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2005 Senior class (L-R): Lolani Alvarez, Paige Jones, Sara Dean and Anne Norton.



2005 Junior class (L-R): Amy Shaw, Krista Barts, Ashley Griffin, Robin Martin.



2005 Sophomore class (L-R): Kristina McCain, Nicole Russo (redshirt freshman), Sara Ghezzi, Beth DiPietro, Holly Currie and Lauren Walton.



2005 Freshmen class (L-R): Starr Dorsey, Jorja Bell, Brittany Day, Brittany Scott.

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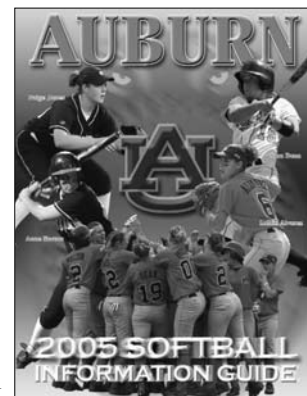
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ABOUT THE COVER

The four Auburn seniors -- Paige Jones, Anne Norton, Sara Dean and Lolani Alvarez -- pace an Auburn program that is looking for its second straight berth into an NCAA Regional. The Tigers finished second in the Western Division of the Southeastern Conference in 2004, coming just one game away from earning their first ever berth into the SEC Championship game.



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QUICK FACTS/MEDIA



AUBURN UNIVERSITY/ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Location: Auburn, Ala.
 Founded: 1856
 Enrollment: 23,152
 Nickname: Tigers
 Colors Burnt Orange and Navy Blue
 Mascot: Tiger (live Golden Eagle)
 Stadium: Jane B. Moore Field (1,500 capacity)
 Conference: Southeastern (Western Division)
 Interim President: Dr. Ed Richardson

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Head Coach: Tina Deese
 Alma Mater: Florida State, 1986
 Career Record: 534-369-1 (.591)/16 years
 Record at Auburn: 248-246-1 (.501)/eight years
 Assistant Coach: Jack Byerley, first year (South Alabama, 1981)
 Assistant Coach: Ashley Moore, first year (Auburn, 2002)

SOFTBALL TEAM

2004 Record: 42-18 (.700)
 2004 SEC Record: 19-10 (.655)
 2004 SEC Finish: Second (West)
 Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/6

SOFTBALL HISTORY

First Year: 1997
 All-Time Record: 248-246-1 (.501)
 SEC Record: 99-135 (.423)
 Home Record: 102-85-1 (.543)
 Postseason Record: 0-4
 Last Postseason Appearance: 2004

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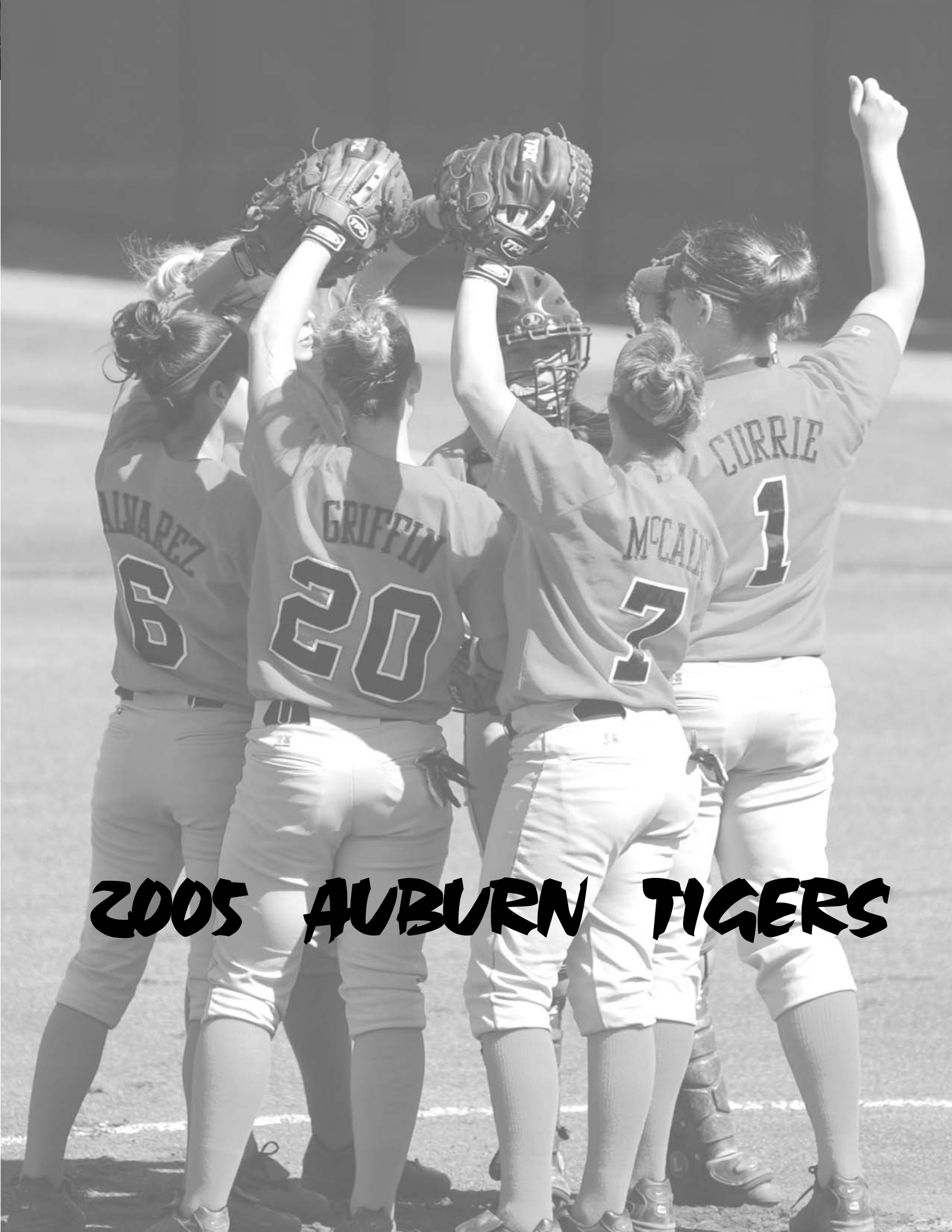
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2005 AUBURN TIGERS



