



MEDIA GUIDE

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FOOTBALL

3 National Championships // 8 SEC Championships // 732 All-Time Wins // 3 Heisman Trophy Winners
52 First-Round NFL Draft Picks // 70 First-Team All-Americans // 254 First-Team All-SEC Selections

2019 SCHEDULE

Aug. 24	vs. Miami	W, 24-20
Aug. 31	Bye	
SEPT. 7	UT-MARTIN	W, 45-0
Sept. 14	at Kentucky*	W, 29-21
SEPT. 21	TENNESSEE*	W, 34-3
SEPT. 28	TOWSON	W, 38-0
OCT. 5	No. 7 AUBURN*	W, 24-13
Oct. 12	at No. 5 LSU*	L, 28-42
Oct. 19	at South Carolina*	W, 38-27
Oct. 26	Bye	
Nov. 2	vs. No. 8 Georgia*	L, 17-24
NOV. 9	VANDERBILT*	W, 56-0
Nov. 16	at Missouri*	W, 23-6
Nov. 23	Bye	
NOV. 30	FLORIDA STATE	W, 40-17
Dec. 30	vs. No. 24 Virginia	8 PM

Home: 6-0 // Away: 3-1 // Neutral: 1-1

* - SEC Games: 6-2 // Non-Conference: 4-0

TEAM INFORMATION

FLORIDA

Head Coach:	Dan Mullen
Career Record:	89-51 (44-44 SEC) [11th season]
Record at UF:	20-5 (11-5 SEC) [2nd season]
Record in Bowls:	6-2 (1-0 at UF; 5-2 at MSU)
Rankings:	9 (CFP) / 6 (AP) / 7 (Coaches)
2018 Record:	10-3, 5-3 SEC (t-2nd in East)

Virginia

Head Coach:	Bronco Mendenhall
Career Record:	124-69 [15th season]
Record at UVA:	25-26 (14-19 ACC) [4th season]
Record in Bowls:	7-6 (1-1 at UVA; 6-5 at BYU)
Rankings:	24 (CFP) / RV (AP) / 25 (Coach)
2018 Record:	8-5, 4-4 ACC (t-3rd in Coastal)

SERIES HISTORY

Overall:	Florida leads, 1-0
Last Meeting:	No. 19 Florida 44, Virginia 10 (Oct. 3, 1959 - Gainesville)

NUMBER OF NOTE

13

Florida's 46 sacks this season rank 5th among all FBS teams and lead the SEC by a whopping 13 sacks. The next-closest SEC teams entering bowl season are LSU and Ole Miss (33 apiece). If the Gators collect four sacks in the bowl game, they will finish a season with 50-plus sacks for the fourth time in history (1997 - 53; 1996 - 51; 1989 - 50 -- all seasons include bowl game stats)



#9 Florida Gators (10-2, 6-2 SEC)

VS.

#24 Virginia Cavaliers (9-4, 6-2 ACC)

December 30 // 8 p.m. // Miami Gardens, Fla.
 Hard Rock Stadium (65,622)

ESPN

Play-by-Play: Steve Levy
 Analysts: Brian Griese/Todd McShay
 Reporter: Molly McGrath
 Channel (Cox): 26 / 1026 [HD]
 Channel (DirecTV): 206 [HD]

Gator IMG Sports Network

Play-by-Play: Mick Hubert
 Analyst: Lee McGriff
 Sideline: Tate Casey
 Station Freq.: Local Affiliates
 Sirius Channel: 135 / 190 [XM]

THE STORYLINE

- The Gators are making their second consecutive New Year's Six bowl appearance, and will play in back-to-back marquee bowl games for the first time since 2008 (BCS National Championship Game) and 2009 (Sugar Bowl). Before last season's Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl berth, UF made just one marquee bowl game from 2010-17 (2013 Sugar Bowl).
- UF can end consecutive seasons with bowl wins for the first time since a four-year streak from 2008-11.
- Florida has already secured its second straight 10-win season, marking the first time since 2008 and 2009 (both 13-win seasons) the Gators posted consecutive 10-win campaigns.
- UF is one of seven Power Five Conference teams (eight counting Notre Dame) to win 10 games each of the past two seasons. The other six currently in the group with the Gators are: Alabama, Clemson, Georgia, LSU, Ohio State, and Oklahoma. Michigan is the only other team who can join that group during bowl season.
- The Gators can finish with 11 wins for the first time since 2012, and for the eighth time in program history (2006, 2008, 2009 - 13; 1995, 1996 - 12; 1993, 2012 - 11).
- Dan Mullen** is the first head coach in Gators history to win 10 games in each of his first two seasons.
- Mullen is 6-2 in bowl games as a head coach, with his six wins being by an average of 21.8 points.
- The Gators have been a top-10 team in 15 of the last 17 Associated Press Top 25 Polls (though their nine-poll streak -- their longest stretch since a run of 12 consecutive top-10 rankings from Week 5 of 2012 (Sept. 30) through the 2013 preseason rankings -- ended Nov. 10). From 2013-17, UF was in the top 10 just five times.
- Florida has a chance to finish in the top 10 of the final Associated Press Top 25 Poll in consecutive seasons for the first time since 2008 (No. 1) and 2009 (No. 3). UF ended last season ranked No. 7 in the final AP Top 25 Poll.

GATORS DON'T BACK DOWN VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS

- Florida is 4-3 against ranked opponents under **Dan Mullen**, which includes a 3-3 record against Associated Press top-10 teams. From 2010-17, UF went 5-11 against top-10 teams and 9-26 against all ranked opponents.
- Since the start of last season, only UF, Alabama, and Georgia (three apiece), Ohio State (six), LSU (nine) have at least three wins over teams in the top 10 of the AP Poll at the time of kickoff.
- Last year, UF beat three ranked opponents (as well as multiple top-10 opponents) for the first time since 2012.
- Florida is 2-3 against ranked opponents on the road or at neutral sites since Mullen took over as head coach. From 2010-17, the Gators were a dismal 5-21 against ranked opponents in road or neutral-site games.



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FLORIDA'S ORANGE BOWL HISTORY

- Florida is 3-0 in its previous Orange Bowl appearances, the first of which was in 1967 (capping the 1966 season), and the most recent of which was in 2002 (capping the 2001 season).
- The Gators also won the 2009 BCS National Championship Game at the Orange Bowl site, as they defeated No. 1 Oklahoma, 24-14, to win their second national title in a three-year span.
- Gators legend Steve Spurrier has ties to all three Orange Bowls, as he played in the 1967 game and was head coach for the 1999 and 2002 games.

Jan. 1, 1967 - Florida 27, #8 Georgia Tech 12 - Miami Orange Bowl

Steve Spurrier capped his Heisman Trophy-winning 1966 season with a modest showing in the Orange Bowl, though he did lead the Gators to an upset victory, after which the team carried head coach Ray Graves off the field.

Georgia Tech struck first with a 10-yard touchdown pass, but the Gators scored 27 unanswered points in the second, third, and fourth quarters to seize control of the game. **Graham McKeel** scored a pair of rushing touchdowns, but it was tailback **Larry Smith** that did the most damage on the ground. Smith racked up 187 yards (setting an Orange Bowl record that would stand for 11 years) on 23 carries, and broke off a 94-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, just one play after the Gators regained possession with an interception. Smith was named Most Valuable Player following the game.

Spurrier finished the game (and his collegiate career) with 160 yards and an interception on 14-of-30 passing. UF outgained Georgia Tech, 449-319, and outrushed the Yellow Jackets, 284-197.

Jan. 2, 1999 - #8 Florida 31, #15 Syracuse 10 - Miami Orange Bowl

The 1999 Orange Bowl was the last one ever played at the Miami Orange Bowl, and it saw the Gators practically wrap up the game by halftime. **Doug Johnson** tossed touchdown passes of 51 and 26 yards to **Travis Taylor** less than three minutes apart, jumping out to a 14-0 lead in the opening frame against a Syracuse team which featured future six-time Pro Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb.

Jesse Palmer came in at quarterback during the second quarter and accounted for a pair of touchdowns -- one on the ground and one through the air. **Jeff Chandler** added a 32-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to make it 31-3. **Terry Jackson** rushed for 108 yards on 21 carries, but Taylor garnered MVP honors with seven receptions for 159 yards and the aforementioned pair of touchdowns.

The Gators' defense held McNabb to just 192 yards on 14-of-30 passing, though, he did throw a 62-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, and he rushed for 72 yards on 20 carries. The win gave Florida its sixth consecutive 10-win season.

Jan. 2, 2002 - #5 Florida 56, #10 Maryland 23 - Pro Player Stadium (now Hard Rock Stadium)

Florida raced to a 28-10 lead at halftime, then tacked on another 21 unanswered points in the third quarter to put the game out of reach before the final frame. The Gators totaled 659 yards, which was at the time the fourth-highest total in UF history and a Gators bowl record. And as impressive as UF's 456 passing yards were, they were just its third-highest total of the season, behind its 507 yards against Mississippi State and 504 yards at LSU.

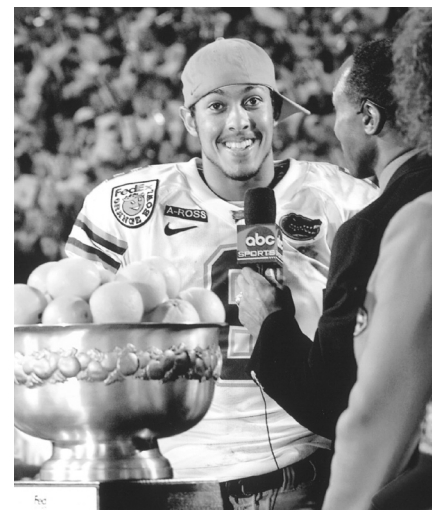
Rex Grossman threw for four touchdowns and 248 yards, though they did not count toward his school-record 3,896 passing yards for the season. **Taylor Jacobs** earned MVP honors with 10 receptions for 170 yards (an Orange Bowl record) and touchdown catches from both Grossman and **Brock Berlin**, who finished with 196 yards and two touchdowns on 11-of-19 passing. **Earnest Graham** added 16 carries for 149 yards and two touchdowns, while **Jabar Gaffney** tallied seven receptions for 118 yards and two touchdowns. It was also the final game of **Steve Spurrier's** 12-season tenure as head coach.

Florida's All-Time Bowl Records

Overall.....	23-21
In State of Florida	16-8
Against Ranked Teams	18-18
Against Top-10 Teams	10-8 (last: 2018 Peach Bowl)
When Both Teams Ranked	15-13
When Both Top-10 Teams	7-4 (last: 2018 Peach Bowl)
Games Decided by 3 Points or Less	3-3
Games Decided by 7 Points or Less	6-7
Longest Winning Streak	4 games (2009-12)
Longest Losing Streak	4 games (1973-75, 1977)
Current Streak	Won 2 (2017 Outback; 2018 Peach)
Biggest Win	41-7 (1994 Sugar Bowl - West Virginia)
Biggest Loss	24-62 (1996 Fiesta Bowl - Nebraska)



Travis Taylor tied an Orange Bowl record with 159 receiving yards, but another Gator eclipsed him in 2002.



Taylor Jacobs' Orange Bowl record of 170 receiving yards stood until 2011.



FLORIDA GATORS BOWL HISTORY

All-Time Bowl Results

Bowl	Site	Date	Opponent	Ranks	Result	Score
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 1, 1953	Tulsa	15 / 12	W	14-13
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 27, 1958	Ole Miss	14 / 11	L	3-7
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 31, 1960	Baylor	- / 12	W	13-12
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 30, 1962	Penn State	- / 9	W	17-7
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1, 1966	Missouri	- / 6	L	18-20
Orange Bowl	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 1, 1967	Georgia Tech	- / 8	W	27-12
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 27, 1969	Tennessee	15 / 11	W	14-13
Tangerine Bowl	Gainesville	Dec. 22, 1973	Miami (Ohio)	- / 15	L	7-16
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Dec. 31, 1974	Nebraska	18 / 8	L	10-13
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 29, 1975	Maryland	13 / 17	L	0-13
Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas	Jan. 2, 1977	Texas A&M	- / 10	L	14-37
Tangerine Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Dec. 20, 1980	Maryland		W	35-20
Peach Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	Dec. 31, 1981	West Virginia		L	6-26
Bluebonnet Bowl	Houston, Texas	Dec. 31, 1982	Arkansas	- / 14	L	24-28
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 30, 1983	Iowa	11 / 10	W	14-6
Aloha Bowl	Honolulu, Hawaii	Dec. 25, 1987	UCLA	- / 10	L	16-20
All-American Bowl	Birmingham, Ala.	Dec. 29, 1988	Illinois		W	14-10
Freedom Bowl	Anaheim, Calif.	Dec. 30, 1989	Washington		L	7-34
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1, 1992	Notre Dame	3 / 18	L	28-39
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 31, 1992	N.C. State	14 / 12	W	27-10
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1, 1994	West Virginia	8 / 3	W	41-7
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 2, 1995	Florida State	5 / 7	L	17-23
Fiesta Bowl	Tempe, Ariz.	Jan. 2, 1996	Nebraska	2 / 1	L	24-62
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 2, 1997	Florida State	3 / 1	W	52-20
Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1, 1998	Penn State	6 / 11	W	21-6
Orange Bowl	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 2, 1999	Syracuse	7 / 18	W	31-10
Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2000	Michigan State	10 / 9	L	34-37
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 2, 2001	Miami (Fla.)	7 / 2	L	20-37
Orange Bowl	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 2, 2002	Maryland	5 / 6	W	56-23
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2003	Michigan	15 / 12	L	30-38
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2004	Iowa	17 / 13	L	17-37
Peach Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	Dec. 31, 2004	Miami (Fla.)	19 / 14	L	10-27
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 2, 2006	Iowa	16 / 25	W	31-24
BCS National Championship	Glendale, Ariz.	Jan. 8, 2007	Ohio State	2 / 1	W	41-14
Capital One (Citrus) Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2008	Michigan	12 / -	L	35-41
BCS National Championship	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 8, 2009	Oklahoma	1 / 2	W	24-14
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1, 2010	Cincinnati	5 / 4	W	51-24
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2011	Penn State		W	37-24
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 2, 2012	Ohio State		W	24-17
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 2, 2013	Louisville	4 / 21	L	23-33
Birmingham Bowl	Birmingham, Ala.	Jan. 3, 2015	East Carolina		W	28-20
Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2016	Michigan	19 / 14	L	7-41
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 2, 2017	Iowa	20 / 21	W	30-3
Peach Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	Dec. 29, 2018	Michigan	10 / 7	W	41-15

Top Florida Bowl Game Performances

Rushing Attempts

43 - Fred Taylor, 1998 Citrus Bowl
 39 - Errict Rhett, 1992 Gator Bowl
 28 - Emmitt Smith, 1988 All-American Bowl
 25 - Errict Rhett, 1995 Sugar Bowl
 Larry Dupree, 1962 Gator Bowl
 24 - Jordan Reed, 2011 Outback Bowl

Rushing Yards

234 - Fred Taylor, 1998 Citrus Bowl
 187 - Larry Smith, 1967 Orange Bowl
 182 - Errict Rhett, 1992 Gator Bowl
 165 - Percy Harvin, 2008 Capital One Bowl
 159 - Emmitt Smith, 1988 All-American Bowl

Receptions

11 - Travis Taylor, 2000 Citrus Bowl
 10 - Dallas Baker, 2006 Outback Bowl
 Taylor Jacobs, 2002 Orange Bowl
 9 - Five times

Receiving Yards

181 - Riley Cooper, 2010 Sugar Bowl
 170 - Taylor Jacobs, 2002 Orange Bowl
 166 - Cris Collinsworth, 1980 Tangerine Bowl
 159 - Travis Taylor, 1999 Orange Bowl
 156 - Travis Taylor, 2000 Citrus Bowl
 150 - Ike Hilliard, 1997 Sugar Bowl

Passing Yards

482 - Tim Tebow, 2010 Sugar Bowl
 394 - Danny Wuerffel, 1995 Sugar Bowl
 370 - Shane Matthews, 1992 Sugar Bowl
 352 - Steve Spurrier, 1966 Sugar Bowl
 323 - Rex Grossman, 2003 Outback Bowl
 306 - Danny Wuerffel, 1997 Sugar Bowl

Passing Touchdowns

4 - Rex Grossman, 2002 Orange Bowl
 3 - Tim Tebow, 2010 Sugar Bowl
 Tim Tebow, 2008 Capital One Bowl
 Doug Johnson, 2000 Citrus Bowl
 Danny Wuerffel, 1997 Sugar Bowl
 Bob Hewko, 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl

Team Records

Points: 56 - 2002 Orange Bowl (Maryland)
Rushing Yards: 284 - 1967 Orange Bowl (Ga. Tech)
Passing Yards: 482 - 2010 Sugar Bowl (Cincinnati)
Total Yards: 659 - 2010 Sugar Bowl (Cincinnati)
Longest FG: 51 - Jeff Chandler, 2001 Sugar Bowl

QUICK FACTS

General Information

Location: Gainesville, Fla.
Enrollment: 56,079
President: Dr. Kent Fuchs
Athletic Director: Scott Stricklin
Conference: Southeastern (SEC)
Nickname: Gators
Colors: Orange (PMS 172) & Blue (PMS 287)
Stadium (Capacity): Steve Spurrier-Florida Field at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (88,548)
Surface: Grass
Press Box Number: (352) 378-9590

Football History

All-Time Record: 732-420-40 (113th year)
First Season of Football: 1906
National Championships: 3 ('96, '06, '08)
SEC Championships: 8 ('91, '93, '94, '95, '96, '00, '06, '08)
Bowl Games: 45th appearance (23-21)
2018 Record: 10-3 (5-3, 1-2nd in SEC East)

2019 Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Dan Mullen
Defensive Coordinator: Todd Grantham
Co-Offensive Coordinator / Wide Receivers: Billy Gonzales
Co-Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line: John Hevesy
Safeties: Ron English
Cornerbacks: Torrian Gray
Quarterbacks: Brian Johnson
Running Backs / Special Teams Coordinator: Greg Knox
Linebackers: Christian Robinson
Tight Ends: Larry Scott
Defensive Line: David Turner
Director of Strength & Conditioning: Nick Savage

2019 GATORS CAPSULE

Offense: Spread

Defense: Multiple

STARTERS	Returned	Lost
Offense	5	6
Defense	8	3
Specialty	2	1
TOTAL	15	10

LETTERWINNERS	Returned	Lost
Offense	18	14
Defense	24	9
Specialty	2	1
TOTAL	44	24

Note: UF's eight returning starters on defense lead all SEC programs.

IN PERSPECTIVE: GATORS FLIP OFFENSIVE SCRIPT

- UF ranks 17th nationally in passing offense (300.4 yards per game), which is the first time in nearly two decades it has thrown the ball that consistently. UF's highest national finish in passing offense since the start of 2010 is 79th (in 2016), and it finished outside the top 100 in four of the nine seasons from 2010-18.
- UF last finished in the national top 25 in passing offense in 2004, when it was 14th with 271.1 yards per game.
- Florida ranked 83rd in passing offense in 2018, and it is one of five teams in the last three years to go from being outside the top 70 nationally in passing offense one season, then be in the top 20 nationally the next.
 - » Troy, 2018-19, No. 81 -> No. 10 | Florida, 2018-19, No. 83 -> No. 17 | Alabama, 2017-18, No. 91 -> No. 6 | Old Dominion, 2017-18, No. 112 -> No. 15 | UCF, 2016-17, No. 89 -> No. 10
- Florida is also one of seven teams to be a top 30 rushing team in 2018 and a top 30 passing team in 2019 (rankings below are 2018 passing -> 2019 passing).
 - » Florida (83rd -> 17th) | Wake Forest (65th -> 18th) | Florida Atlantic (64th -> 30th) | Memphis (57th -> 26th) | UCF (37th -> 8th) | Clemson (23rd -> 20th) | Oklahoma (7th -> 16th)
- The Gators' 213.2 rushing yards per game ranked 27th nationally last season.

GATORS PASS RUSH IS RELENTLESS ONCE AGAIN

- Florida has been one of the best teams in the nation this season when it comes to rushing the passer, as it ranks 5th nationally with 46 sacks -- which leads the SEC by a whopping 13 sacks and is its highest season total since posting 53 in 1997 (Note: that figure includes UF's three sacks from the 1998 Citrus Bowl).
- Aside from this year and 1997, UF's only other seasons with more than 45 sacks in school history came in 1999 (48), 1996 (51), 1989 (50) [Note: figures include bowl stats, which the NCAA did not count before 2002].
- Florida and N.C. State are the only FBS teams with multiple 8-sack games this season. UF had 10 in its season-opening win over Miami, and it capped the regular season with eight in its win over Florida State.
- The Gators also rank 12th nationally with 97 tackles for loss on the season -- which leads the SEC by seven TFLs. In 13 games last season, the Gators only totaled 86 tackles for loss.
- Aside from this year, the only Florida teams since 2000 to post at least 90 tackles for loss in a season are the 2015 Gators (101 in 14 games), the 2010 Gators (100 in 13 games), and the 2011 Gators (94 in 13 games).
- **Jonathan Greenard** is Florida's top disrupter in its front seven, as he leads the SEC in both sacks (8.5) and tackles for loss (14.5) despite missing time with an ankle injury.
- At Missouri on Nov. 16, Greenard totaled five tackles for loss (including two sacks) -- UF's highest single-game total since Alex Brown had five TFLs (all sacks) against Tennessee on Sept. 18, 1999. Greenard followed it up with three TFLs (all sacks) in a win over Florida State.
- Florida and LSU are only SEC team featuring five players with at least 3.0 sacks, and another seven Gators have 2.0 sacks this year -- **Jonathan Greenard** - 9.0; **Zachary Carter** - 4.5; **Mohamoud Diabate** - 4.0; **James Houston IV** - 3.5; **Jeremiah Moon**, **Jabari Zuniga** - 3.0; **Ventrell Miller**, **Adam Shuler** - 2.5; **Khrist Bogle**, **Trey Dean III**, **David Reese II**, **Tedarrell Slaton** - 2.0.

GATORS KEEPING END ZONES FENCED OFF

- Florida ranks 8th nationally in scoring defense (14.4 points), and has been one of the best teams in the nation at keeping its opponents out of the end zone.
- The Gators have allowed just 19 offensive touchdowns this season, which is tied for the seventh-fewest in the FBS. Additionally, Florida and Oregon are the only FBS teams to hold five different opponents without an offensive touchdown this season.
- Since 1996, only two UF squads held five teams without an offensive touchdown -- the 2009 and 2019 Gators.
- UF has three shutouts in a season for the first time since 1988 (Montana St., Indiana St., Mississippi St.).
- A point of emphasis on defense from both Coach Mullen and defensive coordinator **Todd Grantham** has been red zone defense, and UF ranks second nationally in that regard (64.5 percent / 20 scores in 31 trips).
- UF is also 2nd in the FBS in opponent red zone touchdown percentage (35.5 percent / 11 TDs in 31 trips).
- Florida is outscoring opponents 119-29 in the fourth quarter this year, and they are outscoring teams 230-79 in the second half (compared to their 166-94 edge in the first half).



GATORS PASSING WITH CONSISTENCY

- The Gators have seven 300-yard passing games in a season for the first time since 2001 (all 12 games) and for the fourth time since the start of 1997 -- UF also reached that total seven times in 1999, and nine times in 1998.
- UF also threw for 300 yards against five SEC foes, marking the first time its done that since 2001 (eight times).
- UF has eight games of 300-plus passing yards -- with five against SEC teams -- in Mullen's 25 games as head coach. In 101 games spanning the 2010-17 seasons, UF totaled six 300-yard outings (two against SEC teams).
- Since the start of the 1996 season, only these Gators (11 games), the 2001 Gators (all 12 games) and the 1996 Gators (12 games) threw for 250-plus yards at least 11 times within a season.
- Florida had 250-plus passing yards in its first seven games this year, marking its longest streak of 250-yard outings since a 14-game stretch spanning the final game of 2000, all 12 games of 2001, and the 2002 opener.
- Florida has thrown four touchdown passes in three different games (4 apiece at LSU, at South Carolina, vs. Florida State) for the first time since 2001, when it did it in eight games. Prior to this season, Florida had not thrown four touchdown passes in a road game since Oct. 20, 2007, when it had four at No. 8 Kentucky.
- Florida amassed 410 passing yards in a rout of Vanderbilt this season, marking its third 400-yard passing game since the start of the 2003 season (482 - 2010 Sugar Bowl vs. Cincinnati; 433 - UCF, Sept 9, 2006; 410 vs. Vandy). UF last threw for 400-plus yards against an SEC opponent since Nov. 3, 2001 -- when it had 403 against Vandy.
- UF threw for 300-plus yards in three straight games (312 vs. UT-Martin; 300 at Kentucky; 313 vs. Tennessee) for the first time since its final two games of 2002 and its 2003 opener. The last time Florida had a three-game streak within the same season was 2001, when it had 300-plus yards in all 12 games.

EVERYBODY EATS IN GATORS PASSING GAME

- Florida's four senior receivers -- **Tyrie Cleveland**, **Josh Hammond**, **Van Jefferson**, **Freddie Swain** -- have led this year's talented group of offensive skill players, combining for 1,805 total yards, 17 total touchdowns, and 127 of the team's 293 receptions this year (43.3 percent) -- but the rest of the receiving corps (as well as running back **Lamical Perine** and tight end **Kyle Pitts**) has made UF a well-rounded, pick-your-poison offense.
- This is the first time since 2003 that four Gators -- Pitts, Jefferson, Perine, Swain -- have 35-plus receptions.
- Florida, Southern California and Washington State are the only FBS teams with four pass catchers with 35-plus receptions and at least four touchdowns. It's the first time since 1993 four Gators have such numbers.
- Four Gators -- **Trevon Grimes**, Jefferson, Pitts, Swain -- have at least 30 receptions, 475 yards and three touchdowns, making UF is one of 10 FBS teams featuring four pass catchers with such numbers.
- UF has not had multiple Gators with at least 30 receptions, 475 yards, and three touchdowns since 2009 (two), and the last time it had four was in 2007 (Andre Caldwell, Percy Harvin, Cornelius Ingram, Louis Murphy).
- Florida and Washington State are the only FBS teams featuring seven pass catchers with 20-plus receptions, 250-plus yards, and a touchdown. UF only had four pass catchers with such numbers last year, and its only seasons with more than five such pass catchers since at least 1988 came in 1990 and 1994 (six apiece).
- Three Gators -- Pitts, Jefferson, Swain -- have at least five touchdown receptions this year, marking the first time that's happened at UF since 2008, when four Gators had at least five touchdown catches (Percy Harvin and Louis Murphy led that foursome with seven apiece).
- Seven Gators have multiple touchdown receptions this season, marking the first time since 2007 that many Gators had at least two touchdown receptions in a season. Ten Gators have at least one touchdown catch.
- UF has nine different players with 150-plus receiving yards in a season, something no Gators team has achieved since at least 1990. The 1992 Gators were the only team in that span to have eight reach 150 yards.
- Florida has seven 90-yard receiving games from five different Gators -- its most 90-yard outings in a season since 2007, when five Gators reached that total 11 times.
- The Gators are one of 11 FBS teams with at least eight scrimmage plays of 60-plus yards, and their veteran receiving corps is responsible for six of those eight plays.
- **Josh Hammond** has two -- 76-yard touchdown run at Kentucky; 65-yard reception to set up the winning touchdown versus Miami. Hammond is one of nine FBS players with a 65-yard run and reception this year.
- **Freddie Swain** had a 64-yard touchdown reception en route to 146 yards on six catches against Auburn -- UF's highest single-game total since Demarcus Robinson's 216 yards on 15 catches versus Kentucky (Sept. 13, 2014).

GATORS OFFENSE THROUGH THE YEARS, AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE FOR 2018-19

Total Offense (through 12 gp | Season Total)

Year	Yards	Avg.	Yards	Avg.
2019	5,048	420.7	?	?
2018	5,120	426.7	5,547	426.7
2017	n/a	n/a	3,695	335.9
2016	4,141	345.1	4,472	344.0
2015	4,223	351.9	4,676	334.0
2014	4,411	367.6	4,411	367.6
2013	3,800	316.7	3,800	316.7
2012	4,056	338.0	4,342	334.4
2011	4,010	334.2	4,273	328.7
2010	4,282	356.8	4,561	350.8
2009	5,416	451.3	6,410	457.9
2008	5,393	449.4	6,231	445.1
2007	5,544	462.0	5,943	457.2
2006	4,779	398.3	5,545	396.1
2005	4,481	373.4	4,481	373.4
2004	5,123	426.9	5,123	426.9
2003	4,763	396.9	5,088	391.4
2002	4,784	398.7	5,290	406.9
2001	6,502	541.8	6,502	541.8

Passing Offense (through 12 gp | Season Total)

Year	Yards	Avg.	Yards	Avg.
2019	3,605	300.4	?	?
2018	2,606	217.2	2,776	213.5
2017	n/a	n/a	1,975	179.5
2016	2,583	215.3	2,805	215.8
2015	2,579	214.9	2,899	207.1
2014	2,159	179.9	2,159	179.9
2013	2,051	170.9	2,051	170.9
2012	1,727	143.9	1,902	146.3
2011	2,492	207.7	2,414	185.7
2010	2,295	191.3	2,396	184.3
2009	2,576	214.7	3,305	236.1
2008	2,528	210.7	2,995	213.9
2007	3,172	264.3	3,341	257.0
2006	2,897	241.4	3,305	236.1
2005	2,720	226.7	2,720	226.7
2004	3,253	271.1	3,253	271.1
2003	2,962	246.8	3,190	245.4
2002	3,196	266.3	3,519	270.7
2001	4,913	409.4	4,913	409.4

- Florida is currently on pace for the **ninth season in school history in which it averaged 300-plus passing yards per game** (2001, 2000, 1998, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1991 -- counts bowl results).
- If UF throws for 395 yards in the bowl, it will post the eighth 4,000-yard passing season in school history (2001, 2000, 1998, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993 -- counts bowl results).

HOW THE GATORS RANKED IN THE FBS WITH DAN MULLEN AS O.C.

Scrimmage Touchdowns (2005-08)

Rk.	Team	TDs
1.	Texas	261
2.	Tulsa	260
3.	Texas Tech	255
4.	Oklahoma	253
5.	Boise State	247
	Southern California	247
7.	Hawaii	241
8.	FLORIDA	238
9.	Houston	224
10.	Missouri	218

Scoring Offense (2005-08)

Rk.	Team	PPG
1.	Texas	41.4
2.	Texas Tech	39.1
3.	Boise State	38.9
4.	Oklahoma	38.1
5.	Tulsa	37.5
6.	Southern California	37.4
7.	Hawaii	36.5
8.	FLORIDA	36.3
9.	Oregon	36.0
	Missouri	36.0

Touchdown-Interception Ratio (2005-08)

Rk.	Team	Ratio	TD / INT
1.	FLORIDA	3.56	114 / 32
	Texas Tech	3.56	171 / 48
3.	Ball State	3.09	102 / 33
4.	Oklahoma	3.05	122 / 40
5.	Ohio State	2.97	92 / 31

Passing Efficiency (2005-08)

Rk.	Team	Rating
1.	Hawaii	157.0
2.	Texas	156.9
3.	FLORIDA	155.9
4.	Tulsa	155.0
5.	Oklahoma	153.4

3rd Down Conversion Percentage (2005-08)

Rk.	Team	Pct.
1.	Tulsa	50.3
2.	BYU	50.2
3.	Missouri	49.0
4.	Texas	48.5
5.	Navy	47.9
6.	Southern California	47.5
7.	Boise State	46.7
	Ohio State	46.7
9.	FLORIDA	46.5
10.	West Virginia	46.1



THE MULLEN EFFECT

- Florida's offense made a litany of improvements in 2018, and it continued (most) of those trends in 2019. All signs point to the Gators returning to their output from Mullen's days as offensive coordinator (2005-08).

» **Scoring Offense** - 35.0 points per game in 2018 / 33.0 in 2019 -- both UF's best since 35.9 in 2009

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1990-2001
33.0 (t-37th in FBS)	35.0 (22nd in FBS)	23.9 (2016 - t-107th)	30.3 (2014 - 56th)	43.6 (2008 - 4th)	31.8 (2004 - 19th)	46.6 (1996 - 1st)

» **Total Offense** - 426.7 yards per game in 2018 / 420.7 in 2019 -- both UF's best since 457.9 in 2009

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1990-2001
420.7 (54th in FBS)	426.7 (42nd in FBS)	344.0 (2016 - 116th)	367.7 (2014 - 96th)	457.9 (2009 - 6th)	426.9 (2004 - 22nd)	534.4 (1995 - 4th)

» **Scrimmage TDs** - 51 in 2018 / 50 in 2019 -- both UF's most since 58 in 2009; UF's fifth and sixth seasons of 50+ scrimmage touchdowns since 2002

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1990-2001
50 (t-33rd in FBS)	51 (t-35th in FBS)	39 (2015 - t-77th)	43 (2010 - t-51st)	75 (2008 - t-3rd)	49 (2004 - 16th)	72 (1995 - 1st)

» **Passing Offense** - on pace for the ninth season in school history averaging 300-plus passing yards per game (2001, 2000, 1998, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1991 -- counts bowl results).

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1990-2001
300.4 (17th in FBS)	213.5 (83rd in FBS)	215.8 (2016 - 79th)	185.7 (2011 - 89th)	257.0 (2007 - 38th)	271.1 (2004 - 14th)	405.2 (2001 - 1st)

» **Passing TDs** - 32 in 2019 (most since 33 in 2008), 28 in 2018 -- no seasons with over 20 from 2010-17

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1990-2001
32 (17th in FBS)	28 (t-23rd in FBS)	20 (2015 - 61st)	18 (2014 - t-74th)	33 (2008 - t-12th)	29 (2004 - t-9th)	48 (1995 - 1st)

» **Rushing Offense** - 213.2 yards per game in 2018 -- **10th in UF history**, best since 221.8 in 2009

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1990-2001
120.3 (122nd in FBS)	213.3 (27th in FBS)	156.4 (2017 - 75th)	188.1 (2012 - 39th)	231.1 (2008 - 10th)	155.8 (2004 - 58th)	173.5 (1995 - 48th)



THE MULLEN EFFECT (cont'd)

- » **Touchdown-Interception Ratio** - 4.67 [28 TDs to 6 INTs] in 2018 / 3.56 [32 TDs to 9 INTs] in 2019 -- both UF's best since 5.60 [28 to 5] in 2009

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1990-2001
3.56 [32 - 9] (23rd in FBS)	4.67 [28 - 6] (t-9th in FBS)	2.00 [20 - 10] (2015 - t-57th)	2.60 [13 - 5] (2012 - t-36th)	6.60 [33 - 5] (2008 - 2nd)	2.42 [29 - 12] (2004 - 22nd)	4.00 [48 - 12] (1995 - 1st)

- » **Total Offense (SEC Play)** - 399.6 ypg in 2018 / 414.4 ypg in 2019 -- highest averages since 429.4 (2008)

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1996-2001
414.0 (4th in SEC)	399.6 (6th in SEC)	354.9 (2016 - 12th)	353.0 (2010 - 9th)	436.5 (2007 - 1st)	428.8 (2004 - 1st)	526.1 (2001 - 1st)

- » **Scoring Offense (SEC Play)** - 31.1 ppg in 2019 -- highest average since 44.9 in 2008, only the third time averaging 30-plus points in league play since start of 2005 (other year was 2007 - 38.1 ppg)

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1996-2001
31.1 (4th in SEC)	26.1 (7th in SEC)	24.5 (2016 - 9th)	28.0 (2010 - 4th)	44.9 (2008 - 1st)	31.4 (2004 - 1st)	47.0 (1996 - 1st)

- » **Rushing Offense (SEC Play)** - 200.5 ypg in 2018 -- fourth 200-yard average since 1996, first since 2014

2019	2018	Best from 2015-17	Best From 2010-14	Best from 2005-09	Best from 2002-04	Best from 1996-2001
115.6 (13th in SEC)	200.5 (2nd in SEC)	169.5 (2017 - 8th)	201.0 (2014 - 4th)	223.8 (2008 - 1st)	160.8 (2004 - 7th)	185.9 (1996 - 2nd)

2018 POWER FIVE COACHING HIRES COMPARISON

- **Dan Mullen** has the best overall record (by half a game) among the 2018 Power Five hires and only trails Oregon's Mario Cristobal by one for the most wins against Power Five teams.
- Mullen is also 3-3 against AP top-10 teams. All other 2018 Power Five hires have combined for five top-10 wins.

Coach, Team	Overall (vs. Power 5)	vs. AP Top 10	vs. AP Top 25
Mario Cristobal, Oregon	20-6 (15-6)	2-1	4-3
Herm Edwards, Arizona State	14-11 (11-9)	1-1	5-4
Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M	16-9 (10-9)	1-7	2-7
Scott Frost, Nebraska	9-15 (6-14)	0-2	0-6
Chip Kelly, UCLA	7-17 (7-13)	0-4	2-5
Matt Luke, Ole Miss [Fired]	9-15 (4-14)	0-4	0-7
Joe Moorhead, Mississippi State	14-11 (8-11)	1-5	2-5
Chad Morris, Arkansas [Fired]	4-18 (0-14)	0-4	0-7
Dan Mullen, Florida	20-5 (14-5)	3-3	4-3
Jeremy Pruitt, Tennessee	12-12 (7-10)	0-5	0-8
Jonathan Smith, Oregon State	7-17 (5-15)	0-1	0-4
Kevin Sumlin, Arizona	9-15 (7-12)	0-3	1-3
Willie Taggart, Florida State [Fired]	9-12 (6-10)	0-3	1-7

FOURTH-QUARTER COMEBACKS UNDER MULLEN

- In two seasons under Mullen, Florida has won six games during which it trailed in the fourth quarter.
 - » Trained No. 5 LSU, 19-14, with 11:14 remaining -- Won, 27-19 (Oct. 6, 2018)
 - » Trained at Vanderbilt, 21-20, with 15:00 remaining -- Won, 37-27 (Oct. 13, 2018)
 - » Trained South Carolina, 31-21, with 13:43 remaining -- Won, 35-31 (Nov. 10, 2018)
 - » Trained Miami (in Orlando), 20-17, with 9:48 remaining -- Won 24-20 (Aug. 24, 2019)
 - » Trained at Kentucky, 21-10, with 14:56 remaining -- Won 29-21 (Sept. 14, 2019)
 - » Trained at South Carolina, 20-17, with 13:29 remaining -- Won, 38-27 (Oct. 19, 2019)

2018 Offensive Upticks Continuing in 2019

- The Gators are coming off their ninth 40-point game under Mullen (three in 2019, six in 2018). In the 88 games spanning 2011-17, Florida scored 40 points on nine occasions.
- Florida is also coming off its 11th win of 20-plus points under Mullen (five this year, six last year). UF only won eight games by 20-plus points from 2015-17, and it won exactly 11 games by 20-plus points from 2011-14.
- This is the first time since a four-year stretch from 2007-10 the Gators have won at least five games by 20-plus points in consecutive seasons.
- Florida has 101 offensive touchdowns in 25 games under Mullen. In the 38 games composing the three seasons prior to his arrival (2015-17), Florida scored 93 offensive touchdowns.
- The Gators have 400-plus total yards of total in 11 of their last 16 games, and 13 times in Mullen's 25 games as head coach. In 50 games from 2014-17, UF had 14 games of 400-plus total yards.
- UF has six games of 500-plus total yards in Mullen's two seasons, matching their combined total from the 75 games spanning 2012-2017.
- Last year, the Gators posted their most games of 500-plus total yards (four) and 400-plus total yards (six) since 2009, when they did it five and six times, respectively.
- This year, the Gators posted seven games of 400-plus total yards, the most they've had in a season since 2008, when they did it 10 times. UF also has two games with 500-plus total yards.
- Florida's tempo increased in Mullen's offense last season as well, as it had 32 touchdown drives under three minutes last season, its highest total since posting 40 in 2009.
- This year, UF has 28 such touchdown drives under three minutes. UF combined for 27 sub-three-minute touchdown drives in 2016 and 2017, and it only had 22 in 2015.
- Each of the last two years, UF has also surpassed its combined totals from 2016 and 2017 for touchdowns of 30-plus yards.

- » **2019: 7 pass, 4 run | 2018: 9 pass, 6 run**
- » 2016-17: 5 pass, 2 run | 2015: 10 pass, 0 run
- » 2014: 4 pass, 5 run
- » 2012-13: 6 pass, 6 run
- » 2011: 7 pass, 4 run
- » 2010: 3 pass, 4 run
- » 2009: 10 pass, 2 run
- » 2008: 9 pass, 8 run

HOW THE GATORS RANK IN THE FBS

Tight End Receptions

Rk.	Player, Team	Rec.
1.	Harrison Bryant, Florida Atlantic	65
2.	Brycen Hopkins, Purdue	61
3.	Hunter Bryant, Washington	52
4.	Kyle Pitts, FLORIDA	51
	Noah Gray, Duke	51
6.	Charlie Kolar, Iowa State	48
	Colby Parkinson, Stanford	48
8.	Giovanni Ricci, Western Michigan	47
9.	Peyton Hendershot, Indiana	46
10.	Trey McBride, Colorado State	45

Tight End Receiving Yards

Rk.	Player, Team	Yards
1.	Harrison Bryant, Florida Atlantic	1,004
2.	Brycen Hopkins, Purdue	830
3.	Hunter Bryant, Washington	825
4.	Charlie Kolar, Iowa State	675
5.	Devin Asiasi, UCLA	641
6.	Kylen Granson, SMU	628
7.	Giovanni Ricci, Western Michigan	622
8.	Kyle Pitts, FLORIDA	610
9.	Matt Bushman, BYU	597
10.	Colby Parkinson, Stanford	589

Running Back Receiving Touchdowns

Rk.	Player, Team	TDs
1.	Najee Harris, Alabama	7
2.	Tyler Badie, Missouri	5
	Darrynton Evans, Appalachian State	5
	Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin	5
5.	Lamical Perine, FLORIDA	4
	Cam Akers, Florida State	4
	Max Borghi, Washington State	4
	Benny LeMay, Charlotte	4
9.	Six Players Tied	3

NOTE: Perine's four receiving touchdowns are the most in a season by a Gators back since James Jones, a fullback, caught five in 1982.

Running Back Receptions

Rk.	Player, Team	Rec.
1.	Max Borghi, Washington State	81
2.	Clyde Edwards-Helaire, LSU	50
3.	Kenneth Gainwell, Memphis	44
4.	Ronnie Rivers, Fresno State	43
5.	Eno Benjamin, Arizona State	42
6.	Jason Huntley, New Mexico State	40
7.	Art Thompson, Connecticut	39
	SaRodrick Thompson, Texas Tech	39
9.	CJ Marable, Coastal Carolina	38
10.	Kennedy McKoy, West Virginia	37
11.	Lamical Perine, FLORIDA	35
12.	Billy Kemp IV, Virginia	34

TRASK RESEMBLING GATORS QUARTERBACKS OF OLD

- Since taking over Florida's offense at the start of the fourth quarter at Kentucky, redshirt junior **Kyle Trask** is 209 of 310 (67.4%) for 2,596 yards and 23 touchdowns (plus three rushing touchdowns).
- Trask has thrown 24 touchdowns this year, making him one of 41 FBS quarterbacks with more than 20 this year -- but his 315 attempts are the eighth-fewest in that group (Others with 325 or fewer: Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama [33 TDs, 252 att.]; Layne Hatcher, Arkansas State [23 TDs, 259 att.]; Chris Reynolds, Charlotte [21 TDs, 267 att.]; Tanner Morgan, Minnesota [28 TDs, 289 att.]; Sean Clifford, Penn State [22 TDs, 299 att.]; Justin Fields, Ohio State [40 TDs, 308 att.]; Jalen Hurts, Oklahoma [32 TDs, 309 att.]).
- Trask ranks 13th nationally in passer rating (159.24). Were the season over today, Trask would have the ninth-highest passer rating in school history and the highest passer rating by a Gator since Tim Tebow's 164.2 led the nation in 2009. No Gator has finished inside the top 35 nationally in passer rating since 2009.
- Trask has thrown for 300-plus yards three times this year, finishing with a career-high 363 yards against Vanderbilt, 343 yards against Florida State, and 310 yards at then-No. 5 LSU.
 - » Trask's outings of 343 and 363 yards were the highest totals by a Gator since Tim Tebow's 482 against No. 4 Cincinnati in the 2010 Sugar Bowl. His 363 against Vanderbilt marked the highest total against an SEC team since Rex Grossman's 375 against Kentucky back on Sept. 28, 2002.
- Trask joined Tim Tebow (three in 2007) and Chris Leak (four in 2004) as the only Gators since the start of 2003 to post three 300-yard passing games in the same season. Trask is also the first Gator since Leak (three in 2004) to have two 300-yard outings against SEC opponents in the same season.
 - » From 2010-18, Gators quarterbacks combined for three 300-yard passing games.
- Since the start of the 2000 season, the only Gators to throw for 300-plus yards against a top-25 team are Trask (at No. 5 LSU), Tebow (2010 Sugar Bowl), and Rex Grossman (nine times from 2001-02).
- Trask threw three touchdowns at No. 5 LSU and followed it up with a career-high four touchdowns at South Carolina. He is the first Gator since Tim Tebow (2008 - at Vanderbilt and Florida State) to throw at least three touchdowns in consecutive road games.
- Trask also became the first Gator since Rex Grossman (Nov. 3-10, 2001) to throw for three-plus touchdowns in consecutive outings against SEC teams.
- Trask's three touchdown passes at No. 5 LSU made him the first Gator since Tebow to throw at least three touchdowns on the road against an AP top-10 team (Tebow threw four Oct. 20, 2007 at No. 8 Kentucky).
- Trask's 310 yards at LSU were the second-highest total by a Gator in a road game since the start of the 2005 season, and only the fourth 300-yard passing game on the road or at a neutral site within that same span.
 - » Tim Tebow - 482 yards vs. No. 4 Cincinnati - 2010 Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1, 2010); Chris Leak - 319 yards at Kentucky (Sept. 24, 2005); Tim Tebow - 304 yards at South Carolina (Nov. 10, 2007)

PITTS AMONG THE TOP TIGHT ENDS IN ALL OF FBS

- Since the start of 2015, **Kyle Pitts** is one of nine FBS tight ends -- two of which are Oklahoma's Mark Andrews (2017) and Ole Miss' Evan Engram (2016) -- with at least 50 catches, 600 yards, and five touchdowns in a season.
- Only one other Gators tight end has posted such a season since 1996, which was a John Mackey Award-winning campaign in 2009 (68 receptions / 850 yards / 5 touchdowns).
- On the season, Pitts has 51 receptions (second-most by a UF tight end since 1996 -- 68 in 2009), 610 receiving yards (third-most by a UF tight end since 1996 -- 850 in 2009; 638 by Ben Troupe in 2003), and 5 touchdowns (tied for second-most by a UF tight end in a season since 1996).
- Pitts' 51 receptions are the third-most by any Gator in a season since 2010, behind Demarcus Robinson's 53 in 2014, and Antonio Callaway's 54 in 2016. UF's highest individual reception totals in 2009 were 68 and 51.
- Pitts is one of seven FBS tight ends with five games of 60-plus receiving yards this season; he is one of three Gators tight ends since 1996 with five such games in a career (most is 8; Jordan Reed - 5).
- With his 108-yard outing at LSU, Pitts became just the fourth Gators tight end since 1996 with a 100-yard game (the previous three combined for five 100-yard outings).
- Pitts entered 2019 with three catches for 73 yards and a touchdown in his career.



BALL-HAWKING SECONDARY GENERATING TAKEAWAYS

- Florida's 22 takeaways are tied for 18th nationally. And their 48 takeaways since the start of last year are tied for 5th among all FBS teams.
- The Gators have forced four turnovers in three games this year (Kentucky, Tennessee, Auburn). The last time they forced four-plus turnovers in at least three games within a season was 2014 (four games).
- Florida is tied for 9th in the FBS with 15 interceptions, but the Gators, Florida Atlantic, Oklahoma State, and Tennessee are the only FBS teams with at least three interceptions in three games this year (UF had three apiece against Kentucky, Tennessee, and Auburn).
- UF is one of eight FBS teams featuring three players (**Shawn Davis**, **Donovan Stiner**, **Marco Wilson**) with at least three interceptions this year.
- Donovan Stiner** leads UF with four interceptions -- which is tied for second in the SEC; he entered this season with two picks in 24 career games.

GATORS BREAKING OFF MONSTROUS RUNNING PLAYS

- Florida has already set a single-season school record with three rushing plays of 75-plus yards this season. Previously, the 1982 Gators and 2008 Gators held the record with two such plays within a season.
- Lamical Perine** sealed Florida's win over No. 7 Auburn with an 88-yard touchdown run -- which is the fifth-longest run in school history, the longest by a Gator since Emmitt Smith's 96-yard touchdown run against Mississippi State on Sept. 24, 1988, and the 11th-longest rushing play by an FBS player this season.
- The others were by **Josh Hammond** (76-yarder at Kentucky) and **Dameon Pierce** (75-yarder at South Carolina).
- The Gators are one of 11 FBS teams with three rushing plays of 70-plus yards.

SENIORS LEADING GATORS SPECIAL TEAMS

- Senior **Van Jefferson** is one of Florida's "gunners" on its punt team. In the Miami game, he downed a punt at Miami's 5-yard line and recovered a muffed punt that set up a go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter.
- Senior receivers **Tyrie Cleveland**, **Josh Hammond**, and **Freddie Swain** also start on special teams.
- "It's something we stress so much within our team. Special teams is something we take a lot of pride in, we practice an awful lot."** --Dan Mullen after UF's win over Miami.
- Senior **Tommy Townsend** -- a Ray Guy Award semifinalist for a second straight year -- has downed 20 of his 40 punts (50 percent) inside the 20-yard line this year; he downed 17 of 39 (43.6 percent) inside the 20 last year.
- Sophomore **Evan McPherson**, one of the 20 Lou Groza Award semifinalists last year, has made 14 of his 16 field goals this year (87.5 percent). Last year, McPherson ranked 6th nationally at 89.5 percent (17 of 19).
- Since the start of last season, McPherson ranks fourth nationally in field goal percentage (31 of 35 / 88.6 percent) among FBS kickers with at least 35 attempts.
- Special teams coordinator **Greg Knox** has made an immediate impact with the Gators. Knox's Mississippi State teams blocked 15 kicks or punts from 2014-17, which tied for the SEC lead and ranked 3rd nationally.
- Since the start of 2014 (including UF's five in 2018-19) here's where Knox's groups rank among all FBS teams:

FBS Rank	Team	Blocks
1.	Temple	26
2.	Hawaii	22
t-3.	Northern Illinois	21
	Oklahoma State	21
	Texas A&M	21
t-5.	Greg Knox Teams / Tulsa	20

ADDITIONAL ACTIVE / HISTORICAL STREAKS

- UF has scored in 397 consecutive games -- which is an NCAA record. The Gators broke Michigan's record of 365 consecutive games (1984-2014) against LSU on Oct. 7, 2017.
- Since 2008, Florida and Alabama are the only FBS teams that have not lost to a team which finished the season with a losing record. UF is one of four teams since 2013 to stave off such a loss (Alabama, LSU, Michigan).

HOW THE GATORS RANK IN THE FBS

Top-10 Finishes - Total Defense (Since 2005)

Rk.	Team	Times
1.	Alabama	10
	FLORIDA	10
3.	LSU	7
	Ohio State	7
5.	Virginia Tech	6
	Wisconsin	6

Interceptions (Since 2005)

Rk.	Team	INTs
1.	Oregon	255
2.	FLORIDA	243
	Alabama	243
4.	Boise State	241
5.	Ohio State	236
6.	Clemson	235
7.	Louisiana Tech	231
	TCU	231
	Virginia Tech	231

Interception Return Touchdowns (Since 2005)

Rk.	Team	TDs
1.	Alabama	37
2.	FLORIDA	35
3.	Utah	34
4.	Arizona State	33
	Louisiana Tech	33
6.	Ohio State	31
	Tennessee	31
8.	Southern Mississippi	30
	TCU	30

Non-Offensive Touchdowns (Since 2005)

Rk.	Team	TDs
1.	Alabama	83
2.	Kansas State	79
3.	Oregon	75
4.	Boise State	72
	Utah	72
6.	FLORIDA	71
7.	Ohio State	67
	Oklahoma State	67
	TCU	67
	Texas	67

Passing Defense (Since 2013)

Rk.	Team	Opp. Y/G
1.	Michigan	170.8
2.	Clemson	174.6
3.	FLORIDA	182.5
4.	Georgia	183.3
5.	Wisconsin	184.1
6.	Appalachian State	190.7
7.	Iowa	193.6
8.	Alabama	193.7



STATISTICAL RANKINGS



FBS	SEC	Value	Category	FBS	ACC	Value
54	5	420.7	Total Offense	81	8	390.0
t-37	4	33.0	Scoring Offense	t-42	4	32.4
122	14	120.3	Rushing Offense	111	12	126.5
17	3	300.4	Passing Offense	37	5	263.5
15	3	159.67	Passing Efficiency	80	10	131.81
23	4	3.67 [32-9]	Touchdown-Interception Ratio	t-101	13	1.36 [19-14]
10	2	299.0	Total Defense	40	4	358.2
8	2	14.4	Scoring Defense	t-59	6	26.5
12	2	107.0	Rushing Defense	30	5	130.0
18	5	192.0	Passing Defense	70	6	228.2
21	6	115.62	Passing Efficiency Defense	76	9	136.98
t-29	4	+5	Turnover Margin	t-85	9	-3
t-18	t-3	22	Takeaways	t-61	t-6	17
t-9	t-2	15	Interceptions	t-33	11	11
2	1	64.5%	Opponent Red Zone %	56	6	82.5%
8	3	42.30	Net Punt Average	93	13	37.14
t-10	1	87.5% [14-16]	Field Goal Percentage	t-24	t-4	83.3% [20-24]
110	13	4.71	Punt Return Average	86	11	6.08
t-26	1	23.29	Kickoff Return Average	2	1	29.30
5	1	46.0 [3.83]	Sacks (per game)	6	2	45.0 [3.46]
12	1	97.0 [8.08]	Tackles for Loss (per game)	t-15	4	94.0 [7.23]

CROSSING PATHS

- **Dan Mullen** was a graduate assistant at Syracuse during the 1998 season -- which ended with the Orangemen losing to Florida, 31-10 in the 1999 Orange Bowl.
- Mullen and Virginia head coach **Bronco Mendenhall** were on opposite sides of the Holy War rivalry in 2003 and 2004. Mullen was Utah's quarterbacks coach for those games, while Mendenhall was BYU's defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach. Utah won both games (3-0 in 2003; 52-21 in 2004).
- **David Turner** was a defensive tackle and linebackers coach for Virginia from 1997-2000.
- **Trevon Grimes** ('17) and Virginia sophomore wide receiver **Tavares Kelly Jr.** ('18).
- **Kyree Campbell**, **Elijah Conliffe**, **Marco Ortiz** are the only Gators from Virginia, while 16 Cavaliers hail from the state of Florida.

Note: All statistical rankings are through the end of the regular season.

Gators in the Weekly FBS Rankings

After Week	Opp.	Offense			Defense		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
0	Miami	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	98	123	52	t-54	41	73
2	UT-Martin	61	84	38	19	t-14	37
3	at Kentucky	59	91	30	33	30	59
4	Tennessee	58	91	27	23	23	t-38
5	Towson	54	88	t-30	17	16	35
6	Auburn	61	89	32	10	15	18
7	at LSU	48	93	22	20	27	t-33
8	at South Carolina	57	91	31	25	33	32
9	-	t-52	90	28	25	31	33
10	vs. Georgia	72	107	31	26	31	41
11	Vanderbilt	56	105	25	14	24	23
12	Missouri	60	112	22	13	21	21
13	-	60	t-115	19	12	20	23
14	Florida State	54	122	17	10	13	19
CCG	-	54	122	17	10	12	17
Gators in 2018		42	27	83	28	65	13
Gators in 2017		110	75	102	31	50	28
Gators in 2016		116	113	79	5	37	2
Gators in 2015		112	113	t-86	8	25	13
Gators in 2014		96	43	106	15	13	42
Gators in 2013		115	88	109	8	33	7
Gators in 2012		104	39	118	5	4	16
Gators in 2011		105	73	89	8	40	t-6
Gators in 2010		83	44	t-88	9	31	12
Gators in 2009		6	10	41	4	12	2
Gators in 2008		15	10	61	9	15	20
Gators in 2007		14	24	38	42	10	t-98
Gators in 2006		19	38	28	6	5	33
Gators in 2005		61	56	52	9	10	39

2019 TEAM LEADERS



Passing Yards (TDs / INTs)

Kyle Trask.....2,636 (24-6) | Bryce Perkins.....3,215 (18-11)

Attempts-Rushing Yards (TDs)

Lamical Perine.....119 - 538 (4) | Bryce Perkins.....213 - 745 (11)
 Dameon Pierce.....48 - 271 (4) | Wayne Taulapapa111 - 459 (12)
 Emory Jones.....38 - 224 (4) | PK Kier32 - 174 (1)

Receptions-Receiving Yards (TDs)

Kyle Pitts.....51 - 610 (5) | Joe Reed70 - 627 (6)
 Van Jefferson.....43 - 528 (6) | Terrell Jana67 - 760 (2)
 Freddie Swain.....35 - 496 (7) | Hasise Dubois.....65 - 979 (4)

Interceptions (Return Yards / TDs)

Donovan Stiner4 (33-0) | Joey Blount.....3 (66 - 0)
 Two Gators.....3 | Two Cavaliers.....2 (n/a)

Total Tackles (Solo-Assisted)

David Reese II.....89 (37-52) | Zane Zandier95 (42 - 53)
 Jonathan Greenard52 (26-26) | Joey Blount.....90 (55 - 35)
 Ventrell Miller47 (24-23) | amari Gainer69 (36 - 33)

Tackles for Loss-Yards (Sacks-Yards)

J. Greenard14.5 - 64 (8.5 - 45) | Noah Taylor11.5 - 61 (7.0 - 49)
 Jabari Zuniga.....7.0 - 32 (3.0 - 20) | Zane Zandier11.5 - 39 (5.0 - 24)



RANKINGS / STANDINGS

College Football Playoff

Rank	Team	Record	Last
1.	LSU	13-0	2
2.	Ohio State	13-0	1
3.	Clemson	13-0	3
4.	Oklahoma	12-1	6
5.	Georgia	11-2	4
6.	Oregon	11-2	13
7.	Baylor	11-2	7
8.	Wisconsin	10-3	8
9.	Florida	10-2	9
10.	Penn State	10-2	10
11.	Utah	11-2	5
12.	Auburn	9-3	11
13.	Alabama	10-2	12
14.	Michigan	9-3	14
15.	Notre Dame	10-2	15
16.	Iowa	9-3	16
17.	Memphis	12-1	17
18.	Minnesota	10-2	18
19.	Boise State	12-1	19
20.	Appalachian State	12-1	21
21.	Cincinnati	10-3	20
22.	Southern California	8-4	22
23.	Navy	9-2	24
24.	Virginia	9-4	23
25.	Oklahoma State	8-4	25

Associated Press Top 25 Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Last
1.	LSU (47)	13-0	1
2.	Ohio State (12)	13-0	2
3.	Clemson (3)	13-0	3
4.	Oklahoma	12-1	6
5.	Georgia	11-2	4
6.	FLORIDA	10-2	7
7.	Oregon	11-2	13
8.	Baylor	11-2	8
t-9.	Auburn	9-3	11
	Alabama	10-2	9
11.	Wisconsin	10-3	10
12.	Utah	11-2	5
13.	Penn State	10-2	12
14.	Notre Dame	10-2	14
15.	Memphis	12-1	16
16.	Minnesota	10-2	15
17.	Michigan	9-3	17
18.	Boise State	12-1	19
19.	Iowa	9-3	18
20.	Appalachian State	12-1	20
21.	Navy	9-2	23
22.	Southern California	8-4	24
23.	Cincinnati	10-3	21
24.	Air Force	10-2	25
25.	Oklahoma State	8-4	NR

USA Today / Amway Coaches Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Last
1.	LSU (46)	13-0	1
2.	Ohio State (14)	13-0	2
3.	Clemson (5)	13-0	3
4.	Oklahoma	12-1	6
5.	Georgia	11-2	4
6.	Oregon	11-2	13
7.	FLORIDA	10-2	7
8.	Baylor	11-2	8
9.	Alabama	10-2	9
10.	Utah	11-2	5
11.	Wisconsin	10-3	10
12.	Penn State	10-2	11
13.	Auburn	9-3	12
14.	Notre Dame	10-2	14
15.	Memphis	12-1	16
16.	Minnesota	10-2	15
17.	Michigan	9-3	18
18.	Boise State	12-1	17
19.	Iowa	9-3	19
20.	Appalachian State	12-1	20
21.	Navy	9-2	23
22.	Cincinnati	10-3	21
23.	Southern California	8-4	24
24.	Air Force	10-2	25
25.	Virginia	9-4	22

2019 SEC Standings

Eastern Division

	Conf. Games		Overall	
Georgia	7-1	.875	11-2	.846
FLORIDA	6-2	.750	10-2	.833
Tennessee	5-3	.625	7-5	.583
Kentucky	3-5	.375	7-5	.583
Missouri	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
South Carolina	3-5	.375	4-8	.333
Vanderbilt	1-7	.125	3-9	.250

Western Division

	Conf. Games		Overall	
LSU	8-0	1.000	13-0	1.000
Alabama	6-2	.750	10-2	.833
Auburn	5-3	.625	9-3	.750
Texas A&M	4-4	.500	7-5	.583
Mississippi State	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Ole Miss	2-6	.250	4-8	.333
Arkansas	0-8	.000	2-10	.167

SEC Regular Season Records Since 2015

Alabama	36-4 (.900)
Georgia	30-10 (.750)
LSU	29-11 (.725)
FLORIDA	27-13 (.675)
Auburn	22-18 (.550)
Texas A&M	22-18 (.550)
Kentucky	18-22 (.450)
Mississippi State	18-22 (.450)
South Carolina	16-24 (.400)
Tennessee	16-24 (.400)
Missouri	15-25 (.375)
Ole Miss	14-26 (.350)
Vanderbilt	10-30 (.250)
Arkansas	9-31 (.225)

No. 2 LSU 37, No. 4 Georgia 10

2019 SEC Championship Game

December 7th - Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Atlanta, Georgia

TRACKING 2019 OPPONENTS

Miami (6-6, 4-4)

8/24	vs. No. 8 Florida	L, 20-24
9/7	at North Carolina*	L, 25-28
9/14	Bethune-Cookman	W, 63-0
9/21	Central Michigan	W, 17-12
9/28	BYE	
10/5	Virginia Tech*	L, 35-42
10/11	No. 20 Virginia*	W, 17-9
10/19	Georgia Tech*	L, 21-28 (OT)
10/26	at Pittsburgh*	W, 16-12
11/2	at Florida State*	W, 27-10
11/9	Louisville*	W, 52-27
11/16	BYE	
11/23	FIU	L, 24-30
11/30	at Duke*	L, 17-27

UT-Martin (7-5, 6-2)

8/29	Northwestern State	W, 42-20
9/7	at No. 11 Florida	L, 0-45
9/14	at Southern Illinois	L, 14-28
9/21	BYE	
9/28	Murray State*	W, 40-7
10/5	at Eastern Kentucky*	W, 38-28
10/12	at Tennessee Tech*	W, 55-14
10/19	Eastern Illinois*	W, 27-18
10/26	at SE Missouri State*	L, 10-17
11/2	Jacksonville State*	W, 22-17
11/9	at Austin Peay*	L, 24-38
11/16	Tennessee State*	W, 28-17
11/23	at Kentucky	L, 7-50

Kentucky (7-5, 3-5)

8/31	Toledo	W, 38-24
9/7	Eastern Michigan	W, 38-17
9/14	No. 9 Florida*	L, 21-29
9/21	at Mississippi State*	L, 13-28
9/28	at South Carolina*	L, 7-24
10/5	BYE	
10/12	Arkansas*	W, 24-20
10/19	at No. 10 Georgia*	L, 0-21
10/26	Missouri*	W, 29-7
11/2	BYE	
11/9	Tennessee*	L, 13-17
11/16	at Vanderbilt*	W, 38-14
11/23	UT-Martin	W, 50-7
11/30	Louisville*	W, 45-13

Tennessee (7-5, 5-3)

8/31	Georgia State	L, 30-38
9/7	BYU	L, 26-29 [20T]
9/14	Chattanooga	W, 45-0
9/21	at No. 9 Florida*	L, 3-34
9/28	BYE	
10/5	No. 3 Georgia*	L, 14-43
10/12	Mississippi State*	W, 20-10
10/19	at No. 1 Alabama*	L, 13-35
10/26	South Carolina*	W, 41-21
11/2	UAB	W, 30-7
11/9	at Kentucky*	W, 17-13
11/16	BYE	
11/23	at Missouri*	W, 24-20
11/30	Vanderbilt*	W, 28-10

Towson (7-5, 4-4)

8/31	at The Citadel	W, 28-21
9/7	North Carolina Central	W, 42-3
9/14	at Maine*	W, 45-23
9/21	Villanova*	L, 45-52 (OT)
9/28	at No. 9 Florida	L, 0-38
10/5	BYE	
10/12	Albany*	L, 21-38
10/19	Bucknell	W, 56-7
10/26	at James Madison*	L, 10-27
11/2	Delaware*	W, 31-24
11/9	at Stony Brook*	W, 31-14
11/16	at William & Mary*	W, 31-10
11/23	Elon*	L, 23-25

Auburn (9-3, 5-3)

8/31	vs. No. 11 Oregon	W, 27-21
9/7	Tulane	W, 24-6
9/14	Kent State	W, 55-16
9/21	at No. 17 Texas A&M*	W, 28-20
9/28	Mississippi State*	W, 56-23
10/5	at No. 10 Florida*	L, 13-24
10/12	BYE	
10/19	at Arkansas*	W, 51-10
10/26	at No. 2 LSU*	L, 20-23
11/2	Ole Miss*	W, 20-14
11/9	BYE	
11/16	No. 5 Georgia*	L, 14-21
11/23	Samford	W, 52-0
11/30	No. 5 Alabama*	W, 48-45

LSU (13-0, 8-0)

8/31	Georgia Southern	W, 55-3
9/7	at No. 9 Texas	W, 45-38
9/14	Northwestern State	W, 65-14
9/21	at Vanderbilt*	W, 66-38
9/28	BYE	
10/5	Utah State	W, 42-6
10/12	No. 7 Florida*	W, 42-28
10/19	at Mississippi State*	W, 36-13
10/26	No. 9 Auburn*	W, 23-20
11/2	BYE	
11/9	at No. 2 Alabama*	W, 46-41
11/16	at Ole Miss*	W, 58-37
11/23	Arkansas*	W, 56-20
11/30	Texas A&M*	W, 50-7
12/7	No. 4 Georgia	W, 37-10

So. Carolina (4-8, 3-5)

8/31	vs. North Carolina	L, 20-24
9/7	Charleston Southern	W, 72-10
9/14	No. 2 Alabama*	L, 23-47
9/21	at Missouri*	L, 14-34
9/28	Kentucky*	W, 24-7
10/5	BYE	
10/12	at No. 3 Georgia*	W, 20-17 (20T)
10/19	vs. No. 9 Florida*	L, 27-38
10/26	at Tennessee*	L, 21-41
11/2	Vanderbilt*	W, 24-7
11/9	Appalachian State	L, 15-20
11/16	at Texas A&M*	L, 6-30
11/23	BYE	
11/30	No. 3 Clemson	L, 3-38

Georgia (11-2, 7-1)

8/31	at Vanderbilt*	W, 30-6
9/7	Murray State	W, 63-17
9/14	Arkansas State	W, 55-0
9/21	No. 7 Notre Dame	W, 23-17
9/28	BYE	
10/5	at Tennessee*	W, 43-14
10/12	South Carolina*	L, 17-20 (20T)
10/19	Kentucky*	W, 21-0
10/26	BYE	
11/2	vs. No. 6 Florida*	W, 24-17
11/9	Missouri*	W, 27-0
11/16	at No. 13 Auburn*	W, 21-14
11/23	No. 24 Texas A&M*	W, 19-13
11/30	at Georgia Tech	W, 52-7
12/7	No. 1 LSU	L, 10-37

Vanderbilt (3-9, 1-7)

8/31	No. 3 Georgia*	L, 6-30
9/7	at Purdue	L, 24-42
9/14	BYE	
9/21	No. 4 LSU*	L, 38-66
9/28	Northern Illinois	W, 24-18
10/5	at Ole Miss*	L, 6-31
10/12	UNLV	L, 10-34
10/19	No. 22 Missouri*	W, 21-14
10/26	BYE	
11/2	at South Carolina*	L, 7-24
11/9	at No. 10 Florida*	L, 0-56
11/16	Kentucky*	L, 14-38
11/23	East Tennessee State	W, 38-0
11/30	at Tennessee*	L, 10-28

Missouri (6-6, 3-5)

8/31	at Wyoming	L, 31-37
9/7	West Virginia	W, 38-7
9/14	Southeast Mo. State	W, 50-0
9/21	South Carolina*	W, 34-14
9/28	BYE	
10/5	Troy	W, 42-10
10/12	Ole Miss*	W, 38-27
10/19	at Vanderbilt*	L, 14-21
10/26	at Kentucky*	L, 7-29
11/2	BYE	
11/9	at No. 6 Georgia*	L, 0-27
11/16	No. 11 Florida*	L, 6-23
11/23	Tennessee*	L, 20-24
11/29	vs. Arkansas*	W, 24-14

Florida State (6-6, 4-4)

8/31	Boise State	L, 31-36
9/7	La.-Monroe	W, 45-44 [OT]
9/14	at Virginia*	L, 24-31
9/21	Louisville*	W, 35-24
9/28	at North Carolina St.*	W, 31-13
10/5	BYE	
10/12	at No. 2 Clemson*	L, 14-45
10/19	at Wake Forest*	L, 20-22
10/26	Syracuse*	W, 35-7
11/2	Miami*	L, 10-27
11/9	at Boston College*	W, 38-31
11/16	Alabama State	W, 49-12
11/23	BYE	
11/30	at No. 8 Florida	L, 17-40



NFL GATORS

Name (Year)	Position	Team
Alex Anzalone (3rd) [IR]	LB	New Orleans Saints
Jon Bostic (7th)	LB	Washington Redskins
Caleb Brantley (3rd) [IR]	DT	Washington Redskins
Trent Brown (5th)	OL	Oakland Raiders
Taven Bryan (2nd)	DT	Jacksonville Jaguars
Jonathan Bullard (4th)	DE	Arizona Cardinals
Trey Burton (6th)	TE	Chicago Bears
Bryan Cox Jr. (3rd)	DE	Carolina Panthers
Jarrad Davis (3rd)	LB	Detroit Lions
Duke Dawson Jr. (2nd)	DB	Denver Broncos
Jeff Driskel (4th)	QB	Detroit Lions
Quinton Dunbar (5th)	DB	Washington Redskins
Carlos Dunlap (10th)	DE	Cincinnati Bengals
Dante Fowler Jr. (5th)	DE	Los Angeles Rams
Max Garcia (5th) [PUP]	OL	Arizona Cardinals
C.J. Gardner-Johnson (R)	DB	New Orleans Saints
Marcus Gilbert (9th) [IR]	OL	Arizona Cardinals
Joe Haden (10th)	DB	Pittsburgh Steelers
Jon Halapio (3rd)	OL	New York Giants
Vernon Hargreaves III (4th)	DB	Houston Texans
Marcell Harris (2nd)	S	San Francisco 49ers
Jonotthan Harrison (6th)	OL	New York Jets
D.J. Humphries (5th)	OL	Arizona Cardinals
Joey Ivie (2nd) [PS]	DL	Kansas City Chiefs
Fred Johnson (R)	OL	Pittsburgh Steelers
Vosean Joseph (R) [IR]	LB	Buffalo Bills
Marcus Maye (3rd)	S	New York Jets
Lerentee McCray (7th)	LB	Jacksonville Jaguars
Keanu Neal (4th) [IR]	S	Atlanta Falcons
Eddy Pineiro (2nd)	K	Chicago Bears
Jachai Polite (R) [PS]	DL	Los Angeles Rams
Brian Poole (3rd)	DB	New York Jets
Maurkice Pouncey (10th)	C	Pittsburgh Steelers
Mike Pouncey (9th) [IR]	C	Los Angeles Chargers
Brandon Powell (2nd)	WR	Atlanta Falcons
Jordan Reed (7th) [IR]	TE	Washington Redskins
Demarcus Robinson (4th)	WR	Kansas City Chiefs
Jordan Scarlett (R)	RB	Carolina Panthers
David Sharpe (3rd)	OT	Oakland Raiders
Teez Tabor (3rd) [PS]	DB	San Francisco 49ers
Jawaan Taylor (R)	OL	Jacksonville Jaguars
Jaylen Watkins (5th)	DB	Los Angeles Chargers
Quincy Wilson (3rd)	DB	Indianapolis Colts

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Florida had 35 players on active rosters Week 1 of the 2019-20 NFL season-- the third-highest total among FBS schools, behind Alabama (56) and Ohio State (45).

COMBINED RECORD OF OPPONENTS: 86-60 (.589)



DAN MULLEN - FLORIDA HEAD COACH



PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida	Head Coach (2018-Present)
	Hiring Date: November 26, 2017
Mississippi State	Head Coach (2009-17)
Florida	Offensive Coordinator / QBs (2005-08)
Utah	Quarterbacks (2003-04)
Bowling Green	Quarterbacks (2001-02)
Notre Dame	Graduate Assistant (1999-2000)
Syracuse	Graduate Assistant (1998)
Columbia	Wide Receivers (1996-97)
Wagner	Wide Receivers (1994-95)

YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACH RECORDS

Year	School	Overall	SEC	SEC Finish
2009	Mississippi State	5-7	3-5	6th in SEC West
2010	Mississippi State	9-4	4-4	5th in SEC West
2011	Mississippi State	7-6	2-6	5th in SEC West
2012	Mississippi State	8-5	4-4	4th in SEC West
2013	Mississippi State	7-6	3-5	5th in SEC West
2014	Mississippi State	10-3	6-2	2nd in SEC West
2015	Mississippi State	9-4	4-4	6th in SEC West
2016	Mississippi State	6-7	3-5	6th in SEC West
2017	Mississippi State	8-4	4-4	4th in SEC West
2018	Florida	10-3	5-3	t-2nd in SEC East
2019	Florida	10-2	6-2	2nd in SEC East
11th Season		89-51	44-44	

COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS

2014 Maxwell Football Club National Coach of the Year
2014 Associated Press SEC Coach of the Year

THE MULLEN FILE

Birthdate:	April 27, 1972 (age 46)
Hometown:	Manchester, New Hampshire
Education:	Bachelor's Degree - Ursinus College ('94) Major: Exercise and Sport Science Master's Degree - Wagner College ('96) Major: Education
Family:	He and his wife, Megan, have two children (Canon and Breelyn)

Mullen Revives Florida's Offense in 2018 Debut

- The Gators finished in the top 100 in scoring offense for the first time since 2014. They had not finished higher than 96th in total offense since 2010 (when they were 83rd), and their only passing offense to rank higher than 85th following the 2009 season checked in at 79th (2016).
- Florida's averages in each of the following categories were also its highest since 2009: scoring offense, total offense, rushing offense (and average), touchdown-interception ratio, passing touchdowns, and scrimmage touchdowns.
- Here is a look those massive improvements:

Category	2017	2018	Diff.
TD-INT Ratio	1.00 (t-111th)	4.67 (t-9th)	+102
Scoring Offense	22.1 (t-108th)	35.0 (22nd)	+86
Scrimmage TDs	25 (t-120th)	51 (t-35th)	+85
Passing Eff.	113.11 (113th)	145.76 (35th)	+78
Total Offense	335.9 (110th)	426.7 (42nd)	+68
3rd Down Pct.	32.5% (117th)	41.6% (48th)	+69
Rushing Offense	156.4 (75th)	213.2 (27th)	+48
Sacks Allowed	3.36 (124th)	1.39 (t-21st)	+103

- Florida also had its most games of 500-plus total yards (four), 400-plus total yards (six), and 350-plus total yards (10) since 2009, when it had five, six, and 10, respectively.
- Much of the success in 2018 could be attributed to Feleipe Franks turnaround, which Mullen engineered. Franks finished the year tied for 17th nationally in touchdown-interception ratio, and his 24 touchdown passes (to six interceptions) were the highest season total since Tim Tebow threw 30 en route to the 2008 national title.
- The Gators had 11 different pass catchers with a touchdown reception for the first time since 2009. In 2017, UF totaled 10 receiving touchdowns.
- Mullen joined Stanford's Chuck Shaughnessy (1-7-1 in 1939; 10-0 in 1940) and Auburn's Gus Malzahn (3-9 in 2012; 12-2 in 2013) as the only other head coaches in history to win 10 games in a debut season at a current Power Five program after inheriting a team that won less than five games the year prior.
- Oversaw the second-highest wins turnaround in school history (4-7 to 10-3 / +6), with it only being behind the 1980 Gators, who went 8-4 following a 0-10-1 campaign in 1979.
- Became the first head coach in Gators history to win seven-plus games in a debut season after inheriting a sub-.500 team.

In Perspective: Mullen's Mississippi State Turnaround

- Mullen took over in Starkville with the Bulldogs coming off a 4-8 season and a nine-season stretch from 2000-08 in which they went 37-69 and made just two bowl appearances.
- The Bulldogs went 69-46 overall, 33-39 in SEC play, and made eight bowl games in Mullen's nine seasons as head coach. Of his losses, 34 (or 74 percent of them) were to ranked opponents.
- Seven of MSU's top nine (and all of its top four) highest total offense per game season averages were produced with Mullen as head coach
- Mississippi State broke more than 112 game, season, and career school records under Mullen.

2000-08 Mississippi State (9 seasons Pre-Mullen)

Category	Per Game Average	FBS Rank
Scoring Offense	19.1 points	115th
Total Offense	313.3 yards	114th
Passing Offense	103.5 yards	104th
Rushing Offense	131.4 yards	92nd
Passer Rating	103.5	119th
Touchdowns-Int.	0.72 ratio (101-141)	119th

2009-17 Mississippi State (9 seasons with Mullen)

Category	Per Game Average	FBS Rank
Scoring Offense	30.1 points	t-48th (+67)
Total Offense	420.4 yards	42nd (+72)
Passing Offense	219.4 yards	77th (+37)
Rushing Offense	201.0 yards	20th (+72)
Passer Rating	133.9	55th (+64)
Touchdowns-Int.	1.86 ratio (197-106)	57th (+62)

Mississippi State Pre-Mullen vs. Mullen Era

Category	Pre-Mullen	w/ Mullen
Years of Football	109	9
Associated Press Top-15 Finishes	3	2
Wins over AP Top 10 Teams	6	4
4,500-total-yard seasons (team)	1	8
380-yards-per-game seasons (team)	3	7
3,000-yard rushing seasons (team)	1	2
1,000-yard rushing seasons (ind.)	8	6
1,000-yard rushers	6	6
250-yard rushers (single game)	2	2
Bowl Game Appearances	13	8
Bowl Game Wins	7	5
Associated Press All-Americans	10	6
Davey O'Brien Award Finalists	0	2

- Mullen made Mississippi State one of 11 FBS programs to produce six different 1,000-yard rushers from 2009-17. The others were: Auburn (9), Nevada (7), Alabama (6), Army (6), Baylor (6), Boise State (6), Georgia Tech (6), Navy (6), Ohio State (6), and Wisconsin (6).
- Mississippi State produced 26 NFL Draft picks in Mullen's nine seasons, including a pair of First-Rounders. From 1996 through 2008, MSU had 27 NFL Draft picks.

DAN MULLEN - FLORIDA HEAD COACH

In Perspective: Mullen Takes Mississippi State to No. 1

- Mullen led Mississippi State to a 9-0 start in 2014, allowing the Bulldogs to secure the No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 for a five-week stretch from Oct. 12 through Nov. 9.
- The Bulldogs' held the No. 1 ranking until after a 25-20 loss at No. 4 Alabama on Nov. 15.
- Since 2001, only 16 FBS programs--predominantly "blueblood" schools--have been ranked No. 1 in the AP Top 25.
- Since 2001, only 11 FBS programs have been ranked No. 1 in the AP Top 25 at least five weeks:** Alabama, Clemson, Florida, Florida State, LSU, Miami, Mississippi State, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Oregon, and Southern California.
- Since 2013, only six FBS programs have been the No. 1 team in the AP Top 25.**

Program	Weeks at No. 1
Alabama	65
Clemson	14
Florida State	12
Ohio State	11
LSU	7
Mississippi State	5

In Perspective: Mullen as Florida's O.C.

- During Mullen's four seasons as the Gators offensive coordinator from 2005-08, Florida ranked 3rd in passer rating (155.9), 8th in scoring offense (36.3), 15th in total offense (418.9), 21st in rushing offense (185.6), 39th in passing offense (233.2).
- Coordinated an offense that ranked 4th nationally in points per game (43.6--also fourth in school history) and 15th in yards per game (445.1), eventually helping the Gators win the 2009 BCS National Championship Game.
- Coordinated a Gators offense that scored 41 points to rout Ohio State--which had the nation's top scoring defense--in the 2007 BCS National Champ. Game.
- Coordinated the 2007 offense to 457.2 total yards per game, which ranks eighth in UF history.
- Helped Chad Jackson garner Biletnikoff Award semifinalist status after he set UF's single-season record with 88 receptions in 2005. Jackson led the SEC and ranked 6th nationally in receptions.
- Also in 2005, center Mike Degory was named a Rimington Trophy finalist.

In Perspective: Mullen's Quarterbacks Track Record

- In 2002 at Bowling Green, Mullen helped Josh Harris account for the 2nd-most total touchdowns (41) among FBS players and 3,213 total yards.
- In 2004 at Utah, Mullen helped Alex Smith account for the 2nd-most total touchdowns (42) among FBS players, and amass 3,604 total yards.
- Smith finished fourth in the 2004 Heisman Trophy voting and was the No. 1 pick in 2005 NFL Draft.
- In 2007, Mullen helped Tim Tebow account for the 2nd-most total touchdowns (55 -- an SEC record) among FBS players, and amass 4,181 total yards.
- Tebow was the first quarterback in FBS history to pass for 20+ touchdowns and rush for 20+ touchdowns in a season (2007), and his 2007 season remains the only one in history of more than 30 passing and 20 rushing touchdowns.
- Tebow won the Heisman Trophy in 2007 (first-ever underclassman winner).

- Tebow's numbers dipped slightly in 2008, but he still ranked 7th nationally in total touchdowns (42) and accounted for 3,419 total yards.
- In 2014, Mullen helped Dak Prescott finish tied for fifth nationally in total touchdowns (42) in 2014, in addition to totaling 4,470 yards (3,449 pass / 986 rush / 35 receiving).
- Prescott finished 8th in the 2014 Heisman voting and was a finalist for the Maxwell Award.
- Prescott's rushing production dipped in 2015, but he increased his passing production and finished the season ranked 15th nationally in passing yards (3,793). He also ranked 11th nationally with 39 total touchdowns.
- In 2016, Mullen helped first-year starter Nick Fitzgerald, a redshirt sophomore, tie for 14th nationally with 37 total touchdowns. Fitzgerald also ran for 1,375 yards--ranking 3rd among FBS quarterbacks.
- In 2017, Fitzgerald accounted for 2,766 yards (1,782 passing, 984 rushing) and 29 touchdowns (15 passing, 14 rushing) despite missing nearly all of the Egg Bowl and Mississippi State's bowl game due to a gruesome ankle injury.

Notable Seasons by Mullen Quarterbacks

Year	Quarterback (Yr.)	Yards	Comp-Att (Pct.)	TD	INT	Rating	Record
2002	Josh Harris, BGSU (Jr)	2,425	198-353 (56.1)	19	11	124.4	9-3
2003	Alex Smith, Utah (So)	2,247	173-266 (65.0)	15	3	152.3	9-1
2004	Alex Smith, Utah (Jr)	2,952	214-317 (67.5)	32	4	176.5	12-0
2005	Chris Leak, Florida (Jr)	2,639	235-374 (62.8)	20	6	136.5	9-3
2006	Chris Leak, Florida (Sr)	2,942	232-365 (63.6)	23	13	144.9	13-1
2007	Tim Tebow, Florida (So)	3,286	234-350 (66.9)	32	6	172.5	9-4
2008	Tim Tebow, Florida (Jr)	2,746	192-298 (64.4)	30	4	172.4	13-1
2009	Tim Tebow, Florida (Sr)	2,895	213-314 (67.8)	21	5	164.2	13-1
2014	Dak Prescott, MSU (R-Jr)	3,449	244-396 (61.6)	27	11	151.7	10-3
2015	Dak Prescott, MSU (R-Sr)	3,793	316-477 (66.2)	29	5	151.0	9-4
2016	Nick Fitzgerald, MSU (R-So)	2,423	196-361 (54.3)	21	10	124.3	6-7
2017	Nick Fitzgerald, MSU (R-Jr)	1,782	159-286 (55.6)	15	11	117.5	8-4
2018	Feleipe Franks, Florida (R-So)	2,457	188-322 (58.4)	24	6	143.4	10-3

Notable Year Two Jumps by Mullen Starting Quarterbacks

Year	Quarterback (Yr.)	Yards	Comp-Att (Pct.)	TD	INT	Rush	Yards	TD
2001	Josh Harris, BGSU (So)	1,022	81-133 (60.9)	9	3	126	614	8
2002	Josh Harris, BGSU (Jr)	2,425	198-353 (56.1)	18	11	186	737	20
2003	Alex Smith, Utah (So)	2,247	173-266 (65.0)	15	3	149	452	5
2004	Alex Smith, Utah (Jr)	2,952	214-317 (67.5)	32	4	135	631	10
2005	Chris Leak, Florida (Jr)	2,639	235-374 (62.8)	20	6	105	81	6
2006	Chris Leak, Florida (Sr)	2,942	232-365 (63.6)	23	13	77	30	3
2011	Tyler Russell, MSU (So)	1,034	69-129 (53.5)	8	4	33	45	1
2012	Tyler Russell, MSU (Jr)	2,897	231-394 (58.6)	24	10	43	(-5)	2
2013	Dak Prescott (R-So)	1,940	156-267 (58.4)	10	7	134	829	13
2014	Dak Prescott (R-Jr)	3,449	244-396 (61.6)	27	11	210	986	14
2015	Dak Prescott (R-Sr)	3,793	316-477 (66.2)	29	5	160	588	10

Mullen's Offense - Year One vs. Year Two

Year	Team	GP	Total Off.	FBS Rank	Scoring Off.	FBS	Rush Off.	FBS
2005	Florida	12	373.4	61st	28.6	49th	146.8	56th
2006	Florida	14	396.1	19th	29.7	t-23rd	160.0	38th
2009	Miss. St.	12	371.9	65th	25.6	t-72nd	227.6	9th
2010	Miss. St.	13	401.3	42nd	29.0	t-48th	214.8	16th



DAN MULLEN - YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

MISSISSIPPI STATE (2009-17)

2009 (5-7, 3-5 SEC) | H: 2-5 / A: 3-1 / N: 0-1 / vs. Ranked: 1-4

Sept. 5	JACKSON STATE	W, 45-7
Sept. 12	* at Auburn	L, 24-49
Sept. 19	* at Vanderbilt	W, 15-3
Sept. 26	* No. 7 LSU	L, 26-30
Oct. 3	No. 25 GEORGIA TECH	L, 31-42
Oct. 10	HOUSTON	L, 24-31
Oct. 17	at Middle Tennessee	W, 27-6
Oct. 24	* No. 2 FLORIDA	L, 19-29
Oct. 31	* at Kentucky	W, 31-24
Nov. 14	* No. 3 ALABAMA	L, 3-31
Nov. 21	* at Arkansas (in Little Rock)	L, 21-42
Nov. 28	* No. 20 OLE MISS	W, 41-27

2010 (9-4, 4-4 SEC) | H: 5-2 / A: 3-2 / N: 1-0 / vs. Ranked: 1-4

Sept. 4	MEMPHIS	W, 49-7
Sept. 9	* No. 22 AUBURN	L, 14-17
Sept. 18	* at No. 15 LSU	L, 7-29
Sept. 25	* GEORGIA	W, 24-12
Oct. 2	ALCORN STATE	W, 49-16
Oct. 9	at Houston	W, 47-24
Oct. 16	* at No. 22 Florida	W, 10-7
Oct. 23	UAB	W, 29-24
Oct. 30	* KENTUCKY	W, 24-17
Nov. 13	* at No. 11 Alabama	L, 10-30
Nov. 20	* No. 13 ARKANSAS	L, 31-38 [2OT]
Nov. 27	* at Ole Miss	W, 31-23
Jan. 1	vs. Michigan (Gator Bowl - Jacksonville)	W, 52-14

Final Rankings: No. 15 (AP) / No. 17 (Coaches)

2011 (7-6, 2-6 SEC) | H: 3-3 / A: 3-2 / N: 1-1 / vs. Ranked: 0-5

Sept. 1	at Memphis	W, 59-17
Sept. 10	* at No. 23 Auburn	L, 34-41
Sept. 15	* at No. 3 LSU	L, 6-19
Sept. 25	LOUISIANA TECH	W, 26-20 [OT]
Oct. 1	* at Georgia	L, 10-24
Oct. 8	at UAB	W, 21-3
Oct. 15	* No. 15 SOUTH CAROLINA	L, 12-14
Oct. 29	* at Kentucky	W, 28-16
Nov. 5	UT MARTIN	W, 55-17
Nov. 12	* No. 4 ALABAMA	L, 7-24
Nov. 19	* at No. 6 Arkansas (at Little Rock)	L, 17-44
Nov. 26	* OLE MISS	W, 31-3
Dec. 30	vs. Wake Forest (Music City Bowl - Nashville)	W, 23-17

2012 (8-5, 4-4 SEC) | H: 6-1 / A: 2-3 / N: 0-1 / vs. Ranked: 0-4

Sept. 1	JACKSON STATE	W, 56-9
Sept. 8	* AUBURN	W, 28-10
Sept. 15	at Troy	W, 30-24
Sept. 22	SOUTH ALABAMA	W, 30-10
Oct. 6	* at Kentucky	W, 27-14
Oct. 13	* TENNESSEE	W, 41-31
Oct. 20	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	W, 45-3
Oct. 27	* at No. 1 Alabama	L, 7-38
Nov. 3	* No. 16 TEXAS A&M	L, 13-38
Nov. 10	* at No. 9 LSU	L, 17-37
Nov. 17	* ARKANSAS	W, 45-14
Nov. 24	* at Ole Miss	L, 24-41
Jan. 1	vs. No. 20 Northwestern (Gator Bowl)	L, 20-34

2013 (7-6, 3-5 SEC) | H: 5-2 / A: 1-3 / N: 1-1 / vs. Ranked: 0-5

Aug. 31	vs. No. 13 Oklahoma State (in Houston)	L, 3-21
Sept. 7	ALCORN STATE	W, 51-7
Sept. 14	* at Auburn	L, 20-24
Sept. 21	TROY	W, 62-7
Oct. 5	* No. 10 LSU	L, 26-49
Oct. 12	BOWLING GREEN	W, 21-20
Oct. 24	* KENTUCKY	W, 28-22
Nov. 2	* at No. 14 South Carolina	L, 16-34
Nov. 9	* at No. 11 Texas A&M	L, 41-51
Nov. 16	* No. 1 ALABAMA	L, 3-20
Nov. 23	* at Arkansas (at Little Rock)	W, 24-17 [OT]
Nov. 28	* OLE MISS	W, 17-10 [OT]
Dec. 31	vs. Rice (Liberty Bowl - Memphis)	W, 44-7

2014 (10-3, 6-2 SEC) | H: 7-0 / A: 3-2 / N: 0-1 / vs. Ranked: 3-3

Aug. 30	SOUTHERN MISS	W, 49-0
Sept. 6	UAB	W, 47-34
Sept. 13	at South Alabama	W, 35-3
Sept. 20	* at No. 8 LSU	W, 34-29
Oct. 4	* No. 6 TEXAS A&M	W, 48-31
Oct. 11	* No. 2 AUBURN	W, 38-23
Oct. 25	* at Kentucky	W, 45-31
Nov. 1	* ARKANSAS	W, 17-10
Nov. 8	UT MARTIN	W, 45-16
Nov. 15	* at No. 4 Alabama	L, 20-25
Nov. 22	* VANDERBILT	W, 51-0
Nov. 29	* at No. 18 Ole Miss	L, 17-31
Dec. 31	vs. No. 10 Georgia Tech (Orange Bowl - Miami)	L, 34-49

Final Rankings: No. 11 (AP) / No. 12 (Coaches) / No. 7 (CFP)

2015 (9-4, 4-4 SEC) | H: 4-3 / A: 4-1 / N: 1-0 / vs. Ranked: 0-4

Sept. 5	at Southern Miss	W, 34-16
Sept. 12	* No. 14 LSU	L, 19-21
Sept. 19	NORTHWESTERN STATE	W, 62-13
Sept. 26	* at Auburn	W, 17-9
Oct. 3	* at No. 14 TEXAS A&M	L, 17-30
Oct. 10	TROY	W, 45-17
Oct. 17	LOUISIANA TECH	W, 45-20
Oct. 24	* KENTUCKY	W, 42-16
Nov. 5	* at Missouri	W, 31-13
Nov. 14	* No. 3 ALABAMA	L, 6-31
Nov. 21	* at Arkansas	W, 51-50
Nov. 28	* No. 19 OLE MISS	L, 27-38
Dec. 30	vs. N.C. State (Belk Bowl - Charlotte)	W, 51-28

2016 (6-7, 3-5 SEC) | H: 3-3 / A: 2-4 / N: 1-0 / vs. Ranked: 1-2

Sept. 3	SOUTH ALABAMA	L, 20-21
Sept. 10	* SOUTH CAROLINA	W, 27-14
Sept. 17	* at No. 20 LSU	L, 20-23
Sept. 24	at UMass (at Foxborough)	W, 47-35
Oct. 8	* AUBURN	L, 14-38
Oct. 14	at BYU	L, 21-28 [2OT]
Oct. 22	* at Kentucky	L, 38-40
Oct. 29	SAMFORD	W, 56-41
Nov. 5	* No. 7 TEXAS A&M	W, 35-28
Nov. 12	* at No. 1 Alabama	L, 3-51
Nov. 19	* ARKANSAS	L, 42-58
Nov. 26	* at Ole Miss	W, 55-20
Dec. 26	vs. Miami [Ohio] (St. Petersburg [Fla.] Bowl)	W, 51-28

2017 (8-4, 4-4 SEC) | H: 5-2 / A: 3-2 / N: 0-0 / vs. Ranked: 1-3

Sept. 2	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W, 49-0
Sept. 9	at Louisiana Tech	W, 57-21
Sept. 16	* No. 12 LSU	W, 37-7
Sept. 23	* at No. 11 Georgia	L, 3-31
Sept. 30	* at No. 13 Auburn	L, 10-49
Oct. 14	BYU	W, 35-10
Oct. 21	* KENTUCKY	W, 45-7
Oct. 28	* at Texas A&M	W, 35-14
Nov. 4	UMASS	W, 34-23
Nov. 11	* No. 1 ALABAMA	L, 24-31
Nov. 18	* at Arkansas	W, 28-21
Nov. 23	* OLE MISS	L, 28-31

Final Rankings: No. 19 (AP) / No. 20 (Coaches) / No. 23 (CFP)

FLORIDA (2018-Present)

2018 (10-3, 5-3 SEC) | H: 5-2 / A: 4-0 / N: 1-1 / vs. Ranked: 3-1

Sept. 1	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W, 53-6
Sept. 8	* KENTUCKY	L, 16-27
Sept. 15	COLORADO STATE	W, 48-10
Sept. 22	* at Tennessee	W, 47-21
Sept. 29	* at No. 23 Mississippi State	W, 13-6
Oct. 6	* No. 5 LSU	W, 27-19
Oct. 13	* at Vanderbilt	W, 37-27
Oct. 27	* vs. No. 7 Georgia (in Jacksonville)	L, 17-36
Nov. 3	* MISSOURI	L, 17-38
Nov. 10	* SOUTH CAROLINA	W, 35-31
Nov. 17	IDAHO	W, 63-10
Nov. 24	at Florida State	W, 41-15
Dec. 29	vs. No. 7 Michigan (Peach Bowl - Atlanta)	W, 41-15

Final Rankings: No. 7 (AP) / No. 6 (Coaches) / No. 10 (CFP)

Mullen's Situational Records as a Head Coach

Home: 51-23 / Away: 31-21 / Neutral: 7-7

vs. Ranked Opponents: 11-37

When Ranked: 5-20

When Unranked: 6-17

When Leading After 3rd Quarter: 78-4

When Rushing for 225+ Yards: 41-8

Games Decided by 7 Points or Less: 17-16

Games Decided by 3 Points or Less: 3-7

Overtime: 3-2

Bowl Games: 6-2

Mullen's Record Versus SEC Opponents

Alabama	0-9
Arkansas	5-4
Auburn	4-6
Florida	1-1
Georgia	1-4
Kentucky	9-2
LSU	3-8
Mississippi State	1-0
Missouri	2-1
Ole Miss	5-4
South Carolina	3-2
Tennessee	3-0
Texas A&M	3-3
Vanderbilt	4-0

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT COACHES



In-Game: Sideline

Todd Grantham - Defensive Coordinator (2nd season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** coached as defensive coordinator under Mullen at Mississippi State for the 2017 season.
- Helped Gators to a +12 turnover margin (tied 7th nationally) with 26 takeaways (tied 11th nationally) in 2018.
- Helped defensive end Jachai Polite tie the school record and lead all of FBS with six forced fumbles in 2018. Polite also finished eighth nationally with 11 sacks.
- Previous Sints as Defensive Coordinator: Mississippi State (2017), Louisville (2014-16), Georgia (2010-13), Cleveland Browns (2005-07)
- Developed 38 NFL Draft picks in his collegiate coaching career.
- From 2014-16, Louisville's defense had 58 interceptions--tied with Ohio State and trailing San Diego State (63) for the 2nd-highest total among FBS teams in his three year as DC.
- Louisville also ranked 4th in rushing defense (114.8 yards per game), 7th in third down defense (32.9 percent), and 10th in total defense (321.2 yards per game) among FBS teams.
- From 2010-13, Georgia tied for 9th in passing defense (189.6 yards per game), 14th in total defense (334.1 yards per game).
- Coached 11 seasons in the NFL with the Cowboys (2008-09), Browns (2005-07), Texans (2002-04), and Colts (1999-2001).

Grantham's Dramatic Turnaround at Mississippi State

Category	'17 Stats	FBS Rank	'16 Stats	FBS Rank	Change
Total Defense	306.3	10th	459.1	110th	+100
Pass Defense	174.7	12th	281.5	120th	+108
Rush Defense	131.62	28th	177.5	70th	+42
Scoring Defense	20.9	t-26th	31.8	93rd	+67
Yards Per Play	5.2	40th	6.2	103rd	+53
First Down Defense	13.2	2nd	22.9	98th	+96
Third Down Defense	30.4%	10th	41.1%	79th	+69
Fumbles Forced	17	t-4th	12	t-39th	+35
Sacks Per Game	2.77	t-22nd	1.92	t-75th	+53



In-Game: Booth

Ron English - Safeties (2nd season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** safeties coach under Mullen at Mississippi State for the 2017 season.
- Notable Coaching Stints: Michigan (2003-05 - secondary), Michigan (2006-07 - defensive coordinator), Eastern Michigan (2009-13 - head coach), Mississippi State (2017 - safeties)
- Coached Chauncey Gardner-Johnson to a team-leading four interceptions (and two return touchdowns) in 2018.
- DC for Mississippi State's 2017 TaxSlayer Bowl win--which saw it force 2016 Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson into a career-high four interceptions and a season-high six sacks.
- D-coordinator for a Michigan unit that led the FBS in rushing defense (43.4 yards), rushing touchdowns allowed (5) in 2006.
- In 2005, Michigan was 8th nationally in pass defense (178.8).
- From 2006-07, Michigan was tied for 7th in third down defense (32.5 percent), 11th in rushing defense (100.1 yards), and 13th in total defense (302.0 yards).
- Also at Michigan, in 2004, he became the first coach in NCAA history to have two defensive backs (cornerback Marlin Jackson, safety Ernest Shazor) earn consensus All-America honors the same season.
- Michigan's 2003 defense allowed the fewest passing touchdowns in the nation (9).



In-Game: Sideline

Torrian Gray - Cornerbacks (1st season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** "I've never been in a situation where we lose a coach, and basically every player on the team starts texting me, 'Is there any way we can go hire this guy?' I'd never met Torrian. But every one of our players was like, 'We have to get him.'"
- Coached defensive backs for Florida in 2016, guiding Teez Tabor to All-SEC First Team honors.
- Developed Gators defensive backs Tabor, Marcus Maye and Quincy Wilson into 2017 NFL Draft second round selections.
- Previous Coaching Stints: Washington Redskins (DBs - 2017-18); Virginia Tech (defensive secondary - 2006-15); Chicago Bears (assistant DBs - 2004-05); Connecticut (DBs - 2002-03); Maine (DBs - 2000-01)
- Developed 11 Hokies defensive backs into NFL Draft picks, including first-rounder Kyle Fuller.
- Virginia Tech led the nation in opponent completion percentage (50.4) and ranked second nationally in pass defense (185.0) and opponent passer rating (106.5) in his 10 seasons.
- Three-time all-conference defensive back at Virginia Tech while current Gators DC Todd Grantham was on staff.
- Drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in the second round of the 1997 NFL Draft. Played three seasons with Vikings before a career-ending knee injury in 2000.



In-Game: Sideline

Christian Robinson - Linebackers (2nd season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** graduate assistant for Mullen's coaching staff at Mississippi State in 2017.
- Helped Vosean Joseph to a career-high and team-leading 93 tackles in 2018; he was a fifth-round pick in the 2019 NFL Draft.
- Previous Coaching Stints (all as a GA): Mississippi State (2017), Ole Miss (2015-16), Georgia (2013-14)
- Worked with the defensive line at Ole Miss, helping Robert Nkemdiche become a 2015 Hornung Finalist, first-team All-American, and 29th overall pick in the 2016 NFL Draft.
- Played 51 games (17 starts) as a linebacker at Georgia from 2009-12. Had 159 tackles and helped the Bulldogs to SEC East titles in 2011 and 2012.

David Turner - Defensive Line (1st season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** defensive line coach for Mullen's first season (2009) and three others (2013-15) at Mississippi State.
- Coached for a combined 18 seasons in the SEC at Texas A&M (2016-17), Mississippi State, Kentucky (2010-12; 1993-94), Alabama (2006), and Vanderbilt (2002-05).
- Helped develop Myles Garrett into the No. 1 overall pick of the 2017 NFL Draft while the run defense coordinator / defensive tackles coach at Texas A&M.
- In his final two seasons at Mississippi State (2014-15), the team piled up 180 tackles for loss and 68 sacks.
- The 2014 Bulldogs ranked second in the SEC with 37 seconds, while the 2015 Bulldogs set a school record with 98 TFLs.
- Also helped the 2014 Bulldogs to their first 10-win season since 1999 with the nation's No. 1-ranked red zone defense. Opponents scored on just 63.6 percent of their chances.
- Spent time at UTSA (2018), Minnesota (2001), Virginia (1997-2000), N.C. State (1995-96; 1988-89), James Madison (1991-92), Indiana Pa. (1990), and his alma mater, Davidson (1986-87).



In-Game: Sideline



OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT COACHES



In-Game: Sideline

John Hevesy - Co-Coordinator/Offensive Line (2nd season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** member of Mullen's coaching staff for entirety of his 9-season tenure at Mississippi State (2009-17). Also worked with Mullen when both were assistants at Florida (2005-08), Utah (2003-04), and Bowling Green (2001-02).
- Coordinated Florida's offense to its best numbers since 2009 in numerous categories, including rushing offense (213.2 yards per game - 27th in FBS) and rushing average (5.3 yards per carry - tied 18th in FBS).
- Oversaw running game and offensive line his entire MSU tenure, adding co-offensive coordinator duties from 2014-17.
- From 2009-17, Mississippi State's rushing offense ranked 20th nationally (201.0 yards per game). The Bulldogs ranked 92nd (131.4 yards per game) in the prior 9-year stretch.
- Helped make Mississippi State one of 11 FBS programs to produce six different 1,000-yard rushers from 2009-17.
- Coached MSU rushing offenses that ranked in the FBS top 20 in 2017 (11th - 251.69), 2010 (16th - 215.85), 2009 (9th - 224.8).
- Member of Florida's coaching staff for both 2006 and 2008 BCS National Championship Game wins. (Assistant offensive line coach for entire tenure, added tight ends in 2008).
- From 2005-08, with Hevesy assisting the offensive line, UF's rushing offense ranked 21st nationally (185.6 yards per game). The four seasons prior, the Gators ranked 78th (140.5 ypg).
- Helped Utah's 2004 offense rank 3rd nationally (499.8 yards), coaching the offensive line.
- Credited with producing 19 NFL Draft picks, including First-Rounders in Florida's Mike and Maurkice Pouncey, and Mississippi State offensive tackle Derek Sherrod.



