGA National Coach of the Year claimed by Jenny Rowland
- Two of top SEC honors went to Gators: SEC Gymnast of Year: Trinity Thomas SEC Coach of Year: Jenny Rowland
- WCGA Region 5 awards sweep for Gators -Gymnast of the Year (Trinity Thomas - second consecutive), Coach (Jenny Rowland) and Assistant Coaches (Adrian Burde and Owen Field - third straight).
- Trinity Thomas is nation's only gymnast with 10.0 in three events in 2020 - uneven bars, balance beam (twice) and floor exercise.
- Florida was one of six programs with a pair of gymnasts earning 10.0s in 2020 as senior Rachel Gowey posted a perfect mark on balance beam.
- Finished season with top-three national qualifying averages (NQS) for every event: No. 1 beam (49.625), No. 2 overall (197.940) and floor (49.55), No. 3 vault (49.390) and bars (49.425)
- Finished the season ranked fifth in the nation among gymnastics programs and No. 11 among all 2019-20 NCAA Division I Women's sports after setting school-record attendance average for third consecutive year (8,662).
- Only 2020 league gymnastics team with every member earning Southeastern Conference Academic Honors. A program record 13 Gators earned Academic All-SEC honors. UF's lone freshman (Payton Richards) earned SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll status.
- Recorded team cumulative GPA of 3.60 in fall • 2019 and 3.72 in spring for 3.62 cumulative GPA

