



2019 Florida Football Postgame Notes

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Gator Bites

- Florida falls to 4-2 against *Associated Press* Top 25 teams under **Dan Mullen**, and to 3-2 against AP top-10 teams – from 2010-17, Florida was 5-11 against top-10 teams and 9-26 against ranked teams
 - Since the start of last season, Florida is one of four teams (LSU – six; Alabama and Ohio State – three apiece) with at least three wins over AP top-10 opponents
- Tonight was the 25th time in program history UF faced top-10 opponents in consecutive games, and the 2006 and 2008 Gators – which won the SEC Championship Game, then the BCS National Championship Game – remain the only teams in school history to win both games
- Florida's 10-game winning streak – the seventh 10-game winning streak in school history – ended
 - The only longer streaks in school history were: 22 games (last 10 of 2008, first 12 of 2009); 12 (1995); 11 (last seven of 2006, first four of 2007); 11 (last three of 1927, first eight of 1928)
- Entering the week, UF's 10-game winning streak was tied with Appalachian State for the third-longest active streak in the FBS

Series Updates

- Florida drops to 2-2 in its last four meetings with LSU, and it suffered its first loss in Baton Rouge since a 35-28 defeat in 2015 – when it also came to Baton Rouge with a 6-0 record
- Florida's all-time record against LSU drops to 33-30-3, and it falls to 6-9 in the last 15 meetings
- In their third *College GameDay* appearance of the season, the Gators drop to 26-15 in their 41 all-time *College GameDay* games

Gators' Scoring Remains Diversified

- With his game-tying 5-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter, **Trevon Grimes** became the 10th different Gator with a touchdown reception this year.
 - Entering this week's games, Ohio State was the only FBS team boasting 10 different players with a touchdown reception
 - Florida had 11 different players catch a touchdown pass last season, its most since 2009
- Grimes' touchdown reception also made him the 15th different Gator with a rushing / receiving / return touchdown this season – Ohio State (14) was the only other FBS team that entered the week with more than 13 different players who met that criteria
- **Van Jefferson** caught all four of Florida's passes on its go-ahead touchdown drive to open the second half, totaling 51 yards and hauling in a 2-yard touchdown reception
 - Jefferson had two catches for 10 yards and a touchdown in the first half
- With touchdown receptions tonight, Jefferson (second and third) and **Lamical Perine** (second) became the third and fourth Gators with multiple touchdown catches this year
 - Jefferson posted the second multi-touchdown-reception game by a Gator this season (Pitts had the other – two against Towson on Sept. 28) and he has nine touchdown receptions in 20 games with the Gators
 - It was also Jefferson's second career game with multiple touchdown receptions (he had two against Charleston Southern in the 2018 season opener)
 - Perine entered the season with three career touchdown receptions

Kyle Pitts' Proving to be Matchup Nightmare

- Sophomore tight end **Kyle Pitts'** breakout year continued with five receptions for 108 yards tonight
 - All five of Pitts' catches were for more than 15 yards
- Entering this week, there were only six 100-yard receiving games by FBS tight ends this season
- Pitts recorded just the sixth 100-yard receiving game by a Gators tight end since 1996, and the first since the 2010 Sugar Bowl
- Pitts entered the game with a single-game career high of 65 yards, set last week against Auburn – he finished the first half with four receptions for 85 yards
- Pitts entered the week ranked second among FBS tight ends in receptions (25) and 11th in receiving yards (254) – he entered the season with three catches for 73 yards and a touchdown



Gators Offense

- According to SEC Network, **Kyle Trask** became the first Gators quarterback since Tim Tebow (Oct. 20, 2007 at No. 8 Kentucky) to throw for three touchdowns on the road against an AP top-10 team
 - That game was also the last time UF threw four touchdown passes on the road
- Trask also posted just the fourth 300-yard passing game by a Gator since the start 2010
 - John Brantley, 329 yards vs. Furman (Nov. 19, 2011)
 - Luke Del Rio, 320 yards vs. Kentucky (Sept. 10, 2016)
 - Tyler Murphy, 305 yards vs. Vanderbilt (Nov. 9, 2013)
- Florida threw a season-high four touchdown passes tonight, marking its fourth SEC game with four passing touchdowns since the start of 2008 (Kentucky – Sept. 10, 2016; Ole Miss – Oct. 3, 2015; South Carolina – Oct. 20, 2012)
- Florida has 400-plus total yards in nine of its last 11 games, and a total of 11 times in Mullen's 20-game tenure as head coach
 - In 38 games from 2015-17, UF had nine games of 400-plus total yards
 - In 50 games from 2011-14, UF had 16 games of 400-plus total yards
- The Gators have four 300-yard passing games in a season for the first time since 2004
 - UF has five games of 300-plus yards passing in Mullen's 20 games as head coach – it had six in 101 games spanning the 2010-17 seasons
- The Gators have 250-plus passing yards in seven consecutive games for the first time since a 14-game stretch that spanned the final game of the 2000 season, all 12 games of 2001, and the season-opening game of the 2002 season
 - Florida has 10 games of 250-plus passing yards in Mullen's 20 games as head coach – it had 10 such games in the 38 games from 2015-17, and nine in the 63 games from 2010-14
 - Since the start of the 2003 season, the 2004 Gators (nine times) and 2007 Gators (eight times) were the only team to have 250-plus yards in at least seven games within a season
- Florida has 80 offensive touchdowns in 20 games under Mullen. In a 35-game stretch from Sept. 26, 2015 and went through the end of the 2017 season, UF scored exactly 80 offensive touchdowns

Gators Defense

- UF last allowed a 100-yard rusher on Nov. 3, 2018 (Missouri's Damarea Crockett ran for 114 yards)
- LSU's 54-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter was the first points UF's defense allowed in a fourth quarter since DeeJay Dallas' 50-yard touchdown run in the Miami game
 - Prior to LSU's touchdown, UF had outscored its opponents 64-7 in fourth quarters this year
- LSU's 21 points in the second half were more than Florida allowed in every second half of this season, as it entered the night outscoring opponents 112-17 in second halves this year
- Florida entered the night leading the nation in takeaways (17) and interceptions (12) – it did not have any takeaways tonight

Explosive Plays

- **Lamical Perine:** 17-yard rush, 1st quarter
- **Emory Jones:** 12-yard rush, 1st quarter
- **Kyle Pitts (from Trask):** 23-yard reception, 1st quarter
- **Kyle Pitts (from Trask):** 28-yard reception, 2nd quarter
- **Lamical Perine:** 10-yard rush, 2nd quarter
- **Kyle Trask:** 12-yard rush, 2nd quarter
- **Van Jefferson (from Trask):** 20-yard reception, 3rd quarter (first offensive play of second half)
- **Josh Hammond:** 11-yard rush, 3rd quarter (Perine pitched to him on reverse play)
- **Freddie Swain (from Trask):** 21-yard reception, 4th quarter (converted 3rd and 10 from own 8)
- **Lamical Perine:** 10-yard rush, 4th quarter
- **Kyle Pitts (from Trask):** 23-yard reception, 4th quarter

Other

- ♦ *Florida Game Captains:* Josh Hammond, David Reese II, Freddie Swain
- ♦ Florida won the opening coin toss and deferred; Florida defended the north end zone
- ♦ *Attendance:* 102,321