

2016-17 AUBURN EQUESTRIAN

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AUBURN'S PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

EQUITATION OVER FENCES

Ashton Alexander
Caitlin Boyle
Caitlin Creel
Hayley lannotti
Alex Ladove
Alternate: Becky Kozma
Exhibition: Taylor St. Jacques

HORSEMANSHIP

Lauren Diaz Deanna Green Kelsey Jung Kara Kaufmann Drew Rogers Alternate: Anna Enos Exhibition: Megan Rauh

EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

Ashton Alexander Caitlin Boyle Caitlin Creel Hayley Iannotti Becky Kozma Alternate: Alex Ladove Exhibition: Ericka Koscinski

REINING

Betsy Brown
Terri-June Granger
Savannah Ostner
Blair McFarlin
Alexa Rivard
Alternate: Deanna Green
Exhibition: Ali Fratessa

COACHING STAFF

Greg Williams, Head Coach Jessica Braswell, Associate Head Coach Mary Meneely, Assistant Coach

MEET 1

UT MARTIN

Friday, September 22 • 10 a.m. CT Martin, Tenn. • Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex





Site	AUBURN	Rankings No. 3 2016-17 Record 10-5 Head Coach Greg Williams Record at AU (Year) 128-53 (16th varsity year)
Last MeetingFebruary 18, 2017 in Auburn	UT MARTIN	RankingsNR 2016-17 Record2-7 Head CoachMeghan Corvin Year at UTM12th

THREE HITS

Auburn is led by four seniors in 2017-18 - Caitlin Creel, Margaret Hurt, Alexa Rivard, Abby Wagner A trio of accomplished juniors highlight the Hunt Seat returners in Ashton Alexander, Caitlin Boyle, and Hayley Jannotti. 3 Kara Kaufmann, of Belvidere, N.J., concluded her freshman campaign in 2016-17 as an NCEA All-American and the SEC Freshman Horsemanship Rider of the

NO. 3 AUBURN TRAVELS TO UT MARTIN TO OPEN 2017-18

The No. 3 Auburn equestrian team kicks off the program's 16th varsity season on the road, traveling to UT Martin for a Friday contest. The Tigers and the Skyhawks face off at the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex in Martin, Tenn., at 10 a.m. CT.

"This team is going to be very determined this year," head coach Greg Williams said. "We have a roster that will be a very positive and congruent group. It is important to have a roster full of people that ride for Auburn and not themselves and that's what we have. We're going to be able to up the workload because this group really wants to win. It all starts this weekend and we're ready to get things going."

AUBURN LINEUP

The Tigers will have a mix of experienced veterans and fresh faces in the lineup against UT Martin.

The Hunt Seat corps consists of upperclassmen with junior All-Americans Ashton Alexander, Caitlin Boyle, and Hayley lannotti leading the way in both Equitation Over Fences and Equitation on the Flat. Joining them in both events will be senior Caitlin Creel, who has been a steady contributor for the Tigers during her career.

In addition, junior All-American Alex Ladove will ride for AU in Equitation Over Fences, while sophomore Becky Kozma earned a spot in the team's Flat lineup. Freshmen Taylor St. Jacques and Ericka Koscinski will compete in exhibition in Fences and Flat, respectively.

Sophomore Kara Kaufmann returns to the Auburn lineup in Horsemanship following a very successful freshman campaign. The All-SEC honoree is joined by redshirt junior Kelsey Jung and junior Lauren Diaz in the event. Jung and Diaz were constants in the team's Horsemanship lineup all of last season. Sophomore Drew Rogers will make her third career start for the Tigers, while freshman Deanna Green is set to make her first. Junior All-American Megan Rauh will ride in exhibition.

In Reining, senior Alexa Rivard looks to get her final season off on the right track as she leads the group vs. UT Martin. She'll be joined by juniors Betsy Brown and Blair McFarlin. Brown capped the 2016-17 season on a seven-match winning streak. A pair of decorated freshmen in Terri-June Granger and Savannah Ostner each earned their first start for the Tigers in the event. Junior Ali Fratessa is set to compete in exhibition.