# **UF VS AUBURN HISTORY**

UF	<b>v</b> 3	AUD	UKN	пэ		Ŭ.
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			W/L	A In	Florida	Mania
2020	Aubu		W/L	Auburn 194.75	197.875	Margin 3.125
2020	Away Home		Ŵ	194.75	197.875	1.150
2015	SEC	uuui	Ŵ	196.375	197.75	1.375
2018	Away	dual	Ŵ	197	197.4	0.400
	SEC		Ŵ	195.65	196.825	1.175
2017	Home	dual	W	196.4	197.7	1.300
	SEC		W	196.55	197.825	1.275
2016	Away	dual	W	195.9	197.075	1.175
	SEC		W	196.975	197.775	0.800
	NCAA	(Team)	W	195.1	197.475	2.375
2015	Home	dual	W	195.65	197.2	1.550
	SEC		W	196.925	197.4	0.475
		(Super 6)	W	195.625	197.85	2.225
2014	Away	dual	W	196.225	197.075	0.850
2012	SEC	امتنام	W	195.55	197.7 197.65	2.150
2013	Home SEC	uuai	Ŵ	196.025 196.55	197.05	1.625 1.450
		G'ville Regio		196.7	198.4	1.700
2012	Away		W	196.875	197.5	0.625
2012	SEC	ddai	Ŵ	194.1	197.15	3.050
2011	Home	dual	Ŵ	194.95	196.85	1.900
	SEC		W	195.325	196.975	1.650
2010	Away	dual	W	195.7	196.8	1.100
	SEC		W	195.575	197.05	1.475
		NC Regiona		194.925	197.675	2.750
2009	SEC		W	196.35	196.75	0.400
	Home	dual	W	196.25	196.5	0.250
2008	SEC		W	196.1	197.325	1.225
0007	Away		W	194.75	195.25	0.500
2007	Home	dual	W	195.625	197.65	2.025
2006	SEC	dual	W W	194.475 195.725	197.325 196	2.850
2000	Away SEC	uuai	Ŵ	194.975	196.275	0.275 1.300
2005	Home	dual	Ŵ	194.575	196.525	2.525
2000	SEC	addi	Ŵ	195.125	196.150	1.025
2004	Away	dual	Ľ	197	196.9	-0.100
	SEC		Ŵ	195.925	197.225	1.300
2003	Home	dual	W	194.7	196.9	2.200
	SEC		W	195.025	195.95	0.925
	NCAA	<i>۱</i>	W	193.525	196.325	2.800
2002	Away	dual	L	195.35	195.3	-0.050
	SEC		W	194.325	196.425	2.100
2001	Home	Tri	W	189.925	196.225	6.300
	SEC		W	194.500	196.375	1.875
2000	Away	dual	W	192.750	193.675	0.925
1000	SEC	T.:	W	192.500	195.775	3.275
1999	Home SEC	10	W	190.625 194.000	195.725 195.875	5.100 1.875
1998	Away	Dual	Ŵ	194.000	195.200	2.475
1000	SEC	Duui	Ŵ	192.425	196.725	4.300
1997		Quad	Ŵ	191.075	194.825	3.750
	SEC		Ŵ	192.550	196.050	3.500
1996	Away	Dual	W	194.400	196.200	1.800
	SEC		W	191.150	195.650	4.500
1995	Home	Tri	W	187.200	193.725	6.525
	SEC		W	190.675	195.650	4.975
1994	Away		W	190.350	193.650	3.300
	SEC		W	192.700	194.125	1.425
1993	Home		L	191.300	191.250	-0.050
	SEC		L	193.200	192.100	-1.100
1000	NCAA	1	L W	194.725	192.950	-1.775
1992	Away SEC		L	191.600 191.350	191.650 189.600	0.050 -1.750
1991	Home	Tri	Ŵ	190.200	191.450	1.250
1551	SEC		Ŵ	189.250	191.300	2.050
	NCAA		Ŵ	187.650	189.700	2.050
1990	Away		Ĺ	186.950	185.600	-1.350
	SEC		L	188.150	188.000	-0.150
1989	Home	Dual	W	181.900	189.850	7.950
	SEC		W	185.050	191.500	6.450
1988	Away		W	183.550	185.350	1.800
	SEC		W	183.200	188.850	5.650
1987	Home		W	179.450	183.900	4.450
	SEC		W	181.400	185.650	4.250
1986	SEC		W	171.400	184.100	12.700
1985	SEC	<b>T</b> .:	W	158.900	185.650	26.750
1984	Home	10	W	159.500	182.950	23.450
1983	SEC		W W	161.550	184.150 175.350	22.600 13.750
1983	Away Home		W	161.600 121.850	175.350	13.750
1002	SEC		W	121.050	145.600	10.650
1981	Away		Ŵ	129.250	138.050	8.800
	SEC		Ŵ	125.450	139.900	14.450
1979	Home		Ľ	116.600	116.350	-0.250
	Away		L	120.150	115.250	-4.900
1978	Away		W	123.750	129.500	5.750
	Away		L	133.700	132.650	-1.050
1977	Away		W	106.000	125.900	19.900
1976	Away		W	72.200	92.400	19.32
1975	Away		W	78.750	86.200	8.45

# **FLORIDA QUICK HITS**

► Florida opened at No. 1 on the 2021 Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) preseason poll. This is the third time UF opened a season at No. 1 (2014, 2015), Florida's been among the nation's preseason top five every season since 2007.

► Florida returns four gymnasts with 18 All-America honors – Alyssa Baumann, Megan Skaggs, Savannah Schoenherr and Trinity Thomas.

► Five Gators have been a part of U.S. national teams. Juniors Trinity Thomas (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20) and Sydney Johnson-Scharpf (2015-16) join seniors Alyssa Baumann (2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15) and Megan Skaggs (2014-15) as past U.S. Senior National Team members. Another senior, Jazmyn Foberg, was a two-time U.S. Junior National Team member (2015-16, 2014-15).

# 50+ EVENT WINS FOR TRINITY THOMAS

Junior **Trinity Thomas** is the 12<sup>th</sup> Gator with 50 or more career event titles. Her 54 event wins is No. 10 for the Gator program.

She is the third on Florida's 50 Wins Chart to land on the list as a sophomore, joining Elfi Schlegel / 60 wins and Bridget Sloan / 56.

