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In the 2004 season the Tigers made a habit of rewriting the record books. Led by one of the most productive senior classes in the SEC, (Chrissy Culver, Megan Rivera, Sarah Steinmann and Jenn Walters), Auburn captured its fourth consecutive Southeastern Conference Western Division title, the most by any team in the west and made its fourth consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament.

The Tigers finished the regular season with a 14-2-2 record that earned them a No. 16 national ranking. However, in the NSCAA poll, the Tigers were ranked as high as No. 9 during the year, their highest position in the coach's poll to date.

Anxious to start the 2004 season where they left off in 2003, Coach Karen Hoppa wasted no time putting her Tigers' to the test. Hoppa scheduled the opening four games of the season against reigning conference champions. In 2003 Furman claimed the Southern Conference title, UAB won the Conference-USA regular season, Samford took home the Ohio Valley Conference and William & Mary won the Colonial Athletic Association. The Tigers responded to Hoppa's challenge, winning all four games convincingly. The Tigers continued to build on their winning streak, beating the University of Miami away from home to record their fifth consecutive win of the season. This was Auburn's best start since the programs inception in 1993.

The 2004 season brought a multitude of "firsts" for the Tigers both as a team and individually. When freshman defender Lauren Stewart joined her twin sisters Jada and Kristin Stewart on The Plains, soccer became the first sport at Auburn to have three siblings playing on the same team at the same time.

Auburn's 1-0 win over No. 4 Florida was the Tigers first win over a top-5 team in school history.

Hosting the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament on the Plains was a first as well. Auburn fans had the luxury of watching the Tigers compete in the tournament in their own backyard.

A number of Auburn players received Player of the Week honors for the first time. Senior defender Jenn Walters earned her first-ever SEC Defensive Player of the Week honor Sept. 7, after standout performances against Samford and William & Mary. Walters scored the fourth goal of her career on a penalty kick at Samford assuring the Tigers a 3-0 win.

Senior forward Chrissy Culver received her first SEC Offensive Player of the Week honor August 31. Culver scored the second goal against Furman and scored the game-winner in Auburn's win over UAB.

Continuing their tradition of firsts,

Culver and Walters were both named to the All-Southeastern Region Third Team and were among the six Tigers honored with All-SEC awards. Never in the history of soccer at Auburn have so many Tigers received All-SEC honors in the same season.

Joining Culver in the All-SEC First Team were senior goalkeeper Megan Rivera and sophomore defender Ronda Brooks. Senior forward Sarah Steinmann, who was also named to the SEC Good Works Team for the first time joined Walters on the second team, while freshman defender Lauren Stewart made the all-freshman team.

The list of first-time achievements in 2004 doesn't end there. Rivera was also named to the *Soccer Buzz* All-American Team for the fourth time, becoming Auburn's first four-time All-American and also became the first Tiger to place her name at the top of the SEC record books. She accumulated an impressive goals against average of just 0.81 and 33 shutouts, both the best in SEC history. During her career, Rivera also earned eight All-Region honors, four All-SEC Team honors and a Freshman of The Year Award. Brooks joined Rivera as the second player at Auburn to be awarded both *Soccer Buzz* and NSCAA All-American honors.

For the first time ever Auburn placed five players on the *Soccer Buzz* All-Southeast Region Team. The fab five included Brooks, Culver, Rivera, Steinmann and Walters.

Auburn's undefeated record at 9-0-2 in conference play was unmatched by any other team in the SEC and was the best-ever record achieved by the Tigers.

Culver played a large part in sustaining Auburn's perfect record in the SEC. In the final minutes of the contest against Vanderbilt on Oct. 1, Brooks passed the ball to Culver, who fired a shot towards the goal from 10 yards out. The shot flew passed the goalie to even the score at 1-1.

A few weeks later the Tigers found themselves in a similar predicament at

Georgia. With time running out, the Tigers were in the hunt for an equalizer. Steinmann sent a perfect pass through the middle to

Culver coming down the right side. Culver shot from three yards out for the score, tying up the game at 1-1 and salvaging the Tigers unbeaten SEC record.

In Auburn's 2-0 win against Clemson in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the Tigers appeared to have overcome their shooting woes from their shocking loss to the Rebels.

However, against No. 14 Washington in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, the Tigers were unable to find the goal. Though only their fourth loss of the year, the Tigers' season was over.

The senior class might have exercised its eligibility, but after four years on the Plains their paw prints are all over the record books.

At the End of Year Banquet the seniors received several awards for their consistent effort in 2004 and during their careers.