SIXTEENTH SEASON OF VARSITY EQUESTRIAN

The 2017-18 season marks the 16th year of varsity equestrian at Auburn. Head coach Greg Williams has guided the Tigers since the program was recognized by the Athletics Department and has amassed an impressive 128-53 overall record.

In 15 years, Auburn has earned four NCEA Championships (2006, 2011, 2013, 2016), one Southeastern Conference title (2016), three Southern Equestrian Conference crowns (2004, 2010, 2011) and three NCEA Hunt Seat championships (2008, 2011, 2013).

Individually, Auburn boasts 50 All-Americans and 41 All-SEC selections. The Southeastern Conference first began sponsoring equestrian in 2012-13.

UP NEXT

Auburn hosts Alabama at the Auburn University Horse Center in a hunt seat-only exhibition meet. The Tigers and the Crimson Tide will face off at 3 p.m., Sept. 29.

AUBURN OPENS 2017-18 AT NO. 3

The Auburn equestrian team enters the 2017-18 season as the No. 3 team nationally, according to the NCEA Preseason Coaches Poll released Tuesday.

Defending NCEA champion Texas A&M was voted No. 1, while defending SEC champion Georgia came in at No. 2. Oklahoma State and Baylor round out the Top 5. TCU, South Carolina, SMU, Fresno State, and Delaware State finished Nos. 7-10 in the poll.

AUBURN-UTM SERIES HISTORY

Friday's meeting is the 12th time the two teams have squared off in a dual format. The Tigers are 11-0 over the Skyhawks with a 7-0 mark on the road.

LAST MEETING - FEBRUARY 18, 2017

Then-No. 4 Auburn equestrian team hosted UT Martin at the Auburn University Horse Center and defeated the Skyhawks, 17.2

The Tigers opened the first half of the day with an 8-2 lead at the conclusion of Equitation Over Fences and Horsemanship as each event went 4-1 overall.

Ashley Foster was awarded MOP honors for her ride in Fences, picking up 84 points the win. Ashton Alexander, Alex Ladove, and Caitlin Boyle added points to the Tigers score as they all earned

wins in the discipline.

Megan Rauh put together the day's best ride in Horsemanship, securing 75 points in her win over Madeline Williams. The Carmel, Ind., product was named MOP. Kara Kaufmann's 71.5-71 victory helped her remain undefeated in the event (7-0-1), while Hannah Stephens picked up her fifth win of the year with 70.5 points. Lauren Diaz added a point in the win column as she edged Liana Nowak, 72.5-72.

Following intermission, Auburn went undefeated in both Equitation on the Flat and Reining to secure the big win.

The Flat crew swept the Skyhawks as Boyle kicked things off with a tight 75-74 win over Claire Ottinger. The remaining four Tiger riders score 80+ points in their matches as Foster topped Randi LaChance, 86-79. Alexander followed with an 85-66 victory, while classmate Hayley lannotti was awarded MOP honors after topping her opponent, 83-74. Tory Hoft capped the day for Hunt Seat with 87 points in her win.

The Tiger Reiners put together solid rides all day as Blair McFarlin led the charge, taking MOP honors with a 71-69 win. Alexa Rivard picked up her team-leading sixth victory, 69-64. Lena Hernig, competing for a team point for the first time, earned big cheers from the team as she won her match, 65.5-64. Diaz edged Bobbie Piddock, 66.5-66, while Ali Fratessa followed with a 72-72 tie.

EXPERIENCED RETURNERS

Auburn returns five NCEA All-Americans from 2016-17. Junior Hayley lannotti and sophomore Kara Kaufmann enter the season as first team honorees with lannotti securing her award in Equitation on the Flat and Kaufmann's coming in Horsemanship.

lannotti had an outstanding season in Flat for the Tigers, going 12-1 overall in her first full season competing in the event. Kaufmann had a team-best 11 wins in Horsemanship and was named the SEC Freshman Horsemanship Rider of the Year. The pair also secured All-SEC nods for the team.