In-Game: Sideline

Billy Gonzales - Co-Coordinator/Receivers (2nd season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** member of Mullen's staff from 2013-17 (receivers coach all four seasons, co-offensive coordinator final three) at Mississippi State. Also worked with Mullen when both were assistants at Florida (2005-08), Utah (receivers - 2003-04) and Bowling Green (receivers - 2001-02).
- Coordinated Florida's offense to its best numbers since 2009 in numerous categories, including passing touchdowns (28 - tied 23rd in FBS).
- Helped 11 different Gators catch a touchdown pass for the first time since 2009. UF totaled 10 touchdown receptions in 2018.
- Notable NFL Receivers Coached:
 - » Odell Beckham Jr. - LSU --> Giants / Browns
 - » Louis Murphy - Florida --> Five teams
 - » Percy Harvin - Florida --> Four teams
 - » Jarvis Landry - LSU --> Dolphins / Browns
- Coached Mississippi State receivers to 18 100-yard games, and Fred Ross Jr. to a 1,000-yard season in 2015.
- Helped seven Gators become NFL Draft picks as receivers coach from 2005-09, a stint that saw UF win two national titles.
- Helped Utah's 2004 offense rank 3rd nationally (499.8 yards), coaching wide receiver Paris Warren to a 1,000-yard season.
- Coached Eugene Baker to consecutive seasons of 1,200-plus yards at Kent State, including the nation's 3rd-highest total (1,549 yards) in 1997 and 9th-highest total (1,215) in 1996.
- Other Notable Jobs: Kent State (1995-2001 - receivers / running backs), LSU (2010-11 - passing game coord. / receivers)



In-Game: Booth

Brian Johnson - Quarterbacks (2nd season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** coached quarterbacks under Mullen at Mississippi State from 2014-16.
- Previous Coaching Stints: Utah (2010-11 - QBs; 2012-13 - offensive coordinator / QBs), Mississippi State (2014-16 - QBs), Houston (2017 - offensive coordinator / QBs)
- Coached Feleipe Franks to the best season by a Gators quarterback since Tim Tebow in 2009. Franks' 24 touchdowns were UF's highest total since 2008, and he finished tied for 17th nationally in touchdown-interception ratio (24-6).
- Kept Houston's total offense in the top 45 nationally in 2017 despite losing three-year-starting quarterback Greg Ward Jr.
- Mentored Dak Prescott at Mississippi State, helping him become a Maxwell and Davey O'Brien Award finalist.
- Also helped Prescott join Tim Tebow as the only other quarterback in SEC history with 8,500 passing yards and 2,000 rushing yards in a career.
- Became the youngest FBS offensive coordinator in the country (at 24) upon his promotion at Utah in February 2012.
- Captained Utah to a 13-0 season in 2008, capped by a Sugar Bowl victory over No. 4 Alabama (in which he was MVP).
- Appeared on Playstation 3 cover of EA Sports NCAA Football 10



In-Game: Sideline

Greg Knox

Running Backs / Special Teams Coordinator

- **The Mullen Connection:** member of Mullen's coaching staff for entirety of his 9-season tenure at Mississippi State (2009-17). Knox coached running backs all nine years and took over as special teams coordinator in 2014.
- Coached third Gators running back duo in school history (Lamical Perine, Jordan Scarlett) to rush for 775-plus yards in the same season.
- Mentored five 1,000-yard running backs at Mississippi State.
- Mississippi State tied for the SEC lead and tied for 3rd nationally in blocked kicks and punts (15) from 2014-17, when Knox was special teams coordinator.



In-Game: Sideline

Larry Scott - Tight Ends (2nd season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** second season on same staff.
- Previous Coaching Jobs: USF (2006-12), Miami (2013-15), Tennessee (2016-17)
- Mentored Miami tight end Clive Walford to a third-team All-America honor in 2014.
- Coached Ethan Wolf to the 2nd-most receptions (91), 3rd-most receiving yards by a tight end in Tennessee history (998).
- Served as Miami's interim head coach in 2015, posting a 4-2 record and leading the Hurricanes to a berth in the Sun Bowl.



In-Game: Sideline

Nick Savage

Director of Strength & Conditioning (2nd season)

- **The Mullen Connection:** headed Mississippi State's strength program for the final two seasons of Mullen's tenure. Also assisted on the strength staff from 2014-15.
- Gators averaged 3.5 percent loss in body fat Savage's first two months in Gainesville.
- Also worked at Bowling Green (January-May 2013), Ohio State (May 2013-January 2014), Toledo (January 2014-May 2014).

	In 2019	In 2018	From 2015-17	From 2011-14	From 2005-10
Florida's Record...					
Overall	10-2	10-3	23-15	29-21	65-15
at Home	6-0	5-2	14-4	18-8	36-5
on the Road	3-1	4-0	6-6	8-9	17-7
at Neutral Sites	1-1	1-1	3-5	3-4	12-3
in the State of Florida	7-1	6-3	17-7	21-13	46-8
Jacksonville	0-1	0-1	2-1	2-3	5-1
Miami	--	--	--	0-1	1-0
Orlando	1-0	0-0	0-1	--	0-1
Tallahassee	--	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1
Tampa	--	--	1-0	--	2-0
in Overtime	--	--	1-0	0-1	1-0
Florida versus SEC Teams...					
Overall	6-2	5-3	16-10	17-15	38-13
at Home	3-0	2-2	8-2	9-5	16-5
on the Road	3-1	3-0	6-5	7-7	15-6
at Neutral Sites	0-1	0-1	2-3	1-3	7-2
Florida in Games...					
vs. Non-Conference Teams	4-0	5-0	7-5	12-6	27-2
vs. Unranked Teams	8-0	7-2	19-6	24-8	47-5
vs. Ranked Teams	1-2	3-1	4-9	5-13	18-10
Home	1-0	1-0	2-1	2-2	6-2
Away	0-1	1-0	1-3	2-8	4-6
Neutral	0-1	1-1	1-5	1-3	8-2
vs. Top-10 Teams	1-2	2-1	1-4	4-6	12-4
Decided by 7 points or less	1-1	2-0	9-2	7-9	10-7
Decided by 3 points or less	--	0-0	3-2	1-3	4-3
When Florida...					
Scores First	8-0	6-1	18-5	17-7	49-1
Opponents Score First	2-2	4-2	5-10	12-14	16-14
Scores 30-plus points	6-0	8-0	9-0	17-0	47-3
Scores 40-plus points	3-0	6-0	3-0	6-0	31-0
Scores less than 21 points	0-1	1-3	6-12	4-18	4-9
Allows 14 or fewer points	6-0	5-0	18-0	16-0	40-1
Allows 20 or fewer points	8-0	7-0	19-2	24-5	52-2
Allows 21-plus points	2-2	3-3	4-13	5-16	13-13
Leads at halftime	7-0	7-1	17-3	24-4	57-3
Trails -or- Tied at halftime	3-2	3-2	6-12	5-17	8-12
Leads after 3rd Quarter	8-0	8-0	20-1	24-3	60-2
Trails -or- Tied after 3rd Qtr.	2-2	2-3	3-14	5-18	5-13
Out-Rushes its Opponent	7-0	9-0	16-2	27-6	63-6
is Out-Rushed by Opponent	3-2	1-3	7-13	2-15	2-9
When Florida Finishes with...					
300-plus Total Yards	10-1	10-2	17-6	24-5	58-9
400-plus Total Yards	6-1	6-0	8-1	15-1	39-1
500-plus Total Yards	2-0	4-0	3-0	5-0	21-0
Less than 300 Total Yards	0-1	0-1	6-9	5-16	7-6
150-plus Rushing Yards	5-0	9-1	11-3	21-3	48-5
200-plus Rushing Yards	1-0	9-0	7-1	15-2	32-2
250-plus Rushing Yards	--	4-0	4-0	7-0	17-0
a 100-yard Rusher	1-0	3-0	9-1	17-3	19-1
Less than 100 Rushing Yards	3-1	0-0	3-9	1-8	7-5
250-plus Passing Yards	9-2	3-0	6-4	5-2	27-1
300-plus Passing Yards	6-1	1-0	2-0	3-1	11-1
Less than 200 Passing Yards	--	5-2	17-11	17-17	23-8
Blocked a Kick / Punt	1-0	2-0	0-4	9-3	22-1
When Florida Allows...					
Less than 200 Total Yards	2-0	0-0	6-0	5-3	12-0
Less than 300 Total Yards	7-0	4-0	15-2	17-7	40-3
300-plus Total Yards	3-2	6-3	8-13	12-14	25-12
400-plus Total Yards	2-1	0-3	3-8	4-6	5-4
Less than 100 Rushing Yards	7-0	2-0	12-2	18-5	44-1
100-plus Rushing Yards	3-2	8-3	11-13	11-16	21-14
150-plus Rushing Yards	1-1	4-3	5-12	2-13	3-8
200-plus Rushing Yards	1-1	1-2	3-11	1-6	1-4
a 100-yard Rusher	1-1	0-3	6-9	2-12	7-7
Less than 200 Passing Yards	7-0	5-1	16-7	16-13	38-7
200-plus Passing Yards	3-2	5-2	7-8	13-8	27-8
300-plus Passing Yards	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-2	7-1

TITLE CENTRAL

Florida is one of three schools to win three outright national titles since 1990. The 2006 and 2008 championships were won in the BCS National Championship Game, and the Gators were the unanimous pick in all four major polls in 1996.

NATIONAL TITLES (Since 1990)

Team	Years	Titles
Alabama	1992, 2009, '11, '12, '15, '17	6
FLORIDA	1996, 2006, 2008	3
Florida State	1993, 1999, 2008	3
Nebraska	1994, 1995, 1997*	3
Clemson	2016, 2018	2
LSU	2003*, 2007	2
Miami	1991*, 2001	2
Ohio State	2002, 2014	2
Southern California	2003*, 2004	2

*Split Title

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WINS

Alabama	8
FLORIDA	7
LSU	5
Auburn	3
Georgia	3
Tennessee	2

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME APPEARANCES

FLORIDA	12
Alabama	12
Georgia	8
Auburn	6
LSU	6
Tennessee	5
Arkansas	3
Missouri	2
Ole Miss	1
South Carolina	1

RECORDS IN THE SWAMP (Since 1990)

Overall	160-30
vs. SEC	84-21
vs. SEC East	55-8
vs. SEC West	29-13
vs. Non-Conference	76-9
vs. Ranked Teams	29-16
vs. Top-10 Teams	17-9
vs. Top-5 Teams	12-7
vs. Unranked Teams	131-14



THE LAST TIME...

A Gators Player Had...

30+ Rushing Attempts:	34 - Mike Gillislee vs. LSU (Oct. 6, 2012 / 96 games)
40+ Rushing Attempts:	41 (school record) - Errict Rhett vs. Georgia (Oct. 30, 1993 / 339 games)
100+ Yards Rushing:	130 - Lamical Perine vs. Auburn (Oct. 5, 2019 / 7 games)
200+ Yards Rushing:	210 - Ciatrick Fason vs. Kentucky (Sept. 25, 2004 / 203 games)
300+ Yards Rushing:	316 (school record) - Emmitt Smith vs. New Mexico (Oct. 21, 1989 / 387 games)
5+ Touchdowns Rushing:	5 (tied school record) - Trey Burton vs. Kentucky (Sept. 25, 2010 / 123 games)
20+ Pass Completions:	30 - Kyle Trask vs. Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
30+ Pass Completions:	30 - Kyle Trask vs. Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
40+ Pass Completions:	44 - Luke Del Rio vs. UMass (Sept. 3, 2016 / 48 games)
300+ Yards Passing:	343, Kyle Trask vs. Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
400+ Yards Passing:	482 (school record) - Tim Tebow vs. Cincinnati (Jan. 1, 2010 / 127 games)
500+ Yards Passing:	Never
5+ Touchdowns Passing:	5 - Feleipe Franks vs. Charleston Southern (Sept. 1, 2018 / 25 games)
Consecutive 300-Yard Passing Games:	Tim Tebow at South Carolina / vs. Florida Atlantic (2007 / 157 games)
3+ Consecutive Games with 300+ Yards Passing:	9 (school record) - Rex Grossman Marshall-South Carolina (Sept. 1-Nov. 10, 2001 / 235 games)
10+ Receptions:	15 (tied school record) - Demarcus Robinson vs. Kentucky (Sept. 13, 2014 / 75 games)
150+ Receiving Yards:	216 - Demarcus Robinson vs. Kentucky (Sept. 13, 2014 / 75 games)
3+ Receiving TDs:	3 - Riley Cooper vs. Western Carolina (Nov. 18, 2006 / 171 games)
Kickoff Return TD:	Antonio Callaway (44 yards) vs. Missouri (Oct. 15, 2016 / 43 games)
Punt Return TD:	Freddie Swain (85 yards) vs. Colorado State (Sept. 15, 2018 / 23 games)
150+ Return Yards:	158 (kickoff) - Solomon Patton vs. Missouri (Oct. 19, 2013 / 71 games)
Fake Field Goal TD:	Michael McNeely (21 yards) vs. Georgia (Nov. 1, 2014 / 69 games)
Multiple Interceptions:	2 - Donovan Stiner vs. Vanderbilt (Nov. 9, 2019 / 3 game)
Consecutive Multi-Interception Games:	Ryan Smith, vs. Alabama (2), Sept. 30, 2006 vs. LSU (2), Oct. 7, 2006 / 22 games
Interception Return TD:	Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (30 yards) vs. Michigan (Dec. 29, 2018 / 13 games)
Intercepted PAT Return for Defensive Extra Point:	Keiwan Ratliff vs. Kentucky (Sept. 28, 2002 / 227 games)
Fumble Return TD:	Jonathan Greenard (80 yards) vs. Vanderbilt (Nov. 9, 2019 / 3 games)
Fumble Recovery TD in End Zone:	Nick Washington vs. Georgia (Oct. 31, 2015 / 56 games)
Blocked a Punt:	Zachary Carter vs. Towson (Sept. 28, 2019 / 8 games)
Blocked a Field Goal:	Adam Shuler vs. Towson (Sept. 28, 2019 / 8 games)
Blocked a PAT:	Jeremiah Moon vs. Charleston Southern (Sept. 1, 2018 / 25 games)
Blocked Multiple Kicks (any combo):	Chris Rainey (2 punts) at Vanderbilt (Nov. 6, 2010 / 118 games)
Blocked Punt Return TD:	vs. Colorado State (Sept. 15, 2018 / 23 games) James Houston IV block, Tyrie Cleveland 0-yard return
Blocked Field Goal Return TD:	vs. Florida State (Nov. 26, 2005 / 183 games) Marcus Thomas block, Reggie Lewis 52-yard return
Blocked PAT Return for Extra Point:	vs. Charleston Southern (Sept. 1, 2018 / 25 games) Jeremiah Moon block, Austin Perry return
Made a 50-Yard Field Goal:	Evan McPherson (50 yards) vs. Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
Missed a PAT:	Evan McPherson vs. Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
Missed a Field Goal:	Evan McPherson (41 yards) vs. Vanderbilt (Nov. 9, 2019 / 3 games)
Played Both Ways:	Cece Jefferson, Jordan Sherit vs. LSU (Oct. 7, 2017 / 32 games)
Started Both Ways:	Loucheiz Purifoy (CB / RB) vs. Florida State (Nov. 24, 2012 / 89 games)
WR or RB Throw a TD Pass:	Kadarius Toney at Mississippi State (Sept. 29, 2018 / 21 games)
TD by an Offensive Lineman:	Thomas Moody (6-yard reception) vs. South Carolina (Nov. 11, 2000 / 247 games)
Rushing & Receiving TDs:	Lamical Perine vs. Michigan (Dec. 29, 2018 / 13 games)
Forced & Recovered Fumble:	Taven Bryan vs. South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2016 / 41 games)

The Gators Had...

2 Gators with 100+ Yards Rushing:	vs. South Carolina (Nov. 10, 2018 / 16 games) Jordan Scarlett (159 yards), Lamical Perine (108 yards)
2 Gators with 100+ Receiving Yards:	vs. Eastern Kentucky (Nov. 22, 2014 / 66 games) Demarcus Robinson (137 yards), Q. Dunbar (108 yards)
10+ Plays of 20+ Yards in a Game:	11 - vs. Missouri (Oct. 15, 2016 / 44 games)
Converted Five Fourth Downs in a Game:	5 for 5 - vs. Tennessee (Sept. 26, 2015 / 60 games)

Shut Out an Opponent:	56-0 vs. Vanderbilt (Nov. 9, 2019 / 3 games)
Held Opponent Under 100 Yards Total Offense:	53 - vs. North Texas (Sept. 17, 2016 / 48 games)
Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Passing:	3 - vs. Charleston Southern (Sept. 1, 2018 / 25 games)
Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Rushing:	3 - vs. UAB (Nov. 18, 2017 / 27 games)
Forced an Opponent to Have Five Drives of Negative Yards:	6 - vs. Eastern Kentucky (Nov. 22, 2014 / 66 games)
3+ Gators with an Interception:	3 - vs. Auburn (Oct. 5, 2019 / 6 games) Shawn Davis, Donovan Stiner, Marco Wilson
Multiple Defensive TDs:	2 interception return TDs vs. Idaho (Nov. 17, 2018 / 15 games)
Multiple Interception Return TDs:	2 - vs. Idaho (Nov. 17, 2018 / 15 games) Ventrell Miller (82 yards), Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (26 yards)
Converted a 2-Point Conversion:	vs. UMass, Sept. 3, 2016 / 49 games (Freddie Swain run)
Recorded a Safety:	vs. Tennessee, Sept. 23, 2018 / 17 games (Cece Jefferson, Adam Shuler tackle for loss)
Blocked 2 Kicks (any combo):	2 - vs. Towson (Sept. 28, 2019 / 8 games) Zachary Carter (blocked punt), Adam Shuler (blocked FG)
Blocked 3 Kicks (any combo):	3 - vs. Kentucky (Oct. 25, 2008 / 148 games) William Green (blocked punt), Jeff Demps (blocked punt), Joe Haden (blocked FG)
Blocked 2 Punts:	at Vanderbilt, Nov. 6, 2010 / 118 games (Chris Rainey, both)
Blocked 2 Field Goals:	vs. So. Carolina, Nov. 11, 2006 / 172 games (Ray McDonald; Jarvis Moss)
Touchdown on Opening Drive:	vs. Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
Touchdowns on First Three Possessions:	vs. Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
Touchdowns on First Four Possessions:	vs. The Citadel (Nov. 22, 2008 / 144 games)
Touchdowns on First Seven Possessions:	vs. The Citadel (Nov. 22, 2008 / 144 games)
4 Freshmen Score TDs:	vs. Western Carolina, Nov. 18, 2006 / 171 games Riley Cooper (3 rec.); Tim Tebow (2 rush); Jarrod Fayson (rush); Brandon James (punt return)
Time of Possession of 40+ Minutes:	42:04 - vs. UAB (Nov. 18, 2017 / 27 games)
Florida Intentionally Took Safety:	John Brantley vs. Furman (Nov. 19, 2011 / 103 games)
Florida Player Allows Safety via Penalty:	John Brantley vs. Furman (Nov. 19, 2011 / 103 games) Batted ball out of end zone after botched snap

Florida's Opponent Had...

40 Rushing Attempts:	44 - Derrick Henry, Alabama (Dec. 5, 2015 / 51 games)
100+ Yards Rushing:	102 - Cam Akers, Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
200+ Yards Rushing:	212 - Marcus Lattimore, South Carolina (Nov. 13, 2010 / 118 games)
2+ Players with 100+ Yards Rushing:	Kentucky, Sept. 8, 2018 / 24 games Benny Snell, Jr. (178 yards), Terry Wilson (107 yards)
3+ Rushing Touchdowns:	3 - Larry Rountree, Missouri (Nov. 4, 2017 / 29 games)
20+ Pass Completions:	25 - Kelly Bryant, Missouri (Nov. 16, 2019 / 2 games)
30+ Pass Completions:	40 - Kyle Shurmur, Vanderbilt (Sept. 30, 2017 / 33 games)
40+ Pass Completions:	40 - Kyle Shurmur, Vanderbilt (Sept. 30, 2017 / 33 games)
300+ Yards Passing:	319 - Josh Dobbs, Tennessee (Sept. 24, 2016 / 46 games)
400+ Yards Passing:	427 - Shane Carden, East Carolina (Jan. 3, 2015 / 64 games)
100+ Yards Receiving:	131 - Tamorrion Terry, Florida State (Nov. 30, 2019 / 1 game)
150+ Yards Receiving:	160 - Justin Hardy, East Carolina (Jan. 3, 2015 / 64 games)
200+ Yards Receiving:	201 - Amari Cooper, Alabama (Sept. 20, 2014 / 73 games)
2+ Players with 100+ Yards Receiving:	LSU, Oct. 12, 2019 / 6 games Ja'Marr Chase (127), Justin Jefferson (123)
3+ Receiving Touchdowns:	3 - Amari Cooper, Alabama (Sept. 20, 2014 / 73 games)
300+ Yards Total Offense:	336 (293 pass / 43 rush) - Joe Burrow, LSU (Oct. 12, 2019 / 5 games)
Kickoff Return Touchdown:	Marcus Murphy (96 yards), Missouri (Oct. 18, 2014 / 70 games)
Punt Return Touchdown:	Marcus Murphy (82 yards), Missouri (Oct. 18, 2014 / 70 games)
Fumble Return Touchdown:	Davonte Robinson (30 yards), Kentucky (Sept. 8, 2018 / 24 games)
Interception Return Touchdown:	Minkah Fitzpatrick (44 yards), Alabama (Dec. 3, 2016 / 38 games)
3+ Interceptions (one player):	3 - Corey Webster, LSU (Oct. 12, 2002 / 225 games)
50+ Yard Field Goal:	Ryley Guay (53 yards), Vanderbilt (Oct. 13, 2018 / 19 games)
Blocked a Field Goal:	D.J. Pettway, Alabama (Dec. 5, 2015 / 51 games)
Blocked Field Goal Touchdown:	Miami, Dec. 31, 2004 / 194 games Thomas Carroll block, Devin Hester 78-yard return
Fake Field Goal Touchdown:	Trent Domingue (17-yard run), LSU (Oct. 17, 2015 / 57 games)
Blocked Punt:	Cullen Gillaspia, Texas A&M (Oct. 14, 2017 / 31 games)
Blocked Punt Return Touchdown:	Josh Jacobs, Alabama (Dec. 3, 2016 / 38 games)
Fake Punt Touchdown:	Tim Sesley (57 yards), SW Louisiana (Nov. 6, 1993 / 338 games)
Missed a PAT:	Adam Griffith, Alabama (Dec. 3, 2016 / 38 games)
Blocked a PAT:	Ni Internicola, Florida Atlantic (Nov. 21, 2015 / 53 games)
Blocked PAT Return for Extra Point:	Victor Hampston, South Carolina (Oct. 20, 2012 / 94 games)
Tackled Florida for a Safety:	Chris Leak vs. South Carolina (Nov. 15, 2003 / 208 games)

OFFENSE CAREER HIGHS

#1 KADARIUS TONEY

Receptions: 6 (Idaho, 2018)
Receiving Yards: 72 (Missouri, 2018)
Long Catch: 66 (vs. Miami, 2019)
Receiving TDs: 1 (2x, last vs. Miami, 2019)

Rushes: 6 (LSU, 2017)
Rush Yards: 52 (LSU, 2017)
Rush TDs: 1 (at Kentucky, 2017)
Long Rush: 36 (at Kentucky, 2017)

Pass Attempts: 1 (3x, last vs. Florida State, 2019)
Pass Completions: 1 (2x, last at Mississippi St., 2018)
Passing Yards: 50 (at Kentucky, 2017)
Passing TDs: 1 (at Mississippi State, 2018)

Kick Returns: 2 (at Tennessee, 2018)
Kick Return Yards: 51 (vs. Georgia, 2018)
Kick Return Long: 51 (vs. Georgia, 2018)

#2 LAMICAL PERINE

Rushes: 23 (at Vanderbilt, 2018)
Rush Yards: 130 (Auburn, 2019)
Rushing TDs: 3 (Vanderbilt, 2017)
Long Rush: 88 (Auburn, 2019)

Receptions: 6 (vs. Miami, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 93 (at Vanderbilt, 2018)
Receiving TDs: 1 (6x, last at Missouri, 2019)
Long Catch: 63 (at Vanderbilt, 2018)

Kick Returns: 1 (4x, last at Arkansas, 2016)
Kick Return Yards: 41 (Missouri, 2016)

#5 EMORY JONES

Pass Attempts: 16 (Idaho, 2018)
Pass Completions: 12 (Idaho, 2018)
Pass Yards: 125 (Idaho, 2018)
Passing TDs: 2 (Idaho, 2018)
Long Pass: 48 (at Missouri, 2019)

Rushes: 9 (at LSU, 2019)
Rush Yards: 39 (at Missouri, 2019)
Rushing TDs: 3 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Long Rush: 29 (Towson, 2019)

#6 NAY'QUAN WRIGHT

Rushes: 7 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Rush Yards: 13 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Long Rush: 5 (2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)

Receptions: 1 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 4 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Long Catch: 4 (UT-Martin, 2019)

#7 LUCAS KRULL

Receptions: 2 (2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 33 (Charleston Southern, 2018)
Long Catch: 30 (Charleston Southern, 2018)

Pass Attempts: 1 (2x, last vs. Auburn, 2019)
Pass Completions: 1 (2x, last vs. Auburn, 2019)
Passing Yards: 15 (LSU, 2018)

#8 TREVON GRIMES

Receptions: 5 (3x, last vs. Towson, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 118 (at Florida State, 2018)
Receiving TDs: 1 (5x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)
Long Catch: 66 (Vanderbilt, 2019)

Rushes: 1 (at Missouri, 2019)
Long Rush: -4 (at Missouri, 2019)

#9 KEON ZIPPERER

Receptions: 3 (Towson, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 31 (Towson, 2019)
Receiving TDs: 1 (Towson, 2019)
Long Catch: 25 (Towson, 2019)

#10 JOSH HAMMOND

Receptions: 5 (3x, last vs. South Carolina, 2018)
Receiving Yards: 93 (vs. Miami, 2019)
Receiving TDs: 1 (4x, last vs. Auburn, 2019)
Long Catch: 65 (vs. Miami, 2019)

Rushes: 2 (Towson, 2019)
Rush Yards: 76 (at Kentucky, 2019)
Rushing TDs: 1 (2x, last at Kentucky, 2019)
Long Rush: 76 (at Kentucky, 2019)

#11 KYLE TRASK

Pass Attempts: 41 (Florida State, 2019)
Pass Completions: 30 (Florida State, 2019)
Pass Yards: 363 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Passing TDs: 4 (at South Carolina, 2019)
Long Pass: 66 (Vanderbilt, 2019)

Rushes: 10 (at LSU, 2019)
Rush Yards: 25 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Rushing TDs: 1 (4x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)
Receptions: 1 (Auburn, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 4 (Auburn, 2019)

#12 VAN JEFFERSON

Receptions: 8 (at LSU, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 94 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Receiving TDs: 2 (3x, last vs. Florida State, 2019)
Long Catch: 69 (UT-Martin, 2019)

Rushes: 1 (Towson, 2019)
Rush Yards: 7 (Towson, 2019)
Long Rush: 7 (Towson, 2019)

Punt Returns: 3 (Idaho, 2018)
Punt Return Yards: 17 (Idaho, 2018)
Punt Return Long: 9 (Idaho, 2018)

#13 FELEIPE FRANKS

Pass Attempts: 39 (Florida State, 2017)
Pass Completions: 25 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Pass Yards: 282 (at Vanderbilt, 2018)
Passing TDs: 5 (Charleston Southern, 2018)
Long Pass: 69 (UT-Martin, 2019)

Rushes: 16 (South Carolina, 2018)
Rush Yards: 82 (Texas A&M, 2017)
Rushing TDs: 2 (South Carolina, 2018)
Long Rush: 79 (Texas A&M, 2017)

Receptions: 1 (3x, last vs. Michigan, 2018 Peach Bowl)
Receiving Yards: 15 (LSU, 2018)

#15 JACOB COPELAND

Receptions: 3 (4x, last vs. Florida State, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 89 (at South Carolina, 2019)
Receiving TDs: 1 (2x, last at South Carolina, 2019)
Long Catch: 37 (2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)

Rushes: 2 (Towson, 2019)
Rushing Yards: 15 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Long Rush: 15 (UT-Martin, 2019)

Kick Returns: 1 (Idaho, 2018)
Kick Return Yards: 26 (Idaho, 2018)
Kick Return Long: 26 (Idaho, 2018)

#16 FREDDIE SWAIN

Receptions: 8 (Georgia, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 146 (Auburn, 2019)
Receiving TDs: 2 (Florida State, 2019)
Long Catch: 65 (Tennessee, 2018)

Rushes: 2 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Rushing Yards: 18 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Punt Returns: 5 (at Florida State, 2018)
Punt Return Yards: 107 (Colorado State, 2018)

Long Punt Return: 85 (Colorado State, 2018)

Kick Returns: 1 (2x, last at Mississippi State, 2018)
Kick Return Yards: 11 (Kentucky, 2016)
Kick Return Long: 11 (Kentucky, 2016)

#17 NICK SPROLES

Pass Attempts: 1 (at Florida State, 2018)

#20 MALIK DAVIS

Rushes: 21 (at Kentucky, 2017)
Rush Yards: 124 (Vanderbilt, 2017)
Rushing TDs: 2 (Vanderbilt, 2017)
Long Rush: 72 (Tennessee, 2017)

Receptions: 3 (Tennessee, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 22 (Texas A&M, 2017)
Long Catch: 20 (Texas A&M, 2017)

#24 IVERSON CLEMENT

Rushes: 3 (Idaho, 2018)
Rush Yards: 41 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Long Rush: 41 (UT-Martin, 2019)

#27 DAMEON PIERCE

Rushes: 13 (Idaho, 2018)
Rushing Yards: 87 (2x, last at South Carolina, 2019)
Rushing TDs: 1 (6x, last vs. Florida State, 2019)
Long Rush: 75 (at South Carolina, 2019)

Receptions: 3 (Idaho, 2018)
Receiving Yards: 27 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Receiving TDs: 1 (Idaho, 2018)
Long Catch: 18 (Vanderbilt, 2019)

#43 TOMMY TOWNSEND

Rushes: 1 (4x, last vs. Florida State, 2019)
Rush Yards: 18 (at Vanderbilt, 2018)
Long Rush: 18 (at Vanderbilt, 2018)

#47 ISAAC RICKS

Rushes: 1 (2x, last vs. Idaho, 2018)
Rush Yards: 9 (Charleston Southern, 2018)
Long Rush: 9 (Charleston Southern, 2018)

#83 RICK WELLS

Receptions: 2 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 27 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Long Catch: 24 (UT-Martin, 2019)

#84 KYLE PITTS

Receptions: 8 (Auburn, 2019)
Receiving Yards: 108 (at LSU, 2019)
Receiving TDs: 2 (Towson, 2019)
Long Catch: 52 (Idaho, 2018)

#88 KEMORE GAMBLE

Receptions: 2 (2x, last vs. Idaho, 2018)
Receiving Yards: 19 (2x, last vs. Idaho, 2018)
Long Catch: 13 (Idaho, 2018)

#89 TYRIE CLEVELAND

Receptions: 5 (Tennessee, 2017)
Receiving Yards: 124 (at LSU, 2016)
Receiving Long: 98 (at LSU, 2016)
Receiving TDs: 1 (8x, last vs. UT Martin, 2019)

Rushes: 1 (2x, last at Kentucky, 2017)
Rush Yards: 4 (vs. Michigan, 2017)
Long Rush: 4 (vs. Michigan, 2017)

Kick Returns: 2 (2x, last Tennessee, 2017)
Kick Return Yards: 63 (Tennessee, 2017)



DEFENSE CAREER HIGHS

#1 CJ HENDERSON

Tackles: 9 (at South Carolina, 2019)
Sacks: 1.0 (4x, last at South Carolina, 2019)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x, last at Tennessee, 2018)
Interceptions: 1 (6x, last vs. South Carolina, 2018)
Interception Return Yards: 41 (vs. Michigan, 2017)
Interception Return TD: 1 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2017)
Long Interception Return: 41 (vs. Michigan, 2017)

#2 LAMICAL PERINE

Tackles: 1 (3x, last at Kentucky, 2019)

#2 BRAD STEWART JR.

Tackles: 9 (Missouri, 2018)
Sacks: 0.5 (Towson, 2019)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (at Tennessee, 2018)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at Kentucky, 2019)
Interceptions: 1 (3x, last vs. LSU, 2018)

#3 MARCO WILSON

Tackles: 7 (Tennessee, 2017)
Interceptions: 1 (3x, last at Missouri, 2019)

#5 KAHIR ELAM

Tackles: 3 (Towson, 2019)
Interceptions: 1 (2x, last at Kentucky, 2019)

#7 LUCAS KRULL

Tackles: 1 (3x, last vs. South Carolina, 2018)

#7 JEREMIAH MOON

Tackles: 7 (Colorado State, 2018)
Sacks: 1.0 (3x, last at South Carolina, 2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x, last vs. Auburn, 2018)

#8 TREVON GRIMES

Tackles: 1 (vs. Miami, 2019)

#10 JOSH HAMMOND

Tackles: 1 (3x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Colorado State, 2018)

#11 KYLE TRASK

Tackles: 1 (Auburn, 2019)

#11 MOHAMOUD DIABATE

Tackles: 4 (2x, Vanderbilt, 2019)
Sacks: 3.0 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (Vanderbilt, 2019)

#12 VAN JEFFERSON

Tackles: 1 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Miami, 2019)

#13 DONOVAN STINER

Tackles: 9 (LSU, 2018)
Sacks: 1.0 (at Mississippi State, 2018)
Interceptions: 2 (Vanderbilt, 2019)

#14 QUINCY LENTON

Tackles: 1 (3x, last at LSU, 2019)

#15 JACOB COPELAND

Tackles: 1 (Towson, 2019)

#16 FREDDIE SWAIN

Tackles: 1 (2x, last at South Carolina, 2019)

#17 ZACHARY CARTER

Tackles: 4 (2x, last vs. Auburn, 2019)
Sacks: 1.0 (5x, last vs. Florida State, 2019)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (at South Carolina, 2019)

#19 EVAN McPHERSON

Tackles: 1 (South Carolina, 2018)

#20 MALIK DAVIS

Tackles: 1 (Auburn, 2019)

#21 TREY DEAN III

Tackles: 6 (2x, last vs. Towson, 2019)
Forced Fumble: 1 (vs. Miami, 2019)

Interceptions: 1 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2019)
Interception Return Yards: 44 (at Florida State, 2018)
Interception Return Long: 44 (at Florida State, 2018)

#23 JAYDON HILL

Tackles: 4 (UT-Martin, 2019)

#24 IVERSON CLEMENT

Tackles: 1 (Towson, 2019)

#25 CHESTER KIMBROUGH

Tackles: 4 (UT-Martin, 2019)

#27 DAMEON PIERCE

Tackles: 2 (2x, last vs. Florida State, 2019)

#28 TY'RON HOPPER

Tackles: 1 (UT-Martin, 2019)

#29 JEAWON TAYLOR

Tackles: 9 (3x, last vs. South Carolina, 2018)
Interceptions: 1 (Texas A&M, 2017)

#30 AMARI BURNLEY

Tackles: 8 (Towson, 2019)
Sacks: 1.0 (vs. Michigan, 2018 Peach Bowl)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Tennessee, 2019)
Interceptions: 1 (Tennessee, 2019)

#31 SHAWN DAVIS

Tackles: 7 (Georgia, 2019)
Interceptions: 2 (at Kentucky, 2019)
Interception Return Yards: 70 (at Kentucky, 2019)
Long Interception Return: 72 (at Kentucky, 2019)

#33 DAVID REESE II

Tackles: 16 (at Kentucky, 2019)
Sacks: 1.0 (2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)
Interceptions: 1 (Tennessee, 2017)
Fumble Recovery: 1 (2x, last vs. Towson, 2019)

#34 LACEDRICK BRUNSON

Tackles: 6 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Sacks: 1.0 (UT-Martin, 2019)

#38 NICK OELRICH

Tackles: 3 (Idaho, 2018)

#41 JAMES HOUSTON IV

Tackles: 8 (2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)
Sacks: 1.5 (Florida State, 2019)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x, last vs. Colorado State, 2018)
Punt Returns: 1 (Colorado State, 2018)
Punt Return Yards: 28 (Colorado State, 2018)
Long Punt Return: 28 (Colorado State, 2018)

#42 UMSTEAD SANDERS

Tackles: 1 (UT-Martin, 2019)

#43 TOMMY TOWNSEND

Tackles: 1 (vs. Georgia, 2018)

#49 JACOB TILGHMAN

Tackles: 1 (Idaho, 2018)

#51 VENTRELL MILLER

Tackles: 8 (Florida State, 2019)
Sacks: 2.0 (vs. Miami, 2019)
Interceptions: 1 (Idaho, 2018)
Interception Return Yards: 82 (Idaho, 2018)

#52 QUAYLIN CRUM

Tackles: 1 (Idaho, 2018)

#55 KYREE CAMPBELL

Tackles: 7 (at Tennessee, 2018)
Sacks: 1.0 (3x, last at Kentucky, 2019)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (vs. Miami, 2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x, last at South Carolina, 2019)

#56 TEDARRELL SLATON

Tackles: 6 (2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)
Sacks: 1.0 (at Missouri, 2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Charleston Southern, 2018)

#58 JONATHAN GREENARD

Tackles: 9 (Georgia, 2019)
Sacks: 3.0 (Florida State, 2019)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x, last vs. Florida State, 2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Fumble Recovery Return: 80 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Fumble Recovery TD: 1 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Interceptions: 1 (Towson, 2019)

#86 ANDRES SALDIVAR

Tackles: 1 (Idaho, 2018)

#88 KEMORE GAMBLE

Tackles: 1 (at Tennessee, 2018)

#88 ADAM SHULER

Tackles: 9 (at Tennessee, 2018)
Sacks: 1.0 (2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2019)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Charleston Southern, 2018)

#89 TYRIE CLEVELAND

Tackles: 2 (LSU, 2018)

#90 ANDREW CHATFIELD JR.

Tackles: 3 (Vanderbilt, 2019)

#91 MARLON DUNLAP JR.

Tackles: 1 (8x, last vs. UT-Martin, 2019)
Sacks: 0.5 (vs. Miami, 2019)

#92 JABARI ZUNIGA

Tackles: 7 (Florida State, 2017)
Sacks: 2.5 (Colorado State, 2018)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (North Texas, 2016)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (UAB, 2017)

#93 ELIJAH CONLIFFE

Tackles: 5 (Kentucky, 2018)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Colorado State, 2018)

#97 KHRIS BOGLE

Tackles: 5 (UT-Martin, 2019)
Sacks: 1.0 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2019)

#98 LUKE ANCRUM

Tackles: 4 (at Kentucky, 2019)
Sack: 1.0 (Tennessee, 2019)
Interceptions: 1 (at Tennessee, 2018)
Interception Return Yards: 5 (at Tennessee, 2018)
Long Interception Return: 5 (at Tennessee, 2018)

#99 LLOYD SUMMERALL III

Tackles: 1 (UT-Martin, 2019)

SPECIAL TEAMS CAREER HIGHS

#19 EVAN McPHERSON

Field Goal Attempts: 3 (2x, last at Missouri, 2019)
Field Goals Made: 3 (2x, last at Missouri, 2019)
Field Goal Long: 50 (Florida State, 2019)
Kickoffs: 9 (2x, last vs. Michigan, 2018 Peach Bowl)
Kickoff Yards: 591 (vs. Michigan, 2018 Peach Bowl)
Kickoff Average: 67.6 (LSU, 2018)

#43 TOMMY TOWNSEND

Punts: 9 (LSU, 2018)
Punt Yards: 432 (LSU, 2018)
Punt Average: 60.0 (South Carolina, 2018)
Long Punt: 71 (2x, last at Missouri, 2019)
Punts Downed Inside 20: 5 (at Mississippi State, 2018)

#71 CHRIS HOWARD

Kickoffs: 2 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Kickoff Yards: 105 (Vanderbilt, 2019)
Kickoff Average: 60.0 (UT Martin, 2019)

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			##	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Exp	Hometown/High School/Previous School
98	Ancrum, Luke	DL								
18	Anders, Jack	ATH	1	Toney, Kadarius	ATH	5-11	194	JR	2L	Mobile, Ala./Blount
25	Askeland, Erik	ATH	2	Perine, Lamical	RB	5-11	218	SR	3L	Mobile, Ala./Theodore
97	Bogle, Khris	LB	2	Stewart Jr., Brad	DB	6-0	200	JR	2L	New Orleans, La./McDonogh
46	Brady, John	ATH	3	Wilson, Marco	DB	6-0	190	RSO	1L	Fort Lauderdale/American Heritage
34	Brunson, Lacedrick	LB	4	Reese, David	LB	6-0	220	RFR	SQ	Fort Pierce/Vero Beach
66	Buchanan, Nick	OL	5	Elam, Kaiir	DB	6-2	187	FR	HS	Riviera Beach/Benjamin
30	Burney, Amari	ATH	5	Jones, Emory	QB	6-2	199	RFR	SQ	LaGrange, Ga./Heard County
55	Campbell, Kyree	DL	6	Cox Jr., Brenton	LB	6-4	257	SO	TR	Stockbridge, Ga./Stockbridge/Georgia
17	Carter, Zachary	DL	6	Wright, Nay'Quan	RB	5-9	195	FR	HS	Miami Gardens/Miami Carol City
90	Chatfield Jr., Andrew	LB	7	Krull, Lucas	TE	6-6	257	RJR	1L	Shawnee, Kan./Jefferson College
36	Clay, Robert	ATH	7	Moon, Jeremiah	LB	6-6	228	RJR	2L	Hoover, Ala./Hoover
24	Clement, Iverson	RB	8	Grimes, Trevon	WR	6-5	214	JR	1L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas/Ohio State
89	Cleveland, Tyrie	WR	9	Matthews, Luke	QB	5-9	166	FR	HS	Gainesville/Gainesville
93	Conliffe, Elijah	DL	9	Zipperer, Keon	TE	6-2	232	FR	HS	Lakeland/Lakeland
44	Conner, Garrett	ATH	10	Hammond, Josh	WR	6-0	194	SR	3L	Hallandale/Hallandale
15	Copeland, Jacob	WR	11	Diabate, Mohamoud	LB	6-2	213	FR	HS	Auburn, Ala./Auburn
6	Cox Jr., Brenton	LB	11	Trask, Kyle	QB	6-5	239	RJR	1L	Manvel, Texas/Manvel
33	Cross, Daniel	ATH	12	Jefferson, Van	WR	6-2	197	RSR	1L	Brentwood, Tenn./Ole Miss
57	Crozier, Coleman	ATH	12	McWilliams, C.J.	DB	5-11	184	RJR	2L	Miami/Southwest
52	Crum, Quaylin	ATH	13	Stiner, Donovan	DB	6-1	203	JR	2L	Houston, Texas/Bellaire
20	Davis, Malik	RB	14	Lenton, Quincy	DB	5-11	205	RJR	1L	Meridian, Miss./Meridian
31	Davis, Shawn	DB	15	Copeland, Jacob	WR	6-0	192	RFR	SQ	Pensacola/Escambia
21	Dean III, Trey	DB	16	Swain, Freddie	WR	6-0	199	SR	3L	Ocala/North Marion
56	Delance, Jean	OL	17	Carter, Zachary	DL	6-4	263	RSO	1L	Tampa/Hillsborough
11	Diabate, Mohamoud	LB	17	Sproles, Nick	ATH	6-2	211	RJR	SQ	Winter Park/Winter Park
48	DioGuardi, Brett	LS	18	Anders, Jack	ATH	6-2	200	FR	HS	Germantown, Md./Northwest
91	Dunlap Jr., Marlon	DL	18	Finn, Jacob	P	6-3	210	RJR	SQ	Jacksonville/Paxon School
65	Eguakun, Kingsley	OL	19	McPherson, Evan	K	5-11	177	SO	1L	Fort Payne, Ala./Fort Payne
5	Elam, Kaiir	DB	19	Ruskell, Jack	ATH	6-3	195	RSO	SQ	Libertyville, Ill./Libertyville
35	Engel, Kyle	ATH	20	Davis, Malik	RB	5-11	195	RSO	1L	Tampa/Jesuit
18	Finn, Jacob	P	21	Dean III, Trey	DB	6-3	194	SO	1L	Hampton, Ga./Dutchtown
72	Forsythe, Stone	OL	22	Marks, Dionte	WR	6-2	178	FR	HS	Deland/Deland
96	Freeman, Travis	ATH	23	Hill, Jaydon	DB	6-0	175	FR	HS	Huntsville, Ala./Bob Jones
88	Gamble, Kemore	TE	24	Clement, Iverson	RB	5-11	193	RFR	SQ	Mount Holly, N.J./Rancocas Valley Regional
94	Gordon III, Moses	ATH	25	Askeland, Erik	ATH	6-0	179	RSO	SQ	Indian Harbour Beach/Satellite
76	Gouraige, Richard	OL	25	Kimbrough, Chester	DB	5-11	172	FR	HS	New Orleans, La./Warren Easton Senior
58	Greenard, Jonathan	LB	26	Hart, Michael	ATH	6-0	230	RSR	HS	North Babylon, N.Y./North Babylon
8	Grimes, Trevon	WR	27	Pierce, Dameon	RB	5-10	207	SO	1L	Bainbridge, Ga./Bainbridge
87	Gross, Dennis	TE	27	Tse, Joshua	ATH	5-7	184	RSO	SQ	Port Orange/Spruce Creek
10	Hammond, Josh	WR	28	Hopper, Ty'Ron	LB	6-2	215	FR	HS	Alpharetta, Ga./Roswell
74	Harrod, Will	OL	29	Ricks, Isaac	ATH	5-8	223	RSO	SQ	Jacksonville/Terry Parker
26	Hart, Michael	ATH	29	Taylor, Jeawon	DB	6-1	206	SR	3L	Montgomery, Ala./Park Crossing
61	Heggie, Brett	OL	30	Burney, Amari	ATH	6-2	224	SO	1L	St. Petersburg/Calvary Christian
23	Hill, Jaydon	DB	31	Davis, Shawn	DB	5-11	185	JR	2L	Miami/Southridge
28	Hopper, Ty'Ron	LB	32	Hundley, Brayton	ATH	6-0	180	RSR	HS	Port Orange/Atlantic
41	Houston IV, James	LB	32	Pierre, Jesiah	LB	6-2	225	FR	HS	Mount Dora/Mount Dora Christian Academy
71	Howard, Chris	K	33	Cross, Daniel	ATH	6-1	158	RFR	SQ	Orlando/East River
66	Humphries, Jaelin	DL	33	Reese II, David	LB	6-1	239	SR	3L	Farmington, Mich./Farmington
32	Hundley, Brayton	ATH	34	Brunson, Lacedrick	LB	6-1	229	RSO	1L	Miami/Miami Jackson
42	Jackson, Jaylin	ATH	35	Engel, Kyle	ATH	6-0	183	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
12	Jefferson, Van	WR	35	Sawyer, William	ATH	6-1	170	FR	HS	Gainesville/Eastside
5	Jones, Emory	QB	36	Clay, Robert	ATH	6-0	196	RSR	SQ	Pensacola/Pine Forest
25	Kimbrough, Chester	DB	36	Thompson, Trey	ATH	6-1	201	RSO	SQ	Jupiter/William T. Dwyer
7	Krull, Lucas	TE	37	Moorer, Patrick	ATH	6-0	170	RSO	SQ	Lutz/Lake Travis
81	Lang, Dante	TE	37	Waxman, Tyler	ATH	5-9	161	FR	HS	Pembroke Pines/West Broward
14	Lenton, Quincy	DB	38	Oelrich, Nick	ATH	6-1	198	RJR	SQ	Newberry/Newberry
22	Marks, Dionte	WR	39	Weir, Michael	ATH	5-9	180	RJR	TR	Fort Pierce/Fort Pierce Central
9	Matthews, Luke	QB	40	Ortiz, Marco	LS	6-4	232	RFR	SQ	Richmond, Va./Benedictine
62	McDowell, Griffin	OL	41	Houston IV, James	LB	6-1	233	RSO	1L	Fort Lauderdale/American Heritage
19	McPherson, Evan	K	42	Jackson, Jaylin	ATH	5-8	172	RFR	SQ	Tampa/Cambridge Christian
			42	Sanders, Umstead	LB	6-1	240	RJR	SQ	Port St. Joe/Port St. Joe/Hinds C.C.



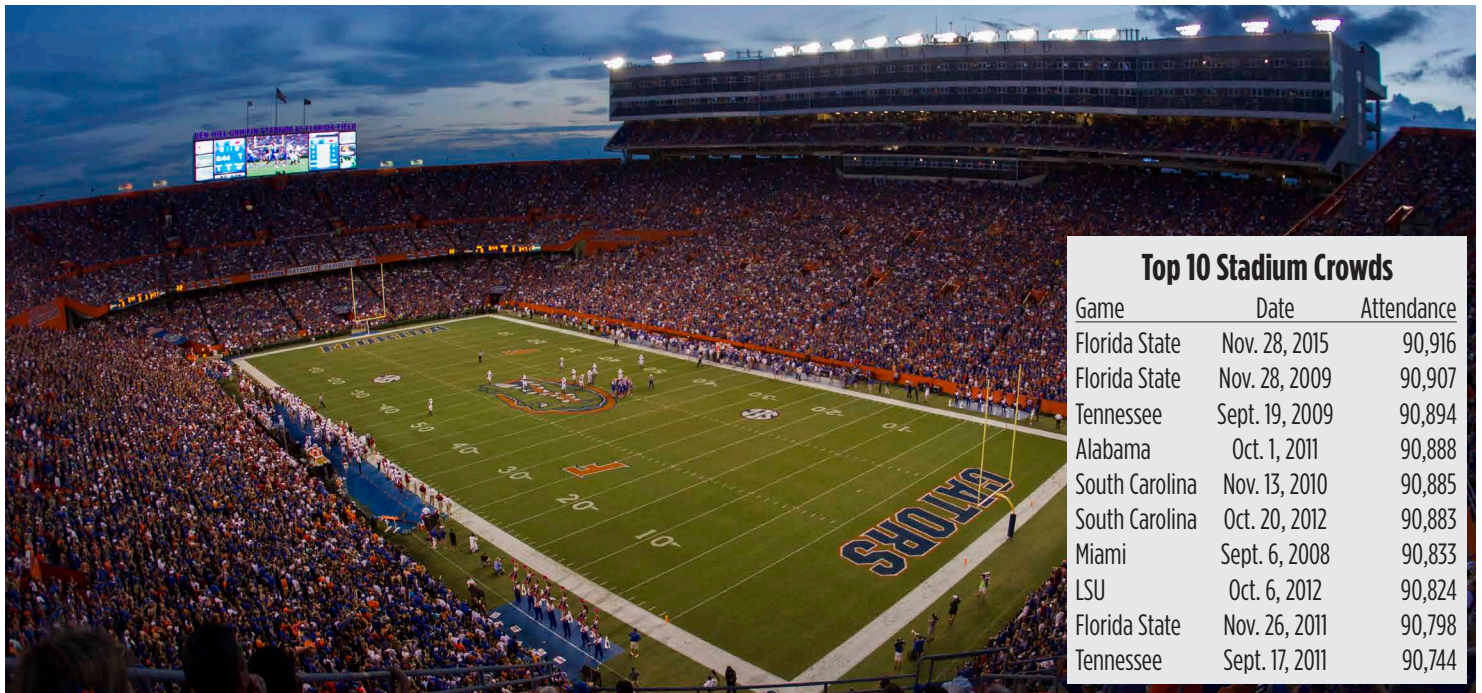
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43	Sutton, Nicolas	ATH	5-9	184	RJR	SQ	Deltona/Pine Ridge	12	McWilliams, C.J.	DB
43	Townsend, Tommy	P	6-2	176	RSR	1L	Orlando/Boone/Tennessee	51	Miller, Ventrell	LB
44	Conner, Garrett	ATH	6-1	204	RSR	SQ	Lakeland/Lakeland/Florida Southern	7	Moon, Jeremiah	LB
45	Taylor IV, Clifford	ATH	6-5	220	RSO	HS	Orlando/Olympic	75	Moore, TJ	OL
46	Brady, John	ATH	5-11	192	FR	HS	Tallahassee/Bolles School	37	Moorer, Patrick	ATH
46	Thomas, Will	ATH	5-10	239	RSR	SQ	Dunnellon/Dunnellon	38	Oelrich, Nick	ATH
47	Pelic, Justin	ATH	5-11	200	FR	HS	Mount Pleasant, S.C./Wando	40	Ortiz, Marco	LS
47	Perry, Austin	ATH	5-10	169	RSO	SQ	Orlando/Jones	47	Pelic, Justin	ATH
48	DioGuardi, Brett	LS	6-4	226	RJR	SQ	Windermere/Windermere Prep	2	Perine, Lamical	RB
49	Tilghman, Jacob	LS	6-2	214	RSR	SQ	Daytona Beach/Mainland	47	Perry, Austin	ATH
50	Rowell, Tanner	OL	6-2	283	RJR	1L	Melbourne/Melbourne	27	Pierce, Dameon	RB
51	Miller, Ventrell	LB	6-0	222	RSO	1L	Lakeland/Kathleen	32	Pierre, Jesiah	LB
52	Crum, Quaylin	ATH	5-9	216	RSO	SQ	Orlando/University	84	Pitts, Kyle	TE
53	Whitfield, Chase	ATH	6-0	222	FR	HS	Saint Cloud/Harmony	4	Reese, David	LB
55	Campbell, Kyree	DL	6-3	304	JR	2L	Woodbridge, Va./Woodbridge	33	Reese II, David	LB
56	Delance, Jean	OL	6-4	314	RJR	1L	Mesquite, Texas/Texas	29	Ricks, Isaac	ATH
56	Slaton, Tedarrell	DL	6-5	358	JR	2L	Fort Lauderdale/American Heritage	50	Rowell, Tanner	OL
57	Crozier, Coleman	ATH	5-11	218	RFR	SQ	Plantation/St. Thomas Aquinas	19	Ruskell, Jack	ATH
58	Greenard, Jonathan	LB	6-3	263	GR	TR	Hiram, Ga./Hiram/Louisville	86	Saldivar, Andres	ATH
60	Thomas, Da'Quan	OL	6-2	316	FR	HS	West Palm Beach/Dwyer	42	Sanders, Umstead	LB
61	Heggie, Brett	OL	6-4	330	RJR	2L	Mount Dora/Mount Dora	35	Sawyer, William	ATH
62	McDowell, Griffin	OL	6-3	295	RFR	SQ	Leesburg, Ga./Lee	88	Shuler, Adam	DL
64	Simonds, Riley	OL	6-4	303	FR	HS	Buford, Ga./Buford	64	Simonds, Riley	OL
65	Eguakun, Kingsley	OL	6-4	294	FR	HS	Jacksonville/Sandalwood	56	Slaton, Tedarrell	DL
66	Buchanan, Nick	OL	6-3	283	RSR	2L	Dunwoody, Ga./Dunwoody	17	Sproles, Nick	QB
66	Humphries, Jaelin	DL	6-4	320	FR	HS	Lawrenceville, Ga./Mountain View	2	Stewart Jr., Brad	DB
70	Tarquin, Michael	OL	6-5	279	FR	HS	Ocala/North Marion	13	Stiner, Donovan	DB
71	Howard, Chris	K	6-1	214	RSO	SQ	Ponte Vedra Beach/Ponte Vedra	99	Summerall III, Lloyd	LB
72	Forsythe, Stone	OL	6-7	329	RJR	2L	Winter Garden/West Orange	43	Sutton, Nicolas	ATH
74	Harrod, Will	OL	6-5	334	FR	HS	Clinton, Md./National Christian Academy	16	Swain, Freddie	WR
75	Moore, TJ	OL	6-5	305	RSO	SQ	Charlotte, N.C./Mallard Creek	70	Tarquin, Michael	OL
76	Gouraiage, Richard	OL	6-4	298	RFR	SQ	Cambridge Christian	29	Taylor, Jeawon	DB
77	White, Ethan	OL	6-5	370	FR	HS	Clearwater/Calvary Christian	45	Taylor IV, Clifford	ATH
80	Whittemore, Trent	ATH	6-3	192	FR	HS	Gainesville/Buchholz	60	Thomas, Da'Quan	OL
81	Lang, Dante	TE	6-5	252	RFR	SQ	Boca Raton/Boca Raton	46	Thomas, Will	ATH
82	Weston, Ja'Markis	WR	6-3	217	FR	HS	Clewiston/Clewiston	36	Thompson, Trey	ATH
83	Wells, Rick	WR	6-0	202	RJR	1L	Jacksonville/Raines	49	Tilghman, Jacob	LS
84	Pitts, Kyle	TE	6-6	239	SO	1L	Abington, Pa./Archbishop Wood	1	Toney, Kadarius	WR
86	Saldivar, Andres	ATH	6-2	230	RSR	SQ	Miami/Coral Gables Senior	43	Townsend, Tommy	P
87	Gross, Dennis	ATH	6-6	225	RSR	SQ	Orlando/Cypress Creek	11	Trask, Kyle	QB
88	Gamble, Kemore	TE	6-3	241	RSO	1L	Miami/Miami Southridge	27	Tse, Joshua	ATH
88	Shuler, Adam	DL	6-4	275	GR	1L	Longwood/Lyman/West Virginia	37	Waxman, Tyler	ATH
89	Cleveland, Tyrie	WR	6-2	205	SR	3L	Houston, Texas/Westfield	39	Weir, Michael	ATH
90	Chatfield Jr., Andrew	LB	6-0	243	RFR	SQ	Plantation/American Heritage	83	Wells, Rick	WR
91	Dunlap Jr., Marlon	DL	6-3	295	RJR	1L	Charlotte, N.C./North Carolina	82	Weston, Ja'Markis	WR
92	Zuniga, Jabari	DL	6-4	246	RSR	3L	Marietta, Ga./Sprayberry	77	White, Ethan	OL
93	Conliffe, Elijah	DL	6-4	312	JR	2L	Hampton, Va./Hampton	53	Whitfield, Chase	ATH
94	Gordon III, Moses	ATH	6-0	275	RSR	SQ	Orlando/Cypress Creek	80	Whittemore, Trent	ATH
96	Freeman, Travis	ATH	5-11	170	FR	HS	Lakewood Ranch/Lakewood Ranch	3	Wilson, Marco	DB
97	Bogle, Khris	LB	6-6	216	FR	HS	Fort Lauderdale/Cardinal Gibbons	6	Wright, Nay'Quan	RB
98	Ancrum, Luke	DL	6-5	263	RSR	3L	Sebring/Sebring	9	Zipperer, Keon	TE
99	Summerall III, Lloyd	LB	6-5	214	FR	HS	Lakeland/Lakeland	92	Zuniga, Jabari	DL

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Amari Burney	ahh-MAR-ee	Kemore Gamble	KEY-MAR-ee	Michael Tarquin	TAR-quinn
Elijah Conliffe	Con-lif	Richard Gouraiage	Garage	Nay'Quan Wright	NAY-quon
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STEVE SPURRIER - FLORIDA FIELD



Top 10 Stadium Crowds

Game	Date	Attendance
Florida State	Nov. 28, 2015	90,916
Florida State	Nov. 28, 2009	90,907
Tennessee	Sept. 19, 2009	90,894
Alabama	Oct. 1, 2011	90,888
South Carolina	Nov. 13, 2010	90,885
South Carolina	Oct. 20, 2012	90,883
Miami	Sept. 6, 2008	90,833
LSU	Oct. 6, 2012	90,824
Florida State	Nov. 26, 2011	90,798
Tennessee	Sept. 17, 2011	90,744

at BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM

June 9, 1992. Once The Gainesville Sun hit newstands that Tuesday, Ben Hill Griffin Stadium's fitting nickname came to life.

Steve Spurrier, entering season three as Gators head coach, called writer Mike Bianchi the day prior and pitched him the storyline. It was seven months after the Gators ended the 1991 regular season with consecutive wins over Kentucky (which clinched an undefeated SEC record and the first league title in school history) and a thrilling 14-9 defeat of No. 3 Florida State, snapping a four-game losing streak to the Seminoles. It also gave UF a perfect 12-0 home record under Spurrier.

"The 'Swamp' is where Gators live," Spurrier told Bianchi. "We feel comfortable there, but we hope our opponents feel tentative. A swamp is hot and sticky and can be dangerous."

Initially, the UF athletic department didn't embrace the nickname. No posters, bumper stickers or marketing campaigns were put together right away. But Spurrier continued to use it. Then he and then-UF communications director Norm Carlson did some research. Turns out, in 1930, UF President John J. Tigert selected the location for the school's football stadium and described the area as a "swampy depression." The school hired engineers to drain the area and install pipes that funneled water down the hill along North-South Drive and dumped it into what is now known as Graham Pond.

Needless to say, the nickname caught on, and Spurrier delivered the perfect quote for the athletic department to utilize once it eventually did embrace the moniker: "The 'Swamp' is a place where only Gators get out alive."

Top Home Winning Percentages Since 1990 (FBS Programs)

	Team	Record	Win %
1.	Ohio State	179-24-1	.880
2.	FLORIDA	160-30	.842
3.	Oklahoma	150-30	.833
4.	Florida State	156-32-1	.828
5.	Nebraska	167-40	.807
6.	Michigan	160-41-1	.795
7.	Kansas State	159-42-1	.790
8.	Miami	148-40	.787

- Since 1990, Florida has outscored opponents 7,155 to 2,949 in 190 games inside The Swamp, putting the average outcome at 37.7 to 15.5 (22.2 points).
- The Gators had two significant win streaks in The Swamp in the 1990s: a 23-game run from 1990-93, and a school-record 30-game streak from 1994-99.
- In 190 home games from 1990 through today, the Gators have...
 - Scored 50+ points.....50 times
 - Scored 40+ points.....82 times
 - Scored 30+ points.....126 times
 - Shut Out Opponents.....16 times
 - Allowed 3 points or less.....31 times
 - Allowed 14 points or less points.....105 times
- Florida's school-record crowd of 90,916 on Nov. 28, 2015 marked the largest crowd ever to watch a football game in the state of Florida. The state has hosted 15 Super Bowls, four BCS National Championship Games and the 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship Game.
- The largest crowd for a home opener was 90,707 (Sept. 3, 2005 - Wyoming). The 2009 opener (90,621) remains the second-largest.





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GAME RECAPS

GAME 1 SUMMARY

No. 8 Florida 24, Miami 20

Aug. 24 | Camping World Stadium | Orlando | Attendance: 66,543

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Miami (0-1)	3	10	0	7	20
Florida (1-0)	7	0	10	7	24

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Fourth-year junior quarterback Feleipe Franks ran three yards for the go-ahead touchdown with just over eight minutes left and a Florida defense that sacked Miami redshirt freshman Jarren Williams 10 times withstood a flurry of penalties on the Hurricanes' final two drives and held on for a big (albeit ugly, at times) season-opening victory before a sold-out house at Camping World Stadium in Orlando. The game, serving as the ceremonial kickoff to college football's 150th season, was a rare matchup between two cross-state rivals and featured five lead changes, including two in the fourth quarter, but also five turnovers and 23 combined penalties for 218 yards. Miami tailback DeeJay Dallas, from the wildcat spot, dashed 50 yards for a touchdown to give Miami a 20-17 lead 45 seconds into the final period. Two UF drives later, Franks dropped and heaved a 65-yard completion to senior wideout Josh Hammond, with Franks scoring on a QB keeper three plays later at the 8:18 mark. After that, both teams made enough mistakes for two games, as Miami had no answer for Florida's defensive pressure and Florida's secondary was unable to cleanly cover Miami's receivers downfield. After a huge UF stop with 4:30 to play, Franks was intercepted on first down and gave the Hurricanes the ball at the Florida 36. From there, the Gators had to escape two defensive pass interference penalties -- one of them on fourth-and-34. The game ended with Miami at the Florida 26, facing fourth-and-12, but with a chance to chuck the ball into the end zone for the win. Instead, UF defensive end Jeremiah Moon was fast off the edge and forced Williams into a no-chance throw into the dirt to end the game and give the Gators just their second victory over the Hurricanes in the last 33 years. Franks finished 17 of 27 for 254 yards and two touchdowns, including a 66-yard screen pass to Kadarius Toney in the first quarter, plus two interceptions, both in the final period. Williams, making his first career start, hit 19 of 29 attempts for 214 yards and a score, while Dallas had 12 carries for 95 yards.

WHAT IT MEANS: A lot. Florida began the day having lost seven of eight to Miami, dating to the 1986 season, the year before the Gators begged out of an annual rivalry that dated to 1938. The run of frustration included an ugly 2013 defeat that marked the last time the two programs played. With the victory, UF now trails the series, 27-29. More importantly, of course, was getting the 2019 season off to a victorious start, even though things did get a little dicey at the end. Better than the alternative. Ask the Canes.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Got to go with Franks ... for the good and bad. His big-arm throw to Hammond helped turn the game, but his interception after that huge defensive stop gave the Hurricanes a chance. Remember, things weren't always smooth sailing with him last season either, but alongside Coach Dan Mullen the two worked together and figured some stuff out.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: Those 10 sacks by the Gators were the most by a Florida defense since at least 1996 (the only stats available via our data base), topping the previous best when Jevon Kearse and the Gators beheaded Auburn's Dameyune Craig nine times in a 24-10 win at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Scoring Summary			UM-UF	
1st	9:37	UM	Baxa, B. 36-yard field goal	3-0
			9 plays, 56 yards, 5:23 TOP	
	7:37	UF	Toney, K. 66-yard pass from Franks, F. (McPherson, E. kick)	3-7
			5 plays, 79 yards, 2:00 TOP	
2nd	8:26	UM	Baxa, B. 42-yard field goal	6-7
			5 plays, 27 yards, 2:20 TOP	
	00:45	UM	Jordan, B. 25-yard pass from Williams, J. (Baxa, B. kick)	13-7
			12 plays, 90 yards, 6:08 TOP	
3rd	6:30	UF	McPherson, E. 27-yard field goal	13-10
			9 plays, 33 yards, 3:25 TOP	
	00:30	UF	Perine, L. 8-yard pass from Franks, F. (McPherson, E. kick)	13-17
			3 plays, 11 yards, 0:50 TOP	
4th	14:15	UM	Dallas, D. 50-yard run (Baxa, B. kick)	20-17
			3 plays, 7 yards, 1:15 TOP	
	8:18	UF	Franks, F. 3-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)	20-24
			4 plays, 80 yards, 1:30 TOP	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - FRANKS, F. 17-27-2, 254, 2 TD UM - Williams, J. 19-30-0, 214, 1 TD
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - PERINE, L. 10-42; FRANKS, F. 7-8, TD; TOWNSEND, T. 1-6; TONEY, K. 3-3; PIERCE, D. 3-2; DAVIS, M. 3-(-9) UM - Dallas, D. 11-94, TD; Thomas J. 1-16; Harris, C. 6-15; Baxa, B. 1-4; Osborn, K. 1-2; Martell, T. 1-(-1); Williams, J. 15-(-43)
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - HAMMOND, J. 4-93; TONEY, K. 1-66, TD; PITTS, K. 3-33; PERINE, L. 6-25, TD; JEFFERSON, V. 1-14; CLEVELAND, T. 1-13; GRIMES, T. 1-10 UM - Jordan, B. 5-88, TD; Osborn, K. 4-41; Dallas, D. 4-37; Thomas, J. 2-28; Harley, M. 1-12; Harris, C. 2-4; Pope, M. 1-4
Leading Tackler	UF - TAYLOR, J. 6 (5 solo, 1 ast.); MILLER, V. 6 (4 / 2); CAMPBELL, K. 6 (4 / 2) GREENARD, J. 6 (3 / 3); ZUNIGA, J. 6 (3 / 3) UM - Hall, G. 8 (3 solo, 5 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - MILLER, V. 2.0 (16); DEAN, T. 1.5 (14); GREENARD, J. 1.5 (4); ZUNIGA, J. 1.5 (13); HOUSTON, J. 1.0 (2); CAMPBELL, K. 1.0 (0); DUNLAP, M. 0.5 (3); MOON, J. 0.5 (3); SHULER, A. 0.5 (5) UM - Rousseau, G. 1.0 (9)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - DEAN, T. 1-0; CAMPBELL, K. 1-0; JEFFERSON, V. 0-1 (0) UM - Patchan, S. 0-1; Quarterman, S. 0-1
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - N/A UM - Carter, A. 1 (22); Finley, R. 1 (19)

Team Statistics	UM	UF
FIRST DOWNS	20	17
NET YARDS RUSHING	87	50
Rushing Attempts	36	28
NET YARDS PASSING	214	254
Completions-Attempts-Int	19-30-0	17-27-2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	301	304
Total Offense Plays	66	55
Fumbles: Number-Lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	14-118	9-100
PUNTS-YARDS	4-170	3-134
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-315	5-322
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-(-1)-0	3-19-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-32-0	2-44-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	36:13	23:47
3rd Down Conversions	2 of 13	2 of 10
4th Down Conversions	0 of 2	4 of 4
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	2-3	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-9	10-60
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	2-2	3-3
Field Goals: Total-Made	2-3	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	3	7



Josh Hammond's 65-yard reception set up Florida's game-winning touchdown midway through the fourth quarter.



GAME 2 SUMMARY

No. 11 Florida 45, Tennessee-Martin 0

Sept. 7 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville | Attendance: 80,007

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Tennessee-Martin (1-1)	0	0	0	0	0
Florida (2-0)	3	14	14	14	45

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Quarterback Feleipe Franks completed his first 15 passes on the way to throwing for 270 yards and two touchdowns without a turnover Saturday night, and the Gators did what the 11th-ranked team in the country is supposed to do an FCS opponent from the Ohio Valley Conference in their 2019 home opener at Spurrier/Florida Field. The UF offense started slowly, managing just a 3-0 lead through the first 22 minutes before Franks, the fourth-year junior, fired scoring strikes of 69 yards to Van Jefferson and 35 to Tyrie Cleveland to open a 17-0 lead in the second quarter. The Gators added third-quarter rushing TDs from tailbacks Malik Davis and Lamical Perine, then stretched the lead in the fourth quarter when both UF backup quarterbacks, Kyle Trask and Emory Jones, accounted for a TD (Trask passing, Jones rushing). Franks, who had three turnovers in UF's season-opening win two weeks ago against Miami, played just three quarters and finished his night 25 of 27 (that's 92.6 percent). UF tallied 543 yards of total offense (312 passing, 231 rushing), while the defense limited the Skyhawks to 194 yards and posted the program's first shutout since a 32-0 defeat of North Texas three games into the 2016 season. The win, however, looked to have come with a price (read on).

WHAT IT MEANS: Not much, other than the fact UF was bigger, faster and more physical than UTM, which everybody knew well before the kickoff. The game allowed the Gators to build some confidence, pile up some statistics and celebrate some big offensive plays the likes of which were much harder to come by two weeks earlier against a stout Hurricanes defense in Orlando.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Got to go with wingback Kadarius Toney and cornerback CJ Henderson -- unfortunately -- as both players left the game with injuries and did not return. Toney was hit hard on a running play in the first quarter and went to the sideline in obvious pain with what appeared to be an arm or shoulder injury. Trainers tended to Toney in the sideline tent before taking him to the locker room. In the second quarter, Henderson got tangled up covering a deep pass down the middle of the field. Henderson, after remaining on the field a bit, was helped off by two trainers and taken to the locker room. No in-game injury updates were provided by UF.

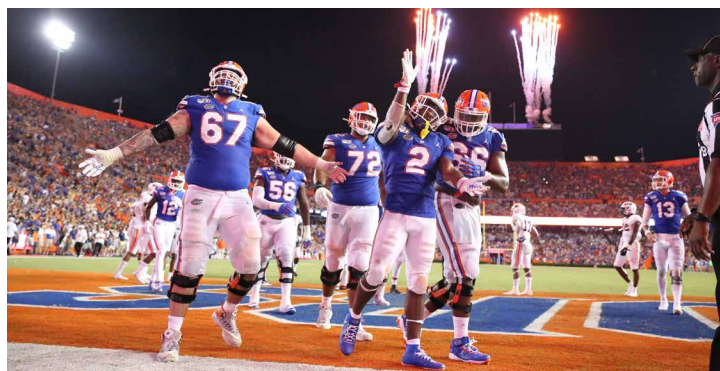
STAGGERING STATISTIC: Those first 15 completions by Franks were the second-most to start a game by a Florida quarterback in program history. Worth noting: The incompletion on his 16th attempt came on a "Hail Mary" at the end of the half. The record for most completions to start a game remained at 17, set by Chris Leak in a 32-14 season-opening defeat of Wyoming on Sept. 3, 2005, a game that marked the debut of Coach Urban Meyer.

Scoring Summary				UTM-UF
1st	8:45	UF	McPherson, E. 32-yard field goal	0-3
			9 plays, 37 yard, 4:01 TOP	
2nd	8:35	UF	Jefferson, V. 69-yard pass from Franks, F. (McPherson, E. kick)	0-10
			5 plays, 92 yards, 2:15 TOP	
	5:00	UF	Cleveland, T. 35-yard pass from Franks, F. (McPherson, E. kick)	0-17
			4 plays, 55 yards, 1:51 TOP	
3rd	11:52	UF	Davis, M. 1-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)	0-24
			7 plays, 51 yards, 3:01 TOP	
	4:49	UF	Perine, L. 5-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)	0-31
			11 plays, 66 yards, 5:33 TOP	
4th	14:55	UF	Copeland, J. 9-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	0-38
			6 plays, 43 yards, 2:17 TOP	
	3:55	UF	Jones, E. 16-yard run (Howard, C. kick)	0-45
			6 plays, 78 yards, 2:13 TOP	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - FRANKS, F. 25-27-0, 270, 2 TD; TRASK, K. 4-5-0, 1 TD; JONES, E. 1-4-0, 2 TD UTM - Bachus, J. 12-19-1, 101; Hudson, J. 3-4-0, 39
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - PERINE, L. 10-51, 1 TD; CLEMENT, I. 1-41; FRANKS, F. 6-37; JONES, E. 4-31, 1 TD; PIERCE, D. 5-25; DAVIS, M. 3-18, 1 TD; COPELAND, J. 1-15; WRIGHT, N. 7-13; TONEY, K. 1-0 UTM - Bachus, J. 9-48; Bowe, J. 7-13; Johnson, J. 3-7; Logan, P. 4-2; Hudson, J. 2-(-4); Moore, J. 1-(-5); TEAM 1-(-7)
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - GRIMES, T. 5-56; JEFFERSON, V. 4-94, 1 TD; HAMMOND, J. 4-22; CLEVELAND, T. 3-52, 1 TD; COPELAND, J. 3-23, 1 TD; PERINE, L. 3-15; WELLS, R. 2-27; TONEY, K. 2-6; PITTS, K. 2-3; SWAIN, F. 1-10; WRIGHT, N. 1-4 UTM - Logan, P. 5-59; Williams, T. 4-22; Williams, R. 3-15; Horton, J. 1-29; Dowell, C. 1-12; Young, L. 1-3 UF - DAVIS, S. 6 (2 solo, 4 ast.) UTM - Akins, J. 11 (6 solo, 5 ast.); Maura, D. 11 (5 solo, 6 ast.)
Leading Tackler	UF - DAVIS, S. 6 (2 solo, 4 ast.) UTM - Akins, J. 11 (6 solo, 5 ast.); Maura, D. 11 (5 solo, 6 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - ZUNIGA, J. 1.5 (7); BOGLE, K. 1.0 (2); BRUNSON, L. 1.0 (7); CARTER, Z. 0.5 (3); REESE II 0.5 (2); SLATON, T. 0.5 (3); UTM - Cherry, C. 0.5 (1); Crutchfield, J. 0.5 (0)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - N/A UTM - N/A
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - ELAM, K. 1 (0) UTM - N/A

Team Statistics	UTM	UF
FIRST DOWNS	8	26
NET YARDS RUSHING	54	231
Rushing Attempts	27	38
NET YARDS PASSING	140	312
Completions-Attempts-Int	15-23-1	30-36-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	194	543
Total Offense Plays	50	74
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	5-45	3-30
PUNTS-YARDS	8-287	1-50
KICKOFFS-YARDS	1-50	8-490
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	3-3-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-38-0	1-34-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:35	31:25
3rd Down Conversions	5 of 14	9 of 13
4th Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	0-1	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-1	5-24
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	0-0	6-6
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-0	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	0



Florida's offense set off plenty of fireworks in their home opener, which led to its first six-game winning streak since 2015.

GAME 3 SUMMARY

No. 9 Florida 29, Kentucky 21

Sept. 14 | Kroger Field | Lexington, Ky. | Attendance: 63,076

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (3-0, 1-0 SEC)	7	0	3	19	29
Kentucky (2-1, 0-1 SEC)	0	14	7	0	21

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Backup quarterback Kyle Trask, summoned to duty for injured starter Feleipe Franks, led two fourth-quarter touchdown drives and capped the second with a 4-yard run and go-ahead score with 4:11 remaining as the ninth-ranked Gators overcame a double-digit deficit and escaped with a stirring comeback win in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams at sold-out Kroger Field. The outcome could easily have gone the other way, as the Wildcats, after Trask's go-ahead score, marched 58 yards in nine plays, but Chance Moore was wide right on a 34-yard field goal attempt with 54 seconds to play. UK tried to get the ball back by calling a couple timeouts, but wide receiver Josh Hammond's electrifying 76-yard touchdown run iced it and gave the Gators their 32nd over the Wildcats in the last 33 meetings. There was no in-game update on Franks, who was trying to run for a first down on fourth-and-1 when he was hit hard and his torso awkwardly bent backward, with his legs appearing to be planted in the pile. The entire UF sideline emptied onto the field when Franks, who hit 12 of 17 throws for 174 yards, one touchdown and an interception in his 18th consecutive start, was carted away. Kentucky led 21-10 at the time. Enter Trask, who hit his first four passes on his way to going 9-for-13 for 126 yards and stealing the spotlight from UK first-time starter Sawyer Smith, who hit 23 of 34 passes for 267 yards, two touchdowns and another rushing. Smith, though, turned the ball over four times, including a pair of second-half interceptions by junior safety Shawn Davis that led to 10 points. The second of those Davis picks came with Kentucky leading 21-16 and 6:05 to play in the game. Florida needed just four plays to go 66 yards, but 30 of those came on Kentucky penalties, with Trask finishing things off with the go-ahead scramble up the middle.

WHAT IT MEANS: A road win to open the SEC slate, which is always big. Remember, the Gators started 0-1 in the league last season, courtesy of that home loss to the Cats that snapped the historic 31-game winning streak. As for the injury to Franks, the team's personality obviously will undergo a significant change. Read on.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: No one outside of the Florida football walls (maybe even Coach Dan Mullen's office) knew for certain if the Florida backup quarterback was Trask or redshirt freshman Emory Jones. Now, not only do we know a little more, but we're going to find out a lot more about Trask, the person/player, in the coming days/weeks. Now that there's high-leverage tape for opposing defensive coaches to break down, the 6-foot-5, 239-pound fourth-year junior from Texas no longer will have the element of surprise working in his favor, as he surely must have against the Kentucky defense.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: The Gators had 216 yards of offense through three quarters, but cranked out 222 in the fourth quarter alone, including TD drives of 66 and 80 yards with Trask in control.

Scoring Summary				UF-UK
1st	6:27	UF	F. Swain 15-yard pass from F. Franks (E. McPherson kick)	7-0
			8 plays, 31 yards, 5:03 TOP	
2nd	14:16	UK	A. Wagner 26-yard pass from S. Smith (C. Poore kick)	7-7
			12 plays, 79 yard, 7:05 TOP	
	7:46	UK	S. Smith 1-yard run (C. Poore kick)	7-14
			11 plays, 54 yards, 5:57 TOP	
3rd	7:50	UF	E. McPherson 32-yard field goal	10-14
			4 plays, 6 yards, 2:02 TOP	
	5:39	UK	K. Upshaw 13-yard pass from S. Smith (C. Poore kick)	10-21
			6 plays, 75 yards, 2:11 TOP	
4th	12:41	UF	L. Perine 8-yard run (K. Trask pass failed)	16-21
			6 plays, 62-yards, 2:15 TOP	
	4:11	UF	K. Trask 4-yard run (K. Trask rush failed)	22-21
			4 plays, 66 yards, 1:54 TOP	
	00:33	UF	J. Hammond 76-yard run (E. McPherson kick)	29-21
			3 plays, 80 yards, 0:21 TOP	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - FRANKS, F. 12-17-1, 174, 1 TD; TRASK, K. 9-13-0, 126 UK - SMITH, S. 23-35-3, 267, 2 TDs
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - HAMMOND, J. 1-76, 1 TD; PERINE, L. 14-27, 1 TD; FRANKS, F. 8-23; PIERCE, D. 2-8; TRASK, K. 1-4; TEAM 1-0 UK - MOKE, K. 16-81; ROSE, A. 14-46; SMITH, S. 9-12, 1 TD; BOWDEN, L. 2-1
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - JEFFERSON, V. 7-93; PITTS, K. 4-63; SWAIN, F. 4-57; PERINE, L. 3-23; GRIMES, T. 2-50; HAMMOND, J. 1-14 UK - BOWDEN, L. 7-70; RIGG, J. 5-50; WAGNER, A. 3-70, 1 TD; ALI, J. 2-28; ROSE, A. 2-18; UPSHAW, K. 1-13, 1 TD; SCHLEGEL, D. 1-12; DAILEY, A. 1-8; SMOKE, K. 1-(-2)
Leading Tackler	UF - REESE II, D. 16 (13 solo, 3 ast.) UK - DANIEL, K. 10 (9 solo, 1 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - GREENARD, J. 1.5 (8); CAMPBELL, K. 1.0 (2); MOON, J. 0.5 (1) UK - DANIEL, K. 1.0 (2); TAYLOR, C. 1.0 (1); WATSON, J. 1.0 (1); MCCALL, M. 1.0 (1); LOONEY, K. 1.0 (5)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - STEWART, B. 0-1 (0) UK - DODSON, T. 0-1 (0)
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - DAVIS, S. 2 (70); ELAM, K. 1 (0) UK - AJIAN, T. 1 (22)

Team Statistics	UF	UK
FIRST DOWNS	21	26
NET YARDS RUSHING	138	140
Rushing Attempts	27	41
NET YARDS PASSING	300	267
Completions-Attempts-Int	21-30-1	23-35-3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	438	407
Total Offense Plays	57	76
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-78	9-79
PUNTS-YARDS	1-1	2-109
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-387	4-260
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-18-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:05	34:55
3rd Down Conversions	4 of 8	8 of 11
4th Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	4-5	2-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	1-5
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	2-2	3-3
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-2	0-1
Points Off Turnovers	16	7



Kyle Trask (right) came in for an injured Feleipe Franks and led the Gators to 19 points and 222 total yards in the fourth quarter, erasing Kentucky's lead.



GAME 4 SUMMARY

No. 9 Florida 34, Tennessee 3

Sept. 21 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville | Attendance: 82,776

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Tennessee (1-3, 0-1 SEC)	0	0	3	0	3
Florida (4-0, 2-0 SEC)	7	10	7	10	34

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: In the first start of his career, quarterback Kyle Trask threw for 293 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while the UF defense held the Volunteers to just 239 yards of offense and forced four turnovers in a relatively easy Southeastern Conference win Saturday at Spurrier/Florida Field. Trask, elevated to starter after the season-ending injury to Feleipe Franks last week at Kentucky, was far from perfect, as the fourth-year junior from Texas had a trio of turnovers (two interceptions, one fumble), but made enough good plays and had enough help from his defense to have little trouble against the struggling Volunteers. The Gators opened a 17-0 lead at intermission, courtesy of a 19-yard touchdown pass from Trask to tight end Kyle Pitts on the game's first possession, a 22-yard Evan McPherson field goal, and 1-yard run from tailback Lamical Perine on the final play of the half. On the latter, the Gators faced a fourth-and-goal at the 1 and UF coach Dan Mullen ran the clock down to :02 before calling a timeout. Mullen bypassed the easy three points and sent his offense back on the field for a do-or-die snap, with Perine driving into the end zone on the final play of the half. Tennessee opened the second half by marching to a 40-yard Brent Cimaglia field goal, but Trask canceled that score out and then some with a 75-yard drive capped by a beauty of a 29-yard touchdown pass to wideout Freddie Swain that made the score 24-3. Sophomore tailback Dameon Pierce added a 10-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter and McPherson kicked his second field goal, a 37-yarder, with just over four minutes left to wrap the scoring. Trask completed 20 of 28 passes (71.4 percent) and his 293 yards eclipsed the best single-game output ever tallied by Franks (284 last season at Vanderbilt). The Gators finished with 441 yards of total offense and went 5-for-5 on red-zone scoring opportunities.

WHAT IT MEANS: Not only did the Gators remain unbeaten, but make that two SEC wins in two games. While Tennessee is in the midst of a nightmare season, the Vols still have SEC-caliber players capable of coming in and making things interesting, if the Gators didn't take them seriously and spun their wheels at home. Didn't happen. As for Trask, a couple poor third-quarter throws into double-coverage will get the attention of Mullen and QBs coach Brian Johnson, but he also made some really nice passes, demonstrated an element of poise in the pocket and showed plenty for his team (and fans) to be encouraged about.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: The obvious choice would be Trask, but on a day when the Gators' defense limited the Vols to those measly 239 yards and three points a shout-out to that side of the ball, and especially linebacker Jonathan Greenard, seems warranted. The graduate-transfer from Louisville was an absolute beast all afternoon, finishing the game with four tackles, two of them for loss, a sack, three passes defensed (one that led to a tipped interception) and a forced fumble. What a game.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: That's 14 wins in the last 15 meetings between these two for the Gators, including eight straight at home (dating to the 2005 season). It really is incredible to think how this once-fierce rivalry -- one of the biggest games in the country every year -- has deteriorated into such a one-sided affair. The 31-point margin of victory was UF's largest in the series since winning 59-20 at home in 2007.

Scoring Summary					UT-UF
1st	12:44	UF	Pitts, K. 19-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		0-7
			5 plays, 75 yards, 2:16 TOP		
2nd	10:02	UF	McPherson, E. 22-yard field goal		0-10
			6 plays, 41 yards, 2:08 TOP		
	0:00	UF	Perine, L. 1-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)		0-17
			9 plays, 61 yards, 4:56 TOP		
3rd	11:24	UT	Cimaglia, B. 40 yard field goal		3-17
			11 plays, 52 yards, 3:36 TOP		
	9:11	UF	Swain, F. 29-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		3-24
			6 plays, 75 yards, 2:13 TOP		
4th	11:31	UF	Pierce, D. 10-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)		3-31
			8 plays, 64 yards, 3:20 TOP		
	2:21	UF	McPherson, E. 37-yard field goal		3-34
			14 plays, 46 yards, 7:03 TOP		

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - TRASK, K. 20-28-2, 293, 2 TDs; JONES, E. 4-6-0, 20
	UT - Guarantano, J. 10-17-2, 107; Maurer, B. 4-11-1, 44
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - PERINE, L. 14-62, TD; PIERCE, D. 11-39, TD; DAVIS, M. 6-20; COPELAND, J. 1-8; JONES, E. 1-5; TRASK, K. 4-(-6)
	UT - Chandler, T. 10-34; Gray, E. 6-27; Jordan, T. 3-16; Guarantano, J. 4-6; Crouch, Q. 1-4; Maurer, B. 3-1
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - PITTS, K. 4-62, TD; JEFFERSON, V. 4-31; SWAIN, F. 3-67, TD; CLEVELAND, T. 3-43; DAVIS, M. 3-17; GRIMES, T. 2-60; COPELAND, J. 2-22; HAMMOND, J. 1-10; PERINE, L. 1-1; PIERCE, D. 1-0
	UT - Jennings, J. 7-73; Palmer, J. 2-24; Callaway, M. 1-27; Johnson, B. 1-22; Pope, A. 1-5; Jordan, T. 1-2; Maurer, B. 1-(-2)
Leading Tackler	UF - BURNEY, A. 5 (5 solo); BRUNSON, L. 5 (2 solo, 3 ast.); REESE II, D. 5 (1 solo, 4 ast.)
	UT - Bituli, D. 8 (5 solo, 3 ast.); T o'o To'o, H. 8 (4 solo, 4 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - ANCRUM, L. 1.0 (3); BOGLE, K. 1.0 (1); GREENARD, J. 1.0 (2); MOON, J. 1.0 (3)
	UT - Bituli, D. 2.0 (9)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - GREENARD, J. 1-0; BURNEY, A. 0-1 (0)
	UT - Bituli, D. 1-0; To'o To'o, H. 0-1 (0)
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - BURNEY, A. 1 (0); DEAN III, T. 1 (0); WILSON, M. 1 (0)
	UT - Jackson, T. 1 (0); Taylor, A. 1 (0)

Team Statistics	UT	UF
FIRST DOWNS	12	25
NET YARDS RUSHING	88	1281
Rushing Attempts	27	37
NET YARDS PASSING	151	313
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-28-3	24-34-2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	239	441
Total Offense Plays	55	71
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-75	5-44
PUNTS-YARDS	5-197	1-43
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-130	6-365
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	1-10-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:46	34:14
3rd Down Conversions	4 of 13	5 of 12
4th Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	1-2	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-9	4-9
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	0-0	4-4
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-1	2-2
Points Off Turnovers	0	10



Jonathan Greenard turned in a monster game as the Gators defense stifled Tennessee and forced four turnovers.

GAME 5 SUMMARY

No. 9 Florida 38, Towson 0

Sept. 28 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville | Attendance: 79,126

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Towson (3-2, 1-1 CAA)	0	0	0	0	0
Florida (5-0, 2-0 SEC)	7	10	14	7	38

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Quarterback Kyle Trask completed his first 15 passes, threw for two touchdowns and rushed for a score, backup tailback Dameon Pierce had a 37-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, and the UF defense registered its second shutout of the season Saturday in blanking overmatched Towson at Spurrier/Florida Field. Trask, the fourth-year junior making his second start, finished 18 of 20 for 188 yards with scoring strikes of 5 and 7 yards, both to sophomore tight end Kyle Pitts, and sandwiched a 1-yard touchdown run on a QB sneak in between. In the fourth quarter, Trask gave way to redshirt freshman backup Emory Jones, who keyed a 69-yard touchdown drive with a 29-yard run and finished it with a 2-yard scoring pass to reserve true freshman tight end Keon Zipperer. The Florida defense surrendered some big plays to Tigers quarterback Tom Flacco, younger brother of Denver Broncos quarterback and Super Bowl champ Joe Flacco, but ultimately kept Towson off the scoreboard, thanks to three forced turnovers and a couple missed field goals. UF finished with 422 yards of total offense, while holding Towson to 248.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Gators are 5-0 for the first time since 2015, and for only the second time in the last 10 seasons. Expect Coach Dan Mullen to go with the ol' Urban Meyer adage next week: "The best thing about being 5-0 is you have a chance to go 6-0." This one also put a wrap on UF's non-conference schedule until the Gators face rival Florida State in the regular-season finale Nov. 30.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: While senior tailback Lamical Perine searches for his first breakout game of the season, Pierce, the sophomore from Bainbridge, Ga., brought the Gators some much-needed productivity to the struggling Florida running game, including runs of 31 yards in the second quarter and that 37-yard score in the third. Those runs marked the third- and second-longest, respectfully, for the Gators this season. Pierce's performance helped UF finish with 160 rushing yards for the game, which was the second-most of the season. The Gators began the day ranked 12th in the Southeastern Conference in rushing and exited still averaging just 141.4 per game (with two of those games against FCS opponents).

STAGGERING STATISTIC: Saturday's hot start, combined with three completions on his final three throws in last week's defeat of Tennessee, gave Trask 18 straight completions over the two games. That broke the previous UF record of 17 straight, set by Chris Leak in the 2005 season opener against Wyoming. Trask, whose first missed attempt came at the 9:25 mark of the third period, equaled the 15 straight completions to start a game that his predecessor, Feleipe Franks, hit to open UF's Sept. 7 defeat of Tennessee Martin. The 15 was the second-most in school history, behind the 17 in a row from Leak 14 years ago.

Scoring Summary					TU-UF
1st	9:28	UF	Pitts, K. 5-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		0-7
			12 plays, 82 yards, 5:32 TOP		
2nd	14:55	UF	McPherson, E. 42-yard field goal		0-10
			8 plays, 50 yards, 3:44 TOP		
	3:46	UF	Trask, K. 1-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)		0-17
			8 plays, 80 yards, 4:08 TOP		
3rd	9:19	UF	Pitts, K. 7-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		0-24
			2 plays, 7 yards, 0:12 TOP		
	4:50	UF	Pierce, D. 37-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)		0-31
			6 plays, 66 yards, 2:28 TOP		
4th	9:47	UF	Zipperer, K. 2-yard pass from Jones, E. (Howard, C. kick)		0-38
			7 plays, 69 yards, 4:21 TOP		

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD) UF - TRASK, K. 18-20-0, 188, 2 TDs; JONES, E. 6-8-0, 74, 1 TD
TU - Flacco, T. 16-27-2, 157; Stover, R. 2-5-0, 26

Rushing (Att-Yd, TD) UF - PIERCE, D. 6-86, 2 TDs; JONES, E. 1-29; DAVIS, M. 6-22; PERINE, L. 6-16; JEFFERSON, V. 1-7; COPELAND, J. 2-5; WRIGHT, N. 2-5; HAMMOND, J. 2-3; CLEMENT, I. 1-2; TRASK, K. 4-(-12)
TU - Thaenrat, Y. 8-35; Feliz-Platt, A. 7-27; Flacco, T. 10-15; Stover, R. 2-12

Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD) UF - GRIMES, T. 5-55; HAMMOND, J. 4-37; PITTS, K. 4-28, 2 TDs; CLEVELAND, T. 3-59; ZIPPERER, K. 3-31, 1 TD; COPELAND, J. 2-22; JEFFERSON, V. 2-16; PERINE, L. 1-14
TU - Leatherbury, S. 4-65; Street, D. 4-29; Epps, J. 4-20; Smith, C. 2-28; Rutkowski, R. 1-20; Hunter, D. 1-11; Thompson IV, D. 1-6; Feliz-Platt, A. 1-4

Leading Tackler UF - BURNEY, A. 8 (1 solo, 7 ast.)
TU - Brown, S. 11 (5 solo, 6 ast.)

Sacks (Yds) UF - REESE II, D. 0.5 (4); DEAN III, T. 0.5 (4); MOON, J. 0.5 (4); GREENARD, J. 0.5 (4); STEWART, B. 0.5 (7); SHULER, A. 0.5 (3); DIABATE, M. 0.5 (7); DUNLAP, M. 0.5 (2)
TU - Carter, B. 1.5 (10); Dixon, C. 1.0 (7); Debaille, T. 0.5 (4)

Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds)) UF - REESE II, D. 0-1 (0)
TU - Dixon, C. 1-0

Interceptions (Yds) UF - GREENARD, J. 1 (16); STINER, D. 1 (2)
TU - N/A

Team Statistics	TU	UF
FIRST DOWNS	17	23
NET YARDS RUSHING	65	160
Rushing Attempts	29	32
NET YARDS PASSING	183	262
Completions-Attempts-Int	18-32-2	24-28-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	248	422
Total Offense Plays	61	60
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-40	4-28
PUNTS-YARDS	3-135	1-36
KICKOFFS-YARDS	1-58	7-444
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-38-0	1-11-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:04	30:01
3rd Down Conversions	8 of 15	6 of 9
4th Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	0-3	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-21	4-35
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	0-0	5-5
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-2	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	10



Kyle Pitts continued his hot streak with four receptions -- two of which were for touchdowns.



GAME 6 SUMMARY

No. 10 Florida 24, No. 7 Auburn 13

Oct. 5 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville | Attendance: 90,584

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Auburn (5-1, 2-1 SEC)	6	7	0	0	13
Florida (6-0, 3-0 SEC)	7	10	0	7	24

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Senior tailback Lamical Perine broke off an 88-yard touchdown run with just over nine minutes to play Saturday that ignited a seismic celebration at sold-out Spurrier/Florida Field and helped the No. 10 Gators finish off the seventh-ranked Tigers amid the hysteria of 90,000-plus who witnessed a Southeastern Conference victory with national implications. Fourth-year Florida junior quarterback Kyle Trask passed for a couple first-half touchdowns, but also was responsible for three of UF's four turnovers, the collection of which allowed Auburn to stick around. The Florida defense, however, was not so accommodating in holding the Tigers and their lethal rushing attack to just 269 yards of total offense. The Gators harassed quarterback Bo Nix most of the day, especially in the second half when the true freshman fell victim to the infamous noise inside a packed "Swamp." Trailing just 17-13, Nix was intercepted in the end zone by safety Donovan Stiner on a third-and-7 from the UF 10 late in the third quarter. With inside 10 minutes to go in the game, and the score the same, Nix faced a third-and-8 from the UF 36. Under pressure, Nix tried to escape the Florida pass rush by running backward, only to fall down for a 22-yard loss. Auburn punted the next play, pinning Florida at its 12. The next snap was Perine's 88-yarder and delirium for the home team. Trask, who left the game in the second quarter with a knee injury but returned two series later, finished 19 of 31 for 234 yards with TD passes of 64 yards to Freddie Swain on the second play of the game and 13 to Josh Hammond in second quarter, leading the offense to 398 total yards. Perine carried 14 times for 130 yards, while Swain caught six passes for a career-high 146 yards. Nix's day looked like this: 11 of 27, 145 yards, one TD, three interceptions. Auburn's lone touchdown actually came after UF coach Dan Mullen gambled with a fake punt in his own territory that did not work. Other than that, the Tigers managed very little offensive success on the road.

WHAT IT MEANS: UF is unbeaten six games into a season for the first time since 2015 and now with a five-star victory on the résumé should start being mentioned in the national-championship conversation; certainly at least for another week as things are about to get even tougher (read on). The Gators took full advantage of the best "Swamp" atmosphere in years, but now have to take their level of play to another level (and far more mistake-free one), given what awaits them away from Gainesville in the coming weeks. In the interim, though, enjoy a magnificent win that marked just the second defeat of Auburn in the last six meetings, dating to the 2001 season.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Before taking the handoff and going the distance, Perine had just 33 yards on eight carries for the game. For the season, he had averaged just 3.6 yards per carry to that point. He upped that number at a very opportune time. The run was the longest by a Gator since Emmitt Smith, who was in the house Saturday, went 96 yards against Mississippi State on Sept. 24, 1988. UF, which came into the game 11th in the SEC in rushing, actually outgained Auburn for yards on the ground 132-124.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: Auburn came into the game with a rushing attack ranked third in the SEC and 14th nationally at 251.2 yards per game. The Tigers managed just 109 yards on 33 attempts, allowing the Florida defense to put Nix in difficult down-and-distance situations, send pressure his way and make him deal with the crowd noise.

Scoring Summary				AU-UF
1st	13:12	UF	Swain, F. 64-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	0-7
			2 plays, 64 yards, 0:40 TOP	
	7:11	AU	Carlson, A. 48-yard field goal	3-7
			4 plays, 9 yards, 1:37 TOP	
	3:01	AU	Carlson, A. 39-yard field goal	6-7
			7 plays, 23 yards, 3:13 TOP	
2nd	13:28	UF	Hammond, J. 13-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	6-14
			2 plays, 18 yards, 0:45 TOP	
	10:23	AU	Williams, S. 32-yard pass from Nix, B. (Carlson, A. kick)	13-14
			1 play, 32 yards, 0:07 TOP	
	5:49	UF	McPherson, E. 41-yard field goal	13-17
			10 plays, 51 yards, 4:34 TOP	
4th	9:04	UF	Perine, L. 88-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)	13-23
			1 play, 88 yards, 0:15 TOP	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - TRASK, K. 19-31, 234, 2 TDs; JONES, E. 5-7, 28; KRULL, L. 1-1, 4 AU - Nix, B. 11-27-3, 145, 1 TD
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - PERINE, L. 14-132, TD; DAVIS, M. 5-16; JONES, E. 3-13; HAMMOND, J. 1-6; PIERCE, D. 1-3; TOWNSEND, T. 1-0; TRASK, K. 8-(-35) AU - Whitlow, J. 18-81; Martin, K. 5-29; Nix, B. 10-18; Schwartz, A. 1-(-4)
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - PITTS, K. 8-65; SWAIN, F. 6-146, 1 TD; PERINE, L. 4-15; HAMMOND, J. 2-23, 1 TD; CLEVELAND, T. 2-(-1); JEFFERSON, V. 1-10; GRIMES, T. 1-4; TRASK, K. 1-4 AU - Williams, S. 4-79, 1 TD; Miller, M. 2-22; Stove, E. 2-14; Hastings, W. 1-13; Cannella, S. 1-12; Wilson, J. 1-5
Leading Tackler	UF - REESE II, D. 13 (1 solo, 12 ast.) AU - McClain, Z. 10 (4 solo, 6 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - HOUSTON IV, J. 1.0 (6); CARTER, Z. 1.0 (22) AU - Britt, K. 1.0 (9); Brown, D. 1.0 (9); Tutt, C. 1.0 (7); Moultry, T. 1.0 (3)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - MOON, J. (0-1 (0)) AU - Britt, K. (2-0); Brown, D. (1-2 (53)); Tutt, C. (1-0)
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - DAVIS, S. 1 (41); STINER, D. 1 (0); WILSON, M. 1 (0) AU - N/A

Team Statistics	AU	UF
FIRST DOWNS	12	19
NET YARDS RUSHING	124	132
Rushing Attempts	34	33
NET YARDS PASSING	145	266
Completions-Attempts-Int	11-27-3	25-39-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	269	398
Total Offense Plays	61	72
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	4-4
Penalties: Number-Yards	9-70	6-55
PUNTS-YARDS	8-326	7-330
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-235	5-321
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-(-5)-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-22-0	0-0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:19	33:41
3rd Down Conversions	2 of 14	4 of 15
4th Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	0-1	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-28	2-28
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	1-1	3-3
Field Goals: Total-Made	2-2	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	6	7



Freddie Swain had the best individual game by a Gators receiver in five years as UF upset No. 7 Auburn in front of a frenzied crowd of more than 90,000.

GAME 7 SUMMARY

No. 5 LSU 42, No. 7 Florida 28

Oct. 12 | Tiger Stadium | Baton Rouge, La. | Attendance: 102,321

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (6-1, 3-1 SEC)	7	14	7	0	28
LSU (6-0, 2-0 SEC)	7	14	14	7	42

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Quarterback Joe Burrow passed for 293 yards and three touchdowns and tailback Clyde Edwards-Helaire rushed for 134 yards and a pair of scores on a Saturday night when the Gators' defense proved no match for the Southeastern Conference's runaway best offense in a shootout loss in front of 102,000-plus screaming fans at Tiger Stadium. Burrow completed 21 of 24 attempts for 293 yards and scoring passes of 9 and 54 yards to Ja'Marr Chase and 7 yards to Justin Jefferson and wasn't sacked. Edwards-Helaire had a 39-yard touchdown run in the first half and the game-tying 5-yard scoring run in the third period after UF had taken its first lead, at 28-21, on a 2-yard scoring toss from Kyle Trask to Van Jefferson to start the third period. The Gators were stymied the rest of the game, with LSU scoring the final 21 points of the game, including a 33-yard go-ahead touchdown run by Ty Davis-Price with 3:15 left in the third quarter. UF trailed by just seven points midway through the fourth quarter when Trask was picked off in the end zone by LSU defensive back Derek Stingley Jr. with 7:26 to play. Four plays later, Burrow hit a wide-open Chase, who torched cornerback CJ Henderson, up the right sidelines for the 14-point cushion with 5:43 left in the game. Florida came into the game ranked first in total defense, allowing just 276.3 yards per game, and scoring defense, surrendering just 9.5 points per game. The Tigers made jambalaya out of those numbers, shredding the Gators for 511 yards, including 218 on the ground, and the most points posted against UF since Alabama did a 54-16 number on Florida in the 2016 SEC Championship Game. At one point the Tigers, who did not turn the ball over, scored touchdowns on four straight possessions and wasted very little time in doing so (read on). Trask hit 23 of his 39 passes for 310 yards, three touchdowns and the one big interception, as Florida totaled 457 yards of offense, 28 first downs and converted nine of 17 third-down chances, yet were completely outplayed by the opposing offense.

WHAT IT MEANS: With South Carolina's huge road upset of Georgia earlier in the day, the Gators missed an opportunity to assume the driver's seat in the SEC East Division standings. A case can be made that the Bulldogs' loss, coming against a division foe, was worse, but the stakes in a couple weeks in Jacksonville will be high, regardless. For what it's worth, the Gators went into one of the nation's most hostile venues and played toe-to-toe with a top-five team for the better part of the game. They are not out of the SEC race or the chase for a College Football Playoff berth, but the task got a little tougher.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Burrow was a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate before the game, but now he'll be mentioned alongside Alabama quarter Tua Tagovailoa, Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts, Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields and Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor. Maybe even as the favorite. Burrow's season numbers now show 148 completions in 186 attempts -- that's 79.5 percent -- to go with 25 touchdowns and just three interceptions, as the pilot of a team smack in the middle of the national-championship conversation

STAGGERING STATISTIC: The Tigers and that offense began the night with 26 touchdown drives of three minutes or less in their five games. Of their six TD drives against the Gators, five were less than three minutes. They looked like this: two plays, 66 yards, :32; five plays, 82 yards, 2:09; four plays, 75 yards, 1:29; eight plays, 75 yards, 3:42; four plays, 52 yards, 1:41; four plays, 80 yards, 1:43. So make that 31 drives of three minutes or less through six games. That's remarkably efficient (and explosive). LSU only had four third-down plays the whole game and were out-possessed for the game 38:19 to 21:41.

