

# FLORIDA™

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### November

7	Stony Brook		
11	Kennesaw State		
14	Florida Atlantic		
18	at Florida State		
24	vs. Xavier (Portland)	ESPN2	5:30
25	vs. Duke/Oregon St. (Portland)	3/5:30	
27	Gonz./Port. St./Purdue/WVU (Portland)		
30	Florida A&M		

### December

4	Stetson		
7	UConn		
14	vs. Ohio (Tampa)		
20	vs. Oklahoma (Charlotte)		9:30
28	at Auburn	ESPN2	7:00

### January

4	Texas A&M	ESPN2/U	7:00
7	Georgia	SECN	1:00
10	at LSU	SECN	7:00
14	Missouri	SECN	3:30
18	at Texas A&M	SECN	7:00
21	at Mississippi State	SECN	8:30
25	South Carolina	ESPN2/U	7:00
28	at Kansas State		

### February

1	Tennessee	ESPN2/U	7:00
4	at Kentucky	ESPN	8:30
8	at Alabama	ESPN2/U	9:00
11	Vanderbilt	SECN	3:30
15	Ole Miss	SECN	6:30
18	at Arkansas	ESPN/2	2:00
22	Kentucky	ESPN/2	7:00
25	at Vanderbilt	ESPN2/U	6:00
28	at Georgia	SECN	7:00

### March

4	LSU	SECN	6:00
8-12	SEC Tournament (Nashville)		

### Numerical Roster

0	Myreon Jones	G	6-3	177	Gr.	1L	Birmingham, Ala./Penn State
1	CJ Felder	F	6-7	240	Sr.*	1L	Sumter, S.C./Boston College
2	Trey Bonham	G	6-0	170	Jr.*	TR	Mobile, Ala./VMI
3	Alex Fudge	F	6-9	194	So.	TR	Jacksonville, Fla./LSU
4	Niels Lane	G	6-5	215	Jr.*	2L	Freehold, N.J./Roselle Catholic
5	Will Richard	G	6-4	206	So.	TR	Fairburn, Ga./Belmont
10	Denzel Aberdeen	G	6-5	180	Fr.	HS	Orlando, Fla./Dr. Phillips HS
11	Kyle Lofton	F	6-3	186	Gr.	TR	Hillside, N.J./St. Bonaventure
12	Colin Castleton	F	6-11	240	5th	2L	Deland, Fla./Michigan
13	Aleks Szymczyk	F	6-10	233	Fr.	HS	Frankfurt, Germany/Gymnasium München-Nord
14	Kowacie Reeves	G	6-6	190	So.	1L	Macon, Ga./Westside HS
20	Jack May	G	6-4	195	R-So.*	1L	Boca Raton, Fla./Saint Andrew's School
21	Alex Klatsky	G	6-4	206	R-Jr.*	2L	Colts Neck, N.J./Ranney School
24	Riley Kugel	G	6-5	185	Fr.	HS	Orlando, Fla./Dr. Phillips HS
33	Jason Jitoboh	C	6-11	300	Sr.*	3L	Abuja, Nigeria/Hamilton Heights (Tenn.)

\*Eligible for an additional season of eligibility due to COVID-19.