Juniors Caitlin Boyle and Alex Ladove picked up second team honors in Fences, while classmate Ashton Alexander was placed on the Flat second team. Boyle was second on the squad with 11 wins in Fences and led the team with five MOPs in the event. Ladove became a major contributor to the squad in the second half of the season and finished 5-2 overall. Alexander had a lot

PLAYER TO WATCH: HAYLEY IANNOTTI, HUNT SEAT

» Junior Hayley lannotti had a breakout season in Equitation on the Flat as a sophomore, earning NCEA First Team All-American honors and All-SEC recognition for going 12-1 overall in the event.





LAST MEETING

February 18, 2017 Auburn, Ala.

AUBURN	17
UT MARTIN	2

Score By Event	Flat	Fences	H'ship	Reining	Score
UT Martin	0	1	1	0	2
Auburn	5	4	4	4	17

EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

Caitlin Boyle (AU) def. Claire Ottinger (UTM), 75-74
Ashley Foster (AU) def. Randi LaChance (UTM), 86-79
Ashton Alexander (AU) def. Aly Scholfield (UTM), 85-66
Hayley lannotti (AU)* def. Monica Zoromski (UTM), 83-74
Tory Hoft (AU) def. Margo Quinn (UTM), 87-68
Total: W, 5-0

EQUITATION OVER FENCES

Ashton Alexander (AU) def. Aly Scholfield (UTM), 82-64 Alex Ladove (AU) def. Claire Ottinger (UTM), 80-78 Monica Zoromski (UTM) def. Hayley Iannotti (AU), 78-77 Caitlin Boyle (AU) def. Randi LaChance (UTM), 83-80 Ashley Foster (AU)* def. Sydney Linter (UTM), 84-0 Total: W. 4-1

HORSEMANSHIP

Megan Rauh (AU)* def. Madeline Williams (UTM), 75-73.5 Lauren Diaz (AU) def. Liana Nowak (UTM), 72.5-72 Hannah Stephens (AU) def. Bobbie Piddock (UTM), 70.5-0 Kara Kaufmann (AU) def. Jade Blesky (UTM), 71.5-71 Brittany Woodard (UTM) def. Kelsey Jung (AU), 66.5-62.5 *Total: W, 4-1*

REINING

Blair McFarlin (AU)* def. Liana Nowak (UTM), 71-69 Alexa Rivard (AU) def. Megan Aiosa (UTM), 69-64 Lena Hernig (AU) def. Sammi Felts (UTM), 65.5-64 Lauren Diaz (AU) def. Bobbie Piddock (UTM), 66.5-66 Ali Fratessa (AU) tied Madeline Williams (UTM), 72-72 **Total: W. 4-0**

Overall Total: W, 17-2

*Most Outstanding Performer

of success in Flat, going 9-5-1 overall with three MOP honors.

In addition to Kaufmann, the Tigers return All-America honorable mention Megan Rauh and the 2016 SEC Freshman Horsemanship rider of the year Lauren Diaz. Both juniors, Rauh and Diaz finished second on the team in wins with eight on the season.

Two-time All-SEC honoree Alexa Rivard heads an experienced group in Reining this year. The senior is four wins away from becoming the all-time winningest Auburn rider in the event. Joining her are juniors Betsy Brown, Blair McFarlin, and Ali Fratessa.

NEW FACES

Auburn has brought in a talented group of 13 freshmen who bring a wealth of depth and determination to this season.

The Western corps boasts six newcomers that are expected to make an immediate impact this year - Nicole Ellis, Anna Enos, Terri-June Granger, Deanna Green, Savannah Ostner, and Taylor Searles.

Joining them is another strong group of competitors on the Hunt Seat side of competition - Emma Crosbie, Carly Hoft, Caroline Hudon, Ericka Koscinski, Gia Rinaldi, Taylor St. Jacques, and Helen Ulrich.

