

The 2007-2008 academic year saw a series of firsts for Ole Miss Club Ultimate, and marked a bittersweet end for the core group of seniors who participated in the team's re-founding back in 2004. As a program we proudly celebrated our first ever tournament championship at Baton Rouge in the fall, followed by two more championships in the spring, most notably an impressive 7-0 performance against regionally competitive teams at T-Town Throwdown in Tuscaloosa, AL, including a hard-fought 15-13 win over eventual Sectional champion Auburn in the finals.



2008 Bama Sectionals - Second Place

After a semester of exhausting practices and countless personal sacrifice by all of our players, a heartbreaking 15-12 loss in pool play at Sectionals to underdog Tulane abruptly ended our dreams of competing for a Sectional championship. Formerly the overall no. 1 seed, we dropped to the elimination bracket where we faced the possibility of a second loss and the end of our season. With the pressure bearing down on us, our players responded in a truly inspired series of games. Through the rest of Saturday and into Sunday we defeated Birmingham-Southern, LSU, Vanderbilt, Mississippi State, and finally Alabama to earn a coveted bid to Regionals and bring an improbable back-door second place finish to Oxford, matching our best Sectionals finish since 1999. It was also the first time in club history that Ole Miss earned back-to-back Regionals appearances.

Individual Awards

- #7 Ben Deneka (C), Sr. (Roanoke, VA)
First Team All-Section
- #2 Hayden Sewell, Sr. (Raleigh, NC)
First Team All-Section
- #18 Joshua Kipp, Sr. (Jackson, MS)
Second Team All-Section
- #00 Andrew Lohrisch, Sr. (Jackson, MS)
Third Team All-Section
- #13 Parker Byrd, Fr. (Chattanooga, TN)
All-Section Rookie



CAPTAIN'S NOTE:

Though I am bidding farewell to Xanadu, I feel like I'm leaving it in very capable hands. The departing upperclassmen have instilled the necessary qualities onto the younger players to continue to build the program in an image fitting of an Ole Miss sports team. I look forward to seeing how the team's chemistry evolves with the entrance of new faces to replace old ones.

-Ben Deneka

If you'd like to make a financial contribution to support our team, we gratefully accept donations at our mailing address. Checks made payable to:

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