Scoring Summary				UF-LSU
1st	9:55	LSU	Chase, J. 9-yard pass from Burrow, J. (York, C. kick)	0-7
			2 plays, 66 yards, 0:32 TOP	
	3:34	UF	Grimes, T. 5-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	7-7
			12 plays, 75 yards, 6:21 TOP	
2nd	12:44	LSU	Jefferson, J. 7-yard pass from Burrow, J. (York, C. kick)	7-14
			5 plays, 82 yards, 2:09 TOP	
	5:48	UF	Perine, L. 1-yard pass from Jones, E. (McPherson, E. kick)	14-14
			13 plays, 75 yards, 6:56 TOP	
	3:55	LSU	Ed.-Helaire, C. 39-yard run (York, C. kick)	14-21
			4 plays, 75 yards, 1:29 TOP	
	0:04	UF	Jefferson, V. 6-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	21-21
			11 plays, 75 yards, 3:51 TOP	
3rd	10:54	UF	Jefferson, V. 2-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	28-21
			8 plays, 75 yards, 4:06 TOP	
	7:12	LSU	Ed.-Helaire, C. 5-yard run (York, C. kick)	28-28
			8 plays, 75 yards, 3:42 TOP	

	3:15	LSU	Davis-Prince, T. 33-yard run (York, C. kick)	28-35
			4 plays, 52 yards, 1:41 TOP	
4th	5:43	LSU	Chase, J. 54-yard pass from Burrow, J. (York, C. kick)	28-42
			4 plays, 80 yards, 1:43 TOP	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - TRASK, K. 23-39-1, 310, 3 TDs; JONES, E. 1-3-0, 1, 1 TD; TEAM 0-1-0; PERINE, L. 0-1-0
	LSU - Burrow, J. 21-24-0, 293, 3 TD
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - PERINE, L. 17-65; JONES, E. 9-36; TRASK, K. 10-21; HAMMOND, J. 1-11; SWAIN, F. 1-8; DAVIS, M. 2-5
	LSU - Ed.-Helaire, C. 13-134, 2 TD; Burrow, J. 6-43; Davis-Price 3-40; Emery, J. 1-2; Team 1-(-1)
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - JEFFERSON, V. 8-73, 2 TD; PITTS, K. 5-108; GRIMES, T. 3-30, 1 TD; SWAIN, F. 2-39; COPELAND, J. 2-25; PERINE, L. 2-12, 1 TD; CLEVELAND, T. 1-17; HAMMOND, J. 1-7
	LSU - Jefferson, J. 10-123, 1 TD; Chase, J. 7-127, 2 TD; Moss, T. 3-38; Sullivan, S. 1-5
Leading Tackler	UF - DAVIS, S. 6 (4 solo, 2 ast.)
	LSU - Delpit, G. 8 (7 solo, 1 ast.); Queen, P. 8 (6 solo, 2 ast.); Chaisson, K. 8 (6 solo, 2 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - N/A
	LSU - Chaisson, K. 1.0 (9); Brooks, M. 1.0 (8)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - N/A
	LSU - N/A
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - N/A
	LSU - Stingley, D. 1 (0)

Team Statistics	UF	LSU
FIRST DOWNS	28	22
NET YARDS RUSHING	146	218
Rushing Attempts	40	24
NET YARDS PASSING	311	293
Completions-Attempts-Int	24-44-1	21-24-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	457	511
Total Offense Plays	84	48
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	5-39	4-28
PUNTS-YARDS	4-171	2-81
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-245	7-455
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-20-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	38:19	21:41
3rd Down Conversions	9 of 17	1 of 4
4th Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	4-6	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-17
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	4-4	6-6
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-0	0-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	7



GAME 8 SUMMARY

No. 9 Florida 38, South Carolina 27

Oct. 19 | Williams-Brice Stadium | Columbia, S.C. | Attendance: 78,883

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (7-1, 4-1 SEC)	3	7	7	21	38
South Carolina (3-4, 2-3 SEC)	7	3	10	7	27

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Three of Kyle Trask's four touchdown passes came in the fourth quarter, as the Gators erased a three-point deficit on the road and in the rain Saturday and ran away from the Gamecocks late for a big Southeastern Conference East Division win in Columbia, S.C. The Gators trailed 20-17 after Parker White's 31-yard field goal with 3:13 remaining in the third period. From there, Trask threw touchdown passes of 25 yards to wide receiver Freddie Swain (after a huge fourth-down conversion along the way), five yards to tight end Kyle Pitts after the UF defense forced a fumble, and then five yards to wideout Trevon Grimes, the latter with 4:02 remaining to cap 21 unanswered points and put the Gators in command. South Carolina managed a Ryan Hilinski-to-OrTre Smith scoring pass of four yards with 1:53 to go, but Grimes covered up the ensuing onsidles kick attempt and UF finished things off. Trask got off to a slow start, but finished his day 21 of 33 for 200 yards, the four TDs (including a 37-yarder to redshirt freshman Jacob Copeland in the first half) and one interception. Sophomore tailback Dameon Pierce had a 75-yard touchdown run on the first snap after South Carolina took a 17-10 lead on a 20-yard scoring run by Tavien Feaster early in the third quarter, a play that kept things settled on the UF sidelines. Florida finished with 354 total yards, while South Carolina tallied 387, including 217 on the ground. Hilinski, a week after being knocked from his team's mega-road upset of Georgia with a knee injury, completed 17 of 35 for 170 yards and one touchdown, while Feaster had a monster afternoon of 25 carries for 175 yards and one TD.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Gators' fourth win in five SEC games was significant because it was a East Division win, and it kept UF alone in second place in the league standings, behind 22nd-ranked Missouri, which took a 2-0 league record into its afternoon game at Vanderbilt. It was also a road win, which are never easy in this league. Give the Gators credit for staying the course amid difficult circumstances (venue and weather) and ultimately making the plays to win for the 11th time in their previous 12 games.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Pierce did not play last week at LSU because of a concussion suffered the week before in the win over Auburn. The timing of his 75-yard touchdown run was perfect because it wiped out whatever momentum the Gamecocks had seized after intercepting Trask and scoring a go-ahead TD to start the second half, plus put the home crowd back in their seats. Pierce finished with seven carries for 87 yards and helped the Gators' very average running game total 157 yards on a very damp day. His big run, though seemed to loosen the South Carolina defense up and helped Florida play offense with more balance.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: Last year, the Gamecocks led the Gators 31-17 to start the fourth quarter in Gainesville. Florida won 35-31. This year, the Gators trailed 20-17 to start the final period and won 38-27. So make that Dan Mullen 35, Will Muschamp 7 in fourth quarters of their meetings the last two seasons. That's also six wins under Mullen when the Gators have entered the fourth quarter trailing.

Scoring Summary					UF-SC
1st	9:59	SC	Denson, M. 1-yard run (White, P. kick)		0-7
			8 plays, 75 yards, 5:01 TOP		
	4:06	UF	McPherson, E. 48-yard field goal		3-7
			6 plays, 44 yards, 2:16 TOP		
2nd	14:06	SC	White, P. 49-yard field goal		3-10
			6 plays, 45 yards, 2:03 TOP		
	10:08	UF	Copeland, J. 37-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		10-10
			8 plays, 75 yards, 3:58 TOP		
3rd	13:57	SC	Feaster, T. 21-yard run (White, P. kick)		10-17
			3 plays, 20 yards, 0:45 TOP		
	13:43	UF	Pierce, D. 75-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)		17-17
			1 play, 75 yards, 0:14 TOP		
	3:16	SC	White, P. 31-yard field goal		17-20
			12 plays, 72 yards, 6:22 TOP		
4th	9:54	UF	Swain, F. 25-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		24-20
			7 plays, 52 yards, 3:35 TOP		
	7:53	UF	Pitts, K. 5-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		31-20
			3 plays, 29 yards, 0:51 TOP		
	4:02	UF	Grimes, T. 5-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		38-20
			6 plays, 37 yards, 3:10 TOP		
	1:53	SC	Smith, O. 4-yard pass from Hilinski, R. (White, P. kick)		38-27
			8 plays, 75 yards, 2:09 TOP		

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD) UF - TRASK, K. 21-33-1, 200, 4 TDs

SC - Hilinski, R. 17-35, 170, 1 TD

Rushing (Att-Yd, TD) UF - PIERCE, D. 7-87, 1 TD; PERINE, L. 14-68; JONES, E. 1-2; SWAIN, F. 1-1; DAVIS, M. 1-0; TEAM 1(-1); TRASK, K. 5(-3)

SC - Feaster, T. 25-175, 1 TD; Denson, M. 12-58, 1 TD; Dowdle, R. 1-8; Hilinski, R. 5(-24)

Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD) UF - PITTS, K. 5-29, 1 TD; SWAIN, F. 5-20, 1 TD; COPELAND, J. 3-89, 1 TD; HAMMOND, J. 2-18; GRIMES, T. 2-13, 1 TD; PERINE, L. 2-12; CLEVELAND, T. 1-14; DAVIS, M. 1-5

SC - Edwards, B. 7-78; Vann, J. 3-33; Smith, S. 2-18; Smith, O. 2-7, 1 TD; Muse, N. 1-21; Markway, K. 1-8; Dawkins, C. 1-5

Leading Tackler UF - REESE II, D. 13 (7 solo, 6 ast.)

SC - Ibe, J. 8 (6 solo, 2 ast.)

Sacks (Yds) UF - HENDERSON, C. 1.0 (9); CARTER, Z. 1.0 (9); MOON, J. 1.0 (3)

SC - Sterling, A. 1.0 (9); Wonnum, D. 1.0 (5)

Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds)) UF - CARTER, Z. 1-0 (0); CAMPBELL, K. 0-1 (0)

SC - Robinson, J. 1-0 (0)

Interceptions (Yds) UF - N/A

SC - Robinson, J. 1 (15)

Team Statistics	UF	SC
FIRST DOWNS	18	16
NET YARDS RUSHING	154	217
Rushing Attempts	30	34
NET YARDS PASSING	200	170
Completions-Attempts-Int	21-33-1	17-35-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	354	387
Total Offense Plays	63	78
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	4-25	5-60
PUNTS-YARDS	7-313	7-321
KICKOFFS-YARDS	7-442	5-300
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-6-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-22-0	0-0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:57	32:03
3rd Down Conversions	5 of 14	7 of 18
4th Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	2-2	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-21	2-14
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	5-5	3-3
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-1	2-2
Points Off Turnovers	7	7



Dameon Pierce's 75-yard touchdown run set a single-season school record for the most rushes of 75-plus yards in a season (three).

GAME 9 SUMMARY

No. 8 Georgia 24, No. 6 Florida 17

Nov. 2 | TIAA Bank Field | Jacksonville, Fla. | Attendance: 84,789

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Georgia (7-1, 4-1 SEC)	3	10	3	8	24
Florida (7-2, 4-2 SEC)	0	3	0	14	17

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Junior quarterback Jake Fromm passed for 279 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while his UGA defensive colleagues smothered UF's offense and allowed the eighth-ranked Bulldogs to take control of the Southeastern Conference East Division with a statement-making rivalry win Saturday at TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville. Fromm fired touchdowns of three yards to Dominick Blaylock and 52 yards to Lawrence Cager, the latter coming with 10 minutes remaining and, coupled with a two-point conversion, put the No. 6 Gators, who never led, in a 14-point hole that proved too much to overcome. Georgia came into the game ranked first in the SEC in both total defense and scoring defense, and the Bulldogs played as such. They limited UF to a season-low 278 yards, the second-lowest output of Coach Dan Mullen's two seasons (a mere three yards better than last year's UGA loss). Fromm, meanwhile, riddled the Gators by completing 20 of 30 passes, but it was UGA's proficiency on third down that absolutely killed UF. The Bulldogs converted 12 of 18 third-down plays and in doing so out-possessed the Gators by more than 12 1/2 minutes. Florida quarterback Kyle Trask was better in the second half, finishing 21 of 33 for 257 yards and a couple touchdowns, but took a horrific 19-yard sack on a crucial second-half possession after the Gators, down 16-3, had moved into Bulldogs' territory. But it wasn't like Trask had a running game to complement the UF passing game. Florida rushed the ball 19 times for a measly 21 yards (1.1 per carry), compared to Georgia's 119 on 37 carries, and after falling behind, 10-0, had to play uphill all game.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Bulldogs, by virtue of the head-to-head tiebreaker win, now have the inside track to the SEC East Division title and accompanying berth in the conference championship game. Finishing the job, though, won't be an automatic. Georgia still has to beat Missouri on the road (Nov. 9), Auburn on the road (Nov. 16) and Texas A&M at home (Nov. 23). If the Bulldogs, two-time reigning division champs, lose any two of those games, and the Gators beat Vanderbilt at home (Nov. 9) and win at Missouri (Nov. 16), Florida would steal the East title. Should UGA close things out, UF is still very much in line for a New Year's Six bowl. That's a decent consolation prize, as the Gators found out last year, but obviously not what they were gunning for. Also, make it three straight losses to Georgia, which now leads the all-time series 52-43-2.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: In Georgia's 36-17 win last season, Fromm hit 17 of his 24 throws for three touchdowns and did so without a turnover. After Saturday's on-point performance, Fromm's combined numbers against the Gators the last two seasons show a completion rate of 68 percent, 519 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions

STAGGERING STATISTIC: Rushing for just 21 yards certainly jumps out of the box score, but when an offense is allowed to convert 12 of its 18 third-down plays (that's nearly 67 percent), it's demoralizing for a defense and, obviously, reduces the opportunities for the offense even to take the field.

Scoring Summary				UG-UF
1st	3:58	UG	Blankenship, R. 31-yard field goal	7-0
			16 plays, 47 yards, 7:03 TOP	
2nd	4:43	UG	Blaylock, D. 3-yard pass from Fromm, J. (Blankenship, R. kick)	10-0
			4 plays, 9 yards, 1:37 TOP	
	2:40	UF	McPherson, E. 38-yard field goal	10-3
			6 plays, 54 yards, 2:03 TOP	
	00:14	UG	Blankenship, R. 37-yard field goal	13-3
			7 plays, 48 yards, 2:18 TOP	
3rd	9:45	UG	Blankenship, R. 27-yard field goal	16-3
			9 plays, 64 yards, 5:08 TOP	
4th	13:51	UF	Jefferson, V. 23-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	16-10
			9 plays, 80 yards, 3:58 TOP	
	10:01	UG	Cager, L. 52-yard pass from Fromm, J. (Cager, L. pass from Fromm, J.)	24-10
			7 plays, 75 yards, 3:50 TOP	
	3:11	UF	Swain, F. 2-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	24-17
			17 plays, 75 yards, 6:50 TOP	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - TRASK, K. 21-33, 257, 2 TD UG - Fromm, J. 20-30, 279, 2 TD
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - PERINE, L. 7-31; PIERCE, D. 3-11; JONES, E. 1-2; TONEY, K. 1-0; TEAM 1-(-1); TRASK, K. 6-(-22) UG - Swift, D. 25-86; Herrien, B. 7-13; Fromm, J. 3-12; Cook, J. 1-6; White, Z. 1-2
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - SWAIN, F. 8-91, 1 TD; PITTS, K. 4-78; JEFFERSON, V. 2-31, 1 TD; GRIMES, T. 2-31; PERINE, L. 2-10; CLEVELAND, T. 1-8; HAMMOND, J. 1-5; PIERCE, D. 1-3 UG - Cager, L. 7-132, 1 TD; Herrien, B. 4-46; Wolf, E. 2-26; Robertson, D. 2-24; Woerner, C. 2-20; Swift, D. 1-24; Pickens, G. 1-4; Blaylock, D. 1-3, 1 TD
Leading Tackler	UF - GREENARD, J. 9 (5 solo, 4 ast.) UG - Rice, M. 9 (2 solo, 7 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - N/A UG - Ojulario, A. 1.0 (10); Davis, J. 0.5 (10); Herring, M. 0.5 (9)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - N/A UG - N/A
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - N/A UG - N/A

Team Statistics	UG	UF
FIRST DOWNS	20	18
NET YARDS RUSHING	119	21
Rushing Attempts	37	19
NET YARDS PASSING	279	257
Completions-Attempts-Int	20-30-0	21-33-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	398	278
Total Offense Plays	67	52
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-46	6-40
PUNTS-YARDS	2-77	3-131
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-390	4-233
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-7-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-63-0	1-18-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	35:48	24:11
3rd Down Conversions	12 of 18	2 of 9
4th Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	4-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-29	0-0
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	1-1	2-2
Field Goals: Total-Made	2-2	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	0



GAME 10 SUMMARY

No. 10 Florida 56, Vanderbilt O

Nov. 9 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville | Attendance: 86,201

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Vanderbilt (2-7, 1-5 SEC)	0	0	0	0	0
Florida (8-2, 5-2 SEC)	0	14	28	14	56

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Fourth-year junior quarterback Kyle Trask passed for a career-high 363 yards to go with three touchdowns and shared top billing with a UF defense that held the overmatched Commodores to just 128 total yards in Saturday's blowout/shutout Southeastern Conference victory at Spurrier/Florida Field. Trask, in helping guide UF to 560 yards of offense, fired scoring strikes of 1 yard to tailback Lamical Perine, 66 to wide receiver Trevon Grimes, and 15 to tight end Kyle Pitts, eventually giving way to backup QB Emory Jones, who rushed for a trio of touchdowns after halftime. Freshman outside linebacker Mohamoud Diabate had three sacks, one of which produced a fumble (one of three UF forced turnovers) that graduate-transfer linebacker Jonathan Greenard returned 80 yards for a touchdown in the third period. UF squandered several first half scoring opportunities, thanks to a pair of turnovers, a missed field goal and failed fourth-down conversion, and led just 14-0 at the break. Such was not the case in the second half, as the Gators scored four touchdowns in the third quarter alone. Trask's passing yardage total was the most by a UF quarterback since Tim Tebow bombed Cincinnati for 482 in the New Year's Day 2010 Sugar Bowl and the outcome marked the first scoreboard blanking of a league opponent since defeating Kentucky, 38-0, on Sept. 22, 2012.

WHAT IT MEANS: That's 28 wins in the last 29 meetings against Vandy, dating to the 1989 season (with the lone blemish coming in 2013). The Gators were fat 27-point favorites over the Commodores, a team that came in ranked last or next-to-last in the SEC total offense and scoring offense, plus total defense and scoring defense. UF did what it was supposed to do in this game, especially at home, which means there's still a ton of good things to play for this season.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Diabate, a true freshman from Auburn, Ala., was given an opportunity due to the regular season-ending foot injury to Jeremiah Moon suffered last week in the loss against Georgia. Boy, did he capitalize on it. The 6-foot-2, 213-pounder came into the game with 11 tackles, just two unassisted, with one stop for loss in his nine games. Diabate finished with four tackles, three of them sacks.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: The plus-432 yards of total offense (including a 277-18 edge at halftime) jumped out of the box score, but the outcome also marked the worst shutout and largest margin of defeat against a SEC foe since the Gators beat Kentucky, 65-0, on Sept. 28, 1996, on the way to winning the program's first national championship.

Scoring Summary				VU-UF
2nd	14:54	UF	Perine, L. 1-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	0-7
			15 plays, 82 yards, 5:18 TOP	
	10:59	UF	Trask, K. 9-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)	0-14
			4 plays, 23 yards, 2:03 TOP	
3rd	13:16	UF	Grimes, T. 66-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	0-21
			1 play, 66 yards, 0:13 TOP	
	10:52	UF	Pitts, K. 15-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	0-28
			2 plays, 51 yards, 0:27 TOP	
	5:22	UF	Greenard, J. 80-yard fumble recovery (McPherson, E. kick)	0-35
	2:08	UF	Jones, E. 13-yard run (McPherson, E. kick)	0-42
			5 plays, 79 yards, 2:04 TOP	
4th	10:10	UF	Jones, E. 1-yard run (Howard, C. kick)	0-49
			4 plays, 25 yards, 2:26 TOP	
	1:06	UF	Jones, E. 3-yard run (Howard, C. kick)	0-56

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - TRASK, K. 25-37-2, 363, 3 TD; JONES, E. 2-3, 47
	VU - Wallace, D. 7-18-1, 60; Walters, A. 1-3-1, 17
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - TONEY, K. 2-39; JONES, E. 5-34, 3 TD; TRASK, K. 7-25; SWAIN, F. 2-18; PERINE, L. 4-13; DAVIS, M. 3-7; WRIGHT, N. 3-6; CLEMENT, I. 1-5; PIERCE, D. 2-3
	VU - Brooks, K. 11-34; Vaughn, K. 15-28; Marlow, J. 4-12; Lipscomb, K. 1-10; TM 1-(-3); Wallace, D. 8-(-30)
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - GRIMES, T. 4-95, 1 TD; PERINE, L. 4-28, 1 TD; PITTS, K. 3-59, 1 TD; CLEVE LAND, T. 3-51; JEFFERSON, V. 3-36; COPELAND, J. 2-43; HAMMOND, J. 2-33; PIERCE, D. 2-27; KRULL, L. 2-18; DAVIS, M. 1-10; TONEY, K. 1-10
	VU - Bostic, J. 2-32; Johnson, C. 2-16; Vaughn, K. 1-14; Pierce, C. 1-12; Lipscomb, K. 1-4; Brooks, K. 1-(-1)
Leading Tackler	UF - HOUSTON IV, J. 8 (4 solo, 4 ast.)
	VU - Moore, D. 9 (3 solo, 6 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - DIABATE, M. 3.0 (27); CARTER, Z. 1.0 (7); REESE II, D. 1.0 (5); SHULER, A. 1.0 (4)
	VU - Mintze, A. 1.0 (7); George, A. 1.0 (3)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - DIABATE, M. 1-0; GREENARD, J. 0-1 (80, TD)
	VU - N/A
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - STINER, D. 2 (31)
	VU - Daley, T. 2 (20)

Team Statistics	VU	UF
FIRST DOWNS	12	33
NET YARDS RUSHING	51	150
Rushing Attempts	40	29
NET YARDS PASSING	77	410
Completions-Attempts-Int	8-21-2	27-40-2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	128	560
Total Offense Plays	61	69
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-56	5-50
PUNTS-YARDS	9-383	2-85
KICKOFFS-YARDS	1-57	9-544
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	4-16-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	4-81-0	0-0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	33:22	26:38
3rd Down Conversions	3 of 15	3 of 9
4th Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	0-1	6-8
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-10	6-43
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	0-0	8-8
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-1	0-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	21



Mohamoud Diabate amassed three sacks in his first career start to lead UF's defense to its third shutout of the season.

GAME 11 SUMMARY

No. 11 Florida 23, Missouri 6

Nov. 16 | Memorial Stadium | Columbia, Mo. | Attendance: 57,280

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (9-2, 6-2 SEC)	3	3	14	3	23
Missouri (5-5, 2-4 SEC)	0	3	3	0	6

Scott Carter's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: The 11th-ranked Gators took their time to warm up the scoreboard Saturday -- much like the weather here at Memorial Stadium in Columbia, Mo. -- but once they did, they took control in the third quarter with a pair of touchdown throws by quarterback Kyle Trask. The first came with Florida nursing a 6-3 lead when Trask dropped back and threw deep to receiver Josh Hammond, who swirled around to catch a 34-yard touchdown pass with Tigers safety Joshua Bledsoe in coverage. Two UF possessions later, Trask drove the Gators 75 yards on eight plays for a 20-6 lead, connecting with Lamical Perine for a 15-yard touchdown pass. Perine made the catch in the back corner of the end zone, getting a foot down before falling out of bounds. Officials reviewed the play to ensure Perine got a foot in-bounds and had possession before ruling it a touchdown, Perine's fourth scoring reception of the season. The Gators led 6-3 at halftime in a battle of field goals, with sophomore Evan McPherson good from 47 and 39 yards for UF, and Missouri's Tucker McCann connecting on a 37-yarder in the second quarter to make it a 3-3 game. The teams combined for 10 punts in the first half. Florida outscored Missouri 17-3 in the second half to hand the Tigers (5-5, 2-4 in SEC) their first home loss of the season.

WHAT IT MEANS: A nine-win regular season for the second year in a row under head coach Dan Mullen. The Gators (9-2, 6-2) closed the Southeastern Conference portion of their schedule with their first win over the Tigers since 2016. With six SEC wins, that is a one-game improvement over Mullen's first season in 2018 when the Gators went 5-3, losing to Kentucky, Georgia and Missouri. This season, the Gators' only conference losses came to No. 1-ranked LSU and No. 4 Georgia. Florida's only hope of getting to Atlanta for the SEC Championship game is to have Georgia lose today at Auburn and then next week at home to Texas A&M. Regardless, you can expect them to watch the Georgia-Auburn game closely on the flight home this evening.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Trask threw for 282 yards and a pair of scores, threatening to become the first UF quarterback since Tim Tebow during his Heisman Trophy-winning season of 2007 to have three 300-yard passing games in a season. Meanwhile, reigning SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week Jonathan Greenard posted another award-worthy performance, registering two sacks and five tackles for loss.

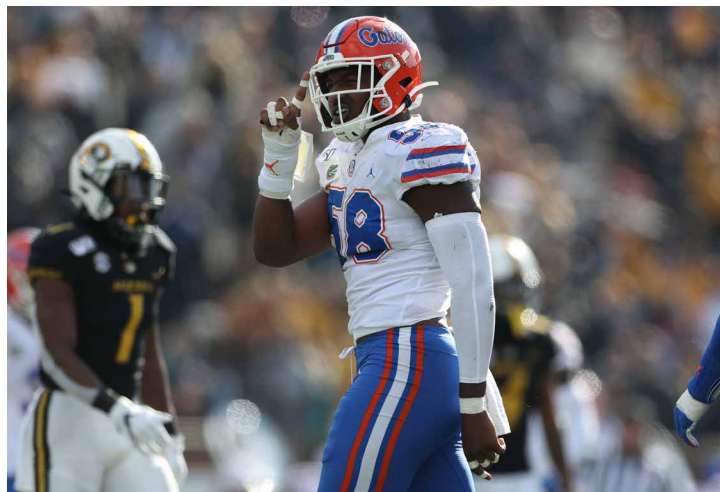
STAGGERING STATISTIC: The Tigers entered Saturday's game with a seven-game winning streak at home, including 5-0 this season. In those five wins, Missouri averaged 40.4 points and 461.8 yards. They finished with six points and just 256 yards on Saturday.

Scoring Summary				UF-MU
1st	12:11	UF	McPherson, E. 47-yard field goal	3-0
			7 plays, 45 yards, 2:49 TOP	
2nd	9:36	MU	McCann, Tucker 37-yard field goal	3-3
			6 plays, 71 yards, 2:33 TOP	
	7:34	UF	McPherson, E. 39-yard field goal	6-3
			6 plays, 53 yards, 2:02 TOP	
3rd	11:56	UF	Hammond, J. 34-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	13-3
			3 plays, 60 yards, 1:06 TOP	
	6:49	MU	McCann, Tucker 28-yard field goal	13-6
			7 plays, 36 yards, 2:22 TOP	
3rd	2:58	UF	Perine, L. 15-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)	20-6
			8 plays, 75 yards, 3:51 TOP	
4th	10:37	UF	McPherson, E. 22-yard field goal	23-6
			8 plays, 61 yards, 3:03 TOP	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - TRASK, K. 23-35-0, 282, 2 TDs; JONES, E. 1-1-0, 48 MU - Bryant, K. 25-39-1, 204
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - JONES, E. 6-39; TONEY, K. 3-17; PERINE, L. 4-16; PIERCE, D. 3-4; DAVIS, M. 2-3; TEAM 1-(-2); GRIMES, T. 1-(-4); TRASK, K. 6-(-17) MU - Rountree, L. 7-30; Bryant, K. 15-19; Badie, T. 4-2; Downing, D. 3-1
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - JEFFERSON, V. 6-82; PITTS, K. 4-38; PERINE, L. 4-24, 1 TD; GRIMES, T. 3-66; COPELAND, J. 3-23; HAMOND, J. 2-45, 1 TD; TONEY, K. 1-48; SWAIN, F. 1-4 MU - Badie, T. 5-20; Nance, J. 4-58; Knox, J. 4-53; Okwuegbunam, A. 4-26; Banister, B. 3-20; Downing, D. 3-13; Gicinto, D. 1-12; Rountree, L. 1-2
Leading Tackler	UF - GREENARD, J. 6 (6 solo); MILLER, V. 6 (5 solo, 1 ast.) MU - Bolton, N. 6 (6 solo); Ware, J. 6 (6 solo)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - GREENARD, J. 2.0 (12); SLATON, T. 1.0 (8) MU - Whiteside, K. 2.0 (16); Williams, T. 1.0 (8); Elliott, J. 1.0 (5)
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - N/A MU - N/A
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - WILSON, M. 1 (0) MU - N/A

Team Statistics	UF	MU
FIRST DOWNS	18	15
NET YARDS RUSHING	56	52
Rushing Attempts	26	29
NET YARDS PASSING	330	204
Completions-Attempts-Int	24-36-0	25-39-1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	386	256
Total Offense Plays	62	68
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-64	6-55
PUNTS-YARDS	8-366	10-411
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-288	3-195
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	2-8-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-30-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	31:12	28:48
3rd Down Conversions	3 of 14	5 of 18
4th Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	3-3	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-20	4-29
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	2-2	0-0
Field Goals: Total-Made	3-3	2-2
Points Off Turnovers	0	0



Jonathan Greenard's five tackles for loss were the most by a Gator in a single game in 20 years.



GAME 12 SUMMARY

No. 11 Florida 40, Florida State 17

Nov. 30 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville | Attendance: 89,409

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida State (6-6, 4-4 ACC)	7	0	10	0	17
Florida (10-2, 6-2 SEC)	7	23	7	3	40

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Quarterback Kyle Trask passed for 343 yards and three touchdowns, senior wide receivers Freddie Swain and Van Jefferson each hauled in a pair of scores on "Senior Night," and the eighth-ranked Gators halted a decade of homefield frustration in their rivalry with the Seminoles with a blowout victory Saturday night at sold-out Spurrier/Florida Field. The win was the first for UF over FSU at the "Swamp" since Tim Tebow's farewell game in 2009, a run of four straight losses, none of which were very competitive. Now, after last year's 41-14 wipeout road win at Tallahassee, the Gators have a two-game winning streak in the series after losing five straight from 2013-17. Trask completed 30 of 41 passes and threw touchdown passes of 19 and 23 yards to Swain, and a 13-yarder to Jefferson, who later caught a 6-yard scoring toss from redshirt freshman backup Emory Jones. Sophomore tailback Dameron Pierce had a 1-yard scoring run and sophomore Evan McPherson kicked a pair of field goals, including a career-best 50-yarder. Both teams scored on their opening drive, but UF used 23 consecutive points bridging the first and second period to open a 30-7 halftime lead, outgaining the Seminoles, 305-95, in total yards through the first 30 minutes. Of FSU's 95 yards, 75 came on that first TD drive. After that, the Seminoles gained just 20 yards on 16 plays for an average of 1.25 per snap in the half. Florida State opened the second half by kicking a field goal, but the Gators answered with an 11-play, 75-yard drive, capped by the Trask-to-Jefferson score, to go up 37-10 and coasted home from there. Florida finished with 467 yards of total offense to Florida State's 250, including 102 rushing on 17 carries from standout tailback Cam Akers, who had a 50-yard scoring run in the third quarter. Defensively, the Gators sacked Seminoles quarterback James Blackman and his backups eight times, giving UF a whopping 46 on the season (the team's most since 1997).

WHAT IT MEANS: The series has taken another one of those turns that rivalries tend to do. Besides that much-craved first home win in the series in a decade (and a second straight win in the series after dropping five in a row), the Gators locked up their first back-to-back 10-win seasons since doing so in 2008-09. Yes, that was also 10 years ago. With a prime bowl game on the horizon (see below), UF will have a chance to post an 11-win season for only the ninth time in program history and the first time since 2012.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: UF's 2019 senior class, which took their bows alongside family members and loved ones during a pregame ceremony, capped the program's first unbeaten home campaign since 2016. Swain and Jefferson had the two TDs each, with fellow wideout Tyrie Cleveland catching four passes for 44 yards. Graduate transfer linebacker Jonathan Greenard had six tackles, three sacks and a forced fumble. Inside linebacker David Reese had six tackles. Good way to go out, class.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: When McPherson kicked his second field goal, a 21-yarder on the first play of the fourth quarter, he gave the Gators their 40-17 lead. During the Seminoles' 4-game winning streak at Gainesville (2011, '13, '15, '17) under former coaches Will Muschamp, Jim McElwain and interim Randy Shannon, Florida totaled 38 points in the four losses.

Scoring Summary					FSU-UF
1st	10:19	UF	Swain, F. 19-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		0-7
			11 plays, 75 yards, 4:41 TOP		
	5:59	FS	Travis, J. 1-yard run (Aguayo, R. kick)		7-7
			4 plays, 23 yards, 2:03 TOP		
2nd	13:46	UF	Pierce, D. 1-yard run (McPherson, E. kick failed)		7-13
			1 play, 66 yards, 0:13 TOP		
	10:55	UF	Swain, F. 23-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		7-20
			3 plays, 85 yards, 1:30 TOP		
	5:06	UF	Jefferson, V. 13-yard pass from Trask, K. (McPherson, E. kick)		7-27
			5 plays, 40 yards, 1:23 TOP		
	00:10	UF	McPherson, E. 50-yard field goal		7-30
			8 plays, 51 yards, 1:32 TOP		
3rd	12:13	FS	Aguayo, R. 48-yard field goal		10-30
			10 plays, 44 yards, 2:47 TOP		
	6:34	UF	Jefferson, V. 6-yard pass from Jones, E. (McPherson, E. kick)		10-37
			11 plays, 75 yards, 5:39 TOP		
	4:53	FS	Akers, C. 50-yard run (Aguayo, R. kick)		17-37
			5 plays, 75 yards, 1:36 TOP		
4th	14:56	UF	McPherson, E. 21-yard field goal		17-40
			11 plays, 52 yards, 4:51 TOP		

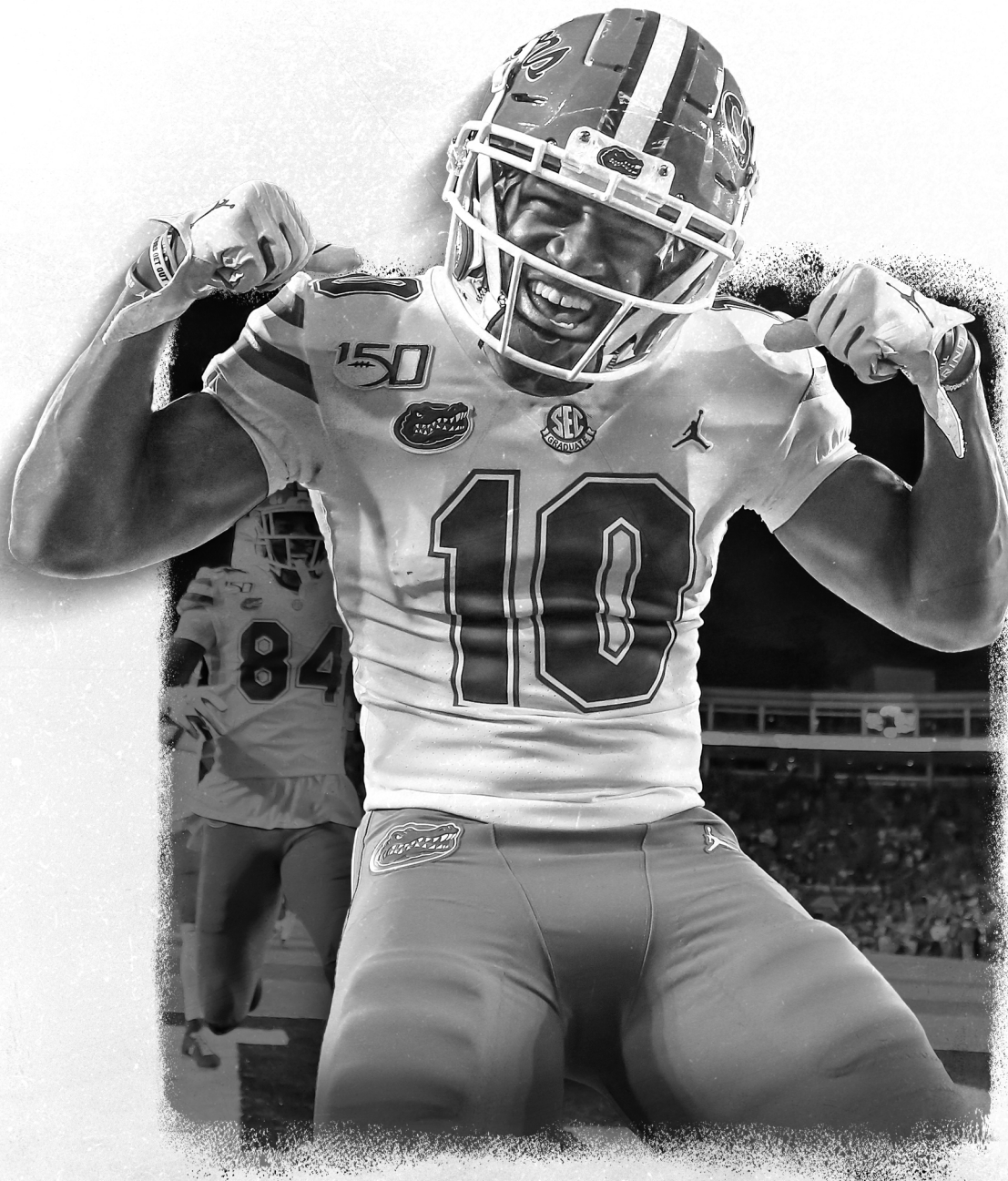
Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - TRASK, K. 30-41-0, 343, 3 TD; JONES, E. 5-6-0, 47, 1 TD FSU - Blackman, J. 14-23-0, 150; Travis, J. 1-1-0, 6; Matthews, D. 1-1-0, 25
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - JONES, E. 7-33; PERINE, L. 4-18; TRASK, K. 4-16; HAMMOND, J. 1-5; PIERCE, D. 5-5; DAVIS, M. 2-1; TOWNSEND, T. 1-0; TONEY, K. 1-(-1) FSU - Akers, C. 17-102, 1 TD; Travis, J. 5-7, 1 TD; Blackman, J. 9-(-40)
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - SWAIN, F. 5-62, 2 TDs; JEFFERSON, V. 5-48, 2 TDs; PITTS, K. 5-44; TONEY, K. 4-65; CLEVELAND, T. 4-44; PERINE, L. 3-40; HAMMOND, J. 3-39; COPELAND, T. 3-19; GRIMES, T. 2-14; KRULL, L. 1-15 FSU - Terry, T. 7-131; Nabers, G. 3-22; Matthews, D. 3-10; Akers, C. 2-2; Gavin, K. 1-16
Leading Tackler	UF - MILLER, V. 8 (3 solo, 5 ast.) FSU - Warner, L. 8 (4 solo, 4 ast.); Rice, E. 8 (2 solo, 6 ast.)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - GREENARD, J. 2.5 (15); HOUSTON, J. 1.5 (9); CARTER, Z. 1.0 (13); DIABATE, M. 1.0 (9); MILLER, V. 0.5 (3); SLATON, T. 0.5 (3); ANCRUM, L. 0.5 (2); SHULER, A. 0.5 (2); FSU - N/A
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - GREENARD, J. 1-0 (0) FSU - N/A
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - N/A FSU - N/A

Team Statistics	FSU	UF
FIRST DOWNS	13	26
NET YARDS RUSHING	69	77
Rushing Attempts	31	25
NET YARDS PASSING	181	390
Completions-Attempts-Int	16-25-0	35-48-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	250	467
Total Offense Plays	56	73
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	13-97	3-25
PUNTS-YARDS	6-263	2-78
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-256	8-510
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-12-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-42-0	1-40-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:06	33:54
3rd Down Conversions	5 of 14	8 of 16
4th Down Conversions	1 of 1	2 of 3
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	2-3	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	8-56
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	2-2	4-5
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-2	2-2
Points Off Turnovers	0	0



The Gators set off plenty of fireworks, mostly thanks to senior receivers Van Jefferson and Freddie Swain, who combined for four touchdowns.



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SEASON STATS

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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
Aug 24, 2019	vs Miami	W	24-20	1-0	0-0	3:37	66543
9/7/2019	UT MARTIN	W	45-0	2-0	0-0	3:13	80007
* Sep 14, 2019	at Kentucky	W	29-21	3-0	1-0	3:32	63076
* 9/21/2019	TENNESSEE	W	34-3	4-0	2-0	3:13	82776
9/28/19	TOWSON	W	38-0	5-0	2-0	2:47	79126
* 10/5/2019	#7 AUBURN	W	24-13	6-0	3-0	3:31	90584
* Oct 12, 2019	at #5 LSU	L	28-42	6-1	3-1	3:18	102321
* Oct 19, 2019	at South Carolina	W	38-27	7-1	4-1	3:22	78883
* Nov. 2, 2019	vs #8 Georgia	L	17-24	7-2	4-2	3:17	84789
* Nov 9, 2019	VANDERBILT	W	56-0	8-2	5-2	3:20	86201
* Nov 16, 2019	at Mizzou Tigers	W	23-6	9-2	6-2	3:29	57280
Nov 30, 2019	FLORIDA STATE	W	40-17	10-2	6-2	3:26	89409

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Florida Overall Team Statistics (as of Dec 10, 2019)
All games

Team Statistics	UF	OPP
SCORING	396	173
Points Per Game	33.0	14.4
Points Off Turnovers	78	30
FIRST DOWNS	272	193
Rushing	76	76
Passing	163	102
Penalty	33	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	1443	1284
Yards gained rushing	1700	1711
Yards lost rushing	257	427
Rushing Attempts	364	398
Average Per Rush	4.0	3.2
Average Per Game	120.2	107.0
TDs Rushing	18	9
PASSING YARDAGE	3605	2304
Comp-Att-Int	293-428-9	207-349-15
Average Per Pass	8.4	6.6
Average Per Catch	12.3	11.1
Average Per Game	300.4	192.0
TDs Passing	32	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	5048	3588
Total Plays	792	747
Average Per Play	6.4	4.8
Average Per Game	420.7	299.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	7-163	23-470
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	14-66	7-9
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	15-160	9-98
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.3	20.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.7	1.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE	10.7	10.9
FUMBLES-LOST	10-8	13-7
PENALTIES-Yards	63-578	95-769
Average Per Game	48.2	64.1
PUNTS-Yards	40-1781	66-2760
Average Per Punt	44.5	41.8
Net punt average	42.3	39.9
KICKOFFS-Yards	76-4610	43-2701
Average Per Kick	60.7	62.8
Net kick average	39.0	39.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:48	29:52
3RD-DOWN Conversions	59/145	62/171
3rd-Down Pct	41%	36%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	14/24	2/9
4th-Down Pct	58%	22%
SACKS BY-Yards	46-304	24-172
MISC YARDS	1	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	51	19
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	14-16	13-20
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(42-50) 84%	(20-31) 65%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(34-50) 68%	(11-31) 35%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(48-49) 98%	(18-18) 100%
ATTENDANCE	508103	301560
Games/Avg Per Game	6/84684	4/75390
Neutral Site Games		2/75666

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Florida	58	108	111	119	0	396
Opponents	33	61	50	29	0	173

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Perine,L.	12	119	555	17	538	4.5	4	88	44.8
Pierce,D.	11	48	282	11	271	5.6	4	75	24.6
Jones,E.	10	38	224	0	224	5.9	4	29	22.4
Hammond,J.	12	6	101	0	101	16.8	1	76	8.4
Davis,M.	11	33	99	16	83	2.5	1	12	7.5
Franks,F.	3	21	85	17	68	3.2	1	22	22.7
Toney,K.	6	11	73	15	58	5.3	0	26	9.7
Clement,I.	6	3	48	0	48	16.0	0	41	8.0
Copeland,J.	12	4	28	0	28	7.0	0	15	2.3
Swain,F.	11	4	27	0	27	6.8	0	10	2.5
Wright,N.	3	12	26	2	24	2.0	0	5	8.0
Jefferson,V.	12	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.6
Townsend,T.	12	3	6	1	5	1.7	0	6	0.4
Grimes,T.	12	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-0.3
Team	7	5	0	6	-6	-1.2	0	0	-0.9
Trask,K.	11	55	139	168	-29	-0.5	3	14	-2.6
Total	12	364	1700	257	1443	4.0	18	88	120.2
Opponents	12	398	1711	427	1284	3.2	9	57	107.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Trask,K.	11	159.25	213-315-6	67.6	2636	24	66	239.6
Franks,F.	3	173.43	54-71-3	76.1	698	5	69	232.7
Jones,E.	10	150.86	25-38-0	65.8	267	3	48	26.7
Toney,K.	6	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Krull,L.	12	133.60	1-1-0	100.0	4	0	4	0.3
Team	7	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Perine,L.	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	159.68	293-428-9	68.5	3605	32	69	300.4
Opponents	12	115.63	207-349-15	59.3	2304	10	54	192.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pitts,K.	12	51	610	12.0	5	32	50.8
Jefferson,V.	12	43	528	12.3	6	69	44.0
Swain,F.	11	35	496	14.2	7	64	45.1
Perine,L.	12	35	219	6.3	4	30	18.2
Grimes,T.	12	32	484	15.1	3	66	40.3
Hammond,J.	12	27	346	12.8	2	65	28.8
Cleveland,T.	12	22	300	13.6	1	36	25.0
Copeland,J.	12	20	266	13.3	2	37	22.2
Toney,K.	6	9	195	21.7	1	66	32.5
Davis,M.	11	5	32	6.4	0	10	2.9
Pierce,D.	11	4	30	7.5	0	18	2.7
Krull,L.	12	3	33	11.0	0	20	2.8
Zipperer,K.	7	3	31	10.3	1	25	4.4
Wells, Rick	8	2	27	13.5	0	24	3.4
Wright,N.	3	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Trask,K.	11	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
Total	12	293	3605	12.3	32	69	300.4
Opponents	12	207	2304	11.1	10	54	192.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Swain,F.	13	54	4.2	0	10
Toney,K.	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	14	66	4.7	0	12
Opponents	7	9	1.3	0	7

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Stiner,D.	4	33	8.2	0	29
Davis,S.	3	111	37.0	0	72
Wilson,M.	3	0	0.0	0	0
Elam,K.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Greenard,J.	1	16	16.0	0	16
Dean,T.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Burney,A.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	15	160	10.7	0	72
Opponents	9	98	10.9	0	22

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cleveland,T.	4	103	25.8	0	40
Swain,F.	2	39	19.5	0	23
Toney,K.	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	7	163	23.3	0	40
Opponents	23	470	20.4	0	32

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Greenard,J.	1	80	80.0	1	80
Total	1	80	80.0	1	80
Opponents	2	53	26.5	0	42

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
McPherson,E.	-	14-16	44-45	-	-	-	-	-	86
Perine,L.	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Swain,F.	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Jefferson,V.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Pitts,K.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Jones,E.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Pierce,D.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Hammond,J.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Grimes,T.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Trask,K.	3	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	18
Copeland,J.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Cleveland,T.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Franks,F.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Zipperer,K.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Davis,M.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Toney,K.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Greenard,J.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Howard,C.	-	-	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	51	14-16	48-49	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	396
Opponents	19	13-20	18-18	-	1	1-1	-	-	173

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Trask,K.	11	370	-29	2636	2607	237.0
Franks,F.	3	92	68	698	766	255.3
Perine,L.	12	120	538	0	538	44.8
Jones,E.	10	76	224	267	491	49.1
Pierce,D.	11	48	271	0	271	24.6
Hammond,J.	12	6	101	0	101	8.4
Davis,M.	11	33	83	0	83	7.5
Toney,K.	6	12	58	0	58	9.7
Clement,I.	6	3	48	0	48	8.0
Copeland,J.	12	4	28	0	28	2.3
Swain,F.	11	4	27	0	27	2.5
Wright,N.	3	12	24	0	24	8.0
Jefferson,V.	12	1	7	0	7	0.6
Townsend,T.	12	3	5	0	5	0.4
Krull,L.	12	1	0	4	4	0.3
Grimes,T.	12	1	-4	0	-4	-0.3
Team	7	6	-6	0	-6	-0.9
Total	12	792	1443	3605	5048	420.7
Opponents	12	747	1284	2304	3588	299.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
McPherson,E.	14-16	87.5	0-0	4-5	5-5	4-5	1-1	50	0

FG Sequence	Florida	Opponents
Miami	(27)	(36),(42),27
UT Martin	(32)	-
Kentucky	27,(32)	35
Tennessee	(22),(37)	(40)
TOWSON	(42)	32,47
Auburn	(41)	(48),(39)
LSU	-	44
South Carolina	(48)	(49),(31)
Georgia	(38)	(31),(37),(27)
Vanderbilt	41	50
Mizzou Tigers	(47),(39),(22)	(37),(28)
Florida State	(50),(21)	(48),44

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Townsend,T.	40	1781	44.5	71	4	19	20	11	0
Total	40	1781	44.5	71	4	19	20	11	0
Opponents	66	2760	41.8	63	3	28	20	11	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
McPherson,E.	72	4380	60.8	45	0			
Howard,C.	3	165	55.0	1	0			
Townsend,T.	1	65	65.0	1	0			
Total	76	4610	60.7	47	0	20.4	39.0	25
Opponents	43	2701	62.8	33	1	23.3	39.8	25

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Perine,L.	12	538	219	0	0	0	757	63.1
Swain,F.	11	27	496	54	39	0	616	56.0
Pitts,K.	12	0	610	0	0	0	610	50.8
Jefferson,V.	12	7	528	0	0	0	535	44.6
Grimes,T.	12	-4	484	0	0	0	480	40.0
Hammond,J.	12	101	346	0	0	0	447	37.2
Cleveland,T.	12	0	300	0	103	0	403	33.6
Pierce,D.	11	271	30	0	0	0	301	27.4
Copeland,J.	12	28	266	0	0	0	294	24.5
Toney,K.	6	58	195	12	21	0	286	47.7
Jones,E.	10	224	0	0	0	0	224	22.4
Davis,M.	11	83	32	0	0	0	115	10.5
Davis,S.	11	0	0	0	0	111	111	10.1
Franks,F.	3	68	0	0	0	0	68	22.7
Clement,I.	6	48	0	0	0	0	48	8.0
Stiner,D.	12	0	0	0	0	33	33	2.8
Krull,L.	12	0	33	0	0	0	33	2.8
Zipperer,K.	7	0	31	0	0	0	31	4.4
Wright,N.	3	24	4	0	0	0	28	9.3
Wells, Rick	8	0	27	0	0	0	27	3.4
Greenard,J.	11	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.5
Townsend,T.	12	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.4
Team	7	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-0.9
Trask,K.	11	-29	4	0	0	0	-25	-2.3
Total	12	1443	3605	66	163	160	5437	453.1
Opponents	12	1284	2304	9	470	98	4165	347.1

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
33	Reese II,D.	12	37	52	89	5.0-15	2.0-11	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
58	Greenard,J.	11	26	25	51	14.5-60	8.5-45	1-16	3	8	1-80	2	.	.
31	Davis,S.	11	29	18	47	1.0-5	.	3-111	3	1	.	.	.	.
51	Miller,V.	11	24	23	47	5.0-26	2.5-19	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
41	Houston,J.	12	21	16	37	6.0-25	3.5-17	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
55	Campbell,K.	12	13	23	36	4.0-6	1.0-0	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
3	Wilson,M.	12	22	12	34	2.5-4	.	3-0	1	1	.	.	.	.
1	Henderson,C.	9	25	7	32	2.0-6	1.0-9	.	11	1	.	.	.	.
30	Burney,A.	7	16	16	32	0.5-1	.	1-0	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
1S	Stiner,D.	12	16	14	30	1.0-1	.	4-33	1	1	.	.	.	.
7	Moon,J.	9	18	12	30	5.5-15	3.0-13	.	2	3	1-0	.	.	.
56	Slaton,T.	11	12	16	28	3.5-16	2.0-14	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
88	Shuler,A.	12	10	17	27	5.0-22	2.5-14	.	1	1	.	.	1	.
17	Carter,Z.	12	9	18	27	6.0-51	4.5-54	.	2	4	.	1	1	.
21	Dean,T.	12	15	10	25	3.5-21	2.0-18	1-0	1	2	.	1	.	.
2S	Stewart,B.	9	13	10	23	2.0-10	0.5-7	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
29	Taylor,Je.	10	12	11	23	1.5-2	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
34	Brunson,L.	12	10	12	22	3.5-18	1.0-7	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
98	Ancrum,L.	11	11	11	22	4.0-7	1.5-5	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
97	Bogle,K.	12	7	10	17	3.5-6	2.0-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1D	Diabate,M.	12	7	10	17	4.5-43	4.5-43	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
92	Zuniga,J.	5	7	6	13	7.0-32	3.0-20	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
23	Hill,J.	9	5	6	11	0.5-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
5E	Elam,K.	12	6	3	9	.	.	2-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
25	Kimbrough,C.	7	4	3	7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
27	Pierce,D.	11	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Chatfield,A.	8	1	4	5	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
2L	Lenton,Q.	12	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Cleveland,T.	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Dunlap,M.	8	.	3	3	1.0-5	1.0-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	Summerall,L.	2	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Hopper,T.	3	1	1	2	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Swain,F.	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Trask,K.	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Buchanan,N.	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Oelrich, N.	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Sanders,U.	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Clement,I.	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Davis,M.	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Copeland,J.	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Hammond,J.	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Grimes,T.	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Jefferson,V.	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
2	Perine,L.	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		12	397	378	775	94-407	46-304	15-160	40	39	7-80	7	2	.
Opponents		12	403	382	785	60-239	24-172	9-98	53	26	8-53	8	.	.

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	
Perine,L.	12	119	555	17	538	4.5	4	88	44.8	49	480	2412	65	2347	4.9	20	88	47.9	
Pierce,D.	11	48	282	11	271	5.6	4	75	24.6	24	117	716	21	695	5.9	6	75	29.0	
Jones,E.	10	38	224	0	224	5.9	4	29	22.4	14	56	294	29	265	4.7	4	29	18.9	
Hammond,J.	12	6	101	0	101	16.8	1	76	8.4	48	9	134	0	134	14.9	2	76	2.8	
Davis,M.	11	33	99	16	83	2.5	1	12	7.5	21	125	697	27	670	5.4	3	72	31.9	
Franks,F.	3	21	85	17	68	3.2	1	22	22.7	27	189	814	376	438	2.3	8	79	16.2	
Toney,K.	6	11	73	15	58	5.3	0	26	9.7	26	46	436	18	418	9.1	1	36	16.1	
Clement,I.	6	3	48	0	48	16.0	0	41	8.0	8	7	65	0	65	9.3	0	41	8.1	
Copeland,J.	12	4	28	0	28	7.0	0	15	2.3	15	4	28	0	28	7.0	0	15	1.9	
Swain,F.	11	4	27	0	27	6.8	0	10	2.5	46	4	27	0	27	6.8	0	10	0.6	
Wright,N.	3	12	26	2	24	2.0	0	5	8.0	3	12	26	2	24	2.0	0	5	8.0	
Jefferson,V.	12	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.6	25	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.3	
Townsend,T.	12	3	6	1	5	1.7	0	6	0.4	25	4	24	1	23	5.8	0	18	0.9	
Grimes,T.	12	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-0.3	25	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-0.2	
Team	7	5	0	6	-6	-1.2	0	0	-0.9										
Trask,K.	11	55	139	168	-29	-0.5	3	14	-2.6	15	60	153	186	-33	-0.6	4	14	-2.2	
Total	12	364	1700	257	1443	4.0	18	88	120.2										
Opponents	12	398	1711	427	1284	3.2	9	57	107.0										

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Trask,K.	11	159.25	213-315-6	67.6	2636	24	66	239.6	15	158.02	227-337-6	67.4	2798	25	66	186.5
Franks,F.	3	173.43	54-71-3	76.1	698	5	69	232.7	27	135.73	367-622-17	59.0	4593	38	69	170.1
Jones,E.	10	150.86	25-38-0	65.8	267	3	48	26.7	14	160.05	37-54-0	68.5	392	5	48	28.0
Toney,K.	6	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	26	279.50	2-4-0	50.0	70	1	50	2.7
Krull,L.	12	133.60	1-1-0	100.0	4	0	4	0.3	25	179.80	2-2-0	100.0	19	0	15	0.8
Team	7	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0								
Perine,L.	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	49	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	159.68	293-428-9	68.5	3605	32	69	300.4								
Opponents	12	115.63	207-349-15	59.3	2304	10	54	192.0								

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pitts,K.	12	51	610	12.0	5	32	50.8	23	54	683	12.6	6	52	29.7
Jefferson,V.	12	43	528	12.3	6	69	44.0	25	78	1031	13.2	12	69	41.2
Swain,F.	11	35	496	14.2	7	64	45.1	46	65	975	15.0	15	65	21.2
Perine,L.	12	35	219	6.3	4	30	18.2	49	67	631	9.4	7	63	12.9
Grimes,T.	12	32	484	15.1	3	66	40.3	25	58	848	14.6	5	66	33.9
Hammond,J.	12	27	346	12.8	2	65	28.8	48	87	1138	13.1	6	65	23.7
Cleveland,T.	12	22	300	13.6	1	36	25.0	45	76	1220	16.1	8	98	27.1
Copeland,J.	12	20	266	13.3	2	37	22.2	15	21	282	13.4	2	37	18.8
Toney,K.	6	9	195	21.7	1	66	32.5	26	49	607	12.4	2	66	23.3
Davis,M.	11	5	32	6.4	0	10	2.9	21	15	123	8.2	0	20	5.9
Pierce,D.	11	4	30	7.5	0	18	2.7	24	9	50	5.6	1	18	2.1
Krull,L.	12	3	33	11.0	0	20	2.8	25	9	108	12.0	0	30	4.3
Zipperer,K.	7	3	31	10.3	1	25	4.4	7	3	31	10.3	1	25	4.4
Wells, Rick	8	2	27	13.5	0	24	3.4	18	3	33	11.0	0	24	1.8
Wright,N.	3	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.3	3	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Trask,K.	11	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.4	15	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
Total	12	293	3605	12.3	32	69	300.4							
Opponents	12	207	2304	11.1	10	54	192.0							

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Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Trask,K.	11	370	-29	2636	2607	237.0	15	397	-33	2798	2765	184.3
Franks,F.	3	92	68	698	766	255.3	27	811	438	4593	5031	186.3
Perine,L.	12	120	538	0	538	44.8	49	481	2347	0	2347	47.9
Jones,E.	10	76	224	267	491	49.1	14	110	265	392	657	46.9
Pierce,D.	11	48	271	0	271	24.6	24	117	695	0	695	29.0
Hammond,J.	12	6	101	0	101	8.4	48	9	134	0	134	2.8
Davis,M.	11	33	83	0	83	7.5	21	125	670	0	670	31.9
Toney,K.	6	12	58	0	58	9.7	26	50	418	70	488	18.8
Clement,I.	6	3	48	0	48	8.0	8	7	65	0	65	8.1
Copeland,J.	12	4	28	0	28	2.3	15	4	28	0	28	1.9
Swain,F.	11	4	27	0	27	2.5	46	4	27	0	27	0.6
Wright,N.	3	12	24	0	24	8.0	3	12	24	0	24	8.0
Jefferson,V.	12	1	7	0	7	0.6	25	2	7	-3	4	0.2
Townsend,T.	12	3	5	0	5	0.4	25	4	23	0	23	0.9
Krull,L.	12	1	0	4	4	0.3	25	2	0	19	19	0.8
Grimes,T.	12	1	-4	0	-4	-0.3	25	1	-4	0	-4	-0.2
Team	7	6	-6	0	-6	-0.9						
Total	12	792	1443	3605	5048	420.7						
Opponents	12	747	1284	2304	3588	299.0						

Scoring	td fg		PAT				dxp saf		pts	td fg		PAT				dxp saf		pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass						kick	rush	rcv	pass			
McPherson,E.	-	14-16	44-45	-	-	-	-	-	86	-	31-35	94-95	-	-	-	-	-	187
Perine,L.	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162
Swain,F.	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	16	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	98
Jefferson,V.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Pitts,K.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Pierce,D.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Jones,E.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Grimes,T.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Trask,K.	3	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	18	4	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	24
Hammond,J.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Copeland,J.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Toney,K.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Davis,M.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Franks,F.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	-	-	-	-	0-2	-	-	48
Zipperer,K.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cleveland,T.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Greenard,J.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Howard,C.	-	-	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	51	14-16	48-49	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	396									
Opponents	19	13-20	18-18	-	1	1-1	-	-	173									

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Swain,F.	13	54	4.2	0	10	38	306	8.1	1	85
Toney,K.	1	12	12.0	0	12	2	8	4.0	0	12
Total	14	66	4.7	0	12					
Opponents	7	9	1.3	0	7					

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cleveland,T.	4	103	25.8	0	40	9	221	24.6	0	46
Swain,F.	2	39	19.5	0	23	4	56	14.0	0	23
Toney,K.	1	21	21.0	0	21	8	169	21.1	0	51
Total	7	163	23.3	0	40					
Opponents	23	470	20.4	0	32					

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Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	
Stiner,D.	4	33	8.2	0	29	6	33	5.5	0	29	
Wilson,M.	3	0	0.0	0	0	3	0	0.0	0	0	
Davis,S.	3	111	37.0	0	72	3	111	37.0	0	72	
Elam,K.	2	0	0.0	0	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	
Greenard,J.	1	16	16.0	0	16	1	16	16.0	0	16	
Dean,T.	1	0	0.0	0	0	2	44	22.0	0	44	
Burney,A.	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	
Total	15	160	10.7	0	72						
Opponents	9	98	10.9	0	22						

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Greenard,J.	1	80	80.0	1	80	1	80	80.0	1	80
Total	1	80	80.0	1	80					
Opponents	2	53	26.5	0	42					

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Perine,L.	12	538	219	0	0	0	757	63.1	49	2347	631	0	86	0	3064	62.5
Swain,F.	11	27	496	54	39	0	616	56.0	46	27	975	306	56	0	1364	29.7
Pitts,K.	12	0	610	0	0	0	610	50.8	23	0	683	0	0	0	683	29.7
Jefferson,V.	12	7	528	0	0	0	535	44.6	25	7	1031	17	0	0	1055	42.2
Grimes,T.	12	-4	484	0	0	0	480	40.0	25	-4	848	0	0	0	844	33.8
Hammond,J.	12	101	346	0	0	0	447	37.2	48	134	1138	0	0	0	1272	26.5
Cleveland,T.	12	0	300	0	103	0	403	33.6	45	6	1220	0	221	0	1447	32.2
Pierce,D.	11	271	30	0	0	0	301	27.4	24	695	50	0	0	0	745	31.0
Copeland,J.	12	28	266	0	0	0	294	24.5	15	28	282	0	26	0	336	22.4
Toney,K.	6	58	195	12	21	0	286	47.7	26	418	607	8	169	0	1202	46.2
Jones,E.	10	224	0	0	0	0	224	22.4	14	265	0	0	0	0	265	18.9
Davis,M.	11	83	32	0	0	0	115	10.5	21	670	123	0	0	0	793	37.8
Davis,S.	11	0	0	0	0	111	111	10.1	29	0	0	0	0	111	111	3.8
Franks,F.	3	68	0	0	0	0	68	22.7	27	438	8	0	0	0	446	16.5
Clement,I.	6	48	0	0	0	0	48	8.0	8	65	0	0	0	0	65	8.1
Stiner,D.	12	0	0	0	0	33	33	2.8	36	0	0	0	0	33	33	0.9
Krull,L.	12	0	33	0	0	0	33	2.8	25	0	108	0	0	0	108	4.3
Zipperer,K.	7	0	31	0	0	0	31	4.4	7	0	31	0	0	0	31	4.4
Wright,N.	3	24	4	0	0	0	28	9.3	3	24	4	0	0	0	28	9.3
Wells, Rick	8	0	27	0	0	0	27	3.4	18	0	33	0	0	0	33	1.8
Greenard,J.	11	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.5	11	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.5
Townsend,T.	12	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.4	25	23	0	0	0	0	23	0.9
Team	7	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-0.9								
Trask,K.	11	-29	4	0	0	0	-25	-2.3	15	-33	4	0	0	0	-29	-1.9
Total	12	1443	3605	66	163	160	5437	453.1								
Opponents	12	1284	2304	9	470	98	4165	347.1								

Field Goals	att	good	long	blkd	att	good	long	blkd
McPherson,E.	16	14	50	0	35	31	50	0
Total	16	14	50	0				
Opponents	20	13	49	1				

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk	no.	yds	avg	lg	blk
Townsend,T.	40	1781	44.5	71	0	91	4096	45.0	71	2
Total	40	1781	44.5	71	0					
Opponents	66	2760	41.8	63	1					

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
McPherson,E.	72	4380	60.8	45	0	153	9574	62.6	90	0
Howard,C.	3	165	55.0	1	0	3	165	55.0	1	0
Townsend,T.	1	65	65.0	1	0	1	65	65.0	1	0
Total	76	4610	60.7	47	0					
Opponents	43	2701	62.8	33	1					

All games

Defensive Leaders		gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk
33	Reese II,D.	12	37	52	89	5.0	2.0	.	.	1	.	.	45	119	198	317	19.5	3.5	1	.	2	.	.
58	Greenard,J.	11	26	25	51	14.5	8.5	1	3	1	2	.	11	26	25	51	14.5	8.5	1	3	1	2	.
51	Miller,V.	11	24	23	47	5.0	2.5	.	2	.	.	.	24	32	30	62	7.0	3.5	1	2	.	.	.
31	Davis,S.	11	29	18	47	1.0	.	3	3	.	.	.	29	48	32	80	3.5	.	3	9	1	.	.
41	Houston,J.	12	21	16	37	6.0	3.5	.	.	.	1	.	25	32	33	65	8.0	3.5	.	.	.	3	1
55	Campbell,K.	12	13	23	36	4.0	1.0	.	.	1	1	.	32	27	58	85	9.0	3.5	.	2	2	1	.
3	Wilson,M.	12	22	12	34	2.5	.	3	1	.	.	.	25	43	25	68	2.5	.	3	12	.	.	.
30	Burney,A.	7	16	16	32	0.5	.	1	1	1	.	.	19	23	20	43	2.5	1.0	1	3	1	.	.
1	Henderson,C.	9	25	7	32	2.0	1.0	.	11	.	.	.	34	65	27	92	7.0	4.0	6	22	.	2	.
1S	Stiner,D.	12	16	14	30	1.0	.	4	1	.	.	.	36	44	44	88	2.0	1.0	6	2	.	.	.
7	Moon,J.	9	18	12	30	5.5	3.0	.	2	1	.	.	34	35	52	87	8.0	5.0	.	3	2	.	1
56	Slaton,T.	11	12	16	28	3.5	2.0	.	1	.	.	.	32	21	39	60	6.0	2.0	.	1	1	.	.
17	Carter,Z.	12	9	18	27	6.0	4.5	.	2	.	1	1	21	10	25	35	7.0	4.5	.	4	.	1	2
88	Shuler,A.	12	10	17	27	5.0	2.5	.	1	.	.	1	25	19	47	66	8.5	4.0	.	1	1	.	1
21	Dean,T.	12	15	10	25	3.5	2.0	1	1	.	1	.	25	31	20	51	4.0	2.0	2	7	.	1	.
29	Taylor,Je.	10	12	11	23	1.5	.	.	1	.	.	.	43	61	67	128	3.0	.	1	3	.	.	.
2S	Stewart,B.	9	13	10	23	2.0	0.5	.	.	1	.	.	31	44	33	77	2.0	0.5	3	2	1	1	.
98	Ancrum,L.	11	11	11	22	4.0	1.5	.	1	.	.	.	40	12	25	37	4.5	1.5	1	2	.	.	.
34	Brunson,L.	12	10	12	22	3.5	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	25	12	17	29	3.5	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
1D	Diabate,M.	12	7	10	17	4.5	4.5	.	.	.	1	.	12	7	10	17	4.5	4.5	.	.	.	1	.
97	Bogle,K.	12	7	10	17	3.5	2.0	.	1	.	.	.	12	7	10	17	3.5	2.0	.	1	.	.	.
92	Zuniga,J.	5	7	6	13	7.0	3.0	.	.	.	.	.	41	54	63	117	34.5	18.5	.	.	1	1	1
23	Hill,J.	9	5	6	11	0.5	.	.	3	.	.	.	9	5	6	11	0.5	.	.	3	.	.	.
5E	Elam,K.	12	6	3	9	0.0	.	2	3	.	.	.	12	6	3	9	0.0	.	2	3	.	.	.
25	Kimbrough,C.	7	4	3	7	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	.	7	4	3	7	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	.
27	Pierce,D.	11	3	3	6	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	6	4	10	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
2L	Lenton,Q.	12	3	2	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	3	2	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Chatfield,A.	8	1	4	5	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	1	5	6	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Cleveland,T.	12	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	45	6	2	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Dunlap,M.	8	.	3	3	1.0	1.0	.	.	.	.	.	21	1	8	9	2.0	1.0	.	1	.	.	.
18	Hopper,T.	3	1	1	2	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	1	2	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Swain,F.	11	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	46	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Summerall,L.	2	1	1	2	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	1	2	0.5	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Buchanan,N.	12	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	27	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Davis,M.	11	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Oelrich, N.	9	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	4	3	7	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Copeland,J.	12	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Hammond,J.	12	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	48	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.
24	Clement,I.	6	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Jefferson,V.	12	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.	25	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.
42	Sanders,U.	6	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Trask,K.	11	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	15	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Perine,L.	12	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	49	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Grimes,T.	12	1	.	1	0.0	25	1	.	1	0.0
Total		12	397	378	775	94	46	15	40	7	7	2											
Opponents		12	403	382	785	60	24	9	53	8	8	.											

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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
* Sep 14, 2019	at Kentucky	W	29-21	1-0	1-0	3:32	63076
* 9/21/2019	TENNESSEE	W	34-3	2-0	2-0	3:13	82776
* 10/5/2019	#7 AUBURN	W	24-13	3-0	3-0	3:31	90584
* Oct 12, 2019	at #5 LSU	L	28-42	3-1	3-1	3:18	102321
* Oct 19, 2019	at South Carolina	W	38-27	4-1	4-1	3:22	78883
* Nov. 2, 2019	vs #8 Georgia	L	17-24	4-2	4-2	3:17	84789
* Nov 9, 2019	VANDERBILT	W	56-0	5-2	5-2	3:20	86201
* Nov 16, 2019	at Mizzou Tigers	W	23-6	6-2	6-2	3:29	57280

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Florida Overall Team Statistics (as of Dec 10, 2019)
Conference games

Team Statistics	UF	OPP
SCORING	249	136
Points Per Game	31.1	17.0
Points Off Turnovers	61	27
FIRST DOWNS	180	135
Rushing	49	56
Passing	109	70
Penalty	22	9
RUSHING YARDAGE	925	1009
Yards gained rushing	1122	1211
Yards lost rushing	197	202
Rushing Attempts	241	275
Average Per Rush	3.8	3.7
Average Per Game	115.6	126.1
TDs Rushing	11	6
PASSING YARDAGE	2387	1586
Comp-Att-Int	187-289-7	139-239-12
Average Per Pass	8.3	6.6
Average Per Catch	12.8	11.4
Average Per Game	298.4	198.2
TDs Passing	20	9
TOTAL OFFENSE	3312	2595
Total Plays	530	514
Average Per Play	6.2	5.0
Average Per Game	414.0	324.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	2-34	15-320
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-32	5-10
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	12-142	7-57
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.0	21.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	4.6	2.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	11.8	8.1
FUMBLES-LOST	7-6	6-5
PENALTIES-Yards	44-395	56-469
Average Per Game	49.4	58.6
PUNTS-Yards	33-1483	45-1905
Average Per Punt	44.9	42.3
Net punt average	42.2	40.3
KICKOFFS-Yards	48-2825	32-2022
Average Per Kick	58.9	63.2
Net kick average	37.6	41.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:49	29:42
3RD-DOWN Conversions	34/97	42/115
3rd-Down Pct	35%	37%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/14	1/5
4th-Down Pct	50%	20%
SACKS BY-Yards	19-129	19-141
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	32	15
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	9-11	10-13
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(25-32) 78%	(16-21) 76%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(20-32) 63%	(9-21) 43%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(30-30) 100%	(14-14) 100%
ATTENDANCE	259561	301560
Games/Avg Per Game	3/86520	4/75390
Neutral Site Games		1/84789

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Florida	34	61	66	88	0	249
Opponents	23	51	40	22	0	136

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Perine,L.	8	88	423	11	412	4.7	3	88	51.5
Pierce,D.	7	29	161	6	155	5.3	2	75	22.1
Jones,E.	7	26	131	0	131	5.0	3	15	18.7
Hammond,J.	8	3	93	0	93	31.0	1	76	11.6
Toney,K.	3	6	64	8	56	9.3	0	26	18.7
Davis,M.	7	19	54	3	51	2.7	0	8	7.3
Swain,F.	8	4	27	0	27	6.8	0	10	3.4
Franks,F.	1	8	27	4	23	2.9	0	13	23.0
Copeland,J.	8	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	1.0
Wright,N.	1	3	8	2	6	2.0	0	5	6.0
Clement,I.	3	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Townsend,T.	8	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.1
Grimes,T.	8	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	0	-0.5
Team	5	4	0	4	-4	-1.0	0	0	-0.8
Trask,K.	8	47	121	154	-33	-0.7	2	14	-4.1
Total	8	241	1122	197	925	3.8	11	88	115.6
Opponents	8	275	1211	202	1009	3.7	6	57	126.1

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Trask,K.	8	153.36	161-249-6	64.7	2065	18	66	258.1
Jones,E.	7	141.98	13-20-0	65.0	144	1	48	20.6
Franks,F.	1	164.21	12-17-1	70.6	174	1	32	174.0
Krull,L.	8	133.60	1-1-0	100.0	4	0	4	0.5
Team	5	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Perine,L.	8	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	8	152.08	187-289-7	64.7	2387	20	66	298.4
Opponents	8	116.29	139-239-12	58.2	1586	9	54	198.2

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Pitts,K.	8	37	502	13.6	3	32	62.8
Jefferson,V.	8	31	356	11.5	3	31	44.5
Swain,F.	8	29	424	14.6	5	64	53.0
Perine,L.	8	22	125	5.7	3	15	15.6
Grimes,T.	8	19	349	18.4	3	66	43.6
Copeland,J.	8	12	202	16.8	1	37	25.2
Hammond,J.	8	12	155	12.9	2	34	19.4
Cleveland,T.	8	11	132	12.0	0	36	16.5
Davis,M.	7	5	32	6.4	0	10	4.6
Pierce,D.	7	4	30	7.5	0	18	4.3
Toney,K.	3	2	58	29.0	0	48	19.3
Krull,L.	8	2	18	9.0	0	20	2.2
Trask,K.	8	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.5
Total	8	187	2387	12.8	20	66	298.4
Opponents	8	139	1586	11.4	9	54	198.2

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Swain,F.	7	32	4.6	0	10
Total	7	32	4.6	0	10
Opponents	5	10	2.0	0	7

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Stiner,D.	3	31	10.3	0	29
Davis,S.	3	111	37.0	0	72
Wilson,M.	3	0	0.0	0	0
Dean,T.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Burney,A.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Elam,K.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	12	142	11.8	0	72
Opponents	7	57	8.1	0	22

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Swain,F.	1	16	16.0	0	16
Cleveland,T.	1	18	18.0	0	18
Total	2	34	17.0	0	18
Opponents	15	320	21.3	0	31

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Greenard,J.	1	80	80.0	1	80
Total	1	80	80.0	1	80
Opponents	2	53	26.5	0	42

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxd	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
McPherson,E.	-	9-11	28-28	-	-	-	-	-	55
Perine,L.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Swain,F.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Grimes,T.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jefferson,V.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Hammond,J.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Pitts,K.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jones,E.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Pierce,D.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Trask,K.	2	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	12
Copeland,J.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Greenard,J.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Howard,C.	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	32	9-11	30-30	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	249
Opponents	15	10-13	14-14	-	1	1-1	-	-	136

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Trask,K.	8	296	-33	2065	2032	254.0
Perine,L.	8	89	412	0	412	51.5
Jones,E.	7	46	131	144	275	39.3
Franks,F.	1	25	23	174	197	197.0
Pierce,D.	7	29	155	0	155	22.1
Hammond,J.	8	3	93	0	93	11.6
Toney,K.	3	6	56	0	56	18.7
Davis,M.	7	19	51	0	51	7.3
Swain,F.	8	4	27	0	27	3.4
Copeland,J.	8	1	8	0	8	1.0
Wright,N.	1	3	6	0	6	6.0
Clement,I.	3	1	5	0	5	1.7
Krull,L.	8	1	0	4	4	0.5
Townsend,T.	8	1	-1	0	-1	-0.1
Team	5	5	-4	0	-4	-0.8
Grimes,T.	8	1	-4	0	-4	-0.5
Total	8	530	925	2387	3312	414.0
Opponents	8	514	1009	1586	2595	324.4

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
McPherson,E.	9-11	81.8	0-0	2-3	4-4	3-4	0-0	48	0

FG Sequence	Florida	Opponents
Kentucky	27,(32)	35
Tennessee	(22),(37)	(40)
Auburn	(41)	(48),(39)
LSU	-	44
South Carolina	(48)	(49),(31)
Georgia	(38)	(31),(37),(27)
Vanderbilt	41	50
Mizzou Tigers	(47),(39),(22)	(37),(28)

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Townsend,T.	33	1483	44.9	71	4	15	15	9	0
Total	33	1483	44.9	71	4	15	15	9	0
Opponents	45	1905	42.3	63	3	19	13	7	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
McPherson,E.	46	2720	59.1	27	0			
Howard,C.	2	105	52.5	1	0			
Total	48	2825	58.9	28	0	21.3	37.6	27
Opponents	32	2022	63.2	27	1	17.0	41.0	23

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Perine,L.	8	412	125	0	0	0	537	67.1
Pitts,K.	8	0	502	0	0	0	502	62.8
Swain,F.	8	27	424	32	16	0	499	62.4
Jefferson,V.	8	0	356	0	0	0	356	44.5
Grimes,T.	8	-4	349	0	0	0	345	43.1
Hammond,J.	8	93	155	0	0	0	248	31.0
Copeland,J.	8	8	202	0	0	0	210	26.2
Pierce,D.	7	155	30	0	0	0	185	26.4
Cleveland,T.	8	0	132	0	18	0	150	18.8
Jones,E.	7	131	0	0	0	0	131	18.7
Toney,K.	3	56	58	0	0	0	114	38.0
Davis,S.	8	0	0	0	0	111	111	13.9
Davis,M.	7	51	32	0	0	0	83	11.9
Stiner,D.	8	0	0	0	0	31	31	3.9
Franks,F.	1	23	0	0	0	0	23	23.0
Krull,L.	8	0	18	0	0	0	18	2.2
Wright,N.	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
Clement,I.	3	5	0	0	0	0	5	1.7
Townsend,T.	8	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.1
Team	5	-4	0	0	0	0	-4	-0.8
Trask,K.	8	-33	4	0	0	0	-29	-3.6
Total	8	925	2387	32	34	142	3520	440.0
Opponents	8	1009	1586	10	320	57	2982	372.8

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Florida Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Dec 10, 2019)
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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd		
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
33	Reese II, D.	8	35	33	68	2.5-7	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Davis, S.	8	25	11	36	.	.	3-111	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Greenard, J.	7	21	13	34	9.0-35	4.0-22	.	3	5	1-80	1	.	.	.
51	Miller, V.	8	17	14	31	1.0-3	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
41	Houston, J.	8	14	10	24	3.5-14	1.0-6	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.
3	Wilson, M.	8	14	9	23	2.5-4	.	3-0	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
1	Henderson, C.	6	18	4	22	2.0-6	1.0-9	.	8	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Burney, A.	5	14	8	22	.	.	1-0	1	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
56	Slaton, T.	8	11	10	21	1.5-8	1.0-8	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
1S	Stiner, D.	8	12	9	21	1.0-1	.	3-31	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Campbell, K.	8	9	12	21	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
7	Moon, J.	6	14	5	19	1.5-4	2.0-6	.	2	1	1-0	.	.	.	.
2S	Stewart, B.	7	10	8	18	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
17	Carter, Z.	8	5	13	18	3.0-31	3.0-38	.	1	3	.	1	.	.	.
98	Ancrum, L.	8	10	7	17	3.0-5	1.0-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
34	Brunson, L.	8	7	8	15	2.5-11	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
88	Shuler, A.	8	7	7	14	3.0-6	1.0-4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
1D	Diabate, M.	8	6	7	13	3.0-27	3.0-27	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.
21	Dean, T.	8	8	5	13	1.0-1	.	1-0	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
29	Taylor, Je.	8	4	8	12	0.5-1	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
97	Bogle, K.	8	5	3	8	2.0-3	1.0-1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Zuniga, J.	3	3	2	5	2.5-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2L	Lenton, Q.	8	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Hill, J.	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5E	Elam, K.	8	3	.	3	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Chatfield, A.	6	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
25	Kimbrough, C.	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Pierce, D.	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Cleveland, T.	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Summerall, L.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Trask, K.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Hopper, T.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Oelrich, N.	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Davis, M.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Buchanan, N.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Hammond, J.	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Swain, F.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Perine, L.	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		8	289	214	503	48-180	19-129	12-142	26	22	5-80	4	.	.	.
Opponents		8	284	208	492	42-181	19-141	7-57	41	19	6-53	7	.	.	.

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	17	Perine,L. at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Yards Rushing	130	Perine,L. vs Auburn (10/5/2019)
TD Rushes	3	Jones,E. vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Long Rush	88	Perine,L. vs Auburn (10/5/2019)
Pass attempts	41	Trask,K. vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Pass completions	30	Trask,K. vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Yards Passing	363	Trask,K. vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
TD Passes	4	Trask,K. at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
Long Pass	69	Franks,F. vs UT Martin (9/7/2019)
Receptions	8	Pitts,K. vs Auburn (10/5/2019)
	8	Jefferson,V. at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
	8	Swain,F. vs Georgia (Nov. 2, 2019)
Yards Receiving	146	Swain,F. vs Auburn (10/5/2019)
TD Receptions	2	Pitts,K. vs TOWSON (9/28/19)
	2	Jefferson,V. at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
	2	Jefferson,V. vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
	2	Swain,F. vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Long Reception	69	Jefferson,V. vs UT Martin (9/7/2019)
Field Goals	3	McPherson,E. at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Long Field Goal	50	McPherson,E. vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Punts	8	Townsend,T. at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Punting Avg	50.0	Townsend,T. vs UT Martin (9/7/2019)
Long Punt	71	Townsend,T. at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Punts inside 20	4	Townsend,T. at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Long Punt Return	12	Toney,K. vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Long Kickoff Return	40	Cleveland,T. vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Tackles	16	Reese II,D. at Kentucky (Sep 14, 2019)
Sacks	3.0	Diabate,M. vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Tackles For Loss	5.0	Greenard,J. at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Interceptions	2	Davis,S. at Kentucky (Sep 14, 2019)
	2	Stiner,D. vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	40	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Yards Rushing	231	vs UT Martin (9/7/2019)
Yards Per Rush	6.1	vs UT Martin (9/7/2019)
TD Rushes	4	vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Pass attempts	48	vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Pass completions	35	vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Yards Passing	410	vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Yards Per Pass	10.2	vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
TD Passes	4	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
	4	at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
	4	vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)
Total Plays	84	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Total Offense	560	vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Yards Per Play	8.1	vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Points	56	vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Sacks By	10	vs Miami (Aug 24, 2019)
First Downs	33	vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Penalties	9	vs Miami (Aug 24, 2019)
Penalty Yards	100	vs Miami (Aug 24, 2019)
Turnovers	4	vs Miami (Aug 24, 2019)
	4	vs Auburn (10/5/2019)
Interceptions By	3	at Kentucky (Sep 14, 2019)
	3	vs Tennessee (9/21/2019)
	3	vs Auburn (10/5/2019)
Punts	8	at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Punting Avg	50.0	vs UT Martin (9/7/2019)
Long Punt	71	at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Punts inside 20	4	at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Long Punt Return	12	vs Florida State (Nov 30, 2019)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	25	Tavien Feaster, at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
	25	D'Andre Swift, vs Georgia (Nov. 2, 2019)
Yards Rushing	175	Tavien Feaster, at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
TD Rushes	2	C. Ed.-Helaire, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Long Rush	57	C. Ed.-Helaire, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Pass attempts	39	Bryant, Kelly, at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Pass completions	25	Bryant, Kelly, at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Yards Passing	293	Joe Burrow, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
TD Passes	3	Joe Burrow, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Long Pass	54	Joe Burrow, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Receptions	10	Just. Jefferson, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Yards Receiving	132	Lawrence Cager, vs Georgia (Nov. 2, 2019)
TD Receptions	2	Ja'Marr Chase, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Long Reception	54	Ja'Marr Chase, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Field Goals	3	R. Blankenship, vs Georgia (Nov. 2, 2019)
Long Field Goal	49	Parker White, at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
Punts	10	McCann, Tucker, at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Punting Avg	55.0	TEAM, vs TOWSON (9/28/19)
Long Punt	63	Max Duffy, at Kentucky (Sep 14, 2019)
Punts inside 20	4	Joseph Charlton, at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
Long Punt Return	7	D. Blaylock, vs Georgia (Nov. 2, 2019)
	7	Floyd, Richaud, at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Long Kickoff Return	32	Thomas, J., vs Miami (Aug 24, 2019)
Tackles	11	AKINS, JaQuez, vs UT Martin (9/7/2019)
	11	Brown,S., vs TOWSON (9/28/19)
Sacks	2.0	Bituli,D., vs Tennessee (9/21/2019)
	2.0	Whiteside, K., at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	K. Chaisson, at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Interceptions	2	Tae Daley, vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	43	at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
Yards Rushing	218	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Yards Per Rush	9.1	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
TD Rushes	3	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Pass attempts	39	at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Pass completions	25	at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Yards Passing	293	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Yards Per Pass	12.2	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
TD Passes	3	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Total Plays	78	at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
Total Offense	511	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Yards Per Play	10.6	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Points	42	at LSU (Oct 12, 2019)
Sacks By	4	vs Auburn (10/5/2019)
	4	at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
First Downs	26	at Kentucky (Sep 14, 2019)
Penalties	14	vs Miami (Aug 24, 2019)
Penalty Yards	118	vs Miami (Aug 24, 2019)
Turnovers	4	at Kentucky (Sep 14, 2019)
	4	vs Tennessee (9/21/2019)
	4	vs Auburn (10/5/2019)
Interceptions By	2	vs Miami (Aug 24, 2019)
	2	vs Tennessee (9/21/2019)
	2	vs Vanderbilt (Nov 9, 2019)
Punts	10	at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)
Punting Avg	54.5	at Kentucky (Sep 14, 2019)
Long Punt	63	at Kentucky (Sep 14, 2019)
Punts inside 20	4	at South Carolina (Oct 19, 2019)
Long Punt Return	7	vs Georgia (Nov. 2, 2019)
	7	at Mizzou Tigers (Nov 16, 2019)

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TEAM STATISTICS

		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
Aug 24	vs Miami	28	50	1	15	17	254	2	66	17-27-2	254	2	66			2	44	0	23	3	19	0	8	304
9/7/2019	UT MARTIN	38	231	3	41	30	312	3	69	30-36-0	312	3	69			1	34	0	34	3	3	0	1	543
Sep 14	at Kentucky	27	138	3	76	21	300	1	32	21-30-1	300	1	32			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	438
9/21/2019	TENNESSEE	37	128	2	13	24	313	2	43	24-34-2	313	2	43			0	0	0	0	1	10	0	10	441
9/28/19	TOWSON	32	160	2	37	24	262	3	32	24-28-0	262	3	32			1	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	422
10/5/2019	AUBURN	33	132	1	88	25	266	2	64	25-39-0	266	2	64			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	398
Oct 12	at LSU	40	146	0	17	24	311	4	28	24-44-1	311	4	28			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	457
Oct 19	at South Carolina	30	154	1	75	21	200	4	37	21-33-1	200	4	37			1	16	0	16	1	6	0	6	354
Nov. 2	vs Georgia	19	21	0	9	21	257	2	29	21-33-0	257	2	29			1	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	278
Nov 9	VANDERBILT	29	150	4	26	27	410	3	66	27-40-2	410	3	66			0	0	0	0	4	16	0	7	560
Nov 16	at Mizzou Tigers	26	56	0	25	24	330	2	48	24-36-0	330	2	48			0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	386
Nov 30	FLORIDA STATE	25	77	1	15	35	390	4	47	35-48-0	390	4	47			1	40	0	40	1	12	0	12	467
Florida		364	1443	18	88	293	3605	32	69	293-428-9	3605	32	69			7	163	0	40	14	66	0	12	5048
		398	1284	9	57	207	2304	10	54	207-349-15	2304	10	54			23	470	0	32	7	9	0	7	3588

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 4.0 • Avg/catch: 12.3 • Pass effc: 159.68 • KR avg: 23.3 • PR avg: 4.7 • All purpose avg/game: 453.1 • Total offense avg/gm: 420.7

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		pts
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	
Aug 24	vs Miami	41	28	69	16.0-71	10.0-60	2	1-0	0-0	5	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
9/7/201	UT MARTIN	19	46	65	10.0-38	5.0-24	0	0-0	1-0	0	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	45
Sep 14	at Kentucky	45	18	63	3.0-11	1.0-8	0	1-0	3-70	3	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	16	29
9/21/20	TENNESSEE	32	20	52	8.0-15	4.0-9	1	1-0	3-0	0	6	0	4-4	0	0	0	10	34
9/28/19	TOWSON	22	50	72	8.0-53	4.0-35	0	1-0	2-18	7	5	2	5-5	0	0	0	10	38
10/5/20	AUBURN	19	52	71	5.0-35	2.0-28	1	1-0	3-41	3	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
Oct 12	at LSU	32	14	46	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
Oct 19	at South Carolina	44	26	70	4.0-4	3.0-21	1	1-0	0-0	7	3	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
Nov. 2	vs Georgia	35	38	73	6.0-12	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Nov 9	VANDERBILT	29	44	73	11.0-57	6.0-43	1	1-80	2-31	4	3	0	8-8	0	0	0	21	56
Nov 16	at Mizzou Tigers	53	2	55	10.0-44	3.0-20	0	0-0	1-0	3	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	23
Nov 30	FLORIDA STATE	26	40	66	12.0-65	8.0-56	1	0-0	0-0	5	3	0	4-5	0	0	0	0	40
Florida		397	378	775	94.0-407	46.0-304	7	7-80	15-160	39	40	2	48-49	0	0	0	78	396
		403	382	785	60.0-239	24.0-172	8	8-53	9-98	26	53	0	18-18	0	1	0	30	173

		Punting									Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 24	vs Miami	3	134	44.7	50	0	0	1	1	3	1-1	27	0	5	322	64.4	4	0
9/7/201	UT MARTIN	1	50	50.0	50	0	0	0	1	1	1-1	32	0	8	509	63.6	5	0
Sep 14	at Kentucky	1	44	44.0	44	0	0	0	0	1	1-2	32	0	6	387	64.5	5	0
9/21/20	TENNESSEE	1	43	43.0	43	0	0	0	0	0	2-2	37	0	6	365	60.8	5	0
9/28/19	TOWSON	1	36	36.0	36	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	42	0	7	444	63.4	4	0
10/5/20	AUBURN	7	330	47.1	62	0	3	1	3	3	1-1	41	0	5	321	64.2	4	0
Oct 12	at LSU	4	171	42.8	49	0	0	2	0	1	0-0	0	0	5	245	49.0	1	0
Oct 19	at South Carolina	7	313	44.7	55	0	0	5	2	3	1-1	48	0	7	442	63.1	3	0
Nov. 2	vs Georgia	3	131	43.7	56	0	0	2	1	1	1-1	38	0	4	233	58.2	1	0
Nov 9	VANDERBILT	2	85	42.5	43	0	0	2	0	2	0-1	0	0	9	544	60.4	4	0
Nov 16	at Mizzou Tigers	8	366	45.8	71	0	1	3	3	4	3-3	47	0	6	288	48.0	5	0
Nov 30	FLORIDA STATE	2	78	39.0	42	0	0	2	0	0	2-2	50	0	8	510	63.8	6	0
Florida		40	1781	44.5	71	0	4	19	11	20	14-16	50	0	76	4610	60.7	47	0
		66	2760	41.8	63	1	3	28	11	20	13-20	49	1	43	2701	62.8	33	1

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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Aug 24	vs Miami	36	87	1	50	19	214	1	40	19-30-0	214	1	40	1	32	0	32	1	-1	0	1	301
9/7/2019	UT MARTIN	27	54	0	48	15	140	0	34	15-23-1	140	0	34	2	38	0	29	1	0	0	0	194
Sep 14	at Kentucky	41	140	1	21	23	267	2	26	23-35-3	267	2	26	1	18	0	18	0	0	0	0	407
9/21/2019	TENNESSEE	27	88	0	16	14	151	0	27	14-28-3	151	0	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	239
9/28/19	TOWSON	29	65	0	22	18	183	0	25	18-32-2	183	0	25	3	38	0	14	0	0	0	0	248
10/5/2019	AUBURN	34	124	0	16	11	145	1	46	11-27-3	145	1	46	1	22	0	22	1	-5	0	0	269
Oct 12	at LSU	24	218	3	57	21	293	3	54	21-24-0	293	3	54	1	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	511
Oct 19	at South Carolina	43	217	2	37	17	170	1	41	17-35-0	170	1	41	4	86	0	25	0	0	0	0	387
Nov. 2	vs Georgia	37	119	0	30	20	279	2	52	20-30-0	279	2	52	3	63	0	27	1	7	0	7	398
Nov 9	VANDERBILT	40	51	0	13	8	77	0	17	8-21-2	77	0	17	4	81	0	31	0	0	0	0	128
Nov 16	at Mizzou Tigers	29	52	0	11	25	204	0	44	25-39-1	204	0	44	1	30	0	30	2	8	0	7	256
Nov 30	FLORIDA STATE	31	69	2	50	16	181	0	45	16-25-0	181	0	45	2	42	0	25	0	0	0	0	250
Opponents		398	1284	9	57	207	2304	10	54	207-349-15	2304	10	54	23	470	0	32	7	9	0	7	3588
		364	1443	18	88	293	3605	32	69	293-428-9	3605	32	69	7	163	0	40	14	66	0	12	5048

Games: 12 • Avg/rush: 3.2 • Avg/catch: 11.1 • Pass effic: 115.63 • KR avg: 20.4 • PR avg: 1.3 • All purpose avg/game: 347.1 • Total offense avg/gm: 299.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT Attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds		int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
Aug 24	vs Miami	30	24	54	6.0-21	1.0-9	0	2-0		2-41	3	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	20
9/7/201	UT MARTIN	32	58	90	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0-0		0-0	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 14	at Kentucky	34	12	46	5.0-10	1.0-5	1	1-0		1-22	4	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	21
9/21/20	TENNESSEE	39	36	75	3.0-11	2.0-9	1	1-0		2-0	5	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
9/28/19	TOWSON	27	50	77	8.0-29	3.0-21	1	0-0		0-0	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
10/5/20	AUBURN	33	40	73	11.0-41	4.0-28	4	4-53		0-0	2	6	0	1-1	0	0	0	6	13
Oct 12	at LSU	48	20	68	5.0-22	2.0-17	0	0-0		1-0	5	9	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	42
Oct 19	at South Carolina	36	18	54	1.0-2	2.0-14	1	0-0		1-15	0	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
Nov. 2	vs Georgia	19	36	55	3.0-31	2.0-29	0	0-0		0-0	1	6	0	1-1	0	1	0	0	24
Nov 9	VANDERBILT	30	44	74	6.0-18	2.0-10	0	0-0		2-20	1	4	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 16	at Mizzou Tigers	45	2	47	8.0-46	4.0-29	0	0-0		0-0	1	5	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
Nov 30	FLORIDA STATE	30	42	72	3.0-7	0.0-0	0	0-0		0-0	2	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Opponents		403	382	785	60.0-239	24.0-172	8	8-53		9-98	26	53	0	18-18	0	1	0	30	173
		397	378	775	94.0-407	46.0-304	7	7-80		15-160	39	40	2	48-49	0	0	0	78	396

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20		md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 24	vs Miami	4	170	42.5	49	0	0	0	0	0		2-3	42	0	5	315	63.0	3	0
9/7/201	UT MARTIN	8	287	35.9	43	0	0	2	0	3		0-0	0	0	1	50	50.0	0	0
Sep 14	at Kentucky	2	109	54.5	63	0	0	1	1	2		0-1	0	0	4	260	65.0	4	0
9/21/20	TENNESSEE	5	197	39.4	44	0	1	2	0	0		1-1	40	0	2	130	65.0	2	0
9/28/19	TOWSON	3	135	45.0	55	1	0	2	1	1		0-2	0	1	1	58	58.0	0	0
10/5/20	AUBURN	8	326	40.8	47	0	0	5	0	1		2-2	48	0	4	235	58.8	3	0
Oct 12	at LSU	2	81	40.5	49	0	0	1	0	2		0-1	0	0	7	455	65.0	7	0
Oct 19	at South Carolina	7	321	45.9	54	0	0	5	1	4		2-2	49	0	5	300	60.0	3	0
Nov. 2	vs Georgia	2	77	38.5	41	0	1	0	0	1		3-3	37	0	6	390	65.0	5	0
Nov 9	VANDERBILT	9	383	42.6	50	0	0	2	2	2		0-1	0	0	1	57	57.0	0	1
Nov 16	at Mizzou Tigers	10	411	41.1	53	0	1	3	3	1		2-2	37	0	3	195	65.0	3	0
Nov 30	FLORIDA STATE	6	263	43.8	53	0	0	5	3	3		1-2	48	0	4	256	64.0	3	0
Opponents		66	2760	41.8	63	1	3	28	11	20		13-20	49	1	43	2701	62.8	33	1
		40	1781	44.5	71	0	4	19	11	20		14-16	50	0	76	4610	60.7	47	0

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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att-Int	Yards			
Miami	24 - 20	17 / 20	4 / 4	11 / 11	2 / 5	28-50 / 36-87	17-27-2 / 19-30-0	254 / 214	55-304 / 66-301	63 / 72	4 / 1
UT MARTIN	45 - 0	26 / 8	11 / 3	13 / 5	2 / 0	38-231 / 27-54	30-36-0 / 15-23-1	312 / 140	74-543 / 50-194	37 / 38	0 / 1
Kentucky	29 - 21	21 / 26	4 / 10	12 / 14	5 / 2	27-138 / 41-140	21-30-1 / 23-35-3	300 / 267	57-438 / 76-407	70 / 40	2 / 4
TENNESSEE	34 - 3	25 / 12	8 / 6	16 / 5	1 / 1	37-128 / 27-88	24-34-2 / 14-28-3	313 / 151	71-441 / 55-239	10 / 0	3 / 4
TOWSON	38 - 0	23 / 17	7 / 8	14 / 8	2 / 1	32-160 / 29-65	24-28-0 / 18-32-2	262 / 183	60-422 / 61-248	29 / 38	0 / 3
AUBURN	24 - 13	19 / 12	3 / 6	12 / 6	4 / 0	33-132 / 34-124	25-39-0 / 11-27-3	266 / 145	72-398 / 61-269	41 / 70	4 / 4
LSU	28 - 42	28 / 22	8 / 8	18 / 13	2 / 1	40-146 / 24-218	24-44-1 / 21-24-0	311 / 293	84-457 / 48-511	0 / 20	1 / 0
South Carolina	38 - 27	18 / 16	7 / 9	8 / 7	3 / 0	30-154 / 43-217	21-33-1 / 17-35-0	200 / 170	63-354 / 78-387	22 / 101	1 / 1
Georgia	17 - 24	18 / 20	2 / 6	14 / 13	2 / 1	19-21 / 37-119	21-33-0 / 20-30-0	257 / 279	52-278 / 67-398	18 / 70	0 / 0
VANDERBILT	56 - 0	33 / 12	12 / 5	18 / 5	3 / 2	29-150 / 40-51	27-40-2 / 8-21-2	410 / 77	69-560 / 61-128	127 / 101	2 / 3
Mizzou Tigers	23 - 6	18 / 15	5 / 6	11 / 7	2 / 2	26-56 / 29-52	24-36-0 / 25-39-1	330 / 204	62-386 / 68-256	0 / 38	0 / 1
FLORIDA STATE	40 - 17	26 / 13	5 / 5	16 / 8	5 / 0	25-77 / 31-69	35-48-0 / 16-25-0	390 / 181	73-467 / 56-250	52 / 42	0 / 0
Totals	396 - 173	272 / 193	76 / 76	163 / 102	33 / 15	364-1443 / 398-1284	293-428-9 / 207-349-15	3605 / 2304	792-5048 / 747-3588	469 / 630	17 / 22

Opponent	3rd Down Conversions	4th Down Conversions	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Miami	2-10 / 2-13	4-4 / 0-2	23:47 / 36:13	-12:26	1.8 / 2.4	9.4 / 7.1	5.5 / 4.6	3-44.7 / 4-42.5	9-100 / 14-118	10 / 1
UT MARTIN	9-13 / 5-14	1-2 / 0-1	31:25 / 28:35	2:50	6.1 / 2.0	8.7 / 6.1	7.3 / 3.9	1-50.0 / 8-35.9	3-30 / 5-45	5 / 1
Kentucky	4-8 / 8-15	0-1 / 1-2	25:05 / 34:55	-9:50	5.1 / 3.4	10.0 / 7.6	7.7 / 5.4	1-44.0 / 2-54.5	7-78 / 9-79	1 / 1
TENNESSEE	4-11 / 4-13	2-3 / 0-0	34:14 / 25:46	8:28	3.5 / 3.3	9.2 / 5.4	6.2 / 4.3	1-43.0 / 5-39.4	5-44 / 7-75	4 / 2
TOWSON	6-9 / 8-15	0-1 / 0-0	30:01 / 29:59	0:02	5.0 / 2.2	9.4 / 5.7	7.0 / 4.1	1-36.0 / 3-45.0	4-28 / 7-40	4 / 3
AUBURN	4-15 / 2-14	0-2 / 0-1	33:41 / 26:19	7:22	4.0 / 3.6	6.8 / 5.4	5.5 / 4.4	7-47.1 / 8-40.8	6-55 / 9-70	2 / 4
LSU	9-17 / 1-4	1-2 / 0-0	38:19 / 21:41	16:38	3.7 / 9.1	7.1 / 12.2	5.4 / 10.6	4-42.8 / 2-40.5	5-39 / 4-28	0 / 2
South Carolina	5-14 / 7-18	1-1 / 0-2	27:57 / 32:03	-4:06	5.1 / 5.0	6.1 / 4.9	5.6 / 5.0	7-44.7 / 7-45.9	4-25 / 5-60	3 / 2
Georgia	2-9 / 12-18	2-3 / 0-0	24:12 / 35:48	-11:36	1.1 / 3.2	7.8 / 9.3	5.3 / 5.9	3-43.7 / 2-38.5	6-40 / 8-46	0 / 2
VANDERBILT	3-9 / 3-15	1-2 / 0-0	23:50 / 32:16	-8:26	5.2 / 1.3	10.2 / 3.7	8.1 / 2.1	2-42.5 / 9-42.6	5-50 / 8-56	6 / 2
Mizzou Tigers	3-14 / 5-18	0-0 / 0-0	31:12 / 28:48	2:24	2.2 / 1.8	9.2 / 5.2	6.2 / 3.8	8-45.8 / 10-41.1	6-64 / 6-55	3 / 4
FLORIDA STATE	8-16 / 5-14	2-3 / 1-1	33:54 / 26:06	7:48	3.1 / 2.2	8.1 / 7.2	6.4 / 4.5	2-39.0 / 6-43.8	3-25 / 13-97	8 / 0
Totals	59-145 / 62-171	14-24 / 2-9	357:37 / 358:29	-0:52	4.0 / 3.2	8.4 / 6.6	6.4 / 4.8	40-44.5 / 66-41.8	63-578 / 95-769	46 / 24

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Aug 24, 2019	vs Miami	W 24-20	2-10	20.0	0-3	0.0	1-2	50.0	1-5	20.0	0-0	0.0		
9/7/2019	UT MARTIN	W 45-0	9-13	69.2	2-3	66.7	3-4	75.0	2-2	100.0	2-4	50.0		
Sep 14, 2019	at Kentucky	W 29-21	4-8	50.0	1-1	100.0	1-2	50.0	1-3	33.3	1-2	50.0		
9/21/2019	TENNESSEE	W 34-3	4-11	36.4	0-1	0.0	0-3	0.0	2-3	66.7	2-4	50.0		
9/28/19	TOWSON	W 38-0	6-9	66.7	2-3	66.7	1-1	100.0	1-2	50.0	2-3	66.7		
10/5/2019	AUBURN	W 24-13	4-15	26.7	1-3	33.3	1-5	20.0	1-4	25.0	1-3	33.3		
Oct 12, 2019	at LSU	L 28-42	9-17	52.9	2-4	50.0	2-3	66.7	1-3	33.3	4-7	57.1		
Oct 19, 2019	at South Carolina	W 38-27	5-14	35.7	0-3	0.0	3-5	60.0	1-3	33.3	1-3	33.3		
Nov. 2, 2019	vs Georgia	L 17-24	2-9	22.2	0-2	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-1	0.0	2-4	50.0		
Nov 9, 2019	VANDERBILT	W 56-0	3-9	33.3	2-5	40.0	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0		
Nov 16, 2019	at Mizzou Tigers	W 23-6	3-14	21.4	0-3	0.0	1-5	20.0	1-2	50.0	1-4	25.0		
Nov 30, 2019	FLORIDA STATE	W 40-17	8-16	50.0	2-4	50.0	3-5	60.0	2-4	50.0	1-3	33.3		
Florida			59-145	40.7	12-35	34.3	17-40	42.5	13-32	40.6	17-38	44.7	0-0	0.0
Opponents			62-171	36.3	16-39	41.0	16-46	34.8	15-41	36.6	15-45	33.3	0-0	0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Aug 24, 2019	vs Miami	W 24-20	4-4	100.0	2-2	100.0	1-1	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0		
9/7/2019	UT MARTIN	W 45-0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0		
Sep 14, 2019	at Kentucky	W 29-21	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0		
9/21/2019	TENNESSEE	W 34-3	2-3	66.7	0-1	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0		
9/28/19	TOWSON	W 38-0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0		
10/5/2019	AUBURN	W 24-13	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
Oct 12, 2019	at LSU	L 28-42	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0		
Oct 19, 2019	at South Carolina	W 38-27	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0		
Nov. 2, 2019	vs Georgia	L 17-24	2-3	66.7	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0		
Nov 9, 2019	VANDERBILT	W 56-0	1-2	50.0	0-1	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
Nov 16, 2019	at Mizzou Tigers	W 23-6	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0		
Nov 30, 2019	FLORIDA STATE	W 40-17	2-3	66.7	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-1	0.0		
Florida			14-24	58.3	3-6	50.0	4-7	57.1	2-3	66.7	5-8	62.5	0-0	0.0
Opponents			2-9	22.2	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	1-7	14.3	0-0	0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
Aug 24, 2019	vs Miami	W 24-20	23:47		6:59		4:55		9:05		2:48			
9/7/2019	UT MARTIN	W 45-0	31:25		7:09		5:59		10:53		7:24			
Sep 14, 2019	at Kentucky	W 29-21	25:05		7:23		5:53		4:20		7:29			
9/21/2019	TENNESSEE	W 34-3	34:14		8:29		8:59		6:23		10:23			
9/28/19	TOWSON	W 38-0	30:01		9:11		5:17		5:03		10:30			
10/5/2019	AUBURN	W 24-13	33:41		7:31		9:33		7:48		8:49			
Oct 12, 2019	at LSU	L 28-42	38:19		9:19		10:54		8:06		10:00			
Oct 19, 2019	at South Carolina	W 38-27	27:57		4:03		9:28		6:06		8:20			
Nov. 2, 2019	vs Georgia	L 17-24	24:12		6:28		3:48		5:57		7:59			
Nov 9, 2019	VANDERBILT	W 56-0	23:50		10:51		6:51		3:15		2:53			
Nov 16, 2019	at Mizzou Tigers	W 23-6	31:12		6:56		9:00		6:52		8:24			
Nov 30, 2019	FLORIDA STATE	W 40-17	33:54		10:40		6:36		10:32		6:06			
Florida			Total	357:37	94:59		87:13		84:20		91:05		0:00	
			Avg.	29:48	7:54		7:16		7:01		7:35		0:00	
Opponents			Total	358:29	85:01		92:47		95:40		85:01		0:00	
			Avg.	29:52	7:05		7:43		7:58		7:05		0:00	