Culver was named the team's Most Valuable Offensive Player and Rivera, the team's Most Valuable Defensive Player. Steinman and Walters were given the Captain Award for their service and leadership throughout the season.

In terms of Auburn career records, Steinman received an award for holding the record for game-winning goals with 11. Walters, the "iron woman" of the team who played in every match while at Auburn, received awards for holding records for the most matches played, matches started and consecutive matches started, all at 84. Rivera took home a collection of awards as

well. She holds every goalkeeper record including goals against average (0.81), saves (328) and shutouts (33).

Other award recipients included junior defender Ashley Eason, who was named the team's Unsung Hero, junior forward Ashley Willis, the team's Most Improved Player and junior transfer Courtney Crandell, the team's Rookie of the Year. Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Anna Fiser earned the Coaches' Award and junior midfielder Jada Stewart received the Academic Captain award for the second year running.



2004 Auburn Statistics

2004 Auburn Soccer Statistics (15-4-2, 9-0-2 SEC)

PLAYER	GP	Overall							Southeastern Conference						
		GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW	GP	GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW	
22 Chrissy Culver	21	21	42	8	3	19	2	11	11	26	4	1	9	1	
13 Sarah Steinmann	21	21	58	6	6	18	1	11	11	29	3	4	10	1	
18 Courtney Crandell	21	21	56	5	3	13	3	11	11	32	3	1	7	1	
19 Sara Power	21	19	12	4	2	10	2	11		6	3	1	7	2	
2 Christie Cigno	21	21	25	4	0	8	3	11	11	13	2	0	4	1	
5 Jenn Walters	21	21	6	4	0	8	2	11	11	5	3	0	6	2	
12 Jada Stewart	21	6	15	2	2	6	2	11	1	7	1	0	2	1	
14 Ronda Brooks	21	21	19	1	4	6	0	11	11	6	0	3	3	0	
23 Kristin Stewart	21	0	9	1	2	4	0	11	0	5	1	0	2	0	
9 Jac Schwarz	21	0	10	0	3	3	0	11	0	5	0	2	2	0	
3 Ashley Willis	21	13	13	0	1	1	0	11	10	9	0	1	1	0	
8 Jenny Zarzour	21	21	12	0	1	1	0	11	11	5	0	0	0	0	
4 Ashley Eason	21	21	0	0	1	1	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	
0 Megan Rivera	21	21	0	0	1	1	0	11	11	0	0	1	1	0	
11 Jessie Allan	16	0	3	0	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	
10 Lauren Stewart	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	
21 Summer Ragsdale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17 Lacey Rush	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16 Kori Hoelscher	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15 Jen Lee	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6 Kelsey Grossman	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1 Anna Fiser	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Goalkeeping Statistics

Player	GP	GS	MIN	SV	GA	GAA	ShO	GP	GS	MIN	SV	GA	GAA	ShO
Megan Rivera	21	21	1829:46	73	15	0.74	7	11	11	917:12	40	6	0.59	4
Anna Fiser	1	0	27:36	0	0	0.00	0	1	0	27:36	0	0	0.00	0
Auburn Totals	21	---	1857:22	73	15	0.73	8	11	---	944:48	40	6	0.57	5
Opponent Totals	21	---	1857:22	99	35	1.70	4	11	---	944:48	56	20	1.91	0

Score by Periods

	1	2	OT	2OT	Total	Corner Kicks	Fouls
Auburn	17	17	1	0	35	144	247
Opponents	6	8	0	1	15	60	300

