

2006-07 Florida Gator Basketball: Final Coaching Staff Bios



Carolyn Peck Head Coach (2002-03 to 2006-07)

Carolyn Peck served as the eighth head coach of the University of Florida women's basketball team, compiling a 72-76 record from the 2002-03 season through the 2006-07 season. The Gators earned a postseason bid in three of her five years, including two trips to the NCAA Championship (2004 & 2006) and a WNIT bid (2005).

One of the biggest accomplishments achieved under Peck came in the classroom, where the Gators accumulated 31 Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll accolades, the best five-year total in program history.

Additionally under Peck's watch, two players - Sarah Lowe and Danielle Santos - became the first-ever Gator recipients of CoSIDA Academic All-District III honors, with Lowe making her way onto the national ballot in 2006 as a first-team All-District honoree. Lowe also earned a prestigious NCAA post-graduate scholarship and was named the 2006 SEC's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

The 2004-05 and 2003-04 slates each rated as the third-most challenging in the country, with the 2004-05 squad one of only two teams in the country that played three of the four 2005 Final Four teams during the regular season.

On the court, the highlight of Peck's tenure was the 2005-06 season, when the team posted historical victories over No. 2 LSU on February 16 for the highest-ranked opponent UF has ever defeated and against No. 5 Tennessee on February 26 to become just the second unranked team ever to defeat the Lady Vols in Knoxville - the first in Thompson-Boling Arena. That 2005-06 team returned just 40 percent of its scoring from the previous season while losing four primary starters. But behind the grit and leadership of four seniors to nurture five true freshmen, Peck and the Gators clipped the 20-win mark for the first time since 2000-01 and earned a berth into the NCAA Championship.

In her second year at Florida, Peck orchestrated the greatest one-season turnaround in program history. The 2003-04 Gators posted a 19-11 overall record, winning 10 more games than they did in 2002-03, when the team posted a 9-19 record. The 1982-83 team compiled an 11-16 record that was followed by a 19-9 record the next season.

What made the one-season swing even more impressive was the fact that UF's schedule was ranked as the third-toughest in the country. The Gators played 11 nationally-ranked teams, while finishing the regular season tied for fourth place in the mighty SEC race, earning the No. 4 seed in the SEC Tournament after being picked during the preseason by the SEC media to finish eighth in the conference standings. The 2003-04 Gators earned a bid into the NCAA Championship, receiving the No. 5 seed in the Midwest Region. The team eliminated New Mexico in front of 16,029 rabid Lobo fans in the first round, before falling to 15th-ranked and fourth-seeded Baylor in the next game.

Peck's 2003-04 Gator squad, which featured just one scholarship senior, posted six upset victories against nationally-ranked teams, the second most in school history.

The 2002-03 season marked the first time in 13 years the Gators took the court under a new head coach. Carolyn Peck was introduced on April 3, 2002, as the eighth women's basketball head coach in Florida history.

Peck inherited a squad that featured just one player - junior center Vanessa Hayden - who boasted more than one year of Division I basketball experience. Unfortunately for the Gators and Hayden, she fractured her left fibula during the December 7 game at N.C. State and missed 10 crucial games as a result. Her absence, combined

with the addition of five true freshmen - the most since the 1994-95 season - resulted in some tough times on the court.

Everyone, from the players to the coaches, were literally thrown into battle and forced to 'learn on the job.' Florida's schedule consistently ranked among the top 15 toughest in the country throughout the season. After a rough start to open the SEC slate, the Gators settled down, regained their confidence and showed great improvement with each game. Despite the team's struggles on the court, Peck remained the eternal optimist and the Gators followed her positive leadership.

Prior to taking the helm of the Florida program, the last time Carolyn Peck graced the college basketball hardwood, she walked off the court with a huge smile on her face and a piece of the 1999 NCAA championship net grasped firmly in her hand. She accomplished her goal of winning an NCAA title. Four days later, Peck realized another lifelong goal - coaching professional basketball - as she assumed the reigns of the budding WNBA Orlando Miracle franchise.

On April 3, 2002, Peck stood before a packed room in the Women's Club on the University of Florida campus and enthusiastically announced her return to the college game. Peck, who actively served as Head Coach and General Manager of the Miracle since April 1, 1999, charmed the media and athletics personnel in attendance that afternoon in Gainesville.