#### Gators with 50 or More Career Event Titles

Name	FR	SOPH	JR	SR	Total
Bridget Sloan (2013-16)	22	34	12	27	95
Elfi Schlegel (1983-86)	36	24	18	14	92
Melissa Miller (1986-89)	13	17	38	18	86
Kytra Hunter (2012-15)	21	18	20	24	83
Kristen Guise (1993-96)	1	20	24	33	78
Alex McMurtry (2015-18)	8	16	24	27	75
Ashanée Dickerson (2010-13)	24	23	13	10	70
Ann Woods (1980-82)		23	24	23	70
Corey Hartung (2006-09)	15	12	21	10	58
Trinity Thomas (2019-present)	26	28			54
Chrissy Van Fleet (1997-00)	6	10	18	19	53
Alicia Boren (2016-19)	7	13	15	17	52



Did You Know...

Every Gator gymnast has a "Gator Chomp" choreographed into her floor exercise routine.

All-American Colleen Johnson was the first to "chomp" in her 1994 floor routine. It has been a part of all Gator floor routines since 1995.

# 2021 GATOR GYMNASTICS

SC	IEDULE	
Date	Opponent (Television)	Result or Time (ET)
1/8	Auburn (SEC Network +)	8 p.m.
1/15	Georgia (ESPN2 -TD 1/17 at 6:30 pm)	6:45 p.m.
1/22	Arkansas	8 p.m.
1/29	Missouri (SEC Network)	6:45 p.m.
2/12	LSU (SEC Network)	7:30 p.m.
2/19	Gators Link to Pink vs Kentucky (SEC	6:45 p.m.
	Network)	
2/26	Auburn (SEC Network)	8:15 p.m.
3/5	Alabama (SEC Network)	8:30 p.m.
3/20	SEC Championships (Duluth,	
	Session I (Seeds 5-8) (SEC Network)	3:30 p.m.
	Session II (Seeds 1-4) (SEC Network)	8 p.m.
	NCAA Regional Championships	
4/1	Regional First Round	TBA
4/2	Regional Semifinal	TBA
4/3	Regional Final	TBA
	Regional sites: Missouri, New Hampshire,	
	Utah, West Virginia	
4/40	NCAA Championships (Fort Worth, Texas)	4
4/16	NCAA Team Semifinal I	1 p.m.
4/16	NCAA Team Semifinal II	6 p.m.
4/17	NCAA Team Final	3:30 p.m.

Bold denotes home meets

# THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

- UF gymnast won an all-around title: Trinity Thomas (3-7-20) 39.525
- Gator freshman won an all-around title: Trinity Thomas (4-6-19) 39.575
- UF gymnasts swept top 3 event finishers at a meet: 3-7-20 UF swept vault, bars, floor
- Gator gymnast swept meet event titles: Alex McMurtry claimed at least a share of the five event titles versus Nebraska on March 9, 2018
- UF gymnast earned a 10.0: Rachel Gowey (beam) and Trinity Thomas (floor) at Penn State 3-7-20
- Last home loss: Feb. 22, 2019 vs UGA (197.45 197.375)
  - UF counted a fall toward its team total: Vault: Feb. 28, 2009 at Georgia (48.625) Bars: Jan. 8, 2010 at Oklahoma (48.175) Beam: April 6, 2019 at NCAA Corvallis Regional Final (48.475) Floor: March 2, 2018 at Missouri (48.80)
- UF was 24 for 24 for routines in a meet: Feb. 28, 2020 at Georgia
- Florida did not have an all-arounder in its lineup: Feb. 22, 2013 versus Kentucky
- Florida won a regular-season meet after a third-rotation deficit: Road: 1-18-19 – at No. 5 LSU (-0.05 deficit for 0.075 win) Home: 1-24-14 – vs No. 6 Georgia (-0.075 deficit for 1.35 win)

