

## Stetson Athletics Timeline

1891 - "The Gym" is built. It's the first activity center on campus.

Nov. 29, 1894 - Stetson plays an intramural Football game, the first organized college football game in Florida. It pitted the team named after University president John Forbes and coached by C.B. Rosa against the defeated "Stetson" team coached by Harvey MacQuiston of the English department. Admission was 25 cents.

April 13, 1895 - Stetson plays Florida's first intercollegiate Baseball game vs. Rollins in Sanford. Rollins wins, 11-10, in 8 innings. Game called because Rollins had to catch the train back to Winter Park. Umpire may have awarded a forfeit win to Stetson, 9-0.

Nov. 29, 1900 – Lost to Rollins (7-5) in Florida's first intercollegiate Basketball game. Coach unknown.

1901 - Official inception of Stetson Baseball program

Nov. 29, 1901 – First intercollegiate Football game in Florida is contested between Stetson and Florida Agricultural College, Lake City (later merged to become Univ. of Florida). The Hatters won, 6-0, at Jacksonville's State Fairgrounds. Date has been published as both Nov. 22 and Nov. 29. This game began the use of the nickname "Hatters".

Feb. 7, 1906 – First intercollegiate Women's Basketball game. Hatters defeated Rollins, 39-16.

1910 - Cummings Gym is built

1917 - Stetson joins Florida Collegiate Athletic Association

1924 - Herb McQuillan begins 11-year run as Stetson Athletics Director. Was also head football and head basketball coach

1929 - Hulley Gym built, replacing Cummings Gym as Hatters' home court for Men's Basketball.

1935 - Brady Cowell begins 33-year run as Stetson Athletics Director. Cowell also served as the head football coach from 1935-1948 and head basketball coach for three one-year stints.

1936 - Earliest known record of Conrad Park, home to Stetson Baseball through 1998 and former Spring Training home of the St. Louis Browns (1942)

Sept. 24, 1938 - Football defeats Florida 16-14 in Gainesville. When the university's excited supporters returned to DeLand, they went straight to President William Allen's home and awoke him so he could join in the celebration, which he did, going as far as lighting the celebratory bonfire.

1941 - Spec Martin Memorial Stadium is built and serves as home to Stetson Football from 1946-1956, and again from 2013-present

Jan. 1, 1952 – Football faces Arkansas State in the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando. A 21-point third quarter propels Stetson to a 35-20 win before 12,500 fans.

Nov. 30, 1956 – Football plays what many believed would be the program's final game when the Hatters defeated the University of Havana, 64-0, at the Conch Bowl in Key West

Jan. 22, 1957 – Football program terminated at a meeting of the board of trustees

Aug. 30, 1957 – Glenn Wilkes announced as 16<sup>th</sup> men's basketball head coach

Oct. 18, 1957 – First intercollegiate Men's Soccer game is a 1-1 tie with Florida Southern in DeLand before "approximately 500 students and townspeople" according to the Stetson Reporter

Dec. 4, 1957 – Wilkes officially begins a coaching tenure which lasted 36 seasons and produced 552 wins with a 79-65 loss at Florida

June 1, 1968 – Brady Cowell retires as Director of Athletics and is replaced by Glenn Wilkes

May 28, 1970 - Stetson Baseball begins play in the first of 19 NCAA Championships (1970 - College Division), (1982, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018 - Division I)

1971-72 - Stetson joins NCAA Division I

Dec. 1, 1971 – Stetson plays its first basketball game as Division I institution (USF 74, Stetson 73 in DeLand)

Fall, 1974 - Sara Staff Jernigan appointed women's athletics director

Dec. 5, 1974 – The J. Ollie Edmunds Center hosts its first athletic event as Men's Basketball defeats Marshall, 73-58

Feb. 23, 1980 – Pete Dunn coaches his first game as Baseball head coach. Though the Hatters suffered a 9-1 defeat at Florida Southern that day, Dunn would go on to serve 37 seasons as the Hatters' skipper, leading Stetson 1,312 victories and 18 NCAA Regional appearances.