2005 ROSTER



NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
1	Holly Currie	P/1B	6-0	So.	Pisgah, Ala. (Pisgah HS)
2	Lauren Walton	OF	5-6	So.	Palmetto, Fla. (Palmetto HS)
3	Nicole Russo	IF	5-7	RFr.	Kenner, La. (Archbishop Chapelle HS)
4	Brittany Day	P	5-8	Fr.	Columbus, Ga. (Shaw HS)
5	Robin Martin	C/IF	5-8	Jr.	Palm City, Fla. (Martin County HS)
6	Lolani Alvarez	IF	5-6	Sr.	Cypress, Calif. (Cypress CC)
7	Kristina McCain	IF	5-5	So.	Mount Olive, Ala. (Gardendale HS)
8	Sara Ghezzi	OF	5-5	So.	Miami, Fla. (Palmetto HS)
9	Brittany Scott	UT	5-5	Fr.	Mount Dora, Fla. (Mount Dora HS)
10	Starr Dorsey	IF	5-6	Fr.	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn HS)
11	Amy Shaw	OF	5-5	Jr.	Ashville, Ala. (Wallace Dothan CC)
12	Jorja Bell	C/1B	6-0	Fr.	Auckland, New Zealand (Epsom Girls Grammar)
15	Beth DiPietro	P/UT	5-6	So.	Riverview, Fla. (Riverview HS)
19	Sara Dean	C	5-5	Sr.	Valencia, Calif. (Valencia HS)
20	Ashley Griffin	IF	5-5	Jr.	Pace, Fla. (Pace HS)
22	Krista Barts	OF	5-8	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga. (Chattahoochee HS)
25	Paige Jones	IF	5-9	Sr.	Alabaster, Ala. (Thompson HS)
44	Anne Norton	IF	6-0	Sr.	Loxley, Ala. (McGill-Toolen HS)

Head Coach: Tina Deese (Florida State, 1986)
 Assistant Coach: Jack Byerley (South Alabama, 1981)
 Assistant Coach: Ashley Moore (Auburn, 2002)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME
6	Lolani Alvarez
22	Krista Barts
12	Jorja Bell
1	Holly Currie
4	Brittany Day
19	Sara Dean
15	Beth DiPietro
10	Starr Dorsey
8	Sara Ghezzi
20	Ashley Griffin
25	Paige Jones
5	Robin Martin
7	Kristina McCain
44	Anne Norton
3	Nicole Russo
9	Brittany Scott
11	Amy Shaw
2	Lauren Walton

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY STATE/COUNTRY

ALABAMA (6)

Holly Currie
 Starr Dorsey
 Paige Jones
 Kristina McCain
 Anne Norton
 Amy Shaw

FLORIDA (6)

Beth DiPietro
 Sara Ghezzi
 Ashley Griffin
 Robin Martin
 Brittany Scott
 Lauren Walton

GEORGIA (2)

Krista Barts
 Brittany Day

LOUISIANA (1)

Nicole Russo

CALIFORNIA (2)

Lolani Alvarez
 Sara Dean

NEW ZEALAND (1)

Jorja Bell

BY CLASS

FRESHMAN (5)

Jorja Bell
 Brittany Day
 Starr Dorsey
 Nicole Russo
 Brittany Scott

SOPHOMORE (5)

Holly Currie
 Beth DiPietro
 Sara Ghezzi
 Kristina McCain
 Lauren Walton

JUNIOR (4)

Krista Barts
 Ashley Griffin
 Robin Martin
 Amy Shaw

SENIOR (4)

Lolani Alvarez
 Sara Dean
 Paige Jones
 Anne Norton



2005 PREVIEW



Just a season removed from the best campaign in the eight-year history of the program, the Auburn softball team is ready to move forward. The Tigers are looking to make it two seasons in a row in NCAA Tournament play and three in the last four years.

Head coach Tina Deese, the architect of Auburn softball, brings a talented and experienced, but relatively young squad to Jane B. Moore Field this season. While the Tigers lost five players - four to graduation - from a team that went 42-18, players like Sara Dean, a 2004 All-Southeastern Conference first team member, and Ashley Griffin will lead an energized 2005 Tiger team.

"This is a team that has a lot of talent on the field, but what our returners bring off it are valuable as well," Deese said. "Our seniors and juniors have experience and our freshmen and sophomores are getting more and more mature in terms of their softball mentality each and every day."

Auburn returns a team that has an incredible amount of balance. All but one of the 2004 starting infield returns, while three outfielders have significant collegiate experience.

Additionally, the team's top returners at the circle combined for 14 wins, 143 strikeouts and five shutouts in 162 innings of work last season.

"This is one of the most balanced teams I've ever had at Auburn," Deese said, entering her ninth season at the helm of the Tigers. "At a number of positions, we have players who can step in or continue the success they had last season."

INFIELD

Auburn returns 80 percent of an infield that committed a combined 40 errors in 60 games in 2004. Only Martha Phillips, who played 58 games at first base, was lost to graduation.

Senior catcher Sara Dean, an All-SEC team member in 2004, returns after batting .333 with a team-leading 30 runs batted in last season. The senior batted .359 with runners on base in 2004, and enters the 2005 season with a career .301 batting average.

Dean, a Valencia, Calif., native also earned Third-Team All-America and First-Team All-Region honors.

"Sara is a outstanding player," Deese said. "She deserved every honor she received last season. She has a chance to become one of the best players to don an Auburn uniform."

The team's middle infield of Lolani Alvarez - second base - and Ashley Griffin - shortstop - provided Auburn with the type of defensive wizardry all top SEC teams value. Not only does the duo present solid fielding, but they also make noise with their bats. Alvarez led Auburn with 10 sacrifice hits in 2004, her first season on the Plains, while Griffin batted .273 with a team-leading 34 runs scored and six home runs.

"Lolani and Ashley are the heart of our

defense," Deese said. "They provide us with leadership up the middle and made solid offensive contributions last season."

Auburn's corner positions will be something to keep an eye on in 2005. Kristina McCain, an All-SEC Freshman selection in 2004, gets the nod again at third base. She batted .255 with 11 RBI last season. Better yet, she was successful on nine of 11 stolen base attempts and made just nine errors in 57 games.

The final piece of the infield puzzle, first base, should be filled by both senior Paige Jones and Holly Currie. Jones enters her final season with eight career home runs and 34 RBI, while Currie has become the team's maestro from the rubber. She can also make her mark from the batter's box, hitting .278 last season.

"You always need strong defenders at the corners, but players who can also swing the bat," Deese said. "Kristina, Holly and Paige are players at different points of their careers, and three who will make an impact on our team in their own way this season."

Beth DiPietro, when not throwing from the circle, Robin Martin, redshirt freshman Nicole Russo and newcomer Starr Dorsey will help buoy the Auburn infield in 2005. DiPietro did not make an appearance at the infield last season, but, along with Russo, should battle for the third base spot.

Dorsey, meanwhile, comes to the program from Auburn High School and will add quality depth up the middle.

"Beth, Robin and Starr will make an impact in their own ways this season," Deese said. "Beth will be one of our top pitchers and will also get a chance to swing the bat. Robin has made the transition to catcher and is a player who can play anywhere in the infield."



Sara Dean



Lolani Alvarez

"Nicole got the chance to see what collegiate softball is like from the dugout last season. She has made significant strides in her season on the Plains. Starr, meanwhile, will be a solid back-up in her first season of collegiate softball. She plays excellent defense at second base."