# **Gator Gymnastics Meet Notes**

### **2021 WCGA PRESEASON RANKINGS**

Rank	Team	Points	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Votes	Date w/ Florida
1	Florida	1,167	16	
2	Oklahoma	1,152	16	
3	LSU	1,076		Feb. 12 - away
4	Utah	1,073		
5	Michigan	1,060	1	
6	Alabama	944		March 5 - away
7	UCLA	943		
8	California	919		
9	Denver	919	1	
10	Georgia	847		Jan. 15 - home
11	Minnesota	834		
12	Kentucky	773		Feb. 19 - home
13	Oregon State	746		
14	Auburn	707		Jan. 8 – away Feb. 26 - home
15	Arkansas	678		Jan. 22 – away
16	Missouri	638		Jan. 29 – home
17	BYU	628		
18	Iowa State	573		
19	Washington	572		
20	Nebraska	569		
21	Arizona State	565		
22	Illinois	428		
23	Southern Utah	426		
24	Arizona	378		
25	lowa	372		

#### Schedule Notes:

 Florida has started every season since 2007 ranked in the preseason top-five: (2007: 3rd; 2008: 2nd; 2009: 3rd; 2010: 4th; 2011: 3rd; 2012: 3rd, 2013: 3rd; 2014: 1st, 2015: 1st, 2016: 2nd, 2017: 5th; 2018: 2<sup>nd</sup>; 2019: 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2020: 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2021: 1<sup>st</sup>).

# 2021 GATOR FLOOR TITLES

NAME	Music
Alyssa Baumann	Rumble, The Legend Begins and This is My World by
-	Zayde Wolf
Leah Clapper	One Time by Marian Hill, Turn It Up by Tobu and How
	You Like That by Blackpink
Chloi Clark	Alone and Contrast by Jordan Comolli
Jazmyn Foberg	Remember, Afterhours, Medusa Dayz and Say Yeah by TroyBoi
Gabrielle	Kaolo and Assets by Yellow Claw and Epic (Garmiani
Gallentine	Remix) by Sandro Silva & Quintino
Sydney Johnson-	The King, Nightmare and 7th Element by Timmy Trumpet
Scharpf	& Vitas
Ellie Lazzari	Lord & Master and Behind My Eyes by Apashe
Nya Reed	Tomboy by Princess Nokia, Captain Hook by Megan
	Thee Stallion, Chun-Li by Nicki Minaj
Alex Magee	No Twerk (feat. Panther & Odalisk) by Apashe
Payton Richards	Highway to Hell and Back in Black by AC/DC, Won't
	Back Down and Runnin' on a Dream by Tom Petty
Savannah	Such a *#%^& by JVLA, Für Elise (Klutch Dubstep Trap
Schoenherr	Remix) by Beethoven, Chain Hang Low (Crizzly & AFK
	Remix) by Jibbs
Megan Skaggs	Ella by Wooly Mammoth
Halley Taylor	Survivor (original Destiny's Child cover) by 2WEI
Trinity Thomas	Voices (feat. SOPHIE & Kučka) by Flume,
	Abusademente by MC Gustta e MC DC, My Neck My
	Back (Zooey Remix) by Khia, WOO by Ape Drums

# ADDITIONS FOR 2022 SEASON

Four will join the team for the 2022 season:

#### Sloane Blakely - Frisco, Texas

- Competed at 2019 and 2018 U.S. Gymnastics Championships [2019 floor, beam] [2018 beam, floor
- <u>2019 American Classic beam champion second in vault</u> and fifth on floor
- Member of U.S. winning team at 2019 Gymnix International in Montreal, Canada. <u>Third in all-around and second in both</u> <u>beam and floor</u>.
- Fourth on <u>beam</u> and seventh in all-around at 2018 GK U.S. Classic

#### Morgan Hurd - Middletown, Del. @morgihurd

- 2017 World Championships' all-around champion; silveron balance beam
- Silver medalist on uneven bars at 2019 U.S. Championships
- All-around champion at 2019 Tokyo World Cup in Tokyo, Japan
- Part of U.S.'s gold medal team at 2019 Pan American Games
- Gold medalist with 2018 U.S. World Championships team; also claimed floor exercise silver and all-around bronze
- Silver in all-around and uneven bars at 2018 U.S. Championships; bronze in floor competition
- 2018 American Cup champion
- Member of 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 U.S. Senior National Team; part of 2016-17 U.S. Junior National Team
- Member of First State Gymnastics in Newark, Del., and coached by Slava Glazounov

