



2010 GOLDEN PANTHER SOFTBALL

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2010 Schedule/Results 36-17 (17-7 SBC)

February

Combat Classic

- 12 vs. N.C. State Cancelled
 vs. Providence Cancelled
 13 vs. Southern Illinois W, 10-6
 vs. UIC W, 2-1
 14 vs. #20 UMass L, 3-5
 vs. North Florida W, 5-4

Blue and Gold Felsberg Memorial

- 19 vs. LIU W, 2-0
 vs. Bethune-Cookman W, 15-1
 20 vs. LIU W, 2-1
 vs. Bethune-Cookman W, 3-2
 21 vs. Wisconsin L, 2-3
 vs. Florida Gulf Coast W, 6-5 (8)
 27 at WKU (DH)* W, 7-1/W, 8-2 (8)
 28 at WKU* W, 8-0 (5)

March

- 4 vs. Eastern Michigan W, 6-1

USF Under Armour Invitational

- 5 vs. Robert Morris W, 7-6
 vs. Fordham L, 0-1
 6 vs. Penn State W, 5-0
 vs. Boston University W, 8-7
 7 vs. Bradley L, 1-3

Golden Panther Invite

- 12 vs. Michigan State (DH).... W, 7-2/L, 1-4
 14 vs. George Wash. (DH).... W, 10-1 (5), W, 9-1 (5)
 16 at #19 Florida State (DH).... L, 3-8/ L, 2-7
 18 at #5 Alabama L, 1-2
 20 at Troy (DH)* L, 3-8/W, 10-2
 21 at Troy* L, 3-5
 27 at Stetson (DH) W, 1-0/L, 2-5
 28 at Stetson W, 3-1

April

- 2 vs. North Texas (DH)* L, 2-10/L, 2-5
 3 vs. North Texas* W, 10-9
 6 vs. Florida Gulf Coast (DH).... L, 10-4/W, 4-0
 10 vs. Louisiana (DH)* W, 6-2/W, 4-3
 11 vs. Louisiana* L, 5-9
 14 vs. Florida Atlantic* W, 3-2
 17 at Middle Tenn. (DH)* .. W, 7-6 (9)/W, 6-2
 18 at Middle Tenn.* W, 2-0
 20 at #4 Florida (DH) W, 8-3/Cancelled
 24 at South Alabama* W, 4-3 (8)
 25 at South Alabama (DH)* ... W, 10-5/L, 4-5

May

- 1 ULM (DH)* W, 3-2/W, 5-1
 2 ULM* W, 4-0
 7 at Florida Atlantic* L, 3-4 (8)
 8 vs. Florida Atlantic* W, 7-5
 12 vs. ULM+ 1:30 p.m.

* Sun Belt Conference game

+ at Sun Belt Conference Tournament (Mobile, Ala.)
 Home games in **bold** | All times Eastern



FIU at Sun Belt Conference Softball Championship

May 12-15, 2010
Jaguar Field / Mobile, Ala.
Hosted by South Alabama

FIU Receives No. 2 Seed for SBC Softball Championship

On the strength of a final regular season conference record of 17-7, FIU earned the No. 2 seed for the 2010 Sun Belt Conference Softball Championship and will face the No. 7-seeded ULM Warhawks in opening round action, as was announced by league officials on May 9.

FIU is in the midst of its best season since 2001 with an overall record of 36-17. The 35-win season marks the fifth in school history.

2010 Sun Belt Conference Softball Championship Tournament Seeds

1. Louisiana (19-5, 0.792)
- 2. FIU (17-7, 0.708)**
3. North Texas (12-9, 0.571)
4. Florida Atlantic (12-10, 0.545)
5. South Alabama (8-10, 0.444)
6. Troy (10-13, 0.435)
7. ULM (9-14, .391)
8. Middle Tennessee (7-17, 0.292)

SBC Championship Coverage

Fans can catch all the action from the 2010 Sun Belt Conference Softball Championship live from Jaguar Field in Mobile, Ala. This is an SBC Extra exclusive for only \$9.95 as fans can view live broadcasts at www.SunBeltSports.org. Live stats will also be available at SunBeltSports.org, and FIU fans can follow @SoftballFIU on Twitter for live updates.

For the third consecutive season, the Sun Belt Conference will air the championship game of the softball tournament. This year's broadcast will be a part of the Sun Belt Network - a partnership between the Sun Belt Conference, Cox Sports Television (CST) and Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS). For more information on the Sun Belt Network please visit www.sunbeltsports.org. For information on how to watch the Softball Championship game, please check your local listings.

A Look Back

The 2009 Sun Belt Conference Championship saw Louisiana notch its 10th tournament championship out of the last 11 years, as the Ragin' Cajuns defeated Florida Atlantic in the title tilt by an 8-3 score. ULL placed three players on the All-Tournament team while FIU, which went 2-2 in the tournament, saw one player named to the squad in current sophomore **Ashley McClain**. ULL's Christi Orgeron was named Most Outstanding Player.

FIU in the SBC Championship

The Golden Panthers own an all-time record of 14-20 in Sun Belt Conference Tournament play and are coming off a 2-2 outing at the tournament in 2009, as FIU defeated North Texas and ULM before falling twice to eventual tournament champion Louisiana.

FIU began competition in the SBC Tournament in 2000 and is undefeated in opening-round action with a record of 10-0.

Against current SBC teams, the Golden Panthers are 1-0 in the tournament when facing ULM and Troy; an even 1-1 versus Florida Atlantic; 2-0 versus North Texas, 4-5 versus Middle Tennessee, 3-3 versus WKU and 0-10 versus Louisiana. FIU and South Alabama have never met in the SBC Tournament.

All-Time SBC Tournament Results

Year	Opponent	Result
2000	WKU	W, 3-0
2000	ULL	L, 0-1
2000	WKU	L, 1-2
2001	La. Tech	W, 8-0
2001	MTSU	L, 1-2
2001	WKU	L, 3-5
2002	WKU	W, 5-1
2002	ULL	L, 0-1
2002	MTSU	L, 0-1
2003	MTSU	W, 2-1
2003	ULL	L, 0-6
2003	WKU	W, 5-0
2003	ULL	L, 2-6
2004	MTSU	W, 2-1
2004	ULL	L, 0-3
2004	MTSU	L, 3-4
2005	MTSU	W, 2-1
2005	WKU	L, 0-4
2005	NMSU	L, 2-6
2006	UNT	W, 4-2
2006	ULL	L, 2-6
2006	Troy	W, 4-1
2006	ULL	L, 4-7
2007	FAU	W, 12-9 (15 Inn.)
2007	MTSU	L, 2-6
2007	FAU	L, 0-4
2008	MTSU	W, 3-2
2008	ULL	L, 2-8
2008	WKU	L, 1-9
2009	UNT	W, 8-0
2009	ULM	W, 10-2
2009	ULL	L, 0-3
2009	ULL	L, 0-8

The Ultimate Awards Sweep

With the release of the 2010 Sun Belt Conference postseason awards on May 11, it was announced that FIU completed a performer of the year sweep, as senior **Kasey Barrett** was named SBC Pitcher of the Year, sophomore **Ashley McClain** received SBC Player of the Year recognition and freshman **Brie Rojas** was tabbed SBC Freshman of the Year.

Both Barrett and McClain's honor mark the first ever of their kind in FIU softball history, and also the first of each of their careers. Rojas is the third FIU softball player to be named Freshman of the Year, as Jennifer Owens earned the honor in 2001 and Sarah Belanger received the nod in 2006.

In addition to the players' accolades, Head Coach **Beth McClendon** has been named 2010 SBC Co-Coach of the Year along with Louisiana's Stefni Lotief. The honor marks the second of its kind for McClendon as she earned SBC Coach of the Year outright honors in 2008. The only other FIU softball coach to earned the league award was Kim Gwydir in 2003.