OUTFIELD

A somewhat inexperienced outfield in 2004 has matured and will become a key for Auburn in 2005. The Tigers return two starters and receive the services of junior college transfer Amy Shaw, in addition to highly-touted newcomer Brittany Scott.

Sara Ghezzi returns after an All-SEC Freshman team-caliber season where she batted .253 with 14 RBI. She is expected to patrol right field for the Tigers after committing just three errors in 60 games last season.

"Sara has the necessary tools to become an outstanding right fielder," Deese said. "She has a great arm and great instincts."

Lauren Walton, meanwhile, will start in left. She committed one error while patrolling Auburn's outfield in 2004. Walton also enters 2005 as one of the team's most capable base stealers, swiping 10 of her 13 attempts last season, and has made strides at the plate.

"Lauren is one of our fastest players," Deese said. "She was successful on all but three stolen base attempts last season. That translates into quick, instinctive play in the outfield. She will do well in her switch to left field."

Rounding out Auburn's starting trio is Shaw, a newcomer from Ashville High School. She was a first-team All-American last season and a third-team All-American as a freshman.

"Amy has incredible speed," Deese said. "She really knows how to patrol the outfield. She knows where to be and how to get there."

The trio will be joined by Scott and returner Krista Barts. Barts played in just one game in 2004, but had returned from an injury that kept her out all of the 2003 season.

Scott is another member of Auburn's highly-touted recruiting class. She comes to the Tiger





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program from Mt. Dora High School in Florida. There, she batted .481 with 12 RBI and 16 stolen bases her senior season.

"Brittany brings great tools and intensity," Deese said. "She was a top player in high school and I expect to see her do well at the collegiate level."

PITCHING

With Kristen Keyes ending her spectacular three-year Auburn career in 2004, the onus will be on Currie and DiPietro to make the most out of their sophomore seasons.

The duo made significant impressions their first collegiate seasons, combining to appear in 41 games from the circle, starting 28.

"Holly and Beth were very valuable as our No. 2 and 3 pitchers last season," Deese said. "They learned well from watching and listening to Kristen and they should take that knowledge into 2005."

Currie went 8-3 in 2004, sporting a 2.13 earned run average. Opposing batters hit just .191 against her, including .158 from the right side of the box.

It is not a question of if Currie will one day be Auburn's ace. It's only a matter of when.

"Holly has all the right tools to be a great pitcher in the SEC," Deese said. "She had a great freshman season and I expect her to build upon that season and be the power pitcher we need in the SEC."

DiPietro, meanwhile, returns after posting a 6-3 mark in 2004 with a 1.20 ERA in 70 innings worked. She gave up only 10 extra base hits, keeping opposing batters to nothing more than doubles last season.

Auburn gets newcomer Brittany Day into

the mix this season, and Deese expects the Columbus, Ga., native to make her mark as the team's No. 3 pitcher.

SCHEDULE

Rainouts proved to be somewhat costly for the Tigers in 2004. Ranked opponents were on Auburn's early schedule, but the Tigers did not get a chance to play one until halfway through the season.

In 2005, Auburn will get a taste of ranked action. The Tigers will face seven opponents



Lauren Walton

who finished the 2004 season in the NFCA Top 25 poll and another, Florida, which ended by receiving votes.

"We always want to play a tough schedule, whether that's in non-conference or SEC play," Deese said. "To be the best, you have to play the best. We expect to make it to the postseason every year and the best way to get ready for that is to play quality opponents."

Auburn will hit the road early, heading to Miami, Fla., for the Florida International Tournament the first weekend of the season (Feb. 4-6). The Tigers will host the Tiger Invitational (Feb. 11-13) and War Eagle Classic (Feb. 18-20) at Moore Field.

After that, Auburn heads to Stanford to participate in the Stanford Invitational. The Tigers will visit Boyd & Jill Smith Family Stadium, the site of their 2004 NCAA Regional appearance.

"It will be nice to visit California again, but our focus will be on our opponents," Deese said. "Our five opponents there will present good early-season matchups."

Auburn participates in the Buzz Classic in Atlanta, Ga., for its final non-conference tournament, then begins Southeastern Conference play by hosting Arkansas at Jane B. Moore Field.

Six of Auburn's 10 SEC opponents made appearances in an NCAA Regional in 2004. Much of the same can be expected in 2005.

"The SEC is always one of the best conferences in the nation," Deese said. "I expect nothing less this season. Each game is a challenge for each team in the conference."

"Our goal is to win our division, then advance to the SEC Championship game, and ultimately visit an NCAA Regional."

2005 AUBURN SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME			
Feb. 4	(1) vs. South Florida	9 a.m.	March 2	at Troy	4 p.m.
Feb. 4	(1) vs. Illinois State	11 a.m.	March 4	(5) vs. MTSU	10 a.m.
Feb. 5	(1) vs. Kentucky	1 p.m.	March 4	(5) vs. MTSU	12 p.m.
Feb. 5	(1) vs. Florida Intl.	6 p.m.	March 5	(5) vs. Georgia Southern	12 p.m.
Feb. 6	(1) Championship round	TBA	March 5	(5) vs. Iowa	3 p.m.
Feb. 9	Alabama State	6 p.m.	March 6	(5) Championship round	TBA
Feb. 11	(2) vs. C. of Charleston	3 p.m.	March 9	at Samford	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	(2) vs. Marshall	5:30 p.m.	March 12	* Arkansas (DH)	12 p.m.
Feb. 12	(2) vs. Northwestern St.	12:30 p.m.	March 13	* Arkansas	12 p.m.
Feb. 13	(2) Championship round	TBA	March 19	* at Ole Miss (DH)	1 p.m.
Feb. 16	UAB	6 p.m.	March 20	* at Ole Miss	1 p.m.
Feb. 18	(3) vs. Gardner Webb	10 a.m.	March 22	* at Alabama (DH)	5 p.m.
Feb. 18	(3) vs. Boston College	12:30 p.m.	March 23	* at Alabama	4 p.m.
Feb. 19	(3) vs. Birm.-Southern	12:30 p.m.	March 25	* South Carolina (DH)	12 p.m.
Feb. 19	(3) vs. Austin Peay	3:30 p.m.	March 26	* South Carolina	12 p.m.
Feb. 20	(3) Championship round	TBA	March 29	Georgia State	4 p.m.
Feb. 25	(4) vs. Sacramento State	3 p.m.	March 30	Jacksonville State	4 p.m.
Feb. 25	(4) vs. Texas Tech	5 p.m.	April 2	* at Mississippi St. (DH)	1 p.m.
Feb. 26	(4) vs. UC Davis	11 a.m.	April 3	* at Mississippi St.	1 p.m.
Feb. 26	(4) vs. Stanford	3 p.m.	April 9	* Tennessee (DH)	12 p.m.
Feb. 27	(4) vs. UAB	11 a.m.	April 10	* Tennessee	12 p.m.
			April 16	* at Georgia (DH)	12 p.m.
			April 17	* at Georgia	12 p.m.
			April 23	* LSU (DH)	12 p.m.
			April 24	* LSU	12 p.m.
			April 26	* Florida (DH)	5 p.m.
			April 27	* Florida	3 p.m.
			April 30	* at Kentucky (DH)	12 p.m.
			May 1	* at Kentucky	12 p.m.
			May 11-14	(6) SEC Tournament	TBA
			May 20-22	NCAA Regionals	TBA
			May 27-29	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
			June 1-4	College World Series	TBA

- (1) Diamond Fun & Sun Classic; Miami, Fla.
- (2) Tiger Invitational; Auburn, Ala.
- (3) War Eagle Classic; Auburn, Ala.
- (4) Stanford Invitational; Stanford, Calif.
- (5) Buzz Classic; Atlanta, Ga.
- (6) SEC Tournament; Gainesville, Fla.

