

# The Southeastern Conference

## 2008 SEC Softball Awards

Coach of the Year..... Tim Walton, Florida  
 Player of the Year.. Tonya Callahan, Tennessee  
 Pitcher of the Year .....Stacey Nelson, Florida  
 Freshman of the Year..... Kelsi Dunne, Alabama  
 Scholar-Athlete of the Year .....Jordan Praytor, Alabama

### First-Team All-SEC

P	Stacey Nelson	Florida
P	Kelsi Dunne	Alabama
C	Chelsea Bramblett	Mississippi State
IF	Tonya Callahan	Tennessee
IF	Ali Gardiner	Florida
IF	Courtney Bures	Mississippi State
IF	Kelley Montalvo	Alabama
OF	Brittany Rogers	Alabama
OF	Rachel Mitchell	LSU
OF	Kim Waleszonnia	Florida
OF	Megan Wiggins	Georgia
DP/UT	Charlotte Morgan	Alabama

### Second-Team All-SEC

P	Cody Trahan	LSU
P	Anna Thompson	Auburn
C	Ashley Holcombe	Alabama
IF	Aja Paculba	Florida
IF	Kenora Posey	Tennessee
IF	Sojourner Moody	Georgia
IF	Molly Johnson	Kentucky
OF	Dani Woods	Alabama
OF	Jordan Praytor	Alabama
OF	Hayle Guess	Mississippi State
OF	Quinlan Duhon	LSU
DP/UT	Lauren Grill	Mississippi

### SEC All-Freshman Team

P	Kelsi Dunne	Alabama
P	Stephanie Brombacher	Florida
C	Megan Yocke	Kentucky
IF	Aja Paculba	Florida
IF	Jen Lapicka	Tennessee
IF	Megan Bush	Florida
IF	Ali Bainbridge	Mississippi State
OF	Megan Wiggins	Georgia
OF	Meagan Aull	Kentucky
OF	Taylor Schlopy	Georgia
<b>OF</b>	<b>Laura Mendes</b>	<b>South Carolina</b>
DP/UT	Tiffany DeFelice	Florida

### SEC All-Defensive Team

P	Stacey Nelson	Florida
C	Ashley Holcombe	Alabama
1B	Ali Gardiner	Florida
<b>2B</b>	<b>Chrissy Schoonmaker</b>	<b>S. Carolina</b>
	Aja Paculba	Florida
SS	Kenora Posey	Tennessee
3B	Kelley Montalvo	Alabama
OF	Kim Waleszonnia	Florida
OF	Myesha Finney	Auburn
OF	Brittany Rogers	Alabama

### SEC All-Tournament Team

Erinn Webb	Tennessee
Tonya Callahan	Tennessee
Shannon Stein	LSU
Quinlan Duhon	LSU
Charlotte Morgan	Alabama
Whitney Larsen	Alabama
Kelsi Dunne	Alabama
Ali Gardiner	Florida
Francesca Enea	Florida
Mary Ratliff	Florida

### SEC Tournament MVP

Stacey Nelson	Florida
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The Southeastern Conference, with its storied 76-year history of athletic achievements and academic excellence, has built perhaps the greatest tradition of intercollegiate competition of any league in the country since its inception in 1933.

The 2007-08 academic year was another season to remember for the SEC as conference teams captured five national titles and five national runner-up finishes. The SEC won consecutive national championships in football, gymnastics, women's basketball and men's tennis. Since 1990, the SEC has won 126 national team championships for an average of nearly seven per year.

LSU won the SEC's first national title of the year with its win in the BCS National Championship Game in football. The Tennessee Lady Vols won their second-consecutive women's basketball national championship. Georgia earned a pair of national championships as the Gym Dogs won their fourth straight gymnastics championship as well as the men's tennis team, which won back-to-back national titles. LSU won its second national championship of the year when the women's track & field squad won the outdoor national title. Florida finished first among SEC schools and sixth overall in the Director's Cup final standings.