Five Earn All-SBC Honors

FIU has placed five players on the All-Sun Belt Conference Softball teams for 2010, as was announced by league officials on May 9.

The handful of conference accolades includes four first-team selections as senior **Kasey Barrett** (P), freshman **Jessy Alfonso** (3B), sophomore **Ashley McClain** (OF) and **Brie Rojas** (2B) have each earned their first postseason SBC honor. The four first-team picks tie a school record with FIU also having placed four student-athletes on the first team in 2003 and 2006.

Freshman **Kayla Burri** earned second-team honors at shortstop after missing nine games due to injury, as she also earns her first postseason league nod.

Last Time Out

FIU closed out the regular season last weekend with a home-and-home series versus Sun Belt Conference and intra-state rival Florida Atlantic, as the Golden Panthers fell to the Owls,

4-3, in eight innings on Friday before defeating FAU, 7-5, on Saturday.

The Golden Panther bats were out in full force versus the Owls, as FIU tallied three home runs, two doubles and one triple in a pair of games versus FAU. Sophomore **Ashley McClain** notched a double and a home run while freshmen **Brie Rojas** and **Jessy Alfonso** each connected for a homer and redshirt sophomore **Jackie Tetlow** posted a double. Sophomore **Jenny Welch** recorded her first career triple to give FIU 10 triples on the season.

Alfonso led the FIU offense across the pair of games with a .429 batting average, scoring a team-high three runs while recording one RBI along with one home run for her fifth of the campaign.

Barrett Picks Up 6th SBC Nod

Senior **Kasey Barrett** earned her sixth Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week of the season on May 3 after leading FIU to a three-game sweep of ULM. The accolade is the 10th of its kind for Barrett's career and FIU's 12th weekly conference nod of 2010.

Barrett pitched two complete-game, two-hitters versus the Warhawks, striking out a combined 18 batters en route to a 2-0 record for the weekend and an 18-8 mark for the season. Sunday's series finale with ULM served as Senior Day, as Barrett pitched one

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THIS WEEK IN FIU SOFTBALL

Mon. 5/10
Practice
9 a.m. ET

Depart for
Mobile, AL
12 p.m. ET

Tues. 5/11
Practice
2:30 p.m. CT

Family Night
& Homerun
Derby
8 p.m. CT

Wed. 5/12
SBC
Tournament
FIU (2)
vs.
ULM (7)

12:30 p.m. CT

Thurs. 5/13
SBC
Tournament

TBA

Fri. 5/14
SBC
Tournament

TBA

Sat. 5/15
SBC
Tournament

TBA

Sun. 5/16
TBA

of her final games at the FIU Softball Complex. Barrett broke the FIU single-season school record for strikeouts with her fourth strikeout of the contest in the second inning and now owns 206 K's on the season, besting the previous single-season record of 199, set by Amanda Nealer in 2005.

McClain Sets RBI Record

With a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning versus ULM on May 1, sophomore **Ashley McClain** put her season RBI total at a single-season school record, 53. The mark bests the previous FIU single-season record of 51, set by Kim Rodriguez in 2008.

McClain is also closing in on other single-season records, as her 15 doubles in 2010 rank tied for third on the single-season lists and her 12 home runs rank fifth. Monique White owns an FIU all-time season-best 16 doubles (2008), while Rodriguez holds

the single-season record for home runs with 17 (2008).

In addition, McClain is beginning to flirt with the FIU career charts for doubles, triples and RBIs, despite having less than two full seasons under her belt to-date.

Barrett Bests Strikeout Record

With her fourth strikeout of the contests in the second inning versus ULM on May 2, senior **Kasey Barrett** broke the FIU single-season school record for strikeouts, besting the previous single-season record of 199, set by Amanda Nealer in 2005. Barrett went on to post 10 K's for the contests and on the now owns 216 strikeouts on the season.

Alfonso Breaks Into Runs-Scored Record List

Freshman **Jessy Alfonso** has scored a team-high 46 runs this season, a total which ranks third on the FIU single-

season charts. The Miami, Fla., native is three runs away from the No. 3 mark of 49 and just five runs away from tying the top runs-scored total of 51.

Desiree Fink owns the single-season runs scored record of 51, set in 2008.

Three Sweeps

With a trio of victories over ULM on May 1-2, FIU picked up its third Sun Belt Conference series sweep of the season, having previously recorded sweeps over WKU and Middle Tennessee.

The Golden Panthers out-hit the Warhawks, 25-9, and out-scored ULM, 12-3, across the three contests as freshman **Brie Rojas** (.429) and senior **Lauren Spiers** (.400) each hit .400 or better for the series. FIU tallied five doubles while allowing one and the Golden Panthers posted 12 RBIs, led by sophomore **Ashley McClain's** three RBIs, compared to just two RBIs for

2010 FIU Golden Panther Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. School)
00	Seldi Soberon	OF	R/R	5-5	Jr.	Miami, Fla. (Robert Morgan HS)
2	Ashley McClain	OF/P	L/L	5-4	So.	Brandon, Fla. (Riverview Tampa HS)
3	Morgan Huling	OF	R/R	5-5	Sr.	Miami, Fla. (Southridge HS)
5	Kasey Barrett	P	R/R	5-10	Sr.	Starke, Fla. (Bradford HS/South Florida CC)
7	Kayla Burri	SS	R/R	5-6	Fr.	Cocoa, Fla. (Cocoa HS)
8	Jessy Alfonso	3B	R/R	5-5	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Coral Park HS)
9	Beth Peller	OF	L/R	5-4	Fr.	Southwest Ranches, Fla. (American Heritage)
10	Jenny Welch	C	R/R	5-8	So.	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview Sarasota HS)
13	Alexandra Casals	C	R/R	5-1	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Florida Christian)
14	Patty Zavala	1B	R/R	5-3	Fr.	Whittier, Calif. (Sonora)
15	Jackie Tetlow	1B	R/R	6-0	R-So.	Tampa, Fla. (Freedom HS)
16	Jenny Alfonso	2B	L/R	5-2	So.	Miami, Fla. (Coral Park HS)
17	Paige Cassady	P/OF	R/R	5-6	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. (Boone HS/Presbyterian)
18	Jennifer Gniadek	P	R/R	6-0	So.	Chesapeake, Va. (Hickory HS)
22	Lauren Spiers	1B/C	R/R	5-10	R-Sr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge HS)
24	Brie Rojas	2B	R/R	5-0	Fr.	Cooper City, Fla. (Cooper City HS)
25	Kelsey Grabiak	3B	R/R	5-4	So.	Bradenton, Fla. (Lakewood Ranch HS)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Alexandra Casals: Cuh-sAHLs
Morgan Huling: HEW-ling
Lauren Spiers: SpEErs

Jennifer Gniadek: Guh-nAH-dick
Brie Rojas: Row-HAAS

Kelsey Grabiak: GrABE-EE-ack
Seldi Soberon: Sell-DEE So-burr-own

2010 SBC STANDINGS (FINAL)

TEAM	W-L	Pct.	SBC	Pct.
ULL	38-16	.704	19-5	.792
FIU	36-17	.679	17-7	.708
UNT	27-18	.600	12-9	.571
FAU	27-24	.529	12-10	.545
USA	21-22	.488	8-10	.444
TROY	24-28	.462	10-13	.435
ULM	22-24	.478	9-14	.391
MTSU	21-30	.412	7-17	.292
WKU	27-25	.519	6-15	.286

ULM. McClain also recorded a home run in the series.

In the circle, the duo of senior **Kasey Barrett** and sophomore **Jen Gniadek** recorded a combined ERA of 0.33 on the strength of 23 strikeouts against nine hits and one earned run between the two of them. In comparison, the ULM pitching corps struck out 14 batters while allowing 25 hits and nine earned runs for an ERA of 3.38.