#### <u>Riley McCusker</u> – Brielle, N.J. @mccusker\_riley

- Gold medalist with 2018 U.S. World Championships team
- Team and uneven bars gold medalist at 2019 Pan American Games; also claimed silver in all-around and balance beam bronze
- 2019 Birmingham World Cup all-around silver medalist
- 2018 U.S. uneven bars silver medalist; bronze for allaround and balance beam
- 2017 U.S. uneven bars champion; silver for beam and bronze in all-around competition
- Gold for all-around, balance beam and U.S. team at 2017 Jesolo Trophy in Jesolo, Italy; uneven bars silver medalist
- Member of 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 U.S.
- Senior National Team; part of 2016-17 U.S. Junior National Team
- Member of MG Elite in Morganville, NJ., and coached by Maggie Haney and Victoria Levine

#### Leanne Wong - Overland Park, Kansas

- Member of <u>2019-20 and 2018-19 U.S. Senior National</u> teams and <u>2018-19 and 2017-18 U.S. Junior National</u> teams.
- <u>2019 U.S. Championships balance beam</u> bronze medalist – also fifth in all-around and <u>uneven bars</u>
- Member of U.S.'s 2019 Pan American Games gold medal team and uneven bars silver medalist
- Fourth in <u>2019 GK U.S. Classic balance beam</u> also fifth in all-around and <u>floor exercise</u> and eighth on <u>bars</u>
- Won 2019 American Cup all-around, <u>vault</u> and <u>beam</u> plus second on <u>floor</u> in senior level debut

# **Gator Gymnastics Meet Notes**

### WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2021?

#### All-Around

Florida returns two who competed all-around at some point of the 2020 season - junior Trinity Thomas and sophomore Payton Richards.

Thomas is the nation's top returning all-around, finishing 2020 ranked No. 2 with a national gualifying score of 39.75. The 2020 Southeastern Conference and Region V Gymnast of the Year, Thomas won eight allarounds in 2020 and equaled Florida's record total of 39.825 to take win at Georgia.

Richards made five consecutive all-around appearances as a freshman in 2020, twice posting her collegiate-best of 39.50.

Two seniors could see all-around action in 2021. Megan Skaggs competed as an all-arounder in Florida's final four meets of 2019, posting a collegiate best 39.55 in the regular-season finale. Alyssa Baumann has been training uneven bars and could add that apparatus to her repertoire to make her an all-arounder in her final UF season.

Of the freshmen, Ellie Lazzari is most likely of the four to compete as an all-arounder. She won the 2019 Junior Olympics Junior F all-around, balance beam and floor exercise titles.

Gator returning all-arounders from 2020:

Name	Richards	Thomas
2020 Best	39.50	39.825

#### Vault:

Vault progressed from No. 7 in the first rankings to No. 3 in the final standings of 2020. UF's season high of 49.475 was set at Kentucky.

Five return from Florida's 2020 vaulting lineup, claiming five vault wins: Nya Reed (Jan. 10 & 17), Payton Richards (Jan. 21 & Feb. 14) and Trinity Thomas (Feb. 28).

Six Gators (Alyssa Baumann, Ellie Lazzari, Reed, Richards, Savannah Schoenherr, Thomas) can perform a Yurchenko one and half (10.0 start value).

Gator returners who were part of four or more 2020 vault lineups:

2020 9.85 9.90 9.95 9.90 9.90 9.95 Best	Name 2020 Best	<b>Baumann</b> 9.85	<b>Reed</b> 9.90	Richards 9.95	Schoenherr 9.90		<b>Thomas</b> 9.95
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#### Bars:

Florida finished 2020 No. 3 on the regular-season bars rankings. The Gators' season-best bars total (49.65) came versus LSU.