LAST TIME OUT

April 15, 2017 Waco, Texas NCEA SEMIFINALS

AUBURN	7
GEORGIA	9

Score By Event	Flat	Fences	H'ship	Reining	Score
Georgia	2	2	3	2	9
Auburn	2	2	1	2	7

EQUITATION ON THE FLAT

Meg O'Mara (UGA) def. Ashton Alexander (AU), 177-173 Hayley Iannotti (AU) def. Addyson Cord (UGA), 170-160 Ashley Foster (AU) def. Maddie Newman (UGA), 175-145 Liza Finsness (UGA) def. Caitlin Boyle (AU), 163-153 Total: T. 2-2

EQUITATION OVER FENCES

Ashton Alexander (AU) def. Meg O'Mara (UGA), 174-168 Liza Finsness (UGA) def. Caitlin Boyle (AU), 173-161 Sydney Hutchins (UGA) def. Ashley Foster (AU), 152-110 Hayley lannotti (AU) def. Emma Mandarino (UGA), 170-162 Total: T. 2-2

HORSEMANSHIP

Bailey Anderson (UGA) def. Lauren Diaz (AU), 155-146.5 Sammie Johnson (UGA) def. Hannah Stephens (AU), 133.5-129.5 Kara Kaufmann (AU) def. Payton Anderson (UGA), 149-144.5 Graysen Stroud (UGA) def. Kelsey Jung (AU), 150.5-132 *Total: L, 1-3*

REINING

Betsy Brown (AU) def. Graysen Stroud (UGA), 135.5-133 Alexa Rivard (AU) def. Kyndall Harper (UGA), 139-137 Lindsey Cheek (UGA) def. Lauren Diaz (AU), 125-124.5 Claudia Spreng (UGA) def. Blair McFarlin (AU), 139.5-139 Total: 1, 2-2

Overall Total: L, 7-9

PLAYER TO WATCH: KARA KAUFMANN, WESTERN

>> Sophomore Kara Kaufmann returns to The Plains as the 2017 SEC Freshman Horsemanship Rider of the Year, NCEA First Team All-American, and an All-SEC performer. She led the Tigers with 11 wins in Horsemanship last year.



2017-18 SCHEDULE AUBURN					
Date	Opponent	Score/Time			
Sept. 22	at UT Martin	10 a.m.			
Sept. 29	ALABAMA#	3 p.m.			
Oct. 6	OLE MISS#	3 p.m.			
Oct. 21	BAYLOR	11 a.m.			
Nov. 3	at Texas A&M*	10 a.m.			
Nov. 10	GEORGIA*	3 p.m.			
Nov. 17	at South Carolina*	12 p.m.			
Jan. 19	at Alabama#	TBA			
Feb. 2	at Baylor	TBA			
Feb. 3	at Oklahoma State	10 a.m.			
Feb. 10	at Georgia*	12 p.m.			
Feb. 17	TEXAS A&M*	11 a.m.			
Feb. 24	SOUTH CAROLINA*	11 a.m.			
March 3	SMU	11 a.m.			
March 10	FRESNO STATE	11 a.m.			
March 30-31	at SEC Championships	Blythewood, S.C.			
April 18-21	at NCEA Championships	Waco, Texas			
All times Central; #Exhibition, *SEC					

2017-18 SEC STANDINGS						
	SEC	Pct.		Pct.		
Auburn	0-0	.000	0-0	.000		
Georgia	0-0	.000	0-0	.000		
South Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	.000		
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	0-0	.000		
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Friday, Septembe South Carolina at Te Auburn vs. Alabama Georgia at Fresno St	xas A&M (Exh.)			11 a.m. CT 3 p.m. CT TBA		

NCEA RANKINGS (PRESEASON)
1. Texas A&M 2. Georgia 3. Auburn 4. Oklahoma State 5. Baylor 6. TCU 7. USC 8. SMU 9. Fresno 10. Delaware State