On Deck

The NCAA Division I Softball Championship selection show is slated for Sunday, May 16. The 64-team field will be announced from 10-11 p.m. ET on ESPNU.

FIU in the SBC

The Golden Panthers ended the regular season in second place in the Sun Belt Conference standings behind defending league champion Louisiana. FIU owns a final league record of 17-7 and a winning percentage of .708, while ULL is 19-5 in conference play with a winning percentage of .792.

FIU opened the SBC season with a three-game sweep over WKU and repeated that feat later in the season with sweeps over Middle Tennessee and ULM. FIU also won a pair of series by a 2-1 mark Louisiana, South Alabama and Florida Atlantic.

FIU ended the regular season second in the SBC in team batting average (.298), fourth in team ERA (2.50) and eighth in fielding percentage (.940).

FIU in the NCAA

The latest report of the NCAA Division I softball statistics was released on May 11, and the Golden Panthers appear in two categories, as FIU ranks 40th in team batting average (.298) and 46th in win-loss percentage (.679).

Notre Dame leads the country in batting average with a mark of .352 while Washington owns a nation-leading win-loss percentage of .896.

Shut-Out City

Senior pitcher **Kasey Barrett** posted her seventh shutout of the season on May 2 as the Golden Panthers defeated ULM, 4-0, in Miami, Fla.

Barrett now owns 14 shutouts for her career, a mark which ranks second on the FIU career charts. Mila Nelson, a 2001 graduate, ranks first on the career shutouts list with 19. On the single-season charts, Barrett's seven shutouts in 2010 rank tied for first.

McConsistent

Sophomore **Ashley McClain** was a consistent presence in the FIU lineup a year ago and this year is no different, as McClain leads the Golden Panthers in RBIs (55), hits (63), total bases (120), doubles (15), triples (3) and home runs (12).

McClain put together an eight-game hitting streak to begin the season (Feb. 13-Feb. 20) before compiling a 14-game hitting streak (March 27-April 25), a streak which ranks second all-time at FIU.

A native of Brandon, Fla., McClain also owns the squad's No. 3 batting average (.380). Her 15 doubles best her career-high for a season, as she previously hit 10 doubles in 2009, and her 12 homers in 2010 out-do her home run total for her freshman season, as she hit five out of the park a season ago.

Peller Turns It Up

Freshman **Beth Peller** has become an important part of the FIU offense as she has been in the starting lineup for the 25 consecutive contests and has recorded a batting average of .356 since April 1.

Peller has produced 21 hits, 14 runs and six RBIs and is 6-for-8 on stolen base attempts over that time span. Also included in the time period were Peller's first career triple and second career double, both coming in a double header at South Alabama on April 25.

Alfonso Leads Off

Since taking over in the lead-off position

FIU in the SBC & NCAA

(All rankings & stats through games of 5/9)

Individual Batting

Player	Batting Avg.	SBC	NCAA
B. Rojas	.405	2	36
K. Burri	.380	4	105
A. McClain	.380	5	109
Jes. Alfonso	.376	6	131

Player	Hits	SBC	NCAA
A. McClain	63	3	-
B. Rojas	62	T-4	-
Jes. Alfonso	52	T-4	-

Player	Runs	SBC	NCAA
Jes. Alfonso	46	2	50 (0.90/g)
B. Rojas	36	4	224 (0.68/g)
K. Burri	34	5	NR

Player	RBI	SBC	NCAA
A. McClain	55	1	14 (1.1/g)
B. Rojas	35	5	NR

Player	2B	SBC	NCAA
A. McClain	15	2	52 (0.30/g)

Player	3B	SBC	NCAA
A. McClain	3	T-3	NR

Player	HR	SBC	NCAA
A. McClain	12	3	78

Player	TB	SBC	NCAA
A. McClain	120	1	-
B. Rojas	91	5	-

Player	SF	SBC	NCAA
A. McClain	4	T-1	15
L. Spiers	3	T-3	49

Player	BB	SBC	NCAA
B. Rojas	28	4	142 (0.53/g)

Player	OB%	SBC	NCAA
B. Rojas	.505	2	48
K. Burri	.448	4	178
Jes. Alfonso	.437	7	232

Player	Slug.%	SBC	NCAA
A. McClain	.723	1	49
B. Rojas	.595	6	222

Player	SB-ATT	SBC	NCAA
Jes. Alfonso	16-22	T-4	NR

Individual Pitching

Player	ERA	SBC	NCAA
K. Barrett	1.88	1	57
J. Gniadek	2.75	8	185

Player	K	SBC	NCAA
K. Barrett	216	T-2	45
J. Gniadek	111	7	203

Player	SV	SBC	NCAA
K. Barrett	3	T-1	35

Player	W	SBC	NCAA
K. Barrett	18	T-3	65
J. Gniadek	15	8	112

Player	SHO	SBC	NCAA
K. Barrett	7	-	35

Player	K/7 Inn.	SBC	NCAA
K. Barrett	8.3	-	51
J. Gniadek	6.0	-	157

Player	BB/7 Inn.	SBC	NCAA
K. Barrett	2.20	-	152

Player	Hits/7 Inn.	SBC	NCAA
K. Barrett	4.94	-	40
J. Gniadek	7.29	-	251

**USA TODAY/NFCA
DIVISION I TOP 25 POLL
(MAY 11, 2010)**

1. Washington
2. Michigan
3. Arizona
- 4. Alabama**
5. UCLA
- 5. Florida**
7. Georgia Tech
8. Missouri
9. Georgia
10. Arizona State
11. Oklahoma
12. California
13. Texas
14. Oklahoma State
15. Stanford
16. Tennessee
17. LSU
18. Illinois
19. Ohio State
20. Texas A&M
- 21. UMass**
22. Oregon
23. Hawaii
24. Notre Dame
- 25. Florida State**

Others Receiving Votes: DePaul 20, **Fordham 10**, Oregon State 6, Lipscomb 5, BYU 2, **ULL 2**, San Diego State 1, Louisville 1, Nebraska 1, Hofstra 1.

Bold indicates FIU 2010 opponent

**ESPN.COM/USA SOFTBALL
SOFTBALL COLLEGIATE TOP 25
(MAY 11, 2010)**

1. Washington (20 first-place votes)
2. Michigan
- 3. Alabama**
4. Arizona
- 5. Florida**
6. UCLA
7. Georgia Tech
8. Oklahoma
9. Georgia
10. Arizona State
11. LSU
12. Texas
13. California
14. Missouri
15. Tennessee
16. Oklahoma State
17. Stanford
18. Illinois
19. Texas A&M
20. Oregon
21. Hawaii
22. Ohio State
- 23. UMass**
- 24. Florida State**
25. Notre Dame

Others Receiving Votes: DePaul (21), **Fordham (12)**, BYU (5), San Diego State (4), Louisville (1) and University of Tennessee-Martin (1).

Bold indicates FIU 2010 opponent

**ULTIMATE COLLEGE SOFTBALL
TOP 25
(MAY 11, 2010)**

1. Washington (20 first-place votes)
2. Michigan (2)
- 3. Alabama**
4. Arizona
- 5. Florida**
6. UCLA
7. Georgia Tech
8. Oklahoma
9. Arizona State
10. Illinois
11. Missouri
12. Tennessee
13. Georgia
14. Hawaii
15. Texas
16. California
- 17. UMass**
18. LSU
19. Oklahoma State
20. Oregon
21. Stanford
22. Ohio State
- 23. Fordham**
- 24. Florida State**
25. BYU

Others Receiving Votes: Lipscomb 48, DePaul 47, Texas A&M 42, Notre Dame 40, Hofstra 18, Louisville 15, Texas Tech 4, **ULL 2**, Illinois State (32-16) 1, **FIU 1**.

