

Auburn Coaching Staff



Head Coach Karen Hoppa



Head Coach Seventh Season 74-41-8 (.634) at Auburn 148-85-17 (.626) Career Record

Hoppa has brought the Auburn name into national prominence during her six years on the Plains and established a level of excellence consistent from year-to-year. In her six years at the helm, Auburn has won four consecutive SEC Western Division titles, becoming the first team ever to accomplish that feat and captured the 2002 SEC title.

In 2004, Hoppa led the Tigers to the only undefeated season in the SEC with an Auburn-best 9-0-2 record, the team's fourth-consecutive SEC West title and fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament.

The team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive season, hosting the first and second rounds for the first time in school history at the Auburn Soccer Complex. At the conclusion of the season, the Tigers found themselves ranked at No. 19 in the NSCAA/adidas National Rankings and No. 13 in the final Soccer Buzz poll, the highest final ranking in school history.

Finishing out their senior seasons in 2004, Chrissy Culver, Megan Rivera, Sarah Steinmann and Jenn Walters each earned All-SEC honors and Rivera became the Tigers' first four-time All-American as she holds every Auburn goalkeeper record and three SEC records.

Hoppa led the Tigers to its first SEC Championship title in 2002, three seasons after the team finished at the bottom of the conference standings. For her efforts in leading the team to a school record 15-5-2 mark in 2002, she was named as the SEC Coach of the Year.

Hoppa, the former Karen Richter before marrying Scott Hoppa in December of 2002, helped lead her team to the second round of the NCAA Tournament two years in a row, which is also a feat never reached by an Auburn team. Early in the 2002 season, Hoppa achieved the 100th win of her career in a 4-0 win over South Alabama on Sept. 15.

Under her direction, five Auburn players have earned All-America honors, while nine have earned All-SEC honors as well as numerous All-Region accolades. As a sophomore, Sarah Steinmann became not only the first Tiger to win SEC Player of the Year, but the only player from the SEC Western Division to date.

In 2003, Auburn finished 14-4-3 on the year including a second round appearance in the NCAA Tournament and ended the season with a No. 16 ranking. The ranking marked the first time Auburn was ranked at the conclusion of the season. ***In 2003 away from Auburn...***

Hoppa kept busy away from Auburn as well in the summer of 2002. The head coaching veteran was named as the United States National Team's Youth Goalkeeper Coordinator where her duties took her around the globe during the summer. Hoppa was a coach for the U19 National team in the inaugural FIFA Women's U19 World Championships helping lead the team, and 2004 Auburn senior Megan Rivera, to the World Championship title over host team Canada.

Hoppa led the Tigers to a 11-8-1 record in 2001, including an appearance in the championship match of the Southeastern Conference Tournament. Among the 11 victories were upsets over No. 6 Virginia, No. 16 Tennessee and No. 19 Georgia. The Tigers also received their first-ever national ranking, reaching No. 19 at one point in the season.

In 2000, her second season at Auburn, Hoppa led the Tigers to a then school record 13-7-0 record with 11 newcomers, a solid group of returners and only two seniors.

In 2000 Hoppa became just the 12th person to be inducted into the University of Central Florida Athletic Hall of Fame for her accomplishments as both an All-America goalkeeper and an academic All-American. Her off-season accomplishments did not end there either. Hoppa was then asked to join the Under 18 United States National Team in Bulgaria for the Albena Cup, a full national team tournament. She accepted the invitation and served as an assistant and goalkeeper coach for the U.S. Team that lost on penalty kicks in the championship game.

Hoppa also added the assistant regional coach to her resume in 2000. She led the U16 Regional Team to an undefeated mark on a tour of Germany, Holland, Belgium and France in April and then traveled to Rhode Island, as an assistant coach for the U16 and U18 National team at the U.S. Soccer Festival. She then served as an assistant coach at the National Camp in California for U17 and U18 teams.

