

Swamp Things

The University of Florida
Women's Club Water Polo
Seasonal Newsletter

Spring 2016

Gainesville, FL



2016 Season Schedule:

January 30-31	Knights Open Invitational , Lake Brantley High School, Altamonte Springs, FL
February 13-14	1st CWPA Regional Seeding Tournament , Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Meyers, FL
March 11-13	Foothills College Tournament , Los Altos, CA
March 19-20	2nd CWPA Regional Seeding Tournament , Emory University, Atlanta, GA
April 16-17	Southeast Regional CWPA Championships , Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Spring has Sprung for UF WWP

On March 18th, the UF women's water polo team road tripped to Atlanta, GA for a polo-packed weekend at Emory University. In this second CWPA Regional Seeding Tournament, UF 'A' team swept the competition winning all 4 of their games. After a close call with Emory (won 9-6), UF 'A' came back to destroy UCF 'A' 13-3 (one of the largest score differentials in club history) and FSU 11-5 (scoring five unanswered goals within the first 3 minutes of the game. These big wins against our toughest regional competitors forecast favorable conditions as UF 'A' enters the Regional Championships as the number one seed. UF 'B' did not fair quite as well during the Emory tournament, ultimately suffering 4 losses. Their nail-biter of game against UCF 'B' team (2-3 loss) showed their true potential and talent. We are hoping for some exciting come-back action during Champs as the 'B' team enters as the number 7 seed. Champs will take place at FSU on April 16-17. Check out the schedule on the next page and make sure to support us as we compete to go to Nationals!



We are so fortunate to have as strong of a foundation as we do, and one that is ever growing. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our alumni, family, and friends in the loop about all things UF Women's Water Polo.

Please enjoy it and then pay it forward!



UF Polo Takes on California

Seven of our girls geared up and traveled cross-country to compete in the Foothills College Tournament in Los Altos, California this month! We had a few first-timers so we made sure to hit up the classic California spots: the Golden Gate Bridge, Pier 39, Fisherman's Wharf, Haight Ashbury, and of course, In-N-Out!

Our schedule was tough, but our girls were tougher! Senior, Tina Papadopoulos, left for the emergency room during the first quarter of the Cal Poly game to sew up a busted lip, ultimately getting five stitches. Coach Katie jumped in right then and there, helping secure the 6-5 win. On Sunday the girls came within two points of topping Cal Berkeley, last year's national champions. When asked about the tournament, freshman Jessie Modrak said that those were "the strongest, fastest, and smartest teams I have ever seen. It's a totally different level of water polo out there."

CHAMPS Schedule:

Southeast Division Championship			
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla. (Leach Aquatic Center)			
Bracket A		Bracket B	
1st Seed -	University of Florida "A"	2nd Seed -	University of Central Florida "A"
4th Seed -	Florida State University	3rd Seed -	Emory University
5th Seed -	University of Central Florida "B"	6th Seed -	University of Georgia
		7th Seed -	University of Florida "B"
Saturday, April 16, 2016			
10:00	1st Seed - University of Florida "A"	vs.	5th Seed - University of Central Florida "B"
11:15	2nd Seed - University of Central Florida "A"	vs.	7th Seed - University of Florida "B"
12:30	3rd Seed - Emory University	vs.	6th Seed - University of Georgia
1:45	4th Seed - Florida State University	vs.	5th Seed - University of Central Florida "B"
3:00	Loser Game 3	vs.	Loser Game 2
4:15	Winner Game 2	vs.	Winner Game 3
5:30	1st Seed - University of Florida "A"	vs.	4th Seed - Florida State University
Sunday, April 17, 2016			
9:00	3rd in Bracket A	vs.	Loser Game 2
10:15	Loser Game 6	vs.	2nd in Bracket A
11:30	1st in Bracket A	vs.	Winner Game 6
12:45	3rd in Bracket A	vs.	Loser Game 3
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			Third Place
			First Place
			11

Senior(s) Spotlight: *Kaylee Petik and Kathleen Arnold*

This month we have the great honor of recognizing two of our senior players who were recognized by CWPA as March 21st Player of the Week. Below is the copy of the accolade provided by CWPA:

"Kathleen Arnold (Sr., Orlando, Fla./Winter Park) and Kaylee Petik (Sr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Ft. Lauderdale) combined to lead the University of Florida "A" women's collegiate club team to a 3-0 weekend at Emory University to share honors as the March 21 Women's Collegiate Club Southeast Division Player of the Week.

The duo helped the Gators top host Emory (9-6 W), the University of Central Florida "A" (13-3 W) and Florida State University (10-5 W) to finish 8-0 during the league regular season and clinch the No. 1 seed for the Southeast Division Championship on Saturday-Sunday, April 16-17, at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

Arnold accounted for 12 goals and seven assists during the course of the weekend, while Petik allowed only 13 goals from between the pipes."



We Depend on Your Support!

As a student-operated sports team, we would not be successful without the continuous support from our alumni, family, and friends. We rely on your help and are gracious for the generosity we have always received.



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Orange You Glad You Helped?

Within our governing body, RecSports, sport clubs get divided into three classification levels: Orange, Blue, and White. Orange classification is always the goal because it allows us to get as much pool time as much as possible, receive more funding from student government, and stay on good

terms with our governing body.

We are proud to say that we have achieved Orange-Level classification for the 2015-2016 school year, well before the April 11 deadline! This is all made possible from the contributions of each and every club member, their families, and their friends!

Thank You to ALL Our Donors!

As our letter drive comes to a close, we are left completely speechless at the generosity of our friends, family, and alumni! Together, you have raised nearly \$3000.00, making this one of our most successful letter drives yet!

Donations aside, what excites us most about the overwhelming response is your investment in this group of girls. Your belief in us, and what we are doing, is what sets this team apart. We wouldn't be able to continue the tradition and legacy that is UF Women's Water Polo without you!

Thank you so much to our wonderful donors!

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Comments? Questions? We would love your feedback!

Words cannot express how grateful we are to have such devoted alumni, family, and friends. Your support is priceless and we do our best to make you proud. Thank you for all you've done and for all that you continue to do.

We would deeply appreciate your thoughts and opinions. If you have any other questions about our club, upcoming dates, potential merchandise opportunities, etc., our officers are easy to reach!



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