Bold indicates FIU 2010 opponent

on April 14, freshman **Jessy Alfonso** has gone 21-for-46 at the plate for a batting average of .457 across 13 contests, recording a hit in all but one game during that time span.

A native of Miami, Fla., Alfonso has connected for a hit in 21-of-24 league games, leading the SBC with 35 hits in conference games. She has posted multiple-RBI outings on eight occasions, including four times in league games, and has notched multiple-hit games 18 times in 2010, 10 of which have come in SBC competition. Alfonso also ranks among conference leaders for stolen bases with a team-leading 16-for-22 mark.

In her first collegiate campaign, Alfonso has recorded a 10-game hitting streak, a mark which ties for the No. 3 streak of all-time at FIU.

McClendon Milestones

Head coach **Beth McClendon** has reached a trio of milestone victories in 2010, as she has recorded her 70th, 80th and 90th career victories this

season and stands just four wins away from the century mark.

McClendon notched her 90th career win on April 20 when the Golden Panthers defeated her alma mater, No. 4 Florida by an 8-3 score in Gainesville, Fla. Her 70th career win came just 12 games into the campaign as FIU came away with an eight-inning, 8-2, win over WKU on Feb. 27. McClendon tallied her 80th career victory on March 27 when the Golden Panthers posted a 1-0 win over Stetson.

In her third year at the helm of the Golden Panther softball squad, McClendon owns a career record of 96-80.

Three Strikes

Sophomore **Ashley McClain** has seen 166 at bats this season, the most on the team, while recording just four strikeouts. These numbers make McClain the third-toughest player to strikeout in the nation according to the latest release of the NCAA statistics (May 9).

Freshman **Brie Rojas** broke into the toughest to strike out category on April 27 and now ranks 240th in the nation on the strength of 15 strikeouts in 153 at bats.

Cornell's Alyson Intihar ranks first in the category, as she has notched two strikeouts across 182 at bats this season.

FIU in the RPI

With the third release of the 2010 Women's Softball NCAA RPI rankings on May 5, FIU ranks 41st for the second straight week. The Golden Panthers had moved up five spots from a No. 46 ranking on April 13.

The top-50 ranking is second in the Sun Belt Conference as ULL owns an RPI ranking of 28, while the next closest SBC schools is North Texas with an RPI of 53.

SBC Sweep Three-Peat

For the third time this season, FIU swept the Sun Belt Conference weekly softball awards on April 26, as freshman **Brie**

BY THE NUMBERS

Overall Record.....	36-17
Home Record.....	21-7
Road Record.....	12-8
Neutral Record.....	3-2
In Tournament Play.....	11-3
Sun Belt Record.....	17-7
Sun Belt Home Record.....	8-3
Sun Belt Road Record.....	9-4
In February.....	11-2
In March.....	10-9
In April.....	11-5
In May.....	4-1
1-Run Games.....	14-5
2-Run Games.....	4-3
5+Run Games.....	12-5
Extra-Inning Games.....	5-1
Shutouts.....	7-1
Leading After Four Innings.....	26-2
Trailing After Four Innings.....	6-13
Tied After Four Innings.....	4-2
Scored In First Inning.....	21-6
Opponent Scored in First Inning.....	13-9
Scores First.....	24-6
Opponent Scores First.....	12-11
Out-hit Opponent.....	31-2
Out-hit By Opponent.....	2-13
Hits Are Tied.....	3-2
Versus Ranked Opponents.....	1-4
On Monday.....	0-0
On Tuesday.....	2-3
On Wednesday.....	1-0
On Thursday.....	1-1
On Friday.....	4-5
On Saturday.....	19-2
On Sunday.....	9-6
Longest Winning Streak.....	7
Longest Losing Streak.....	4
Current Streak.....	Win, 1

VS. THE SUN BELT

Florida Atlantic.....	22-43
Louisiana.....	10-36
ULM.....	11-2
Middle Tennessee.....	29-14
North Texas.....	19-6
South Alabama.....	7-5
Troy.....	9-9
WKU.....	24-17

All-Time SBC Record..... 131-133

Rojas was named Player of the Week and senior **Kasey Barrett** was tabbed Pitcher of the Week. The accolade is the second of its kind for Rojas' career, while Barrett's nod marks the fifth of the season and ninth of her career.

Rojas recorded a batting average of .615 across four contests, a mark which included an average of .700 in the series with South Alabama. She went 8-for-13 at the plate for the week, tallying three RBIs, nine total bases and one run, as Rojas also connected for her eighth double of the season..

Barrett went 2-0 for the week across three starts, striking out 26 batters while giving up 16 hits and five earned runs for an ERA of 1.75. The senior recorded a pair of complete games versus the nationally ranked Gators and in game two versus South Alabama, as the contest with the Jaguars saw Barrett record a career-high 15 strikeouts.

Barrett Rewriting the Record Books

Senior **Kasey Barrett** continues to climb up the FIU career pitching charts and is beginning to break into the single-season all-time standings, as she is having an outstanding year in the circle for the Golden Panthers.

For her career, Barrett ranks first in complete games (60) and second in career strikeouts (571), innings pitched (622.3), wins (50) and shutouts (14). The Starke, Fla., native also ranks third in both saves (7) and total appearances (118).

In 2010, Barrett has recorded seven shutouts and three saves, as her seven shutouts rank tied for first and her three saves rank tied for fourth on the FIU single-season charts. Barrett is 18-9 on the year with her 18 victories ranking tied for fourth on the single-season lists.

Barrett in the FIU Record Books

	Season	Rank	Career	Rank
IP	182.2	-	622.3	2
Appear.	35	-	118	3
Wins	18	T-4	52	2
Shutouts	7	T-1	14	2
CG	17	T-5	60	1
K	216	1	571	2
Saves	3	T-4	7	3

500 K Club

Senior **Kasey Barrett** recorded her 500th career strikeout in the second inning versus Florida Atlantic on April 14 to become just the second pitcher in FIU history to record 500 strikeouts or more.

Barrett has 571 career strikeouts to her credit, a mark which ranks second in school history, as Amanda Nealer (2002-05) owns an FIU record 620 strikeouts.

Home Run Queens

FIU continues to connect for hits out of the park as the Golden Panthers are one home run away from doubling their home run total from a season ago. FIU

has hit 37 home runs this season, a total which by far bests the total number of homers that FIU recorded for the entire 2009 campaign (19), as the Golden Panthers tied their home run total from a year ago on the strength of a pair of home runs versus Troy on March 21.

Sophomore **Ashley McClain** leads the team with 12 home runs while freshman **Brie Rojas** has seven homers to her credit and freshman **Jessy Alfonso** has hit five homers. Senior **Lauren Spiers**, redshirt sophomore **Jackie Tetlow** and freshman **Kayla Burri** have each hit three out of the park while sophomores **Jenny Welch** and **Jennifer Gniadek** have each homered on two occasions in 2010.

Rojas on a Roll

Freshman **Brie Rojas** began her collegiate career with a 4-for-4 outing versus Southern Illinois on Feb. 13, and has not let up since, as she ranks in the top three in every offensive statistical category for the Golden Panthers.

Rojas is the only Golden Panther to have started all 53 games this season and she leads the squad with a .405 batting average. Rojas ranks second on the team in RBIs (35), runs scored (36), total bases (91) and home runs (7), is tied for second in hits (62) and is tied for third in doubles (8).

A native of Cooper City, Fla., Rojas' collegiate debut saw her come up just a triple short of the cycle, as she recorded a single, a double and a home run. The home run came on her first collegiate at bat. Rojas later connected for a pair of three-run home runs versus WKU, driving in a career-high six RBIs. Five of her seven home runs this season have been three-run shots.

Rojas has put together four five-game hitting streaks in 2010, having recorded a hit in 38-of-53 games, including in 17-of-24 SBC contests.