Peck was actually named Head Coach and General Manager of the Miracle on July 6, 1998, the summer before she guided Purdue University to the 1999 NCAA championship with a 62-45 win over Duke on March 28. Four days later, she officially assumed the reigns of the inaugural WNBA franchise and led the Miracle to a 44-52 record in three seasons, including a trip to the 2000 playoffs. During the off-season in Orlando, Peck worked as the color analyst for Sunshine Network on multiple UF women's televised games. She served in a similar capacity for ESPN's coverage of the 2002 NCAA Championship.

It was during her second year as head coach of the Boilermakers when Peck orchestrated Purdue's national title run, as the team compiled a 34-1 record and she was recognized as the Associated Press and the WBCA Division I National Coach of the Year. In her first season as a head coach, Peck helped Purdue to a 23-10 mark and a trip to the 1998 NCAA "Elite Eight," where the team lost 72-65 to Louisiana Tech. The team won a pair of Big Ten Tournament titles with Peck at the reigns, while the 1999 squad became only the second team in the 17-year history of the Big Ten to skate through the regular-season conference slate undefeated (16-0). Her peers and the league's media recognized Peck's accomplishments, as both groups named her the Big Ten Coach of the Year following the perfect run in 1999.

Peck was an assistant coach at Purdue for one year under Nell Fortner prior to being promoted the following season after Fortner departed to become the head coach of the USA National Team, which went on to win the gold medal at the 2000 Olympic Games. During the 1997 season, Purdue compiled a 17-11 ledger, won the Big Ten title and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The Boilermakers posted a 74-22 record in three years with Peck, including a 57-11 mark in her two seasons as head coach.

Also during her two years at the helm of the Purdue program, eight different players combined for 11 Academic All-Big Ten honors and one player - Stephanie White - was the GTE Academic All-American of the Year.

Prior to her stay in West Lafayette, Ind., Peck spent the 1996

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Carolyn Peck - continued

season as an assistant coach at the University of Kentucky, after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Tennessee in 1994 and 1995. The Lady Vols logged a 65-5 record while Peck was under the tutelage of Pat Summitt, and she helped the team capture a pair of SEC titles and reach the national championship game in 1995.

Those three years weren't the only experience Peck had in the SEC. Peck played her college ball at Vanderbilt from 1985-88. During her four-year career, the 6-foot-4 center averaged 10.6 points and 5.8 rebounds. She totaled 1,240 points, 679 rebounds and 180 blocks while helping the Commodores to a 77-42 record and appearances in the 1986 and 1987 NCAA Tournaments. Peck, who played all four years under head coach Phil Lee, was named team captain in her final two years and she earned Second Team All-SEC honors her final season. Peck earned her B.A. in communications in 1988, after which she was a marketing consultant for a television station in Nashville. She spent the next two years in pharmaceutical sales with a Fortune 500 company.

Peck then returned to the hardwood, playing professionally in Japan from 1991-93 with the Nippondenso Corporation. She was the league's leading rebounder her final two years and helped her team win the league championship her final campaign.

A native of Jefferson City, Tenn., Peck was a two-time prep All-American at Jefferson County High School and was named Tennessee's Miss Basketball in 1984. She has one older brother, Steve, and one younger brother, Michael, who was an assistant coach with the Gator women's team in 1998. Carolyn later hired Michael to be an assistant under her with the Orlando Miracle in 2000 and 2001, and at UF since 2003.

Carolyn's College Coaching 'Peck'-ing Order

| Season | School | Position | Overall | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------------|---------|---------------|------------------|
| | | | W-L | Conference | Postseason |
| 1994 | Tennessee | Assistant Coach | 31-2 | 11-0 (1st) | NCAA Sweet 16 |
| 1995 | Tennessee | Assistant Coach | 34-4 | 11-0 (1st) | NCAA Runner-up |
| 1996 | Kentucky | Assistant Coach | 8-19 | 2-9 (12th) | — |
| 1997 | Purdue | Assistant Coach | 17-11 | 12-4 (t-1st) | NCAA 2nd Round |
| 1998 | Purdue | Head Coach | 23-10 | 10-6 (t-3rd) | NCAA Elite Eight |
| 1999 | Purdue | Head Coach | 34-1 | 16-0 (1st) | NCAA Champions |
| 2003 | Florida | Head Coach | 9-19 | 1-13 (t-11th) | — |
| 2004 | Florida | Head Coach | 19-11 | 8-6 (t-4th) | NCAA 2nd Round |
| 2005 | Florida | Head Coach | 14-15 | 5-9 (8th) | WNIT 1st Round |
| 2006 | Florida | Head Coach | 21-8 | 8-6 (t-5th) | NCAA 1st Round |
| 2007 | Florida | Head Coach | 9-22 | 2-12 (11th) | — |