Overall, the SEC finished in the top two in nine and in the top five in 13 of the 20 sports. Nine SEC teams participated in football postseason bowls with Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi State and Tennessee winning the Independence, Chick-Fil-A, Sugar, Music City, BCS

National Title Game, Liberty and Outback Bowls, respectively. A league record-tying six men's basketball teams were invited to the NCAA Tournament with Tennessee advancing to the Sweet 16. The SEC has now sent at least one team to the regional semifinals for 19-straight years. Five women's basketball teams were also invited to the NCAA Tournament with Tennessee winning the NCAA Championship and LSU advancing to the Women's Final Four for the second-straight year. The SEC had a record-tying nine teams advance to postseason play in baseball, hosting two super regionals with Georgia finishing second and LSU advancing to the College World Series. With 168 teams advancing to NCAA postseason competition, the SEC continued to solidify its place as the nation's premier conference.

In addition to the five team championships, 46 SEC student-athletes garnered individual national championships, while 457 individuals were awarded with First-Team All-America honors. Student-athletes around the league continued to excel in the classroom as well with over 2,300 earning recognition on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

On the national all-sport level, the SEC placed nine programs in the top 50 of the NACDA Director's Cup rankings. Florida led the league with a sixth-place finish. LSU placed eighth while Georgia was 10th; Tennessee finished 16th, Auburn 20th, Arkansas 24th, Alabama 25th, Kentucky 36th and South Carolina 48th to round out the league's top-50 finishes.

## SEC Softball

As it enters its 13th year of existence, Southeastern Conference Softball has established itself as one of the leading conferences in the sport.

The SEC qualified a record eight teams for the 2008 NCAA Tournament - Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, and Tennessee as the conference made its 11th-overall and sixth-consecutive Women's College World Series appearance.

History was made as Florida received the league's first No. 1 national seed. Alabama garnered the No. 3 national seed, giving the SEC two top five seeds. Overall, the SEC had five national seeds including No. 9 LSU, No. 13 Tennessee and No. 15 Georgia. Two teams, Florida and Alabama, advanced all the way to the semifinal round of the Women's College World Series, marking the first time the SEC had two of the final four teams left in the series.

Florida went 27-1 in the SEC, tying the league record for most wins by a team, to claim the conference and tournament titles. The Gators posted a 70-5 overall record to set an NCAA record for most wins in a single season. Florida's Tim Walton was named Coach of the Year while Stacey Nelson earned Pitcher of the Year honors. Tennessee's Tonya Callahan, who led the league in hitting, was named Player of the Year. Alabama's Kelsi Dunne was named Freshman of the Year and Jordan Praytor was named Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Softball came under the auspices of the SEC in the 1996-97 season. Since that time, 10 differ-

ent conference teams have made appearances in the NCAA Championship, including five programs earning Women's College World Series berths - one by South Carolina in the inaugural season, Alabama in 2000, 2005 and 2008, LSU in 2001 and 2004, Tennessee in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and Florida for the first time in 2008.

Eight teams (Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee) have made Top 25 appearances and five teams have climbed into the Top 10 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, LSU and Tennessee) of the NFCA/USA Today Poll. At least one SEC team has been ranked in the poll each week since the inception of SEC Softball.

South Carolina is the flagship team of the league with a rich history in softball dating back 34 seasons. The Gamecocks have made 15 NCAA Regional and three Women's College World Series appearances.

Mississippi State played softball for five seasons during the 1980's before resuming the sport when it was added to the SEC. Tennessee added softball in 1995-96, one year before its inception in the SEC. Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU and Ole Miss began softball programs in 1996-97 to give the league 11 representatives (Vanderbilt does not sponsor softball).

As the sport continues to grow in popularity, the SEC has had six different regular season winners and five different conference tournament champs.



