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FOOTBALL

3 National Championships // 8 SEC Championships // 761 All-Time Wins // 3 Heisman Trophy Winners
58 First-Round NFL Draft Picks // 72 First-Team All-Americans // 258 First-Team All-SEC Selections

2024 SCHEDULE

AUG. 31	NO. 19 MIAMI	L, 41-17
SEPT. 7	SAMFORD	W, 45-7
SEPT. 14	TEXAS A&M	L, 33-20
Sept. 21	at Mississippi State	W, 45-28
Sept. 28	Bye	
OCT. 5	UCF	W, 24-13
Oct. 12	at No. 8 Tennessee	L, 23-17 (OT)
OCT. 19	KENTUCKY (Homecoming)	7:45 PM
Oct. 26	Bye	
Nov. 2	vs. No. 5 Georgia (Jacksonville)	3:30 PM
Nov. 9	at No. 1 Texas	12 PM
NOV. 16	NO. 8 LSU	TBD
NOV. 23	NO. 18 OLE MISS	12 PM
Nov. 30	at Florida State	TBD

Overall: 3-3 // Home: 2-2 // Away: 1-1 // Neutral: 0-0

TEAM INFORMATION

FLORIDA

Head Coach:	Billy Napier
Career Record:	54-29 (27-5 Sun Belt) [7th season]
Record at UF:	14-17 (7-12 SEC) [3rd season]
Record vs. UK:	0-2
Rankings:	NR (AP) / NR (Coaches)
2023 Record:	5-7, 3-5 SEC (T-4th in East)

KENTUCKY

Head Coach:	Mark Stoops
Career Record:	76-68 (36-58 SEC) [12th season]
Record at UK:	same
Record vs. UF:	4-7
Rankings:	NR (AP) / NR (Coaches)
2023 Record:	7-6, 3-5 SEC (T-4th in East)

SERIES HISTORY

Overall:	Florida leads, 53-21
Last Meeting:	Kentucky 33, Florida 14 (Sept. 30, 2023 - Lexington, Ky.)
Recent History:	Kentucky, W3 UF has won 33 of last 37
In Gainesville:	Florida leads, 29-6
In Lexington:	Florida leads, 22-12
Neutral:	Kentucky leads, 3-2

NUMBERS OF NOTE

19.8 / 18.6 / 12.6

Florida **WR Elijah Badger (19.8)** and **WR Chimere Dike (18.6)** rank fifth and sixth in the SEC in yards per catch, respectively, while **WR Eugene Wilson III** sits 33rd (12.6). Florida is the only SEC team with two qualified receivers averaging more than **18.0** yards per catch. Badger ranks 12th in the SEC with **69.2** receiving YPG and Dike ranks 15th with **58.8** YPG. Although Wilson III is not qualified, he is averaging **75.3** YPG across three contests.



Game 7



Florida Gators (3-3, 1-2 SEC)

vs

Kentucky Wildcats (3-3, 1-3 SEC)

October 19 // 7:45 p.m. ET // Gainesville, Fla.
Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Steve Spurrier-Florida Field (88,548)

SEC Network

Play-by-Play: Dave Neal
Analyst: Aaron Murray
Reporter: Marilyn Payne
Channel (Cox): 68 / 1068 [HD]
Channel (DirecTV): 611 [HD]

Gator Sports Network from LEARFIELD

Play-by-Play: Sean Kelley
Analyst: Shane Matthews
Reporter: Tate Casey
Channel: Local Affiliates
SiriusXM Channel: 106 or 190

THE STORYLINE

- Week 8 marks the 75th all-time meeting between Florida and Kentucky including the 36th matchup in Gainesville.
- The Gators wield a 53-21 record against the Wildcats including a 29-6 mark at home.
- Florida has won 33 of the last 37 meetings in the series including wins in 20 of the last 22 in The Swamp.
- Prior to Florida's home losses in 2018 and 2022, the Gators had not lost to Kentucky in Gainesville since 1979.
- Florida won 19-consecutive home games vs. Kentucky from 1981 to 2016.
- Since 2018, Florida is just 2-4 against Kentucky. The wins came in 2019 in Lexington and in 2020 in Gainesville.
- The Gators are 7-4 vs. UK since HC Mark Stoops took over in 2013, with the losses coming in 2018, 2021, 2022 and 2023.
- Those are Florida's only four losses in the head-to-head series dating back through 1987.
- From 1987-2017, the Gators claimed 31-consecutive games in the series against the Wildcats.
- Week 8 is Florida's **2024 Homecoming** game. Last season, the Gators defeated Vanderbilt, 38-14, to win its fifth-straight HC matchup. The Gators are 29-5 across their last 34 HC games and own a 71-26-2 all-time record on HC.
- This is the third meeting (0-2) between **HC Billy Napier** and UK's Stoops as head coaches (more on Page 9).
- Across the last three games, **QB Graham Mertz** and **QB DJ Lagway** have gone a combined 69-of-87 passing (79.3%) with 729 yards, six touchdowns and one interception for a 170.2 rating.
- **Mertz** and **Lagway** represent one of just two FBS QB duos with 700-plus passing yards apiece (alongside Texas).
- Led by first-year senior analyst **Joe Houston**, Florida ranks fifth in the FBS in punt return average (19.63), ninth in net punting (43.86), and 34th in kick return average (22.86), and has been inside the top-13 all season in ESPN's SP+ metric.
- **WR Chimere Dike** ranks first in the SEC and second in the FBS in yards per punt return (19.6), owning a long of 35 yards.
- Florida enters Week 8 ranking 19th in the FBS in passer rating (161.3) and 39th in passing offense (261.0).
- **C Jake Slaughter** grades No. 8 in the FBS in pass blocking (85.2) and No. 21 overall (73.9) out of 290 FBS centers.
- The Gators have allowed just eight sacks on the season, which ranks t-40th in the FBS and fifth in the SEC.
- Since the 2018 season, **Napier** is tied for 13th in the FBS with 54 total victories alongside Lane Kiffin and Mike Gundy. He has more wins than Mario Cristobal (53), Mike Norvell (51), Sonny Dykes (50) and Mark Stoops (50) in that time.
- The Gators have won 15 of their last 21 games in The Swamp (including 10 of 15), but are 3-17 in their last 20 contests outside The Swamp and 3-13 in their last 16 true road games.
- Florida boasts a 361-117-13 (.748) all-time record at The Swamp, holding the third-highest home winning percentage in the nation since 1990 with a 180-38 (.826) record.
 - » The Gators have outscored opponents, 8,123 to 3,570 in 218 games inside The Swamp since 1990, putting the average outcome at 37.3 to 16.4 (20.9 points).
- Florida has scored in 454-consecutive games dating back to 1988 - an NCAA record and 54 games longer than any other college football team in the history of the sport (TCU, 400-straight games, active streak).