Burri-ing the Opposition

Despite missing nine games due to injury, freshman **Kayla Burri** has ranked consistently in the top five in the Sun Belt Conference in batting average and owns FIU's No. 2 average with a mark of .380

Prior to suffering a knee injury on April

11, Burri hit at a clip of .533 across five starts over the previous week, including a .625 batting average in three games versus ULL. The Cocoa, Fla., native has recorded a hit in 10-of-16 conference games played and has compiled a pair of six-game hitting streaks and one seven-game hitting streak. In addition, the shortstop has tallied four perfect outings at the plate, three of which came in conference play.

Burri returned to action on May 1, pinch hitting on two occasions in a series versus ULM, before making a return to the starting lineup as designated player for the final series of the regular season versus FAU on May 7-8.

Fab Freshmen

FIU's freshman class has had an immediate impact on the Golden Panther softball squad as the class of six newcomers is producing on a consistent basis.

Brie Rojas is the only player to have started all 53 games for FIU while **Jessy Alfonso** has started 51 games and **Kayla Burri** owns 41 starts. **Beth Peller** has received 40 starting assignments and **Patty Zavala** has been in the starting rotation on 14 occasions and has seen action in 26 contests and **Alexandra Casals** has seen action in 20 games.

Rojas, Burri and Alfonso own the number one, two and four batting averages on the team, respectively, while Alfonso leads the Golden Panthers in runs scored (46) and stolen bases (16-of-22).

Heavy Hitters

The FIU offense is out in full force this season, as the Golden Panthers are out-hitting their opponents by a 427-313 margin and out-scoring the opposition, 257-181.

The Golden Panthers have connected for extra bases on 112 occasions, compared to 75 extra-base hits for their opponents, while FIU has notched 65 doubles to the opposition's 51. FIU also has secured 10 triples while allowing three, and the Golden Panthers have hit 37 home runs compared to 21 homers for their opponents.

A Program First

FIU recorded its first ever win over a top-five opponent on April 20 as the Golden Panthers defeated No. 4 Florida, 8-3, in Gainesville, Fla. The victory was FIU's first over a ranked opponent this season and the Golden Panthers are now 1-4 when facing ranked teams this year.

The only other time FIU defeated a top-10 opponent was on March 15, 2008, when the Golden Panthers got past No. 7 USF, 2-1, and the last time the Golden Panthers defeated a top-25 opponent was on April 5, 2009, when FIU defeated No. 20 Louisiana, 3-2.

Alfonso Earns Co-POTW Honors

Freshman **Jessy Alfonso** was named Sun Belt Conference Co-Player of the Week on April 19 after leading FIU to a perfect 4-0 mark last week as the Golden Panthers defeated Florida Atlantic in a single game before sweeping Middle Tennessee over the weekend. The honor is the first of its kind for Alfonso's career and the ninth of the season for FIU.

Hitting in the lead-off position, Alfonso notched a batting average of .500 across four starts at shortstop for FIU, as she went 7-for-14 at the plate while scoring five runs and driving in three RBIs. All three of Alfonso's RBIs came in game two versus MTSU when the Miami, Fla., native hit her fourth home run of the season. For the week, Alfonso led the Golden Panthers in stolen bases, as she was successful on two of three attempts.

McClendon Returns to Alma Mater

FIU's win over nationally ranked Florida on April 20 marked the return of FIU Head Coach **Beth McClendon** to her alma mater, as the Golden Panthers defeated the No. 4 Gators, 8-3, at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium in Gainesville, Fla.

A four-year letterwinner at the UF, McClendon was a member of Florida's 1998 Southeastern Conference Regular Season Championship team as the squad's top pitcher. McClendon posted 20-win seasons in each of her last two years in a Gator uniform and was a two-time SEC Pitcher of the Week over her career.

2010 FIU Softball Quick Facts

General Information

Location Modesto A. Maidique Campus
Miami, FL 33199
Opened..... 1972
Enrollment 38,000
Nickname..... Golden Panthers
Colors Blue and Gold
Affiliation NCAA Division I
Conference Sun Belt
Home Stadium (capacity)
FIU Softball Complex (300)
President Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg
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Team Information

Head Coach..... Beth McClendon
(Florida, 2000)
FIU Record (years).....96-80 (3rd year)
Career Record (years).....96-80 (3rd year)
Assistant Coaches.....
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..... (Northwestern State, 2005)
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2009 Review/2010 Outlook

2009 Record 31-29
(Home 12-12, Away 12-8, Neutral 13-11)
2009 Conference Record 13-11/4th
Postseason..... SBC Tournament
Final Ranking.....None
Letterwinners R/L 11/8
Pitchers R/L 4/0
Starters R/L 4/5
Newcomers..... 6

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Blue Raider Sweep

For the second straight season, FIU swept Middle Tennessee as the Golden Panthers defeated the Blue Raiders, 7-6 (9 Innings), 6-2, and 2-0 in Murfreesboro, Tenn., on April 17-18.

The FIU bats were out in full force versus MTSU, with the Golden Panthers out-hitting the Blue Raiders, 35-24, and scoring 15 runs to MTSU's eight scores. Three players hit at a clip of .500 or better as freshman **Beth Peller** led the charge with a batting average of .636 and sophomore **Ashley McClain** and freshman **Jessy Alfonso** each hit .500 across the three contests.

As a team, FIU hit .354 for the series while holding MTSU to an average of .261. The Golden Panthers recorded six doubles and a pair of home runs for the weekend, while, in the circle, sophomore **Jennifer Gniadek** went 2-0 and senior **Kasey Barrett** went 1-0. Gniadek notched an ERA of 0.00 for the series across her two victories.

Captain Clutch

Senior **Lauren Spiers** came in clutch during the week of April 12, making some big offensive plays down the stretch for the Golden Panthers.

Spiers recorded her first career walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh inning on April 14 to give FIU a 3-2 win over Florida Atlantic. She then tallied the game-winning RBI in an 7-6 victory over Middle Tennessee on April 17 with a single in the top of the ninth inning.

SBC Awards Sweep, Take Two

For the second time this season, FIU swept the Sun Belt Conference's weekly softball awards on April 12, as senior **Kasey Barrett** was named Pitcher of the Week and sophomore **Ashley McClain** was tabbed Player of the Week. The honor marks the fourth of the season and eighth of Barrett's career while McClain has earned the accolade on two occasions this year and for her career.

The duo led FIU to a record of 3-2 last week as the Golden Panthers earned a split with Florida Gulf Coast on Wednesday before taking two of three games versus SBC rival and defending league champion Louisiana.

Barrett went 3-1 in the circle for the Golden Panthers, a mark that included three starts, two complete games and one shutout as she recorded an ERA of 1.67 across four appearances. McClain hit at a clip of .471 across FIU's five contests, a total which includes a batting average of .545 in the three conference games against the Ragin' Cajuns. In game two versus ULL, McClain recorded at two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to force extra innings as the Golden Panthers went on to take a 4-3 win in nine innings.

Jen G-Slam

Sophomore **Jennifer Gniadek** recorded her first home run of the season in dramatic fashion as she posted FIU's only grand slam of the campaign to lift the Golden Panthers to a 4-0 win over Florida Gulf Coast on April 6.

The homer marked the second of her career, with her first collegiate home run coming against Florida Atlantic on April 8, 2009. Gniadek later connected for her third home run on April 25 at South Alabama.

McClendon Building a Program

Since her arrival at FIU, third-year head coach **Beth McClendon** has continually built up the FIU softball program, as the Golden Panthers have increased their win total in each year of her tenure.

After inheriting a program that finished the 2007 season with a record of 22-35, McClendon led FIU to a 2008 record of 29-34 in her first year at the helm. McClendon was named Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year for her efforts, as FIU finished fourth in the Sun Belt Conference regular season after being predicted to finish eighth in the preseason poll.