			Times	Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ						
Date	Opponent	Score	In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
Aug 24, 2019	vs Miami	W 24-20	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
9/7/2019	UT MARTIN	W 45-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Sep 14, 2019	at Kentucky	W 29-21	4	2	14	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
9/21/2019	TENNESSEE	W 34-3	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
9/28/19	TOWSON	W 38-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	
10/5/2019	AUBURN	W 24-13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Oct 12, 2019	at LSU	L 28-42	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oct 19, 2019	at South Carolina	W 38-27	4	4	24	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nov. 2, 2019	vs Georgia	L 17-24	4	4	16	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nov 9, 2019	VANDERBILT	W 56-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Nov 16, 2019	at Mizzou Tigers	W 23-6	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nov 30, 2019	FLORIDA STATE	W 40-17	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals			31	20	104	11	5	6	9	5	0	4	2	0	0	
20 of 31 (64.5%)																

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#11 Trask,K.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
UT Martin	4	5	0	80.0	40	1	24	0-0	213.20
Kentucky	9	13	0	69.2	126	0	30	0-0	150.65
Tennessee	20	28	2	71.4	293	2	43	2-9	168.61
TOWSON	18	20	0	90.0	188	2	32	3-21	201.96
Auburn	19	31	0	61.3	234	2	64	4-28	145.99
LSU	23	39	1	59.0	310	3	28	2-17	146.00
South Carolina	21	33	1	63.6	200	4	37	2-14	148.48
Georgia	21	33	0	63.6	257	2	29	2-29	149.05
Vanderbilt	25	37	2	67.6	363	3	66	2-10	165.92
Mizzou Tigers	23	35	0	65.7	282	2	41	4-29	152.25
Florida State	30	41	0	73.2	343	3	47	0-0	167.59
TOTALS	213	315	6	67.6	2636	24	66	21-157	159.25

#13 Franks,F.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Miami	17	27	2	63.0	254	2	66	1-9	151.61
UT Martin	25	27	0	92.6	270	2	69	1-1	201.04
Kentucky	12	17	1	70.6	174	1	32	1-5	164.21
TOTALS	54	71	3	76.1	698	5	69	3-15	173.43

#5 Jones,E.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
UT Martin	1	4	0	25.0	2	0	2	0-0	29.20
Tennessee	4	6	0	66.7	20	0	11	0-0	94.67
TOWSON	6	8	0	75.0	74	1	25	0-0	193.95
Auburn	5	7	0	71.4	28	0	20	0-0	105.03
LSU	1	3	0	33.3	1	1	1	0-0	146.13
Vanderbilt	2	3	0	66.7	47	0	37	0-0	198.27
Mizzou Tigers	1	1	0	100.0	48	0	48	0-0	503.20
Florida State	5	6	0	83.3	47	1	17	0-0	204.13
TOTALS	25	38	0	65.8	267	3	48	0-0	150.86

#7K Krull,L.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Auburn	1	1	0	100.0	4	0	4	0-0	133.60
TOTALS	1	1	0	100.0	4	0	4	0-0	133.60

#2 Perine,L.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
LSU	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
TOTALS	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00

#TM Team	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
LSU	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
TOTALS	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00

#1T Toney,K.	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
Florida State	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
TOTALS	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00

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RUSHING	No-Yds/TD	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Perine,L.	119-538/4	10-42/0	10-51/1	14-27/1	14-62/1	7-15/0	14-130/1	17-65/0	14-68/0	7-31/0	4-13/0	4-16/0	4-18/0
Pierce,D.	48-271/4	3-2/0	5-25/0	2-8/0	11-39/1	6-84/1	1-3/0	DNP	7-87/1	3-11/0	2-3/0	3-4/0	5-5/1
Jones,E.	38-224/4	DNP	4-31/1	DNP	1-5/0	1-29/0	3-13/0	9-36/0	1-2/0	1-2/0	5-34/3	6-39/0	7-33/0
Hammond,J.	6-101/1	-	-	1-76/1	-	2-3/0	1-6/0	1-11/0	-	-	-	-	1-5/0
Davis,M.	33-83/1	3--9/0	3-18/1	-	6-20/0	6-22/0	5-16/0	2-5/0	1-0/0	DNP	3-7/0	2-3/0	2-1/0
Franks,F.	21-68/1	7-8/1	6-37/0	8-23/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Toney,K.	11-58/0	3-3/0	1-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0/0	2-39/0	3-17/0	1--1/0
Clement,I.	3-48/0	DNP	1-41/0	DNP	DNP	1-2/0	-	-	DNP	DNP	1-5/0	DNP	-
Copeland,J.	4-28/0	-	1-15/0	-	1-8/0	2-5/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swain,F.	4-27/0	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	1-8/0	1-1/0	-	2-18/0	-	-
Wright,N.	12-24/0	DNP	7-13/0	DNP	DNP	2-5/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-6/0	DNP	DNP
Jefferson,V.	1-7/0	-	-	-	-	1-7/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Townsend,T.	3-5/0	1-6/0	-	-	-	-	1--1/0	-	-	-	-	-	1-0/0
Grimes,T.	1--4/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1--4/0	-
Team	5--6/0	1--2/0	-	1-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1--1/0	1--1/0	DNP	1--2/0	DNP
Trask,K.	55--29/3	DNP	-	1-4/1	4--6/0	4--12/1	8--35/0	10-21/0	5--3/0	6--22/0	7-25/1	6--17/0	4-16/0

RECEIVING	No-Yds/TD	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Pitts,K.	51-610/5	3-33/0	2-3/0	4-63/0	4-62/1	4-28/2	8-65/0	5-108/0	5-29/1	4-78/0	3-59/1	4-38/0	5-44/0
Jefferson,V.	43-528/6	1-14/0	4-94/1	7-93/0	4-31/0	2-16/0	1-10/0	8-73/2	-	2-31/1	3-36/0	6-82/0	5-48/2
Swain,F.	35-496/7	-	1-10/0	4-57/1	3-67/1	DNP	6-146/1	2-39/0	5-20/1	8-91/1	-	1-4/0	5-62/2
Grimes,T.	32-484/3	1-10/0	5-56/0	2-50/0	2-60/0	5-55/0	1-4/0	3-30/1	2-13/1	2-31/0	4-95/1	3-66/0	2-14/0
Hammond,J.	27-346/2	4-93/0	4-22/0	1-14/0	1-10/0	4-37/0	2-23/1	1-7/0	2-18/0	1-5/0	2-33/0	2-45/1	3-39/0
Cleveland,T.	22-300/1	1-13/0	3-52/1	-	3-43/0	3-59/0	2--1/0	1-17/0	1-14/0	1-8/0	3-51/0	-	4-44/0
Copeland,J.	20-266/2	-	3-23/1	-	2-22/0	2-22/0	-	2-25/0	3-89/1	-	2-43/0	3-23/0	3-19/0
Perine,L.	35-219/4	6-25/1	3-15/0	3-23/0	1-1/0	1-14/0	4-15/0	2-12/1	2-12/0	2-10/0	4-28/1	4-24/1	3-40/0
Toney,K.	9-195/1	1-66/1	2-6/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-10/0	1-48/0	4-65/0
Krull,L.	3-33/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-18/0	-	1-15/0
Davis,M.	5-32/0	-	-	-	3-17/0	-	-	-	1-5/0	DNP	1-10/0	-	-
Zipperer,K.	3-31/1	DNP	-	-	-	3-31/1	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Pierce,D.	4-30/0	-	-	-	1-0/0	-	-	DNP	-	1-3/0	2-27/0	-	-
Wells, Rick	2-27/0	DNP	2-27/0	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Wright,N.	1-4/0	DNP	1-4/0	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP
Trask,K.	1-4/0	DNP	-	-	-	-	1-4/0	-	-	-	-	-	-

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PUNT RETURNS	No-Yds	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Swain,F.	13-54	3-19	3-3	-	1-10	DNP	-	-	1-6	-	4-16	1-0	-
Toney,K.	1-12	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	1-12

KICK RETURNS	No-Yds	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Cleveland,T.	4-103	-	1-34	-	-	1-11	-	-	-	1-18	-	-	1-40
Swain,F.	2-39	1-23	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	1-16	-	-	-	-
Toney,K.	1-21	1-21	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-

INT. RETURNS	No-Yds	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Stiner,D.	4-33	-	-	-	-	1-2	1-0	-	-	-	2-31	-	-
Wilson,M.	3-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Davis,S.	3-111	-	-	2-70	-	DNP	1-41	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elam,K.	2-0	-	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burney,A.	1-0	-	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Greenard,J.	1-16	-	-	-	-	1-16	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-
Dean,T.	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FUMBLE RETURNS	No-Yds	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Greenard,J.	1-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	1-80	-	-

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ALL-PURPOSE YARDS	Total	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Perine,L.	757	67	66	50	63	29	145	77	80	41	41	40	58
Swain,F.	616	42	13	57	77	DNP	146	47	43	91	34	4	62
Pitts,K.	610	33	3	63	62	28	65	108	29	78	59	38	44
Jefferson,V.	535	14	94	93	31	23	10	73	-	31	36	82	48
Grimes,T.	480	10	56	50	60	55	4	30	13	31	95	62	14
Hammond,J.	447	93	22	90	10	40	29	18	18	5	33	45	44
Cleveland,T.	403	13	86	-	43	70	-1	17	14	26	51	-	84
Pierce,D.	301	2	25	8	39	84	3	DNP	87	14	30	4	5
Copeland,J.	294	-	38	-	30	27	-	25	89	-	43	23	19
Toney,K.	286	90	6	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	49	65	76
Jones,E.	224	DNP	31	DNP	5	29	13	36	2	2	34	39	33
Davis,M.	115	-9	18	-	37	22	16	5	5	DNP	17	3	1
Davis,S.	111	-	-	70	-	DNP	41	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franks,F.	68	8	37	23	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Clement,I.	48	DNP	41	DNP	DNP	2	-	-	DNP	DNP	5	DNP	-
Stiner,D.	33	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	31	-	-
Krull,L.	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	15
Zipperer,K.	31	DNP	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Wright,N.	28	DNP	17	DNP	DNP	5	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	6	DNP	DNP
Wells, Rick	27	DNP	27	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Greenard,J.	16	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-
Townsend,T.	5	6	-	-	-	-	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Team	-6	-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1	-1	-	-2	-
Trask,K.	-25	DNP	-	4	-6	-12	-31	21	-3	-22	25	-17	16

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Total Tackles	UA-A	Total	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Reese II,D.	37-52	89	1-4	0-3	13-3	1-4	1-6	1-12	3-1	7-6	4-2	1-5	5-0	0-6
Greenard,J.	26-25	51	3-3	0-1	4-2	4-0	0-5	1-5	-	DNP	5-4	1-2	6-0	2-3
Davis,S.	29-18	47	1-1	2-4	4-0	2-0	DNP	1-4	4-2	2-0	4-3	4-2	4-0	1-2
Miller,V.	24-23	47	4-2	0-2	5-2	1-0	DNP	1-2	2-1	2-3	1-3	0-2	5-1	3-5
Houston,J.	21-16	37	2-1	1-2	-	0-2	2-2	2-3	1-0	3-0	1-1	4-4	3-0	2-1
Campbell,K.	13-23	36	4-2	0-4	3-0	0-1	0-2	0-2	1-2	2-2	2-2	0-3	1-0	0-3
Wilson,M.	22-12	34	4-1	-	1-2	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-1	3-1	2-2	0-1	5-0	3-2
Henderson,C.	25-7	32	1-1	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	2-1	7-1	3-2	1-0	4-0	6-1
Burney,A.	16-16	32	1-1	DNP	DNP	5-0	1-7	1-3	2-1	2-2	4-2	DNP	DNP	DNP
Moon,J.	18-12	30	2-2	1-1	3-1	2-2	1-4	0-2	5-0	3-0	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Stiner,D.	16-14	30	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	1-3	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-2
Slaton,T.	12-16	28	DNP	1-3	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	-	0-1	2-4	2-4	4-0	0-2
Carter,Z.	9-18	27	-	0-4	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-2	1-0	3-0
Shuler,A.	10-17	27	1-3	1-1	-	-	0-4	1-3	1-0	3-0	0-1	1-3	1-0	1-2
Dean,T.	15-10	25	3-1	0-1	1-0	2-1	4-2	0-2	-	2-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-1
Taylor,Je.	12-11	23	5-1	DNP	0-1	1-0	DNP	0-1	-	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-1	3-2
Stewart,B.	13-10	23	DNP	DNP	1-1	0-2	3-1	2-1	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	DNP	0-1
Ancrum,L.	11-11	22	1-0	DNP	3-1	2-0	0-1	0-2	2-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-3
Brunson,L.	10-12	22	-	2-2	2-1	2-3	1-2	-	-	-	-	2-4	1-0	-
Diabate,M.	7-10	17	-	0-1	-	0-1	0-2	1-1	-	1-0	0-4	3-1	1-0	1-0
Bogle,K.	7-10	17	-	2-3	-	2-0	0-4	0-1	-	1-0	-	1-2	1-0	-
Zuniga,J.	7-6	13	3-3	1-1	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-1	DNP	1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
Hill,J.	5-6	11	-	1-3	DNP	-	2-1	-	DNP	-	DNP	0-1	2-0	0-1
Elam,K.	6-3	9	-	1-0	1-0	-	2-1	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	0-2
Kimbrough,C.	4-3	7	DNP	3-1	DNP	1-1	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	0-1
Pierce,D.	3-3	6	-	0-1	-	-	1-1	-	DNP	0-1	-	-	1-0	1-0
Chatfield,A.	1-4	5	DNP	0-2	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-2	-	DNP
Lenton,Q.	3-2	5	-	0-1	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	1-1	-	-	-	-
Cleveland,T.	3-0	3	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Dunlap,M.	0-3	3	0-1	0-1	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Swain,F.	2-0	2	1-0	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
Summerall,L.	1-1	2	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP
Hopper,T.	1-1	2	DNP	0-1	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Hammond,J.	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
Grimes,T.	1-0	1	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oelrich, N.	0-1	1	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP
Buchanan,N.	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-
Perine,L.	1-0	1	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Copeland,J.	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Davis,M.	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	DNP	-	-	-
Trask,K.	1-0	1	DNP	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jefferson,V.	1-0	1	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanders,U.	1-0	1	DNP	1-0	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-
Clement,I.	1-0	1	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-

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TACKLES FOR LOSS	UA-A	Total	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Greenard,J.	11-7	14.5	2.0-5	-	1.5-8	2.0-3	1.0-5	-	-	DNP	-	0.5-1	5.0-23	2.5-15
Zuniga,J.	5-4	7.0	3.0-18	1.5-7	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	1.0-2	DNP	1.5-5	DNP	DNP	DNP
Carter,Z.	4-4	6.0	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	1.0-22	-	-	1.0-2	1.0-7	-	2.0-15
Houston,J.	5-2	6.0	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	2.0-10	-	-	-	1.5-4	-	1.5-9
Moon,J.	3-5	5.5	2.0-4	1.5-3	0.5-1	1.0-3	0.5-4	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Reese II,D.	2-6	5.0	0.5-0	0.5-2	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	1.0-2	1.5-5	-	0.5-1
Miller,V.	4-2	5.0	2.0-16	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	2.0-7
Shuler,A.	3-4	5.0	0.5-5	-	-	-	1.0-9	-	-	2.0-2	-	1.0-4	-	0.5-2
Diabate,M.	4-1	4.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-7	-	-	-	-	3.0-27	-	1.0-9
Ancrum,L.	3-2	4.0	-	DNP	-	2.0-4	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	-	-	1.0-2
Campbell,K.	3-2	4.0	2.0-3	-	1.0-2	-	0.5-0	-	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	-
Bogle,K.	3-1	3.5	-	1.0-2	-	2.0-3	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brunson,L.	2-3	3.5	-	1.0-7	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	1.0-7	-
Slaton,T.	1-5	3.5	DNP	1.0-4	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	0.5-0	-	1.0-8	0.5-3
Dean,T.	2-3	3.5	1.5-14	-	-	-	0.5-4	-	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	0.5-2
Wilson,M.	2-1	2.5	-	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	1.0-1	-	-	1.0-2	-
Stewart,B.	1-2	2.0	DNP	DNP	-	-	0.5-7	1.0-2	-	-	-	0.5-1	DNP	-
Henderson,C.	2-0	2.0	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	1.0-5	1.0-1	-
Taylor,Jr.	1-1	1.5	1.0-1	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	-
Davis,S.	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-5	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dunlap,M.	0-2	1.0	0.5-3	-	-	-	0.5-2	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Stiner,D.	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hopper,T.	0-1	0.5	DNP	0.5-1	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Hill,J.	0-1	0.5	-	-	DNP	-	0.5-7	-	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	-
Burney,A.	0-1	0.5	-	DNP	DNP	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Summerall,L.	0-1	0.5	DNP	0.5-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP
Chatfield,A.	0-1	0.5	DNP	0.5-1	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	DNP

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SACKS	UA-A	Total	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Greenard,J.	7-3	8.5	1.5-4	-	1.0-8	1.0-2	0.5-4	-	-	DNP	-	-	2.0-12	2.5-15
Carter,Z.	4-1	4.5	-	0.5-3	-	-	-	1.0-22	-	1.0-9	-	1.0-7	-	1.0-13
Diabate,M.	4-1	4.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-7	-	-	-	-	3.0-27	-	1.0-9
Houston,J.	3-1	3.5	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	1.0-6	-	-	-	-	-	1.5-9
Zuniga,J.	2-2	3.0	1.5-13	1.5-7	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Moon,J.	2-2	3.0	0.5-3	-	-	1.0-3	0.5-4	-	-	1.0-3	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Miller,V.	2-1	2.5	2.0-16	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-3
Shuler,A.	1-3	2.5	0.5-5	-	-	-	0.5-3	-	-	-	-	1.0-4	-	0.5-2
Reese II,D.	1-2	2.0	-	0.5-2	-	-	0.5-4	-	-	-	-	1.0-5	-	-
Slaton,T.	1-2	2.0	DNP	0.5-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-8	0.5-3
Bogle,K.	2-0	2.0	-	1.0-2	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dean,T.	1-2	2.0	1.5-14	-	-	-	0.5-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ancrum,L.	1-1	1.5	-	DNP	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-2
Campbell,K.	1-0	1.0	1.0-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Henderson,C.	1-0	1.0	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1.0-9	-	-	-	-
Dunlap,M.	0-2	1.0	0.5-3	-	-	-	0.5-2	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Brunson,L.	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stewart,B.	0-1	0.5	DNP	DNP	-	-	0.5-7	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-

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FUMBLES	No-Lost	UM	UTM	UK	UT	TOWSON	AU	LSU	SC	UGA	VANDY	MU	FS
Trask,K.	5-4	DNP	-	-	1-1	1-0	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Franks,F.	2-2	1-1	-	1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Pierce,D.	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Swain,F.	1-0	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
Davis,M.	1-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-

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22	Marks,D.	2/-	...	XXX	XXX
62	McDowell,G.	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
19	McPherson,E.	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
51	Miller,V.	11/10	START	START	START	START	...	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START
7	Moon,J.	9/8	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	...	START	...
75	Moore,T.	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
37	Moorer,P.	4/-	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
38	Oelrich, N.	9/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	...
40	Ortiz,M.	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
2	Perine,L.	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
47	Perry,A.	3/-	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
27	Pierce,D.	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
32	Pierre,J.	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
84	Pitts,K.	12/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX
33	Reese II,D.	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
2R	Ricks,I.	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
50	Rowell,T.	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
8S	Saldivar,A.	10/-	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
42	Sanders,U.	6/-	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
88	Shuler,A.	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
64	Simonds,R.	1/-	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
56	Slaton,T.	11/-	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
2S	Stewart,B.	9/4	...	...	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	...	XXX
1S	Stiner,D.	12/5	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
99	Summerall,L.	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
4S	Sutton,N.	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
16	Swain,F.	11/6	XXX	START	XXX	START	...	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	START
70	Tarquin,M.	3/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
29	Taylor,Je.	10/6	START	...	XXX	START	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START
49	Tilghman,J.	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1T	Toney,K.	6/-	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
43	Townsend,T.	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
11	Trask,K.	11/9	...	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
83	Wells, Rick	8/-	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
82	Weston,J.	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
77	White,E.	5/1	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	START	XXX	XXX
80	Whittemore,T.	2/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Wilson,M.	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
6	Wright,N.	3/-	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
9	Zipperer,K.	7/-	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...
92	Zuniga,J.	5/4	START	START	START	...	...	...	XXX	...	START	...	...	...

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Offense

Game	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	TE	WR	WR	UTIL
vs. Miami	S. Forsythe	B. Heggie	N. Buchanan	C. Bleich	J. Delance	F. Franks	L. Perine	K. Pitts	J. Hammond	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
UT-Martin	S. Forsythe	B. Heggie	N. Buchanan	C. Bleich	J. Delance	F. Franks	L. Perine	K. Pitts	F. Swain	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
at Kentucky	S. Forsythe	B. Heggie	N. Buchanan	C. Bleich	J. Delance	F. Franks	L. Perine	K. Pitts	J. Hammond	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
Tennessee	S. Forsythe	B. Heggie	N. Buchanan	C. Bleich	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	K. Pitts	F. Swain	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
Towson	S. Forsythe	B. Heggie	N. Buchanan	C. Bleich	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	K. Pitts	T. Grimes	V. Jefferson	L. Krull (TE)
Auburn	S. Forsythe	B. Heggie	N. Buchanan	C. Bleich	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	K. Pitts	F. Swain	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
at LSU	S. Forsythe	B. Heggie	N. Buchanan	C. Bleich	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	K. Pitts (WR)	J. Hammond	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
at So. Carolina	S. Forsythe	R. Gouraige	N. Buchanan	B. Heggie	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	K. Pitts (WR)	F. Swain	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
vs. Georgia	S. Forsythe	B. Heggie	N. Buchanan	C. Bleich	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	K. Pitts (WR)	J. Hammond	V. Jefferson	T. Cleveland (WR)
Vanderbilt	S. Forsythe	R. Gouraige	N. Buchanan	E. White	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	K. Pitts (WR)	F. Swain	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
at Missouri	S. Forsythe	R. Gouraige	N. Buchanan	B. Heggie	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	K. Pitts	J. Hammond	V. Jefferson	T. Grimes (WR)
Florida State	S. Forsythe	R. Gouraige	N. Buchanan	B. Heggie	J. Delance	K. Trask	L. Perine	F. Swain (WR)	J. Hammond	V. Jefferson	T. Cleveland (WR)

Defense

Game	DE	NT	DT	BUCK	LB	LB	CB	CB	S	S	Star
vs. Miami	J. Zuniga	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Moon	V. Miller	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	C. Henderson	J. Taylor	D. Stiner	J. Greenard (OLB)
UT-Martin	J. Zuniga	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Moon	V. Miller	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	C. Henderson	S. Davis	D. Stiner	J. Greenard (OLB)
at Kentucky	J. Zuniga	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Moon	V. Miller	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	T. Dean III	S. Davis	D. Stiner	J. Greenard (OLB)
Tennessee	J. Greenard	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Moon	V. Miller	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	K. Elam	S. Davis	J. Taylor	T. Dean III
Towson	J. Greenard	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Moon	A. Burney	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	K. Elam	B. Stewart	D. Stiner	T. Dean III
Auburn	L. Ancrum	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Greenard	V. Miller	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	C. Henderson	B. Stewart	D. Stiner	T. Dean III
at LSU	J. Greenard	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Moon	V. Miller	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	C. Henderson	B. Stewart	S. Davis	T. Dean III
at So. Carolina	L. Ancrum	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Moon	V. Miller	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	C. Henderson	B. Stewart	S. Davis	T. Dean III
vs. Georgia	J. Zuniga	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Greenard	A. Burney	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	C. Henderson	J. Taylor	S. Davis	J. Moon (OLB)
Vanderbilt	Z. Carter	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Greenard	V. Miller	D. Reese II	M. Wilson	C. Henderson	J. Taylor	S. Davis	M. Diabate (OLB)
at Missouri	Z. Carter	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Greenard	V. Miller	D. Reese II	K. Elam	C. Henderson	J. Taylor	S. Davis	M. Wilson
Florida State	L. Ancrum	K. Campbell	A. Shuler	J. Greenard	V. Miller	D. Reese II	K. Elam	C. Henderson	J. Taylor	S. Davis	M. Wilson

CAREER STARTS

Offense	2019	2018	2017	2016	Total	Streak	Defense	2019	2018	2017	2016	Total	Streak
Josh Hammond, WR	6	13	8	3	30	2	David Reese II, LB	12	10	11	4	37	22
Tyrie Cleveland, WR	2	12	8	4	26	1	CJ Henderson, DB	9	13	5	-	27	7
Van Jefferson, WR	12	13	-	-	25	25	Jabari Zuniga, DL	4	13	6	3	26	-
Nick Buchanan, OL	12	12	-	-	24	14	Marco Wilson, DB	12	2	11	-	25	12
Feleipe Franks, QB	3	13	8	-	24	-	Kyree Campbell, DL	12	11	-	-	23	23
Lamical Perine, RB	12	1	8	-	21	12	Adam Shuler, DT	12	10	-	-	22	21
Brett Heggie, OL	11	-	7	-	18	2	Jeremiah Moon, LB	8	4	5	-	17	-
Stone Forsythe, OL	12	1	2	-	15	12	Donovan Stiner, DB	5	12	-	-	17	-
Jean Delance, OL	12	-	-	-	12	12	Jeawon Taylor, DB	6	5	5	-	16	4
Trevon Grimes, WR	10	1	-	-	11	-	Trey Dean III, CB	6	9	-	-	15	-
Kyle Pitts, TE	11	-	-	-	11	-	Brad Stewart Jr., DB	4	7	-	-	11	-
Freddie Swain, WR	6	-	4	-	10	1	Jonathan Greenard, DL	11	-	-	-	11	4
Kyle Trask, QB	9	-	-	-	9	9	Shawn Davis, DB	9	-	1	-	10	6
Christopher Bleich, OL	8	-	-	-	8	-	Ventrell Miller, LB	10	-	-	-	10	3
Richard Gouraige, OL	4	-	-	-	4	3	Kaiir Elam, DB	4	-	-	-	4	2
Malik Davis, RB	-	-	2	-	2	-	Luke Ancrum, DL	3	-	-	-	3	1
Kadarius Toney, WR	-	-	2	-	2	-	Amari Burney, LB	2	-	-	-	2	-
Lucas Krull, TE	1	-	-	-	1	-	Zachary Carter, DL	2	-	-	-	2	-
Ethan White, OL	1	-	-	-	1	-	Elijah Conliffe, DL	-	2	-	-	2	-
							CJ McWilliams, DB	-	2	-	-	2	-
							Tedarrell Slaton, DL	-	2	-	-	2	-
							Mohamoud Diabate, LB	1	-	-	-	1	-



TAKEAWAYS

Opponent	Takeaway	Quarter	Time	Yard-Line	Result	Result of Drive
Miami	Van Jefferson FUMBLE RECOVERY	3	1:20	Miami 11	no return	Lamical Perine 8-yard touchdown reception
UT-Martin	Kaiir Elam INTERCEPTION	4	12:52	Florida EZ	no return	Punt
Kentucky	Brad Stewart Jr. FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	11:30	Kentucky 31	no return	Freddie Swain 15-yard touchdown reception
	Shawn Davis INTERCEPTION	3	9:52	Florida 7	72-yard return	Evan McPherson 32-yard field goal
	Shawn Davis INTERCEPTION	4	6:05	Kentucky 49	-2-yard return (minus 15 penalty)	Kyle Trask 4-yard touchdown rush
	Kaiir Elam INTERCEPTION	4	0:00	Florida 9	no return	End of game
Tennessee	Trey Dean III INTERCEPTION	1	5:40	Florida EZ	no return	Downs
	Marco Wilson INTERCEPTION	2	12:10	Tennessee 46	no return	Evan McPherson 22-yard field goal
	Amari Burney INTERCEPTION	3	9:11	Tennessee 31	no return	Interception
	Amari Burney FUMBLE RECOVERY	4	14:51	Florida 36	no return	Dameon Pierce 10-yard touchdown rush
Towson	David Reese II FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	3:39	Florida 25	no return	Evan McPherson 42-yard field goal
	Donovan Stiner INTERCEPTION	3	13:22	Florida 35	2-yard return	Punt
	Jonathan Greenard INTERCEPTION	3	9:31	Towson 23	16-yard return	Kyle Pitts 7-yard touchdown reception
Auburn	Jeremiah Moon FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	1:16	Auburn 7	no return (minus 15 penalty)	Fumble
	Shawn Davis INTERCEPTION	2	14:13	Florida 26	41-yard return (plus 15 penalty)	J. Hammond 13-yard touchdown reception
	Donovan Stiner INTERCEPTION	3	0:30	Florida 0	no return	Fumble
	Marco Wilson INTERCEPTION	4	2:30	Florida 47	no return	Punt
South Carolina	Kyree Campbell FUMBLE RECOVERY	4	9:54	South Carolina 34	no return	Kyle Pitts 5-yard touchdown reception
Vanderbilt	Donovan Stiner INTERCEPTION	2	13:02	Florida 48	29-yard return	Kyle Trask 9-yard touchdown rush
	Jonathan Greenard FUMBLE RECOVERY	3	5:22	Florida 20	80-yard return	Jon Greenard 80-yard touchdown return
	Donovan Stiner INTERCEPTION	4	12:36	Vanderbilt 27	2-yard return	Emory Jones 1-yard touchdown rush
Missouri	Marco Wilson INTERCEPTION	4	0:32	Florida 32	no return	End of game
TOTAL	22 Takeaways (15 Interceptions, 7 fumble recoveries) 3 Field Goals, 11 Touchdowns					78 points

TURNOVERS

Opponent	Turnover	Quarter	Time	Yard-Line	Result	Result of Drive
vs. Miami	Scott Patchan FUMBLE RECOVERY	2	13:18	Miami 9	no return	Punt
	Shaquille Quarterman FUMBLE RECOVERY	2	10:46	Miami 48	no return	Field Goal
	Amari Carter INTERCEPTION	4	13:19	Florida 47	22-yard return	Missed Field Goal
	Romeo Finley INTERCEPTION	4	4:20	Florida 44	19-yard return (minus 15 penalty yards)	Turnover on Downs
Kentucky	Tyrell Ajan INTERCEPTION	1	12:40	Kentucky 37	22-yard return	Brad Stewart Jr. Fumble Recovery
	Taj Dodson FUMBLE RECOVERY	2	13:43	Kentucky 46	no return	Sawyer Smith 1-yard Touchdown Rush
Tennessee	Henry To'o To'o FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	9:41	Florida 19	no return	Trey Dean III Interception
	Theo Jackson INTERCEPTION	3	7:28	Tennessee 15	no return	Punt
	Alontae Taylor INTERCEPTION	3	1:29	Tennessee EZ	no return	Amari Burney Fumble Recovery
Auburn	Chandler Wooten FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	8:48	Florida 45	no return	Anders Carlson 48-yard Field Goal
	Tyrone Truesdell FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	6:14	Florida 44	no return	Anders Carlson 39-yard Field Goal
	Derrick Brown FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	0:00	Auburn 23	42-yard return	Interception
	Derrick Brown FUMBLE RECOVERY	4	11:28	Auburn 29	11-yard return	Punt
LSU	Derek Stingley INTERCEPTION	4	7:26	LSU EZ	no return	Ja'Marr Chase 54-yard touchdown reception
South Carolina	Jammie Robinson INTERCEPTION	3	14:42	Florida 35	15-yard return	Tavien Feaster 21-yard Touchdown Rush
Vanderbilt	Tae Daley INTERCEPTION	1	8:32	Vanderbilt 12	16-yard return	Punt
	Tae Daley INTERCEPTION	2	00:11	Vanderbilt 0	4-yard return	End of half
TOTAL	17 Turnovers (9 interceptions, 8 fumble recoveries)				3 Touchdowns, 3 Field Goals	30 points

First Half Takeaways	7	First Half Turnovers	10
First Quarter	4	First Quarter	6
Second Quarter	3	Second Quarter	4
Second Half Takeaways	15	Second Half Turnovers	7
Third Quarter	7	Third Quarter	3
Fourth Quarter	8	Fourth Quarter	4
TOTAL TAKEAWAYS	22	TOTAL TURNOVERS	17

**TURNOVER
MARGIN
+5**

EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

Runs 10+ Yards (48 runs for 908 yards / 18.9 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
15	Lamical Perine	Miami
12	Feleipe Franks	Miami
10	Lamical Perine	Miami
41	Iverson Clement	UT-Martin
22	Feleipe Franks	UT-Martin
16 [TD]	Emory Jones	UT-Martin
15	Jacob Copeland	UT-Martin
12	Malik Davis	UT-Martin
12	Lamical Perine	UT-Martin
11	Dameon Pierce	UT-Martin
10	Lamical Perine	UT-Martin
76 [TD]	Josh Hammond	Kentucky
13	Feleipe Franks	Kentucky
13	Lamical Perine	Tennessee
12	Dameon Pierce	Tennessee
11	Lamical Perine	Tennessee
10	Lamical Perine	Tennessee
10 [TD]	Dameon Pierce	Tennessee
37 [TD]	Dameon Pierce	Towson
31	Dameon Pierce	Towson
29	Emory Jones	Towson
10	Lamical Perine	Towson
10	Malik Davis	Towson
88 [TD]	Lamical Perine	Auburn
10	Lamical Perine	Auburn
17	Lamical Perine	LSU
12	Emory Jones	LSU
12	Kyle Trask	LSU
11	Josh Hammond (Perine pitch)	LSU
10	Lamical Perine	LSU
10	Lamical Perine	LSU
75 [TD]	Dameon Pierce	South Carolina
15	Lamical Perine	South Carolina
12	Lamical Perine	South Carolina
26	Kadarius Toney	Vanderbilt
15	Emory Jones	Vanderbilt
14	Kyle Trask	Vanderbilt
13	Lamical Perine	Vanderbilt
13 [TD]	Emory Jones	Vanderbilt
13	Kadarius Toney	Vanderbilt
10	Kyle Trask	Vanderbilt
10	Freddie Swain	Vanderbilt
25	Kadarius Toney	Missouri
14	Emory Jones	Missouri
10	Kyle Trask	Missouri
10	Emory Jones	Missouri
15	Emory Jones	Florida State
10	Lamical Perine	Florida State

Receptions 20+ Yards (53 catches for 1,591 yards/ 30.1 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
66 [TD]	Kadarius Toney (From Franks)	Miami
65	Josh Hammond (From Franks)	Miami
69 [TD]	Van Jefferson (From Franks)	UT-Martin
35 [TD]	Tyrie Cleveland (From Franks)	UT-Martin
24	Rick Wells (From Trask)	UT-Martin
23	Trevon Grimes (From Franks)	UT-Martin
32	Trevon Grimes (From Franks)	Kentucky
31	Van Jefferson (From Franks)	Kentucky
30	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	Kentucky
20	Van Jefferson (From Trask)	Kentucky
20	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	Kentucky
43	Trevon Grimes (From Trask)	Tennessee
29 [TD]	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	Tennessee
24	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	Tennessee
21	Jacob Copeland (From Trask)	Tennessee
32	Tyrie Cleveland (From Trask)	Towson
25	Keon Zipperer (From Jones)	Towson
21	Tyrie Cleveland (From Jones)	Towson
64 [TD]	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	Auburn
34	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	Auburn
26	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	Auburn
20	Freddie Swain (From Jones)	Auburn
28	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	LSU
23	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	LSU
23	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	LSU
21	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	LSU
20	Van Jefferson (From Trask)	LSU
37 [TD]	Jacob Copeland (From Trask)	South Carolina
32	Jacob Copeland (From Trask)	South Carolina
25 [TD]	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	South Carolina
20	Jacob Copeland (From Trask)	South Carolina
29	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	Georgia
27	Tre Grimes (From Trask)	Georgia
24	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	Georgia
23	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	Georgia
23 [TD]	Van Jefferson (From Trask)	Georgia
20 [TD]	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	Vanderbilt
24	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	Vanderbilt
66 [TD]	Trevon Grimes (From Trask)	Vanderbilt
36	Tyrie Cleveland (From Trask)	Vanderbilt
37	Jacob Copeland (From Jones)	Vanderbilt
48	Kadarius Toney	Missouri
41	Trevon Grimes (From Trask)	Missouri
34 [TD]	Josh Hammond (From Trask)	Missouri
25	Kyle Pitts (From Trask)	Missouri
20	Van Jefferson (From Trask)	Missouri
47	Kadarius Toney (From Trask)	Florida State
23 [TD]	Freddie Swain (From Trask)	Florida State
31	Josh Hammond (From Trask)	Florida State
30	Lamical Perine (From Trask)	Florida State

Kickoff Returns 30+ Yards (2 returns for 74 yards/37.0 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
34	Tyrie Cleveland	UT-Martin
40	Tyrie Cleveland	Florida State

Punt Returns 20+ Yards (0 returns for 0 yards)

Yards	Player	Opponent
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Defensive Returns 20+ Yards (4 returns for 227 yards/56.8 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
72	Shawn Davis	Kentucky
46	Shawn Davis	Auburn
29	Donovan Stiner	Vanderbilt
80 [TD]	Jonathan Greenard	Vanderbilt

Opponent Big Plays

Runs (10+)	40 for 858 yards
Receiving (20+)	33 for 903 yards
Kick Returns (30+)	3 for 93 yards
Punt Returns (20+)	0 for 0 yards
Defensive Returns (20+)	2 for 64 yards
TOTAL	78 for 1,918 yards / 24.6 avg



100-YARD GAMES

100-Yard Rushing Games

Player	2019	2018	2017	2016	Career
Davis	-	-	1	-	1
Perine	1	3	-	2	6
TOTALS	1	3	1	2	7

100-Yard Receiving Games

Player	2019	2018	2017	2016	Career
Cleveland	-	-	1	1	2
Grimes	-	1	-	-	1
Swain	1	-	-	-	1
Pitts	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	2	1	1	1	5

200-YARD GAMES

200-Yard Passing Games

Player	2019	2018	2017	2016	Career
Franks	2	6	1	-	9
Trask	8	-	-	-	8
TOTALS	10	6	1	-	17

300-YARD GAMES

300-Yard Passing Games

Player	2019	2018	2017	2016	Career
Trask	3	-	-	-	3
TOTALS	3	-	-	-	3

NON-OFFENSIVE TDs

FLORIDA - 1

Jonathan Greenard FUMBLE RECOVERY vs Vanderbilt

TOTALS: 1 Fumble Recovery

OPPONENTS - 0

n/a

RED ZONE

FLORIDA

Opponent	No.	TDs	FG	Score Pct.	TD Pct.	TO	Downs	EOH	MFG
Miami	4	2	1	75%	50%	1	0	0	0
UT-Martin	5	4	1	100%	80%	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	5	3	1	80%	60%	0	0	0	1
Tennessee	5	3	2	100%	60%	0	0	0	0
Towson	4	4	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0
Auburn	3	1	0	33.3%	33.3%	2	0	0	0
LSU	6	4	0	66.7%	66.7%	1	1	0	0
South Carolina	2	2	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0
Georgia	1	1	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0
Vanderbilt	7	5	0	71.4%	71.4%	1	0	0	1
Missouri	3	1	2	100%	33.3%	0	0	0	0
Florida State	5	4	1	100%	80%	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	50	34	8	84%	68%	5	1	0	2

OPPONENTS

Opponent	No.	TDs	FG	Score Pct.	TD Pct.	TO	Downs	EOH	MFG
Miami	3	1	1	66.7%	33.3%	0	0	0	1
UT-Martin	1	0	0	0%	0%	1	0	0	0
Kentucky	4	2	0	50%	50%	1	0	0	1
Tennessee	2	0	1	50%	0%	1	0	0	0
Towson	3	0	0	0%	0%	1	0	0	2
Auburn	1	0	0	0%	0%	1	0	0	0
LSU	3	3	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	4	3	1	100%	75%	0	0	0	0
Georgia	4	1	3	100%	25%	0	0	0	0
Vanderbilt	1	0	0	0%	0%	1	0	0	0
Missouri	2	0	2	100%	0%	0	0	0	0
Florida State	3	1	1	66.7%	33.3%	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	31	11	9	64.5%	35.5%	6	0	0	5

TO: Turnover; Downs: Turnover on Downs; EOH: End of Half/Game; MFG: Missed/Blocked Field Goal

WHAT HAPPENS ON 1st DOWN

Team	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Rush	Yards	Avg.	Pct.	Pass	Yards	Avg.	Pct.
FLORIDA	358	2,577	7.2	162	674	4.2	45.3	196	1,903	9.7	54.7
Opponents	281	1,585	5.6	152	606	3.9	54.1	129	979	7.6	45.9

3rd DOWN CONVERSIONS

3rd Down and...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15+	Total	Pct.
FLORIDA	8-13	5-9	8-14	8-10	7-16	7-15	1-10	2-8	2-9	6-16	0-6	2-2	0-2	1-1	1-13	59-145	40.7
Opponents	15-19	4-10	4-8	6-9	4-12	6-13	4-13	6-18	2-9	3-16	2-7	2-10	0-3	2-4	2-12	62-171	36.3

3rd Down and...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15+
FLORIDA %	61.5	55.5	57.1	80.0	43.8	46.6	10.0	25.0	22.2	37.5	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	7.7
Opponents %	78.9	40.0	50.0	66.7	33.3	46.2	30.8	33.3	22.2	18.8	28.6	20.0	0.0	50.0	16.7

SPECIALTY MISCELLANEOUS STATS

RUSHING	Rushes	1st	Conv-3rd	10+	20+
Clement, I.	3	1	0	1	1
Copeland, J.	4	2	0	1	0
Davis, M.	33	4	0	2	0
Franks, F.	21	3	2	3	1
Hammond, J.	6	2	1	2	1
Jefferson, V.	1	0	0	0	0
Jones, E.	38	11	5	8	1
Perine, L.	119	27	3	17	1
Pierce, D.	48	7	1	6	3
Swain, F.	4	1	0	1	0
Toney, K.	11	4	0	3	2
Townsend, T.	3	1	0	0	0
Trask, K.	55	11	7	4	0
Wright, N.	12	2	0	0	0
Others	6	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS	358	76	19	48	10

RECEIVING	Catches	Targets	1st	Conv-3rd	10+	20+
Cleveland, T.	22	31	13	1	12	5
Copeland, J.	20	32	13	3	10	5
Davis, M.	5	8	1	0	1	0
Grimes, T.	32	42	21	6	17	6
Hammond, J.	27	32	16	3	13	4
Jefferson, V.	43	60	25	7	25	6
Krull, L.	3	6	2	0	2	1
Perine, L.	35	49	8	4	7	1
Pierce, D.	4	4	1	0	1	0
Pitts, K.	51	73	30	4	27	10
Swain, F.	35	52	25	6	23	10
Toney, K.	9	11	5	0	5	3
Trask, K.	1	1	1	1	0	0
Wells, R.	2	3	1	1	1	1
Wright, N.	1	1	0	0	0	0
Zipperer, K.	3	5	1	0	1	1
Others	0	18	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS	293	428	163	36	145	53

PASSING	1st	Conv-3rd	10+	20+
Franks, F.	27	9	21	7
Jones, E.	14	4	12	5
Krull, L.	1	1	0	0
Trask, K.	115	22	106	38
TEAM TOTALS	157	36	139	50

	3rd down	4th down	RZ-Def Plays
Ancrum, L.	4	0	5
Bogle, K.	3	0	1
Brunson, L.	0	0	2
Burney, A.	7	0	3
Campbell, K.	0	0	3
Carter, Z.	7	2	3
Chatfield, A.	0	1	0
Davis, S.	1	0	3
Dean, T.	3	0	1
Diabate, M.	7	1	3
Dunlap, M.	1	1	0
Elam, K.	4	0	1
Greenard, J.	7	0	8
Henderson, C.	4	0	4
Hill, J.	2	0	1
Hopper, T.	1	0	0
Houston, J.	7	1	0
Kimbrough, C.	1	0	0
Miller, V.	6	0	4
Moon, J.	9	2	2
Reese II, D.	13	1	6
Shuler, A.	3	2	3
Slaton, T.	0	0	4
Stewart, B.	2	0	1
Stiner, D.	5	0	3
Summerall, L.	1	0	0
Taylor, Je.	2	0	3
Wilson, M.	7	0	3
Zuniga, J.	4	0	0
Others	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS	112	11	69

Defensive stops include tackles, assisted tackles, QB hurries, pass breakups, interceptions, fumble recoveries and forced fumbles. A stop on 3rd down is defined as a play made that resulted in bringing up a 4th down.

Red Zone defensive plays include any tackles, assisted tackles, QB hurries, pass breakups, interceptions, fumble recoveries and forced fumbles on plays that were in the red zone.



SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

Player	UA	A	TT
Dameon Pierce	3	3	6
Quincy Lenton	3	1	4
Tyrie Cleveland	3	0	3
Brad Stewart Jr.	2	0	2
Donovan Stiner	0	2	2
James Houston IV	1	1	2
Lacedrick Brunson	1	0	1
Amari Burney	0	1	1
Iverson Clement	1	0	1
Jacob Copeland	0	1	1
Malik Davis	1	0	1
Josh Hammond	0	1	1
Ty'Ron Hopper	0	1	1
Van Jefferson	1	0	1
Ventrell Miller	0	1	1
David Reese II	0	1	1
Umstead Sanders	1	0	1

FLORIDA DRIVES SUPERLATIVES

Total TD Drive Time:	146:37
Total Offensive TD:	50
Average TD Time:	2:26
Shortest TD Drive (Yards):	5 plays, 40 yards, Florida State
Longest TD Drive (Yards):	5 plays, 92 yards, UT-Martin
Shortest TD Drive (Time):	0:12, Towson
Longest TD Drive (Time):	7:13, Florida State
Shortest TD Drive (Plays):	1, Auburn/South Carolina/Vanderbilt
Longest TD Drive (Plays):	17, Georgia

FIELD POSITION

	FLORIDA	Opponents
Drives Started	145	145
Average Starting Field Position	Own 27	Own 25
Times Started Inside Own 20	30	30
Drives Started in Opponent Territory	18	12

WEEKLY LEADERS

FLORIDA							
Opponent	Rushes	Rush Yards	Receptions	Receiving Yards	Tackles	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
Miami	10 - L. Perine	42 - L. Perine	6 - L. Perine	93 - J. Hammond	6 - Taylor/Campbell/Miller	3.0 - J. Zuniga	2.0 - V. Miller
UT-Martin	10 - L. Perine	51 - L. Perine	6 - T. Grimes	94 - V. Jefferson	6 - S. Davis	1.5 - J. Moon/J. Zuniga	1.5 - J. Zuniga
Kentucky	14 - L. Perine	76 - J. Hammond	7 - V. Jefferson	93 - V. Jefferson	16 - D. Reese II	1.5 - J. Greenard	1.0 - J. Greenard
Tennessee	14 - L. Perine	62 - L. Perine	4 - K. Pitts/V. Jefferson	67 - F. Swain	5 - Burney/Brunson/Reese II	2.0 - Ancrum/Greenard	1.0 - Four Gators
Towson	6 - Three Gators	84 - D. Pierce	5 - T. Grimes	59 - T. Cleveland	8 - A. Burney	1.0 - Reese II/Greenard/Shuler	0.5 - Eight Gators
Auburn	14 - L. Perine	130 - L. Perine	8 - K. Pitts	146 - F. Swain	13 - D. Reese II	2.0 - J. Houston	1.0 - J. Houston/Z. Carter
LSU	17 - L. Perine	65 - L. Perine	8 - V. Jefferson	108 - K. Pitts	6 - S. Davis	1.0 - J. Zuniga	None
South Carolina	14 - L. Perine	87 - D. Pierce	5 - K. Pitts/F. Swain	89 - J. Copeland	13 - D. Reese II	2.0 - A. Shuler	1.0 - Three Gators
Georgia	7 - L. Perine	31 - L. Perine	8 - F. Swain	91 - F. Swain	9 - J. Greenard	1.5 - J. Zuniga	None
Vanderbilt	7 - K. Trask	39 - K. Toney	4 - T. Grimes/L. Perine	95 - T. Grimes	8 - J. Houston IV	3.0 - M. Diabate	Same
Missouri	6 - E. Jones	39 - E. Jones	6 - V. Jefferson	82 - V. Jefferson	6 - J. Greenard	5.0 - J. Greenard	2.0 - J. Greenard
Florida State	7 - E. Jones	33 - E. Jones	5 - F. Swain	62 - F. Swain	8 - V. Miller	3.0 - J. Greenard	Same

OPPONENTS							
Team	Rushes	Rush Yards	Receptions	Receiving Yards	Tackles	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
Miami	15 - J. Williams	94 - D. Dallas	5 - B. Jordan	88 - B. Jordan	8 - G. Hall Jr.	2.0 - G. Rousseau	1.0 - G. Rousseau
UT-Martin	9 - J. Bachus	48 - J. Bachus	5 - P. Logan	59 - P. Logan	11 - J. Akins/D. Maura	0.5 - C. Cherry/J. Crutchfield	same
Kentucky	16 - K. Smoke	81 - K. Smoke	7 - L. Bowden	70 - L. Bowden	10 - K. Daniels	1.0 - K. Daniels/K. Looney	1.0 - K. Looney
Tennessee	10 - T. Chandler	34 - T. Chandler	7 - J. Jennings	73 - J. Jennings	8 - Bituli/To'o To'o	2.0 - Bituli	2.0 - Bituli
Towson	10 - T. Flacco	35 - Y. Thaeenrat	4 - Three Tigers	65 - Leatherbury	11 - S. Brown	2.5 - C. Umunakwe	1.5 - C. Umunakwe
Auburn	18 - J. Whitlow	81 - J. Whitlow	4 - S. Williams	79 - S. Williams	10 - Z. McClain	1.5 - K. Britt/Z. McCalin	1.0 - Four Tigers
LSU	13 - C. Edwards-Helaire	136 - C. Edwards-Helaire	10 - J. Jefferson	127 - J. Chase	8 - Three Tigers	3.0 - K. Chaisson	1.0 - Chaisson/Brooks
South Carolina	25 - T. Feaster	175 - T. Feaster	7 - B. Edwards	78 - B. Edwards	8 - J. Ibe	1.0 - Sterling/Wonnum	Same
Georgia	25 - D. Swift	86 - D. Swift	7 - L. Cager	132 - L. Cager	9 - M. Rice	0.5 - M. Rice/A. Ojulari	1.5 - A. Ojulari
Vanderbilt	15 - K. Vaughn	34 - K. Brooks	2 - J. Bostic/C. Johnson	32 - J. Bostic	9 - D. Moore	1.5 - A. Mintze	1.0 - A. Mintze/A. George
Missouri	15 - K. Bryant	30 - L. Roundtree	5 - T. Badie	58 - J. Nance	6 - N. Bolton/J. Ware	2.0 - K. Whiteside	Same
Florida State	17 - C. Akers	102 - C. Akers	7 - T. Terry	131 - T. Terry	8 - L. Warner/E. Rice	0.5 - Six Seminoles	None

FLORIDA SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Score	Plays	Yards	TOP	Qtr.	Obtained (Spot)	Scoring Play
Miami	TD	5	79	2:00	1	Kickoff (Own 21)	Kadarius Toney 66-yard pass from Feleipe Franks
	FG	9	33	3:25	3	Punt (Miami 42)	Evan McPherson 27-yard Field Goal
	TD	3	11	0:50	3	Fumble (Miami 11)	Lamical Perine 8-yard pass from Feleipe Franks
	TD	4	80	1:30	4	Missed FG (Own 20)	Feleipe Franks 3-yard rush
UT-Martin	FG	9	37	4:01	1	Punt (Own 48)	Evan McPherson 32-yard Field Goal
	TD	5	92	2:15	2	Punt (Own 8)	Van Jefferson 69-yard pass from Feleipe Franks
	TD	4	55	1:51	2	Punt (Own 45)	Tyrie Cleveland 35-yard pass from Feleipe Franks
	TD	7	51	3:01	3	Kickoff (Own 49)	Malik Davis 1-yard rush
	TD	11	66	5:33	3	Punt (Own 34)	Lamical Perine 5-yard rush
	TD	6	43	2:17	4	Downs (UT Martin 43)	Jacob Copeland 9-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	6	78	2:13	4	Punt (Own 22)	Emory Jones 16-yard rush
Kentucky	TD	8	31	5:03	1	Fumble (Kentucky 31)	Freddie Swain 15-yard pass from Feleipe Franks
	FG	4	6	2:02	3	Interception (Kentucky 21)	Evan McPherson 31-yard Field Goal
	TD	6	62	2:15	4	Downs (Own 38)	Lamical Perine 8-yard rush
	TD	4	66	1:54	4	Interception (Own 34)	Kyle Trask 4-yard rush
	TD	3	80	0:21	4	Missed FG (Own 20)	Josh Hammond 76-yard rush
Tennessee	TD	5	75	2:16	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Kyle Pitts 19-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	FG	6	41	2:08	2	Interception (Tennessee 46)	Evan McPherson 22-yard Field Goal
	TD	9	61	4:56	2	Punt (Own 39)	Lamical Perine 1-yard rush
	TD	6	75	2:13	3	Kickoff (Own 25)	Freddie Swain 29-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	8	64	3:20	4	Fumble (Own 36)	Dameon Pierce 10-yard rush
	FG	14	46	7:03	4	Punt (Own 35)	Evan McPherson 37-yard Field Goal
Towson	TD	12	82	5:32	1	Kickoff	Kyle Pitts 5-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	FG	8	50	3:44	1	Fumble	Evan McPherson 42-yard Field Goal
	TD	8	80	4:08	2	Missed FG	Kyle Trask 1-yard rush
	TD	2	7	0:12	3	Interception	Kyle Pitts 7-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	6	66	2:28	3	Punt	Dameon Pierce 37-yard rush
	TD	7	69	4:21	4	Missed FG	Keon Zipperer 2-yard pass from Emory Jones
Auburn	TD	2	64	0:40	1	Punt	Freddie Swain 64-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	2	18	0:45	2	Interception	Josh Hammond 13-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	FG	10	51	4:34	2	Kickoff	Evan McPherson 41-yard Field Goal
	TD	1	88	0:15	4	Punt	Lamical Perine 88-yard rush
LSU	TD	12	75	6:21	1	Kickoff	Tre Grimes 5-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	13	75	6:59	2	Kickoff	Lamical Perine 1-yard pass from Emory Jones
	TD	11	75	3:51	2	Kickoff	Van Jefferson 6-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	8	75	4:06	3	Kickoff	Van Jefferson 2-yard pass from Kyle Trask
South Carolina	FG	6	44	2:16	1	Punt	Evan McPherson 48-yard Field Goal
	TD	8	75	3:58	2	Kickoff	Jacob Copeland 37-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	1	75	0:14	3	Kickoff	Dameon Pierce 75-yard touchdown rush
	TD	7	52	3:35	4	Punt	Freddie Swain 25-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	3	29	0:51	4	Fumble	Kyle Pitts 5-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	6	37	3:10	4	Downs	Tre Grimes 5-yard pass from Kyle Trask
Georgia	FG	6	54	2:03	2	Kickoff	Evan McPherson 38-yard Field Goal
	TD	9	80	3:58	4	Punt	Van Jefferson 23-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	17	75	6:50	4	Kickoff	Freddie Swain 2-yard pass from Kyle Trask
Vanderbilt	TD	15	82	5:18	1	Punt	Lamical Perine one-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	4	23	2:03	2	Interception	Kyle Trask 9-yard rush
	TD	1	66	0:13	3	Punt	Tre Grimes 66-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	2	51	0:27	3	Punt	Kyle Pitts 15-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	5	79	2:04	3	Punt	Emory Jones 13-yard touchdown rush
	TD	4	25	2:26	4	Interception	Emory Jones 1-yard touchdown rush
	TD	7	68	2:48	4	Missed Field Goal	Emory Jones 3-yard touchdown rush
Missouri	FG	7	45	2:49	1	Kickoff	Evan McPherson 47-yard Field Goal
	FG	6	53	2:02	2	Kickoff	Evan McPherson 39-yard Field Goal
	TD	3	60	1:06	3	Punt	Josh Hammond 34-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	8	75	3:51	4	Kickoff	Lamical Perine 15-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	FG	8	61	3:03	4	Punt	Evan McPherson 22-yard Field Goal
Florida State	TD	11	75	4:41	1	Kickoff	Freddie Swain 19-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	13	75	7:13	1	Kickoff	Dameon Pierce one-yard rush
	TD	3	85	1:30	2	Punt	Freddie Swain 23-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	TD	5	40	1:23	2	Punt	Van Jefferson 13-yard pass from Kyle Trask
	FG	8	51	1:32	2	Punt	Evan McPherson 50-yard Field Goal
	TD	11	75	5:39	3	Kickoff	Van Jefferson 6-yard pass from Emory Jones
	FG	11	52	4:51	3	Kickoff	Evan McPherson 21-yard pass

Plays Per Drive

FLORIDA			
Opponent	Plays	Drives	Avg.
Miami	54	13	4.1
UT Martin	74	11	6.7
Kentucky	57	12	4.8
Tennessee	71	11	6.5
Towson	60	9	6.7
Auburn	72	17	4.2
LSU	84	10	8.4
South Carolina	63	16	3.9
Georgia	52	8	6.5
Vanderbilt	69	13	5.3
Missouri	62	14	4.4
Florida State	73	11	6.6
TOTAL	781	145	5.4

OPPONENTS

Opponent	Plays	Drives	Avg.
Miami	66	12	5.5
UT Martin	50	10	5.0
Kentucky	76	11	6.9
Tennessee	55	11	5.5
Towson	61	9	6.8
Auburn	61	18	3.4
LSU	48	11	4.4
South Carolina	78	15	5.2
Georgia	67	8	8.4
Vanderbilt	61	15	4.1
Missouri	68	14	4.9
Florida State	56	11	5.1
TOTAL	747	145	5.2

Offensive Touchdown Breakdown

Yards	# of TD	# of TD Drives
1-10	25	2
11-20	8	3
21-30	4	3
31-40	4	4
41-50	0	1
51-60	0	4
61-70	4	9
71-80	3	19
81-90	1	4
91-99	0	1

TOP	TD Drives	Plays on TD Drives
0:01-0:30	6	10
0:31-1:00	4	8
1:01-1:30	4	15
1:31-2:00	3	13
2:01-3:00	11	57
3:01-4:00	8	60
4:01-5:00	5	40
5:01-6:00	5	57
6:01-7:00	3	42
7:01+	1	11

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OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Score	Plays	Net Yards	TOP	Quarter	Obtained (Spot Acquired)	Scoring Play
Miami	FG	9	56	5:23	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Bubba Bax 36-yard Field Goal
	FG	5	27	2:20	2	Fumble (Own 48)	Bubba Bax 42-yard Field Goal
	TD	12	90	6:08	2	Punt (Own 10)	Brevin Jordan 25-yard pass from Jarren Williams
	TD	3	75	1:15	3	Kickoff (Own 25)	DeeJay Dallas 50-yard rush
Kentucky	TD	12	79	7:05	2	Kickoff (Own 21)	Ahmad Wagner 26-yard pass from Sawyer Smith
	TD	11	54	5:57	2	Fumble (Own 46)	Sawyer Smith 1-yard rush
	TD	6	75	2:11	3	Kickoff (Own 25)	Keaton Upshaw 13-yard pass from Sawyer Smith
Tennessee	FG	11	52	3:36	3	Kickoff (Own 25)	Brent Cimaglia 40-yard Field Goal
Auburn	FG	4	9	1:37	1	Fumble	Anders Carlson 48-yard Field Goal
	FG	7	23	3:13	1	Fumble	Anders Carlson 39-yard Field Goal
	TD	1	32	0:07	2	Downs	Seth Williams 32-yard pass from Bo Nix
LSU	TD	2	66	0:32	1	Punt	Ja'Marr Chase 9-yard pass from Joe Burrow
	TD	5	82	2:09	2	Punt	Justin Jefferson 7-yard pass from Joe Burrow
	TD	4	75	1:29	2	Kickoff	Clyde Edwards-Helaire 39-yard rush
	TD	8	75	3:42	3	Kickoff	Clyde Edwards-Helaire 5-yard rush
	TD	4	52	1:41	3	Punt	Ty Davis-Price 33-yard rush
	TD	4	80	1:43	4	Interception	Ja'Marr Chase 14-yard pass from Joe Burrow
South Carolina	TD	8	75	5:01	1	Kickoff	Mon Denson 1-yard rush
	FG	6	45	2:03	1	Punt	Parker White 49-yard Field Goal
	TD	3	20	0:45	3	Interception	Tavien Feaster 21-yard rush
	FG	12	72	6:22	3	Punt	Parker White 31-yard Field Goal
	TD	8	75	2:09	4	Kickoff	OrTre Smith 4-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Hilinski
Georgia	FG	16	47	7:03	1	Downs	Rodrigo Blakenship 31-yard Field Goal
	TD	10	59	6:19	2	Punt	Dominick Blaylock 3-yard pass from Jake Fromm
	FG	7	48	2:18	2	Punt	Rodrigo Blakenship 37-yard Field Goal
	FG	9	64	5:08	3	Kickoff	Rodrigo Blakenship 27-yard Field Goal
	TD	7	75	3:50	4	Kickoff	Lawrence Cager 52-yard pass from Jake Fromm
Missouri	FG	6	71	2:33	2	Punt	Tucker McCann 37-yard Field Goal
	FG	7	36	2:22	3	Punt	Tucker McCann 28-yard Field Goal
Florida State	TD	10	75	4:20	1	Kickoff	Jordan Travis 1-yard rush
	FG	10	44	2:47	3	Kickoff	Ri Aguayo 48-yard Field Goal
	TD	5	75	1:36	3	Kickoff	Cam Akers 50-yard rush



FLORIDA
**BOWL
HISTORY**



Florida's first bowl trip came after the 1952 season, as the Gators headed to Jacksonville to face Tulsa on Jan. 1, 1953.

Powered by the running of Rick Casares and J. (Papa) Hall, UF edged the Golden Hurricanes, 14-13, as Tulsa senior Tom Minor missed the first PAT attempt of his career. Gator All-America tackle Charlie LaPradd was the game's defensive hero.

Quarterback Jimmy Dunn and All-SEC end Dave Hudson led Florida back to the Gator Bowl in 1958, where it lost to Ole Miss, 7-3. Ray Graves' first Florida team returned to the Jacksonville classic after the 1960 season and knocked off Baylor, 13-12, behind the running of Don Goodman and quarterback Larry Libertore.

One of the biggest upsets in Gator Bowl history came in 1962, when heavily-favored Penn State was soundly beaten by the Gators, 17-7, behind quarterback Tom Shannon and a stout defense.

In 1966, Florida fell behind Missouri, 20-0, in the Sugar Bowl and rallied for 18 points in the final period behind quarterback Steve Spurrier. Each Gator touchdown was followed by a two-point conversion attempt, and all of them failed.

Spurrier became the first player in Sugar Bowl history to be named the game's Most Outstanding Player from a losing team. He broke six bowl records in the contest.

The Gators got back on the winning track the following year in the Orange Bowl, beating Georgia Tech, 27-12, behind Heisman Trophy winner Spurrier. It was Bobby Dodd's final game as Tech's head coach, and Florida made it an unhappy night for him. Larry Smith set a bowl record with a 94-yard touchdown run, almost losing his pants on the way.

In Graves' final game as Florida's coach, he watched his young team beat SEC champion Tennessee, 14-13, in the 1969 Gator Bowl. UF's defense was superb, with a blocked punt by Steve Tannen resulting in a touchdown, and an interception setting up the other.

In 1973, the Tangerine Bowl was played in Gainesville due to construction at the Orlando stadium site. Although it was only 27 degrees at kickoff, Miami (Ohio) loved every minute of it en route to a 16-7 upset. Florida nearly pulled a major upset the next season, leading Nebraska, 10-0, and scoring an apparent touchdown on a 26-yard run by Tony Green, only to have it ruled out of bounds. Nebraska came back and won the Sugar Bowl, 13-10.

The Gators returned to the Gator Bowl in 1975 and were knocked off in the rain by Maryland, 13-0. In 1977, powerful Texas A&M routed Florida, 37-14, in the Sun Bowl.

Charley Pell's first bowl team at Florida came in 1980, and the Gators played outstanding football in the Tangerine Bowl to beat Maryland, 35-20, behind All-America wide receiver Cris Collinsworth, the game's Most Valuable Player. All-American David Galloway was the defensive Most Valuable Player.

In the cold of Atlanta, Ga., in the 1981 Peach Bowl, the favored Gators were stunned by West Virginia, 26-6.

On New Year's Eve of 1982, the Gators took a 17-7 halftime lead against Arkansas in the Bluebonnet Bowl before losing, 28-24. Wide receiver Dwayne Dixon was named Florida's MVP after catching three touchdown passes.

The 1983 squad, making its fourth consecutive bowl appearance

under Pell, defeated Iowa, 14-6, in the Gator Bowl. The win earned the Gators a No. 6 final ranking, then the best finish in UF history.

The 1984 and 1985 teams, after posting 9-1-1 seasons, were unable to participate in bowl games due to NCAA sanctions. Florida re-entered the bowl scene on Christmas Day 1987, as it faced UCLA in the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Gators, a large underdog, suffered a tough 20-16 setback in a game that literally went down to the final play, when a Kerwin Bell pass fell incomplete in the endzone. Emmitt Smith, named Florida's MVP in the bowl, completed his banner freshman season with 128 rushing yards on just 17 carries (7.5 ypc) against a UCLA squad that ranked fourth in the nation in rushing defense in 1987.

Galen Hall captured his first bowl victory as a head coach in the 1988 All-American Bowl. Smith, the game's MVP, scored late in the fourth quarter to give Florida a 14-10 win over Illinois. Smith rushed for 159 yards on the night. Outside linebacker Huey Richardson led a fierce Gator defense that held Illinois to just 55 rushing yards and harassed quarterback Jeff George all night.

The Gators completed the decade of the 1980's with a 34-7 loss to Washington in the 1989 Freedom Bowl in Anaheim, Calif. The Freedom Bowl appearance marked the seventh bowl berth for Florida in the 1980's, making it the most successful decade for postseason play in school history at the time.

The 1991 team capped a banner season with an appearance in the 1992 Sugar Bowl versus Notre Dame. Despite registering 511 yards in total offense, including a record 370 yards passing by quarterback Shane Matthews, the Gators suffered a 39-28 setback to the Irish in Steve Spurrier's first bowl game as UF head coach. Notre Dame scored three touchdowns in the last five minutes of the game after Florida moved ahead early in the fourth quarter. A record 34 combined points were scored in a wild final period.

Errict Rhett rushed for 182 yards, the third-highest total in Gator Bowl history and the second-best output in UF bowl history, to highlight an impressive 27-10 win over ACC runner-up North Carolina State in the 1992 Gator Bowl. UF's defense had a fine night, as it held the Wolfpack to just 13 first downs and 267 yards of total offense, and Matthews closed out his brilliant career by leading a Gator offense that registered 26 first downs, ran 88 plays and totaled 445 yards of offense. Rhett was the game's MVP.

The 1993 team closed out the winningest season (11-2 record) in school history at the time with an impressive 41-7 win over undefeated West Virginia in the Sugar Bowl. Rhett, who rushed for 105 yards and three touchdowns, was named MVP of the contest. Willie Jackson had nine catches, the second-best bowl-game total in UF history, for 131 yards and a touchdown, while Terry Dean completed 22-of-37 passes for 255 yards and a touchdown, to highlight an offense that generated 482 total yards. The defense held a Mountaineer team that averaged 36.5 points and 464 yards per game to just seven points and 265 yards of total offense. The 41-7 win was Florida's first Sugar Bowl victory in four appearances and represented the school's first New Year's Day bowl win since a 27-12 defeat of Georgia Tech on Jan. 1, 1967, in the Orange Bowl.

Florida returned to the Sugar Bowl after the 1994 season, where it met rival Florida State just a month after the teams battled to a 31-31 regular-season tie. Quarterback Danny Wuerffel threw for a then-Sugar Bowl record 394 yards, on 28-of-39 passing, and a touchdown, but the Gators fell, 23-17. UF registered 454 yards in total offense, while FSU posted 401 yards in a game that was played on Jan. 2, 1995, in front of a crowd of over 76,000 at the Louisiana Superdome.

The 1995 Gator squad, coming off of the first perfect regular season in school history, played Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl for a chance at the national championship. Florida started strong, holding a 10-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, thanks to a Bart Edmiston field goal and a one-yard run by Wuerffel. The Cornhuskers, however, were too much, as they posted a 62-24 victory and captured their second-consecutive national title before a crowd of 79,864. Wide receiver Reidel Anthony returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, the first TD return in Florida bowl history.

The 1996 season produced the Gators' second straight appearance in the national championship game, and Florida came out on the winning end this time as it knocked off top-ranked Florida State, 52-20, in the 1997 Sugar Bowl to claim its first-ever national title. Both teams opened the contest throwing the football, combining for 238 passing yards and a 10-3 Gator lead at the end of the first quarter. Florida, which worked out of the shotgun most of the game, twice extended its lead to 14 points, but FSU responded each time, cutting the UF lead to 24-17 with under a minute to play in the first half. Scott Bentley trimmed UF's lead to 24-20 on a 45-yard field goal less than five minutes into the second half, but the Seminoles did not score again.

Florida sealed the victory by scoring the final 28 points of the game, a run that began with Ike Hilliard's third touchdown reception of the game on an eight-yard strike from Wuerffel. The UF signal-caller scrambled 16 yards for a score to put Florida up, 38-20, with 13 seconds left in the third quarter, and Terry Jackson added two fourth-quarter scoring runs, including a 42-yard scamper, for the final margin. The Gators defense was strong from start to finish, stopping the Seminoles on downs at the UF 23-yard line on the game's first possession and holding FSU to just 42 total yards rushing, two shy of the UF bowl record set against Baylor in the 1960 Gator Bowl.

On New Year's Day of 1998, in Orlando, the Gators defeated Penn State and legendary Nittany Lions' head coach Joe Paterno at the Florida Citrus Bowl. Halfback Fred Taylor rushed for 234 yards, both a UF bowl and Citrus Bowl record, to lead the Gators to a 21-6 victory. The Florida defense was also one of the day's top stories, as it held Penn State to just 139 total yards, the lowest total ever for a PSU offense under Paterno, and twice stopped the Nittany Lions from scoring on fourth-and-goal situations inside the one-yard line in the second quarter.

On Jan. 2, 1999, the Spurrier-led Gators made their first appearance in the Orange Bowl since his final game in the Orange and Blue. UF posted a 31-10 win over Syracuse that gave the Gators three-straight bowl wins for the first time in school history, and also enabled UF to win at least 10 games for a sixth-consecutive season, something never before achieved in SEC history.

On Jan. 1, 2000, the Gators played their first game of the new century at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, falling to Michigan State, 37-34, on a 39-yard field goal on the game's final play.

Florida set an SEC record when it appeared in its eighth consecutive January bowl game when it met Miami in New Orleans at the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2, 2001. The Hurricanes defeated the Gators, 37-20, in the first meeting between the two Sunshine State schools since the 1987 season.

On Jan. 2, 2002, in Miami, the Gators closed out the 2001 season with a 56-23 win over ACC champion Maryland. Florida set Orange Bowl records for total yards (659) and passing yards (456). The contest was the final game in Spurrier's legendary career at

Florida, as he resigned on Jan. 4 to become the head coach of the Washington Redskins. Spurrier's final game as a Gator player also came in the Orange Bowl, the 1967 affair with Georgia Tech.

Continuing the remarkable tradition under first-year head coach Ron Zook, Florida became one of only two schools to appear in 10 consecutive January bowl games when it faced No. 11 Michigan in the 2003 Outback Bowl. The first meeting of the two schools included seven lead changes and a tie, as the Wolverines edged Florida, 38-30, despite the Gators' 500 yards of total offense.

UF returned to the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1, 2004, to take on the No. 12 Iowa Hawkeyes. The 17th-ranked Gators jumped out to a 7-0 lead, but Iowa came away with a 37-17 victory. Florida's first score of the game came on its second possession, when quarterback Chris Leak hit wide receiver Kelvin Kight down the middle for a career-long 70-yard touchdown. The strike marked the longest touchdown pass in Outback Bowl history. Leak set the school record for single-season passing yards by a freshman (true or redshirt), surpassing Wuerffel's mark of 2,230 set in 1993.

The University of Miami returned a blocked field goal 78 yards for a touchdown and intercepted a pass to set up another score, helping the 14th-ranked Hurricanes defeat No. 19 Florida, 27-10, in the 2005 Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl, held on Dec. 31 at the Georgia Dome. Miami's win came despite Florida putting up 406 yards in total offense, while limiting the Hurricanes to just 277. In addition, UF tallied 22 first downs to Miami's 16, and the Gators out-rushed UM, 144-106. Florida senior standout Ciatrick Fason finished the evening with a game-high 94 rushing yards in 17 carries, including a 24-yard second-quarter jaunt.

Florida returned to Tampa the following season under first-year head coach Urban Meyer and defeated Iowa, 31-24, in the 2006 Outback Bowl. Wide receiver Dallas Baker was named the game's MVP after catching 10 passes for 147 yards and a pair of touchdowns from Leak. The Florida special teams made a big play early, blocking an Iowa punt and running it in for a six-yard touchdown to put the Gators up 7-0. UF went up 17-0 when cornerback Vernell Brown took an interception back 60 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. The Hawkeyes managed to narrow the gap to seven points late in the game, but wide receiver Chad Jackson recovered an onside kick to seal the victory.

To cap off the remarkable 100th season of Florida football, the Gators toppled No. 1 Ohio State in the 2007 Tostitos BCS National Championship Game in Glendale, Ariz., 41-14. Leak threw for a touchdown and senior running back DeShawn Wynn ran for another score to lead the Gators to their second-ever national football championship. Florida became the first school in NCAA Division I history to capture national titles in football and men's basketball during the same calendar year, having earned its first title on the hardwood by defeating UCLA in April. Meyer became just the seventh coach in NCAA history to guide a team to a national championship in his first or second year at a school.

Florida's defense held Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith and the Buckeyes to only 82 total yards, allowing 47 rushing yards and 35 yards by air. Ohio State had five drives of negative yardage, as the Gators sacked Smith six times. Derrick Harvey was named the Defensive MVP after collecting three sacks and recovering a fumble. Leak (25-for-36, 213 yards) was tabbed the Offensive MVP.

On Jan. 1, 2008, the Gators appeared in the Capital One Bowl and faced Michigan for the second time in five seasons. Despite nearly 250 yards of total offense from sophomore wide receiver Percy Harvin, 12th-ranked Florida fell to Michigan, 41-35. The

Gators rallied from a 14-point deficit to tie the score at 28-28 in the latter stages of the third period, but a pair of late scores by Michigan prevented UF from winning its third-straight bowl game.

The second-ranked Gators claimed the school's third national title, second in three years, with a 24-14 win over No. 1 Oklahoma at the 2009 FedEx BCS National Championship Game in Miami, Fla., on Jan. 8, 2009. The victory marked Florida's fourth BCS bowl win all-time, as the Gators improved their bowl record to 3-1 under Meyer. The Gators finished the 2008 season with a 13-1 mark. Louis Murphy, Harvin and David Nelson were touchdown targets of Tim Tebow. Tebow and Harvin both rushed for over 100 yards that night, becoming the first pair of teammates to do so in BCS history. Tebow (18-of-30, 231 yards) earned Offensive MVP honors.

The Gators defense was led by Most Valuable Player Carlos Dunlap. The sophomore defensive end blocked an Oklahoma field goal in the third quarter to preserve Florida's lead. The Gator defense prevented OU from scoring touchdowns on two red-zone possessions, marking the first time all season that the Sooners offense missed more than one scoring chance in the red zone.

Florida made a BCS bowl again at the end of the 2009 season, beating Cincinnati in the Allstate Sugar Bowl, 51-24. The Gators became the first program in FBS history to notch 13 wins in consecutive seasons, and finished 13-1 for the third time in four seasons -- also the first time in FBS history that happened.

Tebow, who collected Most Outstanding Player honors, set Sugar Bowl and BCS bowl records with 533 yards of total offense, finishing with 482 yards passing and three touchdowns on 31-of-35 passing, and adding 51 yards and another touchdown on the ground. The 482 yards passing were Sugar Bowl and BCS bowl game records, while the 31 completions set a new Sugar Bowl record. Tebow's 88.6 completion percentage set a BCS bowl game record and his four total touchdowns tied a Sugar Bowl record.

The Gators defense held the high-scoring Bearcats to 24 points, tied for their lowest output that year and below their 39.8 points per game average heading into the contest. Cincinnati entered the game averaging 464.2 yards per game, sixth-best in the nation, but was held to just 246 on the night and only 55 yards in the first half. The Bearcats had given up just 11 sacks during the regular season but Florida's defense notched four sacks on the night.

Riley Cooper caught seven passes for 181 yards, including an 80-yard strike from Tebow, while Aaron Hernandez added 111 yards and a touchdown. As a team, the Gators tied a Sugar Bowl record and set a BCS bowl record with 659 yards of total offense.

In the 2011 Outback Bowl, the Gators defeated the Penn State Nittany Lions, 37-24, in front of a crowd of 60,574. Senior safety Ahmad Black halted Penn State's drive with an 80-yard interception return for a touchdown to preserve the victory with 0:55 left on the clock. It was Black's second interception of the game and 13th of his four-year career as a Gator.

The UF defense totaled five interceptions (from four different players), tying an Outback Bowl record.

The Gators finished with an 8-5 overall record in what was ranked by the NCAA as one of the 20 toughest schedules of all FBS schools. The New Year's Day win marked the last game of Meyer's career at Florida.

Florida made its SEC-leading 21st straight bowl appearance in the 2012 Gator Bowl, as it defeated Ohio State 24-17. The win secured Florida's 24th-consecutive winning season, the longest active streak in the country. Head coach Will Muschamp earned his first bowl victory in his debut season.

With Caleb Sturgis' 17-yard field goal, which put the Gators up 24-10, UF scored four different ways: receiving TD, KO return, blocked punt return and FG. Sophomore Andre Debose was named MVP after he posted a 99-yard KO return for a touchdown, 128 total KO return yards and one catch for nine yards.

In his last game, senior Chris Rainey blocked his second punt of the season in the game, and it was recovered by Graham Stewart, who scored his first points as a Gator with his 14-yard touchdown return. It was the sixth career blocked punt for Rainey, who owns the school and SEC records in that category.

In 2012, the Gators were coming off an 11-1 regular season and earned their first BCS bowl bid since 2009, making a trip to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans to face the Louisville Cardinals.

UF got off to a horrible start, throwing a pick-six on its first possession. The Cardinals followed up with another touchdown on their next possession, taking an early 14-0 lead. Louisville took a 24-10 lead into the locker room at halftime and the Gators couldn't muster much in the second half besides an Andre Debose kick return touchdown. The Cardinals won 33-23.

Following the 2014 season, Florida went to the Birmingham Bowl and faced East Carolina under interim head coach D.J. Durkin. After falling behind 7-0 early, Brian Poole returned an interception for a touchdown, as Florida scored 21 unanswered points to take a 21-7 halftime lead. Ahmad Fulwood's 86-yard catch-and-run touchdown gave the Gators a 28-14 lead. In the closing minutes, a Vernon Hargreaves III interception sealed the 28-20 UF victory.

The 2016 Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl featured a pair of first-year head coaches, with Jim McElwain (Florida) and Jim Harbaugh (Michigan) squaring off in Orlando. UM quarterback Jake Rudock, voted Most Valuable Player of the Game, threw three touchdown passes, and led his offense to 503 yards and 34 unanswered points, as the Wolverines stifled the Gators in a 41-7 rout before a sellout crowd of 63,113 at the Citrus Bowl. The loss marked the second-worst defeat in UF's bowl history (only Nebraska's 62-24 rout in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl was worse).

The 2017 Outback Bowl saw the Gators rattle off 30 unanswered points in a 30-3 rout of Iowa. Austin Appleby threw two touchdowns, including a screen pass to running back Mark Thompson for what resulted in an 85-yard touchdown. Chauncey Gardner-Johnson added UF's third touchdown with a 58-yard interception return touchdown.

The 2018 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl put the Gators back into a marquee bowl game for the first time since 2012, when it went to the Sugar Bowl. This trip was far better for the Gators, as they routed Michigan, 41-15, in Atlanta to finish Dan Mullen's debut season with 10 wins, one year after UF finished 4-7.

Florida totaled 427 yards offensively, including 257 yards rushing. Feleipe Franks earned offensive MVP honors with 173 passing yards, 74 rushing yards, and two total touchdowns. Chauncey Gardner-Johnson garnered defensive MVP honors with a pair of interceptions, the second of which he returned 30 yards for a touchdown.

The Gators held Michigan to just 77 yards rushing, and dominated the second half, outscoring the Wolverines 28-5 in the final two quarters to end the 2018 season with a fourth consecutive win of 26-plus points, as well as its third consecutive game with 40-plus points (both firsts since 2008).



INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

RUSHING YARDS

Florida
234–Fred Taylor (43 carries), 1998 Citrus Bowl
187–Larry Smith (23 carries), 1967 Orange Bowl
182–Errict Rhett (39 carries), 1992 Gator Bowl
165–Percy Harvin (13 carries), 2008 Capital One Bowl
159–Emmitt Smith (28 carries), 1988 All-American Bowl
149–Earnest Graham (16 carries), 2002 Orange Bowl
136–Earnest Graham (15 carries), 2001 Sugar Bowl
128–Emmitt Smith (17 carries), 1987 Aloha Bowl
122–Percy Harvin (9 carries), 2009 BCS Championship
120–Earnest Graham (22 carries), 2003 Outback Bowl

Opponent
199–Tommie Frazier (Nebraska, 16 carries), 1996 Fiesta Bowl
165–Lawrence Phillips (Nebraska, 25 carries), 1996 Fiesta Bowl
161–Gary Anderson (Arkansas, 26 carries), 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl
159–Charlie Wysocki (Maryland, 39 carries), 1980 Tangerine Bowl
156–Chuck Varner (Miami, Ohio, 28 carries), 1973 Tangerine Bowl
150–Fred Russell (Iowa, 21 carries), 2003 Outback Bowl
150–Jerome Bettis (Notre Dame, 16 carries), 1992 Sugar Bowl

PASSING YARDS

Florida
482–Tim Tebow (31 of 35), 2010 Sugar Bowl
394–Danny Wuerffel (28 of 39), 1995 Sugar Bowl
370–Shane Matthews (28 of 58), 1992 Sugar Bowl
352–Steve Spurrier (27 of 45), 1966 Sugar Bowl
323–Rex Grossman (21 of 41), 2003 Outback Bowl
306–Danny Wuerffel (18 of 34), 1997 Sugar Bowl
288–Doug Johnson (24 of 50), 2000 Citrus Bowl
278–Chris Leak (25 for 40), 2006 Outback Bowl
271–Wayne Peace (20 of 34), 1980 Tangerine Bowl
268–Chris Leak (22 of 41), 2003 Outback Bowl

Opponent
373–Chad Henne (Michigan, 25 of 39), 2008 Capital One Bowl
346–Drew Tate (Iowa, 32 of 55), 2006 Outback Bowl
319–John Navarre (Michigan, 21 of 36) 2003 Outback Bowl
278–Jake Rudock (Michigan, 20 of 31) 2016 Citrus Bowl
271–Thad Busby (Florida State, 17 of 41), 1997 Sugar Bowl
270–Ken Dorsey (Miami, 22 of 40), 2001 Sugar Bowl
266–Teddy Bridgewater (Louisville, 20 of 32), 2013 Sugar Bowl
257–Bill Burke (Michigan State, 21 of 35), 2000 Citrus Bowl
257–Shaun Hill (Maryland, 23 of 39), 2002 Orange Bowl
256–Sam Bradford (Oklahoma, 26 of 41), 2009 BCS Champ.

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Florida
4–Rex Grossman, 2002 Orange Bowl
3–Tim Tebow, 2010 Sugar Bowl
3–Tim Tebow, 2008 Capital One Bowl
3–Doug Johnson, 2000 Citrus Bowl
3–Danny Wuerffel, 1997 Sugar Bowl
3–Bob Hewko, 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl

MOST RECEPTIONS

11–Travis Taylor (vs. Michigan State), 2000 Citrus Bowl
10–Dallas Baker (vs. Iowa), 2006 Outback Bowl
10–Taylor Jacobs (vs. Maryland), 2002 Orange Bowl
9–Aaron Hernandez (vs. Cincinnati), 2010 Sugar Bowl
9–Percy Harvin (vs. Michigan), 2008 Capital One Bowl
9–Percy Harvin (vs. Ohio State), 2007 BCS Championship
9–Willie Jackson (vs. West Virginia), 1994 Sugar Bowl
9–Barry Brown (vs. Missouri), 1966 Sugar Bowl
8–6x, most recent: O.J. Small (vs. Miami), 2004 Peach Bowl

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING YARDS

181–Riley Cooper (vs. Cincinnati), 2010 Sugar Bowl
170–Taylor Jacobs (vs. Maryland), 2002 Orange Bowl
166–Cris Collinsworth (vs. Maryland), 1980 Tangerine Bowl
159–Travis Taylor (vs. Syracuse), 1999 Orange Bowl
156–Travis Taylor (vs. Michigan State), 2000 Citrus Bowl
150–Ike Hilliard (vs. Florida State), 1997 Sugar Bowl
148–Willie Jackson (vs. Notre Dame), 1992 Sugar Bowl
147–Dallas Baker (vs. Iowa), 2006 Outback Bowl
131–Willie Jackson (vs. West Virginia), 1994 Sugar Bowl
128–Jack Jackson (vs. Florida State), 1995 Sugar Bowl

TOTAL OFFENSE

533–Tim Tebow (482 pass, 51 run), vs. Cincinnati, 2010 Sugar Bowl
397–Shane Matthews (370 pass, 27 run), vs. Notre Dame, 1992 Sugar Bowl
371–Danny Wuerffel (394 pass, –23 run), vs. FSU, 1995 Sugar Bowl
346–Rex Grossman (323 pass, 23 run), vs. Michigan, 2003 Outback Bowl
343–Steve Spurrier (352 pass, –9 run), vs. Missouri, 1966 Sugar Bowl
340–Tim Tebow (231 Pass, 109 run), vs. Oklahoma, 2009 BCS Championship
296–Danny Wuerffel (306 pass, –10 run) vs. Florida State, 1997 Sugar Bowl
283–Wayne Peace (271 pass, 12 run), vs. Maryland, 1980 Tangerine Bowl

SCORING

18–Travis Taylor (vs. Michigan State), 2000 Citrus Bowl (3 TDs)
18–Ike Hilliard (vs. Florida State), 1997 Sugar Bowl (3 TDs)
18–Errict Rhett (vs. West Virginia), 1994 Sugar Bowl (3 TDs)
18–Dwayne Dixon (vs. Arkansas), 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl (3 TDs)
16–Arden Czyzewski (vs. Notre Dame), 1992 Sugar Bowl (5 FGs–Sugar Bowl record; 1 PAT)

LONGEST PLAYS

Rushing
94–Larry Smith (vs. Georgia Tech), 1967 Orange Bowl
Rushing (Touchdown)
94–Larry Smith (vs. Georgia Tech), 1967 Orange Bowl
Pass (Touchdown)
85–Austin Appleby to Mark Thompson (vs. Iowa), 2017 Outback
Field Goal
51–Jeff Chandler (vs. Miami), 2001 Sugar Bowl
Punt
69–Robby Stevenson (vs. Florida State), 1997 Sugar Bowl
Kickoff Return (Touchdown)
100–Andre Debose (vs. Louisville), 2013 Sugar Bowl

TEAM RECORDS

SCORING

Most Points by Florida: 56 (vs. Maryland), 2002 Orange Bowl
Most Points by an Opponent: 62 (vs. Nebraska), 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Most Points (Both teams): 86 (Nebraska 62, Florida 24), 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Fewest Points by Florida: 0 (vs. Maryland),1975 Gator Bowl
Fewest Points by an Opponent: 3 (Iowa), 2017 Outback Bowl
Fewest Points (Both teams): 10 (Ole Miss 7, Florida 3), 1958 Gator Bowl

RUSHING

Most Yards by Florida: 284 (vs. Georgia Tech), 1967 Orange Bowl
Most Yards by an Opponent: 524 (Nebraska), 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Fewest Yards by Florida: –30 (vs. West Virginia), 1981 Peach Bowl
Fewest Yards by Opponent: 40 (Baylor), 1960 Gator Bowl

PASSING

Most Yards Passing by Florida: 482 (vs. Cincinnati), 2010 Sugar Bowl
Most Yards Passing by Opponent: 373 (Michigan), 2008 Capital One Bowl
Fewest Yards Passing by Florida: 28 (vs. Maryland), 1975 Gator Bowl
Fewest Yards Passing by Opponent: 6 (Miami, Ohio), 1973 Tangerine Bowl
Most Passes Attempted by Florida: 58 (vs. Notre Dame), 1992 Sugar Bowl
Most Passes Attempted by Opponent: 55 (Iowa), 2006 Outback Bowl
Fewest Passes Attempted by Florida: 8 (vs. Baylor), 1960 Gator Bowl
Fewest Passes Attempted by Opponent: 7 (Ole Miss), 1958 Gator Bowl
Most Passes Completed by Florida: 33 (vs. Maryland), 2002 Orange Bowl
Most Passes Completed by Opponent: 32 (Iowa), 2006 Outback Bowl
Fewest Passes Completed by Florida: 3 (vs. Maryland), 1975 Gator Bowl
Fewest Passes Completed by Opponent: 1 (Miami, Ohio), 1973 Tangerine Bowl

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most Yards by Florida: 659 (vs. Cincinnati; 177 run, 482 pass), 2010 Sugar Bowl; (vs. Maryland; 203 run, 456 pass), 2002 Orange Bowl
Most Yards by Opponent: 629 (vs. Nebraska; 524 rush, 105 pass) 1996 Fiesta Bowl
Most Yards (Both teams): 1,019 (Florida 659, Maryland 360), 2002 Orange Bowl
Fewest Yards by Florida: 105 (vs. West Virginia; 135 pass, –30 run), 1981 Peach Bowl
Fewest Yards by Opponent: 82 (Ohio State; 35 pass, 47 run), 2007 BCS Championship
Fewest Yards (Both teams): 387 (Florida 248, Penn State 139), 1962 Gator Bowl

ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS
44 Bowl Appearances
23-21 All-Time Bowl Record

Year	Bowl	Site	W/L	UF	Score	Opponent	Score	MVP
1953	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	14	Tulsa	13	J. "Papa" Hall
1958	Gator	Jacksonville	L	Florida	3	Ole Miss	7	Dave Hudson
1960	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	13	Baylor	12	Larry Libertore
1962	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	17	Penn State	7	Tommy Shannon
1966	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	18	Missouri	20	Steve Spurrier
1967	Orange	Miami	W	Florida	27	Georgia Tech	12	Larry Smith
1969	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	14	Tennessee	13	Mike Kelley
1973	Tangerine	Gainesville	L	Florida	7	Miami (OH)	16	
1974	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	10	Nebraska	13	
1975	Gator	Jacksonville	L	Florida	0	Maryland	13	Sammy Green
1977	Sun	El Paso	L	Florida	14	Texas A&M	37	
1980	Tangerine	Orlando	W	Florida	35	Maryland	20	Cris Collinsworth
1981	Peach	Atlanta	L	Florida	6	West Virginia	26	
1982	Bluebonnet	Houston	L	Florida	24	Arkansas	28	Dwayne Dixon
1983	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	14	Iowa	6	Tony Lilly
1987	Aloha	Honolulu	L	Florida	16	UCLA	20	Emmitt Smith
1988	All-American	Birmingham	W	Florida	14	Illinois	10	Emmitt Smith
1989	Freedom	Anaheim	L	Florida	7	Washington	34	Huey Richardson
1992	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	28	Notre Dame	39	
1992	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	27	N.C. State	10	Errict Rhett
1994	Sugar	New Orleans	W	Florida	41	West Virginia	7	Errict Rhett
1995	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	17	Florida State	23	
1996	Fiesta	Tempe	L	Florida	24	Nebraska	62	
1997	Sugar	New Orleans	W	Florida	52	Florida State	20	Danny Wuerffel
1998	Citrus	Orlando	W	Florida	21	Penn State	6	Fred Taylor
1999	Orange	Miami	W	Florida	31	Syracuse	10	Travis Taylor
2000	Citrus	Orlando	L	Florida	34	Michigan State	37	
2001	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	20	Miami (FL)	37	
2002	Orange	Miami	W	Florida	56	Maryland	23	Taylor Jacobs
2003	Outback	Tampa	L	Florida	30	Michigan	38	
2004	Outback	Tampa	L	Florida	17	Iowa	37	
2004	Chick-fil-A	Atlanta	L	Florida	10	Miami (FL)	27	
2006	Outback	Tampa	W	Florida	31	Iowa	24	Dallas Baker
2007	BCS Championship	Glendale	W	Florida	41	Ohio State	14	Chris Leak (offense); Derrick Harvey (defense)
2008	Capital One	Orlando	L	Florida	35	Michigan	41	
2009	BCS Championship	Miami	W	Florida	24	Oklahoma	14	Tim Tebow (offense); Carlos Dunlap (defense)
2010	Sugar	New Orleans	W	Florida	51	Cincinnati	24	Tim Tebow
2011	Outback	Tampa	W	Florida	37	Penn State	24	Ahmad Black
2012	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	24	Ohio State	17	Andre Debose
2013	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	23	Louisville	33	
2014	Birmingham	Birmingham	W	Florida	28	East Carolina	20	Adam Lane
2015	BWW Citrus	Orlando	L	Florida	7	Michigan	41	
2016	Outback	Tampa	W	Florida	30	Iowa	3	Chauncey Gardner
2018	Chick-fil-A	Atlanta	W	Florida	41	Michigan	15	Feleipe Franks (offense); Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (defense)



ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

1953 GATOR BOWL

Jan. 1, 1953 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 30,000 Est.)

FLORIDA	14
TULSA	13

Florida	7	7	0	0-14
Tulsa	0	0	7	6-13
UF - Casares 2 run (Casares kick)				
UF - Robinson to Hall 37 pass (Casares kick)				
TUL - Roberts 3 run (Minor kick)				
TUL - Waugh 2 run (Minor kick missed)				

	FLORIDA	TULSA
First Downs	20	17
Rushes-Yards	54-233	50-182
Passing Yards	101	132
Att.-Comp.-Int.	11-7-1	16-10-1
Total Offense	334	314
Punts-Yards	1-38	4-31
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	2-1
Penalty Yards	34	84

Rushing:

Florida - Hall 17-94, Casares 21-86, Long 9-32, Haddock 2-30.
Tulsa - Kercher 16-71, Waugh 15-65, Roberts 8-39, Kelly 4-17, Halladay 5-15.

Passing:

Florida - Dickey 4-5-0-68-0 TD, Robinson 3-6-1-33-0 TD.
Tulsa - Morris 10-16-1-132-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Hall 2-60, Casares 1-7, O'Brien 2-23.
Tulsa - Miney 6-77, Roberts 3-41, Halladay 1-14.

1958 GATOR BOWL

Dec. 27, 1958 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 41,000 Est.)

OLE MISS	7
FLORIDA	3

Ole Miss	7	0	0	0-7
Florida	3	0	0	0-3

MISS - Anderson 1 run (kick good)
UF - Booker 17-yard FG

	OLE MISS	FLORIDA
First Downs	9	12
Rushes-Yards	41-157	42-157
Passing Yards	27	58
Att.-Comp.-Int.	7-2-0	11-5-5
Total Offense	184	215
Punts-Yards	10-34.4	7-44.1
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	5-3
Penalties-Yards	2-10	3-35

Rushing:

Ole Miss - Anderson 9-62, Lovelace 7-28, Flowers 4-20.
Florida - Newbern 5-59, Milby 10-35, Giles 3-20, Deal 6-18.

Passing:

Ole Miss - Franklin 2-7-0-27-0 TD.
Florida - Dunn 5-11-1-58-0 TD.

Receiving:

Ole Miss - Grantham 1-15, Daniels 1-12.
Florida - Hudson 3-32, Dilts 1-3, Partin 1-13.

1960 GATOR BOWL

Dec. 31, 1960 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 50,122)

FLORIDA	13
BAYLOR	12

Florida	0	13	0	0-13
Baylor	0	0	0	12-12
UF - Goodman 3 run (Cash kick)				
UF - Travis fumble recovery in endzone (Cash kick missed)				
BAY - Ply to Goodwin 12 pass (Corley kick missed)				
BAY - Bull 3 run (Ply pass incomplete)				

	FLORIDA	BAYLOR
First Downs	11	15
Rushes-Yards	52-176	37-40
Passing Yards	57	211
Att.-Comp.-Int.	8-5-0	27-13-0
Total Offense	233	251
Punts-Yards	7-37.0	5-33.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-3
Penalties-Yards	6-70	1-5

Rushing:

Florida - Libertore 14-61, Goodman 10-28, Infante 6-24.
Baylor - Bull 14-53, Ply 14-5, Tate 1-5.

Passing:

Florida - Dodd 3-5-0-21-0 TD, Libertore 2-3-0-36-0 TD.
Baylor - Ply 12-24-0-161-1 TD, Stanley 1-3-0-49-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Infante 3-47.
Baylor - Goodwin 7-129-1 TD, David 3-33.

1962 GATOR BOWL

Dec. 30, 1962 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 50,286)

FLORIDA	17
PENN STATE	7

Florida	3	7	0	7-17
Penn State	0	7	0	0-7

UF - Lyle 43-yard FG
UF - Shannon to Dupree 1 pass (Hall kick)
PSU - Liske 1 run (Crates kick)
UF - Shannon to Clarke 19 pass (Hall kick)

	FLORIDA	PENN ST
First Downs	14	8
Rushing Yards	162	89
Passing Yards	86	50
Att.-Comp.-Int.	13-18-1	18-6-1
Total Offense	248	139
Punts-Yards	6-33.7	6-40.8
Fumbles	4	3
Penalty Yards	42	43

Rushing:

Florida - Dupree 25-66, Mack 10-33, Shannon 12-26.
Penn State - Hayes 10-25, Kochman 6-51.

Passing:

Florida - Shannon 7-9-1-79-2 TD, Batten 1-4-0-7-0 TD.
Penn State - Liske 6-18-1-54-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Clarke 2-27, Brown 3-25.
Penn State - Powell 4-40.

1966 SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 1, 1966 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 67,421)

MISSOURI	20
FLORIDA	18

Missouri	0	17	3	0-20
Florida	0	0	0	18-18
MIZZOU - Brown 16 run (Bates kick)				
MIZZOU - Roland to Denny 1 pass (Bates kick)				
MIZZOU - Bates 37-yard FG				
MIZZOU - Bates 34-yard FG				
UF - Spurrier to Harper 22 pass (pass failed)				
UF - Spurrier 2 run (pass failed)				
UF - Spurrier to Casey 21 pass (pass failed)				

	MISSOURI	FLORIDA
First Downs	18	18
Rushes-Yards	62-257	16-(-2)
Passing Yards	50	352
Att.-Comp.-Int.	14-5-1	46-27-1
Total Offense	307	350
Punts-Yards	5-44.0	6-32.5
Fumbles	2-2	1-1
Penalty Yards	2-30	3-25

Rushing:

Missouri - Brown 23-121-1 TD, Lane 19-76.
Florida - Poe 2-11, Spurrier 7-(-9).

Passing:

Missouri - Lane 4-13-1-39-1 TD.
Florida - Spurrier 22-45-1-352-2 TD.

Receiving:

Missouri - Phelps 2-11, Walker 1-14.
Florida - Casey 5-108-1 TD, Brown 9-88, Harper 4-66-1 TD, Trapp 5-53.

1967 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 1, 1967 • Miami, Fla. (Att. 73,426)

FLORIDA	27
GEORGIA TECH	12

Florida	0	7	7	13-27
Georgia Tech	6	0	0	6-12
GT - King to Bangham 10 pass (run failed)				
UF - McKeel run (Barfield kick)				
UF - Smith 94 run (Barfield kick)				
UF - McKeel 1 run (Barfield kick)				
GT - Good 25 run (pass failed)				
UF - Wages to Coone 25 pass (pass failed)				

	FLORIDA	GA TECH
First Downs	22	17
Rushing Yards	284	197
Passing Yards	165	122
Att.-Comp.-Int.	32-15-1	22-8-1
Total Offense	449	319
Punts-Yards	7-36	8-42
Fumbles	1	1
Penalty Yards	32	42

Rushing:

Florida - Smith 23-187, McKeel 13-30, Barfield 3-28, Spurrier 4-14.
Georgia Tech - Snow 24-110, Good 3-34.

Passing:

Florida - Spurrier 30-14-1-160-0 TD, Wages 2-1-0-5-1 TD.
Georgia Tech - King 16-8-3-42-1 TD.

ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS**Receiving:**

Florida - Trapp 5-43, Coone 3-33, Edwards 4-30.
Georgia Tech - Smith 2-32.

1969 GATOR BOWL**Dec. 27, 1969 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 72,248)**

FLORIDA 14
TENNESSEE 13

Florida 7 0 7 0-14
Tennessee 0 10 0 3-13

UF - Kelley 8 fumble return (Franco kick)**UT** - Scott to McClain 63 pass (Hunt kick)**UT** - Hunt FG**UF** - Reaves to Alvarez 9 pass (Franco kick)**UT** - Hunt 26-yard FG

	FLORIDA	TENNESSEE
First Downs	15	23
Rushing Yards	90	213
Passing Yards	161	174
Att.-Comp.-Int.	26-15-0	34-12-2
Total Offense	251	387
Punts-Yards	7-31.0	2-15.0
Fumbles	1	1
Penalty Yards	58	23

Rushing:

Florida - Durrance 22-62, Walker 10-33, Rich 1-2.

Tennessee - Watson 25-121, McLeary 8-23, Scott 10-19, Patterson 8-40.

Passing:

Florida - Reaves 15-26-0-161-1 TD.

Tennessee - Scott 12-34-2-174-1 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Maliska 6-54, Alvarez 4-51 Rich 2-3.

Tennessee - Kreis 4-82, McClain 2-58.

1973 TANGERINE BOWL**Dec. 22, 1973 • Gainesville, Fla. (Att. 37,234)**

MIAMI (Ohio) 16
FLORIDA 7

Miami (Ohio) 3 0 10 3-16
Florida 0 0 0 7-7

MU - Draught 27-yard FG**MU** - Draught 26-yard FG**MU** - Varner 3 run (Draught kick)**MU** - Draught 45-yard FG**UF** - Moore 1 run (Posey kick)

	MIAMI (Ohio)	FLORIDA
First Downs	14	12
Rushes-Yards	70-239	37-90
Passing Yards	6	99
Att.-Comp.-Int.	8-1-0	21-9-4
Total Offense	245	189
Punts-Yards	10-33.0	6-14.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-3
Penalties-Yards	3-39	3-27

Rushing:

Miami (Ohio) - Varner 28-156, Hitchins 20-62, Smith 12-47.

Florida - Moore 16-101, Richards 7-49, Kendrick 6-7.

Passing:

Miami (Ohio) - Sanna 1-8-0-6-0 TD.

Florida - Gaffney 3-9-2-25-0 TD, Davis 1-3-2-8-0 TD, Bowden
4-9-0-35-0 TD.

Receiving:

Miami (Ohio) - Williams 1-6.

Florida - Moore 3-30, Foldberg 2-25, McGriff 2-13.