Prior to her coming to Auburn, Hoppa served as UCF's head coach

Hoppa File

Full Name Karen I. (Richter) Hoppa
 Birthdate November 1, 1969
 Education Central Florida (1991)
 Overall Record 148-85-17, .626 (12 seasons)
 Auburn Record 74-41-8, .634 (six seasons)

Playing Experience

College Central Florida, Goalkeeper, 1987-90
 Semi-Professional . . . Tampa Bay Extreme, USISL, 1997-98

Coaching Experience

Auburn, Head Coach 1999-present
 Central Florida, Head Coach 1993-99
 Central Florida, Assistant Coach 1991-93
 Lake Brantley (Fla.) H.S., Assistant Boys 1991-93
 Lyman (Fla.) H.S., Assistant Girls 1989-91

National Team Coaching Experience

U.S. Under 17 National Team 2004
 U.S. National Youth Goalkeeper Coordinator . . . 2001-2004
 U.S. Under 19 National Team 2001-2003
 U.S. Under 16 National Team 1999, 2000
 U.S. Under 18 National Team 2000

Coaching Accomplishments

NCAA Tournament Berths (5) 1998, 2001, 2002,
 2003, 2004
 SEC Titles (1) 2002
 SEC West Titles (4) 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
 SEC Coach of the Year 2002
 TAAC Titles (5) 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998
 TAAC Coach of the Year 1998

Athletic Accomplishments

Univ. of Central Florida Hall of Fame 2000
 NCAA Goalkeeper of the Year 1990
 Hermann Award Finalist 1990
 Honda Award Finalist 1990
 NCAA Scholar-Athlete 1989, 1990
 Central Florida Most Valuable Player 1989, 1990
 All-Southeast Region 1989, 1990

from 1993-1998 and spent 1991 to 1993 as an assistant coach for the Golden Knights. All told, Hoppa spent a total of 12 years at UCF, as a student-athlete, assistant coach and head coach. She led the program to two NCAA tournament appearances as a player, including a trip to the Final Four in 1987, five Trans America Athletic Conference titles and a trip to the 1998 NCAA Tournament as a coach.

Hoppa posted a 64-44-9 record at UCF, winning five TAAC titles including four in a row from 1993-96. In her final season at UCF, Hoppa guided the squad to a 12-8 mark and a perfect 4-0 in the Trans America Athletic Conference en route to the school's first NCAA Tournament berth since 1991. For her efforts, Richter (Hoppa) was named TAAC Coach of the Year.

Annually, Hoppa coaches student-athletes who have been recognized for their efforts on the field and in the classroom. Eighteen All-SEC honors have been handed out to Hoppa's players at Auburn during her six-year stint including SEC Freshman of the Year Megan Rivera (2001) and SEC Player of the Year Sarah Steinmann (2002). There have been 26 All-Region honors handed out to Auburn players under Hoppa's direction and five players have received All-America honors, including goalkeeper Megan Rivera -- an All-American in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, Sarah Steinmann in 2002, Sandy Carnes in 2003, Ashley Eason -- a Freshman All-American in 2002 and Ronda Brooks in 2004. In Hoppa's six years at Auburn, she has also seen her athletes earn 58 spots on the All-SEC Academic Honor Roll, including 2003 senior Erin Hinson, who was named to the prestigious CoSIDA Academic All-America second team.

Hoppa has also been very involved in the Olympic Development Program and various youth soccer programs in the United States. In addition to her duties during the summer of 2002, she has spent time with the USYSA National teams, including preparing youth goalkeepers for international competition and assisting the team during the Adidas Cup in Orlando, Fla. From 1990 to 2001, Hoppa was also the head goalkeeper coach and regional staff coach for the USYS Region II ODP team.

A holder of a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) "A" coaching license, she served on the coaching staff of the Florida Youth Soccer Association from 1990 to 1999. In 1997 she was the head coach of the Florida Women's State Select team that won the Southern Regional.

Prior to becoming the head coach at Central Florida, Hoppa was an assistant for the Golden Knights for two seasons, 1991-93, and also served as an assistant for the nearby Lake Brantley High School boy's team during that same time. Hoppa also served as an assistant for the girl's team at Lyman High School in Longwood, Fla., for two years (1989-91). The Lyman team won the state championship in Hoppa's second year.

