

Quick StatResearch on Florida and its National Championships & Aspirations

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The Gators are consensus choice to win the National Championship this year... let's look at the numbers:

In seasons where UF was picked as Pre-Season No.1, it didn't win the title.

➤ *AP Pre-Season No.1—Final Rank*

1994	7
2001	3
2009	TBD

Then, in seasons when the Gators were champions; they were predicted only as high as No.4.

➤ *AP National Championship Seasons—Pre-Season Rank*

1996	Florida	4
2006	Florida	7
2008	Florida	5

➤ *That one Loss*

1996	13-1 (Florida State, 21-24)+
2006	13-1 (Auburn, 17-27)
2008	13-1 (Ole Miss, 30-31) +Won the rematch in the Sugar Bowl, 52-20.

So, the question is: Will Florida capture the National Championship in a season where it was predicted too and also finish the season undefeated?

➤ *APPollArchive.com reports that...*

The 2009 Gators have the highest percentage of 1st place votes of all Pre-Season No. 1 teams—with a mark of: 96.67 (58 of 60 votes).

FYI...this was the only the fifth time a team has recorded over 90% of the votes.....go to:

This mark was the highest for a SEC team since Auburn's 1984 50%. The 1994 UF team was 59th out of 60 teams.

Some teams “load-up on cupcakes” to boost their winning percentage—**not the Gators!!**

- Of teams that finished in the *NCAA's Toughest Schedule Top 10* listing; a National Champion has appeared in the list nine times—in the Gators' three-title winning seasons, they were twice No. 1 (1996-2006) and second in 2008.

The Top 5 shows where each No. 1 was ranked and their opponent's record—when not playing the champion—and only games against Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) are included:

2008	Florida	2	93-53-0 0.637
2006	Florida	1	100-49-0 0.671
1978	USC	2	79-40-1 0.663
1982	Penn State	1	63-34-2 0.646
1996	Florida	1	70-41-0 0.631

- In **Regular Season** game only, a 13-0 season would give the Gators a 23-game winning streak; tying Tennessee's mark from 1937-39...(*Alabama holds the mark, twice, at 28 games; 1978-80 and 1991-93.*)

All-Time Regular Season record vs Conference foes, 263-192-15 .604, 3rd. 1-2: Alabama, .680 and Tennessee, .657

- **Consecutive SEC Wins...**By winning all 8 SEC games this fall, added to the 6 wins from '08 would equal the conference mark of 14 consecutive wins—8th highest of all time; tying Georgia Tech, 1950-52; Alabama, 1971-72 and Auburn, 1993-94...(*Alabama holds the mark with 27, 1976-80.*)