1974 SUGAR BOWL**Dec. 31, 1974 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 67,890)**

NEBRASKA 13
FLORIDA 10

Nebraska 0 0 0 13-13
Florida 7 3 0 0-10

UF - Green 21 run (Posey kick)**UF** - Posey 40-yard FG**NU** - Anthony 2 run (Coyle kick)**NU** - Coyle 37-yard FG**NU** - Coyle 39-yard FG

	NEBRASKA	FLORIDA
First Downs	18	13
Rushes-Yards	60-304	55-178
Passing Yards	16	97
Att.-Comp.-Int.	14-2-4	10-5-1
Total Offense	320	275
Fumbles	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	2-17	5-41

Rushing:

Nebraska - Davis 17-126, Anthony 15-64, O'Leary 18-50.

Florida - Dubose 17-84, Green 14-73, Richards 6-22.

Passing:

Nebraska - Humm 2-12-4-16-0 TD.

Florida - Gaffney 5-10-1-97-0 TD.

Receiving:

Nebraska - Westbrook 2-16.

Florida - McGriff 2-52, Darby 1-32.

1975 GATOR BOWL**Dec. 29, 1975 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 64,012)**

MARYLAND 13
FLORIDA 0

Maryland 7 3 0 3-13
Florida 0 0 0 0-0

MD - Dick to Hoover 19 pass (Sochko kick)**MD** - Sochko 20-yard FG**MD** - Sochko 27-yard FG

	MARYLAND	FLORIDA
First Downs	15	14
Rushes-Yards	52-209	54-182
Passing Yards	82	28
Att.-Comp.-Int.	16-7-0	19-3-3
Total Offense	291	210
Fumbles	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-47	6-48

Rushing:

Maryland - Atkins 20-127, Jennings 9-53, Wilson 10-33.

Florida - Dubose 18-95, Green 13-31, Fisher 6-21, Gaffney 9-13.

Passing:

Maryland - Dick 5-13-0-67-0 TD, Manges 2-3-0-15-0 TD.

Florida - Gaffney 1-7-2-(-5)-0 TD, Fisher 2-12-1-33-0 TD.

Receiving:

Maryland - Hoover 2-24, Wilson 2-12, Jennings 2-15.

Florida - LeCount 1-25, Enclade 1-8.

1977 SUN BOWL**Jan. 2, 1977 • El Paso, Texas (Att. 33,252)**

TEXAS A&M 37
FLORIDA 14

Texas A&M 3 13 8 13-37
Florida 0 0 7 7-14

TAMU - Franklin 39-yard FG**TAMU** - Walker 9 run (Franklin kick)**TAMU** - Franklin 62-yard FG**TAMU** - Franklin 33-yard FG**TAMU** - Woodard 1 run (Woodard run)**UF** - Chandler 29 run (Posey kick)**TAMU** - Woodard 4 run (Franklin kick)**UF** - LeCount 1 run (Posey kick)**TAMU** - Walker to Woodard 15 pass (Franklin kick missed)

	TEXAS A&M	FLORIDA
First Downs	20	14
Rushing Yards	241	172
Passing Yards	122	58
Att.-Comp.-Int.	19-11-0	24-7-1
Total Offense	363	230
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	6-4
Penalties-Yards	6-33	4-26

Rushing:

Texas A&M - Woodard 25-124, Dickey 15-50.

Florida - Bronson 10-64, Chandler 2-38, LeCount 11-35.

Passing:

Texas A&M - Woodard 11-18-0-122-1 TD.

Florida - Fisher 5-13-1-42-0 TD.

Receiving:

Texas A&M - Woodard 4-25, Haack 3-42.

Florida - Chandler 2-29.

1980 TANGERINE BOWL**Dec. 20, 1980 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 52,541)**

FLORIDA 35
MARYLAND 20

Florida 0 14 14 7-35
Maryland 3 6 11 0-20

MD - Castro 35-yard FG**UF** - Peace to Collinsworth 24 pass (Clark kick)**MD** - Castro 27-yard FG**UF** - Jones 2 run (Clark kick)**MD** - Wysocki 1 run (Tice run)**MD** - Castro 43-yard FG**UF** - Peace 1 run (Clark kick)**UF** - Peace to Collinsworth 21 pass (Clark kick)**UF** - Brown 2 run (Clark kick)

	FLORIDA	MARYLAND
First Downs	16	19
Rushes-Yards	35-108	54-181
Passing Yards	271	155
Att.-Comp.-Int.	34-20-1	26-15-3
Total Offense	379	336
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	11-108	6-44

**Rushing:**

Florida - Brown 16-71, Peace 6-12.
Maryland - Wysocki 39-159, Fasano 3-14.

Passing:

Florida - Peace 20-34-1-271-2 TD.
Maryland - Tice 11-23-3-129-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Collinsworth 8-166, Young 8-66.
Maryland - Havener 4-83, Seivers 3-24.

1981 PEACH BOWL

Dec. 31, 1981 • Atlanta, Ga. (Att. 37,582)

WEST VIRGINIA 26
FLORIDA 6

West Virginia 7 9 3 7 - 26
Florida 0 0 0 6 - 6
WVU - Luck to Walczak 2 pass (Woodside kick)

WVU - Woodside 30-yard FG

WVU - Woodside 42-yard FG

WVU - Woodside 49-yard FG

WVU - Woodside 24-yard FG

WVU - Walczak 1 run (Woodside kick)

UF - Hewko to Faulkner 22 pass (pass failed)

	WVU	FLORIDA
First Downs	19	10
Rushes-Yards	51-94	34-(-30)
Passing Yards	107	135
Att.-Comp.-Int.	23-14-1	20-11-2
Total Offense	201	105
Punts-Yards	5-33	6-40
Penalties-Yards	4-17	4-39

Rushing:

West Virginia - Cornwell 26-97, Beck 8-37, Walczak 8-35.
Florida - Jones 9-25, Brown 3-8.

Passing:

West Virginia - Luck 14-23-1-107-1 TD.
Florida - Peace 6-13-2-47-0 TD, Hewko 5-7-0-88-1 TD.

Receiving:

West Virginia - Walczak 8-75, Hollins 2-18.
Florida - Mularkey 2-36, Land 2-28, Jackson 4-25.

1982 BLUEBONNET BOWL

Dec. 31, 1982 • Houston, Texas (Att. 31,557)

ARKANSAS 28
FLORIDA 24

Arkansas 7 0 7 14 - 28
Florida 7 10 7 0 - 24

ARK - Anderson 6 run (Smith kick)

UF - Hewko to Dixon 3 pass (Raymond kick)

UF - Raymond 34-yard FG

UF - Hewko to Dixon 13 pass (Raymond kick)

ARK - Anderson 1 run (Smith kick)

UF - Hewko to Dixon 17 pass (Raymond kick)

ARK - Jones to Clark 5 pass (Smith kick)

ARK - Jones 1 run (Smith kick)

	ARKANSAS	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	23
Rushes-Yards	69-356	42-171
Passing Yards	122	234
Att.-Comp.-Int.	12-7-1	29-19-1
Total Offense	478	405

Punts-Avg. 3-43.3 4-45.8
Fumbles-Lost 1-1 3-2
Penalties-Yards 5-36 6-50

Rushing:

Arkansas - Anderson 26-161, Clark 17-77, Bowles 10-52.
Florida - Jones 12-89, Hampton 21-61, Williams 3-21.

Passing:

Arkansas - Taylor 5-7-1-123-0 TD, Jones 2-5-0-1 TD.
Florida - Hewko 19-28-0-234-3 TD, Jones 0-1-1-0-0 TD.

Receiving:

Arkansas - Anderson 3-37, White 1-40.
Florida - Dixon 8-106, Hampton 2-37, Faulkner 2-17.

1983 GATOR BOWL

Dec. 30, 1983 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 81,293)

FLORIDA 14
IOWA 6

Florida 7 7 0 0 - 14
Iowa 0 3 3 0 - 6

UF - Anderson 1 run (Raymond kick)

UI - Nichol 32-yard FG

UF - Raymond 34-yard FG

UF - Drew fumble recovery in endzone (Raymond kick)

UI - Nichol 31-yard FG

	FLORIDA	IOWA
First Downs	14	16
Rushes-Yards	44-168	40-114
Passing Yards	92	167
Att.-Comp.-Int.	22-9-2	30-13-4
Total Offense	260	281
Punts-Avg.	7-37.5	2-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	12-105	7-44

Rushing:

Florida - Anderson 17-84, Williams 10-68.
Iowa - Gill 10-83, Granger 9-37.

Passing:

Florida - Peace 9-22-2-92-0 TD.
Iowa - Long 13-29-4-167-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Dixon 5-55.
Iowa - Harmon 6-90, Phillips 2-21.

1987 ALOHA BOWL

Dec. 25, 1987 • Honolulu, Hawaii (Att. 24,839)

UCLA 20
FLORIDA 16

UCLA 3 7 7 3 - 20
Florida 7 3 0 6 - 16

UCLA - Velasco 34-yard FG

UF - Bell to Simmons 7 pass (McGinty kick)

UF - McGinty 32-yard FG

UCLA - Brown 1 run (Velasco kick)

UCLA - Aikman to Thompson 5 pass (Velasco kick)

UCLA - Velasco 32-yard FG

UF - Bell to Williams 14 pass (kick blocked)

	UCLA	FLORIDA
First Downs	15	24
Rushes-Yards	41-48	38-188
Passing Yards	173	188

Att.-Comp.-Int. 30-19-2 38-19-0
Total Offense 221 373
Punts-Avg. 6-35.0 4-18.0
Fumbles-Lost 1-0 3-3
Penalties-Yards 5-35 8-82

Rushing:

UCLA - Ball 23-49, Brown 10-29.
Florida - Smith 17-128, Williams 8-43.

Passing:

UCLA - Aikman 19-30-2-173-1 TD.
Florida - Bell 19-38-0-188-2 TD.

Receiving:

UCLA - Anderson 4-52, Pickert 3-37.
Florida - Sneed 3-62, Odom 3-32, Simmons 3-20.

1988 ALL-AMERICAN BOWL

Dec. 29, 1988 • Birmingham, Ala. (48,218)

FLORIDA 14
ILLINOIS 10

Florida 7 0 0 7 - 14
Illinois 0 7 0 3 - 10

UF - Smith 55 run (Francis kick)

UI - Jones 30 run (Higgins kick)

UI - Higgins 44-yard FG

UF - Smith 2 run (Francis kick)

	FLORIDA	ILLINOIS
First Downs	12	17
Rushes-Yards	47-187	33-55
Passing Yards	69	194
Att.-Comp.-Int.	16-8-2	38-20-2
Total Offense	256	249
Punts-Avg.	4-29.8	7-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-36	8-59

Rushing:

Florida - Smith 18-159, McClendon 9-34.
Illinois - Jones 18-88.

Passing:

Florida - Morris 6-12-2-50-0 TD, Perry 2-3-0-19-0 TD.
Illinois - George 20-37-2-194-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Barber 4-29, Smith 2-19.
Illinois - Bellamy 5-49, Williams 5-44.

1989 FREEDOM BOWL

Dec. 30, 1989 • Anaheim, Calif. (Att. 33,858)

WASHINGTON 34
FLORIDA 7

Washington 17 10 0 7 - 34
Florida 7 0 0 0 - 7

UW - Conklin to Bailey 21 pass (McCallum kick)

UF - Douglas 67 run (Francis kick)

UW - McCallum 21-yard FG

UW - Conklin to Riley 10 pass (McCallum kick)

UW - Fields blocked punt recovery (McCallum kick)

UW - McCallum 32-yard FG

UW - Brunell 21 run (McCallum kick)

ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

	WASH	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	10
Rushes-Yards	45-191	25-83
Passing Yards	242	148
Att.-Comp.-Int.	44-24-0	28-11-1
Total Offense	433	231
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	7-3
Penalties-Yards	9-86	9-85
Possession Time	41:52	18:08

Rushing:

Washington - Lewis 27-97, Turner 7-38.

Florida - Douglas 9-65, Smith 7-17.

Passing:

Washington - Conklin 21-39-0-217-2 TD, Brunell 3-5-0-25-0 TD.

Florida - Douglas 8-18-1-91-0 TD, L. Smith 3-10-0-57-0 TD.

Receiving:

Washington - McKay 5-83, Lewis 6-44, Ames 5-29.

Florida - Barber 2-41, McClendon 1-36, Mills 3-31.

1992 SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 1, 1992 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 76,447)

NOTRE DAME 39

FLORIDA 28

Notre Dame 0 7 10 22-39

Florida 10 6 0 12-28

UF - Matthews to Jackson 15 pass (Czyzewski kick)

UF - Czyzewski 26-yard FG

UF - Czyzewski 24-yard FG

ND - Mirer to Dawson 40 pass (Hentrich kick)

UF - Czyzewski 36-yard FG

ND - Pendergast 32-yard FG

ND - Mirer to I. Smith 4 pass (Hentrich kick)

UF - Czyzewski 37-yard FG

UF - Czyzewski 24-yard FG

ND - Bettis 4 run (Mirer pass good)

ND - Bettis 49 run (Pendergast kick)

UF - Matthews to Houston 36 pass (Matthews pass failed)

ND - Bettis 39 run (Pendergast kick)

	NOTRE DAME	FLORIDA
First Downs	23	29
Rushes-Yards	49-279	33-141
Passing Yards	154	370
Att.-Comp.-Int.	19-14-1	58-28-2
Total Offense	433	511
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	4-40
Possession Time	29:00	31:00

Rushing:

Notre Dame - Bettis 16-150, Culver 13-93, Brooks 13-68.

Florida - Rhett 15-63, McClendon 7-34.

Passing:

Notre Dame - Mirer 14-19-1-154-2 TD.

Florida - Matthews 28-58-2-370-2 TD.

Receiving:

Notre Dame - T. Smith 7-75, Dawson 2-49.

Florida - Jackson 8-148, Houston 3-52, Sullivan 4-47.

1992 GATOR BOWL

Dec. 31, 1992 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 71,233)

FLORIDA 27

N.C. STATE 10

Florida 0 10 10 7-27

N.C. State 0 0 3 7-10

UF - Davis 34-yard FG

UF - Matthews 1 run (Davis kick)

UF - Matthews to Jackson 17 pass (Davis kick)

NCST - Videtich 23-yard FG

UF - Davis 42-yard FG

NCST - Jordan to Shaw 11 pass (Videtich kick)

UF - Matthews to Houston 34 pass (Davis kick)

	FLORIDA	NC STATE
First Downs	26	13
Rushes-Yards	50-198	25-54
Passing Yards	247	213
Att.-Comp.-Int.	39-19-2	42-22-1
Total Offense	445	267
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-44	1-10
Possession Time	33:43	26:17

Rushing:

Florida - Rhett 39-192, Matthews 8-8.

N.C. State - Barbour 11-50, George 1-5.

Passing:

Florida - Matthews 19-38-0-247-2 TD.

N.C. State - Jordan 22-42-2-213-1 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Rhett 7-42, Jackson 3-42.

N.C. State - Lawrence 5-77, Auer 5-48, Shaw 5-33.

1994 SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 1, 1994 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 75,437)

FLORIDA 41

WEST VIRGINIA 7

Florida 7 14 11 6-41

West Virginia 7 0 0 0-7

WVU - Kelchner to Kearney 32 pass (Mazzone kick)

UF - Rhett 3 run (Davis kick)

UF - Wright 52 interception return (Davis kick)

UF - Dean to Jackson 39 pass (Davis kick)

UF - Rhett 2 run (Davis kick)

UF - Rhett 1 run (Davis kick)

UF - Davis 43-yard FG

UF - Davis 26-yard FG

	FLORIDA	WVU
First Downs	30	16
Rushes-Yards	48-201	31-122
Passing Yards	280	143
Att.-Comp.-Int.	39-24-1	40-16-1
Total Offense	482	265
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-43	8-71
Possession Time	33:22	26:38

Rushing:

Florida - Rhett 25-105, Foy 10-50, Bilkie 2-11.

West Virginia - Walker 13-59, Woodard 2-18, Kelchner 5-11.

Passing:

Florida - Dean 22-37-1-244-1 TD, Kresser 2-2-0-26-0 TD.

West Virginia - Kelchner 13-27-0-123-1 TD, Studstill 3-11-1-

20-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - W. Jackson 9-131, Houston 2-38, J. Jackson 3-32.

West Virginia - Kearney 4-59, Baker 4-46.

1995 SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 2, 1995 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 76,224)

FLORIDA ST 23

FLORIDA 17

Florida St 3 17 3 0-23

Florida 3 7 0 7-17

FSU - Mowrey 21-yard FG

UF - Davis 26-yard FG

FSU - Dunn to Ellison 73 pass (Mowrey kick)

FSU - Kanell to McCorvey 16 pass (Mowrey kick)

UF - Wuerffel to Hilliard 82 pass (Davis kick)

FSU - Mowrey 24-yard FG

FSU - Mowrey 45-yard FG

UF - Wuerffel 1 run (Davis kick)

	FLORIDA ST	FLORIDA
First Downs	21	23
Rushes-Yards	30-76	29-5
Passing Yards	325	449
Att.-Comp.-Int.	41-24-0	43-30-1
Total Offense	401	454
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-62	8-57
Possession Time	27:56	32:04

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1995 Sugar Bowl (cont.)

Rushing:

Florida St - Dunn 14-58, Crockett 5-19.

Florida - Williams 10-27, Taylor 8-18.

Passing:

Florida St - Kanell 23-40-0-252-1 TD, Dunn 1-1-0-73-1 TD.

Florida - Wuerffel 28-39-1-394-1 TD, Kresser 1-2-0-3-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida St - Ellison 4-102, McCorvey 4-84, Green 4-74.

Florida - Jackson 6-128, Hilliard 3-119, Anthony 8-57.

1996 FIESTA BOWL

Jan. 2, 1996 • Tempe, Ariz. (Att. 79,864)

NEBRASKA 62

FLORIDA 24

Nebraska 6 29 14 13-62

Florida 10 0 8 6-24

UF - Edmiston 23-yard FG

NU - Frazier to Phillips 16 pass (kick blocked)

UF - Wuerffel 1 run (Edmiston kick)

NU - Phillips 42 run (Brown kick)

NU - Wuerffel sacked by Williams for a safety

NU - Green 1 run (Brown kick)

NU - Brown 26-yard FG

NU - Booker 42-yard interception return (Brown kick)

NU - Brown 24-yard FG

NU - Frazier 35 run (Brown kick)

UF - Wuerffel to Hilliard 35 pass (Wuerffel pass good)

NU - Frazier 75 run (Brown kick)

NU - Phillips 15 run (kick blocked)

NU - Berringer 1 run (Retzlaff kick)

UF - Anthony 93 kickoff return (Wuerffel pass failed)



	NEBRASKA	FLORIDA
First Downs	27	15
Rushes-Yards	68-524	21-(-28)
Passing Yards	105	297
Att.-Comp.-Int.	15-6-2	38-20-3
Total Offense	629	269
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	9-78
Possession Time	35:17	24:43

Rushing:

Nebraska - Frazier 16-199, Phillips 25-165, Green 9-68.
Florida - Williams 6-6, T. Jackson 4-4.

Passing:

Nebraska - Frazier 6-14-2-105-1 TD, Phillips 0-1-0-0-0 TD.
Florida - Wuerffel 17-31-3-255-1 TD, Kresser 3-7-0-42-0 TD.

Receiving:

Nebraska - Johnson 2-43, Holbein 1-33.
Florida - Doering 8-123, Hilliard 6-100, Anthony 2-40.

1997 SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 2, 1997 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 78,344)

FLORIDA	52
Florida St	20

Florida	10	14	14	14	52
Florida St	3	14	3	0	20
UF - Wuerffel to Hilliard 9 pass (Edmiston kick)					
FSU - Bentley 43-yard FG					
UF - Edmiston 32-yard FG					
UF - Taylor 2 run (Edmiston kick)					
FSU - Busby to Green 29 pass (Bentley kick)					
UF - Wuerffel to Hilliard 31 pass (Edmiston kick)					
FSU - Dunn 12 run (Bentley kick)					
FSU - Bentley 45-yard FG					
UF - Wuerffel to Hilliard 8 pass (Edmiston kick)					
UF - Wuerffel 16 run (Edmiston kick)					
UF - Jackson 42 run (Edmiston kick)					
UF - Jackson 1 run (Edmiston kick)					

	FLORIDA	FLORIDA ST
First Downs	26	13
Rushes-Yards	43-168	21-42
Passing Yards	306	271
Att.-Comp.-Int.	34-18-1	42-17-2
Total Offense	474	313
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	15-102	14-115
Possession Time	36:27	23:33

Rushing:

Florida - Jackson 12-118, Taylor 18-60.
Florida St - Dunn 9-28, Warrick 1-12.

Passing:

Florida - Wuerffel 18-34-1-306-3 TD.
Florida St - Busby 17-41-1-271-1 TD, Kendra 0-1-1-0-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Hilliard 7-150, Green 5-79, Anthony 4-50.
Florida St - Green 3-86, Cooper 4-82, Messam 5-48.

1998 FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL

Jan. 1, 1998 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 67,919)

FLORIDA	21
PENN STATE	6

Florida	14	0	0	7	21
Penn State	0	3	3	0	6
UF - Brindise 1 run (Cooper kick)					
UF - Johnson to Green 35 pass (Cooper kick)					
PSU - Forney 42-yard FG					
PSU - Forney 30-yard FG					
UF - Palmer to Green 37 pass (Cooper kick)					

	FLORIDA	PENN ST
First Downs	23	9
Rushes-Yards	59-254	29-47
Passing Yards	143	92
Att.-Comp.-Int.	19-9-2	32-10-3
Total Offense	397	139
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-46	1-5
Possession Time	35:07	24:53

Rushing:

Florida - Taylor 43-234, Carroll 9-28.
Penn State - Eberly 14-53, Watson 4-5.

Passing:

Florida - Johnson 5-12-1-77-1 TD, Brindise 3-6-1-29-0 TD,
Palmer 1-1-0-37-1 TD.
Penn State - McQueary 10-32-3-92-0 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Green 2-72, McGriff 1-19, Taylor 1-19.
Penn State - Natasi 2-26, Brown 3-25, Watson 2-15.

1999 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 2, 1999 • Miami, Fla. (Att. 67,919)

FLORIDA	31
SYRACUSE	10

Florida	14	14	14	3	31
Syracuse	0	3	0	7	10
UF - Johnson to Taylor 51 pass (Chandler kick)					
UF - Johnson to Taylor 26 pass (Chandler kick)					
SYR - Trout 36-yard FG					
UF - Palmer to Kinney 4 pass (Chandler kick)					
UF - Palmer 2 run (Chandler kick)					
UF - Chandler 32-yard FG					
SYR - McNabb to Jackson 62 pass (Trout kick)					

	FLORIDA	SYRACUSE
First Downs	18	18
Rushes-Yards	36-133	36-129
Passing Yards	308	192
Att.-Comp.-Int.	31-22-0	30-14-1
Total Offense	441	321
Fumbles-Lost	0	3
Penalties-Yards	11-76	2-20
Possession Time	31:48	28:12

Rushing:

Florida - Jackson 21-108, Taylor 2-16.
Syracuse - McNabb 20-72, Brown 5-31.

Passing:

Florida - Johnson 12-17-0-195-2 TD, Palmer 10-14-0-113-1 TD.
Syracuse - McNabb 14-30-1-192-1 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Taylor 7-159, Karim 4-79, Jackson 4-27.
Syracuse - Jackson 1-62, Johnson 4-49, Daniel 4-34.

2000 FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL

Jan. 1, 2000 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 62,011)

MICHIGAN STATE	37
FLORIDA	34

Michigan St	3	17	6	11	37
Florida	7	14	6	7	34
MSU - Edinger 46-yard FG					
UF - Johnson to Taylor 12 pass (Chandler kick)					
MSU - Burke to Burress 37 pass (Edinger kick)					
MSU - Turner 24-yard fumble return (Edinger kick)					
UF - Johnson to Taylor 8 pass (Chandler kick)					
MSU - Edinger 20-yard FG					
UF - Johnson 1 run (Chandler kick)					
MSU - Burke to Burress 21 pass (Burke pass failed)					
UF - Johnson to Taylor 39 pass (Johnson pass failed)					
UF - Gillespie 2 run (Chandler kick)					
MSU - Burke to Burress 30 pass (Burke pass good)					
MSU - Edinger 39-yard FG					

	MICHIGAN ST	FLORIDA
First Downs	25	27
Rushes-Yards	40-187	30-113
Passing Yards	257	300
Att.-Comp.-Int.	35-21-2	51-25-0
Total Offense	400	367
Fumbles-Lost	1	2
Penalties-Yards	7-80	10-100
Possession Time	32:49	27:11

Rushing:

Michigan State - Clemons 20-105, Duckett 14-77.
Florida - Gillespie 14-74, Carroll 5-14.

Passing:

Michigan State - Burke 21-35-2-257-3 TD.
Florida - Johnson 24-50-0-288-3 TD.

Receiving:

Michigan State - Burress 13-185, Baker 2-21.
Florida - Taylor 11-156, Jackson 5-61, Willis 4-53.

2001 SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 2, 2001 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 64,407)

MIAMI (FLA.)	37
FLORIDA	20

Miami (Fla.)	10	3	14	10	37
Florida	7	3	7	3	20
UF - Grossman to Wells 23 pass (Chandler kick)					
UM - Sievers 44-yard FG					
UM - Dorsey to Shockey 8 pass (Sievers kick)					
UM - Sievers 29-yard FG					
UF - Chandler 51-yard FG					
UF - Graham 36 run (Chandler kick)					
UM - Dorsey to Williams 19 pass (Sievers kick)					
UM - Dorsey to Davenport 2 pass (Sievers kick)					
UF - Chandler 26-yard FG					
UM - Sievers 29-yard FG					
UM - Davenport 3 run (Sievers kick)					

	MIAMI	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	25
Rushes-Yards	43-198	20-155

ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

Passing Yards	270	312
Att.-Comp.-Int.	40-22-2	51-24-3
Total Offense	454	452
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Penalties-Yards	11-109	9-79
Possession Time	35:19	24:41

Rushing:

Miami - Portis 18-97, Jackson 12-62, Davenport 6-17.

Florida - Graham 15-136.

Passing:

Miami - Dorsey 22-40-2-270-3 TD.

Florida - Grossman 18-41-2-252-1 TD, Palmer 6-10-1-60-0 TD.

Receiving:

Miami - Moss 6-89, Wayne 3-49, Shockey 4-47.

Florida - Caldwell 6-110, Gaffney 7-75, Graham 4-43.

2002 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 2, 2002 • Miami, Fla. (Att. 73,640)

FLORIDA	56
MARYLAND	23

Florida 14 14 21 7 - 56

Maryland 7 3 0 13 - 23

UF - Graham 1 run (Chandler kick)

UF - Berlin to Jacobs 46 pass (Chandler kick)

MD - Hill to Williams 64 pass (Novak kick)

MD - Novak 20-yard FG

UF - Grossman to Jacobs 15 pass (Chandler kick)

UF - Grossman to Gaffney 4 pass (Chandler kick)

UF - Gillespie 11 run (Chandler kick)

MD - Riley 1 run (Novak kick)

UF - Grossman to Perez 10 pass (Chandler kick)

MD - Riley 10 run (Hill pass failed)

	FLORIDA	MARYLAND
First Downs	30	19
Rushes-Yards	25-203	40-103
Passing Yards	456	257
Att.-Comp.-Int.	49-33-2	39-23-1
Total Offense	659	360
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-43	4-20
Possession Time	28:26	31:34

Rushing:

Florida - Graham 16-149, Gillespie 4-63.

Maryland - Hill 11-31, Riley 9-23.

Passing:

Florida - Grossman 20-28-0-248-3 TD, Berlin 11-19-2-196-1 TD, Creveling 2-2-0-12-0 TD.

Maryland - Hill 23-39-1-257-1 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Jacobs 10-170, Gaffney 7-118, Caldwell 4-47.

Maryland - Williams 4-91, Parson 4-46, Murphy 5-42.

2003 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 1, 2003 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 65,101)

MICHIGAN	38
FLORIDA	30

Michigan 7 14 14 3 - 38

Florida 0 16 7 7 - 30

UM - Perry 4 run (Finley kick)

UF - Graham 2 run (Leach kick)

UF - Graham 1 run (Carthon rush failed)

UM - Perry 1 run (Finley kick)

UF - Leach 29-yard FG

UM - Navarre to Bellamy 8 pass (Finley kick)

UF - Grossman to Ratliff 33 pass (Leach kick)

UM - Perry 7 run (Finley kick)

UM - Perry 12 run (Finley kick)

UF - Grossman to Walker 3 pass (Leach kick)

UM - Finley 33-yard FG

	MICHIGAN	FLORIDA
First Downs	17	28
Rushes-Yards	37-104	43-183
Passing Yards	319	323
Att.-Comp.-Int.	37-21-0	42-21-1
Total Offense	423	506
Fumbles Lost-Int.	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-23	6-38
Possession Time	32:39	27:21

Rushing:

Michigan - Perry 28-85, Bellamy 2-20.

Florida - Graham 22-120, Carthon 6-56.

Passing:

Michigan - Navarre 21-36-0-319-1 TD.

Florida - Grossman 21-41-0-323-2 TD, Brown 0-1-1-0-0 TD.

Receiving:

Michigan - Edwards 4-110, Perry 6-108, Joppru 6-80.

Florida - Jacobs 7-88, Carthon 3-65, Kight 3-52.

2004 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 1, 2004 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 65,372)

IOWA	37
FLORIDA	17

Iowa 7 13 14 3 - 37

Florida 7 0 3 7 - 17

UF - Leak to Kight 70 pass (Leach kick)

UI - Chandler to Brown 3 pass (Kaeding kick)

UI - Kaeding 47-yard FG

UI - Chandler 5 run (Kaeding kick)

UI - Kaeding 32-yard FG

UI - Melloy 0-yard blocked punt return (Kaeding kick)

UF - Leach 48-yard FG

UI - Russell 34 run (Kaeding kick)

UI - Kaeding 38-yard FG

UF - Leak to Baker 25 pass (Leach kick)

	IOWA	FLORIDA
First Downs	22	16
Rushes-Yards	49-238	28-57
Passing Yards	170	268
Att.-Comp.-Int.	26-13-0	41-22-1
Total Offense	408	325
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	4-43
Possession Time	34:10	25:50

Rushing:

Iowa - Russell 21-150, Lewis 12-45.

Florida - Carthon 10-44, Fason 4-23.

Passing:

Iowa - Chandler 13-25-0-170-1 TD.

Florida - Leak 22-41-1-268-2 TD.

Receiving:

Iowa - Brown 6-96, Hinkel 3-44.

Florida - Perez 7-70, Small 3-37, Baker 3-36.

2004 CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL

Dec. 31, 2004 • Atlanta, Ga. (Att. 69,322)

MIAMI	27
FLORIDA	10

Miami 7 10 7 3 - 27

Florida 0 3 7 0 - 10

UM - Hester 78-yard blocked field goal return (Peattie kick)

UF - Leach 34-yard FG

UM - Peattie 47-yard FG

UM - Parrish 72-yard punt return (Peattie kick)

UM - Berlin to Moore 20 pass (Peattie kick)

UF - Leak to Cornelius 45 pass (Leach kick)

UM - Peattie 32-yard FG

	MIAMI	FLORIDA
First Downs	16	22
Rushes-Yards	36-106	40-144
Passing Yards	171	262
Att.-Comp.-Int.	13-24-1	39-19-2
Total Offense	277	406
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	8-74
Possession Time	28:51	31:09

Rushing:

Miami - Gore 25-80, Moss 4-18.

Florida - Fason 17-94, Leak 14-79, Thornton 8-20.

Passing:

Miami - Berlin 13-24-1-171-1 TD.

Florida - Leak 19-39-2-262-1 TD.

Receiving:

Miami - Parrish 4-63, Leggett 2-41, Moore 2-32.

Florida - Small 8-92, Fason 4-40, Jackson 2-33.

2006 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 2, 2006 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 65,881)

FLORIDA	31
IOWA	24

Florida 7 17 7 0 - 31

Iowa 0 7 0 17 - 24

UF - T. McCollum 6-yard blocked punt return (Hetland kick)

UF - Hetland 21-yard FG

UF - Brown 60-yard interception return (Hetland kick)

UI - Tate to Solomon 20 pass (Schlicher kick)

UF - Leak to Baker 24 pass (Hetland kick)

UF - Leak to Baker 38 pass (Hetland kick)

UI - Tate to Hinkel 4 pass (Schlicher kick)

UI - Tate to Hinkel 14 pass (Schlicher kick)

UI - Schlicher 45-yard FG

	FLORIDA	IOWA
First Downs	26	23
Rushes-Yards	42-169	20-64
Passing Yards	278	346
Att.-Comp.-Int.	40-25-0	55-32-1
Total Offense	447	410
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-30	8-60
Possession Time	35:25	24:35

Rushing:

Florida - Moore 13-88, Wynn 8-34, Leak 13-31.

Iowa - Young 13-34, Tate 3-24.



Passing:

Florida - Leak 25-40-0-278-2 TD.

Iowa - Tate 32-55-1-346-3 TD.

Receiving:

Florida - Baker 10-147, Jackson 7-76, Casey 2-27.

Iowa - Solomon 7-96, Hinkel 9-87, Chandler 7-89.

2007 TOSTITOS BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jan. 8, 2007 • Glendale, Ariz. (Att. 74,628)

FLORIDA 41

OHIO STATE 14

Florida 14 20 0 7 - 41

Ohio State 7 7 0 0 - 24

OSU - Ginn, Jr., 93-yard kickoff return (Pettrey kick)

UF - Leak to Baker 14 pass (Hetland kick)

UF - Harvin 4 run (Hetland kick)

UF - Wynn 2 run (Hetland kick)

OSU - Pittman 18 run (Pettrey kick)

UF - Hetland 42-yard FG

UF - Hetland 40-yard FG

UF - Tebow to Caldwell 1 pass (Hetland kick)

UF - Tebow 1 run (Hetland kick)

	FLORIDA	OHIO ST
First Downs	21	8
Rushes-Yards	43-156	23-47
Passing Yards	214	35
Att.-Comp.-Int.	26-37-0	4-14-1
Total Offense	370	82
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-50	5-50
Possession Time	40:48	19:12

Rushing:

Florida - Wynn 19-69, Tebow 10-39, Harvin 5-22

Ohio State - Pittman 10-60, Wells 2-9, Hartline 1-5

Passing:

Florida - Leak 25-36-0-213-1 TD, Tebow 1-1-0-1-1 TD

Ohio State - Smith 4-14-1-35-0 TD

Receiving:

Florida - Harvin 9-60, Cornelius 5-50, Ingram 4-58

Ohio State - Gonzales 2-11, Hartline 1-13, Pittman 1-11

2008 CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Jan. 1, 2008 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 69,748)

MICHIGAN 41

FLORIDA 35

Michigan 7 14 7 13 - 41

Florida 7 7 14 7 - 35

UM - Henne to Manningham 21 pass (Lopata kick)

UF - Tebow to Harvin 10 pass (Iijas kick)

UF - Tebow to Caldwell 18 pass (Iijas kick)

UM - Hart 3 run (Lopata kick)

UM - Henne to Arrington 1 pass (Lopata kick)

UM - Hart 1 run (Lopata kick)

UF - Tebow 1 run (Iijas kick)

UF - Tebow to Caldwell 14 pass (Iijas kick)

UM - Lopata 37-yard FG

UF - Harvin 10 run (Iijas kick)

UM - Henne to Arrington 18 pass (Lopata kick)

UM - Lopata 41-yard FG

	MICHIGAN	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	18
Rushes-Yards	47-151	32-230
Passing Yards	373	169
Att.-Comp.-Int.	39-25-2	34-18-0
Total Offense	524	399
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-65	9-49
Possession Time	32:18	27:42

Rushing:

Michigan - Hart 32-129, Manningham 7-53

Florida - Harvin 13-165, Tebow 16-19

Passing:

Michigan - Henne 25-39-2-373-3 TD

Florida - Tebow 14-33-0-154-3 TD, Henry 1-1-0-15-0 TD

Receiving:

Michigan - Arrington 9-153, Matthews 7-62, Manningham 5-78

Florida - Harvin 9-77, Caldwell 4-40, Hernandez 3-31

2009 FEDEX BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jan. 8, 2009 • Miami, Fla. (Att. 78,468)

FLORIDA 24

OKLAHOMA 14

Florida 0 7 7 10 - 24

Oklahoma 0 7 0 7 - 14

UF - Tebow to Murphy 20 pass (Phillips kick)

OU - Bradford to Gresham 6 pass (Stevens kick)

UF - Harvin 2 run (Phillips kick)

OU - Bradford to Gresham 11 pass (Stevens kick)

UF - Phillips 27-yard FG

UF - Tebow to Nelson 4 pass (Phillips kick)

	FLORIDA	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	24	25
Rushes-Yards	44-249	29-107
Passing Yards	231	256
Att.-Comp.-Int.	30-18-2	41-26-2
Total Offense	480	363
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-81	4-31
Possession Time	34:57	25:03

Rushing:

Florida - Harvin 9-122, Tebow 22-109.

Oklahoma - Brown 22-110, Madu 4-12

Passing:

Florida - Tebow 18-30-2-231-2 TD,

Oklahoma - Bradford 26-41-2-256-2 TD

Receiving:

Florida - Hernandez 5-57, Harvin 5-49, Murphy 2-44

Oklahoma - Gresham 8-62, Iglesias 5-58, Johnson 4-29

2010 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 1, 2010 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 65,207)

CINCINNATI 24

FLORIDA 51

Cincinnati 0 3 7 14 - 24

Florida 9 21 14 7 - 51

UF - Tebow to Hernandez 7-yd pass (Sturgis kick failed)

UF - Sturgis 40-yd FG

UF - Tebow to Thompson 7-yd pass (Sturgis kick)

UF - Moody 6-yd run (Sturgis kick)

UC - Rogers 47-yd FG

UF - Tebow to Cooper 80-yd pass (Sturgis kick)

UF - Moody 2-yd run (Sturgis kick)

UC - Pike to Waugh 2-yd pass (Rogers kick)

UF - Tebow 4-yd run (Sturgis kick)

UC - Pike to Binns 3-yd pass (Rogers kick)

UF - Rainey 6-yd run (Sturgis kick)

UC - Pike to Alli 6-yd pass (Rogers kick)

	CINCINNATI	FLORIDA
First Downs	19	28
Rushes-Yards	23-76	34-177
Passing Yards	170	482
Att.-Comp.-Int.	45-27-0	36-31-0
Total Offense	246	659
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-40	12-90
Possession Time	27:40	32:20

Rushing:

Cincinnati - Pead 7-48, Kelce 1-19

Florida - Gillislee 5-78, Tebow 14-51

Passing:

Cincinnati - Pike 27-45-0-170-3 TD

Florida - Tebow 31-35-0-482-3 TD

Receiving:

Cincinnati - Gilyard 7-41, Binns 5-29, Guidugli 5-22

Florida - Hernandez 9-111, Cooper 7-181, Rainey 4-71

2011 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 1, 2011 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 60,574)

FLORIDA 37

PENN STATE 24

Florida 0 14 6 17 - 37

Penn State 7 10 7 0 - 24

PSU - McGloin to Moye 5-yd pass (Wagner kick)

UF - Hines 16-yd run (Henry kick)

UF - McCray 27-yd blocked putn return (Henry kick)

PSU - Zordich 1-yd run (Wagner kick)

PSU - Wagner 20-yd FG

UF - Henry 30-yd FG

PSU - McGloin 2-yd run (Wagner kick)

UF - Henry 47-yd FG

UF - Gillislee 1-yd run (Henry kick)

UF - Henry 20-yd FG

UF - Black 80-yd interception return (Henry kick)

	FLORIDA	PENN ST
First Downs	17	17
Rushes-Yards	45-178	36-139
Passing Yards	101	211
Att.-Comp.-Int.	27-14-1	41-17-5
Total Offense	279	350
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-35	5-29
Possession Time	27:11	32:49

Rushing:

Florida - Reed 24-68, Rainey 6-66

Penn State - Royster 20-98

Passing:

Florida - Reed 8-13-0-0, Brantley 6-13-1-0 TD

Penn State - McGloin 17-41-5-1 TD

Receiving:

Penn State - Moye 5-79, Royster 4-51, Brackett 2-28

Florida - Hines 2-27, Burton 2-22, Thompson 2-22

2012 TAXSLAYER.COM GATOR BOWL

Jan. 2, 2012 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 61,312)

OHIO STATE 17
FLORIDA 24

Ohio State 0 10 0 7-17
Florida 7 7 7 3-24

UF - Brantley to Thompson 17-yd pass (Sturgis kick)

OSU - Miller to Posey 5-yd pass (Basil kick)

UF - Debose 99-yd kickoff return (Sturgis kick)

OSU - Basil 47-yd field goal

UF - Stewart 14-yd blocked punt return (Sturgis kick)

UF - Sturgis 17-yd field goal

OSU - Miller to Hall 11-yd pass (Basil kick)

	OHIO ST	FLORIDA
First Downs	20	14
Rushes-Yards	37-137	38-131
Passing Yards	162	132
Att.-Comp.-Int.	23-18-0	16-12-1
Total Offense	236	263
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-25	7-74
Possession Time	32:21	27:39

Rushing:

Ohio St - Herron 12-82, Hall 4-24, Miller 15-20, Hyde 5-17

Florida - Rainey 16-71, Demps 7-30, Burton 4-23, Gillislee 5-15

Passing:

Ohio St - Miller 18-23-0-162-2 TD

Florida - Brantley 12-16-1-132-1 TD

Receiving:

Ohio St - Posey 5-38, Herron 4-11, Hall 3-12, Smith 2-47

Florida - Rainey 3-31, Hines 2-40, Thompson 2-27

2013 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 2, 2013 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 54,178)

LOUISVILLE 33
FLORIDA 23

Louisville 14 10 6 3-33

Florida 0 10 0 13-23

UL - Floyd 38-yd interception return (Wallace kick)

UL - Wright 1-yd run (Wallace kick)

UF - Sturgis 33-yd field goal

UL - Wallace 27-yd field goal

UL - Bridgewater to Parker 15-yd pass (Wallace kick)

UF - Jones 1-yd run (Sturgis kick)

UL - Bridgewater to Copeland 19-yd pass (Wallace kick)

UL - Wallace 30-yd field goal

UF - Debose 100-yd kickoff return (Sturgis kick)

UF - Driskel to Taylor 5-yd pass (Sturgis kick)

	LOUISVILLE	FLORIDA
First Downs	23	17
Rushes-Yards	36-70	30-111
Passing Yards	266	175
Att.-Comp.-Int.	32-20-1	29-16-2
Total Offense	336	286
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-25	9-98
Possession Time	35:37	24:23

Rushing:

Louisville - Wright 25-84-1 TD, Lamb 2-5, Bridgewater 7-(-17)

Florida - Gillislee 9-48, T.Burton 5-24, Jones 3-16-1 TD, Hines

2-11, Debose 1-8, Driskel 10-4

Passing:

Louisville - Bridgewater 20-32-1-266-2 TD

Florida - Driskel 16-29-2-175-1 TD

Receiving:

Louisville - Rogers 4-62, Smith 4-55, Wright 3-19, Butler 2-43,

Parker 2-32-1 TD, Copeland 2-31-1 TD

Florida - Dunbar 5-77, Hines 3-34, Hammond 2-22

2015 BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Jan. 3, 2015 • Birmingham, Ala. (Att. 30,083)

EAST CAROLINA 20
FLORIDA 28

East Carolina 7 0 10 3-20

Florida 7 14 7 0-28

ECU - Carden to Hardy 3-yd pass (Harvey kick)

UF - Poole 29-yd interception return (Hardin kick)

UF - Lane 2-yd run (Hardin kick)

UF - Harris to Powell 13-yd pass (Hardin kick)

ECU - Carden to Worthy 4-yd pass (Harvey kick)

UF - Harris to Fulwood 86-yd pass (Hardin kick)

ECU - Harvey 24-yd field goal

ECU - Harvey 24-yd field goal

	ECU	FLORIDA
First Downs	32	15
Rushes-Yards	33-109	43-168
Passing Yards	427	171
Att.-Comp.-Int.	68-34-2	28-13-1
Total Offense	536	339
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-35	6-40
Possession Time	32:23	27:37

Rushing:

ECU - Hairston 17-73, Scott 5-44, Benkert 2-6, Carden 9-(-14)

Florida - Lane 16-109-1 TD, Harris 10-41, Brown 8-21, Driskel
3-7, Taylor 4-0, Team 2-(-10)

Passing:

ECU - Carden 34-66-2-427-2 TD, Jones 0-1-0-0, Hardy 0-1-0-0

Florida - Driskel 8-17-0-48, Harris 5-11-1-123-1 TD

Receiving:

ECU - Hardy 11-160-1 TD, Worthy 8-130-1 TD, Jones 6-64,

Williams 3-24, Grayson 2-36, Johnson 1-5, Williams 1-5,

Baggett 1-2, Scott 1-1

Florida - Robinson 6-36, Powell 3-20-1 TD, Fulwood 1-86-1 TD,

Burton 1-18, Dunbar 1-6, Thompson 1-5

2016 BUFFALO WILD WINGS CITRUS BOWL

Jan. 1, 2016 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 63,113)

MICHIGAN 41
FLORIDA 7

Michigan 7 10 14 10-41

Florida 7 0 0 0-7

MICH - Johnson 4-yd run (Allen kick)

UF - Callaway to Harris 2-yd pass (MacInnes kick)

MICH - Rudock to Chesson 31-yd pass (Allen kick)

MICH - Allen 21-yd field goal

MICH - Rudock to Perry 3-yd pass (Allen kick)

MICH - Houma 2-yd run (Allen kick)

MICH - Rudock to Johnson 8-yd pass (Allen kick)

MICH - Allen 25-yd field goal

	MICHIGAN	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	14
Rushes-Yards	46-225	27-118
Passing Yards	278	155
Att.-Comp.-Int.	31-20-0	25-10-2
Total Offense	503	273
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	7-66
Possession Time	38:38	21:22

Rushing:

Michigan - Smith 25-109, Johnson 6-58 TD, Houma 9-32 TD,

Rudock 4-29, Team 2-(-3)

Florida - Harris 11-55, Taylor 11-50, Cronkrite 3-17, Bryan

1-(-1), Grady 1-(-3)

Passing:

Michigan - Rudock 20-31-0-278 3 TD

Florida - Harris 8-21-1-146, Grady 1-2-0-7, Callaway 1-1-0-2

TD, Townsend 0-1-1-0

Receiving:

Michigan - Chesson 5-118 TD, Perry 5-51 TD, Butt 3-34, Darboh

2-24, Johnson 2-10 TD, Hill 1-24, Bunting 1-17, Smith 1-0

Florida - Callaway 5-75, Powell 1-26, Thompson 1-20, Robinson

1-17, Cronkrite 1-15, Harris 1-2 TD



2017 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 2, 2017 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 51,119)

FLORIDA 30
IOWA 3

Florida 3 7 7 13 - 30
Iowa 3 0 0 0 - 3

IOWA - Duncan, 36-yd field goal

UF - Pineiro, 44-yd field goal

UF - Appleby to Thompson 85-yd pass (Pineiro kick)

UF - Appleby to Goolsby 6-yd pass (Pineiro kick)

UF - Gardner 58-yd interception return (Pineiro kick)

UF - Pineiro, 25-yd field goal

UF - Pineiro, 48-yd field goal

	FLORIDA	IOWA
First Downs	11	14
Rushes-Yards	32-109	41-171
Passing Yards	222	55
Att.-Comp.-Int.	25-14-2	24-7-3
Total Offense	331	226
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-60	1-10
Possession Time	28:45	31:15

Rushing:

Florida - Scarlett 14-94, Perine 7-19, Callaway 1-6, Thompson 2-4, Team 2-(-3), Appleby 6-(-11)

Iowa - Wadley 22-115, LeShun 15-45, Beathard 4-11

Passing:

Florida - Appleby 14-25-2-222 2 TD

Iowa - Beathard 7-23-3-55, Stanley 0-1-0-0

Receiving:

Florida - Callaway 7-55, Goolsby 2-27 TD, Powell 2-15, Thompson 1-85 TD, Swain 1-24, Cleveland 1-16

Iowa - Wadley 4-21, Kittle 1-18, McCarron 1-11, Pekar 1-5

2018 CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL

Dec. 29, 2018 • Atlanta, Ga. (Att. 74,006)

FLORIDA 41
MICHIGAN 15

Florida 3 10 14 14 - 41
Michigan 7 3 0 5 - 15

UF - McPherson 21-yard field goal

UM - Patterson to Peoples-Jones, 9-yard pass (Moody kick)

UF - McPherson 26-yard field goal

UM - Moody 48-yd field goal

UF - Franks 20-yard run (McPherson kick)

UF - Perine 5-yard pass (McPherson kick)

UF - Scarlett 1-yard pass (McPherson kick)

UM - Moody 26-yd field goal

UF - Perine 53-yard pass (McPherson kick)

UM - Blocked Punt for UF Safety

UF - Gardner-Johnson 30-yard INT return (McPherson kick)

	FLORIDA	MICHIGAN
First Downs	15	18
Rushes-Yards	40-257	30-77
Passing Yards	170	249
Att.-Comp.-Int.	14-24-0	23-37-2
Total Offense	427	326
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	4-22
Possession Time	31:19	28:41

Rushing:

Florida - Perine, L. 6-76, TD; Franks, F. 14-74, TD; Scarlett, J. 9-63, TD; Toney, K. 2-36

Michigan - Turner, C. 7-32; Evans, C. 7-20; Milton, J. 1-11

Passing:

Florida - Franks, F. 13-23-0, 173, TD

Michigan - Patterson, S. 22-36-2, 236, TD

Receiving:

Florida - Jefferson, V. 4-64; Hammond, J. 2-61; Lewis, C. 1-28; Perine, L. 4-22, TD

Michigan - Collins, N. 5-80; Peoples-Jones, D. 8-71, TD; Gentry, Z. 2-39



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**DATE: August 1, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** From restoring cars to football, Florida's Freddie Swain focuses on the details**Author:** Will Sammon

A rusted, discolored 1979 Pontiac Trans Am was idly parked a few years ago in the Gainesville yard of a relative of Freddie Swain. The front seats had long been detached and moved to the back of the car, producing the look of an empty, useless interior. From the mechanical parts to its aesthetics, "everything" about the vehicle, the Florida wide receiver said, "was all messed up."

He had found what he was looking for.

After buying the car for a small amount of money, Swain used a bucket as a makeshift front seat — "That's how bad he wanted it," said his mother, Brenda Geromel — and drove the car to his home in Ocala. When Swain arrived in the driveway, Geromel first yelled at him for driving that way because he could have gotten into a serious accident. She had registered the vehicle for Swain, but upon seeing the car, she questioned how the engine, among everything else, prevailed for the 30-minute trip.

"What are you going to do with the thing?" Geromel asked Swain when he arrived.

"I'm going to fix it," Swain said.

Geromel skeptically replied, "OK, Freddie ..."

"I just thought maybe he was going to let it sit there," Geromel said, "because you know how kids are, and he was only 16."

That's not what happened.

For the past four years, Swain, now a 20-year-old senior at Florida, has worked on the Trans Am. The interior looks nothing like the way it did when Swain bought the car. Step inside, and there is no mistaking that it is Swain's car. The seats say so.

The two front seats are reupholstered, and they are orange with blue lettering stitched to spell "SWAIN." The stitching appears in the rear, too, dividing the two backseats. The shifter is also painted orange and blue. The dashboard is remodeled with orange dials for the radio, speedometer and tachometer. If the old MTV show "Pimp My Ride" still existed, Swain would deserve a call from former host Xzibit.

"Every time he had a day off," Geromel said, "he would come down and spend three or four hours, five hours on that car. He worked on it. I was proud of him."

Swain is also working to upgrade a 1988 Cutlass.

The origin of Swain's obsession is difficult for him to pinpoint, but when he's not playing football, he's looking at cars or listening to motors. Swain has always wanted to build his own car since he was little. At a young age, he was drawn to anything that moved fast.

All the Trans Am needs now is a paint job on the exterior. Swain plans to take the car to a shop to get it painted on a day off from training camp or have his mother drop off the vehicle for him. Then the project will be complete.

The metaphorical comparison to his football career is almost too on the nose.

"Working on cars takes a little longer than most things, but when you get done with it, it's kind of like all the hard work you put into it pays off," Swain said. "It's sort of like football, you know what I'm saying?"

"That's kind of why I keep playing. You put a lot of hard work, blood, sweat and tears that people don't see. But then when you bring the car out, and you got that paint on it and the interior is done — that's the only thing they see. It looks nice. But you know, from the heart, what all you put into it and all the time you put into it and how it all paid off."

Swain's rearview mirror shows an uneven past leading up to now, in what projects to be possibly his most prosperous season. Swain was a four-star prospect out of North Marion. But he had only eight receptions, two touchdowns and 118 receiving yards in 13 games in 2016, and eight catches, one touchdown and 96 receiving yards in 11 games in 2017.

Then 2018 happened. Swain moved to the slot under receivers coach Billy Gonzales and emerged with 14 receptions, five touchdowns and 265 yards despite missing time with an injury (he played in 11 of 13 games). He led the Gators with an average of 18.93 yards per catch (minimum 10 catches). He didn't drop a single pass while being targeted 22 times, according to Sports Info Solutions. Swain also starred as a punt returner with an average of 10.18 yards per return and one touchdown.

Despite being a member of a receiving corps that is full of talent and experience, Swain stands out and enters this season as one of the Gators' most important players.

"Since we first got here to now, he's made tremendous strides, and we came in at the same time," Florida quarterback Feleipe Franks said. "But from last season to now even becoming a leader and becoming more vocal and how he approaches workouts and everything he does just with the mindset of working and grinding and getting better with teammates ... He's made the most strides, I can say."



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Swain's maturity matches the wizened face that gives him the appearance of someone older than he is. He is an old soul, who often thinks before he speaks and doesn't speak too much.

"Freddie knows about everything," said Florida receiver Trevon Grimes, who often picks Swain's brain about tires, oil changes and interior upgrades for his car.

It took a while for Swain to open up and share his passion for cars with his teammates like Grimes. But within that patient, mature and reserved personality is a demeanor that explains his affinity for fixing old cars and his progression as a receiver. Swain is all about the details and doesn't take shortcuts.

"He looks into the future," Geromel said, "but he's also working hard for the future."

Now, it's time for him to accelerate.

"It took a lot to get here," Swain said. "I had to work to get where I'm at and where I want to go."

**DATE: August 5, 2019****Publication:** Gators Territory**Title:** Raising Gator: LB Lacedrick Brunson playing for more than himself**Author:** Jacquie Franciulli

GAINESVILLE, Fla.-- Lacedrick Brunson's life has changed.

One can easily point to spring as the turning point, when Brunson started turning heads on the practice field; or even at Florida's media day, when defensive coordinator Todd Grantham told reporters that Brunson had impressed him the most this offseason.

No.

Brunson's life changed three months ago, when the Gators linebacker held his son, Lacedrick Brunson Jr., for the first time.

"It's unexplainable," Brunson said. "I really have a child. I made him."

"I remember the day I called him when he had the baby," said linebackers coach Christian Robinson. "I just said everything is going to be different from this point on."

"It gives me a bigger chip on my shoulder," said Brunson. "I have to work for him. It's not just about me now. I got to provide for my family. I got to provide for my son."

"Even in the anticipation of the baby being born, you started to see how he had his stuff in line," said Robinson. "Never shows up late. He's always coachable. He sits right next to me, and he is taking notes...You can see that he is more mature than some guys his age."

"When he first came in here, he had a lot of learning to do," said linebacker David Reese. "And that's a guy that has his head in the books and took care of business. I'm excited about that kid."

Brunson took every opportunity and ran with them.

"I've changed my work ethic," he said. "Every workout and practice I'm trying to work hard. I know I'm here for a reason to work and get better every day."

Brunson quickly became a key member of Florida's special teams unit - totaling seven tackles on the year.

"Special teams was an opportunity for me to prove myself," said Brunson. "Every time I stepped on the field for kick off, I'm making sure I'm running as fast as I can - making sure they see how much I want to play, and that I can do more for the team to help us win."

In the offseason Brunson took to the weight room - shedding 10 pounds and four percent of body fat in order to become stronger and quicker.

"I feel lighter on my feet," said Brunson. "Like after practice I feel better, just like less weight on my body. I feel great out there."

"He just went to work," said Robinson. "You never heard one complaint. He just came in and asked questions on how to execute what we asked him to do and then learned other people's jobs and that creates depth because I trust him."

"I think he's made the biggest jump since we have been here from being a guy that wasn't quite with it," said Grantham. "What I mean by with it is, wasn't, wasn't maybe keeping up and kind of got left a little bit. But he kept working hard and he got into special teams and making plays. And now he's a part of our rotation with our inside backers, and he's a guy that we're going to count on to give us some snaps at some point this year."

"You just see a confidence in where he fits in the scheme. He's actually playing both inside linebackers position for us, providing depth," added Robinson. "He might be the only guy, since I've been here, that has been playing both and looks like he's able to play both."

"I tell him that the value of a linebacker as a quarterback is that you make the people around you better, and he is doing that."

Relegated to special teams and limited defensive snaps, others would have transferred in Brunson's shoes. However, that thought did not cross his mind.

"Trust the process knowing all the hard work is going to pay off," said Brunson. "Keep grinding every day, because somebody is going to find you."

"You are trying to tell kids in a day and time that it's about me, me, me, to put the team above everything else," said Robinson. "Sticking with us, I'm proud of being his coach. Everything he does, he gives effort. I never have to tell him to go hard. I never have to tell where to be on time. He just cares. He loves the Florida Gator, and I'm glad he is here."

Brunson sees the bigger picture. He embodies the selfless part of football, a trait strengthened by his son's birth.

"I have a child and I get to raise him and build him into a man," said Brunson. "I just take pride in that, and I am going to work hard to provide him a future."

**DATE: August 15, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Burney's Background Prepared Him for Expanded Role**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – One night when Gators sophomore Amari Burney was in high school, his father, Chris Burney, remembers watching an episode of HBO's "Hard Knocks" with his youngest son.

It was the 2015 season that featured the Houston Texans and much of the show focused on J.J. Watt, the reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year. In this particular episode, Watt discussed his regimen to improve and shared with viewers his sleeping habits.

Watt was no night owl, often going to bed around 8 p.m. so he could be in top form the next day.

"Man, I look around and the next thing you know Amari – and this is when he's like 13 or 14 years old – Amari is in bed at 8 o'clock," Chris said Thursday. "I didn't tell him to do it. His mom didn't tell him to do it. He is very serious about it."

It wasn't the first time Burney had shown a self-driven initiative to see what he could accomplish as a player. A few years earlier in middle school, after countless games in which he was the best player on the field, Chris and Amari had a talk about how the competition would increase once he got to high school.

Chris informed him that the big plays and zigzag touchdowns – Burney once touched the ball seven times and scored seven times as a member of the Gulfport Pirates youth-league team – wouldn't come nearly as easy.

"There was a time I could actually count on my hands – probably until the time he was in high school – how many times he would get the ball and actually get tackled," Chris said.

Those days were over, though. If Amari wanted to be a standout at the next level, he would need to put in the work away from the field while others relaxed or took the day off from training. His dad left the conversation at that.

Amari took note and soon began training on his own to find an edge. Once he noticed improvements, he was often the one knocking on his dad's door in the morning to go for a training session.

"I just thought it was going to come easy," he said. "I really didn't know all the things you had to do."

His newfound work habits helped Burney become a top recruit at Clearwater Calvary Christian, where he was a two-way starter and rarely took a play off, starring at receiver on offense and safety on defense. The recruiting offers started to pour in.

Both Miami and Florida – they open the season Aug. 24 against each other in Orlando – offered Burney scholarships. He eventually chose the Gators over some of the top programs in the country and played in 12 games as a true freshman, mostly appearing on special teams and as a reserve defensive back. Burney's most notable play came in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl victory against Michigan when he recorded his first career sack.

During a season that required the kind of patience and learning he was unaccustomed to since he had never sat the bench, Burney's play against Michigan was a key moment for him heading into the offseason.

"Very important, just Coach believing in me and putting me on the field in a type of package for me to blitz and make a play like that," Burney said. "It was just a big confidence boost for me."

Burney's momentum carried into spring camp where he was one of Florida's breakout players, moving to linebacker and taking most of the reps left behind by junior Vosean Joseph, who passed on his final year of eligibility to enter the NFL Draft.

Burney's versatility allowed defensive coordinator Todd Grantham to cross-train him at linebacker and nickel – called "star" in UF's defense – the position Burney spent most of last season as a reserve behind starter Chauncey Gardner-Johnson.

"By him going [to linebacker], it allows us to get good speed on the field, work to get our best 11 players on the field," Grantham said in the spring. "Also gives us flexibility. He could easily go back and play star if he had to."

That scenario has unfolded during preseason camp with the 6-foot-2, 224-pound Burney getting reps at weak-side linebacker and star behind starter Trey Dean. With Gardner-Johnson now in the NFL, fellow sophomore John Huggins no longer part of the program and redshirt junior C.J. McWilliams out for the season due to a ruptured Achilles tendon, Burney is a man on the move.

He won't have to worry about watching much from the bench.

"He's a weapon. He's one of those guys who is truly the definition of an athlete," senior linebacker David Reese said. "You could put him at wide receiver on offense. He could play anywhere on the field. He's going to be moving from linebacker to safety, whatever he needs to do on this team. He is able to pick up on whatever he has to do. He is willing to learn. That's the biggest thing."

Barney grew up running track and then dipping his toes in football, basketball and baseball during their respective seasons. However, he gravitated toward football as he got older with a pair of cousins in the NFL. Los Angeles Chargers defensive back Brandon Facyson is a cousin on his mother's side and former Alabama linebacker C.J. Mosley is a relative on his father's side of the family. Facyson, who went to Virginia Tech, played for current Gators defensive backs coach Torrian Gray his freshman season of college.



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"We're not the type of parents that push him out there," Chris said. "He told us a long time ago that this is something he wanted to do. We kind of leaned on those guys to let him know that the dream is real."

Burney continues to put in the work as he chases the dream. But first, he has his sights on making a bigger impact with the Gators than a sack in a bowl game.

The juggling of two positions during camp might overwhelm a less-dedicated player. Not Burney. This is exactly what he had in mind when he turned up the intensity on his approach to the game in high school.

"I'm a very good student of the game, just learning my craft and perfecting it," he said. "I love to play all around. I've been doing it my whole life, so it comes pretty easy now."

**DATE: August 18, 2019****Publication:** Orlando Sentinel**Title:** Gators, Miami add new football home-and-home series**Author:** Edgar Thompson and Mike Bianchi

The Florida Gators and Miami Hurricanes have scheduled a home-and-home series for the 2024 and 2025 seasons, more than 20 years since the two schools last met during back-to-back regular seasons.

The last time the two longtime rivals scheduled a home-and-home series, Steve Spurrier was on the UF sideline and Miami was entering the finals years of one of the greatest runs in college football. The Gators will host the Hurricanes in the Swamp in 2024 before heading to South Florida in 2025.

News of the series confirms a report earlier this week by the Orlando Sentinel and comes one week before the Gators and Hurricanes square off for the first time since 2013. Next Saturday's match at 7 p.m. in Orlando's Camping World Stadium will kick off the 150th season of college football and be the only game played in the continental U.S. (Arizona also will visit Hawaii.)

The Gators' nonconference schedules have been lagging of late, with UF facing two FCS schools in 2018 and also this upcoming season. The 2020 schedule features visits from with Eastern Washington, South Alabama and New Mexico State.

But recently UF athletics director Scott Stricklin aggressively upgraded future matchups. UF's 2025 non-SEC slate will include Miami, USF and Florida State. The Gators have future home-and-home series with Colorado (2028, 2029) and Texas (2030, 2031).

A source said UF also is working on scheduling a high-profile, neutral-site game with an opponent from out West to be staged in the not-too-distant future.

The Hurricanes, however, are more natural rivals with a shared history with the Gators. The schools played every season from 1938 to 1987 other than during World War II.

But next weekend's game will be just the third regular-season meeting since 2003. Miami holds a 29–26 edge in the series, having won seven of the past eight meetings, including a 21–16 victory in 2013. Ranked No. 8 in the preseason coaches poll and coming off a 10-3 season, the Gators are seven-point favorites entering the opener against Miami.

**DATE: August 20, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Wilson's Long-Awaited Return Has Extra Meaning**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The routine is one Marco Wilson started when he played at American Heritage High in South Florida. As his teammates retreated to the locker room following practice, Wilson usually stayed behind on the field, an isolated figure squeezing a few more reps from his budding desire to be elite.

Chad Wilson, the father of Marco and ex-Gators cornerback Quincy Wilson, coached both of his sons in high school. He was not surprised at all to hear that on Monday night, five days before the No. 8-ranked Gators face Miami in the season opener, that Marco and teammates CJ Henderson and Kaiir Elam were the last players to leave practice.

"Always," said Chad Wilson, a Hurricanes defensive back from 1992-94. "They take pride in that."

Considering the past year, there is nowhere Marco Wilson would rather be than out between the lines working up a sweat. He revealed his anticipation level for Saturday's opener when he spoke with reporters Monday afternoon.

"I'm super excited to get back on the field, especially playing Miami for my first game back," Wilson said. "I'm super-hyped the game is coming up."

An All-Southeastern Conference Freshman Team selection in 2017, Wilson's sophomore season ended a few plays into the second game when he fell to the ground and grabbed his left knee against Kentucky on Sept. 8. On the Wildcats' first possession, Wilson suffered a torn ACL.

Wilson said in January during the rehab process that he knew he was done for the season as soon as he landed on the turf. Wilson also knew what was ahead since he had already suffered a season-ending torn ACL in his right knee as a junior in high school.

Following a period of despair, Wilson regrouped and attacked rehab when he was cleared to do so.

"The first time was tough, this time was tougher," Chad Wilson said. "I don't mean the rehab, just the mental part of having to go through this again, coming at a crucial point in your college career, something you have always dreamt about and it gets upended in the way that it did."

"For him to come back and come back in the fashion he did – I knew what a hill it was for him to climb the first time – and just to greet the challenge of having to do it again and then do it even better this time than he did last time, it was inspirational for me."

By spring camp, Marco was back on the field running close to 100 percent, just six months after the injury. He was held out of certain contact drills, but by the time preseason camp opened late last month, Wilson flashed signs he had returned to his old form and drew rave reviews from his teammates.

"I know he's ready," defensive tackle Adam Shuler said.

The next step in his journey back will come against the Hurricanes when he runs onto the field with the Gators at Camping World Stadium on Saturday night.

During all those hours rehabbing, he imagined the moment.

"It's just going to be a sigh of relief for me," Wilson said. "Because I wasn't doing that last year. I would come out the tunnel with them but knowing that I'm not going to be playing. So running out that tunnel knowing I have a job to go do and an assignment to go play, I'll be really excited and really focused."

Wilson's return provides an important boost to Florida's secondary, a unit that has lost four players since spring camp: Chris Steele (transfer), C.J. McWilliams (injury), Brian Edwards (transfer) and John Huggins (dismissed). Wilson and Henderson form one of the most talented cornerback tandems in the country when healthy. To provide depth, head coach Dan Mullen said true freshmen Elam, Chester Kimbrough and Jaydon Hill will play this season.

Henderson, one of Wilson's closest friends on the team, said Wilson's eagerness to get back in action has kept him sharp since he usually works out and studies film with Wilson. He has followed Wilson's lead.

As for what Wilson's return means to the team, Henderson said it instantly makes the defense better.

"You know, we can run a lot more things now that we have experience," Henderson said.

No one has to wonder where Chad Wilson will be Saturday. He'll be in Orlando for the first meeting between the schools in six years.

"There's no other place I can be," Chad said.

It's going to be an emotional night for the whole family.



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The last time the Gators and Miami played, Quincy, who is entering his third season in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts, was a senior in high school committed to the Gators. Marco was a freshman.

The Wilsons watched the game on TV.

"All I know is last time that we played Miami we lost," Marco said. "I just thought it was pretty disappointing because I think Florida was ranked kind of high back then, so we don't need that happening again."

Chad Wilson returned home this week after visiting Quincy in Indianapolis on his birthday. He was in Gainesville the previous week checking in with Marco. And he'll be somewhere in the stands Saturday watching the Gators and Hurricanes closely.

For all their ties to the two programs, this is the first time father or sons have played in a UF-UM game.

"Very excited for him," Chad Wilson said. "People have asked me about him playing my alma mater and so on and so forth. I just politely tell them all that blood is thicker. I'm rooting for Marco in every way possible, especially given what he has gone through. I'm ready to see the fruits of all that hard work come Saturday and beyond."

**DATE: August 24, 2019****Publication:** The Gainesville Sun**Title:** Crazy Game, But All That Matters is Gators Won**Author:** Pat Dooley

ORLANDO — A work of art, this was not. A victory, it was. I'm not saying that's all that matters, but in the end, yeah, it kind of is all that matters.

Florida won. Miami lost.

How both teams got to the final result was as crazy as the traffic.

"That," UF coach Dan Mullen said, "was exhausting."

It was a lesson in mistakes and there is a part of you that wants to erase it from your DVR right away. It was that ugly on both sides.

But ... Florida won. Miami lost.

Miami may feel a lot better about its team than it did going in. Florida may feel a lot more unsure about its team than it did before the season. (Hey, wait a minute, I think Florida just sacked Jarren Williams again.)

The Gator defense was all over Williams for 10 sacks, but kept getting him off the hook in the last four minutes with pass interference penalties. Florida had 100 yards in penalties and wasn't even close to being the most penalized team on the field Saturday night.

If you have dried out your clothes from the suffocating humidity, you are probably relieved more than celebrating. This was as crazy a game as you'll ever see, a fitting tribute to the start of the 150th season of college football. And here's why. It gave us the back-and-forth and wild celebrations in the stands and on the sidelines and bizarre turns that we love about college football. (For gosh sakes, Miami fumbled twice on its last drive and recovered both.) And it also gave us the realization that these are still young men who make mistakes and seemed to be committed to seeing which team could make the most.

There was nobody on either team who epitomized the roller-coaster of emotions and performance as Florida's Feleipe Franks. You can go ahead and cross him off your "darkhorse Heisman" candidate list because what we saw Saturday night was not good.

And yet, he threw for 254 yards and was responsible for three touchdowns.

His three turnovers — the fumbled exchange in the first half and two picks in the second — reminded you of the quarterback you nearly booed off the field last year. Seriously, at halftime I was starting to understand why we haven't been allowed at practice for the last few weeks. Mullen has been praising Franks all summer, but he was a mess at times and looked like he didn't trust his shaky offensive line.

His 65-yard pass to Josh Hammond was the most important play of the game, but he came right back to throw a ridiculous interception that could easily have doomed Florida.

It came with 4:30 to go and Florida up by what would become the final score. It seemed like an odd call on first down. It seemed like a worse throw and decision. It was the kind of play your veteran quarterback cannot make. The defense bailed him out, but just barely, forced to stay on the field forever thanks to a stunning pass interference penalty on fourth-and-34.

UF got a break when a flag was thrown in the end zone, but then picked up. And then they pinned their ears back and got after the Miami redshirt freshman quarterback. Finally, they forced a feeble wobbler that fell harmlessly to the ground with 12 seconds to play.

Franks, who had been shaken up on that interception, came back into the game to run the victory formation and when the clock expired on a wild and crazy night, he punted the ball into the stands.

There was both frustration and exhilaration in that punt.

"Emotion," Franks said.

Things hardly went the way he dreamed and still, he was the winning quarterback. Which is kind of a big deal.

"There wasn't any concern or lack of confidence in him, or what he was going to do," Mullen said. "I was very pleased with that."

Look, this was a really good defense Florida played with all kinds of incentive. It was one game. Franks and the offense have to get better, don't they? Or perhaps Florida is back to having their decade-old quarterback problem.

There is a long way to go. Heck, it's a long way to the next game. All I know for sure about Saturday night is this: Florida won. Miami lost.

**DATE: August 24, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Gators Turn it Over, But Turn Back Hurricanes in End**Author:** Chris Harry

ORLANDO — Florida had some missed tackles, a couple turnovers, two personal fouls and two defensive pass interference penalties in the final quarter alone. Each mistake, at the time, seemed like it might end up costing the Gators the game.

Except that Miami had a missed field goal, gave up a 65-yard completion, committed four penalties and gave up four sacks in the final period, as well.

So which gaffe would prove the most costly?

And for whom?

As it turned, the eighth-ranked Gators were the survivors — and victors — by a 24-20 count in the hotly anticipated 2019 season opener between these two cross-state foes that commemorated the start of the 150th season of college football. Fourth-year junior quarterback Feleipe Franks plays to put his team ahead, but also made a couple that easily could have given the game to the Hurricanes. The UF defense, though guilty of some bad penalties that kept potential go-ahead UM drives alive, brought a swarming pass rush that produced 10 sacks and flustered redshirt freshman quarterback Jarren Williams, whose night ended with a thud — courtesy of UF blitzing linebacker Jeremiah Moon — onto the Camping World Stadium turf on fourth-and-12 from the Florida 26 with 12 seconds to play.

"They competed and they competed and they kept competing and kept battling," a drained UF coach Dan Mullen said of his players afterward. "It seemed like we had to win the game about four different times, but we continued to do that. And so I'm really proud of that."

For Florida (1-0), it was just the second win over Miami (0-1) since 1986, the year before the two schools ended a series they'd played annually (except for one year during World War II) since 1938. As far as these two teams and history go, it was hardly a classic. Not with UM committing 14 penalties for 125 yards to UF's nine for 100; not with UM going 2-for-10 on third to UF's 2-for-13, though the Gators did go 4-for-4 on fourth down, including a successful (and bold) run by punter Tommy Townsend for a first down that led to the Gators' first score; and not with either team reaching 100 yards on the ground.

Franks completed 17 of 27 passes for 254 yards, including a first-quarter touchdown of 66 yards on a screen pass to wingback Kadarius Toney and an 8-yarder to tailback Lamical Perine that gave UF a 17-13 lead after Miami muffed a punt. Franks also hit a 65-yard completion to wide receiver Josh Hammond midway through the final period to set up a 3-yard, go-ahead scoring run on a QB keeper that proved the difference.

But not before a lot of anxious moments for the UF faithful in the sellout crowd at the venue roughly halfway between Gainesville and Coral Gables.

"That was exhausting," Mullen said.

UM out-rushed UF 94 yards to just 52, with 50 of those coming when tailback DeeJay Dallas, from the wildcat formation, ran through the Gators' arm-tackling defense to give his team a 20-17 lead on the second play of the fourth quarter. The first play, worth noting, was a 4-yard stuffing of Dallas by Florida defensive end Jabari Zuniga, but that play was nullified when teammate Kyree Campbell was hit with a taunting penalty that moved the ball to midfield.

One play later, UM had the lead.

The fun (and faux pas) were about to heat up.

"It was a game filled, like most opening games like this are, with a ton of mistakes from both teams," said Miami first-year head coach Manny Diaz, whose team led 13-7 at halftime. "It ultimately came down to a couple of red-zone possessions and they were able to capitalize and we were not able to capitalize and ultimately that was the difference in the ball game."

Neither team dominated the stat sheet — Miami had 308 yards of offense to Florida's 306 — but the Gators turned the ball over four times, with three by Franks. The first was a fumble at the UM 5 in the second quarter, then came two fourth-quarter interceptions that gave UM the ball in UF territory.

"Things don't go sometimes the way we expect them to go," Franks said. "Obviously, I didn't go out there and try to throw a pick. That's not what I planned to do. That was not in our game plan. But things happen throughout the course of the game that you don't plan, and that's what adversity is. It's all about just trying to persevere through those kinds of things and that's what we did tonight and just got a great team win."



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The first pick was by safety Amari Carter, who returned the play 22 yards to the UF 25. The Gators, trailing 20-17, turned back the threat, with UM sending out its field-goal unit. Kicker Bubba Baxa, instead, took a pitch and raced around the left corner on a fake. The play gained 11 yards, but penalty flags flew due to obvious holding by Miami. Another flag flew when Baxa was pounded well out of bounds by UF's James Houston. The holding call was enforced, but the personal foul on Houston gave UM a fresh set of downs, starting at the Florida 11. The Canes had a chance to go up two scores.

But the Gators' defense bowed up and Baxa, compounding issues for Miami, was wide right on a 27-yard field goal try.

On the very next play, Franks hit his 65-yard heave to Hammond, all the way down to the Miami 15. Tight end Kyle Pitts made a nifty move on a swing pass for 10 yards and a first down at the 3. From there, Franks called his own number and put the Gators ahead on his touchdown with 8:18 remaining.

Miami, behind Williams (19 of 29, 214 yards, 1 TD), marched to the Florida 31 before being turned back by the UF defense. On fourth-and-9 from the 30, Williams was sacked by defensive lineman Marlon Dunlap Jr. — on a play the Canes were called for holding, no less.

On the very next snap, Franks threw into triple coverage and was picked off by Romeo Finley, who went back 19 yards to the UF 25. Unfortunately for the Canes, they got a little carried away in the moment with defensive back Al Blades being called for unsportsmanlike conduct, making UM's starting point the UF 40.

"I got hit and I didn't see it," Franks said of the play.

After an illegal block, two sacks and a delay-of-game penalty, Miami faced a fourth-and-34 for its 36 with 1:33 on the clock. All Florida needed was an incomplete pass or prevent-style stop. What the Gators didn't need was a defensive pass interference from redshirt sophomore cornerback Marco Wilson. Automatic first down.

"In the last five minutes of the game, I aged like 10 years," Mullen said.

Three plays after that second PI, it was third-and-12 from the Miami 49. Again, pass interference, this one on sophomore Trey Dean. The Hurricanes hit a 12-yard completion, recovered their own fumble and gave up a sack before facing another third-and-12 at the Florida 26. Guess what? A throw into the end zone netted another pass interference, but the officials huddled and waved off the call.

On fourth-and-12, Moon came hard off the edge and raked after Williams, who could do nothing other than flail and throw the ball into the dirt with 12 seconds to play.

All things orange and blue (as opposed to orange and green) could breathe again.

"Obviously, it was a sloppy game, but we're at the beginning of the season," said UF grad-transfer linebacker Jonathan Greenard, who with 1.5 sacks was one of nine Gators credited with at least one half of a QB takedown. "We got a lot of things to fix and correct, but that doesn't take away from the time on this team and the drive that we have on this team. We're going to do some really good things."

**DATE: August 24, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Mullen Put Game in Franks' Hands in Crunch Time**Author:** Scott Carter

ORLANDO – In what was already a night of unexpected twists and turns for the Gators and quarterback Feleipe Franks, it appeared the final stretch of Saturday's ride against the Miami Hurricanes would be smoother than the previous three-plus hours.

With less than five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter and the Gators ahead 24-20, UF's Jeremiah Moon and Marlon Dunlap Jr. sacked Hurricanes quarterback Jarren Williams on fourth-and-9 at Florida's 30. The Gators had the ball and the momentum.

Florida took over with 4:30 remaining and an opportunity to run some clock and force Miami to use its remaining timeouts. But on first down, the tone in ESPN play-by-play announcer Chris Fowler's voice as Franks dropped back revealed his surprise at the play call.

"Up by four and Franks is thinking about throwing on first down, and it's a pick," said Fowler on the replay that quickly found its way to Twitter. "A disastrous play."

Hurricanes defensive end Jon Garvin hit Franks right as he threw the ball, forcing the pass to drift and get intercepted by Romeo Finley, who returned it 19 yards to Florida's 25. The Gators got a break when Hurricanes defensive back Al Blades Jr. was called for an unsportsmanlike penalty on the return, forcing UM to start at the Gators' 40.

Still, the turn of events hushed Florida fans packed into the sellout crowd at Camping World Stadium in the first meeting between the two storied programs in six years. Was this season opener -- eight months after Florida capped head coach Dan Mullen's first season with a resounding win over Michigan in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl in Atlanta to finish 10-3 -- going to end in disappointment like the one two years ago in Franks' first career start when the Gators stumbled in a neutral-site venue against the Wolverines?

It sure seemed so after Franks' second interception in the final quarter.

Mullen explained the play call during his packed press conference.

"I'm putting the game in his hands," Mullen said. "I thought we had something there and we didn't. He was trying to throw it away and he gets hit and the ball kind of floats and gets picked. That's on me.

"I don't know if I would have put him in that situation last year. It shows the confidence we have in him."

Following the costly interception, the Gators somehow survived perhaps the craziest final 4 minutes, 20 seconds of a football game you'll ever see -- three Miami fumbles, two UF pass interference calls, even a chop block by Miami -- thanks primarily to a defense that constantly pressured Williams in his last-ditch attempt to pull off an upset against the No. 8-ranked Gators in his first career start.

Instead, Franks took his turn at the winning podium afterward.

Florida's win more resembled a Pollock than a Rembrandt on muggy late-summer night.

"The game did get sloppy at times," said Franks, who finished 17 of 27 for 254 yards, two touchdowns, two interceptions and a lost fumble. "Obviously I didn't try to go out there and throw a pick. That's not what I planned to do. But things happen throughout the course of the game. That's what adversity is. It's all about just trying to persevere through it. That's what we did."

The much-maligned fourth-year junior Gators quarterback, who resurrected his career with a late-season flourish last season that included eight touchdown passes, four touchdown runs and no interceptions over the final four games, was not at his best on Saturday. Yet in crunch time, he made his two biggest plays.

Of course, Franks was not alone in looking the part of playing in a season opener. The young Florida offensive line had trouble keeping Miami's front seven out of reach. The running game (52 yards on 27 attempts) barely broke a sweat. Missed tackles, penalties and turnovers kept UF from finding a rhythm.

A drenched Mullen summed up the way many felt after watching a game that featured 23 penalties for a combined 225 yards (Florida had nine for 100).

"That was exhausting," Mullen said.

As soon as Mullen finished his opening statement, he was tossed a question about Franks' performance. He had to know that was coming. Mullen gained attention Monday when he dealt Franks a rare dose of praise for his improvement in the offseason. That had everyone intrigued by what they would see Saturday.



The critics may not have liked it, but Mullen won't lose any sleep following his ninth win as a head coach in 11 openers.

"I was pleased with a bunch of stuff with him," Mullen said. "One of the things he knows is, we're going to put the game in his hands. There [are] some teachable moments in there and some things he can continue to learn. One of the things I kept seeing from, even if things didn't go right, we made a mistake, he came right back firing."

Franks' shining moment against the Hurricanes came on the game-winning drive midway in the fourth quarter. On first-and-10 from the 20 and Miami leading 20-17, Franks drilled a pass down the seam in the middle of the field that Josh Hammond caught and raced downfield.

By the time Hammond was caught, he had a 65-yard reception and Florida was deep in Miami territory. Three plays later, Franks scored the winning touchdown on a 3-yard run. In the aftermath of victory, after Florida's defense held on with the help of 10 sacks, Franks punted a ball into the stands.

Franks' performance will be dissected from top to bottom the next two weeks, but in the end, he was responsible for the winning score with the game on the line.

Mullen will take that anytime.

"He handled adversity that came long," Mullen said. "That's a sign of maturity."

**DATE: August 28, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Tilghman's Eventful Week Included a Scholarship and Fake Punt**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Jacob Tilghman had something he wanted to tell his dad. But if he did, Terry Tilghman had to keep it to himself.

"Don't tell anyone," Jacob told Terry at Florida's team hotel Friday night.

A former offensive lineman at East Carolina who is a member of the school's All-Time Offensive Team along with former NFL quarterback Jeff Blake and running back David Garrard, Terry Tilghman is no stranger to the ultra-competitive world of college football. Once he finished playing, Tilghman embarked on a 20-year college coaching career that began at his alma mater and later made stops at the University of North Alabama, Kent State and Stetson.

He retired from coaching when Jacob was a senior at Daytona Beach Mainland High to enter private business. Nowadays, he stays close to the game through Jacob, a fifth-year senior and the Gators' starting long snapper.

Just a few days after Jacob called his parents after practice to tell them UF head coach *Dan Mullen* had announced to the team that he was being placed on scholarship, Jacob told Terry of an important play he was going to be involved in the next night against Miami. When the Gators lined up to punt for the first time, they planned to fake it if they got the right look from Miami's formation.

The ex-coach in Terry bubbled to the surface.

"In the first game of the season, on your very first snap as the starter, against Miami on national TV, a sellout crowd," Terry recalled this week. "Talk about no pressure."

The Tilghmans didn't have to wait long until everyone at Camping World Stadium was in on their little secret. On the Gators' first offensive series in their 24-20 win over the Hurricanes, they faced fourth-and-3 from their 28.

In came the punting unit.

After four seasons of playing behind starter Ryan Farr, Tilghman beat out Brett DioGuardi and Marco Ortiz for the starting long snapper's job in a tight competition.

"We had a scholarship open for a long snapper. Now, I wasn't going to just by default give it to somebody," Mullen said Wednesday. "He had to go out there and earn it. In the complete combination of everything – not just timing, accuracy, cover ability and blocking ability within the scheme – [he] just edged out the other guys."

In for his first play as a starter, Tilghman made a perfect snap to punter *Tommy Townsend*, who according to script, took off toward the right sideline. Townsend outraced a Miami defender around the corner and picked up six yards before running out of bounds.

First down, Gators.

"We got the look we wanted and ran with it," Tilghman said. "The snap is not any different for me. I just got to block down on the backside and pick up a linebacker."

Added Mullen: "And did a nice job blocking on the play too."

Tilghman's role on the play went unnoticed in the moment. Long snappers prefer it that way since if they are mentioned during a game, it's usually when something goes wrong. But in the Tilghmans' row of the stadium, the snap on that fake punt was one of the biggest plays of the game.

On the very next play, quarterback Feleipe Franks tossed a screen pass to Kadarius Toney that went for a 66-yard touchdown to give the Gators the early lead.

Terry and Jacob's mom Jennifer were at the game with their daughter Jordan and oldest son, Terry II and his wife. It happened to be Terry II's 28th birthday.

"It was really a special moment for us," said Jacob, who is currently in graduate school studying sports management. "It was a lot of fun."

Growing up, Tilghman often spent time around practice when Terry was a coach and would practice snapping the football to pass time. The family moved to Florida after Jacob's freshman year of high school in Ohio when Terry took a job at Stetson as the school restarted its football program.



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Always a good athlete, Tilghman drifted into becoming a long snapper by chance. During his sophomore baseball season at Mainland, one of the coaches was also a football coach. He mentioned to Tilghman that the team needed a tight end and long snapper in the upcoming season. Tilghman joined the team and helped the Buccaneers advance deep into the playoffs his junior and senior seasons.

As a senior, he snapped to a punter who is familiar to Gators fans: Jachai Polite. The two used to spend Sundays working together with assistant coach Dan Lundy, a special-teams guru who played at Miami and is known for his expertise in developing kickers.

Tilghman arrived at UF in the summer of 2015 and walked onto the football team only a few months after Farr. He was recruited by former Gators assistant coach Greg Nord, who recognized the surname on a recruiting visit because Nord was running backs coach at East Carolina for two seasons when Terry Tilghman played for the Pirates.

"That opened the door," Terry said. "Jacob has never been one to shy away from competition."

Four years later on a hot summer night in Orlando, Tilghman finally got an opportunity much more important than the few snaps he got last season in blowout wins.

"I love the game," Jacob said. "I was always going to stick it out. I was going to play my fifth year and hopefully earn a scholarship and get the spot and go out there and show them what I could do."

**DATE: September 2, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Once an Afterthought, Buchanan Now a Veteran Anchor**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The blueprint for Nick Buchanan to follow when he got to Florida was devised long before he left home and traveled down Interstate 75 in the summer of 2015.

His parents, Sharunda and Marcus Buchanan, emphasized Nick was headed to UF for two primary reasons: 1. Education; 2. Football. That order, no editing allowed.

Sharunda, a microbiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, and Marcus, an account manager for Dr. Pepper and veteran official for college and high school sports, stressed that mantra repeatedly to Nick as he contemplated his college prospects.

"If you don't graduate, it's like you spend years there and it doesn't count," Marcus said.

At first, the message easily hit home considering some of the schools showing an interest in Buchanan, the Gators' starting center as a fifth-year senior. Buchanan originally committed to Cal Berkeley following his junior season at Dunwoody (Ga.) High. A good student who also was a skilled lacrosse player in high school, Buchanan garnered interest from Ivy League schools as well as academic heavyweights Stanford, Duke and Georgetown.

When the Gators showed an interest, the Buchanans made a trip to the UF campus and Nick saw the best of both worlds. Soon, other traditional powerhouses like Penn State and Georgia began to recruit him. As Nick's recruiting profile began to increase somewhat humbly – he was ranked the No. 1,475th prospect in his class according to the 247Sports Composite – nothing changed when the Buchanans gathered at home to talk about his future.

If Nick was new to all this, his parents were not. Austin Newton, their godson and a former player at Vanderbilt, grew up around Nick and his older sister, Kayla. They spent countless hours together in the stands at games waiting on Marcus to finish his work as a referee or umpire.

Newton played at Vanderbilt from 2006-09. While he enjoyed modest success on the field as a reserve linebacker, Newton earned his degree from one of the country's top academic institutions.

"I told both of them that once you commit, the only way you leave from your commitment is you finish the drill – you graduate," Marcus Buchanan said. "You graduate, you can go anywhere you want to go."

As it turned out, Nick Buchanan would rely heavily on that advice.

In his first three seasons with the Gators, Buchanan played in three games. He redshirted in 2015, played in two games in 2016 and made one appearance in 2017. Unlike the growing number of players who run out of patience and jump into the transfer portal, Buchanan focused on what he could control.

"I wanted to be a Florida Gator. I wanted to be here," he said. "If football doesn't work out, how else can I use the Florida Gators to my advantage? That's what I was thinking."

Buchanan earned an undergraduate degree in Spanish in three years. He then enrolled in graduate school and is expected to graduate in December with a master's in business administration.

In taking care of business away from the field, Buchanan tried to learn as much as he could from coaches and teammates so that when he got his turn, he would be ready. Of course, he didn't realize a coaching change would deliver his big break.

When Florida hired Dan Mullen following the 2017 season, Mullen brought his longtime offensive line coach at Mississippi State, former Gators assistant John Hevesy, with him. Buchanan shares what happened in the spring of 2018 that turned him from a relative unknown into Florida's most experienced offensive lineman in 2019.

"It really wasn't even a conversation," Buchanan said. "One day Coach Hevesy saw me and was like, 'Hey, I want you to take snaps.' That was before we even put on pads. I had never snapped the ball before that. I just tried to work hard and impress the coaching staff."

In search of a starting center who could quickly grasp the team's new offense and communicate effectively with the rest of the offensive line, Hevesy moved Buchanan from guard to center, a position that had been occupied primarily by T.J. McCoy since late in the 2016 season.

Once Buchanan found a comfortable grip on the football as he learned to snap, he never let go of the starting job. He started 12 games a season ago and was in the lineup in Florida's season-opening victory over Miami as the Gators' most experienced lineman on a unit that had just eight other starts combined (seven of those by left guard Brett Heggie). Buchanan will be there again Saturday night when the No. 8 Gators (1-0) take on Tennessee-Martin (1-0) in their 2019 home opener at Spurrier/Florida Field.



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"He's my quarterback," Hevesy said. "He's going to direct both sides. He's got to keep both sides on the same page. Nick's a very bright kid and he picked it up extremely well last year. I think that's helping these kids. I think our success has always been based on the center over the years. Nick's got to start it with the communication."

The least surprised of anyone at Buchanan's rise from unknown to starter is his father, who used to hear from other officials working Nick's prep games that he was a talented and savvy player.

Despite his son riding the bench, Marcus attended all of Florida's games Nick's first three years to offer support and to keep him grounded. That was part of the plan, too.

"I've been refereeing sports for 35 years, since before he was born. I've seen some of the good and some of the not-so-good from kids. I just came to the conclusion that if someone gives them a direction to go, they will go. I always told him to never give up. If you believe you want something, you've got to go get it.

"I don't think the [former staff] understood how smart he was. When [this staff] came in they understood how intelligent he was and he could pick their system up. That's when he started to be noticed."

Listed at 6-foot-3, 283 pounds, Buchanan is undersized by Southeastern Conference standards. However, that hasn't stopped him from earning the respect of his teammates as a leader and one of the team's most competitive players.

In last season's win over LSU, Buchanan woke up with a stomach bug and needed two IVs during the game. He finished the day with a snap to quarterback Feleipe Franks to run out the clock.

"He's a tough guy. He competes. Everybody loves him," defensive tackle Adam Shuler said. "Quick feet. Quick point. Quick hands. He can get his hands on you. He's got a good grip. He can mirror you almost to what you are doing, which way you are going."

Ask Buchanan to reflect on his unlikely path to where he is now, he talks mostly about how he was going to succeed whether he played or not. That was the plan from the start.

The unexpected turn of events is good by him.

"Once you get here, all that stuff doesn't matter. As soon as you step foot on campus, whether you are a five-star or no-star, you are going to get evaluated. It took me a while," he said. "The ultimate goal is to help the team win. Each individual has their different path. I didn't have a problem sitting back and watching and learning from the guys who were playing."

**DATE: September 3, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** How Todd Grantham has Grown as a Coordinator and Attracted NFL Attention**Author:** Will Sammon

A shared study of combination coverages, an evolution of one's preferred pressure packages and a willingness to tailor a system based on personnel unified the distinguished defensive minds during their meeting. Todd Grantham was lucid in his delivery. Jack Del Rio was impressed.

It was January 2015, Del Rio was the Oakland Raiders' new head coach and he was searching for a defensive coordinator.

Del Rio's relationship with Grantham started in the early 2010s in the conventional way NFL and college coaches intersect. During his stints as the Jaguars' head coach and then defensive coordinator for the Broncos, Del Rio consulted Grantham, then Georgia's defensive coordinator, about pro prospects. In discovering one another's perspective on players, the two learned enough about each other's schematic insights to make Del Rio intrigued.

Within two weeks after he was hired in Oakland, Del Rio interviewed Grantham. After their meeting, the idea of hiring Grantham appealed to Del Rio for the same reasons why Grantham, 52, now in his second year as Florida's defensive coordinator, has continued to improve. It's also why NFL teams still call him for openings.

"He was very well-versed," Del Rio said. "The way he put things together made sense. I thought it would be a system that is teachable ... that the way he thought about it and developed it, to me, I can visualize that being articulated to the players in a manner where they would receive it well and be able to learn it.

"Not everybody has the complexity yet the focus on how they would put it together. There's that nuance that's important. Some people have it and some people don't. I felt like he had it. I came away impressed."

What drew Del Rio to Grantham the most was having a system that included proven staples yet allowed for adjustment. For instance, both the defense Grantham runs and the one Del Rio, who now works for ESPN, used to run share similar traits to Nick Saban's structure of coverages.

Grantham uses a combination of zone and man coverage, which can make Cover 2 resemble quarters, and in doing so, utilizes different tools to enable help defenders where assistance is needed and add pressure where he wants stress. Adjustments are made based on personnel and the opponent. In essence, that kind of scheme is supposed to combat the rise of spread offenses, which have infiltrated the NFL from college. Grantham's knowledge of how to operate against speed in space as offenses try to stretch defenses horizontally made him an attractive candidate.

Del Rio extended a job offer, but Grantham opted to stay with Louisville, where he was reportedly rewarded with a reworked deal. A similar situation occurred this past winter. Grantham interviewed for the Bengals' defensive coordinator position and was believed to be the front-runner. Grantham turned the Bengals down, deciding to stay in Gainesville.

"I found him to be very organized and detailed in the teaching with the flexibility in the system, which allows you to then pick and choose what you're going to emphasize from year to year based on the talent that you have available," Del Rio said.

"To me, that was one of the things that was very appealing. That he has that type of knowledge. He has that type of base to his knowledge in schematics."

That is precisely what to watch for this season with the Gators. How will Grantham make the pieces fit? Florida improved in almost every major category under Grantham in 2018. But a few major contributors from last year aren't part of this year's group. There are new additions. And others are now tasked with larger roles. Florida is 1-0 largely because of its defense, which sacked Miami 10 times and held the Hurricanes to 4.56 yards per play and 2 of 13 on third downs in a 24-20 win on Aug. 24.

At the core of that impressive debut and behind that one night were months of planning and studying, which indicates a strong possibility for sustained success.

Before he received significant interest from the Bengals, Grantham received a raise with his contract extended one year through January 2022. Demand increases pay. Grantham will make \$1.8 million each year now after being set to make \$1.5 million in 2019. But expertise is part of what creates that demand. A desire to improve helps, too.

A pay bump didn't make Grantham complacent. It was never going to. Grantham has always operated at his best while carrying a chip on his shoulder. Grantham grew up in Pulaski, Va., a blue-collar town where area residents still take pride in following his career. His father, Gale Grantham, worked for a heavy equipment company and sold cars at different times, and his mother, Linda, worked at a mill. The way Grantham sees it, players invest too much time for him not to be prepared with how to best position them.

"I'm a pretty prideful person," Grantham said.

At the end of last season — like he does after every year — Grantham analyzed the Gators' performance in yards per play, red zone scoring and third downs, among other categories, by rewatching every play and documenting how his group did. He charted all the coverages by run and pass, counting explosive plays, double-figure runs, sacks, completion rate, etc., to see if looks are worthy of keeping and/or how to improve them.



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Grantham is a film nut. One college assistant who has worked with Grantham said, "He is second to none." He studies a lot of tape and takes ideas from what is working elsewhere in the way a writer would mimic a phrase from a peer. He watches the top statistical college defenses, but also a lot of NFL teams for ideas on pressures, fronts and schemes. He went to Rams practices in the spring. He has checked out the Falcons. He has friends with the Ravens.

Florida has a file of looks from NFL defenses on a computer that acts like a rolodex of plays because of Grantham. He always wants to know how defenses are playing certain formations and anything new the Gators can add. Although college and NFL rules differ, the idea is to see how he can apply a theory to the college game and his personnel. For instance, he'll watch an NFL team and save all of their third downs, go through what he likes and translate it to Florida's language.

"It may not be that, but that's what it looks like to me," Grantham said. "So let's say that we have something that is called 'Brady.' So when I watch something and see it, I'll tag that Brady. I'll put that in the computer as Brady. Something else may be 'Flacco.' So, all of a sudden, here's all my Bradys, here's all my Flaccos. So then I can watch 8-10 clips of that and I can see how they are running it, how they are adjusting it, kind of how the rules are ... maybe it's something we actually already have, it may be something that we have that they tweak and do a little bit different."

Grantham values trying to stay ahead of the curve with looks in his studies and often asks offensive coaches around the country about what gives them the most trouble (he leans on Florida head coach Dan Mullen for this, too). He always wants to try to eliminate the run game and find ways to make the quarterback uncomfortable. In his opinion, that is best accomplished through making the quarterback indecisive pre-snap. He wants to create an illusion of something and be able to go to something else, which creates confusion and forces quarterbacks to hold the ball.

"It really gets down to the looks," Grantham said.

Some of the pressure packages Florida showed against Miami came from Grantham's offseason study. The "green-dog" blitzing — where a defender rushes the quarterback after his man coverage assignment stays in to pass block — which memorably led to Ventrell Miller having success hitting the quarterback, was a new implementation.

Additional newness may be on the way, as long as it fits and makes sense for Florida's personnel against a given situation. Tying offseason study together in that way is paramount for the Gators, who have nickel safety Trey Dean and linebacker Amari Burney playing new positions with corner Marco Wilson back healthy. The best example of Grantham's knowledge of personnel and adjusting his scheme around his players was his usage of Jonathan Greenard and Jeremiah Moon against Miami.

Moon and Greenard are two of Florida's best defenders, but they play the same position (primarily "buck" edge-rushers). Grantham successfully found ways for them to be on the field at the same time on 48 of the 71 snaps in Florida's base, nickel and rabbits packages.

"You have to always work to stay ahead of the curve because there are other people working hard, too," Grantham said. "You have to look at the things you do well, how you can improve them, and then take the players you have this coming year and how you fit it. That's the biggest thing, being flexible with your scheme."

From there, a capacity to teach and an ability to get the most out of players matters. It's what Grantham said he "prides himself the most on." Grantham strongly considered doubling as a high school teacher and coach before Frank Beamer hired him as a graduate assistant after his playing days at Virginia Tech. He's into teaching through concepts; once a concept is learned, the idea can be applied to multiple calls. Therefore, 75 calls do not mean 75 new things.

Players dig the beliefs, the methods ... and, yeah, some of the madness, too. When asked who the loudest coach on the defensive staff was, lineman Adam Shuler didn't hesitate in naming Grantham (though he later correctly clarified safeties coach Ron English is close). The funny thing about Grantham is the dynamics of his personality. He's an intense coach with a reddened face and affinity for loud language. He's also an easy-going dude and good conversationalist who likes to fish. On the sideline, he's a range of emotions. In the meeting room, he's playing music and playing with lights in a ritual for a celebration for a turnover he calls "Code Orange."

Players say they see and respond to the person in-between: a smart, relatable guy who happens to take his craft seriously.

"I don't really think most guys get mad because we all know that he wants the best from us, and he loves the game so much, so he's going to be pissed when we do something wrong," Shuler said. "But, like after practice, he pulls us aside, he's going to coach us to get it right."

Said Greenard, "He's a perfectionist. Anytime I step foot on that field, I always have to basically give my best and he demands the best. He's going to get it out of you."

Players have long made comments like those about Grantham. Now in his 10th consecutive year as a college defensive coordinator, though, Grantham has found more ways to improve. His past two seasons in the SEC with Mississippi State and Florida were markedly better statistically (interceptions, sacks, yards per attempt, third down percentage and red zone touchdown percentage) than his final two years at Georgia (in 2012 and 2013), when he last resided in the conference.

"He's a good coach, and he has proven that the last several years," Del Rio said. "He'll continue to get opportunities."

That's probably true. And Florida can't help that. But another step forward for the Gators' defense would prove retaining Grantham was Florida's most important move of the offseason.



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“As you watch things and you’re around it — because I’ve been back (in college football) for a while, you start getting a feel for how offenses are going,” said Grantham, who coached in the NFL from 1999-2009. “And if that’s how they’re going, these are the things we have to be good at to stop them. And then you try to recruit that way and get flexibility with your players.”

Before Grantham said that, he was talking for a few minutes one-on-one with transfer edge-rusher Brenton Cox toward the end of a recent practice as the two walked toward the sideline. He spoke in a tone with Cox that never reached a high decibel. By then, the visor on his head was stained with sweat. More tape would be viewed later that day.

“The worst thing you can do as a coach,” Grantham said, “is to think you’ve arrived.”

**DATE: September 7, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Carter's Corner: Love Him or Hate Him, Franks is Gators' Guy**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – One game into the 2019 season, a win over those despised Hurricanes of Miami no less, and a tired trend has resurfaced for the Gators.

The man under center, quarterback Feleipe Franks, is once again under fire.

A fourth-year junior, by now Franks is accustomed to the love-hate response he seems to trigger from a portion of the fan base. If he wears a jean jacket to his postgame press conference instead of a coat and tie, they offer a critique. From my vantage point, the true Franks haters are in the minority but stand as a very vocal crowd on social media stages.

To label "most Gators fans" as out to get Franks would be unfair and inaccurate if you inspect message boards, comment threads and Twitter pages since the Miami win. Sure, there are plenty of posters who seem to think they could wake up this morning and run Dan Mullen's offense better than Franks tonight against UT Martin, but there are also unabashed supporters and those who give fair and thoughtful assessments of No. 13.

In reality, this is what Franks signed up for when he left the small town of Crawfordville for UF whether he knew it or not. Mullen has reinforced that truth on several occasions since taking over the program following the 2017 season. If you are going to play quarterback at Florida, you must have thick skin and ignore the critics who have no idea how the play that didn't work was designed to work.

"Outside opinions aren't as important as inside opinions," Mullen said this week.

On a more global scale, such is life for anyone in the public eye in 2019: politician, celebrity chef, college quarterback. The gloves are off and everyone is taking swings. We live in an age when Tom in Trenton and Mary in Micanopy have a voice and simple tools only a keystroke away to voice them, for better or worse.

Those choppy waters can be difficult to navigate even for the savviest among us, much less a college kid who is growing up in the spotlight. If you have been paying close attention to Franks since he emerged as Florida's starting quarterback two years ago, you've seen the growth beyond what he does on Saturdays.

He has grown as a leader. He stays out of trouble. He works hard behind the scenes. He handles critical questions from the media much better, whether using the English language or body language. When asked Wednesday about the latest cries of dissent at his play against Miami (17 of 27, 254 yards, 2 TDs, 2 INTs, 1 rushing touchdown, 1 lost fumble), Franks answered the way Tom Brady or Drew Brees might.

"Everybody is going to have an opinion. Whether you like me or not, I'm here to win games," he said. "I'm here to become the best person, the best player I can be. That's my main focus. What everybody else thinks is really not my main concern. Everybody on this team has my back. Coaches have my back, and really, that's all I'm worried about. And my family has my back."

You probably have to go back to Doug Johnson to find a Gators quarterback who elicited such strong opinions from Gator Nation about his every move. The strong-armed Johnson could drive fans nuts one play and have them tripping with delight the next. But in Johnson's day, there was no Twitter or Facebook or near the number of 24/7 media outlets that now analyze and re-analyze every throw until the next one.

As for Franks, truth be told, he seems to thrive off some of the animosity. It's who he is and quite frankly, I'm not sure that's a bad thing. Hey, the Gators have not lost a game since he shushed the home crowd in the South Carolina victory last season.

I get where Mullen is coming from, of course. You can't let public opinion impact your day-to-day actions and preparation. But in the heat of the moment, such as Franks punting the ball into the stands following the victory over Miami, who cares. Call it overexcitement, cockiness, letting off steam, whatever you want.

Franks cares, which is what Gators fans should care about.

Furthermore, Franks is the most polarizing player the Gators have had since Tim Tebow. That's a good thing and something the program needed. A decade removed since Tebow's glory days, to be a marquee program, you need marquee players. Florida has lacked significantly in that department since Tebow played his last game in "The Swamp" 10 years ago.