Trinity Thomas earned regular-season first-team All-America honors and won six bars titles in 2020, earning her first collegiate 10.0 on the event versus LSU.

Junior Savannah Schoenherr joined Thomas to earn 2020 WCGA All-America bars honors.

Newcomers Gabrielle Gallentine and Ellie Lazzari look to be a part of the bars lineup. Bars is Gallentine's signature event, leaving an impression with the judges with her double-double dismount. Lazzari was 2019 J.O. Junior 5 bars runner-up.

Gator returners with four or more bar lineup appearances in 2020:

Name	Richards	Schoenherr	Skaggs	Thomas
2020 Best	9.85	9.975	9.90	10.0

#### Beam:

Florida finished 2020 No. 1 on the regular-season beam rankings. The Gators' season-best beam total (49.675 - twice) shares the UF record.

Two 2020 beam All-Americans return - Baumann and Thomas. In backto-back meets, Thomas earned beam 10.0s, finishing the season sharing No. 2 on the event. Three Gators collected seven beam wins in 2020 - Baumann (Feb. 28), Leah Clapper (Feb. 21) and Thomas (Jan. 10, 17, 31; Feb. 7, 14).

Options are plenty for the Gators in 2021 as Rowland can pick from 11 possible routines.

Gator returners with four or more 2020 beam lineup appearances:

Name	Baumann	Clapper	Johnson-Scharpf	Richards	Thomas
2020 Best	9.975	9.975	9.925	9.95	10.0

Floor:

Florida finished 2020 No. 1 on the regular-season floor rankings. The Gators' high floor total (49.70) was the nation's No. 2 floor total of 2020.

Thomas led Florida with eight floor wins and her 9.965 floor NQS put her No. 1 in the final floor standings of 2020. In her final floor performance of 2020, Thomas earned a 10.0 at Penn State.

Joining Thomas on the 2020 WCGA All-America first team was Baumann, who twice earned a near-perfect 9.975 floor mark.

Gator returners with four or more 2020 floor lineup appearances:

Name 2020 Best	<b>Baumann</b> 9.975	<b>Johnson-Scharpf</b> 9.925	<b>Reed</b> 9.95	<b>Richards</b> 9.85	<b>Thomas</b> 10.00
2020 0	GATOR	<b>STATIST</b>	ICAL	. LEAC	DERS
Team Total		198.375	1-24	-20	
All-Around Trinity Thoma	as	39.825*	2-28	-20	
Vault Team Sierra Alexar		49.475 9.95		/3-7-20	
Payton Richa	irds	9 95	2-14	-20	

Trinity Thomas	9.95	2-28-20	
<b>Uneven Bars</b> Team Trinity Thomas	49.65 10.0*	1-24-20 1-24-20	
Balance Beam Team Trinity Thomas	49.675* 10.0*	1-24/2-21-20 2-7/14-20	
Floor Exercise Team Trinity Thomas	49.70 10.0*	3-7-20 3-7-20	

\*-School record

# **Gator Gymnastics Meet Notes**

### Did You Know...

• The average height for the Gators is 5-1 1/2.

• Alyssa Baumann is the third Gator to be a part of a medal-winning U.S. World Championship team. Baumann was part of the 2014 gold medal team. Mackenzie Caquatto and Bridget Sloan were both part of the 2010 U.S. team that took silver.

• Leah Clapper and her younger sister, Lily, have a food blog – <u>Zest &</u> <u>Finesse.</u> Clapper added <u>a Zest and Progress podcast</u> on Spotify in late 2020.

• Chloi Clark grew up in the Mile High City, but has never skied. It is on her to-do (someday) list!

• Jazmyn Foberg is one of four on the 2021 Gator team to graduate high school a year early to start college. Trinity Thomas also finished high school in three years to join the 2019 Gator team. A pair of 2021 freshmen – Gabrielle Gallentine and Ellie Lazzari – also graduated in three years.