## Eastern Division

	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	vs. Div.	vs. Top 25
Florida#1	27-1	.964	70-5	.933	11-0	19-3
Tennessee	14-12	.538	50-16	.758	6-3	11-10
Georgia	14-14	.500	46-24	.657	5-7	6-19
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>8-18</b>	<b>.308</b>	<b>21-26</b>	<b>.447</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>1-17</b>
Kentucky	3-25	.107	17-37	.315	1-9	1-11

## Western Division

	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	vs. Div.	vs. Top 25
Alabama#	25-3	.893	58-8	.879	14-0	13-7
LSU	17-11	.607	44-12	.710	6-5	7-13
Auburn	13-14	.481	38-22	.633	7-7	5-14
Mississippi State	13-14	.481	41-22	.651	5-9	4-14
Mississippi	9-19	.321	26-28	.481	4-11	4-14
Arkansas	8-20	.286	37-29	.561	3-10	4-17



Ashton Payne led the Southeastern Conference with four triples in league play during the 2008 season.

# SEC Division Champion \$ SEC Champion ! SEC Tournament Champion

## SEC Team-By-Team Stats (All Games)

Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Alabama	.324	66	1666	445	540	118	9	77	395	907	.544	266	63	286	5	.432	18	48	163-186	1279	422	40	.977
Mississippi State	.311	63	1660	310	517	66	17	22	253	683	.411	153	35	256	1	.380	9	48	126-147	1237	522	55	.970
Tennessee	.309	66	1703	355	527	80	13	43	321	762	.447	268	28	287	4	.409	11	50	128-146	1311	446	39	.978
Florida	.306	75	1953	413	597	102	13	63	361	914	.468	248	42	327	1	.391	24	51	99-129	1537	633	63	.972
LSU	.290	62	1613	320	468	80	9	57	290	737	.457	204	41	246	7	.380	18	26	99-111	1243	345	42	.974
Georgia	.276	70	1745	300	482	77	14	26	264	665	.381	182	42	267	3	.356	15	74	80-91	1370	488	52	.973
Arkansas	.267	66	1726	299	461	75	9	65	267	749	.434	162	32	342	7	.340	7	39	30-41	1308	430	82	.955
Kentucky	.255	54	1363	204	347	65	10	20	178	492	.361	124	29	281	2	.329	3	54	57-66	1052	395	85	.945
Ole Miss	.243	54	1385	181	336	52	4	26	157	474	.342	138	31	295	4	.324	5	43	20-31	1084	428	60	.962
Auburn	.231	60	1520	205	351	51	12	26	183	504	.332	139	62	328	5	.318	15	34	38-59	1234	378	88	.948
South Carolina	.230	47	1202	114	277	47	8	10	99	370	.308	83	25	285	5	.293	3	41	11-15	946	386	66	.953
Team	ERA	W-L	G	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA	
Florida	0.92	70-5	75	53	30/7	8	512.1	319	94	67	146	498	44	1	8	1808	.176	19	44	1	4	46	
Alabama	1.56	58-8	66	38	23/5	9	427.0	281	115	95	126	461	27	6	29	1530	.184	21	43	0	2	31	
Auburn	2.01	38-22	60	24	19/6	9	411.1	326	160	118	124	499	47	8	29	1558	.209	32	23	1	4	35	
Tennessee	2.10	50-16	66	25	17/9	8	437.0	296	145	131	164	431	50	1	30	1567	.189	29	27	4	9	30	
Ole Miss	2.11	25-28	54	29	11/2	3	361.1	300	149	109	137	286	52	11	11	1334	.225	22	31	0	9	37	
Mississippi State	2.21	41-22	63	33	14/3	7	412.1	379	162	130	96	252	51	4	29	1569	.242	23	15	2	8	45	
South Carolina	2.24	21-26	47	25	9/1	6	315.1	279	138	101	103	292	41	4	12	1202	.232	38	24	1	3	34	
LSU	2.31	44-18	62	34	16/5	2	414.1	313	167	137	208	452	58	9	43	1499	.209	23	29	2	4	43	
Arkansas	2.63	37-29	66	26	5/0	5	436.0	427	232	164	129	385	69	4	40	1688	.253	30	27	1	11	73	
Georgia	2.85	46-24	70	31	16/5	8	456.2	371	212	186	219	404	64	6	33	1689	.220	8	18	4	9	38	
Kentucky	4.57	17-37	54	44	2/0	0	350.2	446	311	229	149	157	83	9	58	1454	.307	9	36	12	12	40	