Jeff Driskel was a great physical talent but got beat down by the critics and transferred to reboot his career at the end. Will Grier played with swagger and won, but he did not become a college star until at West Virginia following his tainted exit from UF. Dante Fowler Jr., Teez Tabor and Vernon Hargreaves Jr. were high-profile defensive standouts for the Gators, but anyone who knows the Florida program knows defense doesn't move the needle like offense.

If Franks was clearly regressing, perhaps the constant overanalyzation would make more sense. The numbers say otherwise. For a bit of perspective – at the risk of overanalyzation and simplicity -- Franks is on pace to finish the season ranked in the top 10 in Gators history in career passing yards and touchdowns. Since the South Carolina win, he has completed 64.5 percent of his passes (80 of 124) and thrown 10 touchdowns and two interceptions. He has added 185 yards rushing and five scores, including the game-winning 3-yard run against the Hurricanes.



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Is Franks headed for a Heisman season? No one is saying that. But he has an opportunity to have a distinguished career at a school known for producing some talented quarterbacks, three of them erected in bronze outside the stadium.

The Gators have done nothing but win since Franks zoomed up the ladder of public awareness since his seminal moment against the Gamecocks. Winning usually cures what ails. Not so for Franks.

Still, love him or hate him, he is the face of this team.

"He is our guy. He is our leader," senior receiver Josh Hammond said. "He is very competitive. Sometimes his emotions rises up, but at the end of the day, he is the guy when we need to make a play we count on. It doesn't matter what anybody else has to say. We're behind him 100 percent."

That's good enough for me.

**DATE: September 7, 2019****Publication:** The Gainesville Sun**Title:** Franks Silences Critics in Near-Flawless Performance for Gators**Author:** Robbie Andreu

At least for one night, for one game, his many critics had to remain silent. Not a word. Not a single complaint.

They had no choice. Because beleaguered Florida quarterback Feleipe Franks put on a performance that was pretty close to flawless in leading the No. 11 Gators to a 45-0 rout of UT Martin on Saturday night before 80,007 in The Swamp.

Spreading the ball around to his many different playmakers and efficiently moving the offense, Franks completed 25 of 27 passes for 270 yards and two touchdowns. One of those two incompletions came on a Hail Mary on the final play of the first half. He also rushed for 37 yards, averaging 6.2 yards a carry.

If his many critics — all those who came storming out of the woodwork again following his three-turnover effort in the win over Miami two weeks ago — find fault in those numbers, then it's become personal.

Franks' coaches and teammates have always had his back. On Saturday night, he gave them all kinds of reasons to stay solidly where they are.

"He showed his maturity of taking what they were giving us," UF coach Dan Mullen said. "They've got eight guys dropping all over the place, guys going deep, five guys underneath in zone coverage.

"He did a good job of really not forcing things. He might have missed one or two thrown down the field that he had, but no need to force it. Check down. He played pretty well. It was a good night."

Franks would have had a perfect first half — 15 for 15 — if two more seconds weren't put back on the clock by the officials, giving the Gators (2-0) an opportunity to throw a Hail Mary pass into the end zone that fell incomplete.

Other than that, no pass attempts by Franks hit the ground. What they did is fall into the arms and hands of his receivers.

He threw a picture-perfect deep ball to Van Jefferson for a 69-yard touchdown midway through the second quarter. A few minutes later, he found a wide-open Tyrie Cleveland and hit him in stride for a 39-yard TD pass that gave the Gators a 17-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Franks led the Gators on touchdown drives in their first two possessions to put the game away at 31-0.

"I thought it was good, everything was clicking," Franks said. "I try to take what the defense gives me. I want to be smart. I'm never going to be perfect. I try to learn every day from (quarterbacks) coach (Brian) Johnson and Coach Mullen.

"I feel like I made pretty good decisions. I think we can roll with that."

Franks did not play in the fourth quarter, turning the game over to Kyle Trask and Emory Jones, both of whom accounted for touchdowns — Trask on a 9-yard TD pass to Jacob Copeland and Jones on a 16-yard run.

In his three quarters of work, Franks effectively spread the ball around to UF's playmakers, completing passes to nine different receivers.

"I believe Feleipe is going to be one of the best quarterbacks in the country," senior wide receiver Van Jefferson said. "I've said that and I still believe it. He did a great job tonight."

Even though the 41-point underdog Skyhawks were technically in the game going into the second half, Mullen felt comfortable enough to insert numerous true and redshirt freshmen and some other younger players who have not played much, if any.

"It was great," Mullen said. "We played (young guys) throughout the game. That's one thing we went in wanting to do. I wanted guys rolling right from the beginning. It seemed that we were rolling a lot of players though. They were getting reps with the one defense. Same offensively."

While Franks and the offense were amassing 45 points and 543 total yards, the defense was shutting down UT Martin (1-1) for most of the night, holding the Skyhawks to just 194 yards of offense, only 54 on the ground. The Gators also had five sacks, 10 tackles for losses and produced their first defensive turnover of the season on true freshman cornerback Kaiir Elam's interception in the end zone in the fourth quarter.

Things will now start getting tougher for the Gators, who open SEC play Saturday at Kentucky.

"We've got to crank it up, and it starts on Monday morning when we show up," Mullen said. "We have a good attitude. We just have to have more of a grind it sense of urgency now."

**DATE: September 7, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Young Gators Made Plays in Runaway Victory**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Van Jefferson is one of Florida's veteran leaders, a fifth-year senior who added instant production following his transfer from Ole Miss prior to last season. He is the kind of teammate others try to emulate for the way he handles business.

Jefferson had one of the best games of his college career in Saturday night's 45-0 rout of UT Martin, catching four passes for a career-high-tying 94 yards. Jefferson's 69-yard scoring reception from quarterback Feleipe Franks – putting the Gators up 10-0 midway through the second quarter – was the longest catch of his career and a career-long pass for Franks.

As pumped as Jefferson was about the play, he was equally animated for a touchdown that came while he was on the sideline. Jefferson nearly ran onto the field when redshirt freshman receiver Jacob Copeland caught a 9-yard touchdown from Kyle Trask on the first play of the fourth quarter.

"Got his first college touchdown," Jefferson said. "Coach [Nick] Savage was holding me back."

Copeland was just one of the fresh-faced Gators who made their presence felt Saturday. Others who shined when the opportunity arrived:

- True freshman defensive back Kaiir Elam recorded his first career interception.
- Redshirt sophomore running back Malik Davis, who lost most of the last two seasons to injuries, scored his first touchdown since early in the 2017 season.
- Redshirt freshman quarterback Emory Jones scored on a 16-yard run in the fourth quarter for his first career rushing touchdown.
- Freshman defensive end Khris Bogle had five tackles and his first career sack.
- True freshman defensive backs Chester Kimbrough and Jaydon Hill each had four tackles.
- Redshirt freshman running back Iverson Clement reeled off a 41-yard run.

There were others, which was part of the plan against the overmatched Skyhawks of the Ohio Valley Conference.

"It felt like we were rolling a lot of players through," Gators head coach Dan Mullen said. "It was like, 'OK younger guys, you're getting these reps kind of when the game is at hand.' They were getting reps with the one defense and real stuff going on. We just wanted to keep rolling right through from the beginning."

What wasn't part of the plan was a pair of injuries to a key offensive player (Kadarius Toney) and defensive standout (CJ Henderson) in the first half. Both players left the game and never returned.

Toney appeared to suffer an arm or shoulder injury and Mullen said the Gators will have more information on Monday. Meanwhile, Henderson suffered a left ankle injury according to Mullen and returned to the sideline on crutches and in a protective boot on his left foot in the second half. Mullen sounded more optimistic about Henderson's injury.

Regardless, it was an opportune time for players such as Copeland to get significant reps.

A talented recruit out of Emmitt Smith's old high school – Escambia High in Pensacola – the 6-foot, 192-pound Copeland easily passes the eye test given his physical skills. However, lingering ankle and hamstring injuries limited his availability as a freshman.

Copeland had the most productive game of his career Saturday, catching three passes for 23 yards and rushing once for 15 yards in a role reminiscent of the way the Gators like to use Toney.

"Him leaving the game was tough, because he's a big part of our offense," Jefferson said of Toney.

Still, Copeland played the part well when called upon.

"He looked pretty explosive with the ball, made some good catches," Mullen said. "Obviously, he's got a ways to go, still learning the intricacies of playing because being hurt last year and a little bit through spring hurt him with his knowing everything."

While Copeland could factor into the mix should Toney miss extended time, Florida's depleted secondary took a hit when Henderson dropped to the turf and needed assistance from trainers to get off the field after covering a deep pass. The Gators were already without safeties Brad Stewart (suspended) and Jeawon Taylor (injured) Saturday. Meanwhile, versatile Amari Burney (injured) did not play and reserve defensive back C.J. McWilliams is out for the season due to a ruptured Achilles tendon suffered in preseason camp.

Elam, Kimbrough and Hill all got plenty of work Saturday.

Junior safety Shawn Davis had no qualms about sharing the field with the newcomers.

"I feel confident in those guys. Those guys prepared and are ready to play in the game and make big plays," Davis said. "They play like how we play. We're DBU, so I feel you should be ready to come here and play in a big-time game."



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The conga line of young players who saw action in the runaway victory reminded Davis of himself two years ago when he broke into the lineup as a true freshman before a knee injury ended his season.

"I was rooting for them," he said. "Watching them practice, everyone don't get to see what we see. It's fun to see those guys out there."

The Gators must forge ahead with who they have available, starting next weekend in their Southeastern Conference opener at Kentucky.

While they could be without two of their most talented players, Jefferson won't be fazed if that's the case. The young players who stood out Saturday were ready.

"Hopefully in the near future they can have some big plays for us," Jefferson said.

They may have to.

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Publication: FloridaGators.com
Title: Shutout Win Comes with Price
Author: Chris Harry

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Going by the score, statistics and participation chart, Florida coach Dan Mullen got just about everything he would have wanted from Saturday night's home opener against Tennessee Martin at Spurrier/Florida Field. The 11th-ranked Gators shutout the Skyhawks, 45-0, his quarterback was nearly perfect, and the team was able to substitute freely and get lots of players needed repetitions.

Unfortunately, though, two of those substitutions — for two very important players — were by necessity, which put something of a damper on what could have been an otherwise satisfying night at the "Swamp."

Feleipe Franks completed 25 of 27 passes for 270 yards, two touchdowns and no turnovers, while the UF defense pitched its first shutout in three years, but the Gators (2-0) may be without wingback Kadarius Toney and standout cornerback CJ Henderson for an extended period of time due to injuries sustained during the first half. Not great timing, considering UF opens Southeastern Conference play next weekend at Kentucky.

Toney, who wears No. 1 on offense, was tackled hard on a running play in the first quarter and left the game with what appeared to be an arm or shoulder injury. In the second quarter, cornerback CJ Henderson, who wears No. 1 on defense and is arguably the best pro prospect on the team, was helped off the field with an apparent ankle injury after breaking up a deep pass play and getting his feet tangled in the fallout.

Call them casualties No. 1 and 1A.

Mullen gave little detail on either Toney or Henderson in his postgame news conference.

"We'll know more Monday," he said.

Their teammates carried on just fine in their stead. The UF offense cranked out 543 yards (312 passing, 231 rushing), with Franks completing his first 15 pass attempts and six different players scoring touchdowns. The UF defense held the FCS-classified Skyhawks (1-1) to just 194 yards and eight first downs, thanks to five sacks, 10 tackles for loss, and one turnover. The latter came on an end-zone interception by true freshman Kaiir Elam in the fourth quarter that helped preserve the program's first shutout win since beating North Texas, 32-0, on Sept. 17, 2016.

"I haven't seen any stats, but the only one that matters is that we didn't score any points," UT Martin coach Jason Simpson said. "I've played against multiple SEC teams in my career. There's been bigger [SEC] teams, but I don't know if there's another as fast as that one."

Maybe so, but the Skyhawks acquitted themselves well against the Gators' speed for a quarter and a half. They got some help on UF's first series when tight end Kyle Pitts was left alone in the left flat to catch a swing pass on third-and-1. As he turned upfield, though, Pitts fell down. Mullen, rather than gamble on fourth-and-3, opted to send on Evan McPherson, whose 32-yard field goal put the Gators up 3-0 just over six minutes into the game.

Quarterback Feleipe Franks and his receivers hug it up after a first-half touchdown. (Photo: Kelsi Bevington/UAA Communications) Florida's offense spun its wheels on the next drive, too. The Gators weren't unable to get anything going in the running game, and on fourth-and-2 from the UTM 43, Franks was stopped shy of the line to gain on a quarterback keeper. The Skyhawks, though, had to punt on the ensuing possession and pinned the Gators at their 8.

A few plays and 23 yards later, UF had a first down at its 31 when Franks dropped, had all day to survey the field and found wideout Van Jefferson behind the secondary on a deep left-to-right post. The play was actually designed to hit Jefferson on the left side of the field, but the offensive line let Franks set up, scan and wait for his man to race past the UTM safety.

"That shows you how much time I had," Franks said.

The pass was perfect and Jefferson scored on a 69-yard bomb for a 10-0 lead at the 8:35 mark of the second period.

After a UTM three-and-out, the Gators needed just four plays to extend their lead, with one a Franks-to-Josh Hammond hook-up for 15 yards on third-and-5 from midfield. On the next play, the Skyhawks bit on fake jet sweep action and no one bothered to pick up wideout Tyrie Cleveland coming off the line from the slot. Cleveland was about 10 yards more open than Jefferson when he hauled in an easy 35-yard touchdown catch to make it 17-0 with five minutes to go in the half.

At that point, Franks had completed his first 12 passes, on the way to 15 straight before missing on a "Hail Mary" into the end zone on the final play of the half. He went to the locker room 15 of 16 for 183 yards and the two scores.

"That was fun," Franks said. "Everything was clicking."

That didn't mean Mullen was pleased with how his team performed in the first half overall. He articulated as much at intermission.

"Oh man," Jefferson said. "We're paying UT Martin. I mean, not knocking them or anything, but he wanted to see us execute better and just see us play better. So he came in there and he gave us a good talk and we came out in the second half and were stronger."



He used that phrase again. His mantra.

"The 'Gator Standard,' really," junior safety Shawn Davis said. "That was his message."

Out of the locker room, Franks led scoring drives of 51 and 66 yards before exiting the game at the end of the third period. Backup tailback Malik Davis had a 1-yard scoring run to take the lead to 24-0 and starting back Lamical Perine's 5-yard touchdown made it 31-0 heading into the fourth quarter.

Both UF reserve quarterbacks led touchdown drives in that final quarter, with fifth-year senior Kyle Trask throwing a 9-yard scoring pass to redshirt freshman Jacob Copeland and classmate Emory Jones racing up the middle for a 16-yard run and the first rushing touchdown of his career.

But as far as guys under center, the night belonged to Franks, whose 15 straight completions were the second-most to start a game in UF history. Not bad, given all that heat that was sent Franks' way in the aftermath of his three-turnover performance in Florida's hard-fought 24-20 win over Miami two weeks earlier.

"He played pretty well. It was a pretty good night," Mullen said. "Most people would take it, [but] I'm sure it's Feleipe Franks [and] this is Florida. You play quarterback at Florida, they'll be like, 'I don't know, we have a ways to go.' He threw two incomplete passes."

Mullen was being sarcastic, of course, but he was dead serious — and will be more so this week — in addressing the need to "crank up" the across-the-board intensity as the Gators head into SEC competition.

"We have a good team, have a good mindset, so we just have to prepare," Jefferson said. "Coach Mullen was preaching [that] it gets real this week going into SEC play, so I think we've just got to hone in and get to work."

Very possibly without a couple of outstanding players, unfortunately.

**DATE: September 10, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** How Jacob Copeland has patiently prepared for increased opportunities at Florida**Author:** Will Sammon

A slant for Jacob Copeland? At Escambia High School in Pensacola, offensive coordinator Brett Bennett constantly tried to design plays featuring the route for Copeland. Occasionally, Copeland ran slants, and they usually worked, like in a semifinal loss to Crestview in 2017 when he caught a short one and turned it into a 77-yard touchdown. But that doesn't mean he appreciated them.

"He used to hate slants," Bennett said. "He didn't really like slants."

Fast forward to last Saturday night in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. First play, fourth quarter. From the right hash, Copeland, Florida's eye-catching, conversation-inspiring redshirt freshman receiver, quickly took three linear steps, then planted his right foot toward the right side. He switched direction with his next step, his left foot leading him toward the middle of the field. With his right arm, he hammered the tight space between him and the cornerback, allowing him the room to get inside the UT Martin defender four yards from the end zone as the ball headed toward his direction.

A slant. A touchdown. A symbol of growth?

The following day, after his first college touchdown, Copeland told Bennett about the slant: "I love them now. That's how you score."

"Well, yeah," Bennett said. "That's how you get open. Once you get to the SEC, you just don't run past everybody."

Not as quickly or as easily as some former consensus top-100 prospects like Copeland imagine when they sign national letters of intent, at least. Florida has yet to make Copeland available to the media; a summer arrival, hamstring injury, depth and redshirt availability limited him to three games and one catch for 16 yards last season. Despite his talent, he entered this season behind accomplished veterans at the team's deepest position.

Copeland's ability forced others to field questions about him throughout preseason camp, though, and beyond the gushing about physical tools, his teammates lauded his patience. An implicit condition existed within the context of those conversations: The shiny and still relatively new toy was going to be displaced from its box, but how often would it be played with? Now, Kadarius Toney's shoulder injury (Dan Mullen said the receiver will be out for a couple weeks) on Saturday and Copeland's performance created a legitimate reason to inquire.

Does Toney's injury mean a path toward a consistent role within the Gators' offense for Copeland now exists?

Yes, but not necessarily. So, maybe.

Florida's spread offense creates targets for an array of receivers. The order of targets last season, according to Sports Info Solutions: Van Jefferson (66), Trevon Grimes (42), Joshua Hammond (39), Toney (36), Tyrie Cleveland (32), Freddie Swain (22). All of them returned. Plus, tight ends accounted for 41 targets and running backs saw 41. Toney's absence could mean more throws toward the direction of playmakers such as Grimes, Swain and tight end/receiver Kyle Pitts. All are both deep threats and cogs in the short-passing game.

It's also possible Copeland steps in, even if in smaller doses, as the change-of-pace option Toney provided — someone who can take handoffs and run routes. Florida's first SEC game Saturday at Kentucky will likely provide some clarity.

"I thought he did well," Mullen said Monday when asked about a possible increase in touches for Copeland. "We'll see as it goes. You look, all our wideouts, the way we spread the ball around ... One of the great things you see is the balance that we have at that position. We have a bunch of those guys get a lot of different touches, catches. I think he did a good job when he got the ball in his hand. I was pleased with that. He'll continue to grow."

Part of it is on Copeland. Part of it is out of his hands.

Regardless of whether his role expands or not, it's important for Copeland and Florida's future — Jefferson, Hammond, Cleveland and Swain are seniors — that he continues to be the kind of guy teammates describe him as. Consider the way quarterback Feleipe Franks answered Monday when he was asked about the most impressive thing he has seen Copeland do in practice.

"Honestly, none of that really stands out to me," Franks said. "It's just more his grit, the way when players get injured and things don't go the way they want, how do they respond? I think that he's responded in all the right ways by continuing to keep his body healthy, continuing to do the right steps to maintain his body healthy."

"I think that's important when you first get to college and things don't go the way you want them to go. Just continuing to have that mindset of, you know, 'I'm not going to stop here just because I'm hurt. I'm going to continue to battle through this, get healthy again and just continue to grind.' I think he has done a really good job of that."

This is all new for Copeland. In high school, he was always a superstar, the guy everyone leaned on to make a play. Before last season, he was never injured and never had to stand on the sideline and wait.

"I feel like him coming in and getting redshirted was big for him," Bennett said.



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Bennett was Copeland's offensive coordinator at Pine Forest during Copeland's first three years of high school. Then they both moved to Escambia when Bennett's father got hired as head coach. Bennett attended many recruiting events with Copeland and the two remain close. The way Bennett sees it, last season enhanced Copeland's growth.

"A lot of kids, they go into a Power 5, especially the SEC, and they're always going in with, 'I'm the best recruit, big-time recruit. I'm going to make an impact, see the field just because my name is Jacob Copeland.'" Bennett said. "But when you get there, you kind of realize that you're not the big man on campus anymore. Now you're focused on how am I going to get on the field? How am I going to get playing time? How am I going to understand the playbook?"

In Copeland, Bennett now sees "a humble player, a player who understands what it's like to be a part of a team. He knows now he has to put in work."

Florida's staff has helped, as Bennett suspected it would. Bennett is a Florida State fan, but he said he preferred Copeland to sign with the Gators over any other team. Bennett's sister worked in Florida's recruiting department under Urban Meyer years ago. As a result, Bennett's family got to know Mullen and receivers coach Billy Gonzales well. Bennett formerly played at Jackson State, and before Mississippi State's game against the Tigers in 2009, Mullen took time to chat with Bennett's sister and grandfather.

"I knew Jacob was going to be in a situation where he was going to get coached and be part of an environment that was going to help him grow," Bennett said. "The past two years for Jacob have been tremendous for him. Not on the field, but off the field and in the classroom."

Copeland, those close to him said, figured it would be tough for him to start as a freshman last year. But he thought he would receive playing time. When that didn't happen, he worked harder. How Copeland responds to whatever is next will help determine his level of success at Florida.

Copeland is 6-foot and 192 pounds. His 40 time can beat 4.4 seconds. He can bench press more than 400 pounds.

"He is one of the most explosive players I've ever been around," Bennett said.

Copeland can be a mismatch in the slot for defenders, particularly one-on-one against linebackers and safeties, because of sheer physical ability. But measurables alone won't win every matchup and won't make him the every-down player Florida wants him to become. That's why Saturday's touchdown mattered. In high school, the big-time college prospect would've preferred to just run free on a go route or make a simple catch on a screen and run in space with the ball. If a slant were to have been called, there was a decent chance he would've tried a speed release, get undercut and have the ball get knocked down. Saturday was different.

Florida's entire bench erupted after his touchdown. When Copeland returned to the sideline, many of his teammates surrounded him to congratulate him.

The next day, Bennett told Copeland: "Man, you didn't know what to do when you scored."

"All I could think about," Copeland said to Bennett, "was it felt like Coach G was on my shoulder and the crowd went silent, and all I heard was, 'Secure the ball, secure the ball, secure the ball.'"

Copeland isn't yet a pristine product. Without Toney, maybe he will see more action, anyway. Maybe he won't. Florida doesn't necessarily need a new playmaker to emerge in Toney's place, yet more touches for Copeland likely won't hurt the Gators, either. The value in expanding Copeland's role is something Mullen has to weigh. But, regardless: How Copeland handles whatever is next may be what matters most.

"The way he is going to grow on and off the field, I think he is going to be the biggest attribute to Florida football since a while," Bennett said. "Just because I know now he is a straight team player. I know now he's understanding how to do things ... how to be a college football player, how to be a team player and how to be coached."

**DATE: September 14, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Copeland Seeks to Catch On for Good with Gators**Author:** Scott Carter

LEXINGTON, Ky. – If there's one truth in Jacob Copeland's young existence that resonates most when he retreats into his resiliency reservoir, it's that adversity is usually waiting around the corner.

For Copeland, the face of hardship has undergone constant makeovers throughout his life.

"I've done seen a lot of things," Copeland said. "That motivated me not to take that route."

What Copeland is talking about has nothing to do with football. Growing up in some of the hardest-scrabbled neighborhoods of Pensacola, Copeland experienced what many of us only read about or see on the evening news.

Drug deals. Shootings. Poverty. The youngest of seven boys on his mom's side, Copeland said four of his brothers were shot growing up. Life was never easy, but on the football field, Copeland found his escape and the kind of success he craved.

A redshirt freshman receiver, Copeland emerged from what has been a muffled 15 months at UF when he had the best game of his college career in last week's victory over UT Martin. Copeland caught three passes for 23 yards and had one carry for 15 yards as he took on a more prominent role following the injury to junior Kadarius Toney.

His breakout performance prompted Gators fans to wonder if the 6-foot, 192-pound speedster is destined for more action when the ninth-ranked Gators (2-0) face Kentucky (2-0) in their Southeastern Conference opener on Saturday night at Kroger Field.

"I thought he did well," UF head coach Dan Mullen said this week. "We'll see as it goes. I think he did a good job when he got the ball in his hands. I was pleased with that."

If you watched the game live or have seen the replays, you saw how teammates reacted when Copeland scored his first college touchdown on a 9-yard slant from quarterback Kyle Trask. The game was out of reach at that point – Copeland's score put Florida up 38-0 on the first play of the fourth quarter – but the Gators' excitement revealed a deeper story.

With high expectations at the start of preseason camp last year, Copeland suffered a knee injury during his first practice. He had dealt with turbulence of all kinds away from the field, but he said a serious injury was a new hurdle. Copeland underwent surgery and then began to work his way back into shape. He finally made his debut in a late-season win over Idaho, returning a kickoff 26 yards and hauling in a 16-yard catch.

Renewed mentally and physically heading into the spring, Copeland started to have problems with a hamstring that kept him off the field for much of spring camp. For the first time in his life, Copeland faced doubts in the one place he always considered his safe haven.

"I never experienced setbacks like that," he said of the injuries. "When I first came in, I thought I was going to make an impact and I didn't. That triggered in my mind, 'dang, it's over with for me.' And then I came back and thought I was healed. Got hurt again. I had thoughts like, 'this ball might not be for me.' Sometimes I have my moments. But my receivers group, the quarterbacks, Coach Billy [Gonzalez], they keep my head up."

As an emerging prep standout, Copeland starred at Pensacola Pine Forest High for three seasons before transferring to Escambia, the same school that produced Gators Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith, for his final season. Copeland was nothing short of dynamic, averaging 13.8 yards every time he touched the ball and scoring 29 touchdowns.

As college recruiters flooded his neighborhood, Alabama, Tennessee and Florida were his final three choices.

A young sports reporter for the Pensacola News-Journal, Eric Wallace arrived in town during Copeland's prep career. It didn't take Wallace long to pick up on the hottest local sports story.

"When I got here, he was kind of the talk of the town," Wallace said this week.

In Copeland's final high school game, a 44-34 loss to Crestview in the state playoffs in November 2017, he caught a 77-yard touchdown pass, had an interception and almost single-handedly kept Escambia in the game.

Already a top recruit, interest in where Copeland would sign only increased on the streets of his hometown.

"In that Crestview game, he was a one-man joystick," Wallace said. "He definitely showed -- if there was any question about him before -- that he was the real deal. At least to me."

Copeland became a national story a few months later when on National Signing Day, with Betty Copeland wearing an Alabama sweatshirt and Tennessee hat, her youngest chose the Gators. Upset, Betty got up and walked away when Jacob announced his decision by putting on a Gators cap. By the time she came back and gave Jacob a hug as tears streamed down his face, the video had gone viral and served as a hot-topic debate on social media.

Copeland didn't realize how big the story had become until later that afternoon when at a local restaurant with his mom and various family members, his phone kept buzzing with calls and social media alerts.



More than a year and a half later, Copeland can now smile when discussing the memorable day.

"She's happy. She's good while I'm here," he said. "She wants the best for her kids. She seen the structure that Bama has built up for a lot of years and she's a Bama fan. But at end of day, she knows it's all on me. I know my mom is strong. She got over it."

When he caught his first career touchdown last week, Betty Copeland and other family members were at home in Pensacola watching the game. He heard from them afterward and on the phone could hear they were as excited as he was.

It was a moment Copeland envisioned but didn't know if or when it would arrive.

"When the ball was coming to me, everything else went blank to me," Copeland said. "Everything went quiet. I was just focused on the ball. It was amazing seeing all [my teammates] cheering for me."

More than just a touchdown, it was a glimpse of Copeland's potential at a time when the Gators are looking to replace Toney, who is expected to miss at least a couple of games due to a shoulder injury.

The magnitude of the moment for Copeland was not lost on tight end Kyle Pitts, one of the first players to congratulate him. Copeland's work ethic and team-first attitude has made him a favorite in the locker room.

"He's been through a lot, and I think for him to score, it just brought him back to where he was," Pitts said. "I was really happy for him."

A prominent storyline all week for beat writers who cover the Gators daily, Copeland's teammates were asked over and over again about Copeland. They heaped praise on him for the way he has handled the difficult start to his college career. The Gators' receiving corps is one of the team's greatest strengths, and if Copeland can crack the rotation regularly with his physical gifts, it's another playmaker they can add to the mix.

There's a reason Copeland was rated the No. 69 overall prospect in the 2018 recruiting class by 247Sports.com, and that's why fans and media are intrigued by the latest developments.

"He definitely has a lot of juice to him," senior receiver Josh Hammond said. "That speed is one thing. That's big with Cope. You saw it with the jet sweep and little plays like that. Those are things that he can take to the house, and you wouldn't think of him because we haven't used him that much."

Most of all, Copeland's resiliency is why he has his teammates' respect. They've seen the work he has put in away from the spotlight to get back in it.

Quarterback Feleipe Franks is convinced the best is yet to come for Copeland if he continues to put in the work.

"It's just more his grit, the way when players get injured and things don't go the way they want, how do they respond? I think that he's responded in all the right ways by continuing to keep his body healthy, continuing to do the right steps to maintain his body," Franks said. "I think he has done a really good job of that."

It wasn't the plan Copeland had in mind when he yanked on that Gators cap and made national news. But it's the hand he was dealt.

Copeland's past prepared him in ways he didn't realize. To fully understand, he had to lose the one thing he had in his corner: his God-given talent on the football field.

"You've got to own up to what you do," he said. "Whatever happens, happens. You've got to own up to it and stay motivated it. I know I've got something to fight for. I want to stay motivated and live my dreams. I feel like this is a big opportunity. I feel like this is go-time for me. Hopefully I can do something with it."

**DATE: September 14, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Franks Injured, Trask to Rescue in 4th-Quarter Kentucky Comeback**Author:** Chris Harry

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Just glancing at the final score without knowing any details, college football fans likely would assume that order was restored in the Florida-Kentucky series Saturday night.

But there was nothing orderly (or ordinary, for that matter) with how the eighth-ranked Gators beat the Wildcats.

Or which Gators were needed to do so.

Backup quarterback Kyle Trask, pressed into emergency duty after a grisly ankle injury to starter Feleipe Franks, led a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown drives, capping the second with a go-ahead 4-yard scoring run, as UF rallied from down double-digits to a 29-21 victory in front of a sellout crowd at Kroger Field in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams. The lead was just 22-21 inside a minute, with UK's defense calling timeouts and trying to force a late punt, when UF wide receiver Josh Hammond took a jet sweep 76 yards for a touchdown to seal the outcome and give the Gators (3-0, 1-0) their 32nd win in the series' last 33 meetings and help heal any residual hurt from the Wildcats' streak-busting upset a year ago in Gainesville.

"We found a way to win and we didn't do that last year," Florida coach Dan Mullen said. "When dealing with adversity, we found a way to win."

For Franks, the UF starter for the last 18 games dating to the 2017 season, his 2019 season ended in grisly fashion late in the third quarter when a failed fourth-and-1 pass play ended with the fourth-year junior being hit, with his back bending awkwardly backward and his feet grounded beneath a scrum of bodies. Trainers sprinted on the field immediately and within minutes the entire UF team surrounded their teammate before he was carted away. Franks had hit 12 of 17 passes for 174 yards a touchdown and an interception to that point.

The Gators trailed 21-10.

"He was just devastated," Hammond said of Franks. "That's when guys spoke up. 'Time to go! Time to make some plays and win this ballgame for Feleipe!' We all know how hard he works and how much he means to the team."

As the players began filing back to the sideline, Trask remained at Franks' side for just a couple more seconds.

"He was obviously really emotional in that moment," said Trask, whose college football résumé over four seasons coming in was made up of just five mop-up appearances and 29 pass attempts. "I just let him know, 'I got your back.' It's a next-man-up mentality. I had to do whatever it took for the team."

This was what the 6-foot-5, 239-pound fourth-year junior from Manvel, Texas, did: nine completions in 13 attempts and fourth-quarter touchdown drives of 62, 66 and 80 yards, as Florida tallied the last 19 points of the game.

"Kyle is a guy who's always prepared," Hammond said. "We knew he was going to come in and make those plays."

Just as importantly, though, were a couple negative plays the Wildcats (2-1, 0-1) made. Like an ill-advised throw up the sideline from quarterback Sawyer Smith (23 of 35, 267 yards, 2 TDs, 3 interception) that became the second interception of the game for junior safety Shawn Davis and set up the go-ahead drive. Like a targeting penalty on that ensuing UF drive that got a second UK defensive back ejected from the game. Like the missed 35-yard field goal by Chance Poore with 35 seconds left that likely would have given Kentucky the win.

"I tell our players there's an awful lot of plays in the game and you never know which play is going to decide the outcome," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "There were a bunch in there that will jump out at us."

That goes for the Gators, as well.

Franks threw an interception on the first possession of the game, but Smith returned the favor with a fumble that eventually helped UF take a 7-0 lead on a Franks-to-Freddie Swain touchdown pass of 15 yards with just over six minutes to go in the period.

From then on, it was basically all Kentucky for the next 2 1/2 quarters, with the Wildcats scoring 21 of the game's next 24 points. Florida didn't help itself with two turnovers, a couple touchdowns called back on holding penalties and a missed chip-shot field goal of 27 yards. Then came the Franks injury. It happened on a fourth-and-1 from the UK 39 with just over three minutes to play in the third.

Mullen called for play-action and was looking to hit something deep. Franks, with no one open, was under pressure and in trying to reach the line to gain was crushed by linebacker Kash Daniel, his body contorting in a gruesome manner and leg getting mangled in the pile.

"It's a tragedy," Mullen said.

After the solemn and sad scene played out, though, football had to resume. Mullen told both his backup quarterbacks, Trask and redshirt freshman Emory Jones, to get ready, as Kentucky took over at its 38 with a chance to put the game away with another touchdown. That was where it was Florida's turn to bow up on defense, with senior linebacker David Reese II stopping tailback Asim Rose for no gain on a fourth-and-one from the UF 38 on the final play of the fourth quarter.



At that point, the Wildcats had 326 yards of total offense to the Gators' 216.

And that's when Mullen went to Trask.

"He prepares three starters, that's his thing," Trask said of his coach's work with QBs. "So I was expected to go out there and produce, expected to go out there and win the game."

So, of course, Trask hit his first four passes — for 8, 14, 20 and 12 yards, three of them going to wideout Van Jefferson — to reach the UK 8. From there, an option play appeared to go awry when Trask was wrapped by a Cats defender, but the quarterback managed under duress to shovel the ball back to tailback Lamical Perine, who scooted in for an 8-yard touchdown that made the score 21-16 with 12:21 to play.

"That was definitely improvisation," Trask said. A pass on a two-point attempt fell incomplete.

The two teams swapped punts the next two possessions, with UF's Tommy Townsend's 44-yarder dying at the UK 8. After a first down, Smith threw his second interception to Davis, who spiked the ball and got a 15-yard penalty, pushing the UF starting spot to the Kentucky 34, but igniting his bench.

"I knew we had to just keep fighting for him," Davis said, invoking his fallen quarterback as motivation. "That's something Feleipe would've wanted us to do."

Pass interference and personal fouls got the Gators into UK territory, but it was a 30-yard completion to tight end Kyle Pitts that got the ball to the Kentucky 6. Two plays later, Trask scored untouched up the gut on a quarterback keeper for a 22-21 lead. Again, a two-point conversion try failed.

So all the Cats needed was a field goal for the lead. A nine-play, 58-yard drive — aided by a pass interference against UF cornerback Marco Wilson — had them set up for one, too. Poore, a redshirt freshman, came into the game just 4-for-7 for his career, and left 4-for-8 when he pushed his 35-yard attempt about two feet to the right.

Kentucky still had three timeouts to stop the clock and did so to put the Gators in a third-and-6 situation with 44 seconds left.

Hammond, motion from the left, took a handoff around right end, up the sideline and to the house on the next play.

"We find a way to win no matter what happens," said Swain, after the Gators outgained the Cats 222 to 81 in fourth-quarter yards. "We never get down on each other, we try to lift each other up, when we need plays everybody makes plays, and we come out victorious."

But also beaten up. In addition to Franks, who will miss the rest of the season, the Gators also lost defensive end Jabari Zuniga early in the game to a sprained ankle. His status will be evaluated in the coming day as UF -- expected still to be without flanker Kadarius Toney (shoulder) and cornerback CJ Henderson (ankle), both injured last week against UT Martin — prepares for three straight home games, starting next week against Tennessee.

"We've had a couple of tough games and we've been in season five weeks and we've played one game in the Swamp, and we've been in tough environments against good football teams and found ways to win," Mullen said. "I think you can build a lot off of that."

And rebuild, or reboot, when adversity hits.

**DATE: September 14, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Trask Never Stopped Learning as Others Played**Author:** Scott Carter

LEXINGTON, Ky. — At 11:32 p.m. on an unseasonably warm Saturday night in the Bluegrass State, a freshly showered Kyle Trask exited the visiting team's concrete-block interview room located in the underbelly of Kroger Field. A half hour earlier, Trask had entered the locker room to hugs and high-fives from his teammates after replacing injured starter Feleipe Franks and leading the Gators to a 29-21 comeback win over the Wildcats.

Now, as he wiped a glint of sweat from his forehead, Trask grabbed a bag of Chick-fil-A provided by a trainer for the bus ride to the airport. He then turned the corner for the walk to the waiting team bus.

For a brief second, Trask appeared startled. More than at any point in his 9-for-13, 126-yard relief effort against Kentucky in which he directed touchdown drives of 62, 66 and 80 yards in the fourth quarter.

Dozens of Gators fans, hanging around long after the final play, erupted in applause. In the middle of answering a question, Trask wondered if it was alright to go say hello.

Of course. Trask had waited on a moment like this since stepping onto campus in the spring of 2016.

"I did what I had to do for the team," he said.

While Franks ascended to starter and led the Gators to a turnaround season in head coach Dan Mullen's first season in 2018, Trask's name mostly got tossed about as part of transfer rumors other than for a brief appearance in last season's loss to Missouri when he replaced Franks and temporarily lit a fire under the offense. Before any real quarterback controversy could develop, Trask suffered a season-ending foot injury the following Monday at practice.

Trask had only played sparingly since, his role seemingly destined to be that of a "program guy" and career backup. It's a label Trask was accustomed to prior to ever signing with the Gators. Unlike most quarterbacks at high-profile schools like Florida, Trask was used mostly as a reserve at Manvel (Texas) High behind D'Eriq King, who is the University of Houston's starting quarterback.

Once Trask navigated the postgame selfie seekers and autograph requests Saturday night, he tried to reinforce the idea that what he did against the Wildcats in a difficult situation was not that out of the ordinary in his mind. He studies the playbook. He understands the position. He puts in the work.

Trask has prepared for such a moment for the past seven years whether it came or not.

"A lot of people bring up the fact that I didn't play in high school, but I played with great coaches in high school. I learned a lot while I was there. I played behind a great quarterback in D'Eriq King. He's a superstar, he's a stud," Trask said. "And really, Coach Mullen, he can take anybody and make them into a great quarterback. He's really developed us ever since he's been here. He's given us the knowledge and confidence to make plays out there on the field."

Trask's turn came Saturday when Franks, on a failed fourth-and-1 play late in the third quarter, was stopped and his lower body planted underneath a pile of players as others crashed over him from above. Franks' body bent in an unnatural way, the result a devastating ankle injury that Mullen said will keep him sidelined for the rest of the year.

Trask understood the significance of the moment when he saw Franks. Either he or redshirt freshman Emory Jones would enter the game on UF's next possession.

"You never want that to be the way you see the field," he said.

Mullen called both reserve quarterbacks over and told them each to be prepared to play. The plan was to roll both of them in and out. Trask took care of the rest, leading Florida on a six-play, 62-yard scoring drive to trim Kentucky's lead to 21-16 early in the fourth quarter.

He considered the shovel pitch to running back Lamical Perine for an 8-yard score to cap the drive his best play of the game. On an option play, Trask broke up field for an opening and when a pair of Wildcats squeezed him in. He instinctively turned and pitched the ball back to Perine while falling to the turf.

"That was pretty cool," he said.

Mullen agreed, calling the play total improvisation.

"Kyle was kind of hot and we just kind of stuck with it," Mullen said.

Trask's 4-yard run with 4:11 left gave the Gators a 22-21 lead, and after Kentucky's Chance Poore missed a potential game-winning field goal, Trask handed the ball off to receiver Josh Hammond on a jet sweet. Hammond raced 76 yards for the score.

Trask raced to the end zone to celebrate, showing the kind of emotion Florida fans are familiar with from Franks but not Trask, a soft-spoken 6-foot-5, 239-pound Texan.



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"Kyle gets juiced. He's not emotional as Feleipe," Hammond said. "He doesn't wear his emotions on his sleeve as much as Feleipe, but he does get jacked and excited about football. We kind of experienced it last year in the Missouri game. We were confident."

"He was really pinpoint in his decisions. He didn't let go or take off the gas. That's probably what impressed me the most. His decision-making was so quick."

Receiver Freddie Swain said he knew Trask was ready as soon as he looked at him following Franks' injury. Swain pulled Trask aside to see where his head was considering the circumstances.

Trask was already where he needed to be.

"He had a look in his eye," Swain said. "This is the Kyle we want under center. He came up big when we needed him."

In an emotional locker room afterward, Mullen called Franks to the center of the team to break the huddle. Franks labored on crutches as his teammates offered their support. The emotional heartbeat of the Gators, Franks returned home with the team and faces a lengthy recovery.

Mullen said the plan is to give both Trask and Jones snaps moving forward. It's a plan he incorporates in practice each day, regardless if it shows up in games. That way, a comeback win with a backup quarterback in charge can become reality.

"I can't tell you how hard it is to do what Kyle did," Mullen said. "It's a tribute to him and his mental toughness. We want to have three starting quarterbacks because you never know how things are going to shake out. It's one of the reasons we practice the way we do. If you look at the end of training camp, every one of our quarterbacks had equal reps."

Trask made his count. Those fans waiting on him were proof of that.

**DATE: September 15, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** What does Florida's future hold? Kyle Trask showed it can still win**Author:** Will Sammon

LEXINGTON, Ky. — There was Kyle Trask, in the defense's huddle seconds before a series in a one-possession game in the fourth quarter, telling his teammates, as safety Shawn Davis later recalled, "Give us the ball back, and we're going to score."

There he was running the final 40 yards of Josh Hammonds' 76-yard jet sweep touchdown run, arms raised, index fingers pointed upward. And there he was after the television cameras stopped recording, still on the field, Dan Mullen's hand patting his head, listening to the head coach tell him, "Good job."

Florida doesn't beat Kentucky 29-21 the way the No. 9 Gators (3-0, 1-0 SEC) did Saturday night in their conference opener without Trask. That much Megan Mullen, the head coach's wife, knew when she hugged Trask and congratulated the quarterback, who entered Kroger Field as an obscure backup and left to a mob of fans waiting for him. Megan Mullen was happy for Trask, but she had also just watched the ending of the game with Feleipe Franks. She couldn't leave his side. So the hurt never left her mind.

She could not have been the only one. The celebration in the Gators' locker room included Franks, with the quarterback walking over, on crutches, white towel around his neck, to stand in the middle of a group of teammates and break a huddle. The comeback did not.

Franks' season likely ended because of a dislocated ankle he suffered on a fourth-and-1 play on the Gators' second drive of the third quarter, Dan Mullen said. Florida's starting quarterback, leader and most important player stayed on the ground for several minutes after his lower body bent backward. A gruesome injury led to a sad scene. Receiver Tyrie Cleveland was the first to walk over to Franks and hug him while Franks remained down. Seconds later, the rest of Florida's sideline joined him. When players were told to allow space for Franks to be lifted onto a cart, his teammates went back to the sideline. Most looked like how Freddie Swain did as he stood on the 35-yard line: Stone-faced, teary-eyed, hands on hips.

"It's tough because he comes to work every day and gives his heart out," Swain said. "It was hard seeing an injury like that to a person like that."

Franks wasn't perfect. Not last season. Not so far this season. Not during Saturday's game before the injury; he had an interception and fumble, although, as is often the case, blame is shared in mistakes, and the latter could be attributed to a defender easily getting by Jean Delance and Kyle Pitts. But Florida also knew what Franks is. A terrific, thoughtful teammate. A guy who was improving, getting more and more comfortable with an offense he never ran before 2018. A quarterback willing to do whatever it took to gain one more yard, even if that meant desperately scrambling while yet again on the run from pressure.

"How he went out, him trying to get that first down, I respected that so much more," edge rusher Jonathan Greenard said. "I respected him so much more because he's laying it all out there on the line for us."

Florida expected that sort of thing from Franks. It knew what to expect from Franks. What can it expect without him?

There will be a mix of Trask and Emory Jones. There was supposed to be a mix of Trask and Jones on Saturday following Franks' injury, but Florida's offense was hot with Trask, so Mullen stayed with what was working. Even before Franks' injury, Mullen told Jones at halftime to be ready, because Florida was going to run a package with Jones in the second half. Mullen spoke to both quarterbacks on the sideline during the Gators' first defensive series after Franks left.

Both quarterbacks warmed up. Only one played.

"But moving forward," Mullen said, "honestly, we're going to play both guys."

Maybe that just might work for Florida. The Gators aren't going to be running powers and draws with Trask like they did with Franks — certainly not with as much frequency, at least. When Trask, as he showed Saturday, is on, he's an accurate passer who can hurt defenses with his smarts and in a traditional drop back and fire way. He can move just enough to pick up a few yards, but he's not Franks in that way.

Maybe that's where Jones comes in. Jones was the handpicked recruit out of the three, and he's probably at the stage of his development where he can be counted on for a larger role. Florida can have him change the pace when needed, at least. Both quarterbacks will have a range of playmakers at skill positions to help them. A combination of Trask and Jones is the kind of backup option many teams don't have in the age of the transfer portal.

And Mullen and quarterbacks coach Brian Johnson deserve the benefit of the doubt in being able to get the most out of it through game-planning and schemes.

Jones' growth from last year remains unseen. It's not that it doesn't exist. He just hasn't played in a situation that mattered to the outcome of a game so far. How much of a grasp on the playbook does he have? What's he like in the huddle? At the line? What kind of a decision-maker is he? Jones has an arm, and he can run. That much is obvious; he was close to a five-star talent out of high school. He's a leader; he was voted onto the team's leadership council as just a redshirt freshman and reserve player. He's worth tuning in for next Saturday against Tennessee; he's exciting yet unknown.



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More can be said about the redshirt junior Trask. He's no longer just the former high school backup quarterback now at an SEC school. He's no longer just the quarterback whom Franks beat out last year. He's no longer just the guy who stayed at Florida when no one would've blamed him for transferring before this season.

Trask is now the one who didn't let a bad moment spiral into a loss. The one who inherited a 21-10 score and mounted a comeback ... against an SEC team ... on the road. The one who went 9-for-13 for 126 yards with one four-yard rushing touchdown against a respected defense — in just the fourth quarter.

Trask's highlights were memorable. He picked apart Kentucky's zone, completing his first four passes for 54 yards. He read the entire defense before finding Pitts for a 30-yard gain. He improvised late on a pitch, absorbing a hit while somehow unloading the ball to Lamical Perine, who ran it for an eight-yard touchdown.

"That was definitely improvisation," Trask said. "Yeah, it was just an option to the left and he was playing between us and I tried to cut it up in between, but he crashed down on it and I managed to get it out to Perine."

A guy doesn't talk like that if he doesn't know what he is doing, and Trask wasn't rattled. Florida wasn't ill-prepared for this moment. All three quarterbacks, according to Mullen, took the same number of reps by the end of preseason camp, with much of them distributed with the first, second and third teams. The receivers and offensive line knew what to expect, even if no one else did. Trask, even after the season began, prepared as if he was the starter.

"He never got down or had an off-day," Swain said. "At the quarterback position, you can't really get down. God forbid something like this happens, you have to be ready to step up and play; the quarterback position is kind of huge."

So Trask took his notes during quarterback meetings and asked his questions. Then late Saturday, he sat in front of microphones and answered some from others.

"I was expected to go out there and produce," Trask said. "I was expected to go out there and win the game. It was nothing new. Our whole team, we expect ourselves to finish like that. I'm just really proud of our guys for finishing the way we did."

With or without Franks, and with or without a win against Kentucky (2-1, 0-1 SEC), Florida was always going to remain a quality team with some areas that need improvement. Davis had two interceptions, but CJ Henderson's injury further compromised the secondary, and although Florida mixed and matched personnel, Kentucky took advantage of matchups. Without Amari Burney (injury), Florida's linebackers had problems covering receivers. Perine rushed for 1.9 yards per carry on 14 attempts. Kentucky was lethal at times running between the tackles against Florida. The Gators' blocking remains suspect with no obvious fixes; Delance was pulled for a series after he was flagged on a hold that brought back a Franks TD run and was the culprit on a strip sack. These were well-known problems, and the list hasn't shortened.

Trask doesn't fix those issues. But he provides enough competence and leadership to suggest Florida shouldn't have much trouble heading into its game against Auburn in October at 5-0. He proved he can lead. He can throw. He can win.

**DATE: September 18, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Trask's Crazy Backstory in Spotlight as He Gets His Shot**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Kendrick Crumedy arrived for work Monday morning at Manvel (Texas) High School to teach his world geography course. He did so in raspy tones.

In his 10th year at Manvel, Crumedy is a longtime assistant coach with the football team, currently serving as offensive coordinator. On Saturday night, as former Manvel Mavericks backup quarterback Kyle Trask came off the bench to replace injured starter Feleipe Franks and lead the Gators to an improbable comeback win at Kentucky, Crumedy plugged into the game with heightened interest.

He and other Manvel coaches were on a group text as events unfolded in Lexington. Exclamation points lit up their smartphones and cheers punctured the silence of their surroundings.

"Our whole coaching staff pretty much lost their damn voice," Crumedy said Tuesday. "We're screaming because we're so proud of that kid."

In discussing Trask's unexpected breakthrough with the Gators, Crumedy relied on a familiar source of inspiration for those in Manvel, located about 30 minutes south of Houston.

His birth name: Tasunke Witko. In the annals of American history, he is better known as Crazy Horse. Time for an explanation.

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Gators quarterback Kyle Trask looks downfield in Florida's home opener two weeks ago against UT Martin. (Photo: Jay Metz/UAA Communications)

You see, when former Manvel head coach Kirk Martin was tasked with launching the school's football program in the mid-2000s, the administrators stressed the importance of building school spirit. Martin, who left to become quarterbacks coach at Syracuse following the 2017 season, landed on the motto "Hoka Hey!"

A famous phrase attributed to Crazy Horse at the Battle of the Little Bighorn when the Native-American battle leader commanded a band of Oglala Lakota warriors to victory over General Custer in what is known as Custer's Last Stand, translated literally, Hoka Hey means "this is a great day to die."

In the Montana Territory of 1876 where the legendary confrontation took place, Crazy Horse's symbolic battle cry was intended to inspire his warriors to fight to preserve their way of life and defend their land as Custer's Seventh U.S. Cavalry battalion loomed as a threat against both. In Manvel, where Hoka Hey adorns signs around campus, walls in the weight room and locker room, and across jerseys – the Mavericks' official Twitter account is @HokaHeyFootball – the message carries a different connotation.

"Today is a great day to die for my brothers, my family, and put away my selfish desires," Crumedy said. "We try to preach to our kids to be unselfish and do whatever it's going to take to make us a better team."

After what Trask did on Saturday night at Kroger Field, completing 9 of 13 passes for 126 yards and leading the Gators from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter for a 29-21 win, Manvel's coaches reminded players at practice Monday of Trask's journey from career backup to sudden starter.

"He's the embodiment," Crumedy said.

When the ninth-ranked Gators (3-0, 1-0) host Tennessee (1-2, 0-0) on Saturday afternoon at "The Swamp," Trask is expected to make his first career start for the Gators. It will be one more than he made for the Manvel varsity team.

Trask said this week that the last time he started a game was in 2012 when he was a high school freshman playing for Manvel's junior-varsity team. Yet, he remained at Manvel and at UF, where he has already earned his undergraduate degree and is working on a master's in sport management.

With Franks in the same class and the starter, and highly touted Emory Jones recruited by UF head coach Dan Mullen as the team's future quarterback, most chatter around Trask the last two seasons centered on when he would transfer.

He said he never considered it.

"I kind of trusted my gut, this whole process," he said. "I did what I felt was the best for me, and I felt like all I did was want an opportunity to show what I could really do."

He faced similar speculation in high school.

At a school that has produced several Division I quarterbacks over the last decade, none played at the level of D'Eriq King, who was in the same high school class as Trask and is now the University of Houston's starting quarterback.

As Crumedy emphasized Trask's perseverance and shared his backstory with the Mavericks on Monday, 900 miles away at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Florida quarterbacks coach Brian Johnson shared a similar lesson in the quarterbacks meeting.



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"We talked about that as a group, just having that unit pride and being ready when you go in," Johnson said. "Things are going to be like 'oh, no,' or 'oh, yes.' What do you want your mark to be? It didn't shock me that he went out there and played well. He's ultra-prepared and he was ready when his number was called."

If there's anyone who can relate to what the Mavericks faced when they had both King and Trask at quarterback from 2013-15, it's Johnson. As Houston's offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach two years ago, Johnson coached King and elevated him to starter once he recovered from an injury in training camp. Two years later, King is one of the nation's most dynamic quarterbacks.

Only a special talent such as King could have rendered Trask a prep backup.

"He's one of the best players that I've ever been around," said Johnson, a three-year starting quarterback at Utah as a player who backed up future NFL No. 1 overall pick Alex Smith as a freshman. "We knew all along that he was the guy, that he had that type of ability. It was just a matter of him getting his opportunity and letting him do his thing. When he did, he never looked back."

Crumedy recalled the situation as perhaps the most unique of his coaching career. The joke that Martin tells is that one day ESPN will make a "30 for 30" documentary on Trask and a central question will be asked: "How the hell was that kid a backup in high school? His high school coaches were idiots."

For context, those in Manvel expect their quarterbacks to stand out and play in college. Over the last decade, Manvel has produced Trask, King, Shane McCarley (Old Dominion), Travaughn Colwell (New Mexico State), Dexter Foreman (Minnesota), Julian Walker (Citadel), Josh Coltrin (Tulane) and Kason Martin (North Texas).

While King remains the benchmark others aspire to, the Mavericks found ways to get Trask on the field. They owed it to him for his team-first mentality. And, they knew how good he could be if offered a scholarship.

"We got in situations where every third or every fourth series, we had to find ways to get Kyle on the field and get him some throws and get him some tape to get his school paid for," Crumedy said. "And Florida finally took a chance."

It was a difficult sell. When college coaches came to town to watch King and other Mavericks, Martin and his staff pushed them toward Trask. Inevitably, the coaches would tell them they couldn't waste a scholarship on a backup high school quarterback. They didn't want to get fired.

Former UF offensive coordinator Doug Nussmeier listened to their pitch and told them to get Trask to a camp at Florida. They did and Trask did the rest, attending two Florida camps and convincing the Gators to bring him in as an early enrollee in the spring of 2016 with Franks. He then waited his turn as Luke Del Rio, Austin Appleby, Franks and Malik Zaire took snaps over the next three seasons.

Franks emerged as the long-term starter and Trask appeared destined for the same role he had in high school. That was until Franks went down with a dislocated and fractured ankle on Saturday night at Kroger Field.

In his two seasons around Trask, Johnson has seen nothing but total commitment. He didn't blink when Trask entered the game in the fourth quarter and Florida down 11.

"That's just his personality. He takes care of his business," Johnson said following practice Tuesday. "He's already graduated. He's a guy that is self-sufficient and a self-starter. That's a very great quality to have, not only as a football player, but as a human being. He has great pride in everything he does."

In the aftermath of Saturday's victory, the Manvel coaches were not the only ones paying close attention. King was, too.

He told TheAthletic.com this week that Trask deserved his moment in the spotlight.

"Nobody on my high school team thought of him as a backup," King said. "It was kind of like 1A, 1B."

In a group text, King messaged both Trask and Johnson a congratulatory note right after the game.

Neither was surprised.

"He's one of my favorite people I've ever been around, players and coaches," Johnson said. "He is an absolute A-plus as someone to coach."

As for King's former backup, no one is alarmed that Trask's demeanor hasn't changed since his coming-out party. Following years of waiting on his turn, you would never know it's finally his turn according to teammates.

"He's the same guy every day," tight end Lucas Krull said. "He comes out with a smile on his face pushing everybody, communicating, keeping everybody's confidence high. He's got that same fire in him that Emory and Feleipe have. It's good to know that you have a quarterback that is ready to lead when you need him to."

"The one thing that stuck out to me was that Kyle came in and didn't let the pressure get to him," senior receiver Tyrie Cleveland said. "He stepped right in and made good throws. When he got in, he said that 'he got us.' Everybody listened, everybody followed, and he led us to a victory."

Those closest to Trask view him as a fiery competitor who is able to suppress his ego for the betterment of the team. All he needed was a chance. Talent was never a question.



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Everyone got to see that at Kentucky. They have been shouting "Hoka Hey!" all week at Manvel as the Mavericks prepare for their showdown at Fort Bend Marshall this week.

And Crumedy can't stop talking about Trask. He is currently the Hoka Hey poster boy.

"I know that was hard on him as a high school kid," Crumedy said. "But Kyle never complained. Even though Kyle knew D'Eriq was the starter, it didn't change the way he worked. We knew he was going to be special. He is one of our favorites. Now, we have Kyle Trask to show, 'Hey, look at Kyle Trask.' He was ready when his opportunity came and now, he's the dude."

The dude, indeed. A dude whose story traces back to Crazy Horse in his hometown. That's one way to make your mark.

**DATE: September 18, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Gators' Climb Under Mullen Illuminates Grip on Vols**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Steve Spurrier and Phil Fulmer, the architects of one of college football's great rivalries of the 1990s, were both at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday afternoon. They stood in contrast as they usually do, almost 18 years since the longtime Southeastern Conference head coaches last squared off in the Florida-Tennessee rivalry.

Florida's official athletics ambassador, Spurrier took the microphone at the end of the first quarter to celebrate the 25-year anniversary of the '94 Gators' SEC championship. Fulmer, back at Tennessee as athletic director, watched much of the game away from the cameras in the visitor's tunnel.

What transpired on Spurrier/Florida Field on a sunny and breezy September afternoon hardly resembled the Gators-Volunteers games when Spurrier and Fulmer dialed up plays with a spot in the driver's seat of the SEC East at stake. The ninth-ranked Gators (4-0, 2-0), with fourth-year junior quarterback Kyle Trask making his first career start, scored on the game's opening drive.

Off they went, and despite three turnovers, the Gators strolled smoothly most of the afternoon on the way to a 34-3 victory, their 14th win in the last 15 meetings with Tennessee (1-3, 0-2).

In his two seasons back at UF, Gators head coach Dan Mullen has won both head-to-head meetings against Tennessee second-year coach Jeremy Pruitt. Combined score: 81-24.

Even as the Gators dipped in the post-Urban Meyer era, they lost only once to the Vols, a 38-28 setback at Neyland Stadium in 2016 that snapped an 11-game UF win streak in the rivalry.

Nothing has gone right for Tennessee in 2019, most shockingly its season-opening loss to heavy underdog Georgia State. The story remained the same Saturday in front of an announced crowd of 82,776 at "The Swamp."

"We're not good enough to beat a good team if we don't play mistake-free," Pruitt said. "We can't give them stuff, and we did that."

In his postgame press conference, Mullen traveled into the past and recalled how during his first stint with the Gators as offensive coordinator and with the Vols still one of the league's top programs, a popular talking point each week leading up to the annual rivalry was how the team that rushed for the most yards usually won.

He pointed out how the Gators outrushed the Vols on Saturday.

"That was a big deal when I was here before," he said. "I picked up right where we left off."

There's no debating these two programs are headed in opposite directions. The Gators were favored by 14 points Saturday and left little doubt that the divide between the programs remains wide.

The victory was Florida's eighth consecutive, the Gators' longest win streak since 2012 when they won their first seven games and beat Ohio State in the Gator Bowl to end the previous season. The Gators had plenty to celebrate Saturday:

- Trask completed 20 of 28 passes for 293 yards and two touchdowns, a 19-yarder to tight end Kyle Pitts on the opening drive and a 29-yarder to Freddie Swain that put the Gators up 24-3 in the third quarter.
- The UF defense forced four turnovers, leading to 10 points; Trask tossed two interceptions and lost a fumble, but the Vols were unable to cash in for points on any of the miscues.
- Florida went 5-for-5 scoring in the red zone and defensively, limited the Vols to 4 of 13 converting third downs.
- The Gators outgained Tennessee 441-239 and the Vols managed only 88 yards in the first half as Florida opened a 17-0 lead at the break.

The Gators have been far from perfect, but through four games, they are exactly where they want to be.

"We're 4-0," Trask said. "That's huge in the SEC."

The primary concern heading into a game against FCS-member Towson next week is to get some key players back from injury. The team's two top NFL prospects on defense, end Jabari Zuniga and cornerback CJ Henderson, did not play against the Vols.

It was difficult to tell.

Linebacker Amari Burney had an interception and fumble recovery. Nickelback Trey Dean and cornerback Marco Wilson each had an interception. Defensive lineman Jonathan Greenard had a sack, two tackles for loss and three pass deflections.



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Greenard made life miserable for Vols starting quarterback Jarrett Guarantano, who finished 10 of 17 for 107 yards and two interceptions. The Gators sacked Guarantano and true freshman Brian Mauer, who started the second half, four times. Guarantano was 8 of 15 for 73 yards and an interception in the first half when Pruitt opted to see if Mauer could ignite the offense.

"He hates pressure," Greenard said. "If you get in his face -- I got a good hit on him one time, just let him know I was there. He knew I was there and after that, he just felt what we wanted to do and then they brought the backup quarterback in."

In the celebratory locker room, Mullen praised his team for the way they handled the Vols.

"Every single person in this room did their job to win the game," Mullen said. "You don't execute the way we executed unless at practice we prepared ourselves to do this the right way."

The Gators will be even heavier favorites when Towson comes to town next week. Once October arrives, so does the intensity. Auburn visits "The Swamp" for the first time in more than a decade. The next week the Gators play at LSU, then a trip to South Carolina looms. Finally, following a bye week, the annual showdown with Georgia in Jacksonville is on the schedule.

The Gators will learn what kind of team they have.

"Feeling pretty good right now," Swain said. "We're 2-0 in the SEC."

As for the visitors, they departed seemingly a million miles from that night in 2001 when they spoiled Spurrier's final home game as Florida's head coach. Fulmer was the victor that night.

On Saturday, Spurrier bounced around the press box sharing past glories. Fulmer stood in a tunnel contemplating current misery.

Mullen offered context to the great divide that has interrupted this once-thrilling rivalry of Wuerffel and Manning, of Rex and Tee and so many others.

"You can see they have some talented young guys. One of the things we try to do schematically, take their young guys and put them in tough situations and put pressure on them," Mullen said. "They're building for the future."

The Gators continue to revive memories of the past, one win at a time.

**DATE: September 26, 2019****Publication:** LiverpoolFC.com**Title:** Dan Mullen interview | How Jürgen Klopp inspires an American football coach**Author:** Glenn Price

Never give in and next man up. If the Florida Gators American football team ever need those two fundamental principles reinforced, their Liverpool-supporting head coach won't have to look far.

For Dan Mullen, the Reds' Champions League semi-final second-leg victory over Barcelona in May – in which they overturned a 3-0 deficit without Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino – represents a perfect example of everything a good team is about.

Footage of that historic Anfield occasion may very well form part of one of Mullen's team meetings in the future.

"It could," he tells Liverpoolfc.com over the telephone from Gainesville. "To me, it's one of those where it's not over, no matter how many people thought, 'You really have no chances here'.

"Not only do you have no chance, your two top players are not going to play in the game.

"But that's OK if we play as a team, work, outsmart people. I think there are huge lessons you can learn from those things.

"As you watch you go, 'Hey, this team we're playing might have more individual talent – especially as we don't have some of our top players playing – but if we just focus on the task at hand and expect to win the game then you can win'."

Mullen may not coach the same type of football as Jürgen Klopp, but there's plenty of inspiration he draws from the European Cup-winning manager.

As he aims to turn Florida into regular national championship contenders, the trajectory Liverpool are on under Klopp is something he wants to mirror currently in the midst of his second year with the SEC outfit.

"Boy, one thing is that he has his system," the 47-year-old continues. "I think in all sports it's critical that, as a coach, you have a system that you like, but you're not afraid to tweak your system around the players that you have.

"He's passionate on the sidelines, he's fired up, he's in the games – I love that. I think the players feed off that.

"I think players are going to take on the personality of the coach and the coach can take on the personality of the players. When they match, you have a great match.

"The biggest thing that you have to have, to have a successful organisation, is alignment. You can't have one person going in one direction and another going in another.

"That's one of the things that I've tried to do here. We went from four wins to 10 wins and finished one of the top 10 teams in the country.

"One of the challenges that comes with that is we're still working on the building process to build a championship team.

"I think championship teams are built to not just win one championship, they're built to consistently compete for championships. I think there's a big difference between the two.

"I want to build a programme that consistently competes for championships that can withstand some ups and downs. To do that, you have to have great alignment.

"If you want inspiration of Liverpool on that, you look at the transfer period and how little they did. A couple of departures, but not really massive changes on the roster.

"That just shows you the programme, the team has been built to win consistently. From top to bottom, it's an organisation that is built to not just win one championship or freak out that we finished one point behind City."

Mullen's admiration for Liverpool is long standing. His mother hails from north Wales and, having frequently visited the small village of Llay, he was naturally drawn to the nearest top-flight football club.

Despite holding a job with an unforgiving workload, he still manages to squeeze time in for a favourite pastime of his whenever he can.

He chuckles: "My wife is always like, 'You have one day to sleep in, why are you up at 6.30 in the morning watching a soccer match?'

"You know what's crazy? I'm not a fan of many teams. I love all Florida sports, any of our university teams, I love them. I kind of root for players, like guys I've coached in the past. But I'm a fan of really not that many teams.

"The two teams I'm probably fans of are the Boston Red Sox and Liverpool – they just happen to both be owned by the same family, which is kind of crazy.

"I consider myself a fan of those two teams because I get really excited when they win, I get kind of mad when they lose."



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Mullen developed Alex Smith into the No.1 overall pick in the 2005 NFL draft and served as offensive coordinator to Heisman Trophy-winning Tim Tebow. He also coached current Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott at Mississippi State.

With that eye for talent, it means there's an obvious question at the end of this interview.

Which current Liverpool star would make the best American football player?

"Van Dijk would be tough because he's just got size, athleticism, speed and toughness to be there," he reasons.

"But I'll tell you what, I wouldn't mind putting Salah or Mane in the slot as a receiver, flip the ball out and see if anybody can grab a hold of them or if they're just too fast that nobody can even get their hands on them!"

**DATE: September 26, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Gators Embrace HBO Spotlight**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – He was a seldom-used backup quarterback from Texas when the Gators took the field at Kentucky 11 days ago. In a few days on HBO, Kyle Trask will be a central character in the inaugural episode of "24/7 College Football."

An HBO production crew has been embedded with the Gators since last weekend's victory over Tennessee and will remain so through Saturday's home game against Towson. The network is gathering content for the debut of its all-access college football series and the Gators will be the first team featured in the series on Wednesday night at 10.

"I definitely realized it was going to be a different week on Sunday when we had practice," Trask said. "As soon as we got to the facility, there's people and cameras in your face as soon as you stepped foot on campus."

As you can imagine, life has sped up for Trask since he came off the bench to replace injured starter Feleipe Franks and led the Gators to a comeback win in their Southeastern Conference opener. He made his first career start against Tennessee and passed for 293 yards and two touchdowns in ninth-ranked Florida's 34-3 victory.

Not that Trask wants to call an audible. Like many of his teammates, he watches HBO's "Hard Knocks" and is a fan of the show.

"It's pretty exciting to be on something that's produced by them. I think it's going to turn out pretty cool," Trask said following Wednesday's practice. "It's pretty fast-moving. That's kind of how these things work. I'm just trying to do my best to keep a level head. There's a bunch of outside noise right now. It's real easy to get distracted, but I know when I play my best, I play with a level head. I'm doing my best to stay focused."

Gators defensive end Jonathan Greenard spent a half hour after Wednesday's practice for an extended interview with a film crew. He too watches "Hard Knocks," HBO's long-running series that takes viewers behind the scenes with an NFL team during training camp, and has since he was a young boy.

Greenard said the players have embraced the notion that this was going to be a week unlike any other during their careers. The cameras and HBO crew have been omnipresent at the team's facility.

"It's kind of different because they are getting every single thing you are doing. But it's fun. There's good energy around. The guys walking around, it makes you feel more like a professional," Greenard said. "Don't tell anybody, but they might have caught me dozing off a little bit in a meeting. I woke back up and once I did, I realized I've got to be on my P's and Q's at all time with these boys. They are going to be watching us and we've got to show the world what we do and how we go about things."

A producer with HBO Sports, Matt Chase has a wide array of experience. He has worked on the network's 24/7 boxing series and a show with Bill Simmons on the NBA Finals. Chase said the network has three camera operators following the Gators this week plus two producers, two production assistants, two audio techs and a media manager in town. Local students are also aiding as runners.

The coverage expands on Saturday during the game to capture the game-day atmosphere.

"As the week progresses, we sort of bulk up," said Chase, who is based in New York. "Once we get to game day, we add a few more cameras and a few more audio so we can really give viewers the full experience of that kind of ultimate moment. You spend so much time with this team, at that point in the episode, you want them to know what it's like to be in 'The Swamp.'"

The show will be finalized in the editing room once the production crew wraps up with the Gators. An element certain to be showcased is the team's transition from Franks, who underwent surgery on Monday to repair a dislocated ankle that will keep him sidelined the rest of the season, to Trask.

Chase emphasized the importance of highlighting the biggest story currently touching the Gators.

"We're a storytelling network and we're a storytelling franchise. We follow the story," Chase said. "Unfortunately for Feleipe, he was injured in the Kentucky game and we were able to spend some time with him on his surgery day. We've spent some time with him, we've spent some time with Kyle Trask and Emory Jones."

"I think fans should look forward to seeing how a program responds to losing a starting quarterback, which we know in football, is an incredibly important position. That's one of the many storylines of the Florida Gators that we have followed."

Compared to other assignments, Chase said one facet that has resonated with him during this experience is the amount of preparation and people that go into getting a college football team prepared for a game.

The show will be written by Aaron Cohen, who has gained acclaim for his work with HBO's 24/7 boxing series, and narrated by actor Liev Schreiber, who also narrates "Hard Knocks." While Chase's crew is in Gainesville, another HBO team is set to arrive this week in State College, Pa., for the second installment of the series with Penn State. Meanwhile, after some down time, HBO's crew in Gainesville will go to Arizona for an episode on Arizona State.

Gators coach Dan Mullen quickly took an interest in the series coming to town when Florida was first approached. It's great exposure for the program and a unique opportunity.



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"I think it's been pretty cool. It's learning," Mullen said this week. "It's different. It'll be fun to see how the shows play out. First one. So, you watch 'Hard Knocks,' and you kind of know what to expect. But, this will be unique to see us be the first team. Great honor to be the first team to get to do this and see what it's all about."

"It makes us feel like we're in the NFL," Greenard said. "It makes us work that much harder, that much crisper when it comes to attention to detail."

Chase had never been to UF prior to this assignment. Much like HBO viewers will next week, he has learned the importance the Gators and the University of Florida play in the community.

It's just another component that could make an appearance in the episode covering the Gators.

"It seems the football team is incredibly engrained in the community," Chase said. "It reaches a lot further than just the edge of the stadium. You see signs all around town. The passion for the Florida Gators really means a lot to Gainesville. That has been apparent to me almost from the get-go."

Stay tuned.



DATE: September 27, 2019

Publication: The Associated Press

Title: Florida Gators secure home-and-home series with Utah Utes

Author: Mark Long

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- Florida and Utah have agreed to play a home-and-home series beginning in 2022.

The schools announced the contract Friday.

The Utes will make the trip to Gainesville to start the series, and Florida will travel to Utah the following year.

It's the latest step in Florida's quest to improve its nonconference schedules. The Gators are playing two teams from the Football Championship Subdivision this fall, and their 2020 schedule includes visits from Eastern Washington, South Alabama and New Mexico State.

But athletic director Scott Stricklin has taken a more aggressive approach to future schedules, signing contracts in the past 15 months to face South Florida (2022, '23, '25), Miami (2024-25), Colorado (2028-29) and Texas (2030-31).

Florida and Utah played once previously: the Gators won 38-29 in Gainesville in 1977.

**DATE: September 28, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Mullen Chews Out O-Line, Pierce Chews Up Yards**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – No one needed to remind Dan Mullen on Saturday that Towson's starting defensive line of Bryce Carter (265 pounds), Sam Gyeni (280) and Marcus Bowman (255) registered about a kicker or two shy of your typical Southeastern Conference 3-4 defensive front on the scale.

He had studied film and the Tigers' roster.

Compared to what the Gators will face next week when Auburn visits "The Swamp," Towson qualifies for the lightweight division. Which leads to a loud point: Mullen's heart-to-heart discussion at halftime with the Gators' offensive line in Saturday's 38-0 win.

Despite their efforts, the Gators managed only 60 yards rushing on 16 attempts in the first half and half those yards came on sophomore tailback Dameon Pierce's 31-yard run. Florida's running attack – or lack of a consistent one – has been, along with injuries, a steady theme early in Mullen's second season.

In case the big uglies needed a reminder, Mullen fired away.

"I just challenged them on missed assignments," he said. "That has got to improve. That has got to improve for us. The mental toughness of the offensive line in their preparation has got to improve as we move forward."

You didn't have to be a professor of X's and O's to know at least one play that had Mullen ready to toss the visor he wore Saturday onto Spurrier/Florida Field.

On their opening drive, the Gators had second-and-goal from the 2. Quarterback Kyle Trask handed to senior Lamical Perine. Before Perine could plow forward, Carter dropped him for a 3-yard loss. The Gators scored on the next play when Trask connected with tight end Kyle Pitts for a score, but instead of being able to ram a run into the end zone against the undersized Tigers defensive line, the Gators were forced to convert a third-down pass.

An hour later in the locker room, Mullen rammed home his message.

"They're young guys," Mullen said. "They go, 'Coach, I'm working.' No, you're not, obviously not, because if you were working, we wouldn't have missed assignments, so what you're doing is not enough. They need to do more."

Fortunately for the Gators, the second half was better.

Florida finished with 160 yards rushing, topped by Pierce's 84 yards on six carries. The output was the second-best total of the season, trailing only the 231 yards Florida had in a 45-0 win over UT Martin three weeks ago.

Still, with No. 7-ranked Auburn coming to town, Trask and Co. need some push up front.

Fifth-year senior center Nick Buchanan, the most experienced member of the offensive line, understood where Mullen was coming from.

"You just challenge them, you just try to express to them the intensity it's going to be," Buchanan said of his role as the unit's leader. "It's an SEC game, it's 3:30 in 'The Swamp.' It doesn't get any better than that. We'll have to play big and play our best game. But that doesn't come on Saturday, that comes on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and our preparation and what we have to do during the week."

Besides Buchanan, redshirt junior left guard Brett Heggie (seven starts) and left tackle Stone Forsythe (one) were the only members of the offensive line to have a start prior to the season. The right side – guard Christopher Bleich and tackle Jean Delance – had none. Redshirt freshman Richard Gouriage has been playing more of late as offensive line coach John Hevesy searches for most effective combination.

Meanwhile, Perine entered his final season considered one of the key pieces to the offense and a candidate to become the program's first 1,000-yard rusher since Mike Gilislee in 2012 after splitting time with Jordan Scarlett last season. Instead, Perine managed only 16 yards on six carries Saturday and is averaging just 39.6 yards per game and 3.7 per rush, significantly down from his totals of 63.5 and 6.2 from a season ago.

The good news is that Pierce is starting to blossom, including a 37-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter Saturday that put the Gators up 31-0. Pierce was quick to credit receiver Tyrie Cleveland on the play and, despite what others might be saying, the offensive line.

"That was great perimeter blocking Cleve for me," Pierce said. "Great job up front by them boys. Without them, I wouldn't be talking to you right now. There's a lot in the tank. There's a lot of young guys on the offensive line. They are getting better every day. That's all we can ask for them."

"As you saw today, they make their adjustments at halftime and then they go out and perform at that level, they're going to get there eventually."



Mullen is waiting.

And so is Auburn, which rolled over Mississippi State on Saturday night and has one of the best defensive lines in the country, led by reigning SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week Derrick Brown. Auburn entered Saturday surrendering just 89.5 yards rushing per game and 3.1 yards per carry.

The Gators will have to block better if Pierce or Perine or anybody else is going to have room to run.

Mullen laid out the situation in simple terms. You can be sure Hevesy will keep the volume turned high as always this week at practice.

"Everybody learns in a different way, OK," he said. "And guys have got to learn what's the best way they learn, what's the best way they can improve at processing information as they get going, and they got to do it. And if they don't, then they're not going to get better, and then we got to find somebody that can."

**DATE: September 30, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Pitts Has Earned Those Passes Coming His Way**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – They stood about 20 feet away from one another Saturday night inside Florida's team meeting room, with a group of reporters huddled around each player after the Gators' victory over Towson.

The tone and mannerisms inside each huddle was as different as the hairstyles worn by Gators receiver Trevon Grimes and tight end Kyle Pitts. Grimes interacts with the media using a dash of flash and style. Pitts takes more of a banker approach.

Not surprisingly, if they were cars, they would be very different models.

"He'd probably be a SUV," Grimes said.

Florida's receivers have a game they play amongst themselves. They imagine what kind of vehicle they are on certain routes or plays. Fast routes are run by Lamborghinis. School buses run slow routes. The play Kadarius Toney made against Miami for Florida's first touchdown of the season has a special hood.

"That's a Bugatti right there," Grimes said. "Strong, fast, powerful."

Grimes came up with a new one for himself the other day. A Brinks Truck for his ability to pick up yards after contact. Which takes us back to Pitts, the 6-foot-6, 239-pound tight end from Abington, Pa.

He has a skill-set that makes him a difficult model to define.

Pitts has blossomed into one of Florida's go-to receivers with 17 receptions for 189 yards and a team-high three touchdown catches entering this week's showdown with No. 7-ranked Auburn (5-0, 2-0). Over the past three games, Pitts has 12 catches for 153 yards, and in the last two – since quarterback Kyle Trask took over for injured starter Feleipe Franks – he has all three of his touchdown grabs.

In Saturday's win over Towson, Pitts caught a 5-yard touchdown in the first quarter and a 7-yarder in the third quarter to further establish his role in the lineup. In only five games, Pitts has more receptions than any UF tight end since DeAndre Goolsby had 38 catches in 2016.

Florida head coach Dan Mullen has utilized tight ends prominently throughout his coaching career. In his first season back in Gainesville last fall, the position managed 33 receptions and four touchdowns. However, of the five tight ends with a catch, senior C'Yontai Lewis led the way with just nine grabs. Pitts had three. He matched that total in the season opener (3 for 33) against the Hurricanes.

Pitts' blend of size, speed and athleticism allows Mullen to line him up wide or on the edge of the offensive line typical of the traditional tight end.

"Kyle Pitts has gotten a lot more comfortable, really within the offense," Mullen said Monday. "You saw last year we played him a little bit more, played him at receiver, trying to get him on the field, and then being more as the true tight end this year. I just think it's a lot more of him getting to the role where we expect our tight ends to be. We expect tight ends to be a huge factor in our offense."

Pitts is a matchup problem for opposing defenses. He can outmuscle smaller defensive backs and outrun linebackers in space. He also has shown good hands in tight spots.

While his breakout season has arrived quickly for others to digest, not so for Pitts. He put in the work to study the playbook and entered Year 2 with a much greater knowledge base of the offense. He sought to expand his role as much as possible, whether at receiver or tight end.

"I would say it changed drastically," he said. "I really took the time to study hard, which I feel makes me play more loosely and confident. I'm comfortable with both positions. I want to be versatile. I have no problem blocking or blocking the perimeter, running routes on the outside as well."

Trask has taken notice, including his 19-yard touchdown pass to Pitts in the Tennessee win to cap his first drive as Florida's starting quarterback. Pitts is showing signs of becoming Florida's best option as a pass-catching tight end since Jordan Reed in 2012.

"He's a great player and a great athlete to have on your team," Trask said. "Any time you see him out there with a matchup, you just have to get it out there in front of him."

When Grimes was asked about Pitts' following the Towson game, he looked over in admiration. They might be different models of cars, but they drive in the same lane.

"That's my boy," Grimes said. "I'm excited for him. He puts in a lot of hard work. Last year he was with the receivers and he worked very hard, but we knew he was always a tight end, we just had to make some adjustments, and he's back at tight end now, doing his thing."

"He's smooth. You don't see a tight end that's that smooth, that big, that can catch like that and run routes like that. Like I tell him all the time, he's one of the best; he needs to think like that, say like that, talk like that, because I believe he is, as everyone else does."

**DATE: October 1, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** 'He Put His Life On the Line for That Game'**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — In the Mullen household, Sept. 29, 2007, is a date that stirs memories like a family reunion that went off the tracks. There's never been another one like it during their relationship.

Megan Mullen prefers it stays that way.

"I can't forget it," she said this week. "It will be a major chapter in my book one day."

In a story that was told sparingly in the immediate aftermath, UF head coach Dan Mullen revisited perhaps the most unforgettable day of his coaching career on Monday as he discussed Saturday's rare visit by Auburn to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The Tigers have not been back to Gainesville since their stunning 20-17 victory over then-No. 4 Florida on a Wes Byrum 43-yard field goal as time expired on that late September night, just a few months after Steve Jobs introduced the world to the iPhone.

The loss stung deeply for the reigning national champions and eventual Heisman winner Tim Tebow. And Mullen, under unusual duress as Florida's offensive coordinator, was exhausted afterward.

But there's more to this story than what transpired on the field. Much more.

If Megan Mullen, Dan's wife since 2005 and the First Lady of Florida Football, writes her book one day, the game probably won't get much ink. Not after the roller-coaster ride of the previous 24 hours.

"He put his life on the line for that game," Megan said.

It was a difficult week for Mullen as the undefeated Gators tried to win their 12th consecutive game and 17th in a row under Meyer at home.

He began to feel sick midweek and by Thursday's practice, Mullen felt so bad that he sought medical attention from the Gators' training staff. To help ease his symptoms, team doctors gave him medicine for a fever and he resumed his normal work-week routine.

Mullen coached at practice Thursday night and then had to fill in for Gators head coach Urban Meyer at Meyer's weekly radio show later that night. He plowed through the day with hopes of feeling better on Friday.

Instead, he felt worse. Mullen arrived at the office determined to grind through the final day of preparation, which culminated by spending the night with the team at a local hotel.

He didn't make it through the night.

"I did the walk-through [after the team meal] and Megan picked me up from the walk-through and brought me right over to Shands," Mullen said. "Dr. Cassisi was waiting at a backdoor for us to get us in because they didn't want me walking in the front door the night before a game."

Nicholas Cassisi is Chairman Emeritus of the Division of Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery with UF's College of Medicine. He is also a longtime board member of the University Athletic Association who has worked closely with the Gators' athletic teams for four decades.

As Cassisi arranged for Mullen to be tested at the emergency room and undergo a CT scan, Megan Mullen had already expressed to Dan that it could be his appendix. An anchor for the Golf Channel at the time, Megan only days earlier had a co-worker undergo an emergency appendectomy.

Blood tests and images soon revealed the culprit.

"His appendix was huge," Cassisi said.

Cassisi expressed to Mullen his concern in the simplest terms.

"This is an emergency," he said.

Of course, the football coach in Mullen tried to take control of the situation. He suggested that if he could hold off until after the game, doctors could perform surgery Sunday with minimal impact on his job.

Megan stepped in as the voice of reason at a time before the couple's two kids were born.

"Where do you think you are going?" she asked rhetorically. "This is a life-and-death situation."

Several hours at the hospital followed in preparation for surgery. Finally, Mullen underwent a successful appendectomy shortly after midnight. The procedure lasted about an hour according to Cassisi. Mullen woke up from the anesthesia around 3:30 a.m., less than 17 hours from kickoff.



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Megan, who had returned home to a full house for a little sleep while Dan recovered in his hospital room, said she kept the news from Dan's father and some of his friends in town for the game. Soon, she got a call to return to the hospital. Her husband was pacing around the nurse's station and guzzling water like a horse.

To be released, Mullen had to be able to eat, walk and equally important, to be able to urinate. He worked tirelessly at the urination part, taking minimal pain medication to achieve his goal of being lucid and able to coach the game.

Meeting the requirements for release only a few hours after surgery -- and free of a fever -- Mullen departed the hospital later that morning. By early afternoon, following an eventful trip to the stadium that included a minor fender-bender, a brief nap and game-day adrenaline pumping in his veins, Mullen prepared to call Florida's plays from a booth in the press box.

"Everything's just insanity," he said.

To get her husband into his game-day attire, Megan helped him clean the iodine off from the surgery and get dressed in the coaches' locker room. They finished right before Meyer came down to check on him.

Once the game started and Mullen took his place in the booth, Megan found a seat in an adjoining TV booth so she could keep a close eye on him. She said that's when one of the most frightening moments of the day happened right before kickoff.

She saw Dan drop to a knee.

"I was just so concerned for him," Megan said. "All of a sudden, I went flying into that box. I thought he was down. I had never watched him like that at a game and didn't know he bent down to pray before every game."

As the game progressed, Mullen settled in and relied heavily on Tebow, who passed for 201 yards and ran 19 times for 75 yards. The Gators trailed 17-3 in the fourth quarter but rallied to tie the game. Then Byrum's kick caused Mullen more pain.

"When that game ended, that was just sick," Megan said. "It's one of the craziest stories in our career, hands down."

One of the craziest stories from any career.

"He's a tough guy," Meyer said a couple days after the game. "He did everything he possibly could and that didn't impact the game. He still called a fine game, but we still could have done some things better."

The memories from that day, never far from recall for the Mullens, have bubbled to the surface considering Saturday's opponent at "The Swamp."

Some are funny. Some serious. Some vivid. Some fuzzy.

"It was pretty crazy," Mullen confesses. "I would sit on the hospital bed and watch the game from the hospital today."

Cassisi suggested that 12 years ago. Of course, Mullen had other thoughts. The doctor bumped into the patient this week in the football offices.

They reminisced for a moment.

"You called a lousy game," Cassisi quipped.

Mullen can laugh about it now. The pain has passed.

**DATE: October 5, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** In Statement Win, Defense Spoke Loudest for Gators**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – During the previous 15 minutes, Dan Mullen had charged around Ben Hill Griffin Stadium as if a bull on the streets of Pamplona. If there was a hand to slap or a fist to bump, Mullen engaged.

Florida's head coach was engulfed by the thrill of victory.

Right before disappearing into the tunnel following the 10th-ranked Gators' heart-pounding 24-13 win over No. 7 Auburn on Saturday, Mullen jumped into a huddle of adrenaline with about a dozen high school friends in town for the game. They bounced. They hugged. They chest-bumped.

And in the locker room, Mullen flashed his funkier dance moves to celebrate with his players the most recent biggest-win-of-his-Florida tenure.

Finally, as he popped open a can of Pepsi and exhaled at the podium for his postgame press conference, Mullen tried to calm himself and return to earth. He then offered perspective on what transpired in the first top-10 matchup at "The Swamp" in seven years.

"You don't usually turn it over – four fumbles – and still win the game," he said. "Shoot, they give up one score and that was on me. If I don't fake the punt, they probably don't get a touchdown. That was no fault to our defense."

Facing an undefeated Auburn team that had not lost since head coach Gus Malzahn resumed calling plays at the end of last season, the Gators rose to the challenge of slowing down the Tigers' dangerous attack. They did it by focusing on freshman quarterback Bo Nix's arm more than his willing legs.

Coming off a 335-yard passing performance in a 33-point win over Mississippi State the previous week, Nix and Auburn's offense entered the game averaging 454.4 yards per game, including 251.0 on the ground. If Nix was going to lead the Tigers to a win Saturday, based on Florida's approach, it wasn't going to be with his ability to extend plays as a runner and then making big throws as the defense scrambled.

The Gators sought to pressure Nix consistently, stay disciplined in their pass coverage, and force him into quick decisions. Nix's final stats: 11 of 27 for 145 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions. Florida sacked him twice, including a 22-yard loss on third-and-8 from UF's 36 in the fourth quarter with the Gators clinging to a 17-13 lead. Zachary Carter chased Nix into a backward tumble and forced a punt.

On the Gators' first play, Lamical Perine broke free for an 88-yard touchdown run to seal the Gators' 10th consecutive victory.

"We eliminated big plays for the most part," Gators safety Donovan Stiner said.

More than that, they forced eight punts, limited Auburn to 2 of 14 on third down and held the Tigers to 25 points below their season scoring average.

A prominent talking point leading into the game was the matchup of Malzahn's play-calling acumen against the aggressive nature of Gators defensive coordinator Todd Grantham. The two had matched wits five previous times this decade with Auburn winning four of those games.

The numbers did not favor Grantham other than a 45-7 thumping the Tigers took against Grantham's Georgia defense in 2011. In those meetings, whether Grantham was at Georgia, Louisville or Mississippi State, Auburn averaged 224.6 yards rushing (5.13 yards per carry), 187.8 yards passing (9.03 yards per attempt), 412.4 total yards (6.38 yards per play) and 35.8 points per game.

In Saturday's Swamp party: Auburn managed only 269 yards of total offense (4.4 yards per play), 124 rushing yards (3.6 per carry) and matched Florida's four turnovers for a wash.

"Defensively, an amazing job Todd, his staff, the defensive guys grinding and straining and getting to the football as hard as they can every play," Mullen said. "That's the type of defense we expect to play around here. I'm really proud of those guys."

It wasn't a walk in the park.

The Tigers converted two of the Gators' four lost fumbles into a pair of field goals in the first half to keep the game close despite managing only two touchdowns and 92 yards over the opening 30 minutes. And when Mullen opted to call a fake punt on fourth-and-3 from the Gators' 34 early in the second quarter, Nix made his biggest throw of the game when he hit Seth Williams for a 32-yard score on the next play to trim the lead to 14-13.



But Florida's defense had ample big plays left in the tank, including an interception by Stiner in the end zone late in the third quarter to put an end to Auburn's best drive (nine plays, 80 yards) of the game. Three plays earlier, Nix hit Williams for a 46-yard gain that would have been a go-ahead touchdown if Williams did not have to reach out so far for the pass and tumbled to the ground at UF's 13.

"Coach Grantham always preaches you only need a blade of turf to defend," Stiner said. "If he didn't get a touchdown, you know, we still have a chance to stop them. I was just reading the quarterback's eyes. He definitely didn't see me."

"That's why you have to make sure we're a very detailed defense and we pay attention to everything."

Safety Shawn Davis had Florida's first big interception of the game when he made a one-handed grab of a Nix pass deep down the sideline and returned it 41 yards, setting up Kyle Trask's 13-yard touchdown throw to Josh Hammond that put Florida up 14-6 early in the second quarter.

Marco Wilson capped Florida's dominant defensive performance with an interception with 2:30 left in the game. Florida's four takeaways helped overcome three lost fumbles by Trask and one by running back Dameon Pierce that kept the sellout crowd of 90,584 edgy most of the game.

"Really, it was game-planning," Davis said. "We knew he was a good quarterback, we know he's good on his feet, so we just had to prepare and play him like any other quarterback. As we prepared and practiced, we did something. We knew he was good on his feet, so we played his arm."

Right from the start.

On the game's first play, Gators linebacker Jonathan Greenard burst through the line and pressured Nix and forced a throw into the ground. While intentional grounding was not called, the tone was set.

The Florida defense showed up with an attitude. And Nix was the primary target.

"When we came into this game, we knew what we had to do," Davis said. "We started out pretty fast on defense."

Mullen thanked them afterward.

**DATE: October 6, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Perine Showed Off Speed to Auburn in Gratifying Style**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The way his afternoon unfolded, Lamical Perine might want to send a thank-you letter to Auburn.

He had the kind of Saturday that wrestled with his emotions in the best way.

First, an opportunity to meet Florida legend and NFL Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith, a player linked to Perine at Florida primarily because of their position and the fact Perine, in his first three seasons, wore the No. 22 that Smith made famous with the Gators and later as the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

Following the game, Smith sought out Perine for a word of encouragement.

"That was big coming from a guy like him," Perine said.

And then there's the significance of Saturday's pulsating victory, a 24-13 defeat of Auburn that rocked "The Swamp" from start to finish. The undefeated Gators stayed that way while dealing the favored Tigers their first loss.

But perhaps more than any other moment Perine will recall fondly came with 9:04 left in the game as he crossed the goal line and Ben Hill Griffin Stadium shook the ground below. Actually, Perine said afterward that emotions bubbled as his legs pumped toward the end zone on his 88-yard touchdown run to seal the victory.

On first-and-10 from the Gators' 12-yard line, quarterback Kyle Trask turned and handed the ball to Perine, who had managed just 33 yards on eight carries through the first three quarters. Perine bounced off Auburn linebacker K.J. Britt around the 13, broke to the outside toward Florida's sideline, and then outraced Tigers safety Daniel Thomas to the edge.

Perine was gone.

"Almost brought tears to my eyes," he said. "Just a big-time atmosphere and big-time crowd. I'm glad I was able to make that big-time play."

Nearly three months ago at the Southeastern Conference Media Day in Hoover, Ala., Perine stood surrounded by a group of reporters in a ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel. An Alabama native, Perine was asked his thoughts about finally getting a chance to play Auburn his senior season. Someone asked if the Tigers had ever offered him a scholarship.

They did not. Perine revisited the story with a smirk on his face Saturday night.

"They weren't very interested in me at the time," he said. "They probably thought I was a little too slow. As everybody already know, that was one reason. But I showed them today."

Perine's touchdown run was the fifth-longest in school history and longest since Smith's 96-yard gallop against Mississippi State as a sophomore 31 years ago. It came at the most opportune time in the game and for Perine, whose college career is starting to wind down.

He finished with a career-high 130 yards, eclipsing his 129-yard performance in last season's victory at Florida State. Perine has had some of his biggest plays in big games, including a 53-yard touchdown run to put away Michigan in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl in December.

Perine took the field Saturday with only 197 yards in five games and an average of 3.6 yards per carry. The Gators celebrated wildly as Perine broke free and raced down the field in front of their sideline.

"It was great," UF head coach Dan Mullen said. "You wouldn't say we were run efficient, just kept pounding away at them. We were able to stick with it, stick with it and all of a sudden, he gets that one crease and does an unbelievable job, breaks a tackle, makes a guy miss and outruns everyone to the end zone. That's what you want. That's the type of things he can do.

"When you look at his leadership and what he's done, I mean, maybe [he] hasn't been putting up big numbers, but he's doing what he's supposed to do, taking care of business."

As a result of his breakout run, Perine walked off the field to much more fanfare than the previous week when he managed only 15 yards on seven carries against Towson to quietly surpass 2,000 career yards. He took a knee in the end zone for a moment of reflection.



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Despite the lack of running room this season behind Florida's revamped and young offensive line, Perine leads the team in rushing at midseason (327 yards, 54.5 per game) and continues to play a pivotal role in the passing game with 19 catches, third on the team.

The numbers are down but not the respect in the locker room.

"He works really, really hard," Trask said.

That has been obvious for everyone to see. Everyone saw his speed Saturday. The Tigers couldn't catch him.

Once the dust cleared in his wake, Perine had a story to tell forever.

"Honestly, I came out Monday morning, 8 o'clock team meeting, my mindset was totally different," he said. "I knew I had to make some big-time plays for my team. A lot of people doubted me. I had that in my mind. I wanted them to know.

"I made two guys miss and it was just a great thing to see an open field like that."

**DATE: October 13, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** How defensive depth issues doomed Florida against LSU**Author:** Will Sammon

BATON ROUGE, La. — Alone on the sideline, with his helmet off and hair tied, Jabari Zuniga looked in the direction of the scoreboard located behind the packed sections of fans clad in purple and gold in the end zone.

It read: LSU 42, Florida 28. No time left.

Zuniga quickly shook his head as he walked. Eventually, the senior defensive end and premier pass rusher for the Gators met his teammates on the field near the 50. Jonathan Greenard was there. Like Zuniga, Greenard looked like a guy whose night ended before time expired. He wore a blue hooded sweatshirt.

At midfield, Florida's players and coaches exchanged handshakes and well-wishes with the Tigers. Respect was earned when No. 5 LSU topped No. 7 Florida on Saturday night. The Gators' goals remain viable. All of them. That's why Florida coach Dan Mullen's message was similar to the one he delivered last week after a win against Auburn. He spoke at a lower volume in his postgame media conference in the bowels of Tiger Stadium than he had in The Swamp. But he rightfully played up the next game — only this time, he added a necessary layer of importance.

"One fun thing being at Florida is the games keep getting bigger," Mullen said as "L-S-U" chants from outside the room grew loud, "next week is much bigger game than this game."

Florida could have dominated the national conversation and presented a strong case to be at least ranked inside the top five if it defeated LSU (6-0, 2-0 SEC). But win or lose, what Mullen said was always going to be true for the Gators (6-1, 3-1 SEC). Florida's next four games are all against SEC East opponents, starting with a trip to South Carolina. The unranked Gamecocks defeated No. 3 Georgia on Saturday, confirming a division title is certainly attainable for the Gators. Win, and goals are satisfied. The SEC East, the conference ... even the lofty aspirations beyond those parameters remain possible.

There are just a couple of things that need to happen first.

Take away any team's top two pass rushers, linemen and defensive leaders, and the results probably aren't going to be pretty against a prolific offense. Greenard didn't practice during the week after he suffered an injury against Auburn. He rehabbed, and the Gators thought he'd be OK, but he was done for good by the third series. Zuniga appeared in a game for the first time after missing the past three weeks, but he was clearly bothered and didn't play beyond the third quarter.

The Tigers ran for 218 yards, averaging 9.1 yards per carry. Running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire had 134 yards and two touchdowns, but he wasn't the only one who hurt the Gators. Florida's pass rush was ineffective, and on the rare occurrences of a rush reaching Joe Burrow, the quarterback scrambled and picked up multiple first downs on the ground.

Where the Gators really felt the absence of Zuniga and Greenard was during a running play in the third quarter. Ty Davis-Price rushed for a 33-yard touchdown, mostly because the Gators were out of position. Luke Ancrum lined up as a defensive end on the same side of edge rusher Jeremiah Moon. Before the snap, Moon nudged Ancrum to move over to the other side. He did, and he walked right into a block from LSU's right guard. LSU's right tackle blocked linebacker James Houston. Davis-Price hit the hole off right tackle that Ancrum was supposed to occupy. Touchdown, LSU. With 3:15 left in the third quarter, LSU led 35-28.

Florida needs to get healthy, and it can't allow injuries to negatively impact their approach, like how some players said happened.

"Not having Jon killed our vibe," cornerback Marco Wilson said. "But we need to learn how to play without some guys. Sometimes somebody is going to be down and we have to learn to play without them."

"It takes the air out of us, really, but the next guy has to step up. We need to put it in our mind that guys are going to go down in a game. Guys are not going to be able to go. The next guy needs to be ready to play just as well as the starter."

Mullen didn't provide an update on either Greenard's or Zuniga's status after the game. Either way, there are probably going to be times Florida is going to need to make a play without at least one of them. The problem is, Florida's depth isn't robust. Injuries finally caught up to the Gators. Khristian Bogle played early in the second half after Zuniga went down in the second series, and while he may develop into a playmaker, that was a tough spot for a freshman. Backup defensive end Zach Carter was credited with one tackle. Florida didn't record a sack. Fittingly, Zuniga had the Gators' only tackle for loss.

The talk all week heading into the game was about LSU's passing attack. But Mullen never underestimated the Tigers' running game. He watched the film and didn't think LSU was getting enough credit for running the ball. Then the game started, and Florida couldn't stop the run. Not that that was Florida's only problem — it was just its biggest.

Florida made an adjustment defensively at halftime, moving Wilson to nickel over Trey Dean, and putting Kaiir Elam at Wilson's spot. The main issue for Florida is it lacks the depth to make quality personnel adjustments like that elsewhere. Injuries have happened, but this underscored Florida's need to recruit at a higher level.

"You look at what you want to accomplish," Mullen said, "which is create some pressure, don't give up explosive plays, stop the run. No, no, no."



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Even in defeat, the Gators proved again they are a strong team. They can probably hang with anyone if they can hang with LSU in Death Valley. Quarterbacks Kyle Trask and Emory Jones were poised throughout and made several smart decisions, good reads and big throws, with the glaring exception being Trask's interception in the red zone. Mullen was on his game as a play-caller, devising methodical drives. The Gators were lethal with four- and five-receiver sets, whether they targeted Kyle Pitts, Van Jefferson or Trevon Grimes. Lamical Perine ran tough, again. The offensive line wasn't overwhelmed.

The culprit on Saturday night was the defense. If Greenard and Zuniga return soon, it is the same defense that dominated Auburn, excelled in the red zone and racked up sacks and takeaways the first six games. Yes, it never played an offense like LSU's before. But it will also not play another offense like LSU's in the regular season, either.

That's not to say the road gets much easier to navigate for Florida. It doesn't. But players didn't sound like this was the end for anything involving the Gators' goals. It shouldn't be.

"This was kind of like a freebie," center Nick Buchanan said. "When you lose one game, everything is still in front of you. You lose two games, and then you start having questions about where you want to be at the end of the year. We can't let this one game affect us and get us down. We've got to know that there's a sense of urgency to make sure we get everything right from here on out."

**DATE: October 18, 2019****Publication:** Orlando Sentinel**Title:** UF tight end Kyle Pitts rapidly making his name as a key weapon for Gators**Author:** Edgar Thompson

This month on national TV, UF tight end Kyle Pitts introduced himself to college football fans from coast to coast.

Pitts stood out during a pair of top-10 SEC matchups while playing a position that could get lost in the shuffle among so many veteran Gators' playmakers.

Soft-spoken and unfailingly polite, Pitts would not be denied as he racked up a game-high eight catches against Auburn, and then went to LSU's Death Valley the following week and terrorized the Tigers for a career-high 108 receiving yards.

"If you come out of the LSU game and people are talking about the tight end from Florida, hey, man, the guy's definitely doing his thing," former UF star tight end Ben Troupe said.

For those close to the Gators, Pitts has been doing his thing for quite some time. It was only a matter of time until people everywhere started to notice.

Even so, Pitts, a 19-year-old sophomore, is surprised he has stepped into the spotlight so quickly.

"The typical kid in high school, you usually think your junior year is the year you break out," he said. "But God had a different plan for me this year."

Few high school kids have been blessed with Pitts' physical gifts, either.

Troupe recalled a Nike Invitational 7-of-7 tournament where he first laid eyes on Pitts, then a high school player from Archbishop Wood, just north of Philadelphia. Standing out as a tight end among a pool of fleet-footed receivers and strong-armed quarterbacks is not easy.

"The thing about Kyle is, he jumps out," Troupe said. "Kyle Pitts is a guy when you're out on the recruiting trail, you go crazy if you get in his living room."

Back then, Pitts had fluidity rarely seen in a 6-foot-6 high school kid and strength that belied his lean build.

Former Florida tight end Colin Thompson, a top-150 recruit in 2012 out of Archbishop Wood, was playing for nearby Temple University when he first heard about a young tight end turning heads at Thompson's alma mater.

"I'm like OK, let's go see him," Thompson said.

Standing on the sideline with coach Steve Devlin, Thompson was sold after watching Pitts run an out route like a wide receiver.

"I turned and looked at coach Devlin, and he had his whistle in his mouth and kind of blew the whistle loud to end the play and winked at me," Thompson said. "Like, holy cow, this kid is for real."

Devlin is in his first season as defensive coordinator at Ursinus College, the alma mater of UF coach Dan Mullen, an all-conference tight end in the early 1990s. Mullen's success coaching tight ends was a major selling point for Pitts, who had more than 30 scholarship offers.

While Pitts is a perfect fit in Mullen's scheme, Devlin said his former player would have thrived wherever he chose to go — and on whatever side of the football he chose to play.

Lined up at defensive end in the 2017 state title game, Pitts made two interceptions to help his team win.

"He could have been a heckuva defensive end," Devlin said.

But Pitts, an early enrollee at UF in 2018, was set on playing tight end and did not take long to show he belonged.

"Probably his first spring on campus, right away you knew he was something special," Mullen said.

The quiet kid from the Northeast was an outlier for a Gators offense loaded with talent and depth at receiver. Pitts offered a skill set no one else could match.

"I said it last year, he's a freak of nature," Florida 6-foot-5, 214-pound receiver Trevon Grimes said. "He's a mismatch with anybody, any DB, any linebacker. Anybody you put on him, he's a mismatch."

"I kind of feel people are starting to notice that."

At LSU, Pitts was impossible to miss.

Pitts' first three receptions from quarterback Kyle Trask — for 23, 28 and 18 yards — came against the Tigers' top three defensive backs who are All-SEC candidates — safety Grant Delpit and cornerbacks Derek Stingley Jr. and Kristian Fulton.



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Before heading into the locker room at halftime, LSU coach Ed Orgeron told ESPN's sideline reporter his team had to stop No. 84 — Pitts' number.

On the first series of the second half, senior receiver Van Jefferson capitalized on single coverage with four catches for 51 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown to give the Gators their only lead of the game at 28-21.

"He makes you respect him so much that you almost utilize one of your best defenders on him," former Florida tight end Tate Casey said of Pitts. "If you don't, you've obviously going to like that matchup. If you do, then you have Van Jefferson, Tre Grimes and other weapons."

Having played for Mullen from 2005-08, Casey, now the sideline reporter for the team's radio broadcasts, said Pitts' fast rise goes beyond his unique physical tools.

