



# Gator Dugout Days



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## Omaha Again

After a very late night, the Gators were packing their bags for Omaha for the fourth year in a row.

Talk about a nail biter. Gator fans woke up on Tuesday a little tired from the tension of a close game and a late night.

Those of you going to Omaha expect the same there. You will be there a minimum of seven days with games every other day, rain delays maybe a tornado or two.

Here are some places to see while you are there: Omaha Zoo, Heartland of America Park, Strategic Air 7 Space Museum, Lauritzen Gardens, The Durham Museum, Boys Town, what's left of Rosenblatt Stadium and walk across the Bob Kerry pedestrian bridge from Nebraska to Iowa.

Eat at DJ's Dugout Sports Bar & Grill Downtown, The Round the Bend Steakhouse near The Air & Space Museum, any restaurant in the Market Place and go to The Framers Market on Saturday morning.

## SEC Tournament

The Club sent two couples to Hoover for the SEC Tournament, however more Club members went on their own.

Incoming President Henrietta Logan wrote of her and Nelson's experience:

"Hey Gator Fans!! Win or lose, following Gator Baseball is great. Maybe the outcome of the SEC tournament was not what we had hoped for in Games 2 and 3 but the Game 1 win over LSU was a sweet validation of the Collegiate World Series victory in 2017. We, Florida fans in Hoover, savored the moment and felt proud of our Gators. Killed time all day on Thursday by sightseeing in Birmingham. There are many things to see and do

in the Hoover area so no problem having fun. Game 2 on Thursday night was postponed until Friday morning around 10 am. We cheered as hard as we could but we could not reverse the trend with the bats and the Gators fell at the hands of Arkansas. Later Friday night, the repeat game against LSU was played in the mist and fog. We needed more Gator fans in Hoover to sweep away the 'fog' and get us a win!

Seriously, Hoover is only a day's drive from Gainesville and surely, we care as much about the Gator baseball team as do the Ole Miss and LSU fans about their teams. At least I do so next year meet me in Hoover for the SEC baseball tourney and let's show what it means to be a Gator Baseball Fan!!

Henri Logan"

## Facts about Regional and Super Regions

*Courtesy of the*



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Dugout  
Club*

Are you aware The Gator Dugout Club provides snacks to all participating teams in the regional and super regional? This is a practice that is not found at other regionals.

Club members contact the incoming teams contact person and brings snacks to the team. This year our people were Judy Simmons, Chuck Thomas, and Mosecca Cohen. Thank each of you.

In the past, several teams commented that they have never been welcomed to a regional.

Columbia University sent a nice email, thanking us as did Auburn University.



In the last issue of Gator Dugout Days, we had a teaching section on keeping score. Hope each of you read that because there will be a test later...JUST KIDDING.

Now we are on to statistics. Baseball is a sport dominated by stats. So when you read about BA, OBP, slugging percentages, and ERA, here are how they are determined.

**Offensive Stats**

**Batting Average (BA)** = # hits ÷ official at bats  
 Official at bats does not include the number of base on balls (BB) or hit by pitch (HBP).

**On-Base Percentage (OBP)** = (hits + walks + hit by pitch) ÷ (at bats + walks + hit by pitch + sacrifice flies)

**Total Bases** = # singles + (2 x # doubles) + (3 x # triples) + (4 x # home runs)

**Slugging Percentage** = # total bases ÷ total # at bats

**Stolen Base Percentage** = # successful stolen bases ÷ # stolen base attempts

**Defensive Stats**

**Fielding Average** = (putouts + assists) ÷ (putouts + assists + errors)

**Pitching Stats**

**Earned Run Average (ERA)** = # earned runs x (9 ÷ # innings pitched)

An earned run is given to a pitcher each time a runner scores on a hit, sacrifice, stolen base,

fielder’s choice, or a walk. Any player who reaches home plate without an error by the fielding team is an earned run. Any player who reaches base on an error is an unearned run even if he scores by a legitimate hit. A pitcher who comes out of the game partway through an inning with runners on base, if those runners score, they count toward his ERA.

**Opposing Team Batting Average** = # of hits allowed ÷ (# batters faced- walks- hit batsmen – sacrifice hits – sacrifice flies- catcher’s interference)

Now you can check all the stats sent to you by our SID or the newspaper (if they are there).

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**Board Meeting**

President Dorian Lucey has set a Club Board meeting for **July 10**.

On the agenda will be bus trip to Jacksonville, meeting schedule beginning next year, a specific limited menu for meetings at Sal’s Place, compliance requirements, alternative meeting locations for 2020, increasing membership, and getting the word out about the Club.

If you have any items you would like the Board to address, please contact Secretary Gordon Burleson by July 6<sup>th</sup> at [burleygator@bellsouth.net](mailto:burleygator@bellsouth.net).

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**2018 Meeting Schedule**

**Monday, September 10**, Sal’s Place, 6 PM  
 Speaker: Kevin Brockway, Gainesville Sun Sports Reporter

**Monday, October 1**, Sal’s Place, 6 PM  
 Speaker: Zach Cronin, Player Development/Data Analysis Gator Baseball

**Monday, November 5**, Sal’s Place, 6 PM  
 Speaker: Coach O’Sullivan

**Monday, December 3**, Christmas Party

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The Midnight Bar (downtown)



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