

# 2008-09 (M) SWIMMING & DIVING REVIEW

Record: 8-2 overall, 4-1 SEC

NCAA Finish: 5th  
Final Poll Rankings: 7<sup>th</sup>, CSCAA  
SEC Championships Finish: 2nd

**All-Americans:** 11 with 37 honors: Bradley Ally (200 IM, 400 IM, 200 FR, 400 MR, 200 fly\*), Clark Burckle (400 IM, 200 breast, 200 MR, 400 MR), Ryan Crete (1650 free\*), Brett Fraser (200 FR, 200 MR, 400 FR, 100 free\*, 200 free\*, 800 FR\*), Shaune Fraser (200 free, 200 fly, 200 IM, 400 FR, 400 MR, 800 FR\*), Balazs Gercsak (500 free, 800 FR\*), Roberto Gomez (400 FR, 200 FR), Raul Martinez (200 FR), Omar Pinzon (100 back, 200 back, 200 IM, 200 MR, 400 MR), Jeff Raymond (800 FR\*), Rex Tullius (100 back, 200 MR, 200 FR, 200 back\*)

\* *honorable mention*

**All-SEC:** 6 athletes, 10 honors  
First Team: Bradley Ally, Shaune Fraser, Rex Tullius  
Second Team: Brett Fraser, Balazs Gercsak, Omar Pinzon

**SEC Academic Honor Roll:** 15  
Clark Burckle, Ryan Crete, Brett Fraser, Shaune Fraser, Mike Joyce, Cody Kauffman, Aaron Leech, Alex Martin, Matthew Norton, Grayson Patten, Eric Shrestha, Logan Storie, Scott Thompson, Bobby Walsh, Michael Yuan

**ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans:** Clark Burckle – third-team

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 29/6

**Departing Athletes:** 6  
Bradley Ally (Sr.), Cody Kauffman (Sr.), Aaron Leech (Sr.), Jos Smith (Sr.), Scott Thompson (Sr.), Rex Tullius (Sr.)



After picking up six All-America honors during the 2008-09 season, junior Shaune Fraser will return as a leader for the Gators' 2009-10 campaign. Fraser won his first-ever national titles at the 2009 NCAA meet in College Station, Texas, after winning the 200-yard freestyle and also the 200-yard butterfly in NCAA-record pace. Fraser became the first Gator to win the 200 fly since current Associate Head Coach Anthony Nesty did so in 1990.

## Team Highlights

- Finished fifth at the 2009 NCAA Championships, the fourth time in the last five years UF has finished in the top five
- Won three individual national titles, the most since 2006 when Gator great Ryan Lochte picked up three, bringing Florida's all-time national championship count to 35 titles
- Produced 11 All-Americans who tallied 37 All-America honors at the 2009 NCAA meet
- Shattered 11 UF records and two NCAA records
- Took second at the SEC Championships for the eighth-straight year, marking the 62nd time that Florida has finished in the top three at the meet
- Won four individual event titles at the SEC Championships, increasing the team's total under Gregg Troy to 55
- Garnered 17 SEC Athlete of the Week accolades during the dual meet season
- Earned 15 SEC Academic Honor Roll selections

## Individual Highlights

### Bradley Ally

- Earned five All-America honors at the 2009 NCAA Championships, raising his career total to 23
- NCAA champion in the 200-yard IM, his first career NCAA title, which set NCAA and UF records (1:40.49)
- Also a member of three UF record-breaking relays, the 200-yard free and 200 and 400-yard medley relays, while finishing third overall in the 400-yard IM

- First-team All-SEC selection after winning the 200 & 400 IM events at the 2009 SEC Championships. Finished career with five SEC titles

### Clark Burckle

- Picked up four All-America honors at the NCAA Championships to up his career total to 11
- ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Third-Team selection and a 2009 SEC Academic Honor Roll honoree
- Finished fifth in the 400 IM at NAAs and clocked eighth in the 200 breast
- Placed third in the 200 breast, and fifth in the 400 IM and 100 breast at the 2009 SEC meet
- Re-set his own school records in the 100 (53.27) and 200 (1:53.89) breast events and was a member of the UF record-breaking 200 and 400-yard medley relays at NAAs

### Ryan Crete

- Earned his first career All-America honor after finishing 11<sup>th</sup> in the mile with a career-best time (14:50.29) at NAAs
- Placed third in the mile, eighth in the 500 free and 13<sup>th</sup> in the 400 IM at the 2009 SEC Championships
- SEC Academic Honor Roll Selection

### Shaune Fraser

- Earned six All-America honors at the 2009 NCAA Championships, bringing his total to 20 overall in his career at UF
- Won two NCAA titles - 200 free (1:31.70) and 200 fly (1:40.75). Shattered the NCAA record in the 200 fly and UF records in both events
- 2009 SEC champion in the 200 free, making him a six-time SEC champion, while also placing second in the fly and eighth in the 200 IM, earning multiple All-SEC Honors
- Broke four individual UF records (50, 100 and 200 free, 200 fly) and two relay records (200 FR, 400 MR) in 2008-09
- 2009 SEC Academic Honor Roll

### Brett Fraser

- Picked up six All-America honors at the first NCAA Championship meet of his career, finishing in three top-eight relays (200 FR, 200 MR, 400 MR) and placing in the top-16 in two

individual events (100 free, 200 free) and the 800 FR

- Set a pool record with his ninth-place finish in the 200 free at the SEC Championship meet and would have placed first in the championship heat, receiving All-SEC second-team honors
- Member of the UF record-breaking 200 MR at NAAs
- SEC Academic Honor Roll