Hoppa's success at Central Florida wasn't limited to the sidelines, however. She made a name for herself as one of the greatest goalkeepers in UCF and NCAA history. A three year starter from 1987-90, Hoppa allowed just 30 goals (0.594) in 48 career games in assisting her squads to a 43-13-7 during her tenure. During her four years, Central Florida made two NCAA appearances, advancing to the Final Four in 1987 and the quarterfinals in 1988. Her 30 goals allowed, 0.594 goals against average, and 30.5 shutouts are still UCF career records.

As a senior, Hoppa was named the 1990 Adidas/ISAA Goalkeeper of the Year, the NCAA Goalkeeper of the Year and was a finalist for the Hermann Award. She helped UCF to a 9-4-3 record, including a 2-2 tie with national power North Carolina.

As a junior, she was named to the 1989 Soccer America MVP



Charting Hoppa's Coaching Career

School	Year	W	L	T	Pct.	Accomplishment
Central Florida	1993	8	7	1	.531	TAAC Co-Champions
Central Florida	1994	13	5	1	.711	TAAC Champions
Central Florida	1995	10	7	4	.571	TAAC Champions
Central Florida	1996	13	7	1	.643	TAAC Champions
Central Florida	1997	8	10	2	.450	TAAC Runner-up
Central Florida	1998	12	8	0	.600	NCAA Tournament, TAAC Champions
Auburn	1999	6	13	0	.315	--
Auburn	2000	13	7	0	.650	Was Best Record in School History
Auburn	2001	11	8	1	.575	NCAA Tournament, SEC West Co-Champions
Auburn	2002	15	5	2	.795	NCAA Second Round, SEC Champions
Auburn	2003	14	4	3	.738	NCAA Second Round, SEC West Champions
Auburn	2004	15	4	2	.762	NCAA Second Round, SEC West Champions
Overall	12 yrs.	148	85	17	.626	5 NCAA Tourns., 5 TAAC Champs., 1 SEC Champs.
at Auburn	6 yrs.	74	41	8	.634	4 NCAA Tourns., 1 SEC Championship

Head Coach Karen Hoppa

Team after leading Central Florida to a 11-1-2 record. In 14 games, her team posted 11 shutouts and allowed just four goals all season.

An excellent student as well, Hoppa graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in psychology, a 3.7 grade point average, and was a finalist as a senior for the prestigious Honda Award. She was also recognized as an Adidas/ISAA Scholar Athlete during her junior and senior years.

During her collegiate career Hoppa was inducted into several national honor societies including Golden Key, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Psi Chi. She also served on the 1991 College Student-Athlete Project: Women and Athletics Sub-Committee.

A three-sport standout at Naperville Central High School in Naperville, Ill., Hoppa earned All-America soccer honors and was a member of the National Youth Team in 1986. The Naperville native was also a member of the United States Olympic Festival's North squad in both 1987 and 1990. Along with her soccer success, Hoppa also competed on the softball and basketball squads.

In 1997 Hoppa returned to the field as a player, as a member of the Tampa Bay Extreme, a member of the United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues (USISL) "W League." For two seasons, Hoppa was the starting goalkeeper for the Extreme.

Hoppa is a member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and served as a volunteer club coach with the Seminole Soccer Club for five years (1989-93). She was a member of the NCAA Regional Advisory Committee (1995-97) and also served on the NSCAA Division I Women's Soccer Southeast Ratings Board (1996-98).

Hoppa is the proud Godmother of associate head coach Matthew Mott's son Matthew Dean Mott, Jr., born on July 11, 2001. Hoppa married Scott Hoppa on Dec. 14, 2002. The couple resides in Opelika, Ala.