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WEEK 8 MEDIA SCHEDULE

13 Sunday No Media Availability Team's Designated Off Day	14 Monday 11:45 p.m. Billy Napier Press Conference, Student-Athlete Interviews	15 Tuesday No Media Availability	16 Wednesday 11:20 a.m. Billy Napier on SEC Teleconference 6:30 p.m. Napier Midweek Press, Select Student-Athletes	17 Thursday 7-8 p.m. Gator Talk Miller's Ale House	18 Friday No Media Availability	19 Saturday Post-Game Billy Napier Press Conference, Student-Athlete Interviews
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COACH NAPIER INTERVIEWS

Please coordinate all requests for telephone and personal interviews with Coach Napier through Scott Burns in the Communications Office. Coach Napier is available Monday (weekly press conference) and Wednesday on the SEC Teleconference at 11:20 a.m. ET. For Week 8, Napier's press conferences will take place Monday, Oct. 14 and Wednesday, Oct. 16. That week's SEC Teleconference will be at 11 a.m. Contact the SEC Office at (205)-458-3010 for phone number and passcode. Coach Napier also hosts the Gator Talk show 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 11/7, 11/14 and 11/21 from 7-8 p.m. ET.

STUDENT-ATHLETE / ASSISTANT COACH INTERVIEWS

Please coordinate all student-athlete interviews through Matthew Hutchison in the Communications Office. Select student-athletes will be available Monday at the weekly press conference and again each Wednesday. Freshmen are not available for interviews. All student-athlete interviews will conclude Wednesday during game weeks. Assistant coaches are not available for interviews.

Telephone interviews should be booked at least one day in advance and are typically limited to the times reserved for general interview sessions. The Communications Office will not give out phone numbers for any student-athletes, and student-athletes may not be contacted directly by phone, text, e-mail, or social media. Members of the media are not permitted in team areas. Team locker room, training room and strength complex are considered private areas. These areas, as well as student-athletes' housing (campus and off-campus) are off limits to media representatives.

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

Florida's weekly press conference will be each Monday during the season. Coach Napier is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. with select student-athletes to follow at approximately 12 p.m. Video of the press conference will be posted on FloridaGators.com, and it will be available to download via XOS. See above for an adjusted media schedule for Week 8.

2024 FLORIDA GATORS FB MEDIA PORTAL

The Florida Athletics Department utilizes **FloridaGators.com/Football-Media** to post press conferences and interviews from coaches, selected student-athletes, and assistant coaches on game weeks. Florida's game notes for the entire season, along with additional resources such as the media guide, roster cards, feature clips, pronunciation guide and more, will be available on the team's media site. For more information, contact Scott Burns (ScottB@gators.ufl.edu).

Please note that all video is intended solely for regular-scheduled news programs or news organizations' websites. Organizations are limited to posting three minutes per interview, with a total limit of 10 minutes per day of content. For more information regarding the video policy, visit **FloridaGators.com/Football-Media**. If any person or syndicator would like to use additional portions of these feeds, please contact the UAA Communications Office, for rights, permission, and associated fees. In addition, use of organization-filmed video from weekly press conferences and post-practice media availabilities is also limited to three minutes per interview with a total of 10 minutes daily.

MEDIA-ONLY INFORMATION SOURCES

For credential requests, please utilize: <http://www.SportsSystems.com/Florida>.

To be added to the Gators Football e-mail list, please e-mail Scott Burns (ScottB@gators.ufl.edu). To be added to the SEC Football e-mail list, please e-mail Chuck Dunlap (cdunlap@sec.org) of the SEC Media Relations Office.

For the most up to date media schedules and game week information, please utilize CollegePressBox.com -- which has rosters, depth charts, season stats, game notes, media guides, credential information, flip cards, box scores, and more. You can also visit www.FloridaGators.com/football-media to access more Florida media resources.

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Crestview	WJSB-AM	1050
Crestview	WJSB-FM	101.1
Cocoa	WFLA-AM	540
Daytona	WFLA-AM	540
Ft. Myers	WBCN-AM	770 AM & 104.3 FM
Ft. Myers/Naples/Marco Island	WWCN-FM	99.3
Ft. Pierce/PSL/Stuart	WSTU-AM	1450
Ft. Walton Beach	WTKE-FM	100.3
Gainesville	WRUF-FM	103.7
Jacksonville	WRUF-FM	850 AM & 98.1 FM
Jacksonville	WJXL-FM	92.5
Key West	WJXL-AM	97.7
Labelle	WAVK-FM	97.7
Lake City	WAFC-FM	105.1
Lake City	WRUF-FM	103.7
Lakeland	WRUF-FM	850 AM & 98.1 FM
Melbourne	WONN-AM	1230
Melbourne	WLZR-SM	1560
Melbourne	WLZR-FM	107.9
Melbourne/Sebastian	WFLA-AM	540
Miami	WINZ-AM	940
Miami	WIOD-AM	610
Okeechobee	WOKC-FM	100.9
Okeechobee	WOKC-AM	1570
Orlando	WFLA-FM	93.1
Orlando	WFLA-AM	540
Palatka	WYTO-AM	1260
Panama City	WKNF-FM	103.5
Port Saint Joe	WKNF-FM	103.5
Pensacola	WBSR-FM	101.1
Pensacola	WBSR-AM	1450
Sarasota	WMMI-AM	1380
Sebring	WWTK	730 AM & 95.3 FM
St. Augustine	WFOY-FM	102.1
St. Augustine	WFOY-AM	1240
Tallahassee	WVFT-FM	93.3
Tampa	WGUL-AM	860
Vienna, Ga.	WKTF-AM	1550
Wauchula	WAUC-FM	95.3
Wauchula	WAUC-AM	1310
West Palm Beach	WRLX-FM	94.3