The 2009 season then saw the Golden Panthers improve even more, finishing the season with a record of 31-29, marking FIU's first winning season in three years.

With a pair of regular season contests remaining in 2010, the Golden Panthers have bested last season's win total with an overall mark of 35-16, a record which marks FIU's eighth 30-win season and fifth 35-win campaign in school history.

Record Breakers

The Golden Panthers have been breaking and tying single-game individual and team records since the very first time they took the field in February.

Freshman **Brie Rojas** recorded four hits in FIU's season-opener versus Southern Illinois, tying the single-game record. The following weekend, freshman **Jessy Alfonso** tied a pair of records with four hits and four runs scored versus Bethune-Cookman. Also versus the Wildcats, sophomore **Ashley McClain** hit two doubles to tie a single-game record. Rojas also tied the single-game record for RBIs with six versus WKU.

As a team, FIU has broken three single-game records and tied two, starting with a school-record, five-home run performance in the Golden Panthers' season-opening win over Southern Illinois. Also versus the Salukis, two players hit a pair of home runs in the first inning and again in the third inning to tie the school record. A pair of Golden Panthers would later post home runs in the same inning on two more occasions (at Middle Tennessee & at South Alabama), as FIU has accomplished the feat on eight occasions in school history.

More offensive records were bested, as FIU tallied 21 hits versus Bethune-Cookman to set a new school record, and the Golden Panthers tallied three triples versus Robert Morris to set another all-time best.

Another school record performance came on March 28 when the FIU defense recorded a pair of double plays versus Stetson. The mark ties a school record as the Golden Panthers have now recorded a pair of double plays in a single game 14 times in school history.

Burri Makes It Five Straight

Freshman **Kayla Burri** was named the Sun Belt Conference Softball Player of the Week on March 15, giving FIU its fifth consecutive Player or Pitcher of the Week accolade this season and the first of the freshman's career.

A Golden Panther earned weekly league recognition in each of the first

five weeks of the 2010 campaign. The run is the second-best stretch by a school in Sun Belt history, as Louisiana claimed seven consecutive Player or Pitcher of the Week honors in 2002.

Burri led FIU to three wins against a single loss at the Golden Panther Invite in Miami, Fla., as FIU split with Michigan State and run-ruled George Washington on two occasions. FIU is 18-5 on the season for the team's best start in school history through 23 contests.

Burri had a stellar weekend, notching a team-leading batting average of .583 on a 7-for-12 performance at the plate across all four contests. A starter at shortstop for 22 of 23 games this season, Burri recorded a team-high six runs on the weekend while her seven hits and 10 total bases were also a team-best. She recorded a pair of RBIs, the first of which came in FIU's weekend-opening victory over Michigan State and the second of which came in the weekend finale versus George Washington. Burri notched the second home run of her career versus the Colonials, slamming a solo shot over the centerfield wall.

Barrett Earns No. 3

Senior **Kasey Barrett** was named Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week for the third consecutive week on March 9. The accolade is the seventh of its kind for her career.

Barrett appeared in five of six games over the course of a week, including a pair of starting assignments in which she posted a record of 1-1. She pitched two complete games and recorded a pair of saves and one shutout while striking out 31 batters, including a season-high 12 versus Fordham. Barrett allowed just five hits and one unearned run in 20.0 innings of work, as the opposition combined for a batting average of .075 when facing her in the circle.

FIU Receives Votes in UCS Top 25

For the second straight week, FIU was among those receiving votes in the Ultimate College Softball Top 25 Coaches Poll on March 8. A week prior, the Golden Panthers appeared in the poll for the first time with six votes and then received a pair of votes in the March 8 edition of the poll.

FIU Sweeps SBC Weekly Awards

Senior **Kasey Barrett** and freshman **Brie Rojas** were named Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Week and Player of the Week, respectively, on March 3, as the duo helped FIU to a sweep of WKU to open league play.

Barrett pitched a pair of complete games and allowed six hits and one run while walking two and striking out 12 batters in 12.0 innings of work at WKU. She notched an ERA of 0.58 for the weekend, including a 0.00 ERA in Sunday's shutout victory, where she allowed just one hit as FIU run-ruled WKU in five innings. The Lady Toppers hit at a clip of .146 when facing Barrett in the circle.

Active in the first conference series of her collegiate career, Rojas posted a batting average of 1.000 in two of the three games and hit .667 across the three contests. She Rojas came out swinging in game one, recording a pair of three-run home runs, as she was singlehandedly responsible for driving in six of FIU's seven scores. After notching a double in game two of Saturday's doubleheader, Rojas went 2-for-2 in Sunday's game while scoring one run and driving in one RBI.

Stellar Sweep

After being swept by WKU in Miami a season ago, FIU returned the favor in 2010 as the Golden Panthers opened Sun Belt Conference play with a three-game sweep of the Lady Toppers in Bowling Green, Ky.

For the weekend, FIU recorded 33 hits to WKU's nine hits and the Golden Panthers out-scored the Lady Toppers, 23-3. Five players posted batting averages of over .500, led by freshman **Brie Rojas**, who went 6-for-9 en route to a three-game average of .667.

As a team, FIU recorded a batting average of .586 while WKU hit at a clip of just .159 as team across the three contests. The Golden Panthers connected for four home runs, led by Rojas' pair of homers in game one.

Barrett Earns SBC Honor

Senior **Kasey Barrett** was named Sun Belt Conference Softball Co-Pitcher of the Week on Feb. 22 after leading FIU to a 5-1 weekend at the Blue & Gold

Felsberg Memorial Tournament.

Barrett appeared in the circle for the Golden Panthers in four of six contests over the weekend, including one complete game versus LIU. For the weekend, Barrett notched and ERA of 0.00 while opponents were able to hit at a clip of just .081 against her. She pitched 18.2 innings, allowing five hits and just a single run and recording 25 strikeouts against just one walk.

FIU Hosts Annual Blue & Gold Felsberg Memorial

The FIU softball team hosted the annual Blue & Gold Felsberg Memorial Tournament last weekend at the FIU Softball Complex, as the Golden Panthers honored former FIU track athlete Michael Felsberg.

Friday served as Armed Forces Appreciation Day, an event which included an appearance by the Golden Knight Parachute Team. FIU donned camouflage jerseys and helmets, which were available for bidding during a Silent Auction throughout the evening. All proceeds benefit the Felsberg Foundation and FIU softball.

Opening Weekend Offense

The Golden Panther offense got off to a great start on opening weekend (Feb. 12-14), as five different players combined for seven home runs across four contests. Sophomore **Ashley McClain** led the charge with three home runs, two of which came against UMass, and FIU also hit six doubles, as freshmen **Jessy Alfonso** and **Brie Rojas** each tallied a pair of doubles to begin their careers.

McClain Named SBC Co-POTW

Sophomore **Ashley McClain** was named Sun Belt Conference Softball Co-Player of the Week on Feb. 15 after recording three home runs across four contests to open the 2010 season.

McClain was one of five Golden Panthers to hit a home run in FIU's season opener versus Southern Illinois on Feb. 13, and she also connected for a pair of homers versus then-No. 20 UMass the following day. versus the Minutewomen, the outfielder put together a 2-for-3 performance, scoring twice and driving in all three of the Golden Panthers' runs.

McClain also saw time in the circle for FIU on opening weekend, striking out one batter and allowing one hit in two innings pitched versus UMass.

Home Run Derby

FIU's season opener resembled a home run derby of sorts, as five different players hit one out of the park en route in a 10-6 win over Southern Illinois. Three homers came from freshmen, as **Brie Rojas**, **Kayla Burri** and **Jessy Alfonso** each connected for a home run, while the other two came off of sophomore bats, courtesy of **Ashley McClain** and **Jenny Welch**.