• Gabrielle Gallentine's mother, Keyara (Krupa) Gallentine, was an elite gymnast with Parkettes. Her mother's career inspired Gabbie to try the sport.

• Sydney Johnson-Scharpf is the only child of Brandy Johnson (member of 1988 U.S. Olympic team) and competitive water skier, now movie/television stunt man Bill Scharpf

• Ellie Lazzari was born in Foshan, China, and adopted by her family at 18 months. She has two older sisters, Jessica and Jennie, who also joined the family by adoption after being born in China.

Alex Magee's been coming to Florida meets for many years as she trained since age 3 at Orlando Metro. She is looking forward to finally being able to run out of the Gator head!

 Payton Richards will always have her family's Chicago-area sports allegiance with her. She is named after Chicago Bears great running back Walter Payton.

 Not all classes were online in fall 2020. Nya Reed served an internship with UF Health's Mother Baby Unit as she aspires for a medical career following her Gator career.

• Savannah Schoenherr already has four 10.0s – earned in Georgia High School Association (GHSA) competition. She swept the five event titles at the 2019 GHSA State Championships, including scoring her final 10.0 to claim the floor title.

• **Megan Skaggs** graduated summa cum laude with her advertising bachelor's degree in summer of 2020 and is now pursuing a master's degree in entrepreneurship She is the first graduate to compete for Gator gymnastics since Maranda Smith in 2011.

• Halley Taylor is a fourth generation Gator. She's been coming to Gator football and gymnastics events since she was a child.

• Trinity Thomas earned her fourth consecutive U.S. Senior National Team berth at the 2019 U.S. Championships in Kansas City, Mo. She is just the eighth to earn a U.S. Senior National Team spot after competing earlier that year at the NCAA Championships.

# **SMART GATORS**

The only gymnastics team to place every member on a 2020 Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll was the Florida Gators. Every Gator who was a sophomore or above earned a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Florida's lone freshman in 2020 – **Payton Richards** – earned a spot on the SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

This team is regularly among the GPA leaders among Gator squads. Here's the team's GPA for the last nine semesters:

Fall 2020	3.43		
Fall 2019	3.60	Spring 2020	3.72
Fall 2018	3.61	Spring 2019	3.57
Fall 2017	3.58	Spring 2018	3.53
Fall 2016	3.40	Spring 2017	3.51

### NATIONAL TEAM CONNECTIONS

Five members of the Gator gymnastics team have been a part of U.S. national teams.

#### U.S. National Team

Two current Gators were part of U.S. gold medal teams in Pan Am Games competition. Senior **Megan Skaggs** was part of the 2015 Pan Am team. Junior **Trinity Thomas** became the fourth gymnast on a collegiate roster (and first since 2011) to earn an international medal when <u>U.S. took team</u> gold at 2018 Senior Pan American Championships in Lima, Peru. She was runner-up in <u>all-around and uneven bars</u> at the event. She competed at the 2016 and 2017 Jesolo Trophy event and was the U.S. representative in the 2018 Tokyo World Cup, taking second in the all-around.

Senior **Alyssa Baumann** was part of the U.S.'s gold medal team at the 2014 World Championships in Nanning, China. The three-time U.S. Senior Team member also competed on the U.S. gold-medal teams at the 2014 and 2015 City of Jesolo Trophy events.

Senior **Jazmyn Foberg**, a 2015-16 and 2014-15 U.S. Junior National Team member, competed in the 2015 Jesolo Trophy junior division and also competed in that year's International Junior Japan meet. She was third in all-around at Jesolo Trophy and second in Japan.

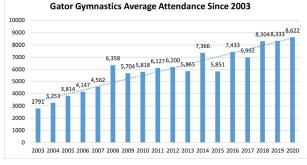
Junior **Sydney Johnson-Scharpf**, a member of the 2015-16 U.S. Senior National Team, competed in two 2016 international assignments – Jesolo Trophy and Reykjavik International Games.