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- LAGWAY, MERTZ & THE TWO-QB SYSTEM -

- Florida deployed a two-QB system for the fourth-straight game in Week 7, with **QB Graham Mertz** handling the first, second, fourth and fifth drives of the first half and **QB DJ Lagway** taking the third possession.
- Lagway** started the second half for the first time in the four weeks of UF's two-QB system.
- Mertz** was 11-of-15 for 125 yards and one TD for a 165.3 rating before leaving due to injury.
- Lagway** finished 9-of-17 for 98 yards, one TD, one interception and a 109.0 rating.
- The duo went 23-of-28 (82.0%) for 229 yards and one TD in Week 6 after going 26-for-28 (92.8%) for 277 yards in Week 4 at Miss. St. Mertz was 19-of-23 for 179 yards and one TD while Lagway was 4-for-4 for 50 yards.
- Mertz's** 64 career passing TDs are tied for 11th among active players (one of 16 in FBS with 60-plus TDs).
- Mertz** has thrown just four interceptions across his last 447 passes.
- Mertz** has started all 48 games he has played since 2020, ranking third among active FBS QBs in that time.
- Mertz** (19-of-21, 201 yards, three TDs) had the third-highest comp. percentage (90.5%) by a Gator in Week 4.
- In his first SEC road game, **Lagway** led two scoring drives starting inside UF's 10-yard line, becoming the first freshman QB to lead a pair of 90-plus-yard drives in a road SEC tilt since Jalen Hurts in 2016.
- Mertz** has posted a completion % above 62.0% with at least one passing touchdown in 15 of his 16 starts at UF.
- Making his first-career start in the Week 2 win over Samford, **Lagway** passed for the most yards ever (456) by a Florida true freshman quarterback, breaking Chris Leak's mark of 269 vs. Kentucky in 2003.
- Lagway's** 456 passing yards are the tied for the fourth-most in the FBS this season and rank ninth all-time at Florida (most since Emory Jones threw for 464 yards vs. Samford on Nov. 13, 2021).
- Lagway** completed 18-of-25 passes (72.0%) highlighted by three touchdowns and a 264.8 rating.
- Lagway** became Florida's first true freshman starter at quarterback since Treon Harris in the 2014 Birmingham Bowl (UF's seventh true freshman starter at quarterback overall).

- TRIPLE THREAT IN THE 2024 RECEIVING ROOM -

- Through six games, six different UF wide receivers and eight total Gators have caught a TD.
- The trio of receivers **Elijah Badger**, **Chimere Dike** and **Eugene Wilson III** is perhaps the best in the SEC.
- Badger** (19.8) and **Dike** (18.6) rank fifth and sixth in the SEC in yards per catch while **Wilson III** sits 33rd (12.6).
- Florida is the only SEC team with two qualified receivers averaging more than 18.0 yards per catch.
- Badger** ranks 12th in the SEC with 69.2 receiving YPG while **Dike** ranks 15th with 58.8 YPG.
- They represent one of four SEC wide receiver duos averaging over 55.0 YPG apiece (Ole Miss, LSU, Mizzou).
- Badger** leads UF in 376 receiving yards (13th in SEC) and is tied with **Dike** with a team-high 19 receptions.
- In Week 7 at UT, **Dike** led UF in receiving yards (76) for the second-straight week (88 vs. UCF).
- Dike** caught a 27-yard TD with 0:29 remaining in the fourth quarter at Tennessee to tie the game at 17-17.
- Meanwhile, **Badger** recorded a reception for the 32nd-consecutive game, which ranks t-10th in the FBS.
- TE Hayden Hansen** had a career-high three receptions for a total of 40 yards at Tennessee.
- TE Arlis Boardingham** scored the first TD of the game with a 13-yard catch from Mertz in the third quarter.
- It was Boardingham's second touchdown of the season including his second in the last three games.
- Badger**, **Dike** and **Boardingham** are all tied for the team lead in receiving TDs with two.
- WR Tank Hawkins** set career highs with a team-high seven receptions for 60 yards receiving in Week 6.
- UF returned four of its top-five receivers in terms of receptions AND yardage in 2024: **Wilson III** (61 for 538), **Boardingham** (26 for 289), **WR Kahleil Jackson** (21 for 251) and **RB Montrell Johnson Jr.** (30 for 236).
- Florida had two 100-yard receivers vs. Samford in **Wilson III** (6 catches, 141 yards) and **Badger** (3 catches, 123 yards) for the first time since Nov. 19, 2022 at Vanderbilt (Daejon Reynolds & Justin Shorter).

- EUGENE 'TRE' WILSON III BACK IN ACTION -

- WR Eugene Wilson III** returned to action for the first time since Week 2, catching five passes for 35 yards.
- Wilson III** ranks 38th nationally with 205 yards after the catch despite missing four games.
- Week 7 was the 10th time in **Wilson III's** last 11 games that he caught at least five passes.
- In his last nine games, he has produced 596 yards on 54 catches including six TDs.
- Wilson III** led all FBS true freshmen in receptions per game (6.1) in 2023 while ranking second in catches (61), t-second in receiving TDs (six), fourth in receiving YPG (53.8) and seventh in receiving yards (538).
- Wilson III** was the first Florida true freshman to eclipse 500 receiving yards since Antonio Callaway in 2015.
- In Week 10 vs. Arkansas, **Wilson III** became the first true freshman receiver at Florida to record multiple touchdowns in a contest since Riley Cooper recorded three vs. Western Carolina on Nov. 18, 2006.
- Against Georgia in 2023, **Wilson III** set a UF freshman record with a career-high 11 receptions.