### Balazs Gercsak

- A second-team All-SEC selection that reeled in two All-America honors at his inaugural NCAA meet (500 free, 800 FR)
- Shattered a 25-year old UF record in the 500 free at the 2009 NCAA meet, placing eighth overall after finishing second in the event at the SEC Championship meet

### Roberto Gomez

- Earned his first two All-America honors at NAAs, swimming the 200 & 400 free relays
- Was a member of the Gator 200 FR that broke a UF record at NAAs after transferring to UF from IRSC

### Raul Martinez

- Earned one All-America accolade as a relay alternate at the 2009 NCAA meet, placing eighth overall as a member of Florida's 200 FR

### Omar Pinzon

- Rallied for five All-America honors at NAAs, finishing in the top eight in all three of his individual events (100 back, 200 back, 200 IM) and both relays (200 & 400 MR), bringing his career total to 12 All-America honors
- The second-place high point winner at the 2009 SEC Championship meet after finishing second in the 100 & 200 back and third in the 200 IM for two All-SEC second-team honors

### Jeff Raymond

- The only freshman during the 2008-09 season to compete at the NCAA Championship meet for the Gators
- Reeled in one All-America honorable mention honor for his participation in UF's 800-yard free relay in College Station
- Finished fifth in the 200 free, seventh in the 500 free and eighth in the 200 fly at the

SEC Championship meet, reeling in three SEC All-Freshman team honors as the top freshman finisher in the three events

### Rex Tullius

- Picked up four All-America honors at the 2009 NCAA Meet, bringing his career total to five
- Finished in the top-eight in the 100 back and top-16 in the 200 back for his individual finishes
- The 2009 SEC champion in the 200 backstroke, while also finishing fourth in the 100 back
- At the time, Tullius swam the fastest time in the 200 back in the NCAA to that point, the fourth-fastest all-time mark in swimming history

## Statistical Leaders

50 Free – Shaune Fraser (19.30)\*  
 100 Free – Shaune Fraser (42.41)\*  
 200 Free – Shaune Fraser (1:31.70)\*  
 500 Free – B. Gercsak (4:14.67)\*  
 1,000 Free – C. Kauffman (9:05.79)  
 1,650 Free – Ryan Crete (14:50.29)  
 100 Back – Omar Pinzon (45.82)  
 200 Back – Omar Pinzon (1:39.50)  
 100 Breast – Clark Burckle (53.27)\*  
 200 Breast – Clark Burckle (1:53.89)\*  
 100 Fly – Gabriel Huen (47.76)  
 200 Fly – Shaune Fraser (1:40.75)\*  
 200 IM – Bradley Ally (1:40.49)\*  
 400 IM – Bradley Ally (3:38.20)  
 200 Free Relay – Fraser (S), Fraser (B), Ally, Gomez (1:16.76)\*  
 400 Free Relay – Fraser (S), Fraser (B), Ally, Raymond (2:50.76)  
 800 Free Relay – Fraser (S), Fraser (B), Tullius, Gercsak (6:18.36)  
 200 Medley Relay – Pinzon, Burckle, Ally, Fraser (B) (1:24.94)\*  
 400 Medley Relay – Pinzon, Burckle, Ally, Fraser (S) (3:04.81)\*  
 1M Diving – Lewark (364.25)  
 3M Diving – Lewark (355.35)  
 Platform – Bell (290.60)

\* - School Record

## 2008-09

### Schedule & Results

Dual Record: 8-2 overall, 4-1 SEC

Date	Opponent	Result
10/17	Michigan	L, 182-115
10/22	LSU	W, 166-131
10/30	Georgia	W, 139-102
11/8	South Carolina	W, 167-126
11/25	Florida State	W, 167-133
12/4-6	U.S. Nationals	NTS
12/5-7	Princeton Invite	1 <sup>st</sup> , 983.5 pts
1/3-5	Tennessee Diving Invite	NTS
1/7	Virginia	W, 169-129
1/16-17	Dallas Morning News	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 311 pts.
1/17	Florida Atlantic	W, 174-123
1/24	Auburn	L, 166-132
1/30	Tennessee	W, 159.5-140.5
1/31	IRSC	W, 128-83
2/18-21	SEC Championships	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 626 pts.
2/28-29	FL Swim. Sr. Champs	NTS
3/13-15	NCAA Diving Zones	NTS
3/19-21	NCAA Championships	5 <sup>th</sup> , 324 pts.

## 2009 Signees

Athlete	Hometown
Ben Correll	Charlotte, N.C.
Csaba Gercsak	Budapest, Hungary
Eric Moore	Lakeland, Fla.
John Orban	Sarasota, Fla.
Manuel Rabelo	Palm Beach, Fla.
Scott Sommer	Ocala, Fla.
Pholien Systemans	Belgium
Jason Taylor	Newsome, Fla.
Evan Wollman	Hyattsville, Md.



Gator senior Rex Tullius was the 2009 SEC Champion in the 200-yard backstroke, the first SEC title of his career as a Gator. At the time, Tullius swam the fastest 200 back time in the NCAA, the fourth-fastest all-time mark in NCAA history.



UF senior Bradley Ally won his first NCAA title in the 200 IM, shattering former Gator Ryan Lochte's NCAA record.