# FLORIDA SETS HOME ATTENDANCE RECORD IN 2020

The Gators' 2020 season set a school-record average of 8,622 per meet. Florida's attendance ranked No. 5 among the nation's collegiate gymnastics teams.

It is the fourth time in the last five seasons Florida raised its home attendance average.

That average stood No. 11 among 2019-20 NCAA women's basketball, gymnastics and volleyball programs. Half of the top-12 season averages from those three sports come from gymnastics programs.



20	2019-20 NCAA Women's Sports Attendance Leader						
#	School	Avg	Sport	#	School	Avg	Sport
1	Utah	15,273	GYM	7	UConn	9,527	WBB
2	South Carolina	12,218	WBB	8	Georgia	9,514	GYM
3	LSU	11,417	GYM	9	Louisville	9,159	WBB
4	Oregon	10,852	WBB	10	Tennessee	8,645	WBB
5	Alabama	10,382	GYM	11	Florida	8,622	GYM
6	Iowa State	9,690	WBB	12	Nebraska	8,186	WVB

# 2020 GATOR GYMNASTICS TEAM RESULTS

# Overall: 10-0 Home: 5-0 Away: 5-0 Neutral: 0-0 Regular Season: 10-0 Home: 5-0 Away: 5-0 Neutral: 0-0 SEC: 7-0

<b>Date</b> 1/10	<b>Opponent</b> Arkansas	<b>Site</b> Gainesville, Fla.	W/L W	<b>Opponent</b> 194.400	<b>UF Score</b> 197.350	Attendance 7,531
1/17	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	W	195.600	196.850	528
1/24	LSU	Gainesville, Fla.	W	197.775	198.375	9,332
1/31	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	W	196.600	197.800	4,412
2/7	Denver	Gainesville, Fla.	W	197.250	197.875	8,323
	Iowa State		W	196.800	197.875	
2/14	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	W	194.750	197.875	5,512
	Gators Link to Pink vs	Gainesville, Fla.	W	197.450	198.050	9,301
2/21	Alabama					
2/28	Georgia	Athens, Ga	W	196.500	197.800	9,695
3/7	Penn State	University Park, Pa.	W	196.225	198.100	2,433
	Texas Woman's	Gainesville, Fla.	Cancelled			
3/13	University					
3/21	SEC Championships	Duluth, Ga.	Cancelled			

# 2020 Florida Event Scores - Meet-by-Meet

Date	Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Total
1/10	Arkansas	49.125	49.350	49.475	49.400	197.350
1/17	@Missouri	48.925	49.125	49.325	49.475	196.850
1/24	LSU	49.400	<u>49.650</u>	<u>49.675*</u>	49.650	<u>198.375</u>
1/31	@Kentucky	<u>49.475</u>	49.375	49.500	49.450	197.800
2/7	Denver & Iowa State	49.225	49.450	49.600	49.600	197.875
2/14	@Auburn	49.325	49.450	49.625	49.475	197.875
2/21	Gators Link to Pink vs Alabama	49.450	49.350	<u>49.675*</u>	49.575	198.050
2/28	@Georgia	49.450	49.325	49.650	49.375	197.800
3/7	@Penn State	49.325	49.500	49.575	<u>49.700</u>	198.100
3/13	Texas Woman's University	Cancelle	ed			
3/21	@SEC Championships	Cancelle	ed			

Underline denotes season best

# Florida Top Event Scores of 2020

Total:	Vault:	Uneven Bars:	Balance Beam:	Floor Exercise:
198.375 (1-24-20)	49.475 (1-31-20)	49.65 (1-24-20)	49.675* (1-24/2-	49.70 (3-7-20)
			21-20)	
All-Around:	9.95, Sierra	10.0, Trinity		10.0*, Trinity
39.825*, Trinity	Alexander (2-21/3-	Thomas (1-24-20)	10.0 Rachel	Thomas (3-7-20)
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	Richards (2-14-20);		Trinity Thomas (2-	
	Trinity Thomas (2-		7/14-20)	
	28-20)		,	

\*-UF record