QUICK FACTS

General Information

Location: Gainesville, Fla.
Enrollment: 60,567
Interim 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: 761-447-40 (116 years)
First Season of Football: 1906
National Championships: 3 ('96, '06, '08)
SEC Championships: 8 ('91, '93, '94, '95, '96, '00, '06, '08)
Bowl Games: 48 appearances (24-24)
2021 Record: 6-7 (2-6 SEC)
2022 Record: 6-7 (3-5 SEC)
2023 Record: 5-7 (3-5 SEC)

2024 Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Billy Napier
Co-Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line: Rob Sale
Defensive Coordinator: Austin Armstrong
Co-Offensive Coordinator / Tight Ends: Russ Callaway
Executive Head Coach, Co-Defensive Coordinator / Inside Linebackers: Ron Roberts
Associate HC - Offense / Running Backs: Jabbar Juluke
Assistant Coach / Defensive Line: Gerald Chatman
Assistant Coach / Wide Receivers: Billy Gonzales
Assistant Coach / Secondary: Will Harris
Assistant Coach / Edge / Alumni: Mike Peterson
Assistant OL Coach: Jonathan Decoster
Director of Strength & Conditioning: Tyler Miles

2024 GATORS CAPSULE

STARTERS	Returned	Lost
Offense	8	3
Defense	6	5
Specialty	3	0
TOTAL	17	8

LETTERWINNERS	Returned	Lost
Offense	19	14
Defense	24	12
Specialty	3	3
TOTAL	46	29

GATORS OFFENSE THROUGH THE YEARS

Total Offense (Season Total)

Year	Yards	Avg.
2023	4,905	408.8
2022	5,513	424.1
2021	6,017	462.8
2020	6,118	509.8
2019	5,597	430.5
2018	5,547	426.7
2017	3,695	335.9
2016	4,472	344.0
2015	4,676	334.0
2014	4,411	367.6
2013	3,800	316.7
2012	4,342	334.4
2011	4,273	328.7
2010	4,561	350.8
2009	6,410	457.9
2008	6,231	445.1
2007	5,943	457.2
2006	5,545	396.1
2005	4,481	373.4
2004	5,123	426.9
2003	5,088	391.4
2002	5,290	406.9
2001	6,502	541.8

Passing Offense (Season Total)

Year	Yards	Avg.
2023	3,111	259.3
2022	2,910	223.9
2021	3,304	254.1
2020	4,543	378.6
2019	3,910	300.8
2018	2,776	213.5
2017	1,975	179.5
2016	2,805	215.8
2015	2,899	207.1
2014	2,159	179.9
2013	2,051	170.9
2012	1,902	146.3
2011	2,414	185.7
2010	2,396	184.3
2009	3,305	236.1
2008	2,995	213.9
2007	3,341	257.0
2006	3,305	236.1
2005	2,720	226.7
2004	3,253	271.1
2003	3,190	245.4
2002	3,519	270.7
2001	4,913	409.4

- MONTRELL JOHNSON JR.'S BACKFIELD -

- Entering with four rushing TDs on the season, **RB Montrell Johnson Jr.** carried 12 times for 85 yards (7.1 YPC) before exiting the game in the second half in Week 7.
- Florida has rushed for 494 combined yards against MSU, UCF and TENN the past three games (164.7 YPG).
- However, Florida had its 12-game streak with a rushing TD snapped in Week 7 at Tennessee.
- Florida has scored a rushing TD in 25 of 31 games in the Napier era.
- Through six games, **Johnson Jr.** leads Florida with 373 rushing yards on 5.3 yards per carry.
- Johnson Jr. ranks 11th in the SEC in rushing YPG, t-10th in rushing TDs and 12th in yards per carry.
- Johnson Jr. owns 31 career rushing TDs (19 at UF), which is the most of any active SEC rusher.
- He has totaled 33 multi-purpose TDs (21 at UF: 19 rushing, two receiving).
- In Week 4, UF rushed for a season-high 226 yards, eclipsing 200-plus yards for the first time this season.
- Johnson Jr. rushed for 100 yards for the ninth time in his career and for seventh time as a Gator in Week 1.
- Johnson Jr. is tied for eighth in the SEC (sixth among RBs) with 19 rushing touchdowns since 2022, including third among *active* SEC rushers.
- Last season, Johnson Jr. led UF in carries (152) and net rushing yardage (817) for the second-straight year.

- SO, WHO'S BEHIND JOHNSON JR.? -

- In Week 7, **RB Jadan Baugh** (12 carries, 25 yards) and **RB Ja'Kobi Jackson** (5 carries, 16 yards) led the backfield in **Montrell Johnson Jr.**'s absence.
- **Jackson** (5.7 YPC, 19 carries) and **Baugh** (4.9 YPC, 31 carries) have been highly efficient in limited action.
- **Jackson** scored his first three rushing TDs in three-straight games vs. Texas A&M, Mississippi State and UCF.
- **Baugh** and **RB KD Daniels** made collegiate debuts in Week 1 and **RB Treyaun Webb** scored his third-career TD.
- Acting as Johnson Jr.'s primary backup, sophomore **Webb** rushed 26 times for 163 yards and one touchdown in 2023 while pacing UF with 6.3 yards per carry. He also added four catches for 18 yards.
- **Webb** is one of seven FBS sophomore running backs to post over 6.2 YPC on at least 25 carries last season.
- Florida has rushed for 100-plus yards in five of six games this season and 25 of 31 contests since 2022.