"It's the hardest position in this offense, without a doubt," Casey said. "It doesn't matter if it's flexed out, if it's on the ball, if it's in the slot, you've got to be a master of all. You have to become a student of the game to know the entire offense."

"For a guy that is a true sophomore, he's done a pretty good job of absorbing all that."

Pitts leads all tight ends nationally and the No. 9 Gators (6-1, 3-1 SEC) with 30 catches entering Saturday's visit to South Carolina (3-3, 2-2). Yet, he really is just getting started at UF.

The position has produced a long list of accomplished Gators, including All-Americans like Troupe, a Mackey Award winner (Aaron Hernandez) and a future Pro Bowler (Jordan Reed).

"I think Kyle could transcend all those dudes," Troupe said.

Casey understands the fuss, but he cautions against anointing any player midway through his sophomore season.

"I don't know if it's fair to the guys who came and did that already," Casey said. "There's plenty of time to put that label on him."

Pitts needs to continue to improve his blocking, Casey said. Listed at 239, Pitts could add five or 10 pounds to handle the inevitable wear and tear, Troupe said.

Yet, Pitts also has qualities that separate him from everyone else.

"He has strong hands. For being a leaner body, super, super strong and bendy," Thompson said. "He's an NFL scout's dream — a college coach's dream when it comes to a body to work with."

In a world where the rush to judgment is a tweet away, Pitts is giving people a reason to weigh in. The UF-LSU game was the most watched regular-season college football game in two years — and Pitts put on a show.

Now that the curtain has been raised, Pitts could be on his way to a starring role with the Gators.

"He's just putting it together week in and week out," Troupe said. "I think you saw the full arsenal of what he does at LSU. This guy can flat-out do it all."

"He's Kyle Trask's best friend."

**DATE: October 19, 2019****Publication:** The Gainesville Sun**Title:** Dooley: Gators stay course, make needed plays**Author:** Pat Dooley

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As they shuffled into the visiting locker room and out of the raindrops after the game, Florida's football players grabbed pizza slices and bottled waters and took warm slaps on their shoulder pads.

This wasn't a wild and crazy celebration, more like the end of a long business trip. And they made the sale. These were guys who were punched in the mouth early, spit the blood into a bucket and slammed their mouthpieces back in to go to work.

"We're never going to panic no matter the situation," quarterback Kyle Trask said. "We're always going to make the plays we have to."

It was Trask, whose legend seems to have no ceiling, starting slowly as if the sloppy conditions and wet ball were his Kryptonite. Not to mention guys not being on the same page. Trask got his receivers together and told them, "Come on, now. This isn't us."

There had been a comedy of errors early, but nobody was laughing on the East sideline. Least of all the head coach.

"Guys were missing signals. Guys were running the wrong way, running one play and Kyle was calling another," Dan Mullen said. "We were all over the place. That's kind of annoying."

Maybe it was the light rain that was off and on through the game (to quote Lieutenant Dan, "You call that a storm?!?!") More likely, it was just that these guys were a little bit mentally worn down after the last two weeks.

Mullen saw it in practice. His guys were trying hard, but the focus was not quite where it needed to be. As the day began, he had admitted to thinking to himself, "Maybe we're not going to handle the adversity."

I'm sure there was also this fleeting thought — "OK, this is last year's Missouri game all over again, huh?"

But this team would not let one loss become two. The Gators got a little help from the officials (we don't even need to rewatch the game to give out their grade) and a lot of help from South Carolina's uneven playcalling.

(Are you going to go Will Muschamp Conservative or Steve Spurrier take a bunch of chances on deep balls? Make up your mind.)

But in the end, Florida won because the Gators stuck with a plan and continued to ride their quarterback. He had only 200 yards Saturday, but four touchdown passes.

"He was trying to do too much early," Mullen said.

By the end of the game, he was shushing what was left of a soggy crowd and a student section that got so fed up with the officiating the youngsters started throwing towels onto the field.

I can only assume the "readers" came next. You remember Feleipe Franks shushing the crowd last year against South Carolina, but those were his own fans. This was more of a "came, saw, kicked some butt" kind of a shush.

"I had to do one for Franks right there," Trask said.

There was a lot that did not go right for Florida on Saturday. South Carolina showed something that I suspected last week — that the loss of Jon Greenard and Jabari Zuniga hurts Florida as much in the rushing game as the passing game.

"They attacked those spots," Mullen said.

There was also this — a bunch of young guys making big plays. The biggest might have been the 75-yard run by Dameon Pierce. Remember that the Gamecocks had just forced an interception on the second play of the second half and scored on a third-and-11 draw play from the UF 21.

"I thought huge at that point," Mullen said of the Pierce run that probably included a Florida false start. "We come out in the second half, we're like, all right, we're getting the ball, tie game, we're in good position. We're like, we don't want it, you take it, and then they score on a third down and long and it's kind of like, holy mackerel!"

"That brought some juice and life to this team, just to avoid the negative start to the second half. It changed it around immediately."

From that point on, Trask started making better, more efficient throws and the Gators started finding the end zone. First, Freddie Swain on an acrobatic catch.

Then Kyle Pitts and Trevon Grimes on a couple of shorties. And just like that, the boys could relax and start thinking about the future instead of the present.

"They made the plays at the end," South Carolina coach Will Muschamp said, "and we didn't."

Funny how the game works out that way

**DATE: October 31, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** How Kyle Pitts broke through to become one of college football's best tight ends**Author:** Will Sammon

The meeting won't end for another several minutes. Kyle Pitts doesn't know that. Or maybe he does, and he just doesn't want to wait. Regardless, he's not there. So he sends the text message.

From inside the staff meeting room, Larry Scott sees Pitts' name as the latest sender on his phone. Scott, Florida's tight ends coach, is analyzing film, piecing together a game plan with the rest of the Gators' staff. Pitts wants to know when Scott will be done. Pitts has questions for Scott. Pitts wants to know the plan. Specifically, he wants to know what he will be asked to do within the plan. More specifically, he wants to know how he can do whatever is being asked of him better than he did last time. He saw things on the field, and now he wants to see them faster.

Scott replies with a time and location. They then meet in Scott's office. For the next 30-45 minutes, it's just Scott and one of the fastest rising hybrid tight ends in college football.

"He's starting to understand how it really all comes together, especially as far as how defenses fit, protections, routes, coverages, different things like that, so just bit by bit," Scott said. "He tries to take it all. But I said, 'Hey, man, just a little bit each week will help us get better.' A little bit adds up. And now a little bit has become a whole dang lot."

That's one way of explaining Pitts' remarkable breakout. He caught only three passes in 11 games played as a freshman last year. After eight games this season, he is leading the Gators in targets (50), receptions (35) and receiving yards (391) and is tied for the team lead in receiving touchdowns (four). Pitts has caught the most passes among Power 5 tight ends. Pitts is doing all of this while playing for No. 6 Florida, and the Gators' obvious strength is a deep stable of talented and experienced wide receivers. On Oct. 6, Pitts turned just 19.

Considering Pitts' age, "It's a pretty rare thing," Scott says, for the sophomore to be so proactive in his own development. The meetings between Scott and Pitts have become routine. They started in the preseason. But drive is nothing new for Pitts; drive dates further back.

Greg Garrett remembers the phone conversation. At the time, Pitts was in high school, proud of himself for a recent accomplishment: Some publication had just named him the No. 1 tight end. Pitts called Garrett, wanting to share the news. Garrett, owner of Level 40 performance center near Philadelphia, has trained Pitts since Pitts was in middle school. Upon hearing the news from Pitts, Garrett asked: "Are you number one in Philadelphia or in the country?"

Pitts said he wasn't No. 1 in the country.

"Then don't talk to me about that," Garrett told Pitts.

Around Philadelphia, it's people like Garrett who influenced Pitts the most. Garrett has trained several professional athletes. He thinks big. Therefore, in working with Garrett, Pitts was reminded to think bigger than just Philadelphia. There are also Pitts' parents, both bright individuals who speak eloquently yet directly and bluntly when they are asked about their son's football success. They instructed him to work hard, smart and respectfully toward his dreams. No one from Pitts' tight-knit circle of family and supporters is surprised to see him succeed in Gainesville as quickly as he has.

"Everyone is just beginning to see what I already knew from the beginning, from his childhood, growing up playing football," said Pitts' mother, Theresa Pitts. "I know he had it in him. He just had to be patient and continue to push forward to get to where he needs to be with his skill level. So, everyone is just learning what I already knew."

Said Garrett, "I don't want to sound smug or anything, but this is what we expected."

Why?

Pitts was always bigger than most kids his age, but, as his aunt Terri Thomas said, that's only part of the story. He was 8 pounds, 2 ounces at birth. He grew four inches between ninth and 10th grade. But Garrett's first impression of Pitts was that of a lanky, skinny kid in glasses. "You wouldn't in a million years put that kid in the body he has now," Garrett said, which means Pitts wasn't exactly just born as some genetic freak.

Pitts is a thinker, those closest to him say, and he's always been driven. When he was in high school, some coaches told him he wouldn't make it as a Division I tight end, that his future would be at defensive end. Pitts wanted to play tight end. He operated with a chip on his shoulder.

"His work ethic is crazy," Garrett said. "He wants to be the best. In his mind, he is the best. When he comes home and he trains, there's a tight end at Florida State, Naseir Upshur. They train together. And when (Pitts) beats him, (Pitts) goes bananas. That's the type of kid he is. The competition, the want to be number one, the want to outwork everybody else; it's just in his DNA."

"His work ethic out-shadowed everything he does. If we said we were doing three sets of eight, he was going to squeak out two more. Just because everyone else was doing eight, he was comfortable with himself doing 10."



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Someone from Pitts' family has attended nearly every Florida game over the last two years, despite the distance from Philadelphia. What they are most proud of is that he has visualized the largest of aspirations without losing sight of who he is. He's thoughtful. He cares. Things matter to him.

"The last game against South Carolina, there was a gentleman and his son wanting to take a picture with Kyle and get his autograph after the game was over," Thomas said. "He just humbly did it and took the picture. It wasn't no big deal. He just did it, and then went back with the family. I just appreciate the fact that throughout all of this, he has remained humble and he hasn't let all of this attention get to his head.

"He may be humble and quiet, but he's always been confident."

Pitts is 6-feet-6, 240 pounds. He is fast, strong, athletic. All of that gives him a head start; his speed is too much for linebackers, his power too much for safeties. His hands are so large, they make footballs look like tennis balls in his grasp. The way Scott sees it, though, that's not enough in the SEC.

"What is separating him," Scott said, "is the details."

Pitts spent time with the wide receivers late last year and split time in both rooms during the spring. In the preseason, he worked more with the tight ends. He has lined up on the line in the traditional tight end spot or flexed out as a receiver. He has caught a bunch of passes either way.

As a result, Pitts' name has been mentioned this season in every press conference of head coach Dan Mullen. The latest occurrence was Monday, ahead of Florida's pivotal game against No. 8 Georgia for SEC East supremacy. This game could be another one in which Pitts shines; Notre Dame's success against Georgia earlier in the season came over the middle, with its tight end Cole Kmet (6-foot-5, 250 pounds) enjoying the best game of his career (nine catches, 108 yards, one touchdown). On Monday, Mullen was asked about the most impressive thing he has seen Pitts do.

"It's pretty good that he's learning the offense," Mullen said. "That's impressive to me 'cause we asked the tight ends to do a bunch. You look within our system, as a tight end, you've got to be able to block, you've got to be able to catch, you need to go play receiver, you'll play H-back, you'll play on-the-ball tight end. The only type of people, really offenses, that use the tight ends that way you're going to watch are the Patriots from a couple of years ago.

"To be a tight end in our system, you got to be that special of a player. When you learn the system like that, which is not easy to be able to do all those different things, that's pretty impressive."

Some coach-speak there from Mullen, sure. But he does have a point. Pitts doesn't get to where he is — and, perhaps, Florida isn't where it is — heading into the final four games without him improving his overall knowledge of the game. That's the biggest difference from last year.

"I would say it changed drastically because last year I was kind of, I mean, I knew it, but I didn't know it like the back of my hand, so this year I really took the time to study hard, which I feel makes me play more loosely and confident," Pitts said.

That much has shown.

Pitts' mother's favorite part of the week is seeing the photos of his facial expressions from games the next day or two days later.

"I see that he's happy," Theresa Pitts said. "He's pleased with his performance. So that makes me happy."

Pitts is already one of the best tight ends in college football. But that's not enough. That wasn't the goal.

So he's still working. He is still texting Scott while Scott is in meetings. Pitts is meticulous. He is into the details when he is talking with Scott in those one-on-one sessions. He wants to know where to put his hands, how to use his feet, where to look with his eyes. He wants to be better.

"Spending time, just basically building fundamental football, he paid attention during our offseason meetings where we're not just talking scheme, we're talking more technique and just the foundations of how to play really good football and how to identify and see defenses, stuff like that," Scott said. "He really took a hold of that, and wanted to learn more and more, more, more. He's a learner. He wants to learn not only how to play his position, but how to, honestly, be the very best at what he does."

**DATE: November 1, 2019****Publication:** The Independent Florida Alligator**Title:** 'Wild Stallion': Townsend is tough and entertaining at a position not known for it**Author:** Dylan Rudolph

Three yards.

On fourth down with the Gators trailing at Vanderbilt 21-13 in 2018, that's all they needed when Tommy Townsend stepped up for what was supposed to be his third punt of the game.

He went through his mental checklist: feet set, hands steady, know the situation. But this time, he had to remember one more thing: When you see a hole, run through it.

The ball was snapped, Tommy started his kicking motion, and then he saw the window. A hole at the line of scrimmage opened up for him in the middle of the line, and Tommy tucked the ball away and sprinted down field.

Emerging past the line of scrimmage, the 183-pound punter introduced himself to the first Commodore he saw: 6-foot-4, 225-pound receiver Chris Pierce. Tommy met him, not with a feet-first slide, but with a lowered shoulder. The two collided head-on with both refusing to go down, and a rugby-like scrum ensued.

Well after the whistles had blown the play dead, Tommy still continued to brawl with Vanderbilt players, battling 6-foot-1 safety Justin Harris for the ball that was still in his hands. Townsend ripped the ball out, shoved Harris away and spiked the ball down to the ground with teammates jumping all over him in elation.

He needed three yards. He got 18.

Half the size of everyone else, his fearlessness and toughness made him the biggest player on the field, if only for a play.

"It was just running hard and not going down easy," he said after the game. "I was really excited for that play call all week. We'd been practicing it all week. I was excited that the coaches trusted me to put the ball in my hands to get that first down."

Three plays later, Florida scored and, by the game's end, had come back to win 37-27 with Tommy's fake punt sparking the surge.

"I think that play just describes (Tommy) as who he is," said his brother Johnny, a two-time All-American punter with the Florida Gators. "He's just a hard-nosed, physical player and a tough kid. He just lays it all on the line."

Tommy made it from Orlando to his dream school at the University of Florida using grit at a position not known for it. Townsend's off-the-field personality, which is as free-flowing as his long brown hair, and toughness on the field has made him one of the nation's most unique punters. And it might take him to the next level, too.

Tommy is different. He's different on the field and he's different off of it.

His father, Clay Sr., describes him as a free spirit in contrast to his two older brothers Johnny and Clay Jr., who are more serious and mellow.

"He's feisty. That's the word that keeps coming to me," Clay Sr. said. "Very independent and definitely a Type A personality. He has a real edge to him."

Punters are not typically known as tough guys, but Tommy has proven time and time again that they can be.

Boone High School coach Andy Johnson got an eyeful of Tommy's tough and brazen nature when he first coached him in Tommy's freshman spring game.

"We played him at cornerback... He just kept blitzing whenever he felt like it," Johnson said. "I had to keep telling him that's not what you do, but he just kept telling me he had to go make a play... He was like a wild stallion, and we had to break him."

Tommy gets his grit from his family. Growing up the youngest of three brothers who all played sports, he was naturally picked on. Tommy, clad in his older brothers' oversized Pop Warner football pads, would "train" with Johnny and Clay Jr. in the front yard. This "training" entailed his brothers tackling him full speed in Oklahoma-like drills. Tommy had to learn to toughen up quick.

In high school, he played all over the field as a quarterback, cornerback and punter in football and in the outfield in baseball. But he excelled at the safety position, where he was allowed to roam the field, make plays and produce bone-crushing tackles.

"He was just really athletic. Long and rangy. Really good football instincts," Johnson said. "And he definitely loved to hit."

Johnson's favorite memory of Tommy was in his senior year against rival Edgewater High. Tommy made several tackles and two key interceptions to win the game.



"He was a hell of a safety. He had no fear," Johnson said. "He probably could have went to college as a safety if that's what he wanted to do... He's a football player that happens to be a good punter."

But Tommy said he also owes a lot to his brothers for his successful punting career, especially Johnny.

"I really started to realize this punting thing could take me far when Johnny started to get offers from schools," he said. "I just thought, 'You know, maybe I could do this, too.'"

Johnny showed Tommy punting techniques and the importance of going down and making the tackle afterward. With Florida in 2016, Johnny made four tackles (tied for most of any punter that year) while averaging almost 48 yards a punt.

Johnny's penchant for hitting rubbed off on Tommy, who made two tackles while averaging 45.4 yards a punt in his first season as the Florida starter in 2018.

"I liked to say that was my thing: going down and making those plays," Johnny said. "That was like my favorite thing as a player, and it's obvious that it's Tommy's, too."

Every position on the football field demands athleticism.

The middle linebacker needs strength to make tackles. The receiver needs speed to get past the defender. And the punter needs athleticism to be flexible and precise enough to put the ball where he needs it to be.

Johnny compared punting to the intricacies of hitting a golf ball. One centimeter off in the placement of the kick, and it will careen out of bounds for an embarrassing 10-yard punt. To consistently place a punt perfectly, a lot of composure and athleticism is needed.

"I rarely get nervous," Tommy said. "I'm aware of the situation and know I need to hit this right, but I have a lot of confidence in my abilities."

Tommy had the necessary athleticism to propel him into the national eye as a punter.

In his senior year of high school, he averaged 43 yards a punt and was rated as a top-five punting prospect by KohlsKicking and Chris Sailer Kicking Camp, the No. 6-ranked prospect by ESPN and named a U.S. Army All-American, just like his brother two years prior.

Tommy was offered scholarships to play at Division I schools, including Colorado, Texas A&M and Tennessee. But one name was missing: Florida.

"When my brother went to Florida, I thought back then that I wouldn't have a scholarship opportunity there," Tommy said. "They only scholarship kickers and punters every four years."

Tommy grew up a long-time Florida fan along with the rest of his family. Both his parents and brothers attended UF, and it was his first choice. But it didn't seem possible. Tommy wanted an opportunity to play right away and chose Tennessee instead.

But the path to the field proved more difficult than Tommy had thought.

He found himself in an unexpected competition upon arriving on campus, and walk-on junior punter Trevor Daniel emerged with the starting spot for the Volunteers to start the 2015 season. Tommy subsequently redshirted.

Devastated (and knowing Daniel still had two more years of eligibility) Tommy opted for a change after just one year.

"When I was talking to (Johnny) about transferring, he told me to feel it out and use my gut," he said,

Tommy thought long and hard, but in the end, his gut wanted a reunion with his brother. He transferred to UF in June of 2016 and moved into a house just off campus with his brother. With Johnny ahead of him, he wouldn't play immediately, but Tommy said he never regretted coming to Florida.

"Those years with (Johnny) on the team, our relationship really developed into best friends, not just brothers," Tommy said. "And I learned so much from him that made me so much better as a punter."

With Tommy on the sidelines, patiently waiting, Johnny became a two-time All-American and the all-time leading punter in program history, averaging over 46 yards on 240 total punts.

"Of course I wanted to play, but I was willing to wait," Tommy said. "Me and (Johnny) have really different attributes as punters, so I needed to just focus on my game to be ready when it was my turn."

In Johnny's final two seasons, he led the nation in gross-punting average (47.9, 47.5) and was drafted in the fifth round of the NFL draft by the Oakland Raiders.

He was a hard act to follow, but Tommy has met expectations while being completely different from his brother.



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Johnny was a booming punter, but often struggled with placement, downing only 42 percent of his senior-year punts inside the opposing 20-yard line.

Tommy is a stark contrast, kicking high-arching punts that force fair catches and are downed deep in enemy territory. In his first starting season in 2018, he was named Second Team All-SEC by Athlon Sports and was a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award for the best punter in the country. He downed almost half his kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line and had 14 punts over 50 yards or more.

Through the first eight games of 2019, he's forced 10 fair catches on 25 punts and downed the opponent inside its own 20-yard line 13 times.

Tommy has emulated his brothers' collegiate success just as he did in high school. And Johnny, who has played for the Raiders and New York Giants, affirmed that his little brother has what it takes to meet him at the next level.

"Being around the game so long and being in the NFL, and knowing what it takes, he definitely has it," Johnny said. "He's a tremendous punter, but he can also kick field goals, kickoffs. He can hold. All of that skyrockets his value. Yeah, I think he is going to have a really good NFL career."

Tommy kicked a season-high seven punts in the win against South Carolina on Oct. 19, and his next game in Jacksonville for the annual rivalry bout against Georgia is expected to be a defensive game with many more punts.

"(Florida-Georgia) is a dogfight every single year," he said. "It's just a game we always come out to with a chip on our shoulder and try to play our best."

Performing in big games like Florida-Georgia puts the NFL on notice. Last year against the Bulldogs, Tommy had four punts averaging almost 50 yards and bombed a career-long 71-yard punt in the second quarter — NFL-level stats.

Tommy's abilities have opened up NFL opportunities as big as the hole against Vanderbilt a year ago, and he has the chance to sprint through it. But time alone will tell if he meets it head-on again.

"I feel like I've done pretty well," he said. "In situations where I need to produce, I do."

**DATE: November 2, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Disappointed Gators Have Recent Blueprint for Proper Response**Author:** Scott Carter

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – They were never out of it, but at times it seemed they were barely in it.

The frustration built as day turned to night.

Finally, with less than three minutes left, Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm delivered the final gut punch to the Gators, a 22-yard completion to tight end Eli Wolf on third-and-7. A couple of UF timeouts later to delay the inevitable, and it was over: Georgia 24, Florida 17.

At that point, Gators head coach Dan Mullen meandered to midfield to share a postgame handshake with Georgia's Kirby Smart. Mullen then hung around on the field for a couple minutes, sharing a final word with former Gators linebacker Brandon Spikes, before disappearing into the tunnel to the locker room.

That was the final scene for public consumption on Saturday at TIAA Bank Field. But not the lasting one for Gators fans. That panorama unfolded with 9:51 left in the game and the Gators, down 14 points, forced to call a timeout due to confusion.

Mullen's head bobbed and arms swung wildly. You expected a visor toss at any moment. He ranted at receivers coach Billy Gonzales on the sideline as CBS cameras zoomed in. As Florida's offense huddled, Mullen continued to voice his displeasure to anyone within earshot.

At one point, sophomore running back Dameon Pierce offered a soothing hand by patting Mullen on the chest. Mullen's rage continued as he turned his attention to a pair of officials, who listened as he vented.

When the game resumed, the Gators continued their march on a 17-play, 75-yard touchdown drive that ended with a 2-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kyle Trask to receiver Freddie Swain, trimming Georgia's lead to seven with 3:11 remaining. In the end, it was a final dose of false hope.

Florida's defense could not stop the Bulldogs on third down – again, as Georgia converted 12 of 18 for the game – and when safety Brad Stewart Jr.'s outstretch arm failed to knock away Fromm's pass to Wolf on third down, the eighth-ranked Bulldogs had their third consecutive victory over the No. 6 Gators.

This one hurt the most for the Orange & Blue faithful. They felt they had a chance. A chance to regain supremacy in the SEC East. A chance to return to Atlanta and hoist a championship trophy. Possibly a chance at the biggest prize of all if the stars lined up.

They didn't. Not on a cool and overcast first Saturday of November.

And now, unless the Bulldogs (7-1, 4-1) slip up twice in their final three regular-season conference games and the Gators (7-2, 4-2) win next week at home against Vanderbilt and on the road at Missouri in two weeks, a division title in Mullen's second season is off the table.

They need help, their grip on their destiny untangled by the Bulldogs.

"That's our test of character," Mullen said afterward. "That's what's ahead of us as a team. It's a great check of where our character's going to be over these next three games and what type of team, how we're going to finish this up."

The issues that plagued Florida and sent Mullen into a rage near the end were there from the start.

The Gators burned two timeouts on their opening drive. Tight end Diante Lang was penalized for a false start on third-and-1 from Georgia's 40. On fourth-and-1, Mullen opted to go for it and Trask's pass to tight end Kyle Pitts was incomplete. The Bulldogs responded with a 16-play, 47-yard drive that resulted in a field goal.

The opening foreshadowed what was to come. The Gators never led and managed only 278 yards of total offense, with just 21 of those coming on the ground. The defense couldn't get off the field. The disappointment hung over the players and coaches as they made their way to the team bus for the long drive back to campus.

"The only people we can be disappointed with is ourselves because they did nothing that we didn't expect them to do," said Trask, who finished 21 of 33 for 257 yards and a pair of scores. "We prepared for everything."

Mullen, Trask and others said a lack of execution is what did in the Gators.

"You never want to come out and start a game like that," fifth-year senior center Nick Buchanan said.

The disappointment in Saturday's loss stretched beyond the locker room. With so much at stake and a visions of grandeur swimming in their heads, fans did what they do after high-profile losses: vented on social media.

They blamed the officials, coaches, players and anyone with driving distance of Jacksonville. They shouted their hate for the Bulldogs and anything from the Peach State. They knew how important Saturday's game was for the Gators on the national stage.



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For a program that has surpassed expectations since the arrival of Mullen, a victory over Georgia would have validated so much. The Gators would have truly been back where they belong, among the nation's elite.

Trask isn't jumping ship.

"We can hang with anybody in the country. We can compete with anybody in the country, it's just little things, executing at times when it matters most," he said. "At some points we struggled with that in this game. If we can clean it up, I'll take us against any team in the country."

No one, most of all Mullen, was ready to concede that the gap between the Gators and Bulldogs remains as large as some perceive. Georgia played for the national championship two seasons ago, then hauled in the nation's top recruiting class.

Smart has won three in a row over the Gators, only the second three-game win streak for the Bulldogs in the storied series since 1990. Fromm has never lost Florida. But as recent history has shown, the gap has closed. Following last year's 36-17 loss to Georgia, the Gators tumbled the following week at home to Missouri.

Doomsayers predicted a downward spiral. Instead, the Gators responded by winning their final four games and stretched their winning streak to 10 by opening Mullen's second season with six consecutive wins. The turnaround proved to be a double-edged sword.

Hope was renewed, so much so that even a loss at LSU last month was viewed as a positive considering the way the Gators played. The tone is different following Saturday's loss.

Disappointment dominates.

"It sucks," senior linebacker David Reese said.

Mullen wasn't as direct in his postgame press conference, but he was clearly peeved at the squandered opportunity.

"A lot of things that we'd do a little differently, everybody probably would, coaches, players, everybody, you know, and that's as you look at it," he said. "You look at the game, the margin for error is small, and it's easy to look back and say, 'boy I would have liked to fix that, liked to fix this for us', you know."

The Gators had plenty to fix Saturday if they wanted to beat the Bulldogs. That was obvious. Still, there's no denying Mullen and his staff have already fixed a lot since they arrived.

That's why the game mattered so much and the loss stings like few have in a long time. If the Gators need a reminder of how to respond, all they have to do is rewind to the end of last season.

If they do that, then next year's Georgia game is likely to be just as big as Saturday's.

**DATE: November 3, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** In a missed opportunity, Florida saw the gap it still has to close with Georgia**Author:** Will Sammon

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dan Mullen didn't appear to be in the mood for the big-picture question. What's the gap between Florida and Georgia? Seven points, he quipped from behind a podium, still wearing his visor.

Mullen glanced at the sheet in front of him. Yep. He was right: No. 8 Georgia defeated No. 6 Florida, 24-17, on Saturday, the paper read.

Truthfully, Mullen may have answered the question in a similarly amusing way had the Gators won. Ask him what he learned from a specific position group after a game, and he may say something along the lines of, "I didn't know they were supposed to be teaching me anything." That's part of his personality. The response inside the bowels of TIAA Bank Field was direct, appropriate and understandable. No coach wants to consider the gap with a rival following a loss to said rival with so much on the line.

Instead, Mullen preferred to take accountability for the loss and detail what he shared with his players inside the locker room. The thesis of his message, he explained, was that there was still "an awful lot to play for" and that "the (SEC) East still hasn't been decided," but "unfortunately, we don't control our own destiny anymore, which is frustrating." All of that is true. But this result for the Gators in this kind of pivotal game warranted a pause for reflection and perspective, too.

Florida created optimism this spring with the way last season ended, but until recently, few outside of Gainesville labeled the Gators as serious contenders for the College Football Playoff. That was a relatively new idea for America in its consideration of Florida, that this squad, with its new quarterback, lack of defensive depth and, most of all, inconsistent offensive line, should be taken seriously. The Gators deserved to be, though. That's what happens after an upset of then-No. 7 Auburn, a competitive showing in a loss against No. 1 LSU and a convincing bounce-back win at South Carolina. Florida had earned the benefit of the doubt. Georgia was the point-spread favorite, but Florida was the better-ranked team, the trendy pick of some pundits.

That's why Saturday stung so much for the Gators. Or, as linebacker David Reese put it three times, "It sucked." This was the Gators' chance to hold the weightiest of advantages in the division standings and be a major part of the conversation Tuesday, when the first College Football Playoff rankings will be released. Now, the Gators (7-2, 4-2 SEC) will be an afterthought in that context. Rival Georgia (7-1, 4-1 SEC) gets the opportunity Florida coveted.

All of that can change, as Mullen alluded to. College football is weird. But is it weird enough to see Georgia stumble and lose a couple of games it shouldn't while Florida wins out? Possible, sure. But a compulsive gambler would have a very difficult time betting on those odds.

Therefore, Florida's loss to Georgia is viewed as an exit from the Playoff conversation. Even if a dream scenario happens from this point, a two-loss Florida team likely isn't going to make the cut. From a big-picture perspective, Florida should probably view its current state as an acceptable form of success. A 10-2 regular season remains attainable, and that would be tangible progress from last year's nine-win regular season. Mullen is still only in his second year. The 2010s have been a dark time for the Gators. It wasn't supposed to turn around this quickly, and it's a credit to the coaching staff and players that they're not in a position similar to a host of other high-profile schools that made head coaching changes in 2017.

At this point, though, it's fair to also expect more from the Gators and be disappointed with what happened Saturday.

This was a legitimate chance for Florida. And this time, the Gators missed it. The Gators are in a better place than they were 12 months ago, the last time this game was played, but it's not a complete given that they will follow a rising trajectory from here.

Florida won't be the same team the next time it plays Georgia. The offensive line will probably be better because it will be more experienced, but the Gators will lose several skill players such as running back Lamical Perine and receivers Van Jefferson, Freddie Swain and Josh Hammond, plus important defenders Jabari Zuniga, Jonathan Greenard, Adam Shuler, David Reese and possibly CJ Henderson and Marco Wilson (if the cornerback duo bolts for the draft). The Gators are still feeling the impact of a lack of quality depth provided via the Jim McElwain era. Adding elite talent with transfers is possible, but the gap between Florida and Georgia won't close unless the Gators recruit at a higher level.

Georgia, meanwhile, will likely again be considered a preseason top-five team, despite attrition, because of the way it has stockpiled blue-chippers. Florida is No. 10 in the 2020 class rankings, per the 247Composite, but it is the fifth in the SEC. Georgia is No. 5 nationally. Last year's Gators class finished No. 10 but included five players who aren't enrolled at Florida now. Georgia's class was No. 2.

The Gators need more elite talent in the secondary and on their lines. All of that was shown against Georgia.

The non-reversal call on Lawrence Cager's 12-yard catch against Henderson in the second quarter was incorrect and led to Georgia scoring its first touchdown three plays later. It was a critical point in the game. But that wasn't the main reason why the Gators lost. Georgia converted 12 of 18 third downs, dominating time of possession. The Bulldogs consistently found soft spots in coverages. Two touchdowns were courtesy of blown coverages, Mullen said.

"I mean, you can go in every direction you want to go," Mullen said when asked to attribute the third-down failures. "We had missed tackles, they got helped out a couple times, you know. Missed coverage, so."



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Another one was Florida's defense never got enough pressure on Jake Fromm, mostly because Georgia has something the Gators don't: an elite offensive line it recruited.

"They didn't have to max protect," Greenard said. "They blocked us with just five O-linemen. That's why I said I gotta be better. I was terrible."

Offensively, Florida ran only 32 plays through the first three quarters. The running game never got started, and largely, the Gators' offense was never really able to set anything up. There were too many negative plays, including a 19-yard loss on a sack of Kyle Trask. Kadarius Toney's return didn't impact the game. Emory Jones saw one snap, and he was inserted with Florida driving on the Georgia 23 after Trask had completed two deep passes on the drive. Jones picked up two yards on a rush. The drive ended one play later. Florida settled for a field goal.

Beyond poor execution and questionable decisions, there were also too many mental mistakes for a team coming off an idle week.

"We've got to coach better, right?" Mullen said. "We've got to make sure ... that's teaching. That's on coaching, making sure everybody is in position. We're coaching and teaching it the right way."

Perhaps a team with a more talented roster can overcome an off day from time to time. Florida has too many deficiencies to do that against a team like Georgia. With Florida State and Miami both reeling this year, Florida must take advantage in recruiting while it should be able to theoretically do so with ease.

Whether the gap between the Gators and Bulldogs is really seven points or is larger than that, the space doesn't close without Florida adding more talent.

**DATE: November 8, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Unselfish Approach Producing Results for Gators Receivers**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – In a meeting prior to the season, Gators receivers coach Billy Gonzales broached the subject of the starting lineup with a pair of veterans.

Those can be tricky.

Good thing for Gonzales that in this particular conversation, neither Josh Hammond nor Freddie Swain pulled a T.O. (Terrell Owens) or A.B. (Antonio Brown). In the history of the game, receivers have proven to be some of the most difficult personalities to manage.

But for the Gators, not only are the receivers their deepest position group, they are perhaps the team's closest unit.

"This is probably the most unselfish group of guys I've been around my entire life from high school, even college," Hammond said. "I think everybody knows that we're a talented group within our room and everybody knows that at any given moment anybody can make the play to kind of get a flow going and get things rolling."

As for that meeting, Hammond and Swain, both seniors, made it easy on Gonzales. If he was having trouble in naming the starter at slot receiver, they could do it for him.

"He didn't really care who had it," Hammond said. "Me and Freddie didn't really care, so we were like, we'll just switch it every week and just roll with that."

They did. Both have rolled.

Hammond started the season opener, and in every game since other than when the Gators opened with two tight ends in the Towson game – Hammond was scheduled to start that day – they have rotated. Swain is set to start Saturday when the No. 10 Gators (7-2, 4-2) host Vanderbilt (2-6, 1-4) at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Swain is coming off one of his best games of the season, catching a career-high eight passes for 91 yards and a touchdown in the loss to Georgia. Swain had a career-best game the last time the Gators were home, their 24-13 win over Auburn on Oct. 5. He hauled in six catches for a career-high 146 yards, including a 64-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Kyle Trask on Florida's opening drive.

The play gave the Gators a lead they never relinquished and set an early tone in front of a sellout crowd.

"I think Freddie's a special talent and does a great job of getting open," Trask said. "There's a good connection between me and him and I know when he's got a good matchup and going to get open."

Meanwhile, Hammond shined in the season-opening victory over Miami with a career-high 93 yards receiving. He added a 76-yard touchdown run in the comeback victory at Kentucky.

Their team-first attitude earned both players a captaincy, a role they fulfill during the coin flip prior to each game alongside senior linebacker David Reese II.

UF head coach Dan Mullen spends a lot of time managing roles and expectations, but when it comes to Hammond and Swain, he trusts them to figure it out.

"One question I can't answer for you is how many games either one of them have started," Mullen said. "I would have no idea. You know what, I've never had them ask me or tell me or even ask if they could or not. It just shows their character and their leadership and shows their understanding of what's important within the team and what they need to do to help the team win."

With a roster loaded at the position, the receivers police themselves.

Fifth-year senior Van Jefferson and junior Trevon Grimes start at the other receiver spots, and sophomore tight end Kyle Pitts, who can also line up on the outside, has emerged as the team's leading pass catcher in 2019 (39 receptions, 469 yards, four touchdowns). The versatility and unselfishness show up in the numbers.

Florida is one of just seven FBS schools to feature three receivers with at least 25 catches, 350 yards and four touchdowns (Pitts, Swain and Jefferson). Add senior Tyrie Cleveland, junior Kadarius Toney and sophomore Jacob Copeland to the mix, and you would be hard-pressed to find a more talented and deeper receiving corps in the country.

That could be a headache for Mullen. Instead, it's the opposite.

"Look, they know they're going to get the opportunity to get the ball," Mullen said. "There's a lot of places where just one guy touches the ball. I'm sure those programs tell everybody, 'You're the one guy.' Then the kid shows up and they're not the one guy. You've got to wait a couple of years to be the one guy. I think guys look at our program and say, 'Hey, you're going to play, you're going to have the opportunity, multiple guys to go get experience. Multiple guys carrying the ball, catching the ball. We're going to spread it around to whoever is there.' It makes it a lot of fun to play in an offense like that where you know you're getting touches."



"That, I think, is pretty special. I think a lot of people are taking note."

Hammond credited Mullen with establishing that mentality, one that took on new meaning a season ago when in his first season, Mullen added transfers Jefferson from Ole Miss and Grimes from Ohio State. Both players immediately found a home and have produced the last two seasons as the Gators climbed from mediocrity back into the top 10.

Mullen's honesty in his offensive approach earned the players' respect.

"There's only so much he can do to try to get the ball to everybody within the game plan," Hammond said. "He kind of let us know things might not go our way every game, things might not sway your way every game, but when it does, be ready to make the play when your number's called and I think we've done a good job of that within our room."

While Toney has only three catches because he missed six games with a shoulder injury before returning last week against Georgia, seven of Florida's top eight receivers have at least a dozen catches. Six have 15 more. Five have 20-plus receptions, and Swain, Jefferson and Pitts each have 29 or more.

They also play special teams, with Cleveland and Jefferson shining as gunners on the punt team at different points the last two seasons.

As his career winds down, Hammond said he will cherish the connections he made within the group. Besides being unselfish on the field, they are close off it.

In today's look-at-me world, there's something to be said for that mindset.

"The biggest thing for us is we don't really care who makes the play, we just want the play to be made," Hammond said. "We're like brothers."

He and Swain have proven that with the arrangement they worked out.

"He gets senior day," said Hammond, a South Florida native. "I got Miami though."

**DATE: November 9, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Gators Respond as Scoreboard Has Final Word**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Call it a roast. An old-fashioned beatdown. A kick in the teeth.

If it's possible, Florida's 56-0 victory over Vanderbilt underneath a clear-blue sky Saturday afternoon might not have been as close as the score indicated.

Say what?

"Should have scored a whole bunch more," Gators head coach Dan Mullen said. "In the first half, we left a bunch of points out there."

Mullen stated the obvious considering how Florida's bounce-back victory played out. This one could have been over a lot sooner than it actually was.

The No. 10-ranked Gators (8-2, 5-2) stormed out of the tunnel at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium eager to put some distance between themselves and last week's disappointing loss to Georgia. The overmatched Commodores served as the perfect feast.

It just took a while for the Gators to find their groove.

They turned the ball over on downs on the game's opening drive. Next, the defense forced a three-and-out, but on the ensuing possession, quarterback Kyle Trask threw an interception on third-and-10 at Vanderbilt's 27. The score was knotted at zero to start the second quarter.

From there, the Gators played like a runaway train charging down a mountain. At halftime, they owned a 27-18 advantage in total yards and led 14-0. A defense that was shredded on third down in the loss to Georgia and lacked a sack or turnover was on the prowl.

"Had guys running to the football," Mullen said.

Most notably, freshman linebacker Mohamoud Diabate, who finished with a career-high three sacks in a defensive performance by the Gators that featured six sacks, five tackles for loss, a forced fumble, two interceptions and four quarterback hurries.

Diabate, subbing for an injured Jeremiah Moon (foot injury), had the best game of his young career. Donovan Stiner had two interceptions and Jonathan Greenard, grabbing a ball that bounced right into his hands on Diabate's strip-sack of Commodores quarterback Deuce Wallace in the third quarter, raced 80 yards for UF's first defensive touchdown of the season.

At that point the Gators led 35-0 and the rout was on.

"We played the way we expect to play," Diabate said.

During a week in which they faced questions about a potential hangover following the disappointing loss to the Bulldogs that knocked them from the driver's seat in the SEC East race, the Gators offered the perfect rebuttal with a dominant performance. The 56-point victory was Florida's largest margin of victory over an SEC opponent since a 63-5 spanking of Kentucky 11 years ago.

Mullen was pleased the Gators played with an edge, something he stressed to the team all week in practice. As he picked up apart the victory, the only blemish was the points left off the board in the first half.

Following Trask's 1-yard touchdown toss to Lamical Perine and his 9-yard run to give the Gators a 14-point lead early in the second quarter, the next three drives of the first half ended with a missed 41-yard field goal by Evan McPherson, a Johnny Townsend punt and another Trask interception.

"We were moving the ball up and down," Trask said. "We had little offensive miscues. We knew we could get into the end zone. We didn't let that impact us negatively."

No, they didn't.

In the third quarter, the Gators exploded for 28 points on a pair of touchdown throws by Trask – 66 yards to Trevon Grimes and 15 yards to Kyle Pitts – Greenard's fumble return and backup quarterback Emory Jones' 13-yard run. Through three quarters, Florida led 42-0 and had outgained the Commodores 493-78.

Jones added two more scores in the fourth quarter for the final margin and a perfect sendoff for the announced crowd of 86,201 at "The Swamp." They departed the field in a much better frame of mind than a week earlier following their 24-17 loss to Georgia in Jacksonville.

"That game was really a tough loss. It was very emotional for us," Trask said. "I think our team did a great job of kind of getting back on track."



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By winning, the Gators kept their slim hopes of a division title intact but will need from Auburn and Texas A&M. Florida closes the SEC portion of its schedule next week at Missouri, which lost 27-0 at Georgia on Saturday night.

To get to Atlanta, Florida must win at Missouri next week and then have No. 6 Georgia (8-1, 5-1) lose both its final SEC games, Saturday at Auburn and then at home to the Aggies.

The most important step the Gators took Saturday was overcoming the disappointing loss to Georgia with a strong comeback performance, keeping their bid alive for a 10-win regular season and potential berth in a New Year's Six bowl.

Mullen's message was not only delivered, but executed on the field.

"Play with a little chip on our shoulder," he said. "I thought we had that. That's all we talked about."

The Gators talked the talk and walked the walk Saturday in their most lopsided win under Mullen, surpassing last season's 63-10 win over Idaho. While their chances to overtake Georgia in the SEC East are slim, the Gators can clinch their first back-to-back 10-win seasons in a decade with a win at Missouri and at home against Florida State in the regular-season finale Nov. 30.

That's the kind of progress Mullen was hired to deliver. Following the chatter about how much they had left to play for in the wake of the Georgia loss, the Gators went out and made a statement.

In the end, the scoreboard said it all.

**DATE: November 12, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Carter's Corner: Diabate Made His Snaps Count**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – True freshman linebacker Mohamoud Diabate won't forget his first start.

Neither will Vanderbilt quarterbacks Deuce Wallace and Allan Walters.

Wallace, making his starting debut as well, was sacked twice by Diabate. Meanwhile, in his first career appearance, Walters, the Commodores' scout-team quarterback forced into action because of injuries, got dropped by Diabate in the third quarter and fumbled. Jonathan Greenard caught the ball on a bounce and raced 80 yards for a touchdown in Florida's 56-0 rout.

Diabate's three sacks were the most for a Florida player in five years, last accomplished during the 2014 season twice: Bryan Cox Jr. at Tennessee and Dante Fowler Jr. in the Birmingham Bowl. In fact, those are the only three games this decade a UF player has recorded three sacks in a game as the No. 10-ranked Gators (8-2, 5-2) prepare for Saturday's visit to Missouri (5-4, 2-3).

Replacing injured Jeremiah Moon (foot) in the lineup, Diabate took full advantage of the extra playing time.

"He works really hard," teammate Donovan Stiner said Monday. "He's a really smart guy, so he's really coachable. He pretty much does everything that Coach Grantham tells him. He got his shot and he made the best of it."

Diabate has appeared in all 10 games this season, but he didn't take snaps in crunch time until Moon went down with a foot injury in the loss to Georgia. At 6-foot-2, 213 pounds, Diabate still has room to grow physically. However, he is a disciplined student who arrived at UF with plans to major in chemical engineering.

Shortly after enrolling in January, Diabate outlined his outlook heading into spring.

"Some of my goals I like to keep personal," he said. "Publicly, I just want to work hard. I don't want the coaches to ever question my effort or question if I love playing."

Diabate appears to be passing that test.

He made his presence known Saturday on the Commodores' second drive, sacking Wallace for a 10-yard loss on third-and-five from the 50. In the second quarter, Diabate dropped Wallace for a 7-yard loss on third-and-7. His biggest play came in the third quarter when he drilled Walters on his strip-sack and Greenard did the rest on the way to Florida's first defensive touchdown of the season.

UF defensive coordinator Todd Grantham has watched Diabate improve as the season has progressed. Now everyone has.

"I think I was asked a couple of weeks ago about him, and I talked about his acceleration, burst and speed and athletic ability and said as he develops and continues to get stronger, he is going to be a really good player," Grantham said. "I think that kind of showed up in the game in the sense of he has the tools to have explosive-type plays, impact-type plays."

Diabate's handy work against Vanderbilt came on just 19 snaps.

"I'm just proud of the way the guy's worked and competed and has really stepped into the fire," Grantham said.

With Moon sidelined for the rest of the regular season, Diabate will continue to get significant reps as the Gators try to reach 10 wins for the second consecutive season under head coach Dan Mullen.

Diabate earned SEC Freshman of the Week honors for his breakout performance against Vanderbilt.

"Mohamoud's a great example for guys," Mullen said. "I talk about this with our team: everybody gets worried about 'how many plays did I play? Who went in the game first? This guy played the first series and I didn't play until the third series? I only got this many snaps. I only got that many snaps.' Worry about the plays you're in the game. Don't worry about the plays you're not in the game. He played one of our fewer snap counts of guys on defense."

Diabate definitely made his count.

**DATE: November 14, 2019****Publication:** Orlando Sentinel**Title:** UF backup QB Emory Jones bides his time, trusts Gators coach Dan Mullen**Author:** Edgar Thompson

For years, Dan Mullen has envisioned quarterback Emory Jones running a spread-option attack.

Mullen began recruiting Jones when he was a ninth-grader in Georgia and Mullen was at Mississippi State seeking his next QB project with the requisite dual-threat abilities to maximize his offense.

Now a redshirt freshman playing for Mullen at UF, Jones still is trying to fit fully into his coach's plans. While Jones' erratic role has tested his patience as he approaches Saturday's visit to Missouri, he continues to place his trust in the college coach who has known him longest.

"It's kind of hard for anybody, especially in my position," Jones said. "But having him around, I mean, he always comes and pulls me to the side, tells me, 'It's a process,' tells me, 'Just patience,' and tells me one thing I need to work on."

"So I just focus on those things more."

Jones has played second fiddle to redshirt junior Kyle Trask since he stepped in to replace injured starter Feleipe Franks. The 19-year-old Jones has observed Trask's uncommon poise, diligent preparation and readiness when his opportunity arose.

"I've never seen him get rattled," Jones said. "I think that's the main thing. I've been learning a lot from him, just like seeing him making mistakes and not getting down about it. That's probably the biggest thing."

Jones also has enjoyed watching Trask's success, especially a 9-yard touchdown run last weekend against Vanderbilt showcasing an extra gear for a player who does his best work from the passing pocket.

"I told him, 'You look fast right there,'" the fleet-footed Jones said with a smile. "He was like, 'Yeah, you know I had to get the step on him.'"

Not to be outdone, Jones used his legs to reach the end zone a career-high three times after touching the ball just once during each of the previous two games against South Carolina and Georgia. Jones also was 2-of-3 passing for 37 yards against Vanderbilt.

"He can make some special things happen on the field," Mullen said of Jones. "He's got a lot of talent."

Enough talent to make for an interesting offseason at the quarterback position.

Trask's consistency, accuracy and unflappability now are known and proven commodities. Jones' explosiveness and dual-threat abilities are more of a wild card.

Then there is the X-factor: the return of Franks, the 2018-19 starter, from a devastating ankle injury suffered Sept. 14 at Kentucky. The six-month recovery and rehabilitation jeopardize Franks' chance to participate during spring practices. But the redshirt junior's 24 starts, impressive close to the 2018 season — 12 total touchdowns, no turnovers in four games — and considerable physical gifts earned him the opportunity to start the past three season openers.

Asked what the Gators' quarterback room will be like in 2020, senior receiver Freddie Swain said Tuesday, "I feel like the competition level is going to be through the roof."

Jones, who turns 20 in April, plans to be ready to take the next step in his evolution, presumably competing for the starting job with two more experienced veterans.

"Just going there and trying to be better and finding little things that we need to work on before getting into camp," he said. "I am focused on getting better myself and just staying focus on the next step in the process."

Weighing around 202 pounds, the 6-foot-2 Jones said he would like to tip the scales at closer to 215, allowing him to better absorb the punishment a running quarterback receives.

Mullen ultimately seeks continued consistency from a player he identified long ago as his quarterback for the future, eventually luring Jones away from Ohio State leading to 2018 National Signing Day.

"I told him and we say this a lot with the quarterback — make the unspectacular plays," Mullen said. "He can make spectacular ones. But consistently make the easy, unspectacular play. I think that is always a learning curve, especially for younger guys. 'Coach, did you see this spectacular play?' 'I did. Absolutely, I saw it. It was unbelievable.'"

"But what about this little simple one here. I gotcha. Do the little things and the simple things really, really well. That's a big part of development."

Mullen clearly has a willing and captive audience in Jones.



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Many young quarterbacks have sought greener pastures — or entered the NCAA transfer portal — when the opportunity to play did not arrive as quickly as expected.

Mullen said Jones manages to keep his ambitions in check.

"I think he's obviously disappointed because he wants to get in and go play," Mullen said after Jones played one snap against Georgia. "I think he understands when he looks at it and he handles it well."

Jones has to look no further than Trask, who also had to wait his chance to play. Beyond that, Mullen's sterling résumé with quarterbacks shows the value of patience.

"He has a track record that's through the roof," Swain said. "So why not listen to the guy, you know what I'm saying?"

Jones does and has since he was a high school freshman. During the ensuing six years, he watched Mullen work his magic with quarterbacks, imagining all the while what's in store when Jones' time finally arrives.

"Coach Mullen, he has worked with all different type of quarterbacks and different systems, and all of them seem to revolve around the quarterback," Jones said. "Right now, it revolves around Kyle until I get into the game, so I mean, I feel like when I get that spot eventually, like it just be crazy like, we can do a lot of things."

**DATE: November 16, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Mullen's 'Gator Standard' Continues to Build**Author:** Scott Carter

COLUMBIA, Mo. – The possibilities still dangled in the air as Dan Mullen discussed his 19th win in 24 games as Florida's head coach.

The No. 11 Gators had just polished off the Southeastern Conference portion of their schedule with a 23-6 victory over Missouri, handing the Tigers their first home loss of the season on a cold and clear day at Memorial Stadium. At 9-2 overall, 6-2 in the SEC, Florida remained in the hunt for a berth in the SEC Championship Game with perhaps some divine intervention.

As Mullen spoke, the Georgia-Auburn game was underway more than 750 miles away at Jordan-Hare Stadium. For the Gators to make it to Atlanta, they needed Auburn to pull the upset and then hope Texas A&M won at Georgia next weekend as they enjoyed a bye week while preparing for the regular-season finale against Florida State.

"We've got a lot going on for us right now," Mullen said. "We knew we had to come bring our A-game here. I thought we did as a team, played really well. We didn't make mistakes that would cost us the game."

More than two hours later Florida's Delta charter flight touched down at home around the time Auburn was storming back from a 21-0 deficit. The Tigers trimmed the lead to 21-14 and had the ball at Georgia's 34 on a potential game-tying drive with less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter.

As the plane came to a stop on the tarmac, coaches, players and support staff closely watched TV monitors perched on back of each seat as the drama unfolded on the Plains. On fourth-and-5, Auburn quarterback Bo Nix's pass was behind Harold Joiner and dropped incomplete with 2:24 left, spoiling Auburn's dramatic comeback attempt.

The Gators started to deboard en masse.

Georgia became the first team to win three consecutive SEC East titles since Florida won four in a row from 1993-96. The sequence of events Saturday were made possible because two weeks ago in Jacksonville, the Gators lost 24-17 to the Bulldogs.

Much like Auburn on Saturday, the Gators rallied late but came up short in the end to Georgia, which is currently ranked fourth and in the national championship conversation. More importantly to the Gators, they responded much better this season to their loss to the Bulldogs than in 2018 when the following week, they lost to Missouri at home by 21 points.

One loss turned into two. Frustration mounted. A lesson was learned.

The 2019 Gators have defeated Vanderbilt and the Tigers by a combined score of 79-3 since losing to Georgia.

"We didn't let it sit on us like we did last year," senior receiver Josh Hammond said Saturday.

Hammond made one of Florida's biggest plays against Missouri, twisting to adjust to a pass from Kyle Trask and hauling in a 34-yard touchdown catch early in the third quarter, which gave the Gators a 13-3 lead. Following a Missouri field goal, Trask added a 15-yard touchdown pass to running back Lamical Perine, who like Hammond, made a terrific catch in coverage.

The Tigers never recovered.

Those two plays, three field goals by Evan McPherson and a dominant defensive effort by graduate transfer defensive end Jonathan Greenard (five tackles for loss, two sacks) proved too much for Missouri to beat the Gators for the third consecutive year.

"It was a really good day at the office," Greenard said.

Despite what transpired early Saturday evening when the Gators landed back in Gainesville, it's been a really good season for the Gators.

They have matched their regular-season win total from Mullen's first season and can surpass it with a victory over the Seminoles Nov. 30. With six conference wins, that's one more than a year ago. They still have a shot at a second consecutive New Year's Six bowl and a final top-10 ranking. Their losses are to teams currently ranked No. 1 (LSU) and No. 4 (Georgia) in the College Football Playoff.

Florida's continued resurgence in Year 2 under Mullen transpired despite the loss of starting quarterback Feleipe Franks, numerous injuries on defense – most notably to defensive end Jabari Zuniga – and a young offensive line that has forced the Gators to abandon any semblance of a power run game.

"We've been able to throw the ball all over people this year and I think Coach Mullen has done a good job of putting people in position to make plays and getting the matchup we want," Hammond said.

Trask's emergence and a talented receiving corps have picked up the production lost in the run game. Meanwhile, the defense has kept it together through the injuries and third-down woes in the two losses to rank among the national leaders in scoring defense. Three shutouts and five games allowing a field goal or less will do that.



"Our guys have bought in," Mullen said Saturday.

The buy-in happened after the Missouri loss last season when a promising season appeared on the brink of taking a wrong turn. Instead, the Gators rallied for four consecutive wins and a 10-3 finish, beating Michigan in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl in the capper.

Mullen pointed out the obvious blemish in Saturday's win: too many negative plays that killed early scoring drives.

"We weren't as clean as we want to be offensively," he said. "There were some opportunities to put up more points and more yards."

Still, only those fueled by vitriol spent the night nit-picking a 17-point road win that started at 11 a.m. Central Time. That's not Mullen's style. He hugged the W.

Seated next to his son Cannon at a table inside a small interview room, Mullen joked with reporters and wore the smile of a coach pleased at the end result. The Gators won't be playing for conference championship, but they are getting closer.

"If you want to be a great team, you've got to win in November. You've got to be able to go on the road and win tough conference games," Mullen said. "Hey, at 6-2, at this point, we've done all we can do obviously with how the season's gone. We had to win today to keep that hope alive.

"This team knows. There are standards and expectations when you're a Gator. You are going to get everyone's A-game. When the Gators come to town, it's a big deal. When you get to play the Gators, that's a big deal for everybody and we've got to bring our A-game to be able to do that. That's part of the Gator Standard."

A standard that continues to be raised.

**DATE: November 16, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** An unselfish veteran core has driven Florida's success in Dan Mullen's first two years**Author:** Will Sammon

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Florida lined up with four receivers spread across the right side. When Missouri countered with four defensive backs matched to each receiver, quarterback Kyle Trask motioned running back Lamical Perine out of the backfield and to the boundary. As Perine positioned himself as the only receiver on the left side, linebacker Nick Bolton jogged to cover him, just as Trask suspected.

"That was one of our things," Trask said, "if we start in that formation, he's got a linebacker on him."

Trask knew the advantage belonged to Florida. He also figured Perine, a senior, would make a catch, too, because he's been so dependable all season doing just that. So with Perine running a slant-and-go, Trask lobbed the ball for him. Perine came down with the ball between defenders while keeping his foot in the end zone for a third-quarter touchdown.

Florida beat Missouri 23-6 at Memorial Stadium on Saturday afternoon in its final SEC game because its defense held the Tigers to a measly 3.8 yards per play. But don't forget the senior playmakers on offense

Perine was again reliable, getting only four carries for 16 yards but also catching four passes. So was senior Josh Hammond, who caught the day's only other touchdown pass. Senior Van Jefferson had six catches and 84 yards (team bests); he was reliable, too. Don't dismiss their performances based on individual numbers. Don't take them for granted, even if their collective unselfishness essentially encourages that sort of thing.

They'll be gone after two more games, and they'll be missed. While Florida State and Arkansas fired their head coaches this month, Florida (9-2, 6-2 SEC) just matched its regular-season win total from last year with a game against the Seminoles left. All three of those schools made coaching changes in 2017. So did other teams such as UCLA, Nebraska and Mississippi State — all of whom have losing records this season. Why have the Gators succeeded when so many others have failed?

When Hammond was asked that question Saturday, he listed every reasonable answer except one. The biggest reason, he explained, was Dan Mullen introducing himself as someone who wants to win and someone who knows how to.

"His program, and how he explained it when he first got here, was the biggest difference between a lot of coaches," Hammond said.

Mullen deserves a lot of credit. So does his staff. But the one thing Hammond didn't say, the one thing he wouldn't say, was this: It's the veteran guys like him that Florida is about to lose who have made a difference, too.

Take Saturday, for instance. In previous years, Florida playing a road game in November with the SEC East all but officially decided would've indicated trouble (Georgia clinched the division title later Saturday). Sure, the Gators started slow and inspired some worry because they couldn't consistently block the pass rush from Missouri (5-5, 2-4), which had also dominated at home this season. But they closed with a win because they were able to lean on guys such as Perine and Hammond.

It was Hammond who made an extravagant play, turning his body mid-stride to make a catch on a pretty throw from Trask on an inside fade that resulted in a touchdown. The 34-yard connection gave Florida a 13-3 lead with 11:56 left in the third quarter. Nine minutes later, Perine's touchdown made it 20-6.

Add senior receivers Tyrie Cleveland and Freddie Swain to the list that includes Hammond, Jefferson and Perine. Cleveland and Swain didn't change the game in the way Hammond and Perine did Saturday, but their careers share the same narrative.

"That's a special group," Mullen said. "No egos, no concerns. 'Hey, I'm on the field, I'll keep doing this, I'll keep doing that.' They get after each other, they motivate each other. And I'll be honest with you, as a coach, it's a really special thing. I trust all of them."

He's thankful for them, too. As they proved with bounce-back wins since the Georgia loss, the Gators are a different, more mature team than in previous years, and a major reason for that is because of the senior playmakers on offense. They bought in early and stayed. And Mullen is hoping that after they leave, their legacy of being unselfish guys and winners ready to produce despite limited opportunities will last with the Gators.

"That's the biggest thing we try to teach the younger guys: It doesn't matter how many plays, if you're starting, anything like that," Hammond said. "When an NFL scout turns on the film, they are going to watch the plays that you're in. They don't care about who starts. They are looking for the talent and what you do on the field."

"That's the biggest message that, at least our receivers, preach to the younger receivers that we have in our room. Don't trip over reps; (receivers coach Billy Gonzales) will rotate you in. You just have to make the most of your opportunity."

**DATE: November 27, 2019****Publication:** The Gainesville Sun**Title:** Perine with a purpose: senior has become Gators' complete back**Author:** Robbie Andreu

Based on his rushing total alone, the assumption could be made that Florida running back Lamical Perine is having a disappointing season and perhaps made a mistake returning for his senior season rather than entering the NFL draft last spring.

But viewing it from the big picture, which UF coach Dan Mullen does with his standout running back, Perine has had a productive season and actually has improved his draft standing this fall.

"What gets lost in the year he's having is how he's catching the ball and the matchups and the problems he causes coming out of the backfield," Mullen said. "We run a pro-style offense. He's understood that, 'Hey, I'm running the offense that's going to be really similar to what I might be doing next year in the NFL. Catching balls and I'll get some carries here and there, got to take advantage of my carries.'"

"To be an all-purpose back you've got to be able to do everything. Got to be able to catch, protect, run, do it all. And he's done that. You see now you get the opportunity to go single him up and run receiver routes and catch the ball coming out of the backfield and catching the ball in the slot."

One of the main reasons Perine decided to return for his senior season was to continue working on becoming a complete back, something he's always taken pride in. All indications are that he has become one. The rushing numbers may not be there (just 520 yards and four touchdowns on 115 carries), but everything else has — his pass protection, which has been outstanding, and his ability to catch the ball out of the backfield. He's become a go-to guy in the passing game, catching 32 passes for 179 yards and four touchdowns.

"This year he's shown a whole different aspect of his game," senior center Nick Buchanan said. "Last game you saw the toe tap in the Missouri catch (for a touchdown). He's a complete back. He's a complete football player. He can run, he can throw, he can catch, he can block. He can do it all, just completing himself as a football player. I'm pretty sure he's happy with where he's at."

Perine seems to be. And he has no regrets about returning for his senior season.

"Honestly, I feel like this has been a back and forth season for me, but I've learned how to become a better receiver and things like that, when the running game is not working. And just being a leader and just being somebody who people can look up to on the team.

"Just showing my game, just not being a basic running back that can just run the ball and pound people. Being a guy who can protect your quarterback, being able to receive out of the backfield, things like that, they put me out wide, put me in the slot, just makes me a versatile player overall. I'm fortunate to be in the position I'm in."

Heading into the season, the expectation was that Perine would have a big year running the football, a potential 1,000-yard rusher, for sure. He ran for 826 yards last season, and he did it sharing the position with Jordan Scarlett. With Scarlett moving on to the NFL, Perine would be the go-to guy in the running game in 2019.

And he has been — but the running game just hasn't been there for the Gators behind a young and inexperienced offensive line that has been unable to get any push in the running game.

Once it became apparent UF could not effectively move the ball with a conventional running game, the Gators became almost a pass-only offense. And Perine's role changed. He went from dominant back, to versatile back. He's had an impact as a receiver, blocker and team leader — and he's had a few big moments running the ball, like his 88-yard TD run in the win over Auburn.

"He's a great teammate," junior offensive guard Brett Heggie said. "He's had a great career here and I'm excited to see what he does in the future.

"He's a team player, he's all about team. When he shows up he really shows up, makes big plays in big games. He's going to be something special in the future for whichever team picks him in the draft."

At the moment, Perine's not thinking about the draft. He's focused on his final game in The Swamp against arch-rival Florida State.

"Very emotional, teary-eyed," he said. "Just knowing it's going to be my last time running out there, man, just going to be crazy. Something to think about. I've had a long four years, and it's been good times, bad times, but ain't nothing like running out there your last time. That's the best feeling right there. I'm just ready to get out there with my boys and play."

**DATE: November 27, 2019****Publication:** Gators Territory**Title:** Class is in session with Professor David Reese**Author:** Jacquie Franciulli

GAINESVILLE, Fla.-- David Reese hears his phone alert him to a new text message. He isn't surprised. The Gators linebacker knows exactly who it is - it's game day after all.

"Justin loves the Gators," said the Florida senior. "He will text me before every game and tell me to do good out there or give some words of motivation."

Justin is just another of Reese's pupils. You see, the Michigan native is not just known as the "professor" in the film room, he also helps teach high school students.

"I just helped doing school work or just helping the kids out," explained Reese. "I have a lot of relationships with the kids there. Whenever I can, I try to stop by."

This fall Reese interned at Gainesville High School along side the school's Athletic Director, Cindy Boulware.

"It will be different every day," said Reese. "Some day it will be eligibility forms or talking to the kids that are not eligible or are missing something in order to be eligible, doing background checks on that. Or sometimes I'll go to the special-ed department, and we will draw or play basketball or talk to those guys. It's different stuff everyday."

Teaching is something that comes easy for Reese. Known as "Professor Reese" around some members of the team, the Gators linebacker never sways away from helping the younger linebackers and defenders adapt.

"He's in the front of the film room coaching us up sometimes," sophomore linebacker Amari Burney said. "Coach will stop talking and just ask David Reese to tell us what we got and things like that. He's a big help."

"Everything he tells us, we know he's right. We don't second guess him or anything like that. Whatever he tells you, that's what we're playing."

"Just by his presence he seemed like a guy that is already very mature," said safety Donovan Stiner. "That is a big part of him. I see that every day. We have a lot of young linebackers so when they ask him a question, he's helping them with their plays."

However, it's not just the defensive players that are taking a few tips from 6-foot-1, 239-pounder.

Josh Hammond and Reese have been roommates since their freshman season. So when Reese has an itch to head to the film room, Hammond is never too far behind.

"He has definitely helped me understand defenses a lot because he is the Mike, so he is kind of the guy that puts a lot of people in positions to allow them to be successful," said the senior receiver. "So the calls he makes and why he makes them, the defense we check to depending on the different formations and things of that nature, which helps me understand on the offensive side of the ball, because I understand why they are doing certain things, which will help make me more successful because I understand why they are doing it, and what we are going it."

His leadership and passion for the game is simply contagious.

"Going out against David Reese, as the Mike linebacker, the one that is in charge of the defense it is a great mental challenge every single day," center Nick Buchanan said. "He is trying to figure out what we're doing, we are trying to figure out what they are doing. He is the best at just disguising where they come from, where the blitz is coming from, where they are not coming from, and who is dropping."

Reese has certainly led by example this season for Dan Mullen's team.

He leads the team with 83 tackles, while recording 4.5 tackles for a loss, two sacks and one fumble recovery. During his Gators career, he has made 310 tackles, 118 of them solo.

"Hard-nosed," defensive line man Jonathan Greenard said. "I remember watching David when I was at Louisville. Always knowing No. 33 is out there at linebacker. He's an old-school, downhill linebacker. He's going to come hit you. Very physical, very smart. Lot of people don't understand that. He's one of the smartest guys on the team."

"He's a hard worker. He kind of fits what we want in the program as a guy that works, gives you everything he has and shows up every day to be his best," said the Gators head coach. "I mean, he's a lunch pail guy; he's going to come to work and give you what he has every day."

Although Todd Grantham has only coached Reese for the last two seasons, the Florida defensive coordinator wished he was able to coach him for all four years.

"I recruited him," said Grantham. "I knew what kind of player he was. I knew the kind of quality he had."



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According to Grantham, it's not hard to see his passion for the game.

"He came up and worked out for me like twice," said Grantham. "You could tell he liked football, you could tell he was passionate about the sport, you could tell he had a certain physical presence to him and all of that has kind of played out throughout his career."

That passion has led him to teaching.

Although Reese says he wants to see how far his football career can take him, he always knew he would eventually go into coaching. That calling was affirmed when he walked through the halls of Gainesville High School.

"I wanted to try to do something better in my life and just try to have an impact on somebody else - that's why I really want to get into coaching," said Reese. "You take kids from different backgrounds, lets say me from Michigan, everyone at Florida here has changed my life and set me up to be successful in other ways. I have learned so many life lessons from these people, and I just want to give back."

Reese may be playing in his final home game for the Gators, however, kids like Justin will never be far from his mind; his teammates will never be far from his mind.

"I am trying to make them [the linebackers] into better people and football players," said Reese. "I am trying to help them out with whatever they need."

"Anything they need, I got them."

**DATE: November 28, 2019****Publication:** The Gainesville Sun**Title:** This senior class has helped Mullen turn program around**Author:** Pat Dooley

There is no Heisman Trophy winner worthy of another statue and it's debatable whether any of the seniors who walk Saturday will get an All-American paver in front of the Heavener Complex at the corner of Legend and Loved.

Some will leave with championships — one SEC East for the true seniors, two for the redshirt seniors — but not the ones they came here to win.

And yet (as the coach who recruited most of them liked to say), the young men who are honored before Saturday night's Florida-FSU game deserve the kinds of roars that have been delivered to the greats who have come before them.

"I just hope that we're remembered for, I guess, the leading class that kind of helped turn this program around," said senior Josh Hammond.

That will depend on what the program under coach Dan Mullen becomes in the future, but there is no doubt these seniors put the program on the right track.

And they did it when it was most difficult. Florida football had become a scandal-ridden mess in the final year of Jim McElwain. We know it was easy to quit and go somewhere else because so many of the players they were recruited with did just that.

But these guys stuck together when it was easy to bail. That's the measuring stick for a senior class — does it leave with the program in better shape than it was when it showed up?

There shouldn't be any question about this one.

"We've done our part and, hopefully, it rubbed off on the younger guys to keep the tradition going," said defensive end Jon Greenard.

Greenard, of course, transferred in from Louisville and has only spent one season here. But the emotions will still be palpable, leaking from eyes and taking the form of chill bumps in the cool night.

For all of them.

In a way, this senior class that fought through injuries, controversy, firings and hirings is kind of the new norm for what senior classes have started to look like.

Of the 14 players who have played significant minutes this season, six were part of the 2016 recruiting class, three were part of the 2015 class and four are transfers. (The 14th is long snapper Jacob Tilghman, a former walk-on and, yes, I can add.)

I asked Mullen on Monday where Florida would be without those transfers and he didn't want to go there.

But I think you know.

Only Greenard came into a situation where the culture had already changed. The others were as much a part of changing it as the players who signed with UF and stuck it out.

"They faced a lot of different adversity," Mullen said.

For fifth-year seniors like Nick Buchanan, the roller-coaster never seemed to want to level out. For true seniors such as David Reese II, it flew by fast, but not so fast that a legacy wasn't created.

"No quit, play with resilience, just a team, a group of guys that came in here together and had a chance to turn this program around," Reese said.

He'll remember those impromptu film sessions with roommate Josh Hammond, just trying to get better because the status quo wasn't good enough.

They will all remember the early morning workouts and what it was like the first time they ran out of the tunnel and winning games that felt so heavy and shutting out the noise when things didn't go as well as they had hoped.

They will never forget their own impacts on a stressed-out program.

"I've seen the change," said Adam Shuler, who transferred to a team that won four games the year before he got here. "It's magical."

When you inherit a situation as a head coach, you have a plan. But you never know how long it will take everyone to buy in. Even for Mullen, we saw the large amount of attrition through the transfer portal after his first season.

But these guys who are still around, to say they have bought in would be like saying Anthony Hopkins bought in to his role as Hannibal Lecter.



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"It's a great feeling when you have guys buy in for what you want to do," Mullen said. "I showed up and had an idea of how I wanted this program to be and they believed in me."

Which is why he might get a little emotional Saturday night.

"It's always a little bit emotional to see where guys have come from and where they've grown," Mullen said.

They came from all over, literally.

To be here.

For one last Swamp ride.

**DATE: November 29, 2019****Publication:** The Athletic**Title:** 'He's our hype guy': Inside the pregame speeches of Florida senior Freddie Swain**Author:** Will Sammon

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Nick Savage shouted, "We're all we got." Together and vociferously, Florida's players responded with, "We're all we need." Freddie Swain participated in the pregame hype session after the team's meal that October day, and afterward, he stored the chant in the back of his mind.

On the field, after the team has practiced punt drills, usually around 30 minutes before kickoff, Swain has been the one in the middle of a large huddle, surrounded by teammates. For each game the past two seasons, he has delivered indelible, spirited speeches. He gathers players on the field and shares a message that weaves together the week and that game. Usually, he doesn't plan what he is going to say in advance, which is not to say he's unprepared; it's just his way of remaining authentic in front of his guys.

The Auburn game was different. Swain deviated. In a moment of reflection ahead of his final game in The Swamp on Saturday night against Florida State, Swain took The Athletic inside his process of pregame speeches and shared that the one ahead of Auburn was likely his best. He used Savage's chant and quickly mixed a few words of his own. Immediately, he knew it worked.

"Guys, as soon as they came to me, they were already bouncing around," Swain said. "I was like, 'All right, I see you guys.' Because sometimes when they come, they come dead or usually they are waiting on the message. But they already came jumping up. They kind of had me jumping. So, I was like, 'Yeah, let's do it.' I didn't really have to say much that time. But the little things I did say, they took to it, and we handled our business."

Swain is usually one of the final players to come out of the locker room. When he speaks on the field before the game, he shifts his eyes with each sentence. He moves around, too. He wants to feel like he is speaking to everybody. By the time the huddle breaks down, he said, he can tell how things are going to go. His hope is that he helped. He doesn't rehearse his speeches, doesn't wonder about what he will say the night before games. His words are always different. And they tend to resonate.

"I just speak from the heart with whatever is on my mind at the time," Swain said. "For guys to be able to look at me and kind of take their game to another level off of some of the things that I say ... the connection that I have with the guys, it's just a lot of respect. It's good and it gives me a warm feeling."

Said running back Dameon Pierce: "He's our hype guy."

The atmosphere inside The Swamp on Oct. 5 was raucous. "College GameDay" was in Gainesville, creating a pregame buzz for a nationally televised, top-10 matchup. The stadium was filled well before kickoff. The energy was palpable, the noise loud. Not all games are like that. That's one reason why Swain's role mattered so much, he learned.

"Guys sometimes will come out there and look for that, to feed off of that energy, so I can never come half-stepping," Swain said. "So I just come and speak from the heart, and guys understand that it comes from the heart and that it kind of hits different."

Pregame logistics for the Gators changed when Dan Mullen took over for Jim McElwain, inviting time and opportunity for a player to emerge for a pregame leadership role. Swain, who also broke down huddles during practices, called his first experience delivering a pregame speech "eye-opening."

"It was like a surreal moment," Swain said. "It didn't hit me until I got into the locker room. I was like, 'Damn, there are some guys in here and they are listening to me, feeding off my energy.' So that kind of let me know that, all right, guys are watching me, so you have to hold yourself to a different level now. You can't have no days where you come in dead because guys are going to feed off that."

That's the maturity from Swain that the Gators will soon have to replace. He listed running back Malik Davis, receivers Kadarius Toney and Trevon Grimes and quarterbacks Kyle Trask, Emory Jones and Feleipe Franks as guys capable of occupying his role. Swain worked inside the Gators' huddle because he commanded respect.

On another team, Swain, a former four-star recruit out of North Marion, may have posted bigger statistics over his four years, particularly his last two, when Florida's receivers room grew in talent and depth while receptions were distributed in Mullen's offense. He certainly wouldn't have split time as a starter on many other squads like how he alternated each week at slot with Josh Hammond this season. Florida fans who created the viral hashtag "SwainToTheSwamp" on Twitter four years ago knew his potential in that way.

"I ain't going to lie, it was crazy, it was pretty cool," Swain said. "I was like, all right, their fan base, whether they want you or not, you can always tell."

What those fans probably didn't know was how unselfish Swain would be and how he'd become a leader for a team in need of strong voices. Four years ago, they hoped he'd be hard to replace at the end of 2019. He will be; for some of those predictable reasons first imagined back in 2015, and more.

On Tuesday night, Swain couldn't say what he planned to share with teammates in the minutes before Florida's game against Florida State on Saturday. Naturally, he hadn't yet thought about it, he said. Again, his words will just come from the heart. And it was within that same breath that he made it clear he loved his role. It was obvious he embraced it, too. And he's going to miss it.

"Yeah," Swain said, "I'm going to miss everything about Florida."

**DATE: November 30, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Perine's Commitment to Gators Started on a Bus**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – On the same stretch of highway their oldest son traveled alone more than five years ago on a Greyhound bus, chasing a dream as the mile markers passed in the night, Sabrina and Jimmie Haywood now know the route better than he does.

Since he arrived at UF in the summer of 2016, Sabrina and Jimmie have worn out tires as they made the drive from their home in Theodore, Ala., to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium to watch Lamical Perine churn up yards for the Gators. Perine's road to UF opened in late May 2014 when, near the end of his sophomore year of high school, 16-year-old Lamical took that 14-hour bus ride along Interstate 10, then a right along I-75, to attend a Gators camp. The next day a scholarship offer arrived.

Perine committed to his dream and then navigated the usual course on the recruiting trail, taking in other offers and making other trips, most notably one to in-state Auburn that would add a juicy subplot to his story years later. Sabrina and Jimmie loaded up the car once more on Friday to embark on a trip that is certain to include laughs, hugs, tears and Sabrina's red velvet cake, Lamical's favorite dish from his mom's oven.

"It's bittersweet," Sabrina said. "It's went really quick. It feels like I just dropped him off."

Perine is one of 22 seniors the No. 11-ranked Gators (9-2) will honor Saturday night when they host Florida State (6-5) in the annual "Fresh From Florida Sunshine Showdown." It will be Perine's 49th game in a Gators uniform, a span that includes 3,006 yards of total offense and counting.

As the Gators have surged back into the top 10 the past two seasons under head coach Dan Mullen, Perine has been their multi-purpose staple. He has led the team in rushing both seasons. As a senior, Perine has become one of the team's top receivers with 32 receptions and four touchdown catches, the most for a Gators running back since fullback James Jones caught five 37 years ago.

Talk to his teammates, and they use the same words to describe Perine: unselfish, talented, dependable, versatile, strong, fast, leader.

"He's all about team," offensive lineman Brett Heggie said.

"He's a complete football player," said starting center Nick Buchanan, one of the seniors to be honored with Perine. "He can do it all."

Nothing anyone has said to describe the oldest of their three sons during his time at Florida has surprised Sabrina and Jimmie. They saw it for 18 years on a daily basis.

Sabrina and Jimmie met at Vigor High School in Prichard, Ala., an industrial suburb north of Mobile. Jimmie was a standout defensive tackle and middle linebacker who spent a season playing at a junior college in California before returning home. Sabrina played basketball and won a state shot put title in track. Terrance Perine, who played at Auburn and is Lamical's biological father, was not heavily involved in his son's life early. Sabrina and Jimmie's family grew over the years to include Lamical's two younger brothers, Jimmie Haywood Jr. and Dorien Haywood, who both followed Lamical as standouts at Theodore High.

Lamical followed Jimmie's lead. The younger boys followed Lamical.

"He didn't play with toys, he played football," Sabrina said. "That was his first toy."

Flashing the talent Florida fans have become accustomed to watching on Saturdays, Perine quickly became the star on any team he played on in the rec leagues around town. The same held true when he got to middle school and high school.

He showed a willingness to work hard to reach goals, a lesson Jimmie imparted by setting up a weight bench in the backyard so Lamical could work out 12 months a year.

"We were always into just being ready and prepared. I told him with my experience of playing football, if you are lifting weights year-round, you are already ready," Jimmie said. "You don't have to get ready. You have done it all year. I've preached that to him religiously. If you are stronger and faster than the rest of the guys, you are going to be OK. He was like a gym rat coming out of high school."

Perine wasn't always that way.

Growing up, he was pudgy and started out on the offensive and defensive lines. By middle school he had started to shed weight and showcased his speed at linebacker. As a freshman in high school, Perine starred at receiver, which helped him develop skills like he showcased in Florida's 23-6 win at Missouri two weeks ago. With the Gators leading 13-6 in the second half, Perine made a leaping catch in the corner of the end zone and made sure to get his feet in-bounds as he landed.

As usual, Sabrina and Jimmie, who have traveled to every game this season and most of them over the past four years, were not surprised as others discussed Perine's evolution this season into one of Florida's primary receivers. He is third on the team in receptions (32), matching his career total prior to the season.

While Perine will fall short of a 1,000-yard rushing season as some projected due to the Gators' revamping of the offense after an injury to starting quarterback Feleipe Franks in the third game – he led the team with 826 as a junior – Perine has contributed significantly.



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"He was a receiver first before he was a running back," Jimmie said. "He's got a whole lot to offer to the game. It probably wasn't the season he expected, but in some other areas where it counts, he improved a lot. His catching skills, pass blocking, he stepped up in those areas. They know he can run the ball."

Still, Perine's signature moment as a senior came on a handoff.

In Florida's 24-13 win over Auburn, he broke off an 88-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to seal the Gators' biggest win of the season as Gators icon Emmitt Smith looked on from the sideline. It was Florida's longest run since Smith's 96-yarder against Mississippi State in 1988.

That made it special, but more so personally for Perine is that the Tigers told him he was too slow when he attended a camp at Auburn during high school.

"We were there for that heartbreak and we knew he would never forget it," Sabrina said.

Perine's scoring run capped one of the most magical home wins for the Gators this decade. It's a moment he'll never forget, but just part of his Gators story.

Perine contemplated putting his name in the NFL Draft following his junior season but decided to come back to finish what he started. That's what he learned all those years at his parents' kitchen table.

He has unfinished business on the field and in the classroom, where he is focused on completing his sociology degree. The total experience is why he opted to return to school.

"I sat in front of a mirror and honestly had to make a heart-to-heart decision with myself," Perine said. "I knew I could bring a lot more to the team and I just didn't want to put all my eggs in one basket and just leave and not know what to expect. It's pretty much the same thing this year, but I'm trying to hopefully get a degree and understand that I have nothing left to do at Florida."

And to think, it all started with a lonely bus ride.

In the years since, Perine has endured a head-coaching change, three position coaches, teammates coming and going, and in his final season, a different offense than the one he expected.

He's made the most of every opportunity.

"We preach it all the time," Sabrina said. "If you are going to do something, you are going to be the best. You are going to finish it. If you are not going to do it wholeheartedly, don't do it at all. I live it and breath it with them. I go through the highs and I go through the lows, and I'm there to wipe the nose."

On Senior Night, she'll likely have to dab her own.

**DATE: November 30, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** A Block Party Long Overdue at The Swamp**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Sometimes you get exactly what you want and what you need. The Florida Gators sure did on Saturday night at sold-out Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

They wanted a win at home against rival Florida State in the worst way. Got it. They needed an impressive performance and some other games Saturday to go their way to improve their bid for a second consecutive New Year's Six Bowl berth. Got that, too.

The party started early and ran late. If you were anywhere in the vicinity of the Swamp, you saw the lights and heard the fireworks in No.8-ranked Florida's 40-17 stomping of the Seminoles.

"Good day for us out there," Florida head coach Dan Mullen said.

He can say that again.

First, the streak is over. The Gators ended a decade of home futility against their rivals from Tallahassee in convincing fashion. They scored on their first drive and didn't let up, taking a 30-7 lead at halftime.

The Gators had lost four consecutive home games to Florida State, a streak that started in 2011 and often forced fans to head for the exits early. How bad was it? Florida scored 38 points total in the four losses. Three different UF coaches tried to end it. It was the worst home stretch for the Gators at home against a single opponent since an 0-4-1 span against LSU from 1978-86 before Florida Field was nicknamed the Swamp.

"We wanted to go out right and we did," senior receiver Tyrie Cleveland said.

Next, the Gators improved their chances of a second consecutive New Year's Six bowl as Mullen became the first coach in school history to win 10 games in each of his first two seasons. Coupled with Alabama's loss to Auburn and Minnesota's loss to Wisconsin – both teams opened Saturday in the top 10 of the College Football Playoff rankings with the Gators sitting at 11th – it's logical to expect Florida to move up considering that its biggest win of the season was over Auburn.

If it does, that bolsters UF's bid significantly. The Gators will have to wait until Tuesday night to find out how much the events of Saturday impacted the rankings in the eyes of the CFB Playoff Selection Committee.

Mullen pushed along the conversation at his postgame press conference.

"We're 10-2, we've played a tough nonconference schedule, going out to ... aggressively schedule two Power 5 teams nonconference," Mullen said. "There's a lot of teams not doing that. I don't know the discussions that happen in the room and all that stuff. But résumé-wise, I think we have a pretty solid résumé to be a top-10 team."

Wherever the Gators end up, they took care of business against the Seminoles and interim head coach Odell Haggins. Florida rolled up 467 yards of total offense, recorded eight sacks and committed only three penalties while the Seminoles were flagged 13 times.

It was an Orange & Blue night in every way.

Afterward, the Gators hung around a little while extra to soak it all in, especially the team's 22 players honored on "Senior Night."

They didn't just participate, many of them dominated.

Graduate transfer Jonathan Greenard had three sacks and a forced fumble. Receivers Freddie Swain and Van Jefferson each had a pair of touchdown receptions. Cleveland had four catches and a 40-yard kickoff return. Josh Hammond had a 31-yard catch. Lamical Perine took a short toss from quarterback Kyle Trask and took it 30 yards. David Reese, Luke Ancrum, Adam Shuler and Jeawon Taylor all made plays for a UF defense that limited FSU to 250 total yards.

When it was over, they took a final look around knowing they played a vital role in Florida's turnaround the past two seasons. For the four-year seniors, they played in the SEC Championship Game as true freshmen in 2016 and suffered a losing season as sophomores. Since Mullen arrived, they have 20 wins in 25 games.

The only blemish Saturday was the sight of Swain, who scored on 19- and 23-yard touchdown catch-and-runs in the first half, in street clothes afterward because of an injured knee. Mullen said they took him out for precautionary reasons in the second half and hope to have him available for the bowl game.

Otherwise, it was a senior-flavored victory by design. Swain, Jefferson, Cleveland and Hammond combined for 17 catches, 193 yards and four touchdowns.

"I really love what our four senior wideouts have done this year and that's why I made a concerted effort, they all played on the first play of the game," Mullen said. "I was pleased a lot of those guys had big nights."

Gators everywhere had much to be pleased about on a celebratory night at the Swamp.



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Days after FSU's last visit, a 38-22 victory and school-record fifth consecutive in the series, Mullen was introduced as UF's head coach. After nine years away at Mississippi State, the Gators' former offensive coordinator was brought back to restore order.

In his four seasons as offensive coordinator under Urban Meyer, the Gators never lost to FSU. They won two national titles. In Mullen's first season, the Gators snapped their losing streak to the Seminoles with a 27-point win at Doak Campbell Stadium.

They brought the party home Saturday, closing out a tumultuous decade in the Swamp with their first home win over the Seminoles since Tim Tebow's final game.

They had more than 89,000 helpers. Mullen made sure to tip his visor for their role in a perfect home season.

"Crowd was unbelievable," he said. "Gave us that home-field advantage. That was really special."

**DATE: November 30, 2019****Publication:** Tampa Bay Times**Title:** Gators' Rout of FSU Proves They Rule Florida. It's Not Even Close.**Author:** Matt Baker

GAINESVILLE — Dan Mullen has never shied away from the expectations that come with coaching Florida. He knows that titles (plural) are a requirement for long-term job security at one of the best programs in the nation.

He didn't hide from them Saturday night, either, when he could have been basking over his No. 8 Gators' 40-17 blowout of rival Florida State that gave him 20 wins through two seasons, with a bowl game still to go.

"Honestly I'd love to have been 29-0," said Mullen, who's only 20-5 so far.

Eventually, he'll have to start living up to the Gators standard of championships and perfect seasons. Until then, he can relish nights like Saturday, when the music thumps from a jubilant locker room throughout the bowels of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

It didn't claim a national title, or a conference one, or even a division one. But the drubbing did give UF a claim to a state championship that not even UCF will dispute. And for Year 2 of the Mullen era, that's something to enjoy.

In a sport defined by rivalry games —just ask Jim Harbaugh —Mullen's 10-2 Gators just beat FSU and Miami in the same season for the first time since 2008. Granted, the 6-6 Seminoles and Hurricanes are shells of what they're supposed to be. The Gasparilla Bowl might be too good for either of them.

But bookending the season with wins over the other two members of the state's Big Three shows the progress Mullen's Gators are making.

UF's 24-20 win over Miami in Week 0 was borderline unwatchable. The Gators turned the ball over four times and mustered just 304 yards of offense. Only a 10-sack performance from the defense and offensive ineptitude from the 'Canes saved UF.

That team looked little like the one that dominated Game 12 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Quarterback Kyle Trask became the first UF player since Tim Tebow to record a trio of 300-yard games in the same season.

Change-of-pace quarterback Emory Jones was strong, too. Early in the second half, he faked a run up the middle, rocked back, looked left and then threw right for a 6-yard touchdown pass to Van Jefferson. It was a spectacular version of the unspectacular play Mullen wants the redshirt freshman to make more often.

The defense remained strong. The Gators forced three consecutive three-and-outs in the first half to help the game get out of reach. Their eight sacks gave them 46 on the season, their most since 1997.

Even special teams contributed, with kicker Evan McPherson nailing a 50-yard field goal and Tyrie Cleveland ripping off a 40-yard kickoff return.

The Gators did what good teams are supposed to do to mediocre ones: dominate. The fact that the mediocre team was an in-state rival made the victory even sweeter.

Mullen and his Gators had other reasons to celebrate into Sunday night, too. Mullen became the first coach in UF history to win at least 10 games in each of his first two seasons. That back-to-back streak of double-digit victories is the Gators' first since 2008-09.

While it's hard to predict what the College Football Playoff selection committee is thinking, a rout of a rival was an exclamation mark on UF's chances of making a prestigious New Year's Six bowl game. No. 16 Auburn's 48-45 win over No. 5 Alabama probably helped, too, by making the Gators' October win over the Tigers look even better and potentially dropping the Crimson Tide beneath UF in Tuesday's rankings.

Mullen lobbied for his team's inclusion in one of those big bowls late Saturday night because of the growth he has seen from his program through 24 months and four days.

"I thought we were better this year than we were last year," Mullen said. "Am I pleased with that? Absolutely. That means we're headed in the right direction. We're heading where we want to go."

Eventually, it won't be enough to head in the right direction. Eventually Mullen will have to arrive there —and we're not talking about the Cotton Bowl. Top-10 finishes are nice but will get old eventually to a spoiled fan base. Ten-win seasons will mean less if Georgia doesn't start becoming one of those 10 triumphs.

But those are issues for next season and the one after that. For now, Mullen has something to savor and sell to recruits: His Gators finally rule their state, again.

**DATE: December 1, 2019****Publication:** Orlando Sentinel**Title:** After annihilation of FSU, Dan Mullen has Gators poised to dominate the state | Commentary**Author:** Mike Bianchi

Following this devastating and destructive dismantling of Florida State on Saturday night, the table has now officially been set for Florida Gators coach Dan Mullen to do what his old boss, Urban Meyer, did more than a decade ago:

Dominating college football in the state of Florida, which, of course, means almost assuredly becoming a perennial national-championship contender as well.

It's like FSU legend Bobby Bowden used to say back in the day: "You can forget about the Big Ten, the Big 12, the big this and the big that. The toughest conference in the country is the Big Florida. If you can win that one, you're going to be in the running for the national championship."

After Saturday night's 40-17 Sunshine State beatdown of a beleaguered and bedraggled Florida State football program, Mullen has the Gators poised to be the big dog in Bowden's Big Florida for years to come.

While Mullen celebrated his second 10-win season in as many years at UF, his FSU counterpart, interim coach Odell Haggins, somberly trudged off the field knowing he likely has no shot now at being named FSU's permanent head coach. The Seminoles continued to play the sloppy, undisciplined football (13 penalties for 97 yards) that got Willie Taggart fired while Mullen's Gators played with precision on offense and disruption on defense.

Florida's playmakers such as Freddie Swain, Kadarius Toney, Van Jefferson and Co. made FSU's defense seem slow and plodding. UF quarterback Kyle Trask threw for 343 yards and three TDs while Florida's defense recorded eight sacks and held FSU to just 250 yards.

It's astounding that Mullen, in just two years, has made the Gators so superior to FSU. Not since Meyer's heyday has there been this much separation between the Gators and the other two members of the state's so-called "Big Three."

Miami embarrassingly lost to FIU last week and there's no proof first-year coach Manny Diaz will fare any better than the string of failed coaches the Hurricanes have had over the last 15 years.

The Seminoles, as everyone knows, are in a state of disrepair — both in their coaching office and in their budget office. Even before the Seminoles suddenly fired Taggart and put themselves on the hook for the former coach's \$18 million buyout, the Seminoles were in serious financial trouble.

In today's college football arms race, it's a fair question to ask whether FSU's new coach — whoever it turns out to be — can overcome the financial constraints of the job? After all, it's no secret that one of the chief reasons Jimbo Fisher bailed out on FSU is because he wanted to be at an SEC program with far more financial resources than he had in Tallahassee.

Mullen has those resources available to him at UF. He is now 3-0 against FSU and UM and has already proven himself to be an excellent on-field tactician, but he also has the financial backing of the biggest, richest, most successful athletic program in the state.

The Gators have more money and more fans and are building better facilities than both FSU and Miami are currently capable of building. Prior to kickoff Saturday night on the in-stadium JumboTrons, the Gators gave a soldout crowd at the Swamp a sneak peek of their \$85 million standalone football facility that will begin being constructed in June and should be completed by 2021. The complex will house the entire Florida football program with a locker room, meeting rooms, strength and conditioning area and training room to go along with the coaches' offices.

"The facility is going to be huge for us," Mullen said. "It's going to affect every aspect of our program, but the ultimate one is in developing players. It's going to be a huge help to us in player development."

Florida's stand-alone facility is actually becoming a reality, whereas FSU is still trying to raise money before it can build such an elaborate, expensive facility. By the time FSU gets finished buying out Taggart and hiring a new coach, who knows when the Seminoles will have the financial capital to break ground on a new facility.

Mullen also is the beneficiary of a steady administration at UF that should be in place several years. Florida president Kent Fuchs and athletics director Scott Stricklin both are stable in their jobs, and Stricklin is considered a rock star in the profession. Meanwhile, FSU's administration is in a state of transition. President John Thrasher will be stepping down soon and his good friend, athletics director David Coburn, may also follow Thrasher into retirement. Can FSU really develop a solid long-term plan when its leaders are short-timers?

The point is that Mullen has a prime opportunity to seize control of the state while FSU and Miami are struggling to regain their footing. This is essentially what Meyer did a decade ago when he built a national-championship program at the same time FSU's program began to show cracks in the final years of the aging Bowden.

Meyer began dominating recruiting in the state while FSU and Miami wallowed in mediocrity. It wasn't until Bowden stepped down, Fisher took over and Meyer flamed out that FSU built itself back up into a national-championship contender.



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Unlike Meyer, Mullen seems to have the balance and demeanor to keep from burning out. Then again, Mullen has to show he has the relentlessness Meyer displayed leading up to National Signing Day if he expects to dominate the state of Florida's recruiting hotbed.

This is why it's imperative that FSU hires a coach who is both a great strategist and a great recruiter in order to stem Mullen's mushrooming momentum.

To think, it was just two seasons ago that Florida and Florida State both were in the market for new head coaches when the Gators hired Mullen and the Seminoles hired Taggart.

The Gators might well be reaping the rewards and FSU paying the price for years to come.

**DATE: December 8, 2019****Publication:** FloridaGators.com**Title:** Gators to Name New Football Facility After Heavener**Author:** Scott Carter

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – He first met the spirited up-and-coming coach more than a decade ago when Dan Mullen was Florida's offensive coordinator and his star pupil was quarterback Tim Tebow.

Bill Heavener eventually got to know Mullen, but he needed no introduction to Tebow. Heavener and Tebow's father, Bob, were college roommates and have remained close through the years.

As seasons passed and the Gators won a pair of national championships during the Mullen-Tebow years, Heavener's generous financial contributions helped make possible the Heavener Football Complex, which opened at the corner of Gale Lemerand Drive and Stadium Road in the summer of 2008.

The glass-walled building currently serves as the front door of the Gators' football facility. When the Gators move into their projected \$85 million new day-to-day home as early as December 2021, the Heavener name is moving too.

Florida's standalone facility, set to be built on the current site of McKethan Stadium, will be officially known as the James W. "Bill" Heavener Football Training Center as part of a lead gift from Heavener. The UF Board of Trustees approved the measure on Friday afternoon. A 1970 UF graduate and a graduate of the Harvard Business School, Heavener is a longtime donor to the University of Florida and the University Athletic Association. The gift to the Football Training Center follows his commitments to the Heavener School of Business, Heavener Hall, the Heavener Football Complex, support of the Athletic Department's video division (GatorVision) and a scholarship endowment for the athletic department.

Heavener's latest (undisclosed) financial contribution has special meaning considering his ties to Mullen and the football program.

"I just think the world of him," Heavener said. "The seasons ahead are going to be good for the Gators. We've got a great coach in Coach Mullen and in order to be competitive, we need a great facility like some of the other schools in the SEC.

"We're certain that with the right resources, Coach will bring us another national championship. I'm excited to be a part of that."

In his three years as Florida's athletic director, one of Scott Stricklin's primary tasks has been working closely with Gator Boosters to secure private funds to make the facility a reality. When Mullen returned to UF to take over the program prior to the 2018 season, Heavener's interest in the facility heightened.

He watched as Mullen led the Gators to a 10-3 record in his first season and a Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl victory over Michigan, and followed that with a 10-2 season in 2019 and a second consecutive victory over Florida State. Heavener's talks with Phil Pharr, executive director of Gator Boosters, and Stricklin intensified about possibly contributing to the project.

Heavener has maintained a simple philosophy over the years in his philanthropic efforts.

"Mostly to make sure there is some value that I can add in helping the project get completed," he said.

He saw that he could with the Gators' football training facility and Stricklin is grateful.

"The facility itself is going to be a really important part of Gator football going forward. It's an important investment for our present and also our future," Stricklin said. "To have a guy like Bill be associated with it, you are talking about one of our more devoted and generous fans, but also one of the most positive. Part of the reason he is a great leader and a great success is he is always looking for the good in things and people and programs.

"We talk about championship experience with integrity and that's a mark of Gators Athletics, and Bill embodies that in every shape and form. It's fitting this facility that is going to help Gator football moving forward for generations to come and will have Bill's name on it."

Construction on the 140,000-square foot complex is tentatively scheduled to start in July 2020 and will be adjacent to the team's Condon Family Indoor Practice Facility. The facility will include the Gators' meeting rooms, locker room, strength-and-conditioning center, training room and coaches' offices. The facility will also feature a dining hall and recreation space of all UF student-athletes.

As the UAA devised plans for the project, Heavener got involved by visiting other schools to tour their facilities and get a better understanding of what the Gators needed. He came away convinced a new facility would help the Gators modernize the program.

"Everything really started happening when Dan arrived. I think from the very beginning, Dan said he wasn't going to let a lack of facilities to stand in the way of the Gators getting back into the forefront of SEC competition," Heavener said. "He's done what he needed to do with the resources he had, which just speaks to him being that much greater a coach.

"I think a nice facility really has an effect on whether the players come to your school or not, whether they can play at a school with all the resources they need to train properly and with a coach that can win games. To me, that's kind of a winning combination. I think we've got the coach that can win games."

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

"When I first got here we were definitely a really good football team. Then we took a really big dip and Coach (McElwain) got fired, a lot of questions in the air, not knowing what's gonna happen next, and then once Coach Mullen came, we were able to buy in and kind of head in the right direction. I think we've got this program back to national prominence and people respect Florida in a way, and we worked really hard to get it there. Everybody that's been a part of it definitely knows that, and it's just exciting to be a part of it and just get back to where it's at." (12/8/19)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"Last year was a big culture change around here and we all bought in. We're planning to just keep it going. We want to rebuild the Gator Standard around Gainesville. We're just going to keep on setting building blocks every single year and just keep it going." (12/1/19)

Kyle Trask, UF Quarterback

"You're going to get developed when you come here. The combination of being able to play early and get developed at this level, I think are probably second to none." (11/13/19)

Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"I think we've done an unbelievable job as a coaching staff this year and our players of next guy stepping up. Very few teams, I think, in the country could have dealt with the injuries we've had and be in the position that we're still in. That's a tribute to our guys, next guy stepping up, and our coaches getting guys ready to play." (10/29/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"It seems the football team is incredibly engrained in the community. It reaches a lot further than just the edge of the stadium. You see signs all around town. The passion for the Florida Gators really means a lot to Gainesville. That has been apparent to me almost from the get-go."

