

PROUD PAST BRIGHT FUTURE



President S. Richardson Hill proudly waves a bumper sticker to commemorate UAB's hiring of Gene Bartow from UCLA.

Summer, 1977: Coach Gene Bartow is hired as UAB's first intercollegiate athletics director and head basketball coach. Preparations begin for the hiring of coaches and support staff, recruitment of student-athletes, establishment of the Golden 100 scholarship foundation, scheduling, etc.

Fall, 1978: UAB athletic teams begin intercollegiate competition for the first time; the university begins

an 11-year association with the Sun Belt Conference.

Nov. 24, 1978: The UAB men's basketball team plays its first game, a 66-54 loss to Nebraska before a crowd of 14,800 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center; UAB will go on to win 20 or more games 15 times, appear in 11 NCAA Tournaments and eight NITs.

March, 1981: The Blazer men's basketball team defeats Kentucky in the NCAA Mideast Regional, and reaches the NCAA "Sweet 16." This appearance marks the beginning of a streak of seven consecutive NCAA Tournaments for UAB (1981-87).

March, 1982: UAB adds to its amazing basketball success story, defeating Indiana and Virginia in the Southeast Regional, and reaching the NCAA "Elite Eight." The Southeast Regional in Birmingham is the first of five NCAA Tournament events to be hosted by UAB ('82, '84, '85, '87, '88).

March, 1989: Blazer basketball reaches the NIT Final Four, defeating Michigan State for third place at Madison Square Garden.

Fall, 1989: The UAB Club Football team is organized; the team goes 0-6 in its first season.

1990-91: The Blazer baseball team wins its first Sun Belt Conference Championship and becomes the first UAB team other than men's basketball to participate in the NCAA Tournament. Men's tennis wins the first of five consecutive conference championships in the Sun Belt and Great Midwest Conferences. Volleyball wins the first of three consecutive championships in the Sun Belt and Great Midwest conferences and makes its first of four con-

secutive post-season appearances.

1991-92: UAB begins competition in the Great Midwest Conference. The UAB football team begins its first season of varsity play at the Division III level. Blazer volleyball and baseball win the first Great Midwest Championship. UAB places its first men's tennis players, Frank Schaffner and Karl Steffen, in NCAA Tournament play.

1992-93: Men's basketball reaches the NIT Final Four, defeating Alabama, Clemson, Southwest Missouri State and Providence. The nationally-ranked UAB men's tennis team participates in the NCAA Tournament for the first time. Blazer volleyball, cross country and tennis teams all win Great Midwest Conference championships.

January, 1993: UAB announces that its football program will compete at the NCAA I-AA level, beginning with the 1993 season.

1993-94: Blazer teams win six league championships, and UAB wins the Great Midwest Conference

Commissioner's Cup, awarded to the university with the most successful overall athletics program. The Lady Blazer basketball team goes 14-0 vs. GMW opponents and makes its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Men's basketball is nationally-ranked and participates in the NCAA Tournament.

August, 1994: UAB announces that its football program will compete at the NCAA I-A level and that the school will field a women's soccer team beginning with the 1996 season.

1994-95: UAB soccer wins the Great Midwest Conference Championship and participates in the NCAA Tournament. UAB wins GMW championship in men's and women's tennis, women's indoor track & field, women's outdoor track & field and men's golf.

April 24, 1995: UAB becomes a charter member of Conference USA.



Players such as All-American Steve Mitchell have helped UAB basketball make 19 post-season appearances.

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March 26, 1996: One era ends and another begins as coach Gene Bartow steps down as head men's basketball coach. His son and assistant, Murry, is named head coach; Gene Bartow remains as director of athletics.

November 14, 1996: Conference USA announces that UAB has been admitted as a football-playing member; the Blazers will begin C-USA play in 1999.

1997-98: UAB freshman Mirela Vladulescu takes the women's collegiate tennis world by storm, winning both the ITA Clay Court National Championship and Riviera Women's All-America Championship; she is the first UAB tennis player to win a collegiate grand slam event. Vladulescu will later be the top-ranked player in the NCAA rankings for much of the 1997-98 season.



Mirela Vladulescu was the No. 1-ranked singles player in the NCAA for much of the 1997-98 season.

injury-plagued season.

1999-00: UAB athletics has arguably its best season to date. The UAB football team becomes an official member of Conference USA and goes 4-2 in conference play during its inaugural season. The UAB men's soccer team wins the Conference USA Championship and reaches the NCAA Elite Eight. Synchronized swimming finishes fourth in the country at the U.S. Collegiate Championships in its inaugural season. Women's basketball reaches the "Sweet 16," the men's tennis team makes its fifth NCAA Tournament appearance and men's golf makes its second NCAA Tournament appearance in three years.

July 10, 2000: Gene Bartow announces his retirement as athletics

director after 23 years of service to the university.

August 22, 2000: Herman Frazier is named UAB's second athletics director.

Sept. 23, 2000: In what was arguably the greatest win in UAB football history, the Blazers go to Baton Rouge, La. and upset SEC foe LSU, 13-10, on a game-winning field goal by Rhett Gallego in the waning seconds.

2000-01: Led by sophomore All-American Graeme McDowell, the men's golf team finished ninth in the NCAA Tournament and advanced to its first NCAA



In what is regarded as the greatest win in UAB football history to date, the Blazers went to Baton Rouge, La., and stunned LSU, 13-10.

Championship at Duke University, where it garnered a tie for 12th place. The women's tennis team finished the season with a 21-3 overall record and a second place finish in the C-USA Championship. Senior Mirela Vladulescu finished off a four-year career as one of the most successful athletes in UAB history. The men's soccer team made it to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year. The football team finished 7-4 overall, becoming the first "bowl-eligible" Blazer squad since UAB moved to the NCAA I-A level in 1996. The women's basketball team, led by junior All-American Deanna Jackson, finished the season 20-11 and advanced to the WNIT. In just its second season, the synchronized swimming team placed fourth at the U.S. Collegiate Championships and eighth at the U.S. Nationals.

2001-02: Led by All-American Graeme McDowell, who was the No. 1-ranked golfer in the nation, the UAB men made their third consecutive appearance (fourth overall) in the NCAA Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Championships for the second straight year. The Blazer football squad again boasted another "bowl eligible" season, as the team went 6-5 in 2001. The men's soccer



The UAB men's soccer team celebrates its 1999 Conference USA Tournament Championship. The team went on to advance to the Elite Eight round of the NCAA Tournament.

team made its third consecutive trip (fourth overall) to the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the "Sweet 16." The UAB softball team had its best season to date, advancing to the

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C-USA Championship game and boasting a 39-22 overall record. Denise Peters and Lisa Nowoslawski of the women's soccer team were both named Verizon Academic All-Americans. In addition, Peters was named the C-USA Women's Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year. Synchronized Swimming earned its highest finish to date at the U.S. Collegiate Championships, taking third. Four swimmers received Academic All-America honors and three swimmers were named All-Americans by the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Coaches Committee.

April 4, 2002: Athletics Director Herman Frazier and UAB President Ann Reynolds announce the hiring of Mike Anderson as UAB's third men's basketball coach.

November 21, 2002: Watson Brown is named UAB's third athletics director.

2002-03: In his first season at the helm of the men's basketball program, Mike Anderson guided the Blazers to a 21-win season and a quarterfinal finish in the National Invitation Tournament. UAB's amazing post-season run began with a trip to the finals of the Conference USA Tournament. Lisa Nowoslawski capped off her career for the women's soccer program by earning several prestigious academic awards, including an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, the C-USA Postseason Scholarship



Mike Anderson was named the third head coach in UAB men's basketball history on April 4, 2002.

Award and First-Team Verizon / CoSIDA Academic All-America honors for the second straight year. The synchronized swimming team posted its second straight third-place finish at the U.S. Collegiate Championships and recorded a fourth place finish, its highest to date, at the U.S. National Championships. Six swimmers received Academic All-America honors and three swimmers were named All-Americans by the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Coaches Committee.

Sept. 4, 2003: The UAB football team plays host to Southern Miss in front of the biggest crowd in UAB history, and the most people ever to watch a Conference USA football game when 44,669 people flocked to Legion Field. The Blazers dropped the game, 17-12.

October 31, 2003: With a dominating 2-0 win on the road against USF, the UAB women's soccer team earned its first Conference USA Championship and set the school record for shutouts in a season with nine. The Blazers' Tara Kidwell and Jill Knottek each scored second-half goals to lead UAB to its momentous victory.



A record crowd of 44,669 Blazer fans were on hand at Legion Field to watch UAB play Southern Miss in 2003. The number was the most to attend a UAB football game, as well as a game between two Conference USA teams at the time.

March, 2004: The UAB men's basketball team shocks the college basketball world with its 76-75 upset over top-seeded Kentucky to advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. The Blazers would finish the season with a 22-10 overall record and ranked No. 23 in the country. Also, the Blazers' 12-4 record in Conference USA earned them a share of the first C-USA regular season championship. Head coach Mike Anderson was also named the 2004 Conference USA Coach of the Year.

Spring, 2004: The synchronized swimming team posted its third straight third-place finish at the U.S. Collegiate Championships and recorded a fifth-place finish at the U.S. National Championships.



The 2004 UAB men's basketball team shocked the college basketball world when the Blazers defeated the NCAA Tournament's overall No. 1-seed Kentucky, 76-75, to advance to the Sweet 16 for the third time in school history.

Fall, 2004: The UAB Women's Soccer team claimed the C-USA tournament title with a thrilling 2-1 victory over host and regular-season champion Saint Louis in St. Louis, Mo., to earn their first NCAA Tournament berth in school history. The UAB football team made its first bowl game appearance in school history as the Blazers faced Hawaii in the 2004 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl. The Blazers fell to the Warriors, 59-40, on Christmas Eve in Honolulu, Hawaii.

SPORTS MEDICINE

One of the unfortunate facts of life in athletic competition is that injuries happen; they are simply a part of the game. An injury can be just an obstacle along the way or the end of a career. Often, the quality of treatment can determine which it will be.

Over the years, sports medicine has developed into a full-fledged medical specialty, with physicians, trainers and therapists bringing a wide variety of interests and training to the field.

At UAB, the combined resources of a world-class medical center, a full-service sports medicine clinic, and a highly-qualified athletic training staff insure that the student-athlete is always just minutes away from any type of care deemed necessary.

The first line of defense is the athletic training staff, headed by UAB director of sports medicine **Drew Ferguson**. Ferguson has been in the sports medicine field for over 20 years, and has served the UAB program since its inception, first as head trainer and now as director of the UAB Sports Medicine clinic.

UAB student-athletes have a true advantage in injury treatment and rehabilitation, in the program's association with UAB Sports Medicine, one of the top clinics of its type in the nation. Under the direction of renowned orthopedic surgeon **Dr. Bill Garth**, UAB Sports Medicine offers on-site treatment for virtually any type of medical problem. Specialists associated with the clinic include **Dr. Brenda Baumann** (internal medicine) and numerous other experts in areas such as dentistry and oral surgery, optometry, nutrition, and psychology. Dr. Garth is justifiably proud of the system that has been put in place to care for Blazer student-athletes.

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

The phrase "off-season" no longer applies to the world of intercollegiate athletics; today's student-athletes must stay fit throughout the year. Whether it is to become more capable for the upcoming season, maintain strength, flexibility and cardiovascular conditioning during active competition, or to rehabilitate an injury, the competitive student-athlete needs a comprehensive strength and conditioning program.



The Bartow Arena weight rooms and fitness center are the focal point of the strength and conditioning effort with the Blazer athletic program.

At UAB, the strength and conditioning program is extremely rigorous and challenging. Director of Strength and Conditioning **Stacey Torman** and strength coach **Marcus Bush** combine the latest techniques and scientific research with a lot of good old-fashioned hard work in the weight room, running track and the soccer field.

At the heart of the program is a trio of refurbished weight rooms inside Bartow Arena, as well as the dedication and creativity of the coaching staff.

Director of Strength and Conditioning **Stacey Torman** (below) is a former competitive body builder and volleyball coach.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

It is the goal of the university and the athletic department to provide each student-athlete with the opportunity to achieve higher education's ultimate goal — earning a college degree.

Today's student-athlete faces unique pressures, as well as heavy demands on her time and attention. To succeed in this environment, the student-athlete must develop time management and study skills, and must have access to a wide variety of academic and personal counseling resources.

UAB's academic support program is designed to help provide the resources necessary to develop those vital skills. Staff, faculty, and other students are involved, and the athletic department receives strong support from the division of student affairs and other campus agencies.

Beginning with orientation and registration, the student-athlete's progress is monitored on a regular basis. Courses designed to facilitate coping with the demands of life as a student-athlete, as well as the development of study skills are mandatory, as are supervised study halls. Tutorial support in virtually any subject area is available, as are personal or career counseling.

The hub of the UAB academic support program is the Athletic-Academic Center, located on campus. Here, the student-athlete has easy access to academic advisors as well as assistance from tutors and other staff members. **Judy Sackfield**, the Athletic-Academic Director and CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator, oversees the operation of the center and she, along with advisors work with each coach on student-athlete academics.

Ultimately, the responsibility for making satisfactory progress toward graduation and eventually earning a degree falls upon the student-athlete's own shoulders — no academic support program can provide the kind of personal commitment to hard work and sacrifice required to graduate. However, UAB is dedicated to the concept of developing the total person, both in the field of competition and in the realm of academics.

BLAZER HIGHLIGHTS

Men's Basketball

- ★ 11 NCAA Tournament and eight NIT appearances
- ★ Seven conference championships
- ★ 22 winning seasons in 26 years
- ★ Three Sweet 16 appearances
- ★ Three All-Americans

Football

- ★ First "bowl-eligible" season with 7-4 overall record in 2000
- ★ Played first season at Division I-A level in 1996; now competes as a member of Conference USA
- ★ Seven All-Americans
- ★ Bryan Thomas selected in first round of 2002 NFL draft (No. 22 overall)
- ★ First bowl game appearance in 2004 (7-5 record)
- ★ Eight All-Americans

Men's Soccer

- ★ NCAA Tournament participant (1994, 1999, 2000, 2001)
- ★ 1999 NCAA Tournament Elite Eight and 2001 NCAA Tournament Sweet 16
- ★ Three conference championships (1994, 1995, 1999)
- ★ Eight All-Americans

Women's Basketball

- ★ 2000 NCAA Sweet 16 participant
- ★ Four conference championships (1990, 1991, 1992, 1994)
- ★ NCAA Tournament participant (1994)
- ★ Three-time NWIT participant (1990, 1991, 2001)

Baseball

- ★ Three conference championships (1991, 1992, 1994)
- ★ 1991 NCAA Tournament participant

Men's Tennis

- ★ Six All-Americans
- ★ Two Academic All-Americans
- ★ Five NCAA Tournament appearances (1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000)
- ★ Top-30 ranking from 1993-2000
- ★ Five conference championships (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995)

Women's Tennis

- ★ Four conference championships (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996)
- ★ Six national rankings (1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)
- ★ Top-ranked singles player in nation (1997-98)
- ★ One All-American

Volleyball

- ★ Three conference championships (1990, 1991, 1992)

- ★ Four post-season appearances (WIVC -1989, 1990, 1991, 1992)
- ★ Two Academic All-Americans

Men's Golf

- ★ 2001 and 2002 NCAA Championship Participant
- ★ NCAA Regional Participants 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004
- ★ 1995 Great Midwest Conference Champions
- ★ No. 1-ranked golfer (Graeme McDowell) nationally (2001)

Track & Field

- ★ 2002 Cross Country NCAA All-Academic Team
- ★ 1995 Great Midwest Conference Women's Indoor & Outdoor Champions
- ★ Two All-Americans
- ★ 1992 Women's Great Midwest Conference Cross Country Champions
- ★ Two Olympic Trials Qualifiers

Synchronized Swimming

- ★ Five-time U.S. Nationals participant
- ★ Five-time U.S. Collegiate Championships participant
- ★ Five U.S. National Team Qualifiers
- ★ Three All-Americans
- ★ Eight Academic All-Americans

Softball

- ★ 19 All-Conference USA selections
- ★ Nine C-USA All-Freshman team selections
- ★ Five Academic All-Americans
- ★ Two National Strength and Conditioning All-Americans

Rifle

- ★ One C-USA Shootout third place finisher
- ★ 1997-98 Individual fifth place finisher at C-USA Championship

Women's Golf

- ★ Seven All-Conference USA Selections
- ★ C-USA Freshman of the Year

Women's Soccer

- ★ UAB Academic Award (1997, 1998, 2000)
- ★ 31 All-Conference USA Selections
- ★ Six Academic All-America Selections
- ★ Eight All-Americans
- ★ 2003 C-USA Regular-Season Champion
- ★ 2004 C-USA Tournament Champion
- ★ 2004 NCAA Participant (Second Round)
- ★ Nine All-Americans
- ★ 43 All-C-USA Selections



UAB ALL-AMERICANS

Men's Basketball

Jerome Mincy
Steve Mitchell
Oliver Robinson

Football

Rodregis Brooks
Cedrick Buchannon
Josh Evans
Kerry Frazier
Robert Leslie
Derrick Ingram
John Whitcomb
Roddy White

Women's Basketball

Wanda Hightower
Deanna Jackson

Baseball

Shayne Carnes
Jay Cole
Mitch Jones

Men's Soccer

Clint Baumstark
Peter Byaruhanga
Leandro de Oliveira
Tony McManus
Flavio Monteiro
Rumbani Munthali
Marin Pusek
Houston Smith

Women's Soccer

Tara Kidwell

Men's Tennis

Gerd Albiez
Mike Kirsten
Paul Rosner
Frank Schaffner
Vaughn Snyman
Martin Woisetschläger

Women's Tennis

Mirela Vladulescu

Track

Vonetta Flowers
Angela King

Men's Golf

Paul Dickinson
Graeme McDowell

Synchronized Swimming

Amanda Haeuser
Stacy Leiker
Bogdana Zareva

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Baseball

Brent Laircey

Men's Basketball

Carter Long

Football

Johnny Rea

Volleyball

Suzie Johnson
Patti Schroder

Men's Tennis

Frank Schaffner
Martin Woisetschläger

Men's Soccer

Lane Knight
Loucas Papaconstantinou

Women's Soccer

Briana McCarty
Lisa Nowoslawski
Denise Peters
Vanessa Woodward

Women's Cross Country Team 1999/2000

Synchronized Swimming

Kelli Dickerson
Amanda Haeuser
Stacey Jackson
Stephanie Jackson
Kristen Kramer
Stacy Leiker
Sarah Pikal
Moraine Ruddick

Softball

Amanda Byrne
Amanda Ellis
Allison Davis
Candice Hithe
Kris Lara
Emily Scarbrough
Megan Stephenson

Graeme
McDowell



Oliver
Robinson



Deanna
Jackson



Bogdana
Zareva



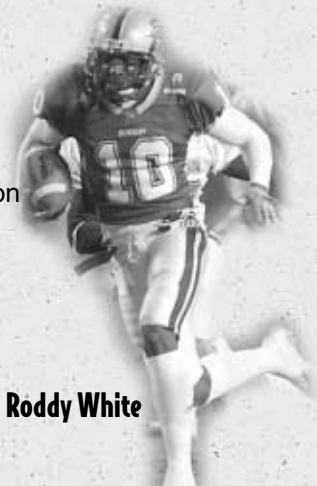
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Frank Schaffner



Roddy White





BRITTON BANOWSKY
C-USA Commissioner

Conference USA celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2004-05. A significant milestone for the league, the 10th year finds the conference preparing to embark on a new era in its already remarkable history.

Marshall, Rice, SMU, Tulsa, UCF and UTEP will join East Carolina, Houston, Memphis, Southern Miss, Tulane and UAB in a 12-team conference with competition beginning in 2005-06. Current members Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and USF will become members of the BIG EAST, while TCU goes to the Mountain West and Charlotte and Saint Louis will join the Atlantic 10 at the end of this season. The membership

changes have given C-USA the opportunity to play a pivotal role in the changing face of conference affiliations and will reinforce the league's position in collegiate athletics for years to come.

"We are excited about adding new members and making structural improvements to Conference USA," Banowsky said. "This is an opportunity for us to tighten our geography, group similar institutions together, create a divisional model, and possibly stage a football championship game. It will be very exciting to watch this league grow and develop."

The conference headquarters moves from Chicago to the Las Colinas area in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex in June 2004.

With a promising future ahead, there is plenty for the league to celebrate from its first nine years. After its formation in 1995, hailed as a bold move in the world on intercollegiate sports, C-USA established a strong foundation while quickly earning a reputation of successfully competing at the highest levels of intercollegiate athletics. Capitalizing on the strengths of its 15 distinguished and diverse universities, Conference USA quickly emerged as one of the nation's top conferences.

A PROUD HISTORY; A STRONG IDENTITY

The conference unveiled its name, logo and commissioner on April 24, 1995 in Chicago. Eleven of the institutions began athletic participation in 1995, while Houston joined competition in the fall of 1996. The league's headquarters were established in Chicago and after nine years, relocated to Irving, Texas. Britton Banowsky was named Commissioner in October 2002, succeeding Mike Slive, the league's first commissioner.

In May 2000, the league introduced a brand identity program, featuring a family of new marks that reflect the urban, progressive and bold nature of the C-USA brand. The new logos are part of a comprehensive marketing and promotional program designed to reinforce the conference's athletic and national emergence.

EXPANSION AND REALIGNMENT CHART THE COURSE

The league's charter members include Charlotte, Cincinnati, DePaul, Houston, Louisville, Marquette, Memphis, Saint Louis, Southern Miss, Tulane, UAB and USF. C-USA added East Carolina (September, 1996) and the United States Military Academy (March, 1997) as football members. ECU began league competition in 1997; Army in 1998 and UAB began football play in 1999. The league added TCU and ECU (1999) for all sports and they began competition in 2001. USF started C-USA football in 2003.

As another wave of major conference realignment took shape in 2003-04, Conference USA announced the addition of Marshall, Rice, SMU, UTEP, Tulsa and UCF. The six join East Carolina, Houston, Memphis, Southern Miss, Tulane and UAB in a 12-team conference for competition beginning in 2005-06.

COMPETITION

Conference USA sponsors 19 sports - baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis, and track and field (indoor and outdoor) for men and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field (indoor and outdoor), and volleyball for women.

SUCCESS ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Conference USA performers have achieved great success in competition, placing the league among the top conferences in the nation.

Men's Basketball

- Consistently rated as one of the top basketball leagues in the country

- 51 postseason teams (34 NCAA and 24 NIT)
- Strong fan support, drawing a nearly 2 million fans each season
- Among the nation's best in home attendance
- One Final Four team
- Three Elite Eight NCAA Tournament teams
- One NIT Champion
- Three NIT semifinalists

Football

- Began competition in 1996
- Rated among the top seven conferences in the nation
- 22 teams have earned bowl bids
- Member of the Bowl Championship Series
- Bowl ties-ins with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl (champion), GMAC Bowl, Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl, PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl and the Wyndham New Orleans Bowl

Women's Basketball

- Consistently rated among the nation's best conferences
- 34 NCAA Tournament appearances
- 20 WNIT appearances
- One team in the NCAA Sweet 16
- Two WNIT semifinalists
- Strong fan support, ranking among the nation's top 10 conferences in attendance
- Setting league attendance record for three straight seasons

Volleyball

- 23 NCAA appearances
- Two Sweet 16 appearances in 1996 and 1998
- One of four leagues to send at least three teams to the NCAA Championship each of the last five years
- Five C-USA teams posting 20-win seasons for three consecutive years

In addition, 27 men's and women's soccer teams, 23 baseball teams and 13 softball teams have earned NCAA Tournament bids. C-USA has sent two men's soccer teams to the Final Four, one baseball team to the College World Series and four softball teams to the Women's College World Series. The league has also had three national champions in NCAA track and field competition, one national champion in diving and numerous NCAA individual and team competitors in cross country, golf, swimming, tennis and track and field. Overall, Conference USA teams and individuals have made more than 350 NCAA appearances.

SUCCESS OFF THE FIELD

Among C-USA's 5,000 student-athletes, there are champions off the playing field as well. In nine years, 78 student-athletes earned national Verizon Academic All-America honors, while 216 were named All-District. In addition, more than 9,500 student-athletes have been named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll or received the Commissioner's Academic Medal, indicative of outstanding achievement in the classroom. The conference annually awards six postgraduate scholarships, along with the Sport Academic Award, Scholar Athletes of the Year and the Institutional Academic Excellence Award.

CONFERENCE USA ON TV

ESPN, Inc. and C-USA entered into an exclusive eight-year agreement, beginning with the 2001 season. The multi-faceted agreement, which incorporates ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN Regional Television, ABC Sports, ESPN.com and ESPN Classic, is highlighted by: ESPN/ESPN2's coverage of C-USA football featuring weeknight games; televising possible future C-USA Football Championship Games on ABC; men's basketball coverage; syndication and network rights for the conference's football and basketball coverage through ERT; continued exposure for women's basketball, along with volleyball, baseball, soccer and softball, as well as marketing rights. The league also provides exposure for women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, baseball and softball through the Conference USA Television Network.

GOVERNANCE

Along with the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC, Conference USA is one of the seven conferences having significant representation in the NCAA governance structure. The Presidents of the member institutions serve as the league's Board of Directors. Dr. Joseph Steger of Cincinnati served as the chair for the first four years and was succeeded by Dr. J.H. Woodward of Charlotte. In September 2003, Dr. Shirley Raines of Memphis was named as the third chair.





SHORT-GAME/CHIP-IN CLUB

UAB'S SHORT-GAME FACILITY

With the cooperation and help of the Highland Golf Club, Honors Golf and Chip-In Club donations, UAB golf now has a newly designed area for UAB golfers to work on their short games at the Highland Golf Course. The brand new short game facility (Pictured on front of brochure) has two bunkers, a 6,000 square-foot green and an area where a player can hit up to a 40-yard wedge shot. UAB men's golf head coach Alan Kaufman is extremely excited about the new addition.



"This new facility is going to be a great help for UAB golfers and our entire program," said Kaufman. "Our athletes can improve their game and we have heard nothing but positive remarks about the new addition."

Highland Golf Course and the new facility is located just 10 minutes from campus, which gives the players the opportunity to work many hours on this important aspect of their game.

"Our many thanks for all of the support and help we received," added Kaufman. "For those who joined the Chip-In Club, your support cannot be expressed enough. It is because of our members that this is possible."

2004-05 UAB CHIP-IN CLUB

Bob Barrow	Ron Durham	Bob Lacey	Mark Rives
David Belcher	Dr. Don Engleburt	Guy Leedom	Fred Robbins
Butch Braasch	Roy Evans	Dr. Andy Lemons	Sally Robbins
Jimmy Bradford	Dr. Lou Frenette	Pat Long	Keith Sapp
Herm Brehmer	Wayne Gillis	Tim Lovelady	John Satterfield
Larry Britten	Morris Hackney	Graeme McDowell	Walter Scott
Colonel Steve Brown	John Hartman	Bob McNeely	Dr. Robert Sorrell
Jim Burt	Tom Hickey	Dr. Norton Montague	Jim Spader
Ehney Camp III	Scott Hinkle	John E. Montgomery	Larry Spiller
Robert Chapman	Wally Hinkle	Jim Moodie	Bob Stanley
Johnnie Corretti	John Hudson	Jimmy Neely	Sally Stanley
Duane Coshatt	Bob Hull	Forney Nelson	Scott Swenson
Zachary Courtenay	Scott Inman	Brad Osborn	Pat Tatum
Austin Cunningham	Bill Ireland	Mark Osborn	Alan Tavel
Max De Jonge	Bob Jones	Bill Phillips	Reg Tennant
David Dixon	Jeff Kaufman	Bill Porter	Steve Theiss
Don Drier	Joe King	Malcolm Prewitt	Tim Timmons
Garry Neil Drummond	Ted Knudsen	Conrad Rafield	Dick Webb
John Duckworth	Bob Kreider	Bill Reed	Billy Wood