Hoppa's Career Record vs. All Opponents

SCHOOL	W-L-T	Georgia	1-5-1	Pepperdine	0-1-0
Alabama	5-2-1	George Washington	1-0-0	Pittsburgh	0-0-1
Alabama A&M	1-0-0	Harvard	0-0-1	Portland State	1-0-0
UAB	4-1-0	Houston	0-1-0	Purdue	1-0-0
Arizona State	0-1-0	Illinois	1-0-0	Rice	1-0-0
Arkansas	5-2-1	Indiana	0-1-0	Rhode Island	0-1-0
Auburn	3-0-0	Jacksonville	2-0-0	Samford	2-0-0
Barry	0-1-0	Jacksonville State	1-1-0	San Diego State	0-1-0
Butler	0-1-0	Kansas	0-1-0	SEMO	1-0-0
UC-Irvine	0-1-0	Kentucky	2-2-1	South Alabama	3-0-1
Campbell	6-0-0	LSU	5-2-0	South Carolina	2-1-1
Centenary	2-0-0	Lynn	0-0-1	Southern Methodist	0-2-0
UCF	1-0-0	Marquette	1-0-0	Southwest Texas State	1-0-0
Clemson	1-1-0	Massachusetts	1-1-1	St. Louis	1-0-0
College of Charleston	4-2-0	Mercer	4-0-1	St. Mary's	1-0-0
Colorado College	0-1-0	Miami	2-0-0	Stetson	11-0-0
Connecticut	0-1-0	Middle Tennessee	1-0-0	Syracuse	0-1-0
Cornell	1-0-0	Mississippi	4-4-0	Tennessee	2-2-0
Creighton	1-0-0	Mississippi State	4-2-0	UT-Chattanooga	1-0-0
Dartmouth	1-0-0	UNLV	2-0-0	Texas A&M	0-2-0
Davidson	0-1-0	New Mexico	2-0-0	UTEP	1-1-0
Dayton	1-2-0	Nicholls State	1-0-0	Texas Tech	1-0-0
Duke	0-4-0	North Carolina	0-2-0	Tulsa	1-0-0
Evansville	1-0-0	UNC Charlotte	2-1-0	Vanderbilt	2-1-1
Florida	3-7-0	UNC Greensboro	1-1-0	Washington	0-1-0
Florida Atlantic	9-1-0	North Carolina State	1-0-0	West Virginia	1-2-0
Florida International	8-3-3	Northern Illinois	1-1-0	William & Mary	1-0-0
Florida State	1-4-0	Oklahoma State	1-0-0	Wisconsin	0-1-0
Furman	2-0-0	Oregon	0-1-0	UW-Milwaukee	0-2-0

Coach Matthew Mott

Associate Head Coach Seventh Season



Matthew Mott enters his seventh year at Auburn and his second as associate head coach. He served his first two seasons as assistant coach for head coach Karen Hoppa and was promoted after the 2000 season to assistant head coach.

On Oct. 26, 2003, Mott helped coach the Tigers to a 2-0 win over LSU in the 100th win of his career as a Division I assistant.

At the start of the 2002 season, Mott took over head coaching duties while Hoppa was with the U19 US National Team as an assistant coach. Mott helped the team collect two wins over nationally-ranked West Virginia (2-0) and Evansville (3-1) at the Auburn University Soccer Complex.

Following the 2002 season, Mott was honored for his outstanding recruiting and coaching duties by being named an AFLAC National Assistant Coach of the Year, which was sponsored by *Scholastic Coach and Athletic Director Magazine*.

Mott's main responsibilities with the Tigers include serving as the recruiting coordinator, scouting coordinator and assisting Hoppa with all on-field coaching duties.

Prior to his time on the Plains, Mott served as assistant coach at Central Florida for four years under Hoppa.

"Matt's experience and knowledge are invaluable to our program," Hoppa said. "He is an extremely talented recruiter, as evidenced by our consistently high-ranked recruiting classes. On the field, Matt has led our defense to the top of the SEC. Each year, he plays a significant role in the success of our program."

During his tenure at Central Florida, Mott assisted the Golden Knights to a 43-32-7 mark, three Trans Atlantic Athletic Conference titles and a berth in the NCAA Tournament in 1998.

While at UCF, Mott served as the associate director of soccer camp for girls and now is director with the Auburn Soccer Camps.

Prior to his stint at UCF, Mott was head coach for four years at Hilbert College, a Division III institution in Hamburg, N.Y. During his stay at Hilbert, Mott was the school's all-time winningest coach at the time and set a school record for most victories in a season and served as assistant and goalkeeper coach for the men's program.

Mott is a 2000 graduate of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in general studies with a minor in criminal justice. He also earned an associate of science degree in 1994 from Erie Community College in Buffalo, N.Y.

