



MCKETHAN STADIUM ATTENDANCE NOTES

Florida baseball has...

- Attracted nearly 800,000 fans during the 1990's and drawn over 460,000 fans in the 2000's
- Averaged over 2,000+ fans per game in seven of the last 10 years
- Averaged over 1,000+ fans per game for 17 consecutive years
- Welcomed over 80,000+ fans per season in seven of the last 10 years
- Totaled over 50,000+ fans per season for 12 straight seasons
- Registered 17 crowds over 5,000 fans
- Ranked among the nation's top-15 schools in college baseball attendance in seven of the last nine seasons
- Rated among the nation's top-25 schools in attendance for 10 consecutive seasons
- Hosted seven NCAA Regionals in Gainesville since the opening of McKethan Stadium

The University of Florida is home to one of the top college baseball facilities in the nation - McKethan Stadium at Perry Field. The friendly confines of McKethan Stadium have been an important ingredient to the success of Gator baseball for close to two decades. Since its opening in 1988, the Orange and Blue has been one of the toughest teams in the nation to defeat at home in posting a 512-164 (.757) record during the span. Since Pat McMahon's arrival prior to the 2002 campaign, UF is an impressive 122-35 (.777) on its own turf.

Over the past decade, nearly one million fans have enjoyed watching the Gators take the field against elite programs from across the nation each season. In fact, McKethan Stadium at Perry Field was ranked among the top collegiate baseball stadiums in the nation according to *Baseball America* in its January 1998 issue. UF's home field was listed No. 7 and was ranked as the best stadium and field in the Sunshine State.

Florida's success on the diamond has led to unparalleled accomplishments for the school at the gates over the past decade, recording the top-10 single-game crowds and the five biggest three-game series totals. During that time frame,

UF has drawn 17 crowds in excess of 5,000 fans and established a single-game record with 5,698 fans against Florida State in game two of the NCAA Super Regional on June 11, 2005. Last season, the Gators established a school record for total attendance (112,110), enjoyed four crowds of 5,000 or more and welcomed 12 crowds of more than 3,000 spectators.

McKethan Stadium boasts a capacity of 4,000, including 2,500 grandstand seats and 1,500 bleacher seats extending down the outfield lines in left field. In 1998, when the squad reached the College World Series, the Gators' success helped Florida attract over 105,262 fans during the season, setting school records for total attendance and per game average (2,631 fans). UF ranked eighth nationally in attendance, the third-consecutive year it had placed among the top 10.

As a result of its top attendance marks, Florida has been selected to host an NCAA Regional, one of the true tests for a collegiate baseball facility, seven times. UF played host to Regional action in 1989, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2002 and 2005, and also hosted the 1989 Southeastern Conference Tournament and 2005 NCAA Super Regional at the venue. The Gators have certainly benefited from their home crowd, having advanced to the CWS from Gainesville on four occasions: 1988, 1996, 1998 and 2005.

In addition to the entertaining brand of college baseball, fans enjoy spacious seating close to the field in the beautiful Florida sun. They are treated to theatre-like field-level seating, quality concession areas, an outstanding scoreboard featuring up-to-date player statistics, clean restrooms and abundant parking, along with a first-class press box for media covering the Gator program.

Always looking to improve its facilities, McKethan Stadium underwent a \$350,000 plaza development project in 1996 that produced a new main entrance and created a plaza/courtyard atmosphere for fans surrounding the main grandstand. Construction over the previous summer had added 1,000 seats to the main grandstand to replace seating lost through prior construction and press box expansion.

The press box was rebuilt during the fall of 1996 with the aid of an additional gift of \$300,000 from Mr. McKethan. The actual playing field, one of the best in the SEC, underwent an upgrade during the summer of 1997, with the field leveled and new grass planted. The most recent addition increased the capacity to 5,000 fans, with seats added along the left-field line and beyond the left-field fence. During the 2003 off-season, a brand-new Gator skin outfield fence and a padded backstop were attached. The infield and pitching mound were also graded and leveled and more outfield drainage was added. Lights were first installed at the stadium in 1977 thanks to the generous contribution from New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, a Bull Gator booster.

McKethan Stadium is complemented by the \$5-million-dollar Lemerand Athletic Center located on Stadium Road cornering up to James G. Pressly Stadium at Percy Beard Track and McKethan Stadium at Perry Field. It is a multi-story 46,000-square-foot building that provides locker rooms, equipment storage, training and sports medicine, along with coaches' offices for the Gator baseball, softball, track & field and volleyball programs.

A \$13-million dollar expansion to McKethan Stadium and the Lemerand Athletic Center that will be completed in the summer of 2006 will enhance Florida's complex even more. The construction project will result in additional stadium seating and a baseball-specific building that will include a training facility, video room, offices and locker rooms, as well as a new bullpen/batting cage building with concessions and an upper deck overlooking the playing field.