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Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Alabama	.332	28	717	195	238	54	4	43	180	429	.598	105	27	117	2	.433	5	24	68-76	537	182	12	.984
Florida	.314	28	754	147	237	53	6	28	136	386	.512	86	12	118	1	.388	12	24	20-32	579	249	27	.968
Mississippi State	.296	27	709	100	210	28	3	8	80	268	.378	55	11	138	0	.354	4	23	37-46	528	237	33	.959
LSU	.268	28	727	126	195	30	5	25	116	310	.426	79	15	117	2	.350	5	15	27-32	565	171	20	.974
Tennessee	.268	26	695	104	186	24	5	17	94	271	.390	105	9	132	1	.370	2	26	26-31	537	199	14	.981
Georgia	.258	28	690	104	178	22	4	9	85	235	.341	68	14	113	2	.335	3	26	30-34	528	202	31	.959
Mississippi	.220	28	714	71	157	24	2	15	64	230	.322	76	16	180	2	.308	2	20	9-12	557	222	36	.956
Auburn	.212	27	693	91	147	23	3	11	84	209	.302	60	27	170	3	.298	5	13	8-15	553	169	48	.938
Arkansas	.210	28	708	75	149	23	1	18	65	228	.322	42	15	149	4	.269	1	12	5-9	542	194	36	.953
Kentucky	.196	28	653	57	128	19	1	7	46	170	.260	60	12	157	1	.275	1	25	18-20	523	199	43	.944
South Carolina	.191	26	632	44	121	19	5	2	36	156	.247	37	13	172	4	.251	0	18	1-4	511	193	41	.945
Team	ERA	W-L	G	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA	
Florida	1.12	27-1	28	20	10/1	4	193.0	134	45	31	72	172	25	0	3	692	.194	9	23	0	1	24	
Alabama	2.03	25-3	28	17	12/0	2	179.0	135	59	52	52	190	12	2	14	660	.205	10	18	0	1	12	
LSU	2.75	17-11	28	16	5/0	1	188.1	161	92	74	92	179	38	5	19	692	.233	8	20	1	2	24	
Mississippi State	2.78	13-14	27	14	4/0	2	176.0	189	89	70	42	86	24	2	15	700	.270	9	8	2	5	22	
Ole Miss	2.79	9-19	28	14	5/0	1	185.2	181	99	74	72	126	30	6	8	706	.256	13	17	0	7	18	
South Carolina	2.96	8-18	26	14	2/0	2	170.1	167	98	72	53	149	25	4	10	665	.251	15	13	1	2	18	
Auburn	3.15	13-14	27	8	3/1	2	184.1	189	113	83	65	197	28	5	22	742	.255	15	10	1	3	16	
Tennessee	3.17	14-12	26	11	4/2	2	179.0	156	86	81	74	142	32	1	18	664	.235	19	13	1	6	19	
Arkansas	3.87	8-20	28	10	1/0	1	180.2	218	133	100	66	138	37	4	19	731	.298	15	19	1	4	38	
Georgia	3.98	14-14	28	14	4/1	4	176.0	166	113	100	105	125	27	4	18	685	.242	4	9	1	3	15	
Kentucky	5.94	3-25	28	23	1/0	0	174.1	250	187	148	80	59	41	6	37	755	.331	2	21	3	6	20	



# Postseason Tournaments

## 2009 SEC Tournament

The 2009 Southeastern Conference Tournament will be held over May 7-9 at Sherri Parker Lee Stadium on the campus of the University of Tennessee. This will be the sixth year that the tournament has been staged at a campus site and marks the first time the Lady Vols have hosted the event.