- SLAUGHTER HIGHLIGHTS IMPROVING O-LINE -

- Florida has not allowed a sack in three of its six games this season.
- The Gators have allowed just eight sacks on the season, which ranks t-40th in the FBS and fifth in the SEC.
- On the Preseason Rimington Trophy Watch List, **C Jake Slaughter** rated as the No. 9 center in the FBS last year.
- This season, **Slaughter** ranks 21st among FBS centers through Week 7 with a 73.9 grade.
- **Slaughter** sits eighth among FBS centers with an 85.2 pass block grade this season.
- **Slaughter** has only allowed four QB pressures across 372 snaps so far in 2024 (13 in 969 career snaps).
- **Slaughter** allowed two sacks in the 2023 season opener at Utah, but has not allowed a single sack since then. He allowed just two QB hits all year long, both of which came in the final two weeks of the year.
- In Week 4, **OL Austin Barber** became UF's first OL to score a TD in 300 games (Thomas Moody vs. South Carolina on Nov. 11, 2000). He is one of two FBS OL to score this season (Brandon Henderson, Illinois).
- Florida has allowed 64 sacks in 31 games under **HC Billy Napier**, ranking eighth-lowest in the SEC (t-36 FBS).
- Across the last four seasons (2021-24), Florida's 78 sacks allowed are the t-35th-fewest in the FBS and fourth-least in the SEC. During that span, the Gators have out-sacked opponents by a plus-20 margin (98-78).

- OFFENSIVE GRAB BAG -

- Over the last five seasons (2020-24), Florida ranks 13th in the P5 and seventh in the SEC with 445.9 YPG.
- Since 2018, UF ranks eighth in the P5 in passing efficiency (153.2) and 14th in TD-INT ratio (2.86).
- In Week 4 at MSU, the Gators eclipsed 400 yards for the 14th time since the start of 2022 (second of 2024).
- With 226 yards at MSU, UF rushed for 200 yards 18 times since 2021 including 12 occasions in the Napier era.
- Florida has scored 40 points 10 times in 44 games from 2021-24 including six times in the Napier era.
- Florida has scored 30 points 21 times in 44 games from 2021-24 including 15 times in the Napier era.



- YOUTH & NEW FACES MAKE UP FLORIDA D -

- A mixture of second-year players, highly-touted true freshmen and transfers make up the 2024 UF defense.
- The sophomore trio of **DB Jordan Castell** (30), **LB Grayson Howard** (29) and **LB Jaden Robinson** (28) rank one-two-three in tackles.
- They have combined for 87 tackles, 4.0 tackles-for-loss, 3.0 sacks, five PBUs, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble.
- Robinson** has UF's top tackling grade (89.3), ranking sixth in the FBS and second in the SEC at LB, as he has not missed a tackle all season.
- Transfer **DB Trikweze Bridges** is sixth on UF in tackles (21), leading UF with a career-high 10 at MSU with a forced fumble and PBU.
- Bridges started his first game at UF at No. 8 Tennessee and had 0.5 TFLs to force back-to-back punts on the first two drives.
- Through six games, eight players made their first starts at Florida while six made their first collegiate starts: **DB Sharif Denson**, **DB Aaron Gates**, **EDGE George Gumbs Jr.**, **ILB Grayson Howard**, **DB Ja'Keem Jackson**, **EDGE Kamran James** and **EDGE T.J. Searcy**.
- Of 66 starting opportunities on defense this year, 29 have been by underclassmen (43%) and 12 from transfers.
- Gumbs Jr.** is tied for the team-high in tackles-for-loss with 5.0 (-28 yards) and is second in sacks with 3.0 (-21 yards).
 - » At No. 8 Tennessee, he accounted for a half-sack with **Robinson** that marked three-straight sacks on a Vols drive. His other tackle held UT to a one-yard rush and helped force a field goal as the Vols started their drive on the UF20.
 - » He had career and team-best 1.5 sacks with both sacks coming on third downs against UCF.
 - » In Week 2 vs. Samford, he had three solo tackles, which were all TFLs, with a solo sack and a QB hurry.
 - » This is his second season on defense after three seasons at Northern Illinois - 1 at WR, 1 at TE and 1 at DE.
- Through six games and just 69 defensive snaps, true freshman **EDGE LJ McCray** has seven tackles, a team-high three QB hurries, 1.0 tackle-for-loss, 0.5 sacks and led a goal-line stand at MSU in the fourth quarter.

- BYE WEEK RESTARTS GATORS DEFENSE -

- The UF defense has improved the last two games following a Week 4 bye, allowing its least amount of points (13 & 23) in FBS games this season.
- In back-to-back weeks, Florida held UCF and Tennessee (both top-5 in total offense and rushing offense) to season lows in both categories.
- Florida's first-and-second-quarter shutouts of Tennessee marked just the fourth and fifth quarters the Vols have been blanked in this season.
- The Gators shutout the Vols in the first half (second time for UT this season), as Tennessee did not even manage to reach the red zone

CATEGORY	FIRST FOUR GAMES	LAST TWO GAMES
POINTS PER GAME	27.3	18.0
FIRST DOWNS PER GAME	24.5	19.0
RUSHING YARDS PER GAME	188.8	125.5
PASSING YARDS PER GAME	236.8	167.0
TOTAL OFFENSE PER GAME	425.5	292.5
3RD DOWN DEFENSE	47%	30%
TOTAL SACKS	8	8
TACKLES-FOR-LOSS	23	15
INTERCEPTIONS	1	2

- DENSON & GATES = STARS -

- The pair of second-year Gator DBs **Sharif Denson** and **Aaron Gates** highlight the STAR/Nickel position.
- Denson** has 20 total tackles (11 solo), ranking third on the team with 3.5 tackles-for-loss to go with one solo sack, one interception, one forced fumble, one QB hurry and one pass breakup.
- At No. 8 Tennessee, **Denson** recorded his first-career interception for a return of 20 yards while adding a solo TFL that came on a third-and-three, forcing UT to punt and Florida responding with a touchdown drive.
- Denson** started in Week 4 vs. Mississippi State for an injured Gates and posted career bests with seven tackles (five solo), 2.5 tackles-for-loss, one strip sack, one forced fumble and one pass breakup.
- Against UCF, **Denson** stopped RJ Harvey on a third-and-one rush attempt and finished with three tackles.
- In three games played and two starts, **Gates** has five tackles, 2.0 tackles-for-loss, one pass breakup and one fumble recovery.
- Out of **Gates'** six total tackles, three have been for zero yards or fewer.
- Against Samford, he had two tackles with a fumble recovery on the opening drive and later a pass breakup.
- He recorded his first-career TFL vs. Texas A&M (-2 yards) and had a solo tackle that held an Aggie pass to zero yards.
- In Week 5 vs. UCF, he collected a TFL that led to forced the Knights to back-to-back three-and-outs to start the second quarter.