DIMENSIONS (IN FEET)

Left	329
Left Center	365
Center	400
Right Center	375
Right	325
Surface	Natural grass

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD AT ALFRED A. MCKETHAN STADIUM-PERRY FIELD

Year	GP/Dates	Att.	Avg.	Record	Pct.
1988	33/27	26,020	.964	27-6	.818
1989	43/37	72,600	1,962	32-11	.744
1990	36/28	43,950	1,570	22-14	.611
1991	38/29	58,634	2,002	32-6	.840
1992	41/36	88,312	2,453	30-11	.732
1993	35/31	45,685	1,474	23-12	.657
1994	37/35	58,883	1,682	29-8	.783
1995	33/32	57,151	1,786	26-7	.788
1996	39/38	91,123	2,398	32-7	.821
1997	36/36	88,539	2,459	29-7	.806
1998	40/40	105,262	2,631	35-5	.875
1999	36/36	82,236	2,284	22-14	.611
2000	36/35	63,385	1,811	25-11	.694
2001	36/36	53,312	1,480	26-10	.722
2002	41/41	86,251	2,103	32-9	.780
2003	37/36	67,033	1,862	31-6	.839
2004	36/36	80,686	2,241	27-9	.750
2005	43/43	112,110	2,607	32-11	.744
Totals:	676/641	1,281,772	1,999.6	512-164	.757



TOP CROWDS IN MCKETHAN STADIUM-PERRY FIELD HISTORY

Rank	Att.	Opponent	Date
1	5,698	Florida State	6/11/05
2	5,663	Florida State	3/31/04
3	5,657	Florida State	2/27/99
4	5,613	Florida State	2/19/00
5	5,483	Florida State	5/3/05
6	5,469	Florida State	5/12/04
7	5,309	Florida State	2/21/98
8	5,250	Florida State	6/10/05
9	5,241	LSU	4/25/98
10	5,222	Florida State	3/1/97

TOP TWO-GAME SERIES

Rank	Att.	Opponent	Dates
1	10,948	Florida State	6/10-6/11/05
2	10,860	Florida State	2/27-2/28/99
3	10,422	Florida State	2/19-2/20/00
4	10,409	Florida State	3/1-3/2/97
5	9,600	Miami (Fla.)	2/6-2/7/99

TOP THREE-GAME SERIES

Rank	Att.	Opponent	Dates
1	13,962	LSU	4/24-4/26/98
2	13,878	Miami (Fla.)	2/18-2/20/05
3	11,653	Vanderbilt	4/12-4/14/96
4	10,857	Auburn	4/4-4/6/97
5	10,009	LSU	3/22-3/24/96

TOP MID-WEEK ATTENDANCE

Rank	Att.	Opponent	Date
1	5,663	Florida State	3/31/04
2	5,483	Florida State	5/3/05
3	5,469	Florida State	5/12/04
4	4,689	Florida State	5/5/92
5	4,444	Florida State	3/19/92

BEST COLLEGE BASEBALL STADIUMS

Source: January 1998 Baseball America

1	Arkansas (Baum Stadium)
2	Hawaii (Rainbow Stadium)
3	Auburn (Plainsman Park)
4	Mississippi State (Dudy Noble Field)
5	San Diego State (Tony Gwynn Stadium)
6	Fresno State (Beiden Field)
7	FLORIDA (McKethan Stadium)

8	Clemson (Tiger Field)
9	Texas A&M (Olsen Field)
10	Arizona State (Packard Stadium)
11	Ohio State (Bill Davis Stadium)
12	Texas (Disch-Falk Field)
13	Georgia (Foley Field)
14	Tennessee (Lindsey Nelson Stadium)
15	Long Beach State (Blair Field)

GATOR FANS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Gator fans are widely known for their enthusiasm, team support, hospitality and sportsmanship. Our image is shaped not only by our student-athletes, coaches, students and faculty, but by our fans as well. Our goal is to create a first-class environment to lend support to our team while maintaining a safe and fun atmosphere for visiting fans as well.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

Rowdy, threatening, or inconsiderate behavior such as standing in the aisles, portals or concourses, profane and abusive language, smoking in public areas, fighting, and drunkenness will not be tolerated and can result in ejection, arrest, and/or loss of season ticket privileges. Throwing of any objects in the stands, including paper and plastic cups will also be prohibited. Should you observe any of this disruptive behavior, please notify your nearest law enforcement officer.

NCAA policy prevents fans from entering the sideline area or field of play unless they are properly credentialed or accompanied by an authorized staff member. Violators are subject to arrest.