* denotes SEC game
 • (DH) denotes doubleheader
 • All times Central and subject to change





MOORE FIELD



Auburn enters its third full season at newly renovated Jane B. Moore Field, home to Tiger softball.

The Tigers played their first full season at the modern Moore Field in 2003, and, in 2004, went 19-5 en route to an NCAA Regional appearance. Auburn has utilized its home field advantage, going 48-24 in three seasons at the current incarnation of Moore Field and 104-86-1 at home since 1997.

The final phase of the softball complex, completed prior to the 2003 season, added 1,400 seats, a concession area, indoor batting cages and a state-of-the-art press box with two luxury boxes.

The Tigers started playing at the facility on April 24, 1998, when they played their first home game at the new on-campus field. The Tigers hosted Georgia, also making it the first SEC game played at the facility. Junior Kim Blair recorded the first hit for the Tigers while senior Ashley Camp drove in Blair for the first run at the new park.

1999 marked the first full season the field was in use. Prior to the new complex, the team played its games at the Auburn city complex.

“The Auburn Complex was adequate,” said Auburn head coach Tina Deese, “It just wasn’t ours. It didn’t offer the stadium type environment that we want to have.”

The dream of an on campus facility, which began when softball was added as an intercollegiate sport started to take form in November of 1996, when the Board of Trustees approved a bid from French and Associates Landscape Architects for the construction of phase one which was intended include the actual playing surface. French and Associates was responsible for the design and construction of Golden Park in Columbus, Ga., which was host to the 1996 NCAA Women’s College World Series and the 1996 Summer Olympic Games Softball competition. The firm was also responsible for the construction of the South Commons Softball Complex in Columbus, including its centerpiece, the South Commons Stadium, which was the host to the SEC tournament from 1997-2000.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new complex were held on August 4, 1998, on a plot of land adjacent to the intramural fields, in an

area of campus that would eventually be home to the women’s sports complex, the McWhorter Center. The complex houses offices for soccer, softball and gymnastics, and also contains the gymnastics team’s practice area.

Phase one of the softball complex consisted of the construction of the playing field, including the outfield fences, bullpens, dugouts, and restroom facilities and a state-of-the-art scoreboard.

“We are extremely excited about having a facility of our own. It is hard to be competitive in the SEC without your own on-campus complex,” said Deese.

During 1997, the league’s inaugural season of softball, six of the eleven sponsoring schools had stadiums. That list included brand new facilities at Tennessee, Florida, Arkansas and Mississippi State.

In addition to the obvious recruiting benefits, the complex offers other benefits to the Tigers as well.

The plans for the facility called for it to resemble a scaled down version of the home of Auburn Baseball, Plainsman Park at Hitchcock Field. Permanent seating for 1,500 was built in phase two of the project.

The Auburn Softball Complex was renamed Jane B. Moore Field in 2002 in honor of Dr. Jane Moore who served more than 20 years as a member of Auburn’s Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.

TOP 10 CROWDS

1	1,187	Alabama (DH)	5/4/02
2	682	Alabama	5/5/02
3	612	LSU	5/6/01
4	579	LSU (DH)	4/26/03
5	571	Alabama	4/21/04
6	563	LSU	4/27/03
7	548	LSU (DH)	5/5/01
8	478	Alabama (DH)	3/31/00
9	471	Alabama (DH)	4/20/04
10	467	Missouri	2/8/03

YEAR-BY-YEAR AT MOORE FIELD

YEAR	RECORD	PCT.
1997	14-12	.538
1998	6-14	.300
1999	7-12-1	.375
2000	21-12	.636
2001	8-12	.400
2002	21-7	.750
2003	8-12	.400
2004	19-5	.792
TOTAL	104-86-1	.545

Most Wins: 21 (2000, 2002)
Most Losses: 14 (1998)
Long winning streak: 11 (5/6/01-3/13/02)
Long losing streak: 6 (4/19/98-4/29/98),
(3/15/97-3/21/97)





2005 OPPONENTS



ALABAMA

Location: Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Nickname: Crimson Tide
 Enrollment: 20,969
 Colors: Crimson and White
 President: Dr. Robert E. Witt
 Athletic Director: Mal Moore
 Conference: Southeastern (Western)
 Stadium: Alabama Softball Complex (1,595)
 Head Coach: Patrick Murphy (Northern Iowa '89)
 Career Record: 318-133 (seven years)
 Record at School: 295-113 (six years)
 2004 Record: 45-20
 2004 Conf. Record: 18-12 (third West)
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 SID Office Phone: (205) 553-2476
 Athletic Website: www.RollTide.com

ALABAMA STATE

Location: Montgomery, Ala.
 Nickname: Lady Hornets
 Enrollment: 6,024
 Colors: Old Gold and Black
 President: Dr. Joe Lee
 Athletic Director: Patrick Carter
 Conference: Southwestern Athletic
 Stadium: Joe L. Reed Acadome (8,000)
 Head Coach: Jennifer Collins (Southern Miss.)
 Career Record: 15-72 (two years)
 Record at School: Same
 2004 Record: 14-36
 2004 Conf. Record: 10-12 (sixth)
 Softball SID: La Tonia Thirston
 SID E-mail: lathirston@alasu.edu
 SID Office Phone: (334) 229-4511
 Athletic Website: www.alasu.edu/asusports

ARKANSAS

Location: Fayetteville, Ark.
 Nickname: Lady Razorbacks
 Enrollment: 17,269
 Colors: Cardinal and White
 President: Dr. John A. White
 Athletic Director: Bev Lewis
 Conference: Southeastern (Western)
 Stadium: Lady's Back Yard (2,000)
 Head Coach: Jamie Pinkerton (Tulsa '97)
 Career Record: 140-105
 Record at School: First season
 2004 Record: 18-40
 2004 Conf. Record: 6-24 (sixth West)
 Softball SID: Tiffany Franklin
 SID E-mail: tjfrank@uark.edu
 SID Office Phone: (479) 575-5786
 Athletic Website: www.ladybacks.com