- MARSHALL'S CONTRACT YEAR -

- CB Jason Marshall Jr.** announced his return for his senior year and forgo the NFL draft for the 2024 season.
- He was named Preseason All-SEC by the media and conference coaches in back-to-back seasons.
- He has never missed a game in his career, totaling 43 games played and 39 starts with 34-consecutive starts at cornerback.
- Marshall has totaled 96 career tackles (67 solo), 29 PBUs, 7.5 TFLs, two interceptions, one sack and one forced fumble.
- His 29 total passes defended are tied for eighth all-time in program history with Robert Cromartie (1998-02) and one back of 30 from tying Bennie Alexander (1997-01) for seventh.
- At Mississippi State, Marshall was targeted three times and did not allow a completion to go with two pass breakups. It marked the 11th-career game he has not allowed a catch or been targeted.

2024 SEASON OFFENSE LOST/RETURNING

PASSING

2023: 3,111 total passing yards

Mertz: 2,903 yards (93.3%)

Brown: 192 yards (6.2%)

Leon: 16 yards (0.5%)

Florida **returns 93.3%** of passing offense

RUSHING

2023: 1,794 total rushing yards

Johnson Jr.: 817 yards (45.5%)

Etienne: 753 yards (42.0%)

Webb: 163 yards (9.1%)

Pearsall: 62 yards (3.5%)

Wilson III: 55 yards (3.1%)

Brown: 37 yards (2.1%)

Joseph: 15 yards (0.8%)

Battle: 14 yards (0.8%)

TEAM: -43 yards (-2.4%)

Mertz: -75 yards (-4.2%)

Florida **returns 53.5%** of rushing offense

RECEIVING

2023: 3,111 total receiving yards

Pearsall: 965 yards (31.0%)

Wilson III: 538 yards (17.3%)

Boardingham: 289 yards (9.3%)

Jackson: 251 yards (8.1%)

Johnson Jr.: 236 yards (7.6%)

Etienne: 172 yards (5.5%)

Hansen: 150 yards (4.8%)

Douglas: 133 yards (4.3%)

Burke: 98 yards (3.2%)

Jean: 97 yards (3.1%)

Odom: 75 yards (2.4%)

Fraziars: 44 yards (1.4%)

Mizell: 25 yards (0.8%)

Webb: 18 yards (0.6%)

Spierto: 17 yards (0.5%)

Livingston: 4 yards (0.1%)

Zanders: -1 yard (0.0%)

Florida **returns 56.8%** of receiving offense

While **93.3%** of last year's passing attack is back, the Gators have **two of its top three** rushers returning and **three of its top five** from a year ago.

Despite losing top receiver Ricky Pearsall, Florida returns **56.8%** of its receiving offense from last season, returning **12 of 16** players who caught at least one pass and four of its top-five pass catchers.

GATORS IN THE FBS / SEC RANKINGS (2024)

Fewest Penalties (SEC)

Rk.	Team	TOTAL
1.	FLORIDA	36

Sacks Per Game (FBS)

Rk.	Team	AVG
25.	FLORIDA	2.6

Net Punting (FBS)

Rk.	Team	AVG
9.	FLORIDA	43.86

Punt Returns (FBS)

Rk.	Team	AVG
5.	FLORIDA	19.63

Team Passing Efficiency (FBS)

Rk.	Team	AVG
19.	FLORIDA	161.31

Completion Percentage (FBS)

Rk.	Team	PCT
12.	FLORIDA	70.2

Completion Percentage (FBS)

Rk.	Player	PCT
1.	Graham Mertz	76.6

Single-Game Passing Yards (FBS)

Rk.	Player	YARDS
12.	DJ Lagway	456

Longest Pass Play (SEC)

Rk.	Player, School	YARDS
1.	DJ Lagway, Florida	85
2.	Jalen Milore, Alabama	84

Punt Returns (FBS)

Rk.	Player	AVG
2.	Chimere Dike	1.6

All Purpose Yards (SEC)

Rk.	Player	TOTAL
13.	Chimere Dike	510

Receiving Yards (SEC)

Rk.	Player	YARDS
13.	Elijah Badger	376
16.	Chimere Dike	353

Receiving Yards Per Game (SEC)

Rk.	Player	AVG
12.	Elijah Badger	62.7
15.	Chimere Dike	58.8

Yards Per Reception (SEC)

Rk.	Player	AVG
5.	Elijah Badger	19.79
6.	Chimere Dike	18.58

Yards Per Carry (SEC)

Rk.	Player	AVG
7.	Montrell Johnson Jr.	5.3

Pass Breakups (SEC)

Rk.	Player	TOTAL
18.	Jason Marshall Jr.	4
18.	Jordan Castell	4

Punting (FBS)