ENFORCEMENT

Individuals found violating any policies can be removed from the stadium. Non-students, while not affected by the Student Conduct Code, are subject to arrest and prosecution under applicable laws and state statutes. Students involved in such activities or other disruptive behavior will also be subject to disciplinary action through the office of Student Services and University of Florida's Code of Student Conduct. Students enjoy the rights and privileges that accrue to membership in a university community and are subject to the responsibilities which accompany that membership. The University Athletic Association reserves the right to remove the ticket holder from the premises if in the sole opinion of the security personnel his or her conduct endangers or disrupts the players, coaches, officials or fans. Gator Athletics thanks you for your support.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO MCKETHAN STADIUM

From the Gainesville Regional Airport

Take a right turn out of Airport onto NE 39th Avenue. Turn left onto Waldo Road at the first traffic light. Turn right onto University Avenue and follow the road until Ben Hill Griffin Stadium is on the left. Take a left onto Lemerand Drive, the road between the football stadium and the O'Connell Center (white dome). Take a right onto Stadium Road at the traffic light. McKethan Stadium will be on the right.

FROM THE NORTH (Jacksonville)

Take I-95 South to 295 South. Follow I-10 West to 301 South and 301 South to State Road 24. Take State Road 24 to University Avenue and take a right onto University Avenue. Follow the road until Ben Hill Griffin Stadium is on the left. Take a left onto Lemerand Drive, the road between the football stadium and the O'Connell Center (white dome). Take a right onto Stadium Road at the traffic light. McKethan Stadium will be on the right.

(Atlanta)

Take I-75 South to Exit 287 (Gainesville - Newberry Road, formerly exit 76). Turn right onto Newberry Road and go past the Oaks Mall. This will become University Avenue. Stay in the right lane and veer right onto Route 26A, which becomes SW 2nd Avenue. Go through the intersection at SW 34th Street, where the golf course will be on the right. Turn right onto Woodlawn Drive, just past the Ring Tennis Complex. Turn left at the stop sign onto Stadium Road and McKethan Stadium will be on the left.

(Tallahassee)

I-10 East to I-75 South; please see route from Atlanta to complete the trip.

FROM THE SOUTH

(complete directions from Orlando; disregard Turnpike info from Tampa/St. Petersburg)

Take the Florida Turnpike to I-75 North. Follow I-75 to Exit 387 (Gainesville - Newberry Road, formerly exit 76). Turn right onto Newberry Road and go past the Oaks Mall. This will become University Avenue. Stay in right lane and veer right onto Route 26A, which becomes SW 2nd Avenue. Go through the intersection at SW 34th Street, where the golf course will be on the right. Turn right onto Woodlawn Drive, just past the Ring Tennis Complex. Turn left at the stop sign onto Stadium Road and McKethan Stadium will be on the left.

ALFRED A. MCKETHAN (1908-2002)



A native Floridian, Mr. Alfred A. McKethan distinguished himself in his profession and service to the state of Florida. He served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Sun Bank and Trust Company (formerly Hernando State Bank) from 1942-94, at which time he retired. At the age of 38, McKethan became the youngest president of the Florida Bankers Association. Along with his brother, John W. McKethan, he

established the Brooksville Rock Company, which later became known as the Florida Mining and Materials Corporation.

McKethan was also a citrus grower, serving as the Director and Chairman of the Brooksville Citrus Growers Association for 40 years, and as Director of the Florida Citrus Exchange for 15 years. He was a board member and Chairman for the Florida State Road Department and was the first Chairman of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. In addition, the Sunshine Skyway Bridge across Tampa Bay was due in part from the works of McKethan, as well as the initial planning of the Florida Turnpike.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida as an honors graduate in 1931, and maintained close ties as an alumnus. In 1981, it was McKethan who became the first eminent scholar under a new law that provided matching funds from the state to create chairs at Florida universities if the private sector donated \$600,000. He later made his donation to UF's College of Business Administration. Also active on campus, McKethan was a member of the President's Council, a long-time Bull Gator and had been an instrumental and active member of Gator Boosters.

A Distinguished Director of Gator Boosters, he was a major benefactor to the University of Florida in many ways over the years. An avid baseball fan, McKethan attended games whenever possible each Gator season. The original 1988 stadium construction and refurbishment was made possible through his generous \$2.4-million contribution. In 1996, college baseball's fanciest and most luxurious press box was rebuilt with the aid of an additional gift of \$300,000 from McKethan.

"When you talk of Gator spirit and love for the University," said former Florida football coach Steve Spurrier, "Alfred McKethan embodies what that is all about."

McKethan passed away in April of 2002 at the age of 93 and the Gator players and coaching staff honored him by wearing black A.A.M. patches on their hats. His initials were also put above the scoreboard at the stadium bearing his name.