AUBURN ROSTER

NAME	EVENT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Ashton Alexander	Hunt Seat	JR	Ocala, Fla.
Caitlin Boyle	Hunt Seat	JR	Hampshire, III.
Betsy Brown	Western	JR	Waxhaw, N.C.
Caitlin Creel	Hunt Seat	SR	Chicago, Ill.
Emma Crosbie	Hunt Seat	FR	San Diego, Calif.
Lauren Diaz	Western	JR	Heath, Ohio
Nicole Ellis	Western	FR	Gainesville, Fla.
Anna Enos	Western	FR	Rockwood, Pa.
Ali Fratessa	Western	JR	Wheelock, Texas
Terri-June Granger	Western	FR	Dothan, Ala.
Deanna Green	Western	FR	Pilot Point, Texas
Lena Hernig	Western	R-SR	Chelsea, Ala.
Sydney Hoffa	Western	SO	Massillon, Ohio
Carly Hoft	Hunt Seat	FR	Raleigh, N.C.
Caroline Hudon	Hunt Seat	FR	Auburn, Ala.
Margaret Hurt	Western	SR	Alpharetta, Ga.
Hayley lannotti	Hunt Seat	JR	Wellington, Fla.
Kelsey Jung	Western	R-JR	Farmington, Utah
Kara Kaufmann	Western	SO	Belvidere, Pa.
Kennedy Knapic	Hunt Seat	JR	Smithtown, N.Y.
Ericka Koscinski	Hunt Seat	FR	Center Moriches, N.Y.
Becky Kozma	Hunt Seat	SO	Streamwood, Ill.
Alex Ladove	Hunt Seat	JR	San Diego, Calif.
Blair McFarlin	Western	JR	Franklin, Tenn.
Mackenzie Michaels	Hunt Seat	JR	Orlando, Fla.
Savannah Ostner	Western	FR	Memphis, Tenn.
Emma Paul	Western	JR	Kimberly, Wisc.
Haley Pembroke	Western	SO	Bellevue, Wash.
Megan Rauh	Western	JR	Carmel, Ind.
Gia Rinaldi	Hunt Seat	FR	Wayne, Ill.
Alexa Rivard	Western	SR	Suwanee, Ga.
Drew Rogers	Western	SO	Bakersfield, Calif.
Casey Schmitz	Hunt Seat	JR	Ashburn, Va.
Taylor Searles	Western	FR	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Jacqueline Shilen	Hunt Seat	R-SR	Greenwich, Conn.
Anna Claire Smith	Hunt Seat	SO	Atlanta, Ga.
Taylor St. Jacques	Hunt Seat	FR	Glen Allen, Va.
Helen Ulrich	Hunt Seat	FR	Mooresville, N.C.
Abby Wagner	Hunt Seat	SR	Longmeadow, Mass.
Lillian Wagner	Hunt Seat	SO	Longmeadow, Mass.

ALL-TIME AUBURN EQUESTRIAN STATISTICS

	ITATION ON THE FLAT S COMPETED			IITATION OVER FENCES S COMPETED	
64	Elizabeth Benson	2012-2016	65	Elizabeth Benson	2012-2016
57	Ashley Foster	2013-2017	56	Jennifer Waxman	2010-2014
54	Rachel Lin	2010-2014	49	Ashley Foster	2013-2017
51	Tory Hoft	2013-2017	47	Rachel Lin	2010-2014
48	Lindsay Portela	2009-2013	46	Quincy Hayes	2011-2014
48	Jennifer Delman	2011-2015	46	Grace Socha	2008-2012
40	Maggie McAlary	2008-2012	44	Anna Schierholz	2007-2011
39	Chelsea Anheuser	2006-2010	43	Dottie Grubb	2007-2009
39	Katie Breedlove	2006-2010	40	Maggie McAlary	2008-2012
35	Ali Loprete	2007-2011	34	HAYLEY IANNOTTI	2016-Present
33	Demi Stiegler	2013-2015	33	Jessica Braswell	2005-2008
33	Rebecca Rifkin	2006-2009	33	Demi Stiegler	2013-2015
			33	CAITLIN BOYLE	2016-Present
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46 38	Rachel Lin	2012-2016	52	Elizabeth Benson	2012-2016
37		2010-2014	35	Jennifer Waxman	2010-2014
31	Ashley Foster		33		
30	Lindsay Portela	2009-2013		Ashley Foster	2013-2017
	Tory Hoft	2013-2017	33	Maggie McAlary Rachel Lin	2008-2012
29	Maggie McAlary Chelsea Anheuser	2008-2012	30		2010-2014
28		2006-2010	29	Grace Socha Anna Schierholz	2008-2012
27	Jennifer Delman	2011-2015	28		2007-2011
23 21	Demi Stiegler Katie Breedlove	2013-2015 2006-2010	27 24	CAITLIN BOYLE	2016-present 2011-2014
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17	Elizabeth Benson	2016		zom znogio:	2010 2013
15	Ashley Foster	2016	SING	LE-SEASON WINS	
12	Elizabeth Benson	2015	16	CAITLIN BOYLE	2016
12	Maggie McAlary	2011	15	Elizabeth Benson	2015
12	Rachel Lin	2014	14	HAYLEY IANNOTTI	2016
12	Demi Stiegler	2015	13	Elizabeth Benson	2016
12	CAITLIN BOYLE	2016	13	Ashley Foster	2017
12	HAYLEY IANNOTTI	2017	12	Elizabeth Benson	2013
11	Ashley Foster	2017	12	Jennifer Waxman	2013
11	Demi Stiegler	2014	12	Elizabeth Benson	2014
11	Lindsay Portela	2011	12	Quincy Hayes	2014
10	Katie Breedlove	2010	12	Demi Stiegler	2014
10	Tory Hoft	2015	11	Rachel Lin	2014
10	Tory Hoft	2016	11	Ashley Foster	2015
10	Rachel Lin	2014	11	CAITLIN BOYLE	2017