Matt Chase, HBO Sports Producer

"We're pretty physical. We get after it with guys. We're not physical just to be physical; we're making sure we're physical to teach, and execute and improve that way. If you play us, I want you to know after the game that you played us." (7/30/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"As I said we are here to build and bring back a program that competes regularly for championships and you've got to have good players to do that. If you go back and you look at the championships in the mid-2000s here, there were an awful lot of talent on those rosters. So recruiting is a major part of it. Developing, coaching, all of that is a big part of it. But also having the talent and a lot of that comes into recruiting." (2/6/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"By the time the 2018 season ended, the Gators looked like they had a legitimate offense going, making improvements in every category -- especially quarterback. Feleipe Franks clearly got better as the season went on, and his triumphant performance in the Chick-fil-A Bowl against Michigan was the exclamation point. Franks' development and the strides Dan Mullen made with this group in Year 1 are reasons for optimism." (2/4/19)

Andrea Adelson, ESPN

"We had success last year, but now we have to build upon that success. It requires the players to continue to buy in to Dan's system and it also requires recruiting. With that school to the northwest (FSU) kind of slipping a little bit, that creates some room for us. We need to take advantage of that room and bring in some more quality players and continue to turn the program around." (1/21/19)

Emmitt Smith, Former UF Running Back, Gator Great, Ring of Honor member

"They have so much momentum, excitement, passion. I think that will carry over into the offseason, where they will get bigger, stronger, faster and also work so many of the fundamentals Mullen is preaching. Next year they're going to give a lot of people some really tough headaches. I think they're going to be a good team." (1/1/19)

Tim Tebow, Former UF Quarterback

"The Gators are back, and I'm proud of Coach Mullen and the staff they have here and how they keep pushing us. They're going to keep pushing us to be great players and great men in the world." (12/30/18)

Vosean Joseph, Former UF Linebacker

"I think our guys understood there's a certain standard that we expect to play at. We talk about the 'Gator Standard' and what that is. I'll tell you that the standard has to mean more inside the program than anywhere else because those are the guys who are carrying the torch right now living up to that standard. And they have had the personal pride in their performance and going out on the field and performing at that level." (12/24/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"When you're at Florida you learn to have pretty high expectations. I'm incredibly pleased. I couldn't be happier. It would be hard to have anticipated this first year going as well for our guys. Not just the win total but offense being turned around and it's a lot of fun now. I had a fan come up to me and say Florida football is fun again. We talked about that last year when we went through the search. It's fun to see the fans happy and get a chance to celebrate." (11/24/18)

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletic Director

"I think it's heading in the right direction. We want to build a program that competes, not just for SEC, but for national championships every year. 9-3 regular season is solid. It's a lot we can build off of. We've got to be a lot better this offseason than we were this year. If we want to be better than 9-3 in the regular season, we're going to have to work a lot harder this offseason." (11/24/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"They're finding themselves. You've got a team that went 4-7 last year, with a new coach, a new program, a new way of doing things. The guys are really learning what we expect out of them in this new program." (11/24/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"There's a foundation for the younger guys. They see what the older guys can do taking control of this team ... just see what it takes to actually grind. We thank Coach Savage. Coach Savage came in and laid the foundation for everybody, him and Coach Mullen. If it wasn't for Coach Savage, I don't think we'd have the same mentality." (11/24/18)

Chauncey Gardner-Johnson, UF Defensive Back

"The identity was always there ... I just feel like everybody bought in, the discipline. We added some guys also. You see where our additions of people came into play. We are just a more disciplined team, more physical, more fast, more aggressive." (11/24/18)

David Reese II, UF Linebacker

"I'm really encouraged by how the players have adapted to the new coaching staff and the coaching staff has done a great job with putting the players in position to succeed." (11/20/18)

Luke Del Rio, Former UF Quarterback

"Everybody wants to win the championship. That was my goal for this year, to win a championship. That's why I kept the confetti [from the 2016 SEC Championship Game]. I'm gonna keep the confetti, and I'm gonna pass it to somebody on the team so they can keep it for a reminder that they can make it there if they work hard enough." (11/17/18)

C'yontai Lewis, UF Tight End

"You'd be surprised how many locker rooms that the seniors don't mess with the freshmen. They're not cool enough or they're not old enough. It's not like that here. Everybody is open arms for everybody that comes in. You come in as a freshman and you're 17 or 18 years old and part of the family." (11/13/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"One of the first team meetings, [I said], 'If everybody buys in, the sooner we win. If the seniors want to win, then buy in. As soon as everyone buys in, we have the opportunity to win. And you don't unless that happens.' And I think the guys understood it. I've had a couple seniors say -- [and] I think it's a tremendous compliment -- 'Coach, I wish we had you here for more of my career. I wish the program was this way for more than one year.' Or, 'I wish I could come back and have another year to be part of the program again.' I think those are really great compliments." (11/12/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"That's one of the things I love about this team: we never flinched when we were down. It's all about competing. It's all about the winning mentality. All our guys have that and that's the kind of team I want to play for." (11/10/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"You look around the stands. I keep saying one feeds off of the other. We start playing with energy, the fans had energy out there. The Swamp, they were rocking. They did an unbelievable job. Any time we were down, the fans pick up our energy on the field. Then all of a sudden the band gets going, the cheerleaders get going. Everybody's creating the excitement, the atmosphere. They played a little bit harder, they get even more excited, and it just kind of feeds off each other." (11/10/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I'm not disappointed in any of the fan base and what they've done. I think they've really tried to buy in since we got here. I've said since Day 1, since the day I got here, that we're all in this together. And to get the program to championship level, it's not just gonna be my play-calling or a blitz we run on defense or who's playing quarterback. It's a program as a whole, and our fans are such a critical part of that program. And so I've been pleased with how they've bought in. And to me, I want to make sure they continue to understand how important they are. So I've been pleased with what they've done." (11/5/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"If we want the program back, we need a sold-out stadium and unbelievable home-field advantage. That's how it works, I'm going to be honest with you. When we sell out the stadium, we'll win a championship. It doesn't go the other way. It's not, 'We win, you sell out.' You sell out, you win. Go watch teams that have built programs. That's how it works. I'm going to promise you we'll give relentless effort for all the fans. We will continue to grind and continue to work." (11/3/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"You're going to get everybody's best when you're at the University of Florida, and every single team can beat you. You can't blink, you can't take a breath, you have to put your head down and go to work. Those coaches are going to put together a great plan for those kids and those kids have to have a great week of practice and a great week of preparation and get their mindset ready to go win a tough four-quarter football game. That is the expectation in this conference and that is the expectation at Florida, and I think those kids will be up to the task." (11/1/18)

Austin Appleby, Former UF Quarterback

"So far, what I have seen in year one, I'm really encouraged. It comes from the way that those players are responding and the energy that they bring every single day. I hope they continue to grow because there will be adversity and that is when you can tell what a team is made of. I'm very optimistic that we will be right where we need to be long term." (11/1/18)

Austin Appleby, Former UF Quarterback

"The program's a multi-year thing, you know what I mean? We're doing solid. The guys are buying in. Our recruiting staff's working their tail off to get better players here. There's plans in place about facilities upgrades and improvements for us to get new facilities. Those are all program deals. (10/8/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"You know what part of it is? There are a lot of students who weren't here 10 years ago. There are a lot of people who are maybe new Gator fans or they haven't experienced it. I want them to know." (10/6/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Everything around the program needs to get back to being fun. (10/6/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"We got something good going on here at Florida." (10/1/18)

Felipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"The Gators looked every bit the part of a program whose players are bought in to what their new regime is selling and tired as hell of all the losing that came before. You simply don't win — and in truth, control — a football game in that special of an environment if you aren't coming together as a team and program." (10/1/18)

Neil Blackmon, Saturday Down South

"When I first got into football, it was around the time Tim Tebow was here, when I first started watching on TV, and that's when the Florida Gators were giving relentless effort and being dominant week in, week out, every day." (9/25/18)

Brad Stewart, UF Safety

"We're very familiar with Coach Mullen and the guys on his staff. Their teams are always physical, they're tough, they're sound, they play hard, they're good in all three phases, so it's no different this year there." (9/18/18)

Jeremy Pruitt, Tennessee Head Coach

"I hate losing and I love winning. Sometimes, we look into these guys' eyes when they're coming into this program and they fear losing and they are relieved by winning. You can't be successful that way. You can't play that way, can't act that way. You have to go out there and play hard because you love to win." (9/15/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"The way we practiced with Mac [Jim McElwain] last two to three years was way different from how Mullen practices. A Mullen practice is every rep and it's a lot of reps and a Mac practice was more of a, get the hard, get the physical aspect of it out of the way and focus on the mental later on in practice. But Mullen, it's every play, every thing, even in individual; we're working on technique and fundamentals and when practice drags long you gotta hone in and try to remember everything you've been taught and just execute." (9/12/18)

Fred Johnson, UF Offensive Lineman

"Suddenly, the Gators look like today's normal spread offense. They are efficient, they have pacing. They get the play called quickly, they get to the line quickly. Sometimes they snap it quickly, sometimes they don't. But they were prepared to every time." (9/2/18)

Frank Frangie, Gridiron Now

"I appreciate the opportunity. It's special. Being a Florida Gator is something special. I know it's something special. I hope all of you appreciate how special it is to be a Florida Gator and all the special things we're going to do together. We're going to do it through hard work, sacrifice, commitment. That's what leads to success. That's what we're going to do moving forward." (9/2/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Everyone talks about they should — I should lose weight, I should get up and run, I should study an extra 10 minutes, I should eat healthier. There are a lot of shoulds out there. When it becomes a must, you're going to succeed. And I talk about it. We should be a great team this year. We should. But when everybody within our locker room changes it to we must be a great team and has a desperate attitude and mindset towards it, that's when we'll become a great team. We have talented football players. We have a really good coaching staff. We should be a great team. But the mindset can't be we should, it's we must." (8/27/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"The biggest thing I have to get around and keep hammering home to the team is that I want to win. 'I'm good 3-0. I'm good 51-50. I'm singing the fight song in the locker room on both occasions. There'll be some people happier with 51-50 and some people happier with 3-0, on the team, maybe, or with their personal performance and how they played. But as a team, we won. And as a team, we're all going to sing the fight song. As a team, we did what we needed to do. When we grasp that complete understanding of everything within the program, we're going to be a very successful program." (8/24/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I expect just to be a much better team at the end of the year than we are at the beginning of the year as this team continues to grow and develop and learn what our standard is and our expectations of the program are as they learn to do things in every phase of it." (8/20/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"A lot of it is making sure we all have to be on the same page to be successful. For us to win, we're going to have to be the Gator Nation again. We're going to need the student body, the administration. All of us working together is going to make us win as long as everyone understands that their personal investment in our success will be rewarded in the end." (8/13/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I think there is a lot of excitement around our program and the future." (8/9/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I think it's something that's going to continue to build when they see how we play on Saturdays, the type of offense and defense we play. There's probably a lot of kids that haven't seen our offense before. But they know what the Gator Standard is and they know the academics. They know the history. They know the tradition. They know all about The Swamp, and then they want to see what our team, offense, defense, special teams is going to look like." (8/9/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach



"I love being a physical football team. I love people after games to know that they played Florida and just say, 'Well, that's a little different, those kids are a little different when you have to play those games.'" (8/4/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I felt last year we lacked a lot of accountability, a lot of just doing the little things right, kind of letting stuff go. This year will be different because we have a head coach and a position coach that's ready to get in our face, tell us what we're doing wrong and not putting up with anything. This whole coaching staff, they just want to win so bad, and it's contagious. Every time we have a team meeting, it's about winning the championship." (8/4/18)

TJ McCoy, Former UF Offensive Lineman

"The thing to me that's really interesting with the program that I look at it, it's not just last year, I look at the last (five) years. That's one thing to me that's really -- sticks out with the program. Florida's had two four-win seasons and played in two SEC Championship games. That inconsistency -- that shows me that individual teams at the university right now are playing at a high level, but the program itself is not performing consistently at the level it needs to be at. As I look at things and I look at us, I tell the guys on the team, 'hey, two years ago we played for an SEC Championship'. So there has to be talent here. Okay? But the fact that you have a fall-off season is that there's a lack of consistency in what's going on within our performance, and that speaks to the program as a whole. Whether it's confidence, whether it's training, whether it's our actions, whether it's our discipline, it's really all of the above, okay, but those things lead to success as a program as a whole." (7/22/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"It's just different. I played two years (at Ole Miss), I had some experience there. But here it's different people, different guys. I've got to get used to the program, used to coach (Dan) Mullen's ways and coach (Billy) Gonzales' ways. It's different quarterbacks, you've got to go with them all the time to get things down pat. But other than that, it's pretty good." (7/22/18)

Van Jefferson, UF Wide Receiver

"I don't know if the brand is damaged as the brand has not been updated. In today's world it is always changing, and we need to be sure we're constantly working and improving the brand to make it better." (7/20/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Just because you have a Gator on the side of your helmet doesn't mean you get to be a great football player. You have to earn that every single day. There's a standard that's been set by a lot of people that came before them that they're expected to build upon. They have to learn how to work to live up to that standard. If we can do that, we'll be on the right track of getting the program back to where it needs to be." (7/16/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I didn't know how to handle that last year. That was bad, but it was good to see when things are going bad, people are still watching and you have to continue to play. It has me motivated this year because it was disrespectful. That's not what Florida is." (6/25/18)

Marco Wilson, UF Defensive Back

"I think Florida can win a national championship. They've done it multiple times before. I coached against them in between two national championships, so I know it can be done here. I'm excited about the opportunity to help Florida get back where they should be." (2/20/18)

Ron English, UF Safeties Coach

"This logo means something a little bit different on a national scale. To be able to walk into a home and say our goal is to get it back to what it used to be and win at a high level and win those championships, that's been the greatest thing." (2/20/18)

Christian Robinson, UF Linebackers Coach

"With this great university's academics, and then you provide them the development in this system, whether it's offense or defense, you're getting coached by people that can help you get where you want to go. So I've been in homes recently and I just think people are excited about what we can provide them for their long-term goals and do it in a family atmosphere." (2/20/18)

Christian Robinson, UF Linebackers Coach

"This is the University of Florida. There's a standard. There's a tradition. There's expectations here. And I think our staff worked hard, but I'm also blessed being at a place that has impeccable academic reputation, one of the highest academic standards and one of the best educations you can get in America. It is a place where I walk into an office that already has three crystal ball National Championships in there. There's not a lot of places that have that many crystal balls in there. You go into the main lobby and there's three Heisman Trophy winners, three Campbell Trophy winners for academic Heismans, if you will. You know, the history, the tradition of the University certainly helped us as a coaching staff be able to put this class together and hopefully help us continue to build to the level and expectations that I know I expect and I'm sure that everyone in the Gator Nation expects." (2/7/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"We are going to give you a football team, I promise you, that you can be proud of both on the field on Saturdays and in the community. Our guys are working their tail off right now to live up to what we know the 'Gator Standard' is." (1/28/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"This (first spring conditioning) workout for us was very simply to kind of shock the system. To let them know the culture here is going to change. The atmosphere here is going to change. Our goal is to create a winning culture, not only a winning team. Our culture will go a lot further than anything else." (1/17/18)

Nick Savage, UF Strength and Conditioning Coach

"The coaches came here to win. I think that they are implementing that early and making it known that they want to win a lot of ballgames here. And the way to win them is in the offseason. They are making us very aware that everything that we get this season is going to be earned this offseason." (1/17/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"The players, if they just come and do what they are supposed to, there is no reason why we can't be a premier school in the country." (1/8/18)

Christian Robinson, UF Linebacker Coach

"When you have that Gator on your chest, just about every player in the country wants to listen to what you have to say because of what this program represents and the history of the program and what was bit here before us." (12/8/17)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"When the opportunity comes, to come to the University of Florida, I don't know if there's anywhere I'd rather be than here. I don't know if there's a better job in America than here. You know, when you have that opportunity, you can't pass up the opportunity to come to the premier program in the country." (11/27/17)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I want you to know there's an unbelievable standard of excellence in Florida, both in the classroom as a premier academic institution and on the athletic field. It's not just in football but in all sports." (11/27/17)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"You can look at the numbers. Year in year out, we got guys going first round, early rounds. You can even go back years. Guys like Joe Haden, Reggie Nelson. There's a ton of guys you can look at. It's just a pride thing that we have... Just a bunch of guys that are always at the top of the charts in college football." (3/6/17)

Marcus Maye, Former UF Defensive Back

"I think Florida did the best job they could to prepare me for this moment. I came to play with the best defensive backs and become a great defensive back. They've done everything they could to help build me into the football player I am today." (1/4/17)

Quincy Wilson, Former UF Defensive Back

"I love the University of Florida, I love the fans, I love everything about this school, everything that it brings. If I had a chance to do it over again, I'd be right back here. Right back here. No matter what, I'm Florida all the way. When I take that next step in my career, I'll still be a Gator no matter what." (12/4/16)

Jarrad Davis, Former UF Linebacker

"I love Florida. I absolutely love the University of Florida. I love Gator Nation. The reason it was so important was because they gave me a chance. There's a lot of places I could have went. But it was the perfect place for me. I love everything about Florida. There's nothing a person can say that I don't love about Florida. I love absolutely everything, and they gave me my opportunity. I'm very, very grateful, very thankful." (5/23/16)

Alex Brown, Former UF Defensive Lineman

"UF provided a sense of community. Playing in The Swamp is just something I will never forget." (5/3/16)

Jelani Jenkins, Former UF Linebacker

"I just love the energy of the University of Florida. No matter what sport it is, they bring some great energy for the athletes. I love it." (4/8/16)

Mark Thompson, Former UF Running Back

"I like the fact the University of Florida prides itself on trying to do things a little different. We can't just be satisfied with the status quo." (1/25/16)

Jeremy Foley, UF Athletics Director Emeritus

"The Swamp is the craziest arena in the country, in my opinion, just how rocking it is and just the environment and just to see how loyal and how fun the fans are. It's a football town on Saturdays, and that's all it's about. To be able to put on an orange and blue jersey, it's very special." (4/28/15)

Dante Fowler, Former UF Defensive Lineman

ABOUT DAN MULLEN

"Florida hasn't been the prettiest football team this season, but they've shown character and toughness. That's a reflection of coaching. In most years, we'd be talking about that more, about how Mullen walked into a 4-win, toxic hellscape of a culture at Florida and won 20 games his first two seasons anyway, despite devastating injuries and a dearth of high-end talent. Put that way, maybe we should be talking about it more than we are. Maybe it's only the beginning for Dan Mullen at Florida." (11/12/19)

Neil Blackmon, Saturday Down South

"Dan Mullen made his mark at Mississippi State by developing two- and three-star players nobody else wanted." (2/7/19)

Jordan Rodgers, SEC Network Analyst

"I know what he stands for. I know what type of program he runs. I've seen the success. I know he builds guys up. Not just great football players, but good young men." (2/6/19)

David Turner, UF Defensive Line Coach

"I think a good sign of a great coach is when things looked bleak before and then a coach comes in with the same players and turns things around quickly. It's a great sign of not only the quality of players that were there, but it's also a great sign of the quality of coach who comes in and puts those players in position to make plays." (1/21/19)

Emmitt Smith, Former UF Running Back, Gator Great, Ring of Honor member

"If it's not apparent by now that Dan Mullen has made Florida football one of the most improved teams in the country, the 41-15 rout of touchdown-favorite Michigan in the Peach Bowl removed any doubt." (1/3/19)

Gene Frenette, Florida Times Union

"It was a great job. And I think what's most impressive, I think something that's not talked about as much as others is people want to talk about his ability to teach the quarterback position or offense or these things. But I think the biggest thing he did this year was get people to buy in, get people to buy into straining, to trying, to caring, to effort, to intensity, to focus, to discipline. You could see the team play harder every, single week. They didn't know what it meant to practice hard and play hard. But they got better and better at that. (1/1/19)

Tim Tebow, Former UF Quarterback

"Dan Mullen is a wizard: In one year at the helm, Mullen has completely reversed the outlook of the program and has the fanbase thinking about championships once again. To lead a program that lacked confidence, depth and development to a 10-win season in Year 1 is nothing short of spectacular. This wasn't a case of a program falling on hard times. It was a program neglected in every possible way by the Jim McElwain regime. Mullen changed everything, and it's paid immediate dividends." (12/30/18)

Barrett Sallee, CBS Sports

"How much has Mullen managed to do in his first year as head coach? The 2018 Gators will finish as one of just 15 teams in school history to win 10 games. They'll likely be ranked highest of any UF team to end a season since 2009, when Florida finished No. 3 nationally. Mullen's turnaround of the Florida offense is nothing short of breath-taking. There's really no other way to say it: Dan Mullen is a hell of a football coach." (12/30/18)

Thomas Goldkamp, Swamp247

"Ever since Coach Mullen got here, he put me in the position to make plays and he does that for everybody on the offense. Every time he had something to say to me, I just listen to him, man, because he -- he's a great offensive coach." (12/30/18)

Lamical Perine, UF Running Back

"He pushes all the right buttons at all the right times. He'll motivate you to make you want to run through a brick wall for him. He understands his players; he'll sit down and talk with you about stuff. He also knows football -- his resumé speaks for itself. He's definitely a guy that makes you want to go out and play for him." (12/27/18)

Cece Jefferson, Former UF Defensive End

"I think the players feel the passion within him. When players feel your passion and believe in what you're selling or what you're presenting, I think it allows them to buy in. As you get guys to buy in, I think it can breed throughout the team." (12/27/18)

Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"What I knew is he loves to win. And he's a family-type guy and winning is important to him. We were on the same page. We were tired of losing. Just knowing that, we bought in as a group. And I love his enthusiasm, his energy that he brings every day." (12/27/18)

David Reese II, UF Linebacker

"Coach Mullen came in and changed the culture of the team. Everybody dialed in. It took us some time, because we didn't know what to expect, but he did a great job. We're back at the top and we're looking next year to keep going and keep fighting to be No. 1." (12/17/18)

Chauncey Gardner Johnson, Former UF Defensive Back

"For Coach to understand the program foundation is run through how we handle our business from the offseason until the foot hits the ball in September when it counts, I can't ask for a better situation. Coach has put his trust in me to make sure we're training, that our philosophy matches the program identity here at the University of Florida, and what we want to be known for on the football field is what he expects us to act like and train like and handle ourselves

like in the weight room in every aspect. This foundation will continue to grow every day, every year until we are done here. It's that simple." (12/17/18)

Nick Savage, UF Strength and Conditioning Coach

"Just developmental-wise, he's helped develop me from last year going through trials and tribulations and just now being able to be older and know what to expect coming to a college game, know how to handle certain situations when things aren't going your way and just keep on pushing. I think that's what I did really good at. Coach Mullen and Coach (Brian) Johnson have helped me a lot with that, just keeping my mind straight and on track, and it's helped me out a lot." (11/24/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"I knew Coach Mullen was going to change the culture of the team. I believed in Coach Mullen when I decided to come to Florida. He has exceeded my expectations. He calls the right play at the right moments." (11/24/18)

Van Jefferson, UF Wide Receiver

"It's really beneficial for Dan in his first year to get this win over FSU. You know how it is in any rivalry. It checks a box that's really important. From where we were a year ago to where we are now, this is pretty fulfilling. The offense, it's a lot of fun again." (11/24/18)

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletic Director

"When Coach Mullen came and sat in my living room, he told me I'm going to work harder than I ever have in my life. If you want to live up to that challenge, it's up to you. From that moment forward I wanted to play for him." (11/19/18)

Dameon Pierce, UF Running Back

"Obviously you can't throw a freshman quarterback out there. Coach Mullen is a great coach when it comes to stuff like that. He's put it on Emory little by little, and that puts no pressure on him, allows Emory to go out and execute and have fun." (11/17/18)

Dameon Pierce, UF Running Back

"We started out the Mullen era pretty good. He turned the whole program around.. I feel like next season they got a lot coming." (11/17/18)

C'yontai Lewis, UF Tight End

"I think it's always good that you can see things from another set of eyes, because you see it from a defensive perspective and you see things, whereas an offensive guy may see it a little differently. It's always kind of like you're trying to unlock the code. If you know the rules sometimes, it's easier to make plays. I think it's just a matter of looking at a different set of eyes." (11/13/18)

Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"Everybody knows what Dan Mullen is doing around here and how he has changed the program significantly and just how good we can be. It's just about doing the little things, it's just being technically sound and knowing what to do and how we got to do it and executing it. That's all. That's the whole game plan. There's no funk around here. It's just execution here. That's how I see it." (11/7/18)

Martez Ivey, UF Offensive Lineman



"The fact that Dan Mullen had this team ranked in the top 10 this season is a testament to the job he and his staff have done in Year 1. He's been able to overcome the flaws, limitations in personnel and lack of depth at key positions with some nice scheming and play calling." (11/5/18)

Chris Doering, Former UF Wide Receiver

"I feel like Dan Mullen is a great recruiter. I think him and his staff are definitely going to bring some guys in. Players are buying into the program and they want to be coached and he is definitely going to go out and bring in that talent. I feel like what Dan is doing now, everybody sees it, and on the inside those guys really love Dan and they are willing to lay everything out, just because of who he is as a person. I don't think a lot of people understand how much a coach plays into a guy coming into their program. That makes a big difference. How does this guy introduce himself to my parents? How is his demeanor around my parents? That plays a big role into getting them into your program." (11/2/18)

Major Wright, Former UF Safety

"I love Dan Mullen. He came in and he is getting things turned around back to championship football. I think with him coming in, with his energy, and just the type of coach that he is; I think he's a player's coach and everybody wants to play for a player's coach. A player's coach can get a player to run through any wall for them because they love that coach so much. That is what Dan Mullen is and he has more to prove, but within just this one year you can tell a big difference." (11/2/18)

Major Wright, Former UF Safety

"I think Coach Mullen and his staff have brought a lot of discipline to this program. Just their whole side of the Gator Standard has changed the whole program around, what it is or what it means to be a Gator and everything around it." (10/29/18)

Kyree Campbell, UF Defensive Lineman

"Dan has been such a perfect fit — from the moment he got off the plane doing the Gator Chomp and wearing his Gator national championship rings from 2006 and 2008. The biggest thing I hear from a lot of fans is they love having a guy who really wants to be here. These are hard jobs. All of the jobs at this level require 100 percent focus, commitment and dedication. And to be really successful, you have to have passion for the place you are. The players feed off that. The fans feed off that. Everything flows from that. When you have a coach who wants to lead a particular program, wherever that is, it's a key component to success." (10/27/18)

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletics Director

"He does a great job, he does a really good job of changing the rhythm of the game, the pace of the game, some hurry-up stuff, some check-with-me stuff, some easy throws, some vertical passing game. He stretches the field both vertically and horizontally. He's a really good play-caller. At the end of the day it's going to boil down to the players making the plays, not the guys calling the plays." (10/23/18)

Kirby Smart, Georgia Head Coach

"He's an offensive guru, man, that's what I call him. He's a great guy calling plays, man. I mean, he always has us ready. Last year there was a couple times defenses were calling out our plays. They can't really do that now because we have them so off-balance and it's something that we added to our game with Dan Mullen coming in. It might be a trick play out of the blue and it just changed the game." (10/23/18)

Lamical Perine, UF Running Back

"That guy there a genius. He knows when to the call plays at the right time, so props to him." (10/23/18)

Tyrie Cleveland, UF Wide Receiver

"Dan Mullen has restored faith with these older guys and maybe they're now saying the grass is greener on the other side with this guy. A lot of these guys like Martez Ivey could have left and gone to the NFL Draft, but he decided to stay because he trusted in the plan that Dan Mullen had put forward and I think that says a lot about the guy's character." (10/17/18)

Shannon Snell, Former UF Offensive Lineman

"I've known Coach Mullen for a long time. He's got a special place in my heart, giving me all the love and showing me he really wanted me to follow him. With the lack of talk I was getting from Mississippi State, I was getting a lot of pull from Florida and I knew everybody that was coming to Florida, so that factored into my decision." (10/17/18)

Evan McPherson, UF Kicker

"I'm super impressed and pleased with Coach Mullen. I think what he's done with our team has been fantastic." (10/17/18)

Danny Wuerffel, Former UF Quarterback

"Being a resilient team, that's something that Coach Mullen always stresses. No matter what the point deficit is, it doesn't matter, you just have to keep going out there playing each and every play." (10/13/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"I love Coach Mullen. He's got a lot of energy. That's the thing, he's not scared to call big-time plays....Coach Mullen's awesome. He has a lot of confidence in me, and I can't thank him enough for that." (10/13/18)

Tommy Townsend, UF Punter

"I've known Dan for a while, he's doing a terrific job, and he always has something up his sleeve." (10/13/18)

Derek Mason, Vanderbilt Head Coach

"I think what Dan brings to Florida is the belief that he can build them back again into a national championship contender. His cockiness — call it arrogance if you want — I've seen it. He is that way. It's perfect for Florida. Remember what they were under Spurrier, OK? He has brought them back. Florida was always that way and now he's leading it back that way. Players will be attracted to it." (10/11/18)

Gary Danielson, CBS Sports Broadcaster

"For the last three or four years it has been tough to watch. Seeing what Coach (Dan) Mullen is doing, it has been awesome to see. Coach Mullen knows the DNA of the school. He knows what it takes to win." (10/11/18)

Johnny Rutledge, Former UF Linebacker

"Man it's great to have Coach Mullen back, the energy that he brings, the positivity that he has, the relationships with the kids, the young players. Coach Mullen, he's a player's coach, he cares about his players, he's not that type of coach that will walk past you and not speak to you. He's a player's coach, so I'm glad to have him back." (10/10/18)

Louis Murphy, Former UF Wide Receiver

"We saw that video of him jumping around — I thought it was 1991 and Steve Spurrier all over again. He's reincarnated Spurrier, and he's coaching like Spurrier. After having been down there a couple days, there's a spirit, there's a vibe. Yes, I realize that Urban Meyer was there and won two national championships, but Dan Mullen was there for most of that. But it's back, and it's just amazing to see how this program stubbed its toe with (Ron) Zook 15 years ago and then Will Muschamp and (Jim) McElwain. I think Florida is very close to being a major force." (10/6/18)

Paul Finebaum, ESPN/SEC Network

"I think the best part about it is he can pick up those things on the fly. I mean, you're ready to call a play and the best part about it is, we go out there lined up, 20, 15 seconds to go, so we can see those things, so he can see them, and get us in the right direction at the right time and that's one of the things he does best. He thinks on the fly." (10/6/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"He's a great play-caller. He's smart. As the game goes, the defense comes out and runs stuff that we didn't know they were going to run, he changes it up." (10/6/18)

Lamical Perine, UF Running Back

"He's got every trick in the bag, and he knows when to call the right play at the right time. He's tremendous at what he does, and he's a great coach." (10/6/18)

Lucas Krull, UF Tight End

"I think Mullen is a fine football coach. I think he is a guy that works hard and understands the personal that he has and he puts that personal into position that allows him to have success. I think his teams get better as the year goes on. I think the hire is a great hire. He knows Florida. He was an assistant coach there under Urban (Meyer) and I think he will have a great career there." (10/5/18)

Les Miles, Former LSU Head Coach

"Coach Mullen, he gives me more opportunities to make plays. He gives me more opportunities, and I'm just making them count." (10/3/18)

Moral Stephens, Former UF Tight End

"Anybody can micro-manage anybody if they choose to do so, but I don't think that would be effective. But (Mullen) does a nice job of making sure we are headed in the right direction. He's been a head coach for going on 10 years. That's a lot of experience. He's learned how to manage a whole lot of people, and he's learned how to hire." (10/3/18)

Ron English, UF Safeties Coach

"He was like the new person at Florida, so we didn't have no choice but to buy in to what he was saying. So when he came, we were just kinda like, 'OK, we gonna see how this goes. We gonna feel it out.' It just took time. Like from the time he got here until now is like a whole different transition. I bought in from the beginning because I saw the results he had at Mississippi State." (9/29/18)

Kadarius Toney, UF Wide Receiver

"Coach (Mullen) has a program and an identity and a culture he wants to get accomplished here, and when you have people who already understand what his vision is, I think it makes the transition easier and smoother. The biggest factor is just making sure everyone helps everyone out, crosses the T's and dots the I's. I think Coach excels because of his relentless effort toward excellence and having multiple familiar faces around, it just helps that overall vision." (9/28/18)

Nick Savage, UF Strength and Conditioning Coach

"I think Dan Mullen is the guy for the job. The last time Florida's offense and team was good, he was calling the plays as the offensive coordinator under Urban Meyer. So, I do think he is the man for the job." (9/20/18)

Ben Troupe, Former UF Tight End

"I know what he did in developing [Prescott]. And Steve [Spurrier] was great at this too, developing quarterbacks and helping them understand the game. Because if the game gets too big for the quarterback, it's too big for everybody. If everybody is on the same page and allows him to make quick decisions, then you're not taking sacks, you're not taking those big negative plays, your quarterback is not getting hit, your offensive line is gaining confidence, and now as a defense, you've got to come get 'em a little bit. And if you've got to come and get 'em with those wide receivers they have out there, you've got a problem in man coverage. All that ties in together." (9/4/18)

Cris Collinsworth, Former UF Wide Receiver

"Coach Mullen basically runs all of the special teams meetings. He really gets after the guys and does a good job on special teams. We have a ton of starters on special teams, which is good." (8/28/18)

Jorge Powell, Former UF Kicker

"I got the impression he felt the program was broken and that he knew how to fix it, and he was going to fix it. He knows what he's doing. Say what you want about Urban Meyer, (Mullen) learned from somebody who knows how to coach. (Mullen) knows how to get people to do things and enjoy doing it, and that's a real talent." (8/27/18)

Stumpy Harris, UF Booster

"It was obvious the minute he walked in the room, the players responded to his leadership." (8/27/18)

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletic Director

"He really has a defensive mentality, both in recruiting and in the way he calls the game and the way he runs the game. The thing you've got to be careful of sometimes, say when you're the head coach from an offensive perspective, is you look at the offensive side and you forget about the defense." (8/26/18)

Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"Dan Mullen was a terrific hire, and I expect in a year or two that he and Georgia will battle it out for the championship in that [SEC East] division," (8/23/18)

Lee Corso, ESPN Analyst

"It's amazing what he did there. When Mississippi State came up, I thought, 'Here is a guy from New Hampshire. How is he going to recruit and finish there?' But he did. Dan is a very intelligent guy." (8/13/18)

Urban Meyer, Former UF Head Coach

"The unique thing in our offense is we give guys multiple ways to get open and we let them work and there's not a lot of quarterback coaches in America or head coaches that give that freedom and opportunity. Coach Mullen does a great job of letting the receivers work and telling the quarterbacks 'listen if it's a certain coverage, let him work, let him try to develop and get open' but that's something that comes over time; that's summertime, that's fall, there's a lot of reps that go into that." (8/10/18)

Billy Gonzales, UF Wide Receivers Coach

"Dan is a great coach and he's a great motivator and he understands exactly what it takes to be successful on this level. Obviously I don't think there's a guy around in terms of quarterback play that probably has as good of a résumé as he does coaching quarterbacks." (8/9/18)

Brian Johnson, UF Quarterbacks Coach

"He works with it closely. Not a lot of head coaches will put the time in that he does with special teams. He's right there at the forefront of it. I think the players understand the importance of it. That by far is different than a lot of other coaches I've been around." (8/8/18)

Greg Knox, UF Special Teams Coordinator

"He is a quarterback guru. Gurus are guys like Dan Mullen that not only know how to coach the X's and O's and how to play the position, but they know how to coach the psyche of a quarterback. Dan Mullen is a guy who knows how to maximize his quarterback's confidence, his quarterback's leadership. That is the X factor. He's going to do that with whoever is going to line up for him at that position this year." (8/8/18)

Jordan Rodgers, SEC Analyst

"He won championships here. So obviously you want to buy in to a guy that did something for the university already so that's a good thing to have around the program." (8/4/18)

Lamical Perine, UF Running Back

"Everybody has a purpose. Everything makes sense. He will tell you why you are doing that and why you have to do it certain ways and everything just makes sense. You understand what you're doing and why you are doing it." (8/4/18)

Freddie Swain, UF Wide Receiver

"I feel like Dan Mullen has a history of utilizing his best players. Guys like Percy Harvin. He knows how to use speed and really spread out the field to create one-on-one matchups. Making those one-on-one matchups with your best players is going to make us a better team than we were in the past." (8/3/18)

Kyle Trask, UF Quarterback

"He brought competition to the program. I feel like that is what we were really lacking for a while. Now that he has come to the program, everything we do we compete, and that is what makes football fun. You know competing is what makes you better, and competition is definitely the biggest thing he has brought to the program." (7/20/18)

Martez Ivey, UF Offensive Lineman

"He obviously knows what it takes to win: two national championships. When a guy can come in with that on his resume, you have no choice but to accept him." (7/19/18)

CeCe Jefferson, UF Defensive Lineman

"I wasn't polished at anything except being able to run the ball. [Mullen] really kind of focused on breaking down my throwing motion and building it back up into something that was going to be a little bit better for me, more accurate. He just kind of continued to do that my whole career. On top of that, he really taught me the game. He taught me how all 22 pieces of the puzzle fit together." (7/19/18)

Nick Fitzgerald, Mississippi State Quarterback

"He's a great coach. One of the biggest things he teaches you is make a good decision-maker. He teaches you how to process information. One of the things he harps on is the faster you can process information that's given from the defense, the better quarterback you're going to be." (7/19/18)

Nick Fitzgerald, Mississippi State Quarterback

"I think the expectations are high. I think Steve Spurrier, again, set them a long time ago and they're not coming off of them. Obviously last year was a debacle. I think they picked the right guy to fix it. I'm going to tell you what: He started with his weight training in his offseason program. It was culture shock. I've got a lot of people down there that I communicate with and their whole culture is changing and shifting, and Dan Mullen is not coming off of that." (7/16/18)

Gene Chizik, SEC Network Analyst

"Now, I'll tell you this, this is the great thing about the Dan Mullen hire: If your quarterback doesn't have confidence, Dan Mullen can walk into a room and say 'Go look at my history. Go look at the guys that played for me. And one of those guys who everybody thought was a running back coming out of high school is now the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys. So if you trust me and trust what I'm telling you, you can have success in this offense that we are running. And if that doesn't motivate the guys, they've got the wrong guys in the room.'" (7/16/18)

Marcus Spears, SEC Analyst

"What he's been able to bring to the University of Florida, the spark, the intensity in the weight room, the talks with guys, the work with the quarterbacks, everything coming out of Florida is positive. It's going in the right direction." (7/16/17)

Tim Tebow, Former UF quarterback

"I don't think Coach Mullen was going to put Emory in a position where it became too overwhelming for him [in the spring game]. He did just enough to give him an opportunity and expose him to a big crowd. So going into it slow is not a bad thing. If he's not the starting quarterback when fall comes, he's going to work hard and compete regardless." (4/24/18)

Trina Jones, Emory Jones mother



"When Coach Mullen addressed the parents at the spring game, it was real talk. He is holding the players to a very high standard and they are being held accountable. He has these kids motivated and there's excitement from the fan base, too." (4/24/18)

Trina Jones, Emory Jones mother

"He's done such a marvelous job in so many places of taking the quarterback that he has, figuring out the unique and special part of that guy and maximizing that. He's done it with several different people in different places, and so I'm really, I think all of us are excited to see that here and to see that come to pass, if you will, and to be able to have some success throwing the ball and scoring points." (3/23/18)

Danny Wuerffel, Former UF Quarterback

"With Coach Mullen, he's going to bring the peak out of most people. Everybody's going to tap into their potential. Even when fans rap with us now it's more 'how do you like it? Are you guys ready for this, are you ready for that?' because they know what Coach Mullen brought before. We see it." (3/14/18)

Chauncey Gardner-Johnson, Former UF Defensive Back

"He's a huge special teams guy. For us, you couldn't get on the field on offense or defense until you played some special teams, which created more competition, made our special teams better and there's a constant competition, a constant push every day." (3/1/18)

Chad Bumphis, Former Mississippi State Wide Receiver

"The relationship that we had always kind of went way beyond football so we've always kept in touch and he's somebody that I've always had a tremendous amount of respect for and admired the way he's handled everything throughout his career. And he's definitely been one of my mentors getting into this profession. Like I said, I've known him pretty much half my life now so for me it was an easy decision to come back and help and hopefully be a part of something really special." (2/22/18)

Brian Johnson, UF Quarterbacks Coach

"He was great to play for. I learned a lot from both of those guys in the short time that we were together. And some of those lessons and those conversations that went way beyond football is stuff that I still carry with me today. So, definitely, one of the best teachers that I've been around. I think one of the best things about Coach Mullen's resume is the fact that he's coached guys that have all looked very, very different and had different skill sets and gotten a ton of production out of them. That is what you're looking for." (2/22/18)

Brian Johnson, UF Quarterbacks Coach

"I watched what he did there at Mississippi State. It's unbelievable the job he did there. Back when he went there people forget that nobody wanted that job, really. It was a very difficult job, one of those graveyards for coaches. That is a legitimate program. Those are players that expect to win, they play hard, they work hard. And I really enjoyed it. I was really impressed when I went there last year, so I enjoy working with Coach Mullen. I think he's excellent at what he does. I think he'll win here and win big." (2/20/18)

Ron English, UF Safeties Coach

"What Coach Mullen did at Mississippi State I have high respect for. Because I was on that side of the SEC. I was at a different place. As you can see him there, they were getting better and better every single year. And then I left and went somewhere else. But the bottom line is that Coach Mullen knows what it takes to win in the SEC." (2/13/18)

Sal Sunseri, Former UF Defensive Line Coach

"I'll put my expectations up there against anybody and what they expect with this program. And our coaching staff, they understand and they know that, that it is, that we want to build a program that's going to compete for championships on a yearly basis." (2/8/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"He has a ton of energy. And I would say even from my previous time working with him he always works at a pretty high level from an energy standpoint, but I've never seen him like he is right now. He is super excited to be a Gator. I think that comes across from his staff. The leader sets the tone of any organization. From the weight room to the training room to the academic staff to the players themselves. Certainly you feel it in the building, you feel it throughout the program and I think you feel it across campus because football's important and people are paying attention. And then I hear from a lot of Gators fans. Last night, I was at a restaurant and had somebody say something, and today in town I had some people say something. I think there's a sense of energy coming from football right now." (2/3/18)

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletic Director

"That's what Dan does. He is not afraid to be aspirational. There are leaders who are afraid to put themselves out there because if you put a high bar and don't reach it you're worried about being criticized. Dan, his confidence is at such a level, he knows the expectations are going to be to win championships — so don't hide from it, talk about it. He's going to be judged, all of our coaches here are judged based on their ability to win at that level." (2/3/18)

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletic Director

"I was a two-star kid that really nobody wanted. He gave me my first opportunity to play college football. I've known Coach my entire adult life. He has been very instrumental in my career." (1/22/18)

Brian Johnson, UF Quarterbacks Coach

"Dan does a good job of explaining why you do what you do. ... If you can get the why, it makes sense as far as the scheme and concepts across the board as you implement things. It's always for the purpose of moving the ball down the field and scoring points." (12/14/17)

Chad Bumphis, Former Mississippi State Wide Receiver

"He's so smart and he understands getting his athletes the ball in space. That's his whole thing, creating mismatches. Wherever you have to line up, he'll move you around just to create the best opportunity." (12/14/17)

Chad Bumphis, Former Mississippi State Wide Receiver

"I could make the argument that there has been no greater developer of quarterbacks in college football over the last five to 10 years than Dan Mullen. I don't even think it's close. To take the guys that he's recruited, that he's brought along and developed into really, really good football players, that it becomes the face and continues to change the face of a program like Dak Prescott and Nick Fitzgerald have at Mississippi State." (12/8/17)

Tom Luginbill, ESPN

"I just believe that he has proven himself to be an unbelievable evaluator of personnel and a developer of personnel. It's not just about collecting talent. It's about putting together the right team. He seems to have a real strong feel for who's a talented guy but also who's the right guy, who to maybe stay away from, who should we take a chance on. And when he's done that, he's been right more often than not." (12/8/17)

Tom Luginbill, ESPN

"He brings sophistication and success on offense, which is so important at Florida. I think he's at the right time in his career where he's got enough experience to be experienced and he's got enough youth to have the energy. There's a lot of enthusiasm. I was just talking to (Tim) Tebow and he loves it, and that says a lot. I think that it's an intangible thing, it's like things as a football player you can measure their speed and their height and their weight and their arm strength, but there's other things that you can't. Intangible. The aura, the familiarity and the things that a coach can bring, just the idea that he's been there, he understands the nature of the program, he understands the Gator Nation." (12/1/17)

Danny Wuerffel, Former UF Quarterback

"We got a proven coach. Dan did a very good job at Mississippi State. He was here with Urban [Meyer] and all he did was win a couple nationals and SEC championships. He has a good plan." (11/30/17)

Steve Spurrier, UF Ambassador

"Mullen is the guy you want to borrow your mower. It wouldn't crank and had dull blades. He returns it full of gas, new air filter and sharpened blades. Can't be mad about that." (11/30/17)

Andy Chapman, The Columbus (Miss.) Dispatch

"I really think Florida got the right man. When we played them when Urban Meyer was coaching, I was really impressed with his play-calling. He kept us off-balance." (11/29/17)

Bobby Bowden, Former FSU Head Coach

"Dan is one of the more creative and innovative minds in all of college football and will embrace the public role of being the head coach at the University of Florida very well. He knows that a big part of the championship experience should be about fun: Fun for the players, fun for the staff, fun for the student body and fun for Gator Nation." (11/27/17)

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletic Director

"I strongly believe Dan is the most prepared candidate to have an immediate and long-term success here at Florida, and he is the best choice to lead the University of Florida football program. You know, Dan is one of the best offensive minds in all of college football. He has an unbelievable track record developing what's the most important position on the field, the quarterback position. You look at guys like Alex Smith, No. 1 overall draft pick, Chris Leak and Tim Tebow here at the University of Florida, guys like Dak Prescott and Nick Fitzgerald at Mississippi State." (11/27/17)

Scott Stricklin, UF Athletic Director

"I think Dan is an outstanding coach. I've known Dan, talked to Dan off and on. We play common opponents. We share information. I guess those days are over (laughter). I think he does a great job. I think he's done an outstanding job at Mississippi State, does a good job with the RPOs, quarterback runs, like they did with Tebow in the day. Run, pass. Guy they have over there right now. Outstanding team. They were a few plays away from being 11-1. You get good players in Mississippi. They've got really good players. I think Dan has done a great job running the organization. Smart offensive coach. Done a great job with defenses. Got a really good defensive coordinator in Todd. All those things lead to him. He'll be a very good coach at Florida, all the resources and players they can get." (11/27/17)

Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M Head Coach

"I'm happy for Dan Mullen and his family to be joining back with Scott Stricklin. Florida's players and fans are very lucky. He knows his players, knows how to get the best out of each individual, and his confidence is contagious for the whole program." (11/26/17)

Dak Prescott, Dallas Cowboys Starting Quarterback

"I love that Coach Mullen is someone who understands the culture of the University of Florida and has won two national championships here. Dan understands how to coach and mentor quarterbacks and build championship level expectations and deliver them both on and off the field. He will not only be a great coach for the players from an X's and O's standpoint, but as a mentor for all the young men in the program." (11/26/17)

Tim Tebow, Former UF Quarterback

"All of us Gators love to not only win games, but have fun along the way. I'm confident Dan Mullen will quickly get us back on track on both fronts." (11/26/17)

Danny Wuerffel, Former UF Quarterback

"I think Dan's awesome. He understands the lay of the land. He understands recruiting. He understands the expectations at Florida. He'll embrace them. He understands the traditions because he was a part of it when they got started. I'm proud of him."

Urban Meyer, Ohio State Head Coach

"Having gotten to know Dan personally, and after covering him professionally I am confident that he is the right man for this job. His track record speaks for itself, as he's been instrumental to UF's past national championship pedigree and unprecedented success at Mississippi State. Dan is a natural leader who inspires his players to give their best both on and off the field. This is a great day for Gator Nation." (11/26/17)

Jesse Palmer, Former Florida QB & ESPN CFB Analyst

"I am beyond excited that Coach Mullen is returning to Gator Nation. The impact he had on our national championship seasons stretched far beyond the football field. He genuinely cares about his players - as athletes, students, and people. His offensive mind is unrivaled and his passion for the game is contagious to all those around him. Get ready... Championship Football is returning to the Swamp." (11/26/17)

David Nelson, Former Florida Wide Receiver

"Dan Mullen is an excellent hire for the Gators. He will recruit both players and coaches well. His development of quarterbacks is as good as anyone in college football over the last 15 years. This is a solid move for the future of Florida Football." (11/26/17)

Kevin Carter, Former Florida Defensive Lineman

"Dan Mullen's consistency and success in Starkville is a testament to his ability to evaluate talent, develop them, and put them in positions to win on Saturdays. This, along with his background in Gainesville with Championship teams, makes him a perfect fit for the Gators." (11/26/17)

Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN College Football Analyst

"Love it, he not only wants you to be a better football player but also become a man. He really cares and that's why we stayed in touch after I left. He congratulated me on the phone like my past coach once I got hired at Marshall." (11/26/17)

Dallas Baker, Former Gators Wide Receiver

"I honestly think it's a great hire. Especially when you're talking offense and quarterbacks it's much needed. Hoping Coach Mullen the best and sure the standard he sets will be higher than recent past. Go Gators" (11/26/17)

Jarvis Moss, Former Gators Defensive Linemen

"Dan Mullen is a top-five coach in the country. ... I would give Dan Mullen the nod against a lot of coaches in the country." (11/21/17)

Marcus Spears, SEC Network

"Look at what he's done over a long period of time ... This is a guy who is really good at developing talent, really good at spotting things that other people don't see. That's what you want." (10/16/17)

Andy Staples, Sports Illustrated

"Dan Mullen is great at identifying, but most importantly, developing quarterbacks. Communicates and teaches at an elite level." (9/21/17)

Trent Duffer, ESPN Analyst

"Dan Mullen historically has done a great job teaching and training quarterbacks, both physically and mentally. He's one of the very best in college football." (9/16/17)

Todd Blackledge, ESPN

ABOUT UF COACHES

"You're always concerned when you have good coaches. I think a lot of our coaches people are coming after because, one, we have a good coaching staff. Two, we run a good program and I think a lot of people are interested in how we run the program or to get somebody from a program that has been as successful as ours has. There's always that concern. I think we try to make this a great place to work, have a great quality of life and you're at one of the premier schools in America to coach at. There's a lot of draws for guys to want to stay here." (3/20/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"This almost is the same team as last year, missing a couple dudes, new coaching staff. These guys came in here and instilled a great thing in us, you know, they taught us how to play football well, just be a first-class team and that's what we did." (11/24/18)

Jordan Scarlett, Former UF Running Back

"They lucked out with this coaching staff. I wish I would have had them my entire five years here." (11/17/18)

RJ Raymond, Former UF Tight End

"We have a different mindset than last year. We think differently. It's mainly because of our new coaching staff got us, you know, looking at things at a different perspective, so we're very much more professional-wise." (10/30/18)

Khairi Clark, Former UF Defensive Lineman

"I can't give enough credit to the coaching staff because the team is not that different than it was last year and we won four games. So, clearly they have done something right." (10/23/18)

Luke Del Rio, Former UF Quarterback

"We put our minds to it that we were not going to have a year like we did last year. But this coaching staff that came in has changed the old standard, changed the whole mindset of the program, and is what really made us a top-ten team. We go out there and play but they set us up to make great plays and to be productive." (10/23/18)

Kyree Campbell, UF Defensive Lineman

"The coaches are a big difference. [Last year] at this time I knew for sure we weren't in the bowl game talk. It's a great feeling. We put ourselves in this position and we just have to continue to get better." (10/16/18)

CJ Henderson, Former UF Defensive Back

Coaching is a common theme with this year's Gators. A lot of the players are the same. The results, attitude and style of play? That's changing, for the better — and it's a reflection of the new and improved staff. (10/7/18)

Chris Wright, Saturday Down South

"I think they [the Florida coaches] helped me a lot with it being able to understand every single way that a defense could form up a scheme. We game plan, but a defense game plans as well, so they give us a different look and kind of managing that look given and to get to the next play and things like that. They prepare me for every game and every situation, every defense that they could run." (10/1/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback



"The atmosphere, it definitely is a lot different. The strength staff is, also. They're incredible — and it's not a facade. They're in your face 24/7, but it's a good in-your-face. There's respect, but they mean business. The tempo is good. After the first few weeks, I really thought, 'Well, this will die down eventually. They'll ease up on us.' It hasn't happened. It's going good. I think the way practice is going, with the music playing and all, it's more active. It's a different, better vibe. Guys bought in a long time ago. They've seen their bodies changing. The stuff on the field is getting easier." (8/23/18)

Jorge Powell, Former UF Kicker

"Mullen and his staff have done a great job feeding us the information with the right chunks at a time. They try to keep the verbiage down so it's easier to remember. The coaches have done a great job teaching us the plays and showing us all the looks and what can happen no matter what defense shows up." (8/22/18)

Kyle Trask, UF Quarterback

"We're the ones that need to adapt as coaches to make sure we're putting them in a position to be successful and not look and say, 'I want to do this, and they can't do it, so oh well.' That's poor coaching. Our job is to put them in a position to be successful and let them go play hard on Saturdays." (8/20/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"The teaching process was a lot easier. The way they taught it to us and the way they broke it down was a lot easier. Just the coaches teaching it to us, that's what made it easier." (8/20/18)

Jean Delance, UF Offensive Lineman

"It becomes a factor of trust in that, go out and hire good people, share with them what you're expectations and standards are, ok, and then allow them to go do their job and do their work. You know as a head coach, everybody in the program understands your expectations and then try to help them improve themselves and pay attention to what you think they're doing well, what they're doing poorly and ways that they can improve and trust that they're gonna do their job the best way. And it allows me to do my job better that way if I have that trust of other people to do their job the right way." (8/19/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I like it. I walked through there while they were working out and I wish I could play with these coaches. Too bad I can't, but they're going to be real good. It starts in the weight room. Those coaches, they look like they love it. They be in there joining, happy with them, celebrating with them." (3/30/18)

Brandon Powell, Former UF Wide Receiver

"Since those coaches got here, we have turned a new leaf. The mindset is just different and you can tell it. I've definitely been seeing some change within the program with guys being more disciplined and doing what they are supposed to do. Just the little things that you catch out of the corner of your eye that you know a couple of years ago the team would have let slide. That's going to make us better in the long run." (3/11/18)

Cece Jefferson, Former UF Defensive Lineman

"The coaches came here to win. I think that they are implementing that early and making it known that they want to win a lot of ballgames here. And the way to win them is in the offseason. They are making us very aware that everything that we get this season is going to be earned this offseason." (1/17/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

TODD GRANTHAM (DC)

"A lot of people came after him both in college and the NFL. A lot of people came after him and I think it shows he's a great defensive coordinator. I think it shows where we're at as a program and where we're headed as a program that he feels that being at Florida is a better opportunity than all the top-notch colleges that came after him and some NFL teams." (3/1/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"He's a guy that's not only all about football, he cares about what's going on in your life, how your everyday life is going. To actually ask you about what's going on in your life outside of football, you know, that really makes you feel good as a player. Because it shows that he's not only looks at you as his player, he looks at you more like a son, and he's going to ask you about those things and he's going to take care of you. I think that's big. We appreciate Coach Grantham and what he's done for the program. And it's definitely in the right hands going forward." (12/24/18)

Cece Jefferson, Former UF Defensive End

"I love it, I mean I was an aggressive player, so I love it. What you want to do is always keep the quarterback on his toes. You also want to keep the offensive coordinator on their toes because at any point they will be second-guessing themselves. Are they going to blitz? Are they going to fall back into coverage? That's what you want to do and I think he is doing a great job." (11/2/18)

Major Wright, Former UF Safety

"We all trust Coach Grantham, so we know he'll have us prepared for it. Whatever we go through in practice, he'll have us prepared for the game. There won't be nothing we won't see." (10/23/18)

Donovan Stiner, UF Safety

"I wasn't here, but my brother was actually about to get recruited ... before I got here, so (Grantham) was still the coach here and was still on the defensive side. He is a really great coach. He likes to go all for it when he is running a defense and sends a lot of guys, and you can see that is what he is doing at Florida." (10/22/18)

Jonathan Ledbetter, UGA Defensive Lineman

"If you do a Todd Grantham YouTube highlight sideline video you might not ... it is not the person that you deal with on a daily basis. And so I think that was the biggest thing for me when we were talking. We're very aligned in a lot of different ways, and my feeling would be to work really well together." (10/3/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Todd is such a professional in what he does. I just think we have such a great relationship. His personality really fits to what our program is and the mentality I have with the program. I thought it was a really good mix that way of us working together." (10/3/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Grantham isn't going to take any s—, and (Mullen) knows he can't go up to Todd Grantham and tell him exactly what to do in a situation. Grantham can just tell him, 'No, I've seen this,' and, 'This has worked for me, and so this is what's going to work.' And it usually has." (10/3/18)

Confidential Mississippi State Source, from The Athletic

"What I really think is, Todd is extremely competent and very good at what he does, and I think Dan is competent and good at what he does. Not that (Grantham) was better than the guys (Mullen) had, but that they weren't exactly like-minded. Todd is aggressive, but he's smart. He's tough, but understanding. He can manage people, motivate." (10/3/18)

Ron English, UF Safeties Coach

"Todd and all our defensive staff understand we like to rotate players. That can be a different deal. Guys are like, 'I don't like coming off the field. I want to stay on the field. I want to do this.' But what you see is when you get to the fourth quarter of a game like last week, you get to the second half of a game ... your defense is fresh." (10/2/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Yeah, I think so. I don't know if people really realize last year how bad the defense was. Not to be overly harsh, but that was a defense that gave up as many points as any team had at Florida since 1946. OK? So it was not a good unit. And Grantham walked into a situation where they had major question marks in the secondary in terms of depth. You lose your top cornerback for the year. The fact that he's been able to work with all that and still piece together a defense that can go out there on the road and only give up six points, I think says a lot about what he's been able to do from an Xs and Os standpoint and then really get guys to buy in and kind of play that fast, physical style that he wants to." (10/3/18)

Thomas Goldkamp, Swamp 247

"Coach Grantham, with his years of experience, we know that any game plan that he puts in front of us is going to work. We just have to go out and execute." (9/29/18)

Jabari Zuniga, UF Defensive Lineman

"Todd and I, we've been through it before. We've played coverage and made plays and we've blitzed and not made plays. He's got to get the feel, 'Hey, let's go after 'em.' I've learned one thing through the years — shut my mouth in that situation. 'Todd, I'm here if you need me.' He's the one who watched all the film and put the game plan together, put all the blitz packages together, so I just need to sit there quietly and let him go." (9/29/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"He's never going to let you relax because if you get comfortable, it's not a good deal. So, he's just always on top of us and making sure we have the play calls and we're learning the defense and we know where we need to be." (8/22/18)

Marco Wilson, UF Defensive Back

"Oh we love it because everybody's playing fast and physical. We just go out and intimidate the other team. I like Grantham's defense because he likes to bring pressure. Last year we did, but we didn't do it as often." (8/16/18)

Rayshad Jackson, Former UF Linebacker

"I've definitely grown up under Coach Grantham. He knows what he's talking about, you can tell. His playbook is beautiful. It's probably the best playbook I've ever seen in my life. I just learn from him, listen to him in meetings and learn from him." (8/15/18)

Marlon Dunlap, UF Defensive Lineman

"It's back to the old Florida defense. I feel like Coach Grantham is going to be here for a while. All the young guys can actually adjust to him. He's new here, we're new. The new guys are new to him." (8/13/18)

Chauncey Gardner-Johnson, Former UF Defensive Back

"Oh man, I like coach Grantham because he's about us, man. He always tries to stress to us that we all got to make plays, get in the backfield, run to the ball, man, and just be a consistent defense. If we want to be the best defense in the nation, we've just got to do everything he tells us to do because the guy's been there, he's coached college football, he's coached the NFL and we all believe in him. It's all about being coachable. When he yells at us, that only means that he believes in us to be the best that we can be." (8/8/18)

Khairi Clark, UF Defensive Lineman

"You don't have to worry about another person helping inside or anything. Coach Grantham, he schemes it up very good to where we just all work as one and whoever wins, wins. You're gonna make a play at the end of the day. Someone's making a play all the time." (8/7/18)

Jachai Polite, Former UF Defensive Lineman

"The playbook will give us a lot more opportunities than last year, it was very simple last year. I think Coach Grantham's scheme is going to give us all a lot of opportunities to make different plays in different situations." (8/7/18)

Marco Wilson, UF Defensive Back

"He's a guy that can talk football at an extremely high level and know every detail of the game from front all the way to back. I think that's what really makes him a special football coach is his knowledge front to back of the whole defense and the system." (8/6/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"You're always evolving to become a better coach. I would say the answer to that is hopefully we're better — I'm a better coach this year than I was last year or three years ago because you're always working to — you have to stay on track with things that are happening. You know, the offenses evolve, things change, people may attack you a different way relative to what they see." (8/6/18)

Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"Coach Shannon's defense was simple, but it wasn't fit for everybody on the defense and what they did well. With Coach Grantham, it fits everybody and you learn what everybody is doing. It's going to be a change this year. You have to put your head into it and focus every day." (8/5/18)

Chauncey Gardner-Johnson, Former UF Defensive Back

"Todd Grantham is really good. Mississippi State was outstanding on defense last year. They weren't on the field for 70 or 80 plays a game, which showed that Coach Mullen wasn't just an offensive coach trying to put up yards and points. He had a plan how to manage and win games. And that really helped them on defense." (8/1/18)

Anonymous SEC Head Coach

"The guys he puts in the NFL and things he did at Louisville and things he did at Mississippi State speaks for itself. He is a great coach and loves to be aggressive." (3/22/18)

David Reese II, UF Linebacker

"When you walk into a family's home I can say 'look at what Coach Grantham did, he not only coached me, but provided me an opportunity to develop the skills I wanted for the career I wanted. So that resonates with a lot of families'" (2/20/18)

Christian Robinson, UF Linebackers Coach

"He coaches edge rushers, he allows guys to be aggressive and get to the quarterback and I think he can continue to do that with the talent he'll have at the University of Florida." (1/25/18)

Sheldon Rankins, New Orleans Saints Defensive Tackle

"He's definitely, he's a fiery guy, he's a passionate guy and he's gonna be on top of you on the field but at the same time he's someone who you can talk to when you need something, a father figure type." (1/25/18)

Sheldon Rankins, New Orleans Saints Defensive Tackle

"He definitely took my game to another level; put me in a lot of positions where I was able to make a lot of plays and be a productive player for that defense." (1/25/18)

Sheldon Rankins, New Orleans Saints Defensive Tackle

"Once I got here, learning the NFL defense it seemed almost easy so to speak after having to learn Coach Grantham's multiple systems," (1/25/18)

Sheldon Rankins, New Orleans Saints Defensive Tackle

"I think Florida is going to benefit from hiring Grantham, especially considering Dan Mullen is a very good offensive coach. This pairing allows Grantham's aggressive, turnover focused defense to work alongside Mullen's offense and supplying it with a greater number of possessions per game." (12/2/17)

Chris Person, Cardinal Sports

"I've always been really close to Todd professionally and personally. 'If you're going to rank assistants, he's one of the two or three best I've ever had on our staff.'" (2012)

Nick Saban, Alabama Head Coach

"Todd is a bright guy and very knowledgeable. He's hard-working. He's got common sense. He's tough and competitive. I hired him on staff when he was a graduate assistant and some people thought I was crazy. But I knew." (2005)

Frank Beamer, Former Virginia Tech coach

BILLY GONZALES (CO-OC/WR)

"If you can't block, you won't be able to play here at this university. That's one of his big go-to things that [Gonzales is] really big on. Even in seven-on-seven, if somebody catches the ball, we have to turn and find, you know, body to work to make sure that we're always blocking downfield." (11/19/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"You look at what Billy [Gonzales] does with his group and how much time they spend on it and the pride that they take in being great blocking wide receivers is really — it's really important to them. You watch how they practice and the physicalness in practice, how they stress it and the unselfishness of the guys that play that position." (11/19/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"He's really a detail-oriented guy. You can do it right for somebody else, but for him, if it's not perfect, he's not going to accept it. That coming from a coach it makes you feel like you can't accept (anything) but perfection. You're going to go out there and try and perfect everything you do. Him holding you accountable to that makes you hold yourself accountable, so he's going to get your best game." (8/31/18)

Freddie Swain, UF Wide Receiver

"Coach (Gonzales) just tells us to be responsible and accountable, so I go into meetings trying to learn from my mistakes and try to get better each and every day. Having Coach (Gonzales), he really emphasized to really pay attention to the little details and learn from film and learn what you did wrong. I think (I've been doing) a pretty good job at that this year." (8/8/18)

Tyrie Cleveland, UF Wide Receiver

"I'm really excited about Billy Gonzales, knowing what he does, knowing how he coaches. I think it's going to be a group that starts to live up to their potential a little more." (7/1/18)

Chris Doering, Former UF Wide Receiver

"He's probably the best coach I've been around or been in any camp with. He just shows you the techniques and he'll show you on film how it works and how it's supposed to look. He'll just let you go out there and do it yourself and get a feel for it. After that, it's just like walking. I believe we're the best receiving corps in the country, and we've got Coach G. on our side, so I know it's going to be fun this year." (6/25/18)

Freddie Swain, UF Wide Receiver

"I feel like Coach G, he's pretty much getting us prepared a lot with a lot of techniques, foot movement and stuff like that....He's really incredible, like how he teaches us and how he presents things, it makes you just want to play and gives you energy to just be more excited about what you're doing really." (3/24/18)

Kadarius Toney, UF Wide Receiver



"He is definitely a perfectionist. He wants everything perfect and it's not a bad thing. I want our wide receivers to be a perfectionist just so we can make sure we do everything right. We need to be open and we need to be great receivers. I think he has done good trying to develop us and teaching us on things that we were bad at last year - like separating after our route and things like that. He has done a great job and he has definitely put a lot of emphasis on those details and trying to help us." (3/22/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"He's a phenomenal coach. He's engaged. He loves his players. I probably feel like he's one of my favorite receivers coaches I've ever had. He's a phenomenal coach, and I'm just blessed to be able to work with him. He's really hands on. Like, if I don't understand something, he sits down and talks to me, he helps me get through it. That's one thing that I really like about him." (3/22/18)

Trevon Grimes, UF Wide Receiver

"He's teaching us a lot of different techniques to get off the line, different releases like so we can have a variety of ways to get open really, whatever we're looking for." (3/22/18)

Kadarius Toney, UF Wide Receiver

"I think he's very transparent. He's an honest guy who's going to tell you what's expected of you and how it's going to be once you get there. He's really relatable. I think you can talk to him about any issue, not just football issues, but life issues. Just being a high school kid or college kid, growing up, he's somebody you can come to and get some advice." (12/18/17)

Frankie Hammond, Former UF Wide Receiver

"He's a workaholic is the best way I can say it. I think he's going to get the best out of you. If he sees potential in you that he knows that is there, he's going to try to squeeze all of it out of you. Not to say that you may not like it at times, but if he sees potential in you and he knows what you're good at, he's going to keep chipping away until that breaks and you finally reach your full potential." (12/18/17)

Frankie Hammond, Former UF Wide Receiver

JOHN HEVESY (CO-OC/OL)

"He pushes us to 1000 percent. He's a tough dude to get across, but you just have to learn and just take his coaching. Even though it's going to be hard, he knows what he's talking about and he can help you get to the next level." (4/4/19)

Richard Gouraige, UF Offensive Lineman

"His coaching is working, it works. You got to see past everything else and you take the coaching and digest it and you can get better." (4/4/19)

Jean Delance, UF Offensive Lineman

"He's a technician. Everything is just about technique. It doesn't matter what you do, good, bad, he's going to teach you every play." (12/24/18)

Martez Ivey, Former UF Offensive Lineman

"Hevesy stays on us about every little thing. It helped a lot." (8/20/18)

Jawaan Taylor, Former UF Offensive Lineman

"It's going to get you prepared for the next level. If you want to go to the league, this is the guy that you want to be coached by, work with and talk to all the time, because he's going to get you prepared for the next level. He's focused on the now, but at the same time, he's building stages for you to get prepared for the next level. So that's good." (8/20/18)

Jean Delance, UF Offensive Lineman

"He's a tough guy to play for. But after you get past all the yelling, you take the coaching points, let the other stuff go, and you'll be a much better player." (8/4/18)

Tyler Jordan, Former UF Offensive Lineman

"Coach Hevesy's really big about technique. In my opinion, he's Coach [Nick] Savage on steroids when it comes to technique. He's a very intense guy, and he's really big on us doing the things right, doing everything right and just having the attitude and really being the protectors of this offense." (3/30/18)

TJ McCoy, Former UF Offensive Lineman

"He's a great coach when it comes to technique. He's a good teacher. So, the one thing that he was able to get us to buy into the program, the plan, and to set our egos aside as a player and to focus on our unit and our team. He's a teacher and he's great at teaching us as 18 and 20 year olds. He can relate to us, motivate us and turn us in to men and that's what coaching is all about. I'm a coach and I can see it. That's why we do it." (12/1/17)

Phil Trautwein, Former UF Offensive Lineman

RON ENGLISH (S)

"We're pretty fortunate to have a guy like him on staff. A guy who has been in a head coach and coordinator at a lot of major schools. He's an excellent football coach in preparing to get those guys for those situations, to be where you're supposed to be and when you're supposed to be in those situations and knowing the plays." (10/8/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Ron (English) has done a good job of developing those guys because you see them getting better each week and understanding our system and concepts and how to play, understanding leverages. When you get young players if you can let them continue to embrace coaching, show them on tape the things you have to get better at and they continue to do that, the product shows up on Saturdays." (10/9/18)

Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"I love coaching. I still love coaching. I love coaching turn right, turn left or something that's a lot more detailed and intense and complicated. So I love every aspect of coaching, and what I really like is to really have a chance to see a guy change and mature and grow up and demonstrated some toughness and demonstrate that he's willing to change and demonstrate that he wants to work towards his ability, being the best he can be." (2/20/18)

Ron English, UF Safeties Coach

TORRIAN GRAY (CB)

"I was excited, because that's the guy who really recruited me, so, that's why I really came here, to get coached by that guy. I've seen what he's done at Virginia Tech and the NFL, so I was really excited about that. He's going to teach us to be ball-players on the field." (3/16/19)

Marco Wilson, UF Defensive Back

"As I started to research and as I talked to people, both in college and several people in the NFL about him, I thought, well, wow, it's a really unique deal of how highly everybody spoke of him. And one of the things that brought him down and got to meet him and his personality and be around him and see how he fits in our program. The current players speak really highly of him, guys that have worked with him in college say boy, what a great recruiter, great personality as a college coach. Talked to guys in the NFL and talk about his development and his ability to develop young players and all of that sounds great, but you also have to make sure they fit in within your program and your staff. And then his personality of how he fits in." (2/6/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I've never been in a situation where we lose a coach and basically every player on the team starts texting me, 'Is there any way we can go hire this guy?' I had never met Torrian, but every one of our players was like, 'But we have to get him, we have to get him.' And I'm like, okay, well, he's currently the secondary coach of the Washington Redskins, so that sounds like a really good idea, but you know he was here and he went to the Washington Redskins. So I love the thought process behind that from our players." (2/6/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I'm finally learning football. I'm learning techniques. I'm learning what to be looking for, to be able to slow myself down and just play ball, you know, versus using athletic ability all the time. I feel like he's taken the time to teach us the right things. He takes the time to teach us how to play certain things, you know, because after the few seconds in to it, it does become athletic ability, can you make that play or not, but he's teaching us how to progress each play to be able to play, versus just going out there, telling us what we're in, and we're just playing ball." (2017)

Dashaun Phillips, Washington Redskins Corner

BRIAN JOHNSON (QB)

"Coach Johnson can just tell you, for example, this our play-call, this is how I want your footwork done. You know it's the right thing to do when he says, 'We want your footwork like this.' He'll be able to go out there and give you an example of how it's done and you go and just follow." (8/5/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"I love being around the players. I love being around the game. I think it teaches you so many life lessons that you can carry on when you are done playing. And it was fun. I enjoy being out on the practice field and helping guys develop and reach their potential every single day." (1/22/18)

Brian Johnson, UF QB Coach

"He meets with the quarterbacks all the time. A lot of times we're on the same page. You could see he was making some good calls. The fact that he was recruited by me and played a year for me, he knows my expectations." (1/22/18)
Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"He was unbelievable and I'm very thankful to have him as a coach. Once I got the offense down, he took me to another level and his knowledge of the game was invaluable. It meant a lot to have someone who has played at such a high level be able to teach you." (12/2016)
Dak Prescott, Dallas Cowboys QB/Former Miss. St. QB

GREG KNOX (RB/Special Teams)

"Coach Knox (is) our dude, man ... he's tough on us, but that's respect. Coming from a coach like Coach Knox, who's been in the league, you know in the SEC for like 20-plus years. He's been coaching longer than I've been alive, so to have that coach and to have his input on things, it helps me as an athlete. And it just makes everything easy on the field." (4/3/19)
Dameon Pierce, UF Running Back

"Coach Knox is a really good coach. He's teaching us a lot. We've got a really good understanding of the game this year. We'll be able to make runs we weren't able to make last year and make better reads." (8/24/18)
Malik Davis, UF Running Back

"It's just like reviewing, anything you review a lot of times eventually you'll get the hang of it and it'll be automatic. That's what he wants it to be, natural to us so he wants our blitz pick-up to be natural and our steps to be natural and everything, he doesn't want us thinking while we're playing so he's doing a good job." (8/18/18)
Jordan Scarlett, Former UF Running Back

"He's a fast-paced guy. He's going to make sure everybody, even the walk-ons, know everything they're doing in the running back room or on the field." (8/3/18)
Lamical Perine, UF Running Back

"Coach Knox, he tries to make us know the whole offense even what the quarterback knows, the linemen know, receivers, he's trying to make us know everything. So he's staying on top of us about that." (4/7/18)
Lamical Perine, UF Running Back

"I'd consider him a player's coach because his players clearly love him. I'd describe his relationship with players as unique to each player; even in just post-game embraces with his running backs and the things I could hear him say to each of them, it was clear he had a different relationship with each running back and one that each of them cherished for that reason." (1/7/18)
Brett Hudson, The Commercial Dispatch

"As a developer, I think one of his strongest assets is his ability to quickly identify what a player needs to reach the next level of their potential and making sure they know that." (1/7/18)
Brett Hudson, The Commercial Dispatch

"Mullen and Knox worked very well together at MSU. You could tell Mullen gave Knox complete autonomy over his parts of the team, both the special teams and the running backs. For example, regarding the true freshman running back Kylin Hill, Mullen said that after the fact he didn't know when Hill was going to go into the game and thus get his first college snap; he left that decision entirely to Knox." (1/7/18)
Brett Hudson, The Commercial Dispatch

CHRISTIAN ROBINSON (LB)

"I think having played in the defense helps him to coach it. Having played in the league, looks at the guys and says 'I've made those plays. I've done it.' They can relate to him well." (8/24/18)
Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"One thing I think you see with Christian to me, is despite being young, he's a very mature guy in a lot of ways. I look at a guy in similar ways. I was 32 years old and I was the offensive coordinator here at the University of Florida. That's a pretty young guy at that position. But I was with a guy that trusted me and with a guy that would help mentor me and say 'Hey, here (are) some things and decisions you need to do along the way, and here's some things you've done well and poorly. I want to try to help Christian the same way, and I think he has a maturity about him that makes him a good coach.'" (8/24/18)
Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Since Coach Rob's been here (he's) played on a top SEC team, he played against some top SEC teams, so he basically just came to us and tells us all to look out for this or look out for this. He sees stuff that we don't really see on the film that he's seen that he can tell us to try and help us contribute to our group." (8/14/18)
Vosean Joseph, Former UF Linebacker

"He understands where we come from, he's played football. He's played for [defensive coordinator] Coach [Todd] Grantham, so he knows how we feel and how we go about things. It's a different mindset he has to players. He just kind of relates to us more." (8/14/18)
James Houston IV, UF Linebacker

"Since he a younger guy, he relates more to us. He does coach us better, so if we make a mistake, we'll go back and he doesn't really yell." (8/14/18)
Ventrell Miller, UF Linebacker

"I love his coaching style. That's a guy that has been in our shoes recently. He knows what he is doing. You have to respect him and things like that. He comes to work with energy every day and he is looking for us to get better. He is looking for us to be better men and better players." (3/23/18)
David Reese II, UF Linebacker

"He is going to be an excellent football coach. He's smart. He knows this system. He played in it. I think his dad was a coach. He's got a great personality. He'll coach you hard but he's poised. He's got a great way about him. He's been there done that. Been there done that." (2/20/18)
Ron English, UF Safeties Coach

"I just always knew I loved helping other people achieve their goals. That's something my dad always done for me, so football was an avenue to do that." (2/20/18)
Christian Robinson, UF Linebackers Coach

"He's really good with the players, he understands guys, he understands our system, he understands the habitual traits and the way I want guys coached. And he does all those things. I think that he has a really bright future as a coach, and I think he'll be a great asset to our program. When it got down to, all right, who do you want to hire to coach inside backer, to me it was easy because I had been around the guy as a player, as a coach for years and knew what kind of person he was." (2/13/18)
Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"Follow the leader he won't lead you wrong. He knows what he's talking about and he's passionate about the game, passionate about his players and he just wants to see his players be successful so just follow the leader." (1/15/18)
Davis Potter, Oxford Eagle

"I met Coach Rob when I was University of Georgia my freshman year and it was always a bond, like a brother bond or a father figure. He always took care of me. When I needed somewhere to go when I got out of JUCO he reached out, offered me a spot [at Ole Miss]." (1/15/18)
Detric Bing-Dukes, Ole Miss linebacker

"It's just an honor and privilege, one, to be here, because I know this program has so much history. Those championship trophies in Coach Mullen's office, that's the goal. I know they have an expectation and that's what we're going to try to put in the players. Those goals you lay out there are only attainable through hard work." (1/8/18)
Christian Robinson, UF Linebacker Coach

"Coaching is pretty much all I ever wanted to do. My dad is 100 percent the biggest influence on my life in football, and Coach Grantham is second. Coach Grantham just has a great record with people and a track record as a coach. This is a guy who I need to be with." (1/8/18)
Christian Robinson, UF Linebacker Coach

"He's always been a student. I think the best players are those who not only know what to do, but they get to the why. So I've kind of always seen that. What's the why behind this. That's always been there." (1/8/18)
Ken Robinson, Father of Christian/ HS D.C.

LARRY SCOTT (TE)

"Coach [Larry] Scott is a great coach and person that I trust and have connected with greatly. I know he will make me into a well-rounded tight end." (6/27/18)
Lucas Krull, UF Tight End

"My blocking has gotten better. He has taught me how to get my steps better and my fundamentals. Right now I am a receiver/passing tight end, but he is trying to get me more into the run game, which I am getting better." (4/13/18)
Kemore Gamble, UF Tight End



"He knows a lot. He's teaching us more about the game like coverages. I never knew about coverages, to be honest. So he's teaching us a lot of coverages and how to run routes off that. And he's a good people person. We're comfortable with him. We feel real good about him. He makes us understand plays better." (3/19/18)

C'yontai Lewis, UF Tight End

"I love what I do. I'm very passionate about coaching the game of football and being around young men and mentoring to become better people as you do it." (2/22/18)

Larry Scott, UF Tight Ends Coach

"Larry will do a great job coaching our tight ends, which is one of the most important positions on our staff based on how we utilize that position and the flexibility they have within our offense." (1/25/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

DAVID TURNER (DL)

"He's a great coach, teaching us to be explosive in the weight room and how we're supposed to lift weights the right way." (4/10/19)

Andrew Chatfield, UF Defensive End

"He's pretty hard on us, but I like his coaching style. I think we're really buying in. He's pretty detailed. He takes the time to really explain to us different techniques. I think it shows." (3/21/19)

Zach Carter, UF Defensive Lineman

"He is just teaching us valuable skills that we need in a game. He is teaching the ends and the tackles like pass rush moves and run blocks that we will be able to go out and play." (3/21/19)

Malik Langham, Former UF Defensive End

"It's been a pretty smooth transition for all of us. He yells at you but he yells at you in a way that he's telling you what to do, what you're doing wrong, how to fix it. And I think as a group, we can all respect that it makes us want to go harder for him. He's really drilling the technique. He's bringing in new terminology for us and it's helping us out." (3/20/19)

Elijah Conliffe, Defensive Lineman

"You look at David Turner, a guy that has tremendous experience in the Southeastern Conference. But the great thing for me... I think that there's a lot of times you can see guys have maybe a reputation out there or a guy can get on a board and draw pretty good and then they get on your staff and it's not all what you think it is. The great thing with David Turner is I know I've had him on my staff before. I know his ability to go out and recruit top talent. I know his ability to develop that and coach it. If you look at his track record of NFL superstars that maybe weren't the highest recruited guys... I always love the Chris Jones recruiting story, who when he finished his high school football, I think he was a zero star, but he did end up being a five star before signing day. You take a guy that really wasn't a big name guy and all of a sudden right before signing became (he was a super recruit) and develop him to really one of the top players in the NFL. (Turner) coached him and Fletcher Cox the same way, as well as a bunch of other guys that have played for us. But I think that and his

development goes beyond. He and his wife and the family atmosphere, how they take the kids in and the connection that he has with those players is special." (2/7/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Turner took the place of a dream, what a vision looked like. He's the type of dude that's going to remind you every day of your goal. (1/29/19)

Ryan Brown, Former MSU Defensive Lineman

"He definitely pushed me to the max. He got the best out of me." (1/29/19)

Chris Jones, Kansas City Chiefs Defensive End

NICK SAVAGE (S&C)

"They do a great job ... especially throughout the offseason, making sure guys are in shape, but also developing that mental toughness. Everybody can do it when it's easy. But when it gets hard, when you're facing adversity, when you're tired, do you have the mental toughness to go push yourself to another level? He does a great job and our staff does in preparing guys for that. Not just physically, but mentally." (10/29/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I just thought he had great energy and juice. The players liked him. The players liked him, but he didn't change. He was demanding. He wasn't going to give an inch. But he understood. He didn't push too far. He didn't try to cross the line to impress me or cross the line to impress the players or anything it. He was just him and that kind of fit." (8/12/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I feel a whole lot more agile in terms of making cuts, seeing holes and everything. [Savage is] going to make sure you get the most out of every workout and if it's not up to standard you're going to do it again. Our standard is a high-intensity workout, every day full speed. After doing that for six months, you're going to see a difference in your body. Coach Savage did a great job getting us prepared for this fall and moving forward towards the season." (7/29/19)

Dameon Pierce, UF Running Back

"Coach Savage, he's the best. He treats us like his sons. He changed my body. Last year I was 250, a bad 250. Now I'm 250 but I'm more toned up. (4/1/19)

Kemore Gamble, UF Tight End

"When he first got here, I was coming off a knee injury and I was one of the first guys to work out with him, we were just working out one on one. You see he has a lot of juice. When we come out here and we hear him screaming, it just motivates everyone. Some guys come out and feel like, 'Oh, I'm not ready,' but when you see him and you turn him up, he just makes you want to come out and work out." (3/27/19)

Malik Davis, UF Running Back

"Coach Savage, that's my boy. I'm a big fan. What he does just helps me be more confident running the ball, being able to stand in the pocket and deliver the ball taking hits." (3/26/19)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"They develop them physically and mentally and for their health. Not just to get bigger, faster and stronger, but also for health purposes and for getting them stability." (3/26/19)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I think we've been really fresh. That's a big thanks to Coach Savage and the strength program and all the summer workouts. I think that's been really advantageous for us." (10/19/18)

Brad Stewart, UF Safety

"We get a lot of support from the strength staff. They have been very great about pushing hydration, pushing recovery, and making sure you get your meal when you need it and how you need it. The strength staff has been very incredible working with us with nutrition." (10/19/18)

Mike Childs, UF Nutritionist

"I think the one guy that is not getting enough credit is strength coach Nick Savage. We finally have guys that look like football players. They are strong and mentally tough now. So, Coach Savage needs a lot of credit." (10/11/18)

Johnny Rutledge, Former UF Linebacker

"Coach [Nick] Savage coming in, I feel like the strength and conditioning part was a lot better for me. And I seen better improvements, faster improvements like with my body and stuff. I ain't trying to bash the last strength and conditioning staff. I just feel like they focused more on the cardio, like keeping us in shape. We weren't really focused on a lot of strength stuff. This staff focuses on all of it. You're gonna be in shape, you're gonna get your muscle gains, you're gonna shed fat. And they keep tabs on all that." (10/9/18)

Moral Stephens, Former UF Tight End

"(The work we put in under Savage) showed up a lot (in the win over LSU). It's just guys not being tired afterward and continuing to play. When those games get tight and it is back-and-forth, we know that we have each other's back and we are still ready to play football, even if it goes into overtime. We are ready for it. Just the preparation we put in all summer and on campus has prepared us for these moments." (10/8/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"Coach Savage's program really put us in top shape. We've still got shape to get into but at the end of the day we were on that field and it doesn't really matter, we're not really tired. We can play the toughest team and come out with a 'W.'" (10/6/18)

Vosean Joseph, Former UF Linebacker

"I've gotten a little faster, a lot stronger. I can't thank him enough. I wasn't really much of a speedster." (9/24/18)

Freddie Swain, UF Wide Receiver

"I feel like I got very explosive when Coach Savage came. When Coach Savage came I feel like I got quicker, a lot quicker and a lot faster, definitely a lot stronger." (8/15/18)

Marlon Dunlap, Former UF Defensive Lineman

"Before I even got the job, he knew he was part of the team that was going wherever I went. He is one of the most important people on the staff. It's such a critical role, almost a second head coach. He understands what we need in the program and he drives himself to get better." (8/13/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Coach Savage is who we spend most of our time with - we train with him every day. He just doesn't let us settle for less. He is always on us and allowed us to grow and help us mature with how we handle things. He makes us think about how we want to be known as and that's what's really important. You don't want to embarrass this program that's been known for greatness. We just want to be known as the next great team that came through Florida." (8/10/18)

Marco Wilson, UF Defensive Back

"He's awesome. Does an awesome job. A great motivator, gets the most out of the players. His energy. His staff, when you start looking at the strength coach and his staff are full of energy and full of excitement, you're going through a workout whether it's at 6 AM with one group and then 20 minutes later you're doing it with the next and you better bring the same amount of energy, the same amount of juice." (8/7/18)

Billy Gonzales, UF Wide Receivers Coach

"What I've seen from him that I haven't seen from these other staffs is that he stays on us. I've done some things with him that I've never done with the other staffs. Like running the stadium, I've never done that since I've been here. That was a big transition for me. I feel like that right there, that was something that's just in the mind, you've just got to fight through that kind of stuff. Everything else that he does for us, like just constantly lifting heavy weights so we can just maintain our strength, just running us to death, man. (It's) so we can just have that momentum of practicing in the games so we can be conditioned, higher conditioning than the other teams." (8/7/18)

Khairi Clark, Former UF Defensive Lineman

"Savage made it an emphasis to just develop your base, you know, your lower body. My lower body wasn't really, like, strong. It wasn't stable, so in the run game, I wasn't really stout like I wanted to be." (8/7/18)

Jabari Zuniga, UF Defensive Lineman

"It's extremely different. We come in everyday and you've gotta get your mind right because you're gonna be squatting heavy, you're gonna be benching heavy. You've just gotta get your mind right. With the last coach, it was more of we'd go like one week heavy, one week off. But with Coach Savage, it's like every day you come in and you've gotta be ready to work." (8/7/18)

Jabari Zuniga, UF Defensive Lineman

"He's [Savage] the voice they are hearing. Don't do things that are going to set you back. Don't make a decision or put yourself in a position or hurt this team that would set us back from all of the work and the progress that we've made. He's critical in making sure that that message gets across to the team every day, whether it's me, whether it's him, whether -- really, everybody within the program. Wherever you turn, you're hearing that message." (7/20/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Coach Savage has been the biggest difference since day one. He has been doing a great job of keeping the energy for our program and making sure we work as hard as we can, day in and day out...Him and his accountability for our unit has been the biggest difference." (7/20/18)

David Reese II, UF Linebacker

"The players really respond to him and they like being pushed. They like getting the most out of them and so forth." (7/9/18)

Steve Spurrier, HBC

"Coach Savage has been kicking our ass in the weight room, but it's been good. We're definitely making gains." (3/31/18)

Tyler Jordan, Former UF Offensive Lineman

"I would have been huge, I would have been swole. Probably just ripped, stronger, faster, he's definitely a good football coach. I don't know how he does with everything else, but he's a very good football coach. He's definitely similar to the style I like to lift." (3/28/18)

Taven Bryan, Former UF Defensive Lineman

"I actually saw the guys on the team now at Florida, they're pretty yoked. That Savage dude, that's some next-level stuff. I was wondering what they put in the water here. They all look really good. Just the way he changes everyone's bodies. Like we looked like the Pillsbury Dough Boys and now, we're like, swole." (3/28/18)

Taven Bryan, Former UF Defensive Lineman

"I love his energy. That's a man that puts on his work hat every day and he's going to give you his all. So it's all love with that guy. He's amazing." (3/18/18)

David Reese II, UF Linebacker

"Our main goal is to program that brain, no matter what's in front of us, we're going to go attack. So that was the ultimate goal there. ... I think every day as we progress through the offseason has progressively gotten harder, but that day alone will probably stick in their mind." (3/18/18)

Nick Savage, UF Strength & Conditioning Coach

"It's probably the best program I've been in since I started lifting weights when I was a kid. I didn't expect it. It's pushing my body. The stuff we're doing, I feel like we're going to get better and better. A lot of guys have got way bigger, stronger. You can see improvements in numbers weight-wise. You can tell Coach Savage and his crew, they know what they are doing. I respect them. It's really their team. Everything flows through them. Once we go in that weight room, it's all lit. Everybody is ready to work. It's not like last year when everybody was like, 'alright, we got to get this done.' We've got this. We're going in something new. It's the same thing but Coach Savage gives us a new model every day." (3/14/18)

Chauncey Gardner-Johnson, Former UF Defensive Back

"Coach Savage has done a great job getting guys going. Some days guys just don't feel like doing it but the juice and the energy he brings forces you to have no choice but to get going and pushes yourself to limits. So I think that's been a huge difference for us, having a lot of guys just going, going, going no matter what." (3/14/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"He's climbed the ladder quicker than most, but that's because he's been given opportunities and distinguished himself at those places. He may be 28, but he's an older 28. I imagine he'll go in there and set the tone right away. All strength coaches know -- or should -- that if you don't do it right away, there's no going back." (12/13/17)

Brandon Houriga, Wake Forest football strength/conditioning coach

"We're going to do things the right way. If you do things the wrong way there are going to be consequences, and it doesn't matter who you are or what position you play. Everyone is equal." (12/13/17)

Nick Savage, Florida Director of Football Strength and Conditioning

"In January, they'll find out very quickly that whatever their actions are they'll be held accountable for those actions, and that includes every word that comes out of their mouths. They're going to learn how to be grown men, not only with how they train and prepare for the season, but how they go about their daily lives inside the building and outside of it." (12/13/17)

Nick Savage, Florida Director of Football Strength and Conditioning

"To make sure no one misunderstands, what we're about to do in this weight room is strictly coming from Coach Mullen. He has his program identity that he's going to run. It's my job to implement this room -- to promote contenders and expose pretenders -- and fit that identity. We will do that." (12/13/17)

Nick Savage, Florida Director of Football Strength and Conditioning

ABOUT THE CULTURE CHANGE WITH MULLEN

"I'm really proud of our guys of battling back. After that little stretch where you go to compete to be a champion, and you think you're going to have an opportunity to compete for a championship, and you lose it. Went on a little skid, and they've really buckled down from that point and finished the season strong." (11/24/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Something you really should just have in your head, 'Dang, I'm tired of getting whupped... It's either you're going to man up and try to fight back, or you're just going to keep being beat up on the ground. What do you want to choose?' (11/20/18)

Lamical Perine, UF Running Back

"I think guys have really bought into the system and really got a chance to understand it. I think it's gotten to a point now where if it's third-and-four to five, Feleipe already knows what plays Coach Mullen's going to call depending on the hash it's on. It's gotten to the point now that even us as receivers know what's expected, what plays are going to come. We've just gotten so comfortable within the offense that it's allowed us to play a lot faster and excel at a higher level." (11/19/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"There's a standard that we all gotta play at." (11/17/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"They're gonna get this program rolling in the right direction. As far as advice goes, just keep putting your head down and working hard, and everything's going to fall in place. Especially with the people that are here to get this thing rolling." (11/17/18)

RJ Raymond, Former UF Tight End

"They just set the tone, and really bought into what [Coach Mullen] was doing and spreading the word to the younger guys. That's what it's all about. Making other people just believe in what they're doing." (11/17/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"They started off right. I think they have enough leaders in place – like, we set a good example for them to know how to go and approach different things. We've been through enough this season for them to already know how the season going to go next season. So, when they come next season, they going to already know like, 'We can't lose no game. We can't sleep on nobody. We got to come out and play every game.'" (11/17/18)

C'Yontai Lewis, UF Tight End

"It's not OK, when, you know, you're up that big of a lead, and people are going out there and goofing around, and people are going out there, and somebody makes a mistake. Somebody runs the wrong route. You know, because then, OK, you throw a pick, and then things start to roll downhill. That's not something that you want to practice or turn into habits. That's not OK. I think it's a good thing. I think it's the right thing to do to keep on staying on guys. Stay focused, stay engaged because we have a game out here playing." (11/17/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"Yeah, I'm pretty pleased. We came out and I told the guys, 'If you don't think we are going to win, stay in the locker room. I don't want anyone taking the field that wasn't ready to do whatever it takes to win the game. If you don't think you can do it, stay in the locker room.' They believed they were going to win the game, these fans believed they were going to win the game. You saw the excitement, energy, and juice here in the Swamp. That's what we need to be successful. The students, all of Gator Nation, they did a great job today to help us win this game." (11/10/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

The Gators showed some fight on Saturday. After looking like they were headed for another regrettable defeat -- a week after an embarrassing loss to Missouri -- they put together their best finish of the season, scoring 21 unanswered points after being down 31-14 at one point. It's an encouraging sign for Dan Mullen's crew to get off the mat after digging itself such a significant hole. The running game was outstanding, compiling a season-high 367 yards, and even quarterback Feleipe Franks -- who has taken his share of criticism of late -- was solid down the stretch, leading the go-ahead drive in the fourth. All positive signs for this Florida squad, which needed some positivity in a big way. (11/10/18)

Sam Khan, Jr., ESPN

"I think a week ago, I didn't know what team that was. I think you saw that today from a group of guys out there. They expect to win the game. I thought great mental toughness. We battled back to find ways to win. [It] was amazing for our guys -- just the effort." (11/10/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"It's all about the winning mentality. All our guys have that and that's the kind of team I want to play for." (11/10/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"We talked about coming here as a team that gives relentless effort in everything we did. I think we played that way today. We got a little bit back to our identity. To see our guys come back and compete and have that energy in the stadium, all that together, is going to help push us ultimately to where we want to get to, which is back competing for championships on a consistent basis." (11/10/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"We were never fazed when we were down. That's one of the things I love about this team. We're never fazed when we're down, we never flinch. It's all about competing, continuing to compete. That's the mentality of our guys." (11/10/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"The Gators showed the resolve that we weren't sure was still there after two straight losses. While this win wasn't all that big in the overall scheme of things, it was an important one for the future of the program." (11/10/18)

Pat Dooley, Gainesville Sun

"Don't get caught up in the score. Get caught up in how hard you have to go on the next play." (11/10/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Everybody on this team -- if they're not on this team with a competitive attitude or competitive effort they shouldn't be here. So, just wanting to win each and every game that's what we come here for. That's why we come to Florida, to play in big games, to win big games, just having that aspect." (11/7/18)

David Reese II, UF Linebacker

"The thing we've got to understand is that every week matters. Every week is important in this league. Everybody's good. We need to make sure that we play with a certain edge to allow us to play to our opponents. If we do that, we're fine." (11/7/18)

Todd Grantham UF Defensive Coordinator

"What we've got to do is get a little chip on our shoulder and some toughness to respond to that within our performance, not just our attitude, which is good. But our performance has to match our attitude." (11/5/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Mainly you put the ball down next week, someone's winning and someone's losing on that field. If that ain't enough, boy, nevermind representing. You've got to represent the Gators. You have pride in the university, you have pride in the program." (11/3/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Being a champion is not a sometimes thing. It's a way of life. You either are or you aren't." (11/3/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"They keep score. Someone wins and someone loses. I don't care what we're doing. You want to thumb wrestle me right now, I'm going to kick your ass, you know what I mean? You want to come on up, I got you. You want to go run stadiums, I'll kick your ass. You're going to keep score and someone is going to win and someone is going to lose? I want to beat your ass. If we don't have that attitude in the locker room, you've got a problem. I mean, what are you doing?" (11/3/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"When you go back and watch the film, you can pull off sections and say, 'Boy, we're a great looking football team right here. They had eight plays inside the 1-yard line and couldn't score.' That's pretty impressive." (10/29/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Those two games we [lost] were definitely winnable games, and we know — we all know — how good of a team we are at every position. We've just made mistakes, including me, that you want to have back. [Learning from them] will put us in better position to win bigger games. You can't dwell on it too much. You have to move on to next week, just finish up the season. We have a chance to have a really, really good record." (10/29/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"I think the big challenge for us, any time, after every game, win or lose, it's how you respond." (10/29/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I think that these guys know that you come to Florida to play in a big game. They're out there and want to win and when something doesn't go right, they have to learn that the game isn't hanging on any one play. Sometimes it does, so whenever that play is you have to be ready. You get in these moments, no matter what the situation is, 'hey, we're good, we're good'. Just step up, don't worry about it. Don't worry about everything else going on, worry about the next play and going as hard as you possibly can." (10/27/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"We've got to keep working to get more explosive plays, and not try too hard to make those plays, but for each person just to do their assignment. We were just trying too hard to make those plays that we just weren't doing our assignment football." (10/27/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"I want to make sure we play good and play with a certain edge and a certain style. I think if the players know you care about them and you care about the results, I think it can feed into it." (10/23/18)

Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"Anything we can do to set the tone and let them know that we're here. Let them feel our presence and see whoever flinches first. We're going to hit them in the mouth. They're going to hit us in the mouth. We'll just see who flinches first." (10/23/18)

David Reese II, UF Linebacker

"I feel like we're just going to come out here and be aggressive. That's the main thing. Make sure we don't flinch. We know it's going to be a back and forth game. We're not going to get down on anything if anything does happen, we're facing the adversity and we did a good job of that during the season. I'm not worried about adversity, we know there's going to be some in every ball game." (10/23/18)

David Reese (JR), UF Linebacker

"I feel like our confidence and our momentum [improved], and I feel like us knowing that we hold ourselves to a big standard and we don't play down to anybody's standard. So we come out on that field, we playing at a high level, it doesn't matter who we're going up against." (10/23/18)

Kyree Campbell, UF Defensive Lineman

"The most important thing you do is make sure the previous game doesn't affect the next game, whether it's a loss or a big win. You could make arguments that there's advantages and disadvantages to both. The most important thing is to put that one behind you, and you start focusing on the next one and don't let either your success or failure the previous week affect you the following week." (10/22/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"They're playing hard, they're giving great effort, they're seeing how practice translates to games. You don't see finger-pointing going on of, 'Boy, the offense or the defense or the kicking or this guy or that guy.' You see guys believing in a team concept. So I think the success has helped that, but that's probably what I'm most pleased with." (10/22/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

We execute much cleaner. You've seen us throughout the year just execute everything much cleaner. And with that comes confidence of call plays, whether it's offense or defense. You call a play and from the beginning of the year to now you see guys a lot more confident in what they're doing out there on the field, which allows you to play faster, allows you to execute better and it gives you more opportunities to go make plays. (10/22/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I think the best thing that happened to Florida is when they lost to Kentucky, it made them realize that you can't take anybody lightly. I think the biggest thing Dan Mullen brings to the table is he understands what it takes to win. They are playing efficient football on offense and they are playing terrific defense. Winning is the only way to get these guys to buy in. He is winning right now and that is what he is there to do and I think as long as he keeps winning, that's what will really help with the turnaround." (10/18/18)

Ben Troupe, Former UF Tight End

"We've found several different ways to win games and we've done it as a full team. That's been a big plus that our guys have bought into that and believe in that team concept." (10/17/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Every game we've got to come with the same intensity. Keep working to get better to win games so we can be where we want to be. (10/16/18)

Elijah Conliffe, UF Defensive Lineman

"I've been in this league long enough, you gotta come out play your A-game, every single week. A good team can beat anybody every once in a while. But great teams find a way to do it every single week. You've got to find a way. You can't slow down." (10/13/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"It was absolutely huge as far as turning a culture, turning a program, and really taking that step that was so desperately needed. Here are a couple of reasons why. First, a sold-out Swamp and the energy in that place was unbelievable. The second part of it is, the buy-in that players are getting from Coach Mullen and his staff is also unbelievable.

If the Mississippi State win was big, then this LSU win was huge. Just to continue to believe in what this staff is doing for this team. Just the energy they are bringing to this program and the belief that they can go in and win any game period. The confidence that they are going to pull from this one and move on to further weeks is going to be incredible, I'm so excited for this program." (10/10/18)

Austin Appleby, Former UF Quarterback

"The Gators are regaining their swagger, although admittedly doing so by leaning heavily on their defense. Not the way Dan Mullen likes to roll, but he'll take it." (10/7/18)

Joe Cox, Saturday Down South

"We have the lead and we got punched in the face ... and no one flinched. We always talk about holding the rope. All of a sudden, in the third and fourth quarter, that rope starts slipping through your hands and it's burning. We don't let go of the rope." (10/6/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I think the Kentucky loss was a big eye opener for the whole team. Just knowing that we had to work and nothing was going to be given to us and we can't take it for granted." (10/3/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"Our guys are starting to see the value of when you rotate guys you can keep guys fresh. The value of rotating guys showed up and I think our guys are buying into it." (10/2/18)

Todd Grantham, UF Defensive Coordinator

"Writing off Florida because of a loss to Kentucky now looks a little unfair. Dan Mullen pulled off impressive wins in very different ways in the last two weeks, and that bodes well for Florida in the SEC East moving forward." (9/30/18)

Joe Cox, Saturday Down South

"Whatever you give us we gonna take. Whatever you don't wanna give us we gonna take anyways." (9/29/18)

Kadarius Toney, UF Wide Receiver



"I'll be honest with you, we're tough on them. And that shows that there's a love in that locker room. We're a family, you don't always got to like each other, but there's a love and a respect for each other in that locker room. And I'm not going to get any softer on them, I'm just going to get tougher on them, but I think it shows how the team's coming together." (9/29/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Honestly I feel like we're working a lot harder this year. Last year I feel like we kind of got complacent and then we started losing. It was one of those things where we weren't really motivated enough to like get over that hump. So this year we're playing a lot harder. In the weight room we're a lot stronger." (9/29/18)

Jabari Zuniga, UF Defensive Lineman

"I think you can just watch the way Feleipe (Franks) is playing and these running backs, I think they are really improving. One of the biggest things for Florida is playing with confidence and doing what Coach Mullen always talks about in that it's not always about individual players, but playing as a team and being able to support one another and I think you saw that really for the first-time last week against Tennessee where offense, defense and special teams played for each other. (9/28/18)

Tim Tebow, Former UF Quarterback

"You've got to be accountable in every situation. That's just a part of being a man, and that's what this game teaches you. You've got to be accountable, you've got to take care of your business, you've got to be where you're supposed to be. And if you don't, the results I got are some of the things that can happen to you. So, I definitely think the guys, especially the younger guys and some of the older guys, will learn from my mistakes. It's just seeing that you just have to do what you have to do. You've got to take care of your business." (9/25/18)

Cece Jefferson, UF Defensive Lineman

"What I gotta see is a little more consistency out of our performance. We're getting better but our consistency. We can't be big explosive play, terrible play. Big play, we went the wrong way. We missed a coverage, we had bad coverage. We start a series with two penalties. The mental toughness. There are a lot of things I like. I like the direction we're heading, but we have to get tougher mentally." (9/22/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"As long as we prepare, I think we're as good as any team. You've got to keep that mindset, keep on going out there and grinding. We've got another big game coming." (9/22/18)

Feleipe Franks, UF Quarterback

"I feel like more than anything we just wanna win. We wanna have fun winning." (9/21/18)

Lamical Perine, UF Running Back

"I'd love the leadership to continue to grow where it's not just coming from us, where the guys get more comfortable in the program. I don't think there's a lack of leadership; I think there's uncertainty. I think there's guys on the team that could become really good leaders. They're still learning how the program's expected to be. Guys are learning when to step up, when to lead, how to lead. They're still taking care of themselves so the coaches are doing it." (9/21/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"We have to have complete mental focus on the fundamentals and the job we have to do, and we just have to worry about executing. If everybody executes, all the people execute, then we'll come out with a win. That's about it." (9/19/18)

Nick Buchanan, UF Offensive Lineman

"I tell the guys just work. Remain focused. Going on the road, it shouldn't make a difference how you play at home or away." (9/17/18)

Adam Shuler, UF Defensive Lineman

"We have to be ready to work, grind, come out Monday ready to work. The biggest thing is we can't dwell on the past too long. That happened last year. We lost, we lost again, then lost again. It got to a point where everybody was hanging their heads." (9/8/18)

Josh Hammond, UF Wide Receiver

"We compete in the weight room, not only on the field. It gives you that dog factor. If I see my brother go all out, I have no choice but to go all out for him and give him everything I got." (8/27/18)

Freddie Swain, UF Wide Receiver

"I think that grasp, it is a tough deal for guys to figure out how hard they can go and the effort they can give. It's learning to do that on an every-play basis. They think they're going hard, but they're not always. But I think the attitude, you get to has the bar been reached? My standards are really, really high. But I do think the attitude of the guys trying to do what we're asking them to do has been fantastic." (8/25/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I wouldn't say everybody's reached my bar but I'm pleased with how our guys have bought in and what they've tried to do. I think in a lot of ways they've tried to give their best. I think they have a lot more to give. But I think they're learning. It's not that they have more to give because they're not trying to give. They have a lot more to give because they don't know how to go as hard as they can go just yet." (8/24/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"We have to continually get mentally tougher in every aspect of the game. I think we have some talent on the team. When things go well, our guys do well. We've got to learn that mental toughness of how to handle and overcome adversity. I think offensively we need to get more confidence on offense. Just in the body language and demeanor and every aspect of things." (8/16/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"The players have ownership in the program. That is why we have brought so many players back into the program, to make sure our players understand what the program means. We're trying to set the bar as coaches and we want to get the players to buy in. They're buying in but there are little things. How do we handle all the different adversities that we face. They've put in some work and seen their bodies change but how do they handle the grind? Can we handle pushing through and putting in the work to be a great team?" (8/13/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Here, everything was new to them. The way we act and dress and speak. The number one thing you attack is the culture. I'm not saying anything was bad but we needed to get them to understand coach's culture." (8/13/18)

Nick Savage, UF Strength and Conditioning Coach

"The biggest thing is their hunger factor. They want to be coached. They want to be pushed. I want to push your buttons and see how you respond. That's the way it is in life." (8/13/18)

Nick Savage, UF Strength and Conditioning Coach

"We're going to put the players in a lot of adverse situations so that they learn how to flip the switch. As it gets harder, we go harder. We get better and tougher as practice goes on. As the game goes on, we play harder and tougher. As the season goes on, we're a much more physical, tougher and play harder at the end of the season than we are at the beginning. That's a mindset that we're trying to instill in the guys. The great thing is I don't see the resistance, I just see them trying to figure it all out." (8/10/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"Relentless effort is one thing I want from our players. That's one thing we can control every day, is the effort in which our guys go out and attack the weight training session, the effort they attack the training table, how they eat, their health, the effort in which they put into their studies, the effort they put into preparation and the effort they put into playing at The Swamp and representing the Gator Nation everywhere." (7/20/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

"I like the energy our guys bring and the effort for the most part on how they've shown up and what they're doing and how they're attacking the learning process and the learning curve to figure out what our standards are." (4/2/18)

Dan Mullen, UF Head Coach

SEASON ACCOLADES



TYRIE CLEVELAND

SEC COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM



JACOB COPELAND

SEC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK
(SOUTH CAROLINA)



SHAWN DAVIS

SEC DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
(AUBURN)



MOHAMOUD DIABATE

SEC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK
(VANDERBILT)



KAIIR ELAM

COACHES' ALL-SEC FRESHMAN TEAM (DB)



JONATHAN GREENARD

SEC DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK
(MIAMI, VANDERBILT, MISSOURI, FSU)
WALTER CAMP FBS PLAYER OF THE WEEK
(MISSOURI)
AP/COACHES' ALL-SEC FIRST TEAM (DL)



BRETT HEGGIE

SEC OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK
(TENNESSEE)



CJ HENDERSON

PRESEASON FIRST TEAM ALL-SEC (DB)
PAYCOM JIM THORPE AWARD SEMIFINALIST
COACHES' ALL-SEC FIRST TEAM (DB)
LOMBARDI SEMIFINALIST



EVAN MCPHERSON

PRESEASON THIRD TEAM ALL-SEC (PK)



JEREMIAH MOON

SEC DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK
(TOWSON)



LAMICAL PERINE

PRESEASON SECOND TEAM ALL-SEC (RB)



KYLE PITTS

WALTER CAMP PLAYER OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALIST
JOHN MACKEY TIGHT END OF THE WEEK
HONORABLE MENTION (AUBURN, LSU)
AP/COACHES' ALL-SEC FIRST TEAM (TE)



DAVID REESE II

PRESEASON SECOND TEAM ALL-SEC (LB)
SEC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
(KENTUCKY)
BRONKO NAGURSKI NATIONAL DEFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE WEEK (KENTUCKY)
AP ALL-SEC SECOND TEAM (DL)



FREDDIE SWAIN

SEC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
(AUBURN)



KADARIUS TONEY

PRESEASON SECOND TEAM ALL-SEC (ATH)



TOMMY TOWNSEND

PRESEASON SECOND TEAM ALL-SEC (P)
"RAY'S 8" PUNTER OF THE WEEK
(SOUTH CAROLINA)
RAY GUY AWARD SEMIFINALIST



KYLE TRASK

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD
SEMIFINALIST
MANNING AWARD STAR OF THE WEEK
(FLORIDA STATE)
MANNING AWARD FINALIST
LOMBARDI SEMIFINALIST



JABARI ZUNIGA

PRESEASON FIRST TEAM ALL-SEC (DL)



2019 FLORIDA GATORS

AUG 24	VS	MIAMI (ORLANDO, FL)	Win
SEP 7	VS	UT MARTIN	Win
SEP 14	AT	KENTUCKY	Win
SEP 21	VS	TENNESSEE	Win
SEP 28	VS	TOWSON	Win
OCT 5	VS	AUBURN	Win
OCT 12	AT	LSU	X
OCT 19	AT	SOUTH CAROLINA	Win
NOV 2	VS	GEORGIA (JACKSONVILLE, FL)	X
NOV 9	VS	VANDERBILT	Win
NOV 16	AT	MISSOURI	Win
NOV 30	VS	FLORIDA STATE	Win
DEC 30	VS	VIRGINIA	