After graduating from Norwood Norfolk Central High School in Norwood, N.Y., in 1989, Mott spent four years in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he provided the blanket of freedom to which we are all accustomed to living, and was stationed in Portsmouth, Va., Petaluma, Calif., and Buffalo, N.Y.



Jen, Tacie, Matt and Dean Mott

Mott File

Full Name Matthew Dean Mott
 Birthdate June 30, 1970
 Education Central Florida (2000)

Playing Experience

Military Coast Guard, Goalkeeper, 1989-90

Coaching Experience

Auburn, Associate Head Coach 2004-present
 Auburn, Assistant Head Coach 2000-2004
 Auburn, Assistant Coach 1999-2000
 Central Florida, Assistant Coach 1995-99
 Hilbert (N.Y.) College Head Women's Coach 1991-94
 U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Coach 1990

With 12 years of coaching experience, Mott has developed a great deal of experience at numerous levels of coaching. Mott, who holds a National "B" Coaching License from the United States Soccer Federation, began his coaching while in the Coast Guard, where he assisted its select team in Portsmouth, Va.

Mott also has experience working with Olympic Development Programs. He has been on the ODP Regional staff from 2003-present and has worked with the girls USYS Region III ODP team in Florida and Alabama as a member of their Youth Soccer Association since 1998.

As a player, Mott was a goalkeeper on the Norwood Norfolk Central High School team and was also on the Coast Guard select team for two years.

Born in Norwood, N.Y., Mott is 35 and married the former Jennifer Swartz in April of 1997. They have one son, Matthew Dean Mott, Jr., born on July 11, 2001 and a daughter, Tacie Jane Mott, born on Feb. 2, 2004.

Coach Becky Fletcher

Assistant Coach Third Season



Becky Fletcher begins her third season at Auburn after being hired in July of 2003. The Columbia, S.C., native comes to Auburn after serving as head coach of Erskine College in South Carolina for one season where she took on all coaching responsibilities as well as other functions such as public relations and fund raising.

At Auburn, Fletcher is in charge of team travel, on the field she works primarily with the offense, assists in match analysis, recruiting, Auburn's summer soccer camps and various other administrative duties. She also plays a significant role in the team's technical development.

Before her stint at Erskine, Fletcher was the first assistant coach at Tennessee Tech, where she was responsible for recruiting, coaching field players, administration and organizing the Golden Eagle soccer camp. Other coaching stops for Fletcher include serving as a graduate assistant coach at Tennessee Tech from 1999-2001 and as an assistant coach at Erskine from 1998-99.

While at Tennessee Tech, the team was named as one of the most improved Division I soccer programs of 2000 and was ranked in the top 25 in shutout percentage for the 2001 season.

"Becky is an outstanding coach and we are lucky to have her on our staff," head coach Karen Hoppa said. "Her experience in college soccer has given her a wealth of knowledge that is invaluable to our program."

In addition to Fletcher's collegiate experience, she has earned her NSCAA Advanced National Diploma and her NSCAA National Diploma and helped coach the Alabama state ODP U16 team.

Fletcher is a 1998 graduate of Erskine, where she helped lead the team to its first conference title by scoring the game-winning goal in the championship game. As a team captain her junior and senior seasons, Fletcher was also a two-time CVAC All-Tournament team member. While at Tennessee Tech, Fletcher earned her Master's in Health and Physical Education with a concentration in Lifetime Wellness.

The Columbia, S.C., native is the daughter of John and Judy Fletcher of Anderson, S.C., and is the proud aunt of Grayson (4) and Allie (2) Fletcher.



Fletcher File

Full Name Rebecca M. Fletcher
Hometown Columbia, S.C.
Birthdate..... July 7, 1976
Education Erskine College (1998)

Playing Experience

College..... Erskine College, 1994-98

Coaching Experience

Auburn, Assistant Coach. 2003-present
Erskine College, Head Coach..... 2002-03
Tennessee Tech, Assistant Coach 2001-02
Tennessee Tech, Graduate Assistant..... 1999-2001
Erskine College, Assistant Coach..... 1998-99