Overall Record at Florida: 72-76 / five years

Overall Record as College Head Coach: 129-87 / seven years

Overall Record as a Collegiate Assistant & Head Coach: 219-122 / 11 years

Carolyn Peck at a Glance

Full Name: Carolyn Arlene Peck

Hometown: Jefferson City, Tenn.

Date of Birth: January 22, 1966

Height: 6-foot-4 (without heels!)

Education: Vanderbilt (B.A. in communications, 1988); Jefferson County High School (1985)

Playing Background: Vanderbilt (1985-88); Japanese Professional League (1991-93)

Collegiate Coaching Highlights:

*Named 1999 Associated Press National Coach of the Year

*Named 1999 WBCA National Coach of the Year

*Voted 1999 Big Ten Coach of the Year (coaches & media)

*Coached Purdue to 1999 National Championship

*Coached PU to the 1998 & 1999 Big Ten Tournament Championships

*Guided PU to the 1999 Big Ten Regular Season title

*Assistant Coach for the 1997 U.S. Jones Cup Team (silver medallist)

*Assistant Coach for the 2004 U.S. Junior World Championships Qualifying Team (gold medallist)

Carolyn Peck vs. All Opponents

| | Overall | at UF |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Alabama | 3-3 | 3-3 |
| Alabama State | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Akron | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Arkansas | 2-4 | 2-4 |
| Arizona | 2-0 | |
| Auburn | 2-4 | 2-4 |
| Ball State | 1-0 | |
| Baylor | 0-3 | 0-3 |
| Bethune-Cookman | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Boston | 2-0 | 2-0 |
| California | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Central Florida | 3-0 | 3-0 |
| Charlotte | 2-0 | 2-0 |
| Colorado State | 1-0 | |
| Delaware State | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Duke | 1-0 | |
| Fla. Internat'l | 0-1 | |
| Florida | 2-0 | |
| Florida A&M | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Florida State | 3-3 | 3-3 |
| Furman | 1-0 | |
| George Washington | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Georgia | 2-9 | 2-9 |
| Houston | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Illinois | 4-2 | 1-1 |
| Indiana | 3-1 | |
| IUPUI | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Indiana State | 1-0 | |
| Iowa | 3-2 | 0-1 |
| Kansas | 1-0 | |
| Kentucky | 4-4 | 4-4 |
| Lamar | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| LaSalle | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Liberty | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Long Beach State | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Louisiana State | 1-6 | 1-6 |
| Louisiana Tech | 2-1 | |
| Louisville | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Massachusetts | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Miami | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Michigan | 1-2 | |
| Michigan State | 4-0 | |
| Minnesota | 3-0 | |
| Mississippi | 2-4 | 2-4 |
| Mississippi State | 4-3 | 4-3 |
| Morehead State | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Nebraska | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| New Mexico | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| North Carolina | 1-0 | |
| North Carolina St. | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| North Florida | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Northern Illinois | 2-0 | |
| Northwestern | 5-0 | |
| Notre Dame | 1-1 | |
| Oakland | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Ohio | 2-0 | |
| Ohio State | 4-0 | |
| Old Dominion | 0-1 | |
| Oral Roberts | 1-0 | |
| Oregon State | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Penn State | 4-0 | |
| Providence | 1-0 | |
| Rhode Island | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Richmond | 0-2 | 0-2 |
| Rutgers | 1-1 | 0-1 |
| St. Francis (N.Y.) | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Santa Barbara | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Seton Hall | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| South Alabama | 2-0 | 2-0 |
| South Carolina | 2-3 | 2-3 |
| South Florida | 3-1 | 3-1 |
| Stanford | 1-1 | |
| Stetson | 3-0 | 3-0 |
| Temple | 3-1 | 3-1 |
| Tennessee | 2-5 | 1-5 |
| Texas-Arlington | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| TCU | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Valpariso | 1-0 | |
| Vanderbilt | 3-6 | 3-6 |
| Virginia | 1-0 | 1-0 |
| Washington | 1-0 | |
| Wisconsin | 2-1 | |
| Xavier | 0-1 | 0-1 |
| Totals | 129-87 | 72-76 |



Shell Dailey Assistant Coach (2005-06 to 2006-07)

Shell Dailey spent the 2005-06 and the 2006-07 seasons as an assistant coach for the University of Florida women's basketball program. During her two years with the Gators, the team compiled a 30-30 record, earning a trip to the 2006 NCAA Championship.

