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The Southeastern Conference is holding SEC Basketball Media Days in Birmingham, Alabama today and tomorrow and the media in attendance have tabbed Tennessee to win the SEC East title.

Kentucky is picked to finish second and Florida third. Vanderbilt, Georgia, and South Carolina round out the SEC East predicted order of finish.

Former Gator assistant coach John Pelphrey is now coaching at Arkansas and his Razorbacks were picked to win the SEC West, followed by Mississippi State, Alabama, Auburn, LSU and Ole Miss.


The preseason All SEC team consists of guards Chris Lofton of Tennessee, Jamont Gordon of Mississippi State and Chris Beverley of Arkansas, center Richard Hendrix of Alabama; and forward Shan Foster of Vanderbilt. Lofton was selected to repeat as the SEC Player of the Year.


No Gators were selected on the first or second teams.

Florida coaches Billy Donovan and Amanda Butler are speaking today at SEC Media Days; Florida's player representatives are junior guard Walter Hodge and senior guard/forward Depree Bowden.

By the way Butler has gone to work hard as she and her staff have hit the recruiting trail running and they recently received a verbal commitment for the 2009 class when 6'2" Lily Svete from Indiana committed to the Gators. Florida has two verbal commitments for the 2008 class as well.

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