Season-Opening School Records

FIU hit a single-game, school-record five home runs en route to a 10-6 victory over Southern Illinois on Feb. 13, as sophomores **Jenny Welch** and **Ashley McClain** and freshmen **Brie Rojas**, **Jessy Alfonso** and **Kayla Burri** each hit a home run versus the Salukis.

Welch's home run came on the first pitch that was thrown to her, while Rojas' homer came in her first collegiate appearance at the plate. Welch and Rojas homered in the same inning, as did Alfonso and McClain, as the pair of home runs in the first and third innings each ties a school record for home runs in a single inning.

SBC Preseason Poll Tabs FIU No. 3

The Sun Belt Conference released its 2010 Sun Belt Conference Preseason Softball Poll on Feb. 8, as FIU was picked to finish third behind 2009 SBC Champion Louisiana and Troy.

As voted on by the league's nine head coaches, Louisiana received eight first-place votes, on its way to receiving 80 total points, followed by second-place Troy with 70, which received one first-place vote. FIU came in third (58), followed by Florida Atlantic (50), North Texas (41), WKU (39), South Alabama (36), ULM (19) and Middle Tennessee (12).

The 2010 edition of the Preseason All-SBC Team was also released on Monday, as Louisiana saw a league-high five players selected to the squad, including the Preseason Pitcher of the Year in Donna Bourgeois. North Texas garnered two all-league picks while Troy, WKU, Florida Atlantic and ULM had one selection apiece. Florida

Atlantic's Blair Bodenmiller and ULM's Brianna Love shared Preseason Co-Player of the Year honors.

2009 Season Review

FIU is coming off a 2009 campaign in which the Golden Panthers posted their first winning season in three years with an overall record of 31-29 and a Sun Belt Conference mark of 13-11. FIU finished fourth in the SBC regular season standings and tied for third place at the league tournament with a 2-2 record, falling to eventual champion and NCAA Tournament participant, Louisiana.

Throughout the campaign, two Golden Panthers combined for four SBC Performer of the Week honors, as senior **Kim Rodriguez** earned Player of the Week recognition on one occasion and junior **Kasey Barrett** was tabbed Pitcher of the Week three times, including back-to-back accolades in the final two weeks of the regular season.

At season's end, freshman **Ashley McClain** was named to the SBC All-Tournament team and senior **Jessica Landeau** was tabbed Second Team All-SBC at the catcher position.

A Challenging Schedule

The 2010 schedule has been a challenging one, as the slate includes competition against six squads that reached NCAA Championship Regional action a year ago, including 2009 Women's College World Series contender, Alabama, and runner-up, Florida.

FIU saw perhaps its toughest stretch of games in March, as the Golden Panthers began an nine-game road swing by facing 2009 NCAA Regional participant Florida State and 2009 Women's College World series contender, Alabama.

With the Sun Belt Conference season in full swing, FIU travelled to Gainesville, Fla., to take on nationally ranked Florida on April 20. That game had a special meaning for head coach **Beth McClendon**, as she enjoyed a stellar four-year career with the Gator softball squad, graduating from UF in 2000. FIU defeated Florida, 8-3, for the program's first ever win over a top-five opponent.

2010 SBC PRESEASON POLL

1. Louisiana – 80 points (8 first-place votes)
2. Troy - 70 (1)
3. **FIU - 58**
4. Florida Atlantic - 50
5. North Texas - 41
6. WKU - 39
7. South Alabama - 36
8. ULM - 19
9. Middle Tennessee - 12

2010 SBC PRESEASON HONORS

PRESEASON ALL-SBC TEAM

Donna Bourgeois (Louisiana, Jr., P)
Ashlyn Williams (Troy, Jr., P)
Lana Bowers (Louisiana, Sr., C)
Mallory Cantler (North Texas, Jr., 1B)
Kelsey McCauley (WKU, Sr., 2B)
Melissa Verde (Louisiana, Sr., 3B)
Blair Bodenmiller (Florida Atlantic, Sr., SS)
Vallie Gaspard (Louisiana, Sr., OF)
Brianna Love (ULM, Jr., OF)
Mariza Martinez (North Texas, Jr., OF)
Gabriele Bridges (Louisiana, Jr., DP)

Preseason Co-Players of the Year

Blair Bodenmiller (Florida Atlantic, Sr., SS)
Brianna Love (ULM, Jr., OF)

Preseason Pitcher of the Year

Donna Bourgeois (Louisiana, Jr.)



HEAD COACH BETH McCLENDON

Third Year (96-80)
Florida, 2000

2008 Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year 2010 Sun Belt Conference Co-Coach of the Year

Beth McClendon enters her third season as head coach of the Golden Panther softball team in 2009-2010. Since her arrival at FIU, McClendon has continually built up the program, as the Golden Panthers have increased their win total in each year of her tenure.

After inheriting a Golden Panther program that finished the 2007 season with a record of 22-35, McClendon led FIU to a 2008 record of 29-34 in her first year at the helm. The 2009 season saw the Golden Panthers improve even more, finishing the season with a winning record of 31-29.

McClendon combined experience with fresh talent in 2009, as upperclassmen and underclassmen both equally contributed to the program's first winning season in three years. Senior Jessica Landau earned her second straight second-team All-Sun Belt Conference honor after leading the Golden Panther offense with a batting average of .301, while classmate Kim Rodriguez led the squad in runs with 33 and hit .286 for the year.

Right behind the senior duo was the freshman twosome of Ashley McClain and Jenny Welch, as McClain recorded a batting average of .285 in her first collegiate season and Welch led FIU in RBIs (30) and tied with Rodriguez for the most home runs (five). On the mound, junior Kasey Barrett was FIU's top pitcher, notching team-bests of 18 wins and an ERA of 1.94.

In 2008, McClendon was named Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year after leading FIU to a fourth-place conference finish, as FIU was predicted to finish eighth prior to the start of the season. The Golden Panthers shattered the previous school record for home runs of 32, hitting 74 homers out of the park, and also set offensive records in runs scored (305), RBIs (270), total bases (815), slugging percentage (.482) and batting average (.286). In addition, the squad tied the single-season walks record with 167 and Rodriguez and Monique White both set a single-season record with 17 home runs while Rodriguez's 31 career homers rank tied for first with White. White's career batting average of .351 is the highest of all-time at FIU and her batting average of .362 for the 2008 season ranks fourth on the single-season charts.

Five Golden Panthers were named to the 2008 All-Sun Belt Conference Team, as Rodriguez was named to the first team and Landau and White were joined by Katie Bell and Amanda Cox on the second team.

Prior to her arrival at FIU, McClendon spent five years at the University of Houston (2002-07), helping the Cougars to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances and taking charge of a pitching unit that was statistically ranked as one of the best in the nation. In 2007, Houston not only won the Conference USA Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years, but the pitching corps also ranked 15th in the nation in ERA (1.66) and 23rd in strikeouts per seven innings (7.31), en route to a 44-18 overall record.

While serving as the program's recruiting coordinator, McClendon saw one of her most prized recruits, Angel Shamblin, go on to become a two-time C-USA Pitcher of the Year, an All-South Region pick and a 2008 All-America selection. In addition to Shamblin, McClendon saw seven Cougar hurlers receive all-league accolades during her tenure.

McClendon began her coaching career as an assistant coach at Stetson University from 2000-02, leaving her mark on the Hatters softball program after helping lead the 2001 squad to an Atlantic Sun Conference Regular Season Tri-Championship. McClendon's pitchers set school records for wins (45), shutouts (20), strikeouts (385) and strikeouts per seven innings (6.70).

A four-year letterwinner at the University of Florida, McClendon is still listed near the top of the Gators record book with 60 career wins and 716 career innings pitched. She was a member of Florida's 1998 Southeastern Conference Regular Season Championship team as the squad's top pitcher. McClendon posted 20-win seasons in each of her last two years in a Gator uniform and was a two-time SEC Pitcher of the Week over her career.