AUSTIN PEAY

Location: Clarksville, Tenn.
 Nickname: Governors
 Enrollment: 7,800
 Colors: Red and White
 President: Dr. Sherry Hoppe
 Athletic Director: Dave Loos
 Conference: Ohio Valley
 Stadium: Lady Govs Softball Field (200)
 Head Coach: Jim Perrin (Austin Peay '70)
 Career Record: First year
 Record at School: First year
 2004 Record: 18-37
 2004 Conf. Record: 8-18 (eighth)
 Softball SID: Lee Kirtley
 SID E-mail: kirtleyb@apsu.edu
 SID Office Phone: (931) 221-7561
 Athletic Website: www.apsu.edu

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN

Location: Birmingham, Ala.
 Nickname: Panthers
 Enrollment: 1,400
 Colors: Black, Gold and White
 President: Dr. Neal Berte
 Athletic Director: Joe Dean, Jr.
 Conference: Big South
 Stadium: BSC Softball Park (350)
 Head Coach: Tyra Perry (LSU '97)
 Career Record: 68-108 (three years)
 Record at School: Same
 2004 Record: 25-34
 2004 Conf. Record: 6-6 (fifth)
 Softball SID: Sarah Barbee
 SID E-mail: sbarbee@bsc.edu
 SID Office Phone: (205) 226-7764
 Athletic Website: www.bsc.edu/athletics

BOSTON COLLEGE

Location: Chestnut Hill, Mass.
 Nickname: Eagles
 Enrollment: 14,500
 Colors: Maroon and Gold
 President: Rev. William P. Leahy, S.J.
 Athletic Director: Gene DeFilippo
 Conference: BIG EAST
 Stadium: Shea Field (1,000)
 Head Coach: Jen Finley (Providence '92)
 Career Record: 350-227-1 (11 years)
 Record at School: 274-190-1 (nine years)
 2004 Record: 33-25
 2004 Conf. Record: 11-9 (fourth)
 Softball SID: Lisa Cascio
 SID E-mail: cascio@bc.edu
 SID Office Phone: (617) 552-3004
 Athletic Website: www.bceagles.com

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Location: Charleston, S.C.
 Nickname: Cougars
 Enrollment: 11,617
 Colors: Maroon and White
 President: Lee Higdon
 Athletic Director: Jerry Baker
 Conference: Southern
 Stadium: Patriots Point (750)
 Head Coach: Chandelle Schulte (Eastern Michigan '91)
 Career Record: 110-64 (three years)
 Record at School: 229-195 (10 years)
 2004 Record: 43-23
 2004 Conf. Record: 14-6 (second)
 Softball SID: Matt Shoultz
 SID E-mail: shoultzm@cofc.edu
 SID Office Phone: (803) 466-9011
 Athletic Website: www.cofcsports.com

FLORIDA

Location: Gainesville, Fla.
 Nickname: Gators
 Enrollment: 48,500
 Colors: Orange and Blue
 President: Dr. Bernie Machen
 Athletic Director: Jeremy Foley
 Conference: Southeastern (Eastern)
 Stadium: Florida Softball Field (1,200)
 Head Coach: Karen Johns (South Carolina '89)
 Career Record: 151-108 (four years)
 Record at School: Same
 2004 Record: 41-20
 2004 Conf. Record: 16-13 (third East)
 Softball SID: Heidi Johnson
 SID E-mail: heidj@gators.uua.ufl.edu
 SID Office Phone: (352) 375-4683 ext. 6128
 Athletic Website: www.Gatorzone.com

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

Location: Miami, Fla.
 Nickname: Golden Panthers
 Enrollment: 34,000
 Colors: Blue and Gold
 President: Dr. Modesto A. Maidique
 Athletic Director: Rick Mello
 Conference: Sun Belt
 Stadium: University Park Softball Field (300)
 Head Coach: Kim Gwydir (Adelphi '88)
 Career Record: 325-240-1 (10 years)
 Record at School: 209-171 (seven years)
 2004 Record: 30-34
 2004 Conf. Record: 11-9 (second)
 Softball SID: Kevin Hassett
 SID E-mail: hassett@fiu.edu
 SID Office Phone: (305) 348-6024
 Athletic Website: www.fiusports.com

GARDNER-WEBB

Location: Boiling Springs, N.C.
 Nickname: Runnin' Bulldogs
 Enrollment: 3,300
 Colors: Scarlet, White and Black
 Interim President: Dr. Frank Campbell
 Athletic Director: Chuck Burch
 Conference: Atlantic Sun
 Stadium: Gardner-Webb Softball Complex (1,000)
 Head Coach: Tom Cole (North Carolina State '77)
 Career Record: 227-292-1 (12 years)
 Record at School: 98-124-1 (four years)
 2004 Record: 30-32-1
 2004 Conf. Record: 11-9 (sixth)
 Softball SID: Phil Perry
 SID E-mail: pperry@gardner-webb.edu
 SID Office Phone: (704) 406-3981
 Athletic Website: www.gwusports.com

GEORGIA

Location: Athens, Ga.
 Nickname: Bulldogs
 Enrollment: 32,941
 Colors: Red and Black
 President: Dr. Michael Adams
 Athletic Director: Damon Evans
 Conference: Southeastern (Eastern)
 Stadium: UGA Softball Complex (1,300)
 Head Coach: Lu Harris-Champer (Western Illinois '89)
 Career Record: 413-138-1 (eight years)
 Record at School: 204-74 (four years)
 2004 Record: 55-17
 2004 Conf. Record: 20-10 (second East)
 Softball SID: Jared Benko
 SID E-mail: jared@sports.uga.edu
 SID Office Phone: (706) 542-1621
 Athletic Website: www.georgiadogs.com

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Location: Statesboro, Ga.
 Nickname: Eagles
 Enrollment: 16,100
 Colors: Blue and White
 President: Dr. Bruce Grube
 Athletic Director: Sam Baker
 Conference: Southern
 Stadium: Eagle Field (700)
 Head Coach: Natalie Poole (McNeese State '97)
 Career Record: 83-85 (four years)
 Record at School: Same
 2004 Record: 30-28
 2004 Conf. Record: 11-10 (fifth)
 Softball SID: Amy Howard
 SID E-mail: achoward@georgiasouthern.edu
 SID Office Phone: (912) 681-5448
 Athletic Website: www.georgiasoutherneagles.com



2005 OPPONENTS



GEORGIA STATE

Location: Atlanta, Ga.
Nickname: Lady Panthers
Enrollment: 28,000
Colors: Blue and White
President: Dr. Carl V. Patton
Athletic Director: Greg Manning
Conference: Colonial Athletic Association
Stadium: Bob Heck Field (500)
Head Coach: Bob Heck (Georgia '51)
Career Record: 499-425-2 (18 years)
Record at School: 481-392-2 (17 years)
2004 Record: 18-33
2004 Conf. Record: 6-14 (eighth Atlantic Sun)
Softball SID: Jason Hanes
SID E-mail: athjhx@langate.gsu.edu
SID Office Phone: (404) 651-1820
Athletic Website: www.GeorgiaStateSports.com

