

FLORIDA SOCCER HAS RANKED NO. 1 IN TOTAL ATTENDANCE TWICE IN THE LAST FOUR SEASONS.



## JAMES G. PRESSLY STADIUM AT PERCY BEARD TRACK

The Gator soccer team plays all of its home games at one of the finest collegiate soccer stadiums in the nation, James G. Pressly Stadium at Percy Beard Track. In the 10-year history of Florida soccer, the Gators have amassed a home record of 96-14-6 (.853) record and have been ranked nationally in the top 10 for average and total attendance every season. The Gators drew 11,650 fans in 2004 to stand seventh nationally in total attendance.

An overflow crowd of 5,222 filled the Pressly Stadium complex when Florida and then No. 1-North Carolina met on Oct. 11, 1998 for one of the top regular-season matches of the 1998 season. That crowd was the second largest regular-season crowd of the 1998 women's soccer season and ranks among the top-15 crowds all-time for women's collegiate soccer. Florida opened the 1999 season with another overflow crowd, when 4,745 people joined in the pre-match festivities, which included the unveiling of the NCAA Championship sign.

Pressly Stadium was the site of the 1997 Southeastern Conference Tournament and the UF-Vanderbilt championship match drew a SEC record crowd of 2,520. Florida played host to NCAA First & Second Round action in 2004. The Gators have played host to NCAA action each of the eight seasons they have been awarded an NCAA bid.

Lights were added to the stadium for the 1997 season and the first night match played at Pressly Stadium versus SEC rival Kentucky drew the fifth-largest crowd in school history of 3,425. In 2005, Florida will play six of its 10 home matches under the lights.

During the spring and summer of 1995, the stadium underwent a major \$750,000 facelift so that the facility could accom-

modate soccer. In order to meet specifications, the pole vault and long jump pits were moved from the infield to outside of the track, providing the new soccer field with a playing area of approximately 115 yards by 70 yards. In addition to redesigning the infield, 2,500 aluminum seats were added to the already existing 2,000 seat concrete grandstand, bringing total grandstand capacity to 4,500.

The renovation effort also included adding new restrooms, permanent concession stands, ticket booths, storage rooms and an air-conditioned split-level pressbox. In March of 1996, a state-of-the-art scoreboard was added to the stadium's southeast corner. The \$185,000 scoreboard serves both UF's soccer and track and field teams.

The stadium was named the James G. Pressly Stadium at Percy Beard Track in the spring of 2004 following a generous gift from James G. Pressly, a West Palm Beach attorney and a 1972 graduate of the UF College of Law. The track has long held the name Percy Beard Track after the former Gator head track & field coach Percy Beard, who guided the Gators from 1937 to 1964.

Pressly Stadium is conveniently located adjacent to Florida's Lemerand Athletic Center. This multistory 43,000 square foot building, which opened in August of 1995, contains the locker room, equipment storage, training and sports medicine plus coaches' offices for the Gator soccer team. The Lemerand is undergoing renovations in the 2005-06 academic year and among the end results will be a more spacious locker room for the Gator soccer team. In addition, the Gator soccer team has exclusive use of the Florida Soccer Practice field, located near the Florida Softball Stadium on the corners of Hull and Museum Roads on the UF campus.



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**DID YOU KNOW...**  
**FLORIDA HAS RANKED**  
**AMONG THE NATION'S**  
**TOP 10 IN AVERAGE**  
**ATTENDANCE EVERY**  
**SEASON IN THE HISTORY**  
**OF GATOR SOCCER.**

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*The James G. Pressly Stadium overflowed with Gator fans at the 1998 UF-North Carolina match. That crowd of 5,222 ranked as the second-largest regular-season crowd of the 1998 season.*



The Lemerand Athletic Center contains the locker room, training room, equipment facilities and coaching offices for the Gator soccer team.



The Gator Soccer Practice Field opened in the fall of 1997 and is used exclusively by the Florida soccer team.



Autograph Day is always a popular event with Gator soccer fans.



Jamie Garside meets with some young Gator fans following a 2004 home match. Florida ranked among the nation's top 10 in total and average attendance last season.



## ALL-TIME TOP 5 JAMES G. PRESSLY STADIUM SOCCER CROWDS

### Rank Crowd School (Date)

1. . . . . 5,222 . . . Florida vs. North Carolina (10/11/98)
2. . . . . 4,745 . . . Florida vs. Florida State (8/27/99)
3. . . . . 4,442 . . . Florida vs. Florida State (9/2/95)
4. . . . . 3,472 . . . Florida vs. Florida State (9/28/01)
5. . . . . 3,432 . . . Florida vs. Florida State (11/28/03)

## PRESSLY STADIUM TEAM RECORDS:

- Most Goals:** . . . . . 11 . . . . . Florida 11, LSU 0 (9/24/99)  
**Highest combined score:** . . . . . 11 . . . . . Florida 11, LSU 0 (9/24/99)

## PRESSLY STADIUM INDIVIDUAL RECORDS:

- Most Goals:** 4. . . . . Abby Wambach vs. LSU (9/24/99)  
 Sarah Yohe vs. LSU (9/24/99)  
 3. . . . . five players a total of 12 times  
**Most Points:** 9. . . . . Abby Wambach (4G, 1A) vs. LSU (9/24/99)  
 8. . . . . Sarah Yohe (4G, 0A) vs. LSU (9/24/99)  
 Danielle Fotopoulos (3G, 2A) vs. Mississippi (10/18/98)