1985 – Stetson accepts invitation to join the Trans America Athletic Conference/New South Women's Athletic Conference. Conferences would later merge and change names to become the modern day ASUN Conference.

1985 - Inception of Stetson Fastpitch Softball

Jan. 9, 1986 – Women's Basketball begins play in the New South Women's Athletic Conference, defeating Mercer 114-75

April 19, 1986 – Women's Tennis captures the very first ASUN Conference Tournament championship with a 5-4 win over Georgia Southern in Macon, Ga.

Dec. 6, 1986 – Stetson plays its first Men's Basketball game as a member of the TAAC, defeating Centenary, 82-64, in Shreveport, La.

April 25, 1987 – Women's Tennis repeats as ASUN Conference champions with a 5-4 win over UCF in the tournament finals in Tallahassee, Fla.

Fall, 1988 – Students Betsy Cowan and Katherine Bryan start Stetson Rowing Club

March 4, 1989 – Women's basketball wins the New South Women's Athletic Conference Tournament with a 72-65 win over Georgia Southern. Hatters were not chosen for the NCAA Tournament.

June 1, 1990 – Robert N. "Bob" Jacoby takes over as Director of Athletics from Glenn Wilkes

March 2, 1993 – Glenn Wilkes coaches his final game, a 95-82 win over UCF in DeLand

March, 1993 - Stetson serves as host for the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship First and Second rounds in Orlando for the first of six times (1993, 1996, 1999, 2004, 2007, 2014)

Fall, 1993 – Rowing becomes an intercollegiate sport at Stetson

Sept. 4, 1993 – First intercollegiate Women's Soccer game against Florida Atlantic. FAU wins, 7-1, in DeLand.

March 5, 1994 – Men's Basketball reaches the finals of the TAAC Tournament for the first time. Lost 70-67 to UCF.

May, 1996 – Bob Jacoby retires as Director of Athletics. Jeff Altier appointed as interim director.

February, 1997 – Interim tag removed as Jeff Altier named Director of Athletics.

Jan. 17, 1997 - Stetson dedicates Mandy Stoll Tennis Center

June 2, 1997 - Kevin Nicholson is selected 27<sup>th</sup> overall in the MLB Draft by the San Diego Padres, becoming the first first-round draft pick in Stetson history. Nicholson eventually reached the big leagues with the Padres in 2000 and hit .216 in 37 games.

Dec. 9, 1997 - Stetson dedicates \$1.6 million Wilson Athletic Center

Feb. 12, 1999 - Melching Field debuts as the Hatters defeat Louisville 4-3 before an overflow crowd of 2,874 fans

Feb. 13, 2003 - Stetson Softball begins play at Patricia Wilson Field

March 12, 2005 – Women's Basketball defeats Georgia State, 88-62, to capture the ASUN Tournament title and secure an automatic bid to the program's first NCAA Tournament

March 20, 2005 – Women's Basketball faces LSU in the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament game. The Tigers won, 70-36, in Knoxville, Tenn.

Nov. 12, 2005 – Men's Soccer captures ASUN Tournament title for the first time and advances to the NCAA Tournament

Nov. 18, 2005 – Men's Soccer participates in the NCAA Tournament for the first time, facing USF in Tampa. The Hatters suffer a 3-0 loss.

May 12, 2007 – Playing on its home field, Softball captures its fourth ASUN Championship (1986, 1987, 1988) and advances to the NCAA Tournament for the first time. The Hatters would also win the ASUN again in 2014.

May 18-19, 2007 – Softball participates in the NCAA Tournament for the first time, facing Florida and Texas in Gainesville. The Hatters fall 7-0 and 2-0.