GEORGIA TECH

Location: Atlanta, Ga.
Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Enrollment: 16,000
Colors: Gold and White
President: Dr. G. Wayne Clough
Athletic Director: Dave Braine
Conference: Atlantic Coast
Stadium: Glenn Field (500)
Head Coach: Ehren Earleywine (Westminster '94)
Career Record: 47-19 (one year)
Record at School: Same
2004 Record: 47-19
2004 Conf. Record: 5-5 (fourth)
Softball SID: Scott MacDonald
SID E-mail: smacdonald@at.gtaa.gatech.edu
SID Office Phone: (404) 894-5445
Athletic Website: www.ramblinwreck.com

ILLINOIS STATE

Location: Normal, Ill.
Nickname: Redbirds
Enrollment: 20,419
Colors: Red and White
President: Dr. Al Bowman
Interim Athletic Director: Dr. Linda Herman
Conference: Missouri Valley
Stadium: Redbird Softball Complex (Capacity N/A)
Head Coach: Melinda Fischer (Illinois State '72)
Career Record: 643-446-3 (21 years)
Record at School: 611-429-3 (19 years)
2004 Record: 33-19-1
2004 Conf. Record: 18-9 (third)
Softball SID: Heather Freehill
SID E-mail: hlfreeh@ilstu.edu
SID Office Phone: (309) 438-3802
Athletic Website: www.redbirds.org

IOWA

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Nickname: Hawkeyes
Enrollment: 29,697
Colors: Black and Old Gold
President: David Skorton
Athletic Director: Bob Bowlsby
Conference: Big Ten
Stadium: Pearl Field (1,500)
Head Coach: Gayle Blevins (Dayton '73)
Career Record: 1,010-472-5 (25 years)
Record at School: 710-324-3 (17 years)
2004 Record: 39-24
2004 Conf. Record: 14-6 (tied second)
Softball SID: Aaron Blau
SID E-mail: aaron-blau@uiowa.edu
SID Office Phone: (319) 335-9411
Athletic Website: www.hawkeyesports.com

JACKSONVILLE STATE

Location: Jacksonville, Ala.
Nickname: Gamecocks
Enrollment: 9,061
Colors: Red and White
President: Dr. William A. Meehan
Athletic Director: Jim Fuller
Conference: Ohio Valley
Stadium: University Field (1,000)
Head Coach: Jana McGinnis (N/A)
Career Record: 354-215 (11 years)
Record at School: Same
2004 Record: 42-21
2004 Conf. Record: 16-9 (fifth)
Softball SID: Michelle Alford
SID E-mail: malford@jsucc.jsu.edu
SID Office Phone: (256) 782-5917
Athletic Website: www.jsugamecocksports.com

KENTUCKY

Location: Lexington, Ky.
Nickname: Wildcats
Enrollment: 35,052
Colors: Blue and White
President: Dr. Lee T. Todd
Athletic Director: Mitch Barnhart
Conference: Southeastern (Eastern)
Stadium: UK Softball Complex (500)
Head Coach: Eileen Schmidt
Career Record: first year
Record at School: 62-61 (two seasons)
2003 Record: 25-31-1
2003 Conference Record: 6-24 (fifth East)
Softball SID: Amy Ratliff
SID E-mail: Amy.Ratliff@uky.edu
SID Office Phone: (859) 257-3838
Athletic Website: www.ukathletics.com

LSU

Location: Baton Rouge, La.
Nickname: Tigers
Enrollment: 32,582
Colors: Purple and Gold
President: Dr. William L. Jenkins
Athletic Director: Skip Bertman
Conference: Southeastern (Western)
Stadium: Tiger Park (1,000)
Head Coach: Yvette Girouard (UL-Lafayette '76)
Career Record: 981-302 (24 years)
Record at School: 222-52 (four years)
2003 Record: 57-12
2003 Conf. Record: 22-6 (first West)
Softball SID: Melissa Reynaud
SID E-mail: mreynaud@lsu.edu
SID Office Phone: (225) 578-1869
Athletic Website: www.LSUsports.net

MARSHALL

Location: Huntington, W.Va.
Nickname: Thundering Herd
Enrollment: 16,551
Colors: Green and White
President: Dr. Dan Angel
Athletic Director: Bob Marcum
Conference: Mid-American (East)
Stadium: Dot Hicks Softball Field (1,000)
Head Coach: Shonda Stanton (UNC-Greensboro '96)
Career Record: 175-148 (six years)
Record at School: 150-121 (five years)
2004 Record: 31-27
2004 Conf. Record: 12-12 (fifth East)
Softball SID: Jodi Fick
SID E-mail: fick1@marshall.edu
SID Office Phone: (304) 696-4662
Athletic Website: www.herdzone.com

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Location: Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Nickname: Blue Raiders
Enrollment: 22,322
Colors: Royal Blue and White
President: Dr. Sidney A. McPhee
Athletic Director: Boots Donnelly
Conference: Sun Belt
Stadium: Blue Raider Field (Capacity N/A)
Head Coach: Leigh Podlesny (Illinois-Chicago '93)
Career Record: First year
Record at School: First year
2004 Record: 35-23
2004 Conf. Record: 11-9 (third)
Softball SID: Denise Gideon
SID E-mail: dgideon@mtsu.edu
SID Office Phone: (615) 904-8115
Athletic Website: www.GoBlueRaiders.com

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Location: Starkville, Miss.
Nickname: Bulldogs
Enrollment: 15,934
Colors: Maroon and White
Interim President: Dr. J. Charles Lee
Athletic Director: Larry Templeton
Conference: Southeastern (Western)
Stadium: Mississippi State Softball Field (750)
Head Coach: Jay Miller (Illinois State '78)
Career Record: 782-471 (22 years)
Record at School: 73-56 (two years)
2004 Record: 39-26
2004 Conf. Record: 14-15 (fourth West)
Softball SID: Todd Anderson
SID E-mail: tanderson@athletics.msstate.edu
SID Office Phone: (662) 325-7556
Athletic Website: www.MStateAthletics.com

NORTHWESTERN STATE

Location: Natchitoches, La.
Nickname: Demons
Enrollment: 10,546
Colors: Purple and White with Orange trim
President: Dr. Randall Webb
Athletic Director: Greg Burke
Conference: Southland
Stadium: The Demon Diamond (N/A)
Head Coach: Mike Perniciaro (UM-St. Louis '93)
Career Record: First year
Record at School: same
2004 Record: 35-28
2004 Conf. Record: 14-12 (fifth)
Softball SID: TBA
SID E-mail: TBA
SID Office Phone: (318) 357-6467
Athletic Website: www.nsudemons.com