Her on-court duties included, among many other items, coaching the post players.

Dailey has been coaching women's basketball since the 1992-93 season and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Florida program. Most recently, Dailey served as an assistant coach with the WNBA's San Antonio Silver Stars, twice being named interim coach during her two-year tenure during the 2003 and 2004 seasons.

Prior to her stint in the WNBA, Dailey spent four years as an assistant coach at the University of South Carolina, where her stay was highlighted by a pair of NCAA appearances, including an NCAA Elite 8 trip in 2002 and a second place finish in the SEC. Dailey assisted Gamecocks head coach Susan Walvius with recruiting, coaching the post players, scouting opponents and helped coordinate the team's marketing strategies. USC's 2003 recruiting class was ranked as the nation's seventh-best by adidas All-Star Girls Report.

Dailey received her first coaching experience on the professional level during the 1998-99 season, when she was an assistant coach with the Nashville Noise of the now-defunct ABL. Dailey spent one year as an assistant coach at Texas A&M University, after serving as head coach at Texas Christian University from 1993-96. She began her coaching career at TCU during the 1992-93 season, becoming the first full-time assistant coach in Lady Frog history, one year before being named the program's head coach for the next three years.

A native of McKinney, Texas, Dailey earned a B.S. degree in advertising management in 1986 from the University of Texas. She was a four-year letterwinner for the Lady Longhorns from 1981-1985, helping the program reach the NCAA Elite 8 in 1983 and 1984 and win four conference championships.

Dailey attended McKinney High School where she was a standout basketball player, earning second-team all-state recognition.

The former Shell Bollin married Eric Dailey on August 10, 2002. The couple has one child, Eric Lavell Dailey Jr., born January 15, 2004.

Shell Dailey at a Glance

Date of Birth: August 24

Hometown: McKinney, Texas

Education: Texas (advertising management, 1986)

Playing Background: four-year basketball letterwinner at Texas, 1981-85

Height: 6-foot-2

Other Coaching Experience:

*2004 San Antonio Silver Stars, WNBA, assistant coach

*2003 San Antonio Silver Stars, WNBA, interim head coach (last 12 games of 2003 season)

*2003 San Antonio Silver Stars, WNBA, assistant coach

*1999-03 Univ. of South Carolina, assistant coach

*1998-99 Nashville Noise, ABL, assistant coach

*1997-98 Texas A&M Univ., assistant coach

*1993-96 TCU, head coach

*1992-93 TCU, assistant coach

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Jose Mori **Assistant Coach (2004-05 to 2006-07)**

Jose Mori (pronounced MORE-ee) was an assistant coach for the University of Florida women's basketball program from the 2004-05 season through the 2006-07 campaign. During his three-year tenure, the Gators compiled a 44-45 overall record that included a berth into the 2006 NCAA Championship and to the 2005 WNIT.

Mori, who joined the staff in May of 2004, primarily worked with the development of the wing players, among other duties.

Mori spent the previous two seasons prior to his arrival in Gainesville as an assistant coach at Hofstra, located in Hempstead, N.Y., before being promoted to assistant head coach on April 23, 2004 by Pride head coach Felisha Legette-Jack, the 2004 Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Coach of the Year. He was the top assistant on staff during the 2003-04 season, when the team compiled a 14-14 overall record, the first non-losing season since the 1993-94 campaign. The team's 14 wins were the most since the 1993-94 season, when the squad went 14-13.

He began his collegiate coaching career in August 2000, when he was an assistant coach at the University of Richmond. During his two years with the Spiders, he was involved with recruiting and oversaw the development of the guards and forwards. Richmond finished second in the Atlantic 10 West Division during the 2002 season after being picked to finish seventh in preseason polls.