Game-by-Game Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conf	Attend	Goals scored
Aug. 27, 2004	FURMAN	W 3-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1,206	STEWART, Jada (POWER, Sara) CULVER, Chrissy (STEINMANN, Sarah)
Aug. 29, 2004	UAB	W 3-1	2-0-0	0-0-0	714	STEINMANN, Sarah (CRANDELL, Courtney) CULVER, Chrissy (STEWART, Jada) CULVER, Chrissy (STEWART, Kristin)
Sept. 2, 2004	at Samford	W 3-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1,054	CIGNO, Christie (ZARZOUR, Jenny; BROOKS, Ronda) POWER, Sara (STEINMANN, Sarah) WALTERS, Jenn (penalty kick)
Sept. 5, 2004	at William & Mary	W 2-1	4-0-0	0-0-0	207	BROOKS, Ronda (CRANDELL, Courtney) CIGNO, Christie (unassisted)
Sept. 10, 2004	at Miami	W 2-1	5-0-0	0-0-0	121	STEINMANN, Sarah (STEWART, Kristin; STEWART, Jada) CRANDELL, Courtney (CULVER, Chrissy)
Sept. 11, 2004	vs. Indiana	0-1 L	5-1-0	0-0-0	87	--
Sept. 19, 2004	#6 KANSAS	0-1 L (O2)	5-2-0	0-0-0	854	--
Sept. 24, 2004	SOUTH CAROLINA*	W 1-0	6-2-0	1-0-0	1,017	STEINMANN, Sarah (unassisted)
Sept. 26, 2004	#4 FLORIDA*	W 1-0	7-2-0	2-0-0	957	WALTERS, Jenn (penalty kick)
Oct. 1, 2004	at Vanderbilt*	1-1 T (O2)	7-2-1	2-0-1	612	CULVER, Chrissy (BROOKS, Ronda)
Oct. 3, 2004	at Kentucky*	W 3-0	8-2-1	3-0-1	563	CULVER, Chrissy (unassisted) STEWART, Kristin (SCHWARZ, Jac) CRANDELL, Courtney (STEINMANN, Sarah)
Oct. 8, 2004	MISSISSIPPI STATE*	W 3-0	9-2-1	4-0-1	914	STEWART, Jada (unassisted) WALTERS, Jenn (penalty kick) CRANDELL, Courtney (CULVER, Chrissy)
Oct. 10, 2004	OLE MISS*	W 2-1 (OT)	10-2-1	5-0-1	684	CIGNO, Christie (BROOKS, Ronda) POWER, Sara (STEINMANN, Sarah; CULVER, Chrissy)
Oct. 15, 2004	at Arkansas*	W 1-0	11-2-1	6-0-1	742	CRANDELL, Courtney (unassisted)
Oct. 17, 2004	at LSU*	W 2-1	12-2-1	7-0-1	485	STEINMANN, Sarah (unassisted) CIGNO, Christie (SCHWARZ, Jac)
Oct. 22, 2004	#8 TENNESSEE*	W 2-1	13-2-1	8-0-1	2,117	STEINMANN, Sarah (BROOKS, Ronda) WALTERS, Jenn (penalty kick)
Oct. 24, 2004	at Georgia*	1-1 T (O2)	13-2-2	8-0-2	1,589	CULVER, Chrissy (POWER, Sara; STEINMANN, Sarah)
Oct. 29, 2004	ALABAMA*	W 3-1	14-2-2	9-0-2	1,224	POWER, Sara (CRANDELL, Courtney) POWER, Sara (STEINMANN, Sarah; WILLIS, Ashley) CULVER, Chrissy (RIVERA, Megan)
Nov. 4, 2004	vs. OLE MISS^	0-3 L	14-3-2	9-0-2	1,023	--
Nov. 12, 2004	vs. CLEMSON>	W 2-0	15-3-2	9-0-2	1,472	CRANDELL, Courtney (EASON, Ashley) CULVER, Chrissy (SCHWARZ, Jac)
Nov. 14, 2004	vs. #14 WASHINGTON>	0-1 L	15-4-2	9-0-2	647	--

* SEC match, ^ SEC Tournament, >NCAA Tournament

2004 SEC Results

2004 Southeastern Conference Final Standings

Eastern Division SEC				Western Division					
		Pts.	All	Pct.					
Tennessee#*	10-1-0	30.0	17-5-2	.750	Auburn*	9-0-2	29.0	15-4-2	.762
Florida!	7-2-2	23.0	16-4-3	.761	Mississippi State	5-5-1	16.0	9-9-3	.500
Vanderbilt	5-2-4	19.0	7-7-5	.500	Alabama	5-6-0	15.0	10-11-0	.476
Kentucky	3-7-1	10.0	6-12-1	.342	Ole Miss	4-5-2	14.0	9-10-2	.476
Georgia	2-6-3	9.0	4-9-5	.361	Arkansas	2-7-2	8.0	6-11-2	.368
South Carolina	2-7-2	8.0	8-10-2	.425	LSU	2-8-1	7.0	8-11-1	.425

- SEC Champion; ! - SEC Tournament Champion

* - Division Champion

SEC Final Statistics

Individual - All Matches

Points

1. Stephanie Freeman, Florida	37
2. Artie Brown, LSU	31
3. Stacy Bishop, LSU	25
4. Brittney Potts, Ole Miss	23
Ashley Kellgren, Florida	23
Kayla Lockaby, Tennessee	23