OLE MISS

Location: Oxford, Miss.
Nickname: Rebels
Enrollment: 16,080
Colors: Cardinal Red and Navy Blue
Chancellor: Dr. Robert C. Khayat
Athletic Director: Pete Boone
Conference: Southeastern (West)
Stadium: Ole Miss Softball Complex (1,000)
Head Coach: Candi Letts (Creighton '83)
Career Record: 259-289-1 (10 years)
Record at School: 104-184 (six years)
2004 Record: 15-37
2004 Conf. Record: 8-21 (fifth West)
Softball SID: Bill Bunting
SID E-mail: wbunting@olemiss.edu
SID Office Phone: (662) 915-1083
Athletic Website: www.OleMissSports.com



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SACRAMENTO STATE

Location: Sacramento, Calif.
Nickname: Hornets
Enrollment: 28,375
Colors: Green and Gold
President: Dr. Alexander Gonzalez
Athletic Director: Dr. Terry Wanless
Conference: Pacific Coast Softball Conference
Stadium: Shea Stadium (912)
Head Coach: Kathy Strahan (Michigan State '79)
Career Record: 586-564-3 (21 years)
Record at School: 339-319-2 (12 years)
2004 Record: 32-28
2004 Conf. Record: 10-10 (tied third)
Softball SID: Ryan Bjork
SID E-mail: rbjork@csus.edu
SID Office Phone: (916) 278-6896
Athletic Website: www.hornetsports.com

SAMFORD

Location: Birmingham, Ala.
Nickname: Bulldogs
Enrollment: 4,440
Colors: Red and Blue
President: Dr. Thomas E. Corts
Athletic Director: Bob Roller
Conference: Ohio Valley
Stadium: Bulldog Field (400)
Head Coach: Beanie Ketcham (Oklahoma State '93)
Career Record: 55-50-1 (two years)
Record at School: Same
2004 Record: 28-33
2004 Conf. Record: 17-9 (fourth)
Softball SID: Zac Schriber
SID E-mail: zdschrie@samford.edu
SID Office Phone: (205) 726-2802
Athletic Website: www.samfordsports.com

SOUTH CAROLINA

Location: Columbia, S.C.
Nickname: Gamecocks
Enrollment: 23,700
Colors: Garnet and Black
President: Dr. Andrew Sorenson
Athletic Director: Dr. Mike McGee
Conference: Southeastern (Eastern)
Stadium: Beckham Field (1,500)
Head Coach: Joyce Compton (Trenton State '72)
Career Record: 1,012-408-2 (29 years)
Record at School: 919-389-2 (22 years)
2004 Record: 28-24
2004 Conf. Record: 12-18 (fourth East)
Softball SID: Ayanna Wakefield
SID E-mail: ayanna@gwm.sc.edu
SID Office Phone: (803) 777-8017
Athletic Website: www.uscsports.com

STANFORD

Location: Stanford, Calif.
Nickname: Cardinal
Enrollment: 6,556
Colors: Cardinal and White
President: John L. Hennessey
Athletic Director: Ted Leland
Conference: Pacific-10
Stadium: Boyd & Jill Smith Family Stadium (820)
Head Coach: John Rittman (New Mexico State '86)
Career Record: 344-165-1 (eight years)
Record at School: Same
2004 Record: 49-19
2004 Conf. Record: 13-8 (Tied second)
Softball SID: Aimee Dombroski
SID E-mail: aimeed@stanford.edu
SID Office Phone: (650) 723-4418
Athletic Website: www.gostanford.com

SOUTH FLORIDA

Location: Tampa, Fla.
Nickname: Bulls
Enrollment: 41,392
Colors: Green and Gold
President: Dr. Judy Genshaft
Athletic Director: Doug Woolard
Conference: Conference USA
Stadium: USF Softball Field (1,000)
Head Coach: Ken Eriksen (South Florida '84)
Career Record: 373-186-1 (eight years)
Record at School: Same
2004 Record: 60-14
2004 Conf. Record: 18-5 (third)
Softball SID: Rachel Constantine
SID E-mail: rachelc@admin.usf.edu
SID Office Phone: (813) 974-0415
Athletic Website: www.goUSFBulls.com

TENNESSEE

Location: Knoxville, Tenn.
Nickname: Lady Volunteers
Enrollment: 25,058
Colors: Orange and White
President: Dr. John Petersen
Athletic Director: Joan Cronan
Conference: Southeastern (Eastern)
Stadium: Tennessee Field at Tyson Park (1,000)
Co-Head Coach: Ralph Weekly (Arizona State '73)
Career Record: 636-247-1 (17 years)
Record at School: 135-66-1 (three years)
Co-Head Coach: Karen Weekly (Pacific Lutheran '86)
Career Record: 358-163-1 (eight years)
Record at School: 135-66-1 (three years)
2004 Record: 55-16
2004 Conf. Record: 20-8 (first East)
Softball SID: Brian Davis
SID E-mail: bdavis16@utk.edu
SID Office Phone: (865) 974-7478
Athletic Website: www.utladyvols.com

TEXAS TECH

Location: Lubbock, Texas
Nickname: Red Raiders
Enrollment: 29,000
Colors: Scarlet and Black
President: Dr. Jon Whitmore
Athletic Director: Gerald Myers
Conference: Big 12
Stadium: Rocky Johnson Field (589)
Head Coach: Bobby Reeves (Lubbock Christian '86)
Career Record: 127-175 (five years)
Record at School: 94-141 (four years)
2004 Record: 22-36
2004 Conference Record: 2-16 (10th)
Softball SID: Kelsey Yantis
SID E-mail: kelsey.yantis@ttu.edu
SID Office Phone: (806) 742-2770
Athletic Website: www.texastech.com

TROY

Location: Troy, Ala.
Nickname: Trojans
Enrollment: 18,222
Colors: Cardinal, Silver and Black
Chancellor: Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr.
Interim Athletic Director: Scott Farmer
Conference: Atlantic Sun
Stadium: Lady Trojan Softball Complex (500)
Head Coach: Melanie Davis (Alabama '84)
Career Record: 554-305-2
Record at School: 456-244-2
2004 Record: 35-30
2004 Conf. Record: 15-5 (third)
Softball SID: Matt Pellegrin
SID E-mail: mpellegrin@troyst.edu
SID Office Phone: (334) 670-3229
Athletic Website: www.troytrojans.com

UAB

Location: Birmingham, Ala.
Nickname: Blazers
Enrollment: 16,693
Colors: Forest Green and Old Gold
President: Dr. Carol Garrison
Athletic Director: Watson Brown
Conference: Conference USA
Stadium: George Ward Park Field #6 (1,000)
Head Coach: Marla Townsend (Alabama '86)
Career Record: 137-159 (five years)
Record at School: Same
2004 Record: 20-36
2004 Conf. Record: 7-17 (seventh)
Softball SID: Patrick Meehan
SID E-mail: pmeeha@uab.edu
SID Office Phone: (205) 934-0722
Athletic Website: www.uabsports.com

