

BASKETBALL

SEASON OUTLOOK

- · Florida enters the Mike White Era with a young team, as the roster includes only three players who have two seasons of playing experience for the Gators: Dorian Finney-Smith, Kasev Hill and DeVon Walker.
- Finney-Smith returns after leading UF in scoring and rebounding during the 2014-15 campaign, while Hill topped the team in assists. Walker returns after missing last season due to a torn ACL (right) suffered in summer 2014 offseason
- Florida's other returners are senior Alex Murphy, who played in 23 games after becoming eligible last season. In addition, SEC All-Freshman honoree Devin Robinson and Chris Chiozza, who led UF in steals last season, return for their sophomore
- The Gators figure to have a host of new players available this season in addition to Walker's return from injury. USF transfer John Egbunu is eligible after the 6-foot-11 center sat out last season, while Brandone Francis-Ramirez will be eligible to compete for the first time since arriving at UF.
- Florida boasts a trio of top-80 freshmen this season, led by two-time Arkansas Gatorade Player of the Year KeVaughn Allen, a shooting guard. In addition, in-state wing Keith Stone and post player Kevarrius Hayes bring depth to the Florida roster.
- The Gators will also have the services of junior college transfer Justin Leon, who earned JuCo All-America honors at Shawnee (III.) CC last season.
- Walk-on big man Schuyler Rimmer will be eligible following the Fall semester after transferring from Stanford mid-season last year. Rimmer should see the court, providing depth in the
- After graduating last spring, walk-on Lexx Edwards has enrolled in graduate school and will use his final season of eligibility. Edwards was a 2015 SEC Academic Honor Roll member.
- Walk-on Zach Hodskins also returns for his sophomore season. Jhonny Victor, a two-sport athlete who is also a high jumper on the track and field team, will also walk on this season.

| | | EMBER | |
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| 5 | Palm Beach Atlantic (Exh.) | SEC + | 7 p.m. |
| 13 | at Navy | CBSSN | 9:30 p.m |
| 16 | North Carolina A&T | SEC + | 8 p.m. |
| 21 | vs. Saint Joseph's | ESPN3 | 2:30 p.m |
| 22 | vs. Purdue or ODU | ESPN2/3 | 12/5:30 p.m |
| 25 | Vermont | SEC | 3 p.m. |
| 27 | Florida Gulf Coast | SEC | 6:30 p.m |
| | <u>Dec</u> | <u>EMBER</u> | |
| 1 | Richmond | SEC | 7 p.m. |
| 8 | at Miami | ESPN2 | 7 p.m. |
| 12 | at Michigan State | ESPN2 | 6 p.m 8 p.m |
| 19 | vs. Oklahoma State | FS1 | |
| 22 | Jacksonville | SEC + | 7 p.m. |
| 29 | Florida State | ESPN2 | 7 p.m. |
| | JAN | UARY | |
| 2 | Gerogia | ESPNU | 8 p.m. |
| 6 | at Tennessee | ESPN2 | 7 p.m. |
| 9 | LSU | CBS | 1:30/4:30 p.m |
| 12 | at Texas A&M | ESPN/SEC | 7 p.m. |
| 16 | at Ole Miss | ESPN2 | 8 p.m |
| 19 | Mississippi State | ESPNU | 7 p.m |
| 23 | Auburn | SEC | 8 p.m. |
| 26 | at Vanderbilt | ESPN/U | 9 p.m |
| 30 | West Virginia | ESPN/2 | 12 p.m. |
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| 3 | Arkansas | SEC | 7 p.m. |
| 6 | at Kentucky | CBS | 4 p.m. |
| 9 | Ole Miss | ESPN/U | 9 p.m. |
| 13 | Alabama | SEC | 5:30 p.m. |
| 16 | at Georgia | ESPN/U | 9 p.m. |
| 20 | at South Carolina | SEC | 12 p.m |
| 23 | Vanderbilt | ESPN/U/SEC | 7 p.m. |
| 27 | at LSU | ESPN/2 | TBA |
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| 1 | Kentucky | ESPN | 7 p.m. |
| 5 | at Missouri | SEC | 7:30 p.m. |
| | SEC Tournament (Nashville) | | |

White brought his entire coaching staff from Louisiana Tech with him to Gainesville, including assistants Dusty May, Jordan Mincy and Darris Nichols, as well as a pair of support staffers in director of basketball operations Kyle Church and video coordinator Jonathan Blake.

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| 0 | Kasey Hill | G | 6-1 | 180 | Jr. | 2L | Umatilla, Fla./Montverde Academy |
| 1 | DeVon Walker | G/F | 6-6 | 203 | JrR | 2L | Winter Haven, Fla./Winter Haven |
| 2 | Brandone Francis-Ramirez | G | 6-5 | 205 | FrR | SQ | La Romana, D.R./Arlington Country Day |
| 3 | Devin Robinson | F | 6-8 | 195 | So. | 1L | Chesterfield, Va./Christchurch School |
| 4 | KeVaughn Allen | G | 6-2 | 183 | Fr. | HS | Little Rock, Ark./North Little Rock |
| 5 | Alex Murphy | F | 6-8 | 225 | SrR | 1L | Wakefield, R.I./Duke |
| 10 | Dorian Finney-Smith | F | 6-8 | 220 | SrR | 2L | Portsmouth, Va./Virginia Tech |
| 11 | Chris Chiozza | G | 6-0 | 175 | So. | 1L | Memphis, Tenn./White Station |
| 12 | Zach Hodskins* | G | 6-4 | 203 | Fr. | HS | Alpharetta, Ga./Milton |
| 13 | Kevarrius Hayes | F | 6-9 | 210 | Fr. | HS | Live Oak, Fla./Suwanee |
| 14 | Lexx Edwards* | G | 6-2 | 225 | SrR | 2L | Orlando, Fla./Jones |
| 15 | John Egbunu | C | 6-11 | 255 | SoR | SQ | Bauchi, Nigeria/USF |
| 20 | Jhonny Victor* | G | 6-4 | 178 | FrR | HS | Orlando, Fla./Celebration |
| 23 | Keith Stone | F | 6-8 | 233 | Fr. | HS | Deerfield Beach, Fla./Zion Lutheran |
| 24 | Justin Leon | F | 6-8 | 200 | Jr. | TR | Conway, Ark./Shawnee (III.) CC |
| 32 | Schuyler Rimmer#* | F/C | 6-10 | 245 | Jr. | SQ | Orlando, Fla./Stanford |

^{*} Walk-on | # Mid-season transfer, eligible after Fall semester

2015-16 QUICK FACTS

University Facts

Location: Gainesville, Fla. Founded: 1853

Enrollment: 49,042

Conference: Southeastern (SEC)

Nickname: Gators

UF President: Dr. W. Kent Fuchs Director of Athletics: Jeremy Foley Mascots: Albert and Alberta

Colors: Orange (PMS 172) and Blue (PMS 287)

Website: GatorZone.com

Facebook: facebook.com/GatorsMBK Twitter: @GatorsMBK, @MikeWhiteUF

Instagram: @gatorsmbk

Coaching Staff Facts

Head Coach: Mike White (Ole Miss '99)

UF Record: 1st season/0-0

Overall Record: 5th season/101-40

Assistant Coaches: Dusty May (Indiana '00), Jordan Mincy (Kent State

'09), Darris Nichols (West Virginia '08) Athletic Trainer: David "Duke" Werner

Strength & Conditioning Coordinator: Preston Greene Director of Basketball Operations: Kyle Church

Video Coordinator: Jonathan Blake Office Manager: Tracy Pfaff Staff Assistant: Mike Robuck Academic Counselor: Tom Williams

Program Facts

Arena: Stephen C. O'Connell Center (11,548)

Season: 97th

Overall Record: 1,346-1,061 SEC Record: 598-623

NCAA Tournaments: 17 (1989, '94, '95, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06,

'07, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14)

Final Fours: 5 (1994, 2000, '06, '07, '14) National Championships: 2 (2006, '07)

NIT Appearances: 9 (1969, '84, '85, '86, '92, '93, '98, 2008, '09)

SEC Tournament Championships: 4 (2005, '06, '07, '14)

SEC Championships: 7 (1989, 2000, '01, '07, '11, '13, '14)

All-Americans: 25 AII-SEC: 105

SEC Academic Honor Roll: 108

NBA Draftees: 35 2014-15 Record: 16-17

2014-15 Conference Record: 8-10 (t-8th)

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 7/5 Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

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| KeVaughn Allen | | KAY-vawn |
| Chris Chiozza | | chee-OH-zah |
| John Egbunu | | egg-B00-noo |
| Brandone Francis | | Brandon |
| Kevarrius Hayes | | KEE-vahr-ee-us |
| Devin Robinson | | DEV-in |
| DeVon Walker | | duh-VAWN |

TV & RADIO ROSTER



#0 Kasey Hill G | Jr. | 6-1 | 180 | Umatilla, Fla.



#1 DEVON WALKER G/F | Jr. | 6-6 | 203 | Winter Haven, Fla.



FRANCIS-RAMIREZ
G | Fr. | 6-5 | 205 | La Romana, D.R.



#3 Devin Robinson F | So. | 6-8 | 195 | Chesterfield, Va.



#4 KeVaughn Allen G | Fr. | 6-2 | 183 | Little Rock, Ark.



#5 ALEX MURPHY F | Sr. | 6-8 | 225 | Wakefield, R.I.



#10 Dorian Finney-Smith F | Sr. | 6-8 | 220 | Portsmouth, Va.



#11 CHRIS CHIOZZA G | So. | 6-0 | 175 | Memphis, Tenn.



#12 ZACH HODSKINS G | So. | 6-4 | 203 | Alpharetta, Ga.



#13 Kevarrius Hayes F | Fr. | 6-9 | 210 | Live Oak, Fla.



#14 LEXX EDWARDS F | Sr. | 6-2 | 220 | Orlando, Fla.



#15 JOHN EGBUNU C | So. | 6-11 | 255 | Bauchi, Nigeria



#20 JHONNY VICTOR G | Fr. | 6-4 | 178 | Orlando, Fla.



#23 KEITH STONE F | Fr. | 6-8 | 233 | Deerfield Beach, Fla.



#24 JUSTIN LEON F | Jr. | 6-8 | 196 | Conway, Ark.



#32 SCHUYLER RIMMER F | Jr. | 6-10 | 245 | Orlando, Fla.



MIKE WHITE Head Coach



Dusty May Assistant Coach



JORDAN MINCY
Assistant Coach



DARRIS NICHOLS
Assistant Coach