Goals

1. Stephanie Freeman, Florida	17
2. Artie Brown, LSU	14
3. Brittney Potts, Ole Miss	10
Kayla Lockaby, Tennessee	10
5. Stacy Bishop, LSU	9

Assists

1. Ashley Kellgren, Florida	11
2. Ali Christoph, Tennessee	8
Genna Gorman, Tennessee	8
4. Lea Lafield, Vanderbilt	7
Stacy Bishop, LSU	7
Libby Probst, Arkansas	7

Shutouts

1. V. Phillips-Bosshart, Tennessee	11
2. Megan Rivera	7
Jen Gardner, Florida	7
4. Ann Shelton, Ole Miss	6
5. Ashley Lindley, Georgia	5
Carrie Dillsaver, Arkansas	5

Goals Against Average

1. V. Phillips-Bosshart, Tennessee	0.68
2. Megan Rivera, Auburn	0.70
Jen Gardner, Florida	0.70
4. Tyler Griffin, Vanderbilt	1.04
5. Ann Shelton, Ole Miss	1.07

Saves

1. Carrie Dillsaver, Arkansas	104
2. V. Phillips-Bosshart, Tennessee	91
3. Ashley Lindley, Georgia	87
4. Emily Meyers, Mississippi State	84
5. Tyler Griffin, Vanderbilt	79
Laura Lowman, Alabama	79

Team - All Matches

Points

1. Florida	154
2. Tennessee	120
3. Ole Miss	105

4. Alabama	104
5. Auburn	99
6. LSU	88
7. South Carolina	81
Arkansas	81
Mississippi State	81
10. Kentucky	70
11. Vanderbilt	69
12. Georgia	50

Goals

1. Florida	50
2. Tennessee	39
3. Alabama	38
4. Auburn	35
Ole Miss	35
6. LSU	33
7. South Carolina	30
8. Arkansas	29
9. Vanderbilt	26
10. Mississippi State	25
Kentucky	25
12. Georgia	20

Goals Allowed

1. Auburn	15
2. Tennessee	18
3. Florida	22
4. Ole Miss	23
5. Vanderbilt	24
6. Georgia	28
Arkansas	28
8. LSU	31
Alabama	31
10. South Carolina	34
11. Mississippi State	35
12. Kentucky	36

Goals Allowed Per Match

1. Auburn	0.69
2. Tennessee	0.72
3. Florida	0.91
4. Ole Miss	1.06
5. Vanderbilt	1.16
6. Arkansas	1.44
7. Alabama	1.45
8. Georgia	1.49
9. LSU	1.50
10. Mississippi State	1.61
11. South Carolina	1.62
12. Kentucky	1.84

SEC Tournament

at Auburn, Ala.

First Round

Match 1: #7 Ole Miss 3, #2 Auburn 0
Match 2: #3 Florida 2, #6 Alabama 0
Match 3: #1 Tennessee 2, #8 Kentucky 0
Match 4: #4 Vanderbilt 1, #5 MSU 0

Semifinals

Match 5: Florida 3, Ole Miss 0
Match 6: Tennessee 1, Vanderbilt 0

Finals

Match 7: Florida 2, Tennessee 1 (20t)

SEC Awards

Coch of the Year

Angela Kelly, Tennessee

Player of the Year

Stephanie Freeman, Florida
Defensive Player of the Year

Keeley Dowling, Tennessee

Freshmen of the Year

Ashley Kirk, South Carolina
 Genna Gorman, Tennessee

Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Ashley Lindley, Georgia
 Chelsea Agar, LSU

First Team All-SEC

Chrissy Culver (F)	Auburn
Artie Brown (F)	LSU
Lyndsey Patterson (F)	Tennessee
Stephanie Freeman (M)	Florida
Kayla Lockaby (M)	Tennessee
Ali Christoph (M)	Tennessee
Ronda Brooks (D)	Auburn
Sarah Lentz (D)	South Carolina
Keeley Dowling (D)	Tennessee
Megan Rivera (G)	Auburn
Tyler Griffin (G)	Vanderbilt

Second Team All-SEC

Libby Probst (F)	Alabama
Sarah Steinmann (F)	Auburn
Elisabeth Jones (F)	Kentucky
Brittney Potts (F)	Ole Miss
Stacy Bishop (M)	LSU
Kristal Menard (M)	Ole Miss
Meghan Habig (M)	Vanderbilt
Jenn Walters (D)	Auburn
Melanie Booth (D)	Florida
Lyndsey Williams (D)	Ole Miss
V. Phillips-Bosshart (G)	Tennessee