Rk.	Player	AVG
15.	Jeremy Crawshaw	45.5

- HOUSTON'S GAMECHANGERS AMONG NATION'S BEST -

- This offseason, the Gators added senior special teams analyst **Joe Houston** to the fold. He comes from the New England Patriots after spending four seasons (2020-23) as a special teams assistant.
- The Gators climbed to No. 1 in the FBS in special teams for three-consecutive weeks (Weeks 2-4) by ESPN's SP+ metric and have been in the top-13 all season in the metric while ranking nationally in multiple categories.
- Florida ranks fifth in punt return average (19.63), ninth in the FBS in net punting (43.86). 34th in kickoff returns (22.86), 48th in punt return defense (6.0) and 49th in kickoff return defense. (18.0).
- P Jeremy Crawshaw** is the NCAA's active career leader in punt average at 46.5, leading by a 1.0 yards.
 - In 22 punts this season, **Crawshaw** is averaging 45.50 yards with eight of 50-plus, 12 inside the 20-yard line and two 61-yard punts.
 - Vs. Texas A&M, he punts downed at the one-and-eight-yard lines. Vs. UCF, he landed a punt inside the opponent's three-yard line.
 - Crawshaw set the single-season program record with 48.9 yards per punt last year and was named AP All-SEC Second Team.
 - The 46.7 yards per attempt made **Crawshaw** the all-time program leader in career average punting yardage, passing Johnny Townsend (46.2) and Tommy Townsend (44.8).
 - He has punted 153 times in his career for an average of 46.5 per attempt, 14 60-plus yards, 63 of 50-plus yards, 63 inside the 20-yard line and 57 fair catches. His 153 attempts now rank ninth all-time at UF, passing Bill Conover.
- True Freshman **RB Jadan Baugh** has shined as the Gators primary kick returner, averaging 26.4 yards per return in five attempts. He is one of three SEC players to own two 30-yard plus kick returns and one of three freshmen in the FBS to accomplish the feat.
 - » He highlighted his collegiate debut with a 35-yard kickoff return vs. Miami, marking Florida's longest return since 2022.
 - » Baugh had another 30-plus yard kick return with a 31-yarder in Week 2 vs. Samford and then added two 27-yard returns vs. Texas A&M despite receiving both in the endzone.
- Veteran **WR Chimere Dike** has been productive in both phases of the punt game.
 - » He ranks first in the SEC and second in the FBS in yards per return with 19.6, owning a long of 35 yards.
 - » Out of his eight returns, 50% of them have gone for 20-plus yards, making him one of six players in the FBS to do so.
 - » At No. 8 Tennessee, he had back-to-back punt returns of 27 and 30 yards, which helped set up a game-tying 27-yard TD pass with 34 seconds left - that Dike himself caught.
 - » The 35-yard return at Mississippi State tied his career high and set up a two-play, 44-yard TD drive.
 - » Dike downed a punt vs. Texas A&M on the one-yard line.
- K Trey Smack** took over kicking duties in Florida's 29-16 win vs. No. 11 Tennessee in Week 3 of last season and went on to be a Lou Groza Award Semifinalist, making 17-of-21 FGs (81.0%) with a pair of 54-yarders.
- Smack** is 21-for-21 on PATs and 5-for-7 on FGs this season with a long of 47, hitting from 40-plus three times (41, 42, 47).
- He made all five FG attempts vs. Charlotte [23, 23, 27, 36, 54] last year and drilled seven touchbacks on all seven attempts. He became the first Gator to make five field goals in a single game since Eddy Pineiro in 2017.
- LS Rocco Underwood** owns three solo tackles on punts highlighted by holding an MSU return to zero yards.
 - » **Underwood** is tied for the FBS lead with three tackles at the LS position as one of five with two solo tackles.
- R-Fr. **LS Gannon Burt** made his collegiate debut at No. 8 Tennessee, snapping for the first time in his career on the Gators extra point that tied the game.

- 2023 YOUTH MOVEMENT LOOKBACK -

- The 2023 Florida defense featured a majority of underclassmen (two seasons or fewer) making an impact.
- Then-freshman **S Jordan Castell** finished as the team-leader in tackles with 60 while **LB Shemar James** ranked second with 55 and **Bryce Thornton** seventh with 34.
- James** (5.5) ranked second in TFLs while true freshmen **EGDE T.J. Searcy** (3.5) and **S Bryce Thornton** (3.5) tied for sixth. RS freshman **DL Jamari Lyons** (2.5) placed 10th.
- Searcy** was UF's best tackler with a 87.5 PFF grade, as he did not miss a tackle across 250 defensive snaps.
- Freshmen **CB Ja'Keem Jackson** and **Castell** were third on the team in pass breakups with three each.
- The duo of **Castell** (660 snaps) and **James** (395 snaps) ranked first and seventh in total defensive snaps.
- A combined 56 starts came from players in their second season or less.
- 24 starts were made by true freshmen on both offense and defense - **Castell** (11), **Eugene Wilson III** (7), **Thornton** (4), **OL Knijeah Harris** (1) and **LB Jaden Robinson** (1).
- Castell** started at safety in each of the last 11 games as fellow true freshman **Thornton** started alongside him four times, signifying Florida's first game starting two true freshmen at safety in the last 25 years (Week 6 vs. Vandy). The duo started again vs. Arkansas along with first-year **Robinson**.
- The 15 combined starts by **Castell** and **Thornton** were the most in the FBS by true-freshman DBs.
- Florida's true freshman DBs accounted for 1,759 total snaps - again the most in the FBS.
- Then-freshman **CB Aaron Gates** made his collegiate debut and made two crucial plays at South Carolina - a tackle to stop a two-point conversion and an interception on the lateral on the last play of the game.
- The debut by **Gates** marked the 11th out of 12 Class of 2023 defensive players to play last season and the 17th out of 21 total signees to appear in a game.
- Eight of the 12 played in all 12 games while the class totaled 1,969 defensive snaps: (**EDGE Kelby Collins**, **Castell**, **CB Sharif Denson**, **EDGE Kamran James**, **CB Dijon Johnson**, **Robinson**, **Searcy** and **Thornton**).