### Season Outlook

- Florida welcomes new head coach Todd Golden, who comes to the Gators after three seasons as head coach at San Francisco, where he compiled a 57-36 record and led the Dons to their first NCAA Tournament bid since 1998.
- Two-time All-SEC frontcourt man Colin Castleton returns to UF, opting to exercise his additional year of eligibility following offseason shoulder surgery.
- Florida also returns several key members of last year's team in CJ Felder, Jason Jitoboh, Myreon Jones, Niels Lane and Kowacie Reeves. Reeves turned in a strong postseason, averaging 16.3 points over the Gators' three tournament games, including a career-best 21 vs. Texas A&M in the SEC Tournament.
- The Gators added grad point guard Kyle Lofton (Saint Bonaventure), who scored 1,613 points in four seasons with the Bonnies.
- UF also brings in a trio of transfers who all have three years of eligibility remaining: junior Trey Bonham (VMI), sophomore Alex Fudge (LSU) and sophomore Will Richard (Belmont).
- Bonham averaged 11.3 points over two seasons at VMI, and Richard averaged 12.1 per game during his freshman campaign at Belmont. Jacksonville native Alex Fudge looks to make a jump after limited opportunities during his freshman season at LSU
- UF also brings in a pair of freshmen who shared a backcourt at Orlando's Dr. Phillips High School in Denzel Aberdeen and Riley Kugel. The duo led Dr. Phillips to its first state championship in 2021. The Gators also added German big man Aleks Szymczyk.
- Carlin Hartman joins the Florida staff as associate head coach, bringing 22 years of collegiate coaching experience including five seasons on Lon Kruger's staff at Oklahoma. Corey McCray also comes to UF as associate head coach, bringing experience at Mississippi State, LSU and UCLA to the Gators. Assistant coach Kevin Hovde rounds out the coaching staff, coming from his alma mater Richmond after coaching five seasons with Golden at San Francisco.
- The Gators' support staff includes new faces Jonathan Safir (director of basketball strategy and analytics), Victor Lopez (strength & conditioning), Gator great Taurean Green (director of player development), Jordan Talley (player development assistant) and Kevin Olsen (video coordinator).
- Associate AD for Sports Health Dave Werner, UF's longtime athletic trainer, returns for his 19th season with the program and his 29th at Florida.

### University Facts

Location: Gainesville, Fla.  
 Founded: 1853  
 Enrollment: 57,841  
 Conference: Southeastern (SEC)  
 Nickname: Gators  
 UF President: Dr. W. Kent Fuchs  
 Athletic Director: Scott Stricklin  
 Faculty Rep: Dr. Christopher Janelle  
 Mascots: Albert and Alberta  
 Colors: Orange (PMS 172) and Blue (PMS 287)  
 Website: FloridaGators.com  
 Social: @GatorsMBK

### Coaching Staff Facts

Head Coach: Todd Golden (Saint Mary's, '08)  
 UF Record: 0-0/1st season  
 Overall Record: 57-36/4th season  
 Associate Head Coaches:  
 Carlin Hartman (Tulane '94),  
 Corey McCray (Mercer '01)  
 Assistant Coach: Kevin Hovde (Richmond '10)  
 Dir. of Basketball Strategy & Analytics: Jonathan Safir  
 Strength & Conditioning Coordinator: Victor Lopez  
 Director of Player Development: Taurean Green  
 Player Development Assistant: Jordan Talley  
 Video Coordinator: Kevin Olsen  
 Athletic Trainer: David "Duke" Werner  
 Executive Assistant: 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: 104th  
 Overall Record: 1,489-1,149  
 SEC Record: 670-675  
 NCAA Tournaments: 21 (1989, '94, '95, '99, 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '17, '18, '19, '21)  
 Final Fours: 5 (1994, 2000, '06, '07, '14)  
 National Championships: 2 (2006, '07)  
 NIT Appearances: 11 (1969, '84, '85, '86, '92, '93, '98, 2008, '09, '16, '22)  
 SEC Tournament Championships: 4 (2005, '06, '07, '14)  
 SEC Championships: 7 (1989, 2000, '01, '07, '11, '13, '14)  
 All-Americans: 25  
 All-SEC: 114  
 SEC Academic Honor Roll: 138  
 NBA Draftees: 37  
 2021-22 Record: 20-14  
 2021-22 Conference Record: 9-9 (T-5th)  
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 8/7  
 Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

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### Returning Leaders

Points/Game	Castleton	16.2
Field Goals	Castleton	172
Field Goal Pct.	Jitoboh	.633
3-Point FG	Jones	62
3-Point Pct.	Felder	.389
Free Throws	Castleton	109
Free Throw Pct.	Reeves	.750
Rebounds/Game	Castleton	9.0
Assists/Game	Jones	1.6
Steals/Game	Jones	1.3
Blocks/Game	Castleton	2.2