UC DAVIS

Location: Davis, Calif.
Nickname: Aggies
Enrollment: 24,500
Colors: Yale blue, Gold
Chancellor: Larry Vanderhoef
Athletic Director: Greg Warzecka
Conference: Independent
Stadium: LaRue Field (500)
Head Coach: Karen Matteson (Cal-State Hayward '96)
Career Record: 146-113-2 (five years)
Record at School: First year
2004 Record: 26-26
2004 Conf. Record: 21-15 (fourth CCAA)
Softball SID: Mike Robles
SID E-mail: merobles@ucdavis.com
SID Office Phone: (530) 752-3680
Athletic Website: www.athletics.ucdavis.edu





HEAD COACH



TINA DEESE

NINTH YEAR
AT AUBURN: 248-246-1
OVERALL: 534-369-1

Entering her ninth season at the helm of the Auburn softball program, Tina Deese, the only head coach in the school's history, is responsible for building the Tigers from the ground up as well as taking them to their two NCAA Tournament appearances.

Deese took over the program before its first season in 1997. Since then, she has built the program to one which expects an NCAA Tournament berth every year. Among her many achievements at Auburn, which includes more than 200 wins, Deese has led Auburn to five seasons with 30 or more victories and the program's first 40-win season this past year.

In 2004, Deese posted a 42-18 record with the Tigers, the best season in program history. The Tigers won 19 games in the SEC, finishing second in the Western Division, and were a game away from earning a spot in the SEC Championship game. Auburn finished the season ranked 20th, a program first.

In her first season, Deese led Auburn to a 34-35 overall record and a third-place finish in the SEC Tournament. However, tough times followed as the Tigers suffered two more losing seasons before Deese guided the program to its first winning season in 2000. That team finished 34-31 overall and proved that Auburn was a program on the rise.

In her time at Auburn, Deese has helped mentor one second-team All-American and two third-team All-Americans. In addition, she has tutored 11 first and second-team All-SEC players.

DEESE YEAR-BY-YEAR

HEAD COACHING HISTORY

YEARSCHOOL	RECORD
1988	Huntingdon 26-16
1989	Huntingdon 34-14
1990	Huntingdon 23-19
1991	Huntingdon 38-13
1992	Huntingdon 49-10
1993	Huntingdon 41-12
1994	Huntingdon 55-15
1995	Huntingdon 20-24
1997	Auburn 34-35
1998	Auburn 16-40
1999	Auburn 27-32-1
2000	Auburn 34-31
2001	Auburn 31-32
2002	Auburn 38-27
2003	Auburn 26-31
2004	Auburn 42-18
TOT	16 Years 534-369-1 (.592)
HC	8 Years 286-123 (.699)
AU	8 years 248-246-1 (.501)



Thirty-five players during Deese's tenure at Auburn have been named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Entering her 14th year as a head coach, Deese was also responsible for starting the softball program at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala.

In her eight seasons at Huntingdon, Deese proved her ability to build a program as she amassed a 286-123 record. She led her teams to seven straight winning seasons and third-place finishes in the NAIA (National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics) in 1992 and 1994. Those years, she won 49 and 55 games, respectively. In 1992, Deese was named NAIA District 27 Coach of the Year.

In addition to her duties as Huntingdon softball coach, Deese also handled volleyball head coaching duties.

Prior to her arrival at Huntingdon, Deese served as a pitching coach at her alma mater, Florida State, from 1985-86.

Deese began her playing career in 1982 as a member of Golden West College's (Calif.) Varsity Softball team. She helped lead the team to the California State Championship in 1983 and was named the California State Championship Most Valuable Player.

Her accomplishments at Golden West led her to Florida State where she once again was greeted with immediate success. In 1984, her first season with the Seminoles, Deese led the nation in strikeouts per seven innings at 11.6, which remains tied for fifth in NCAA history. As a result, she was named the Lady Seminoles Most Valuable Player while helping lead the team to the Florida State Championship. She was also named to the All-Southeast Region First Team -- a feat she duplicated her second season and final season at Florida State.

Deese received a bachelor of science degree in leisure services and studies from Florida State in 1986. She later received a bachelor of arts degree from Huntingdon College in human performance and kinesiology in 1994. She completed her master of arts in teaching from Troy State University in 1995.

Deese and her husband, Allen, have one son, Kyler, 11, and daughter, Jessi, 6.





COACHES/STAFF



JACK BYERLEY

FIRST YEAR

Jack Byerley enters his first season as an assistant coach for the Auburn softball team. He was named to the staff in August, 2004, after two years as the head coach at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C.

Byerley serves as the team's top assistant and works primarily with Auburn's hitters. In addition, he also oversees the Tigers' infielders.

Prior to joining Auburn, Byerley led Francis Marion to a 73-26 record. He guided the Patriots to a 36-9 mark in 2003, then bettered that a year later, going 37-17. In 2003, Francis Marion earned its first ever national ranking in Division II play.

Byerley served as the top assistant at the University of Florida from 2000-02, helping lead the Gators to an NCAA Regional appearance in 2001.

Prior to his stint at Florida, Byerley was the head coach at Central Alabama Community College from 1996-2000, posting a 205-47 record.

He came to Alexander City from Robertsdale High School in Alabama, where was the head coach from 1981-96.

The Albuquerque, N.M., native graduated from the University of South Alabama in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Health.

He and his wife, the former Barbara O'Berry, have four children; daughter Jennifer (22), and sons Brien (20), JJ. (12) and Blake (11).



ASHLEY MOORE

FIRST YEAR

Former Auburn standout Ashley Moore enters her first season as an assistant coach for the Tigers, having joined Tina Deese's staff in September.

Moore played for the Tigers from 1999 to 2002, breaking 15 school records along the way. She is Auburn's all-time leader in hits, runs, doubles, hit by pitches and total bases. In addition, she is second all-time in runs batted in, home runs, on-base percentage and slugging percentage.

Moore became the program's first ever Second-Team All-American honoree in 2001 after batting .381 with 22 doubles, 11 home runs and 40 RBI. She garnered First-Team All-Southeastern Conference honors in 2001 and 2002 and was named to the All-Region team both seasons.

Moore holds Auburn's single-season record for home runs, collecting 17 during the 2002 season.

After her four-year career with the Tigers, Moore served as a student assistant coach for the 2003 season, then was drafted by the New England Riptide of the National Pro Fastpitch Softball League in January 2004.

The Birmingham, Ala., native graduated from Auburn in 2002 with a degree in physical education. Moore came to Auburn from Vestavia Hills High School, where she earned 15 varsity letters in volleyball, softball, basketball, swimming and track. She earned three first-team All-State honors while at Vestavia Hills.



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