	In 2024	2022-23	From 2018-21	From 2015-17	From 2011-14	From 2005-10
Florida's Record...						
Overall	3-3	11-14	35-16	23-15	29-21	65-15
at Home	2-2	9-4	20-4	14-4	18-8	36-5
on the Road	1-1	2-7	11-6	6-6	8-9	17-7
at Neutral Sites	--	0-3	4-7	3-5	3-4	12-3
in the State of Florida	2-2	9-7	25-8	17-7	21-13	46-8
Jacksonville	--	0-2	1-3	2-1	2-3	5-1
Miami	--	--	1-0	--	0-1	1-0
Orlando	--	--	1-0	0-1	--	0-1
Tallahassee	--	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1
Tampa	--	--	1-1	1-0	--	2-0
in Overtime	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0
Florida versus SEC Teams...						
Overall	1-2	6-10	21-14	16-10	17-15	38-13
at Home	0-1	4-3	11-4	8-2	9-5	16-5
on the Road	1-1	2-5	9-6	6-5	7-7	15-6
at Neutral Sites	--	0-2	1-4	2-3	1-3	7-2
Florida in Games...						
vs. Non-Conference Teams	2-1	5-4	14-2	7-5	12-6	27-2
vs. Unranked Teams	3-1	9-4	28-8	19-6	24-8	47-5
vs. Ranked Teams	0-2	2-10	6-8	4-9	5-13	18-10
Home	0-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	2-2	6-2
Away	0-1	0-5	1-2	1-3	2-8	4-6
Neutral	--	0-3	3-6	1-5	1-3	8-2
vs. Top-10 Teams	0-1	1-4	4-7	1-4	4-6	12-4
Decided by 7 points or less	0-1	4-5	4-8	9-2	7-9	10-7
Decided by 3 points or less	--	3-2	1-4	3-2	1-3	4-3
When Florida...						
Scores First	3-1	8-5	25-7	18-5	17-7	49-1
Opponents Score First	0-2	3-9	10-9	5-10	12-14	16-14
Scores 30-plus points	2-0	7-6	28-4	9-0	17-0	47-3
Scores 40-plus points	2-0	4-0	16-2	3-0	6-0	31-0
Scores less than 21 points	0-3	1-7	1-9	6-12	4-18	4-9
Allows 14 or fewer points	2-0	4-0	15-1	18-0	16-0	40-1
Allows 20 or fewer points	2-0	6-0	23-2	19-2	24-5	52-2
Allows 21-plus points	1-3	4-14	12-16	4-13	5-16	13-13
Leads at halftime	3-1	9-3	27-4	17-3	24-4	57-3
Trails -or- Tied at halftime	0-2	2-11	8-12	6-12	5-17	8-12
Leads after 3rd Quarter	3-0	10-2	31-3	20-1	24-3	60-2
Trails -or- Tied after 3rd Qtr.	0-3	1-12	4-13	3-14	5-18	5-13
Out-Rushes its Opponent	2-0	9-5	25-2	16-2	27-6	63-6
is Out-Rushed by Opponent	1-3	2-9	9-14	7-13	2-15	2-9
When Florida Finishes with...						
300-plus Total Yards	3-2	10-11	35-14	17-6	24-5	58-9
400-plus Total Yards	2-0	7-5	25-7	8-1	15-1	39-1
500-plus Total Yards	2-0	3-2	16-2	3-0	5-0	21-0
Less than 300 Total Yards	0-1	1-3	0-2	6-9	5-16	7-6
150-plus Rushing Yards	2-0	9-4	24-6	11-3	21-3	48-5
200-plus Rushing Yards	1-0	8-3	16-3	7-1	15-2	32-2
250-plus Rushing Yards	--	5-2	8-1	4-0	7-0	17-0
a 100-yard Rusher	0-1	7-3	8-0	9-1	17-3	19-1
Less than 100 Rushing Yards	0-1	1-4	6-5	3-9	1-8	7-5
250-plus Passing Yards	2-0	4-6	24-9	6-4	5-2	27-1
300-plus Passing Yards	1-0	2-4	17-5	2-0	3-1	11-1
Less than 200 Passing Yards	0-1	4-5	6-5	17-11	17-17	23-8
Blocked a Kick / Punt	--	1-2	3-2	0-4	9-3	22-1
When Florida Allows...						
Less than 200 Total Yards	--	1-0	2-0	6-0	5-3	12-0
Less than 300 Total Yards	2-0	3-4	16-2	15-2	17-7	40-3
300-plus Total Yards	1-3	8-10	19-14	8-13	12-14	25-12
400-plus Total Yards	1-2	5-8	7-11	3-8	4-6	5-4
Less than 100 Rushing Yards	1-0	4-2	16-1	12-2	18-5	44-1
100-plus Rushing Yards	2-3	7-12	19-15	11-13	11-16	21-14
150-plus Rushing Yards	1-1	5-11	9-12	5-12	2-13	3-8
200-plus Rushing Yards	1-1	2-6	3-8	3-11	1-6	1-4
a 100-yard Rusher	0-2	4-10	5-12	6-9	2-12	7-7
Less than 200 Passing Yards	2-2	4-5	16-6	16-7	16-13	38-7
200-plus Passing Yards	1-1	7-9	18-9	7-8	13-8	27-8
300-plus Passing Yards	0-1	1-6	4-3	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, '20	7
FLORIDA	1996, 2006, 2008	3
Florida State	1993, 1999, 2013	3
LSU	2003*, 2007, 2019	3
Nebraska	1994, 1995, 1997*	3
Clemson	2016, 2018	2
Georgia	2021, 2022	2
Miami	1991*, 2001	2
Ohio State	2002, 2014	2
Southern California	2003*, 2004	2

*Split Title

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WINS

Alabama	11
FLORIDA	7
LSU	5
Auburn	3
Georgia	4
Tennessee	2

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME APPEARANCES

Alabama	15
FLORIDA	13
Georgia	11
Auburn	6
LSU	6
Tennessee	5
Arkansas	3
Missouri	2
Mississippi State	1
South Carolina	1

RECORDS IN THE SWAMP (Since