

**2008 FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL
FLORIDA 3, UAB 1
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008
GAINESVILLE, FLA. (STEPHEN C. O'CONNELL CENTER)**

POST-MATCH NOTES

TEAM RECORDS AND SERIES NOTES

- Florida improves to 1-0 with the win, while UAB drops to 0-1 with the loss.
- The Gators now lead the all-time series with the Blazers, 4-0, including a 3-0 record under Mary Wise.
- UF is 20-1 all-time in program history vs. members in the current alignment of Conference USA.
- Florida improves to 17-8 all-time in season openers, including a 14-4 mark under Mary Wise.
- The Gators have won five consecutive season openers and have not dropped a season opener at home since the 2000 season.
- Florida returns to action on Saturday when it plays host to Pacific at 4 p.m. EDT in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center.

TEAM MATCH NOTES

- Florida had at least two players notch double-digit kills for the 12th consecutive match dating back to last season.
- The Gators improved to 33-9 in matches that go longer than three games since the 2003 season.

INDIVIDUAL MATCH NOTES

- Redshirt freshman Kristy Jaeckel, playing in her first match for the Gators, notched a double-double with 15 kills and 11 digs. She also added four blocks and three aces.
- Junior libero Elyse Cusack registered a match-high 19 digs, increasing her career total to 1,141 scoops, which moved her into ninth place on UF's all-time career digs list. She needs just one more dig to tie Jenni Keene, who registered 1,142 career digs from 1994-98, for eighth place all-time.
- Cusack tied her career high with four service aces in the match. Cusack also tallied four service aces against Illinois State on Aug. 24, 2007 – last year's season opener.

POST-MATCH QUOTES

FLORIDA HEAD COACH MARY WISE

"The Gators' 2008 version is a work in progress. I hope our fans will understand that a 3-1 win is still a win. With the combination of our youth and 25-point sets, 3-0 wins just aren't going to happen. Tonight's match was typical of the Gators' getting everyone's best shot. I thought UAB played very well. They are senior-experienced and internationally experienced."

On the team's middle blockers ...

"We started playing better when we were scoring points with our middles. It opens everything up for everybody else. That was a huge load for Kristy Jaeckel and Callie Rivers in those first two sets, but once we started doing a better job getting the ball spread around, things opened up for everybody."

On how the team's freshmen performed on Friday ...

"As we said before the season, these freshmen come in with a lot of experience with all the matches they played in high school and club, and for some of them, internationally. It was their very first collegiate match and there's no substitute for that. One of the things that they will learn is that when they put on the Gator uniform, they will get other teams' best shots."

On outside hitter Colleen Ward seeing a lot of playing time in the match...

"We thought Colleen did some nice things in terms of the passing. We have been thinking that all season that is going to be a three-person position and we're going to go with the hot hand. That's why we stayed with Kristy, but with Colleen, we loved the range and what she gives us blocking. That's the beauty of having three talented outside hitters."

#6 KRISTY JAECKEL, OH

On playing her first match for the Gators after red-shirting the 2007 season...

"It's like a whole different world being able to contribute to your team's success. It really makes you appreciate all the hard work it takes in the gym to get out on the court and you really can enjoy it that much more."

On the difference between the first two sets and the last two sets ...

"We started off a little shaky and then we finally settled down in the second two sets and just started to come out and execute our game plan a lot more. That really helped us."

On whether any of the players were nervous to start the match...

"With such a young team, of course people are going to be nervous in our first match. Now, I think we have all of our jitters out of the way we'll come out like we did in the second half of the match tonight."

#1 CINDY BATHOLT, S

On whether she was nervous playing her first match with the Gators...

"It was a little nerve-racking with the lights going down and introducing our names. I think we found our stride and we will be good from now on."

On the difference between the first two sets and the second two sets...

"The first couple sets, it seemed like we were a little jumpy, but then we went into the locker room, we talked it out and we settled down. The nerves kind of went away."

Volleyball Box Score
2008 Florida Volleyball
#8 UAB vs Florida (Aug 29, 2008 at Gainesville, Fla.)

##	UAB	S	Attack			Pct	Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			BHE	Pts
			K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE		
1	PANIAGUA, Patty	4	2	5	19	-.158	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	5.0
7	DOMINGOS, Lilly	4	6	5	19	.053	0	0	2	0	4	1	6	1	1	10.0
12	DENT, Casey	4	7	5	26	.077	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	8.0
13	STEFANOV, Nevena	4	0	1	2	-.500	30	2	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	2.5
14	BOZIC, Ivana	4	8	6	40	.050	0	1	1	2	12	0	2	0	0	10.0
25	PEGG, Savannah	4	10	4	25	.240	1	0	1	1	2	0	5	1	0	12.5
4	FOREMAN, Emily	4	0	1	1	-1.000	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
9	VUJOVIC, Aleksandra	4	1	0	1	1.000	1	3	2	5	11	0	0	0	1	4.0
23	THOMAS, Heather	4	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	11	0	0	0	0	1.0
Team										2						
Totals		4	34	27	133	.053	32	7	8	12	57	1	22	2	2	53.0

Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	9	10	41	-.024
2	8	5	28	.107
3	7	6	31	.032
4	10	6	33	.121

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 12.0

SET SCORES

UAB (1)
 Florida (3)

1	2	3	4	Team Records:
21	28	16	17	0-1
25	26	25	25	1-0

##	Florida	S	Attack			Pct	Ast	Serve			Dig	Block			BHE	Pts
			K	E	TA			SA	SE	RE		BS	BA	BE		
1	Bathelt, Cindy	4	0	0	1	.000	22	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	1.0
5	Rivers, Callie	2	6	5	16	.062	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	8.0
6	Jaeckel, Kristy	4	15	6	44	.205	1	3	2	1	11	1	3	0	0	20.5
12	Murphy, Kelly	4	13	8	29	.172	20	2	2	0	7	0	1	0	0	15.5
15	Johnson, Kristina	4	5	1	15	.267	0	0	2	0	1	1	5	0	0	8.5
35	Bowers, Kelsey	4	4	2	12	.167	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	5.5
3	Diaz, Christina	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0.0
7	Cusack, Elyse	4	0	0	2	.000	7	4	2	3	19	0	0	0	0	4.0
16	Ward, Colleen	3	7	5	18	.111	0	0	1	3	3	1	3	0	0	9.5
17	Bledsoe, Lauren	3	2	2	10	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3.0
27	Fleming, Erin	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals		4	52	29	147	.156	50	12	12	7	64	3	17	0	0	75.5

Team Attack By Set

Set	K	E	TA	Pct
1	12	8	34	.118
2	16	13	46	.065
3	11	3	31	.258
4	13	5	36	.222

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 11.5

Site: Gainesville, Fla. (O'Connell Center)
 Date: Aug 29, 2008 Attend: 2807 Time: 1:01
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