McClendon also excelled in the classroom at Florida, receiving numerous academic awards. She was an NFCA Scholar-Athlete (1997-2000), a member of the All-SEC Academic Team (1998-2000), a GTE Academic Third-Team All-American (2000), a and recipient of the SEC's H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete Award. McClendon earned a bachelor's degree in health sciences in occupational therapy from UF in 2000.

McClendon married Nick Torina on Jan. 6, 2010.

Game-By-Game Hitting Statistics



MORGAN HULING
 OF
 5-5 • R/R • Senior
 Miami, Fla.
 Southridge HS

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KASEY BARRETT
 P
 5-10 • R/R • Senior
 Starke, Fla.
 South Florida HS

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2010 Game-by-Game Hitting Statistics

2010 Game-by-Game Hitting Statistics

	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-SBA	
So. Ill.	.667	1-1	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0-0	
UIC					DNP								
UMass	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0-0	
UNF	.000	1-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
LIU	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	
B-C	.500	1-1	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
LIU	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
B-C	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Wisc.	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FGCU	.000	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
WKU					DNP								
WKU	.500	1-1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	
WKU	.667	1-1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
EMU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
RMU					DNP								
Fordham	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0-0	
PSU					DNP								
BU	1.00	1-1	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	
Bradley	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
MSU	.000	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	
MSU					DNP								
GW	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
GW	.500	1-1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0-0	
FSU	.500	1-1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	
FSU	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	
Ala.	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Troy	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
Troy	.000	1-1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Troy					DNP								
Stetson	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
Stetson	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Stetson	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
UNT	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
UNT	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
UNT	.333	1-1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
FGCU	.000	1-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FGCU					DNP								
ULL					DNP								
ULL	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
ULL	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FAU					DNP								
MTSU					DNP								
MTSU	.500	1-1	4	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0-0	
MTSU	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
UF	.000	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	
USA	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
USA	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0-0	
USA					DNP								
ULM					DNP								
ULM					DNP								
ULM	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FAU					DNP								
FAU					DNP								
ULM					DNP								

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So. Ill.												DNP	
UIC	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
UMass	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
UNF	.000	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	
LIU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
B-C					DNP								
LIU					DNP								
B-C	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Wisc.	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FGCU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
WKU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
WKU					DNP								
WKU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
EMU					DNP								
RMU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Fordham	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
PSU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
BU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Bradley	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
MSU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
MSU					DNP								
GW					DNP								
GW					DNP								
FSU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FSU					DNP								
Ala.	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Troy	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Troy					DNP								
Troy	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Stetson	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
Stetson					DNP								
Stetson					DNP								
UNT	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
UNT					DNP								
UNT	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FGCU					DNP								
FGCU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
ULL	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
ULL	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
ULL	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FAU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
MTSU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
MTSU					DNP								
MTSU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
UF	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
USA	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
USA	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
USA					DNP								
ULM	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
ULM					DNP								
ULM	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FAU	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	
FAU					DNP								
ULM					DNP								

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ASHLEY McCLAIN

O/F/P

5-4 • L/L • Sophomore
Brandon, Fla.
Riverview Tampa HS

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KASEY BARRETT

P

5-10 • R/R • Senior
Starke, Fla.
South Florida HS

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	GS	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP/HP	IP	SV	ERA
So. Ill.							DNP						
UIC							DNP						
UMass	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0/0	2.0	0	0.00
UNF							DNP						
LIU							DNP						
B-C							DNP						
LIU							DNP						
B-C	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	1/0	2.0	0	7.00
Wisc.							DNP						
FGCU							DNP						
WKU							DNP						
WKU							DNP						
WKU							DNP						
EMU							DNP						
RMU							DNP						
Fordham							DNP						
PSU							DNP						
BU							DNP						
Bradley	1	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0/0	2.2	0	7.88
MSU							DNP						
MSU							DNP						
GW	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0/0	2.0	0	0.00
GW							DNP						
FSU	0	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0/2	2.0	0	3.50
FSU							DNP						
Ala.							DNP						
Troy							DNP						
Troy							DNP						
Troy							DNP						
Stetson							DNP						
Stetson							DNP						
Stetson							DNP						
UNT							DNP						
UNT							DNP						
UNT							DNP						
FGCU	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0/0	2.0	0	0.00
FGCU							DNP						
ULL							DNP						
ULL	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0/1	0.2	0	0.00
ULL							DNP						
FAU							DNP						
MTSU							DNP						
MTSU	1	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	0/1	2.0	0	7.00
MTSU							DNP						
UF							DNP						
USA							DNP						
USA							DNP						
USA							DNP						
ULM							DNP						
ULM							DNP						
ULM							DNP						
FAU							DNP						
FAU							DNP						
ULM							DNP						

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	GS	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP/HP	IP	SV	ERA
So. Ill.							DNP						
UIC	1	3	1	1	1	8	1	0	0	0/0	7.0	0	1.00
UMass	1	5	5	1	5	5	2	0	0	0/0	5.0	0	1.40
UNF	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0/1	2.1	1	0.00
LIU	1	2	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0/0	7.0	0	0.00
B-C							DNP						
LIU							DNP						
B-C	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0/1	5.0	0	0.00
Wisc.	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0/0	3.0	0	0.00
FGCU	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0/0	3.2	0	0.00
WKU	1	5	1	1	1	6	1	0	0	0/0	7.0	0	1.00
WKU							DNP						
WKU	1	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0/0	5.0	0	0.00
EMU							DNP						
RMU	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0/0	0.1	1	0.00
Fordham	1	2	1	0	3	12	0	0	0	1/0	7.0	0	0.00
PSU	1	2	0	0	4	11	1	0	0	1/0	7.0	0	0.00
BU	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0/0	1.1	1	0.00
Bradley	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0/0	4.1	0	0.00
MSU	1	3	2	0	0	11	1	0	0	0/0	7.0	0	0.00
MSU							DNP						
GW							DNP						
GW							DNP						
FSU	1	10	7	5	4	3	1	0	0	0/0	4.0	0	8.75
FSU							DNP						
Ala.	1	5	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	0/0	5.0	0	1.40
Troy	1	5	7	5	3	0	2	0	1	0/1	3.1	0	10.5
Troy							DNP						
Troy	1	7	5	5	3	6	1	0	2	1/0	5.1	0	6.56
Stetson	1	2	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0/0	7.0	0	0.00
Stetson							DNP						
Stetson							DNP						
UNT	1	10	7	6	0	4	2	0	1	1/0	5.1	0	7.88
UNT							DNP						
UNT	1	7	5	5	0	1	2	0	2	0/0	1.2	0	21.0
FGCU							DNP						
FGCU	1	2	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0/0	7.0	0	0.00
ULL	1	3	2	2	2	9	0	0	0	0/0	7.0	0	2.00
ULL	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0/0	2.0	0	0.00
ULL	1	8	6	3	2	4	1	0	1	0/0	5.0	0	4.20
FAU	1	5	2	1	1	9	0	1	0	0/0	7.0	0	1.00
MTSU	1	4	4	4	3	3	2	0	0	0/0	2.2	0	10.5
MTSU							DNP						
MTSU	1	4	0	0	2	8	1	0	0	1/0	7.0	0	0.00
UF	1	5	3	2	4	4	0	0	1	0/2	7.0	0	2.00
USA	1	7	3	0	2	7	1	0	1	0/0	6.0	0	0.00
USA	1	4	5	3	1	15	2	0	0	3/2	7.0	0	3.00
USA							DNP						
ULM	1	2	2	0	4	8	0	0	0	0/0	7.0	0	0.00
ULM							DNP						
ULM	1	2	0	0	3	10	1	0	0	1/0	7.0	0	0.00
FAU	1	8	4	4	2	10	1	0	1	2/1	7.0	0	3.82
FAU							DNP						
ULM							DNP						