ALL-TIME AUBURN EQUESTRIAN STATISTICS

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65 50	Griffin Knight	2012-2016	57	Hailey Munger	2012-2016
58	Stephanie Rucci	2010-2014	49	Paige Monfore	2007-2011
51	Indy Roper	2009-2013	49	Stephanie Rucci	2010-2014
44	Hannah Stephens	2014-Present	48	ALEXA RIVARD	2014-Present
43	Hannah Loseke	2012-2016	47	Cheyenne Cracraft	2011-2014
41	Jessica Jones	2006-2010	44	Lyndsey Jordan	2006-2010
34	Kylie Miller	2006-2010	44	Indy Roper	2009-2013
33	LAUREN DIAZ	2016-Present	43	Katsy Leeman	2011-2015
33	Katsy Leeman	2011-2015	40	Griffin Knight	2012-2016
33	Lucy Igoe	2011-2015	35	Kristen Hansen	2009-2012
CAREER	WINS		CAREE	R WINS	
37	Griffin Knight	2012-2016	34	Indy Roper	2009-2013
34	Indy Roper	2009-2013	33	Paige Monfore	2007-2011
31	Stephanie Rucci	2010-2014	31	ALEXA RIVARD	2014-Present
23	Hannah Loseke	2012-2016	27	Cheyenne Cracraft	2011-2014
19	Kimberly Tidwell	2004-2007	26	Lyndsey Jordan	2006-2010
19	Jessica Jones	2006-2010	25	Katsy Leeman	2011-2015
19	Katsy Leeman	2011-2015	25	Hailey Munger	2012-2016
18	LAUREN DIAZ	2016-Present	21	Stephanie Rucci	2010-2014
17	Hannah Stephens	2014-Present	19	Kristen Hansen	2009-2012
17	Lucy Igoe	2011-2015	18	Julie Gibbes	2005-2007
15	Kristen Hansen	2009-2012	18	Griffin Knight	2012-2016
SINGLE-	-SEASON WINS		SINGL	E-SEASON WINS	
14	Griffin Knight	2016	12	Cheyenne Cracraft	2013
12	Hannah Loseke	2016	12	Indy Roper	2012
11	KARA KAUFMANN	2017	11	Ashley Griffith	2006
10	Indy Roper	2010	11	Indy Roper	2013
10	LAÚREN DIAZ	2016	11	ALÉXA RIVARD	2016
9	Lucy Igoe	2015	10	Julie Gibbes	2007
9	Indy Roper	2011	10	Katsy Leeman	2014
9	Indy Roper	2012	10	Katsy Leeman	2015
9	Stephanie Rucci	2012	10	Paige Monfore	2008
9	Stephanie Rucci	2013	10	ALEXA RIVARD	2015
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