The single-elimination tournament will be held over the span of three days and will consist of the top eight teams regardless of division in the league. The winner of the tournament will capture the SEC Tournament Championship and the league's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

Seeding will be determined as follows: the conference regular-season champion will be seeded No. 1 overall and the rest of the field will be seeded by conference winning percentage, regardless of division, at the conclusion of regular-season play.

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Seeding for the tournament will be as follows: No. 1 vs. No. 8, No. 2 vs. No. 7, No. 3 vs. No. 6, No. 4 vs. No. 5. The tournament will be seeded 1-8, regardless of division, based on conference winning percentage. The bracket is subject to change based on the seed of the host school.

## 2009 NCAA Tournament & Women's College World Series

The NCAA will select 64 teams out of the over 270 schools which sponsor Division I Softball to compete in the 2009 NCAA Tournament. Regionals will be held on 16 campus sites from May 15-17. The 16 Regional winners advance to Super Regionals, which are set for May 22-24 on campus sites. Those eight finalists move on to the Women's College World Series, scheduled for May 28-June 3 at the ASA Don E. Porter Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, Okla. The WCWS format is a double-elimination tournament until six teams are eliminated. The final two squads face off in the best-of-three Championship Series on June 1-3.

The champions of 30 NCAA Division I conferences will automatically qualify for the 2009 championship. The remaining 34 teams will be selected at-large based on upon win-loss record and strength of schedule. In addition, the committee will utilize the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) as a tool to evaluate teams. Representatives from the America East, Atlantic-10, Atlantic Coast, Atlantic Sun, Big 12, BIG EAST, Big South, Big Ten, Big West, Colonial Athletic Association, Conference USA, Horizon League, Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic, Mid-American, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Missouri Valley, Mountain West, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Pacific-10, Pacific Coast Softball, Patriot League, Southeastern, Southern, Southland, Southwestern Athletic, Summit League, Sun Belt and Western Athletic Conferences each qualify by winning their leagues. This season will mark the 10th year that the SEC Tournament Champion will receive an automatic bid.

### NCAA Championship Results

Year	Champion	Score	Runner-Up	Site
1982	UCLA	2-0 (8)	Fresno State	Omaha, Neb.
1983	Texas A&M	2-0 (12)	Cal State Fullerton	Omaha, Neb.
1984	UCLA	1-0 (13)	Texas A&M	Omaha, Neb.
1985	UCLA	2-1 (9)	Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.
1986	Cal State Fullerton	3-0	Texas A&M	Omaha, Neb.
1987	Texas A&M	4-1	UCLA	Omaha, Neb.
1988	UCLA	3-0	Fresno State	Sunnyvale, Calif.
1989	UCLA	1-0	Fresno State	Sunnyvale, Calif.
1990	UCLA	2-0	Fresno State	Oklahoma City
1991	Arizona	5-1	UCLA	Oklahoma City
1992	UCLA	2-0	Arizona	Oklahoma City
1993	Arizona	1-0	UCLA	Oklahoma City
1994	Arizona	4-0	Cal State Northridge	Oklahoma City
1995	UCLA*	4-2	Arizona	Oklahoma City
1996	Arizona	6-4	Washington	Columbus, Ga.
1997	Arizona	10-2 (5)	UCLA	Oklahoma City
1998	Fresno State	1-0	Arizona	Oklahoma City
1999	UCLA	3-2	Washington	Oklahoma City
2000	Oklahoma	3-1	UCLA	Oklahoma City
2001	Arizona	1-0	UCLA	Oklahoma City
2002	California	6-0	Arizona	Oklahoma City
2003	UCLA	1-0 (9)	California	Oklahoma City
2004	UCLA	3-1	California	Oklahoma City

### NCAA Championship Series Results

Year	Champion	Series Finish	Runner-Up	Site
2005	Michigan	2-1	UCLA	Oklahoma City
2006	Arizona	2-0	Northwestern	Oklahoma City
2007	Arizona	2-1	Tennessee	Oklahoma City
2008	Arizona State	2-0	Texas A&M	Oklahoma City