Before his stint at Richmond, Mori was the head girls basketball coach at Bald Eagle Area High School in Wingate, Pa., from August 1998 to May 2000. While there, he oversaw and coordinated all aspects of the seventh through ninth grade, junior varsity and varsity teams. The varsity team made its first playoff appearance in eight seasons under his direction. Mori has also coached at various levels of the Nittany Valley AAU program. As head coach of the 14 and under (1997), 15 and under (1998) and 16 and under (1999), Mori compiled an overall record of 45-11.

A 2000 graduate of Penn State University with a degree in kinesiology, Mori worked as a scout team player for the women's basketball team under the direction of legendary women's basketball coach Rene Portland. Current UF assistant coach Michael Peck was an assistant with the Lady Lions for three years while Mori was helping prepare the team.

He is married to the former Christine Portland, who was a four-year basketball letterwinner at Penn State. The couple has one girl, Mackenzie, born on April 8, 2006.

Jose Mori at a Glance

Date of Birth: June 9, 1976

Hometown: State College, Pa.

Education: Penn State (B.S., kinesiology, 2000)

Height: 6-foot-3

Playing Background: basketball letterwinner at State College High School (1992-94)

Other Coaching Background:

*Assistant Head Coach/Assistant Coach, Hofstra Univ. (2002-04)

*Assistant Coach, University of Richmond (2000-02)

*Head Coach, Bald Eagle High School (1998-2000)

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Michael Peck **Assistant Coach (1997-98, 2002-03 to 2006-07)**

Michael Peck spent a total of six years as an assistant coach of the University of Florida women's basketball program, including five consecutive seasons. He was the first staff hire for Carolyn Peck - also his older sister - when she was appointed as head coach on April 3, 2002. He remained on staff through the 2006-07 season, helping the Gators compile a 72-76 overall record during those final five years.

Peck's on-court for his final five seasons included the development of the point guards, in addition to various other responsibilities.

He began his collegiate coaching career as an assistant coach at Florida under then-head coach Carol Ross during the 1997-98 campaign, when the Gators tallied a 23-9 mark and reached the NCAA's Sweet 16.

After his initial season in Gainesville, he left to assume a similar position at Penn State for the next three years, including the team's run to the 2000 Final Four. Michael, who was one of the primary recruiters for the Lady Lions, helped orchestrate one of the nation's top recruiting classes which brought two-time Kodak All-American Kelly Mazzante to Penn State.

Following the 2001 season, Michael joined Carolyn's WNBA Orlando Miracle staff and served as an assistant coach until his return to Gainesville.

During his four years as a collegiate assistant coach prior to returning to Gainesville in April 2002, Florida and Penn State combined for a 94-32 overall record, including a 23-9 mark during the Gators' run to the NCAA Sweet 16.

Florida was Michael's first collegiate position after coaching the Michigan Spartans, a 15-17 year old Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team, while working as an account executive for the Fortune 200 firm Pitney Bowes, Inc.

Peck also volunteered for the Detroit Pistons' Jerome Williams inner-city mentoring program. He has served as an individual instructor at the University of Tennessee's, Vanderbilt University's and the University of Virginia's women's basketball camps.

A 1996 graduate and four-year letterwinner at Marshall University, Michael played his final year under current Gator men's basketball coach Billy Donovan. He still stands among the leaders on Marshall's all-time block list.

Michael married the former Rachel Marzouca on July 31, 1999. The couple has one girl, Carly, who was born on May 11, 2001, and one boy, Colin, born on June 22, 2006. Michael and Rachel met in Gainesville while Michael was an assistant coach at UF and Rachel was a student at the University.

Michael Peck at a Glance

Date of Birth: August 1, 1972

Hometown: Jefferson City, Tenn.

Education: Marshall (B.S. in journalism, 1996)

Playing Background: basketball letterwinner at Marshall, 1991-95

Height: 6-foot-7

Of Interest:

*An assistant coach with Penn State during its 2000 Final Four season

*Helped bring a top 10-ranked recruiting class to Penn State

*Coached at Penn State when current UF assistant coach Jose Mori was a practice player with the team and Mori's future wife, Christine, was a member of the team

*Played college ball at Marshall under current Gator men's coach Billy Donovan

*Florida head coach Carolyn Peck is his older sister

*Served as an assistant coach at Florida during the 1998 season

*Met his future wife Rachel in Gainesville while he was assistant coach at UF