May 1, 2008 – Lynn Bria named Women’s Basketball head coach

May 6, 2009 - Women’s Golf begins play in the first of its three NCAA Regionals (2009, 2010, 2011)

Nov. 14, 2009 – Men’s Soccer wins the ASUN Tournament and advances to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in program history

Nov. 19, 2009 – Men’s Soccer once again faces USF in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Tampa. The Bulls again defeat the Hatters, this time by a 2-1 score.

March 5, 2011 – Women’s Basketball captures its second ASUN Conference Tournament title and NCAA Tournament berth with a 69-50 win over Jacksonville. Championship run was aided by Victoria McGowan’s game-winning half-court buzzer beater against Belmont in the semifinals. The shot, which later became known as “The Miracle in Macon”, gave the Hatters a 48-46 win.

March 14, 2011 - Stetson announces it will end a 57-year drought and field a Football team beginning in 2013

March 19, 2011 – Women’s Basketball falls to Tennessee, 99-34, in the NCAA Tournament First Round in Knoxville, Tenn.

June 27, 2011 - Former Princeton coach Roger Hughes hired as Stetson’s new Football head coach

March 23, 2012 - Stetson breaks ground on \$5.6 million, 25,000 sq. ft. Athletic Training Center

May 10, 2012 - Baseball defeats No. 1 Florida State 6-5 in DeLand

Feb. 10, 2013 – First intercollegiate Lacrosse game in program history. Liberty wins, 16-3, in DeLand.

March 9, 2013 – Women’s Basketball captures second ASUN Tournament title in three years with a 70-64 win over FGCU

March 23, 2013 – Women’s Basketball faces UCLA in the NCAA Tournament First Round. The Bruins secured a 66-49 win.

August 31, 2013 - Stetson’s return to Football culminates with a 31-3 defeat of Warner at DeLand’s Spec Martin Stadium in the team’s first game since 1956. The game was marred by lightning delays and heavy downpours, and the contest was suspended in the second quarter with Stetson leading, 10-3. The game was completed the next day.

Sept. 28, 2013 – Football drops its inaugural Pioneer Football League game, falling 59-0 to San Diego in DeLand

Jan. 3, 2014 - Pete Dunn inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame

May 16, 2014 - Playing in the postseason for just the second time, Softball wins its first-ever NCAA Tournament game, a 6-4 decision over UCF in Gainesville.

Nov. 11, 2014 – Former Hatter Jacob deGrom is voted as National League Rookie of the Year while pitching for the New York Mets

Nov. 12, 2014 – Former Hatter Corey Kluber wins the first of two American League Cy Young Awards while pitching for the Cleveland Indians. Kluber also wins in 2017.

Nov. 23, 2014 – Glenn Wilkes inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame

March 6, 2016 – Men’s Basketball reaches the finals of the ASUN Conference Tournament, losing in overtime at FGCU (80-78)

May 6, 2016 Stetson competes at the inaugural NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship, the first of two NCAA Championship appearances (2016, 2019)

Dec. 21, 2016 - Steve Trimper takes over as Baseball head coach

June 1-3, 2018 - Stetson Baseball hosts and wins its first NCAA Regional (def. Oklahoma State 11-1 in Regional Final) and advances to the NCAA Super Regional for the first time

June 8-9, 2018 - Baseball plays North Carolina in NCAA Super Regional in Chapel Hill, N.C. The Tar Heels win the series, 2-0.

Nov. 14, 2018 – Jacob deGrom wins the first of two National League Cy Young Awards while pitching for the New York Mets. deGrom repeats in 2019.

Feb. 15, 2019 - Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center (\$7 million) opens on Lake Beresford

April 1, 2019 – Donnie Jones named 22<sup>nd</sup> head coach in Men’s Basketball history

May 3, 2019 - Beach Volleyball upsets No. 1 USC in the opening round of the NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship, becoming the first No. 8 seed to win a match

March 12, 2020 – Stetson, in conjunction with the ASUN Conference, cancels the remainder of the 2019-20 athletic season due to the worldwide pandemic involving COVID-19 and the coronavirus