

FLORIDA™

MEN'S BASKETBALL

October

30 Florida Southern (Exh.) 7 p.m.

November

6 at Florida State ESPN2 9 p.m.

9 Charleston So. SEC + 7 p.m.

14 La Salle SEC + 7 p.m.

21 vs. Oklahoma ESPN Noon

22 vs. Stanford/Wisconsin 1:30/7 p.m.

23 vs. Butler/Dayton/MTSU/Virginia

27 North Florida SEC 7 p.m.

December

4 vs. West Virginia ESPN 9 p.m.

8 Michigan State CBS Noon

18 Mercer SEC 8 p.m.

22 vs. FGCU FS2/SUN 5 p.m.

29 Butler ESPN 12/2/4 p.m.

January

5 South Carolina ESPN2 7 p.m.

9 at Arkansas SEC 8:30 p.m.

12 Tennessee ESPN/2 6 p.m.

15 at Mississippi State ESPN/2/SEC 7 p.m.

19 at Georgia CBS Noon

22 Texas A&M SEC 8:30 p.m.

26 at TCU ESPN/2/U Noon

30 Ole Miss SEC 6:30 p.m.

February

2 Kentucky ESPN/2 4/6 p.m.

5 at Auburn ESPN/2/U 9 p.m.

9 at Tennessee ESPN/2/U 4 p.m.

13 Vanderbilt ESPN2/U 9 p.m.

16 at Alabama ESPN/2/U 2 p.m.

20 at LSU ESPN2/U 7 p.m.

23 Missouri ESPN/2/U 4 p.m.

27 at Vanderbilt SEC 9 p.m.

March

2 Georgia SEC 8:30 p.m.

6 LSU ESPN2/U 7 p.m.

9 at Kentucky CBS 2 p.m.

13-17 SEC Tournament

Numerical Roster

0	Mike Okauru	G	6-3	184	So.	1L	Raleigh, N.C./Brewster Academy
1	Chase Johnson	F	6-9	219	Fr.	SQ	Ripley, W.V./Huntington Prep
2	Andrew Nembhard	G	6-5	191	Fr.	HS	Aurora, Ont., Canada/Montverde Academy
3	Jalen Hudson	G	6-6	195	Sr.	1L	Richmond, Va./Virginia Tech
5	KeVaughn Allen	G	6-2	193	Sr.	3L	Little Rock, Ark./North Little Rock
10	Noah Locke	G	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	Randallstown, Md./McDonogh School
11	Keyontae Johnson	F	6-5	225	Fr.	HS	Norfolk, Va./Oak Hill Academy
12	Gorjok Gak	C	6-11	254	Jr.	2L	Sydney, Australia/Victory Rock Prep
13	Kevarrius Hayes	C	6-9	227	Sr.	3L	Live Oak, Fla./Suwanee
14	Mak Krause	G	6-2	172	Sr.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./St. Pius X Catholic
15	Isaiah Stokes	F	6-8	270	Fr.	SQ	Memphis, Tenn./IMG Academy
21	Dontay Bassett	F	6-9	237	So.	1L	Oakland, Calif./Oldsmar Christian
22	Andrew Fava	G	5-10	171	So.	1L	Baltimore, Md./Loyola Blakefield
24	Deaundrae Ballard	G	6-5	197	So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga./SW Atlanta Christian Academy
25	Keith Stone	F	6-8	253	Jr.	2L	Deerfield Beach, Fla./Zion Lutheran

