

# UK Women's Basketball Has Historic Season

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Sometimes unexpected success is the sweetest. The 2009-2010 basketball season was certainly sweet for UK Hoops. Coach Mathew Mitchell's team was predicted to finish 11th out of 12 teams in the Southeastern Conference. Instead, the women's team produced one of the best seasons in the history of the program.

UK Hoops finished with a school record for wins (28) and most conference wins (11). The team also went undefeated at home (17-0) and advanced to the SEC Tournament championship game for the first time since 1982. But the run wasn't over yet. Kentucky reached the national regional finals for the first time since 1982, knocking off No. 1 seeded Nebraska in the Sweet Sixteen.

UK Hoops swept SEC honors. Mitchell was named SEC Coach of Year. Junior Victoria Dunlap was voted SEC Player of the Year and A'dia Mathies was named SEC Freshman of the Year.

Dunlap has been named to numerous national All-America teams, including the prestigious 10-member State Farm

Coaches' All-America team, becoming only the second player in school history to be named to the team. She led UK in scoring (18.1), rebounds (8.4), steals (3.1) and blocks (1.9) per game. Dunlap was the only player to rank among the SEC's top three in scoring, rebounding and steals. She ended the season ranked 12th all-time

at UK in scoring (1,284), third in blocks (129), and fourth in rebounding (811). She is only the third player in school history to amass over 1,000 points and 800 rebounds in a career.

Defensively, Dunlap was among the nation's leaders in steals (15th), points per game (38th) and blocks (49th).