Season Outlook

- Florida looks to make it three straight NCAA Tournament bids this year and will have all but two letterwinners back from a team that finished third in a historically tough SEC last season.
- KeVaughn Allen and Kevarrius Hayes will be the Gators' two fourth-year seniors, while last season's leading scorer Jalen Hudson (15.5 ppg) also returns after testing the NBA Draft waters this spring.
- Allen, who led the Gators in scoring as a sophomore, is already in Florida's top 30 all-time leading scorers and looks to return to All-SEC form, while Hayes is one of four men to block 60 shots in a season for UF, doing so each of the past two seasons.
- Keith Stone gives the Gators another experienced frontcourt player as a skilled scorer with a versatile offensive game. Stone started 26 games last season and averaged 8.8 points per game.
- Reserve big man Gorjok Gak underwent offseason knee surgery to address soreness and stiffness that hampered his minutes and productivity last season, while Dontay Bassett took significant strides during his freshman campaign and became a reliable post presence.
- Mike Okauru saw his minutes increase throughout his freshman campaign, sharing backup point guard duties with Allen. Meanwhile, Deaundrae Ballard showed flashes of his exceptional skill as a scorer and showed growth
- The Gators bring in a three-man recruiting class in which all three are members of the ESPN 100 rankings: point guard Andrew Nembhard (28), small forward Keyontae Johnson (70) and shooting guard Noah Locke (73).
- The trio could all bring their own high-level skill to table, as Nembhard is one of the top distributors in the class, Johnson brings elite athleticism and driving ability, while Locke is widely regarded as the best pure shooter in the class.
- The Gators experienced their first coaching turnover of Mike White's tenure, as Dusty May took the head coach position at Florida Atlantic, where White's brother Brian is the athletic director. May also brought Kyle Church to be an assistant coach with the Owls after Church spent three seasons as UF's director of basketball operations.
- Al Pinkins joins Jordan Mincy and Darris Nichols on the coaching staff, as Pinkins comes to Gainesville as associate head coach following a stint at Texas Tech. Pinkins brings a track record of developing big men and a wealth of SEC experience.
- Jonathan Blake assumes the director of basketball operations role, while director of scouting Bryce Douglas rounds out the basketball staff.
- Athletic trainer Duke Werner returns for his 15th season with the men's basketball team and 25th at Florida, while strength and conditioning coordinator Preston Greene enters his eighth season with the Gators.

University Facts

Location: Gainesville, Fla.
 Founded: 1853
 Enrollment: 54,854
 Conference: Southeastern (SEC)
 Nickname: Gators
 UF President: Dr. W. Kent Fuchs
 Athletic Director: Scott Stricklin
 Mascots: Albert and Alberta
 Colors: Orange (PMS 172) and Blue (PMS 287)
 Website: FloridaGators.com
 Facebook: facebook.com/GatorsMBK
 Twitter: @GatorsMBK, @MikeWhiteUF
 Instagram: @gatorsmbk
 Faculty Rep: Dr. Michael Sagas

Coaching Staff Facts

Head Coach: Mike White (Ole Miss '00)
 UF Record: 69-37/4th season
 Overall Record: 170-77/8th season
 Associate Head Coach: Al Pinkins (N.C. State '98)
 Assistant Coaches: Jordan Mincy (Kent State '09),
 Darris Nichols (West Virginia '08)
 Athletic Trainer: David "Duke" Werner
 Strength & Conditioning Coordinator: Preston Greene
 Director of Basketball Operations: Jonathan Blake
 Director of Scouting: Bryce Douglas
 Office Manager: Tracy Pfaff
 Program Coordinator: Mike Robuck
 Academic Advisor: Tom Williams

Program Facts

Arena: Exactech Arena at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center (10,151)
 Season: 100th
 Overall Record: 1,417-1,098
 SEC Record: 632-648
 NCAA Tournaments: 19 (1989, '94, '95, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '17, '18)
 Final Fours: 5 (1994, 2000, '06, '07, '14)
 National Championships: 2 (2006, '07)
 NIT Appearances: 10 (1969, '84, '85, '86, '92, '93, '98, 2008, '09, '16)
 SEC Tournament Championships: 4 (2005, '06, '07, '14)
 SEC Championships: 7 (1989, 2000, '01, '07, '11, '13, '14)
 All-Americans: 25
 All-SEC: 109
 SEC Academic Honor Roll: 120
 NBA Draftees: 35
 2017-18 Record: 21-13
 2017-18 Conference Record: 11-7 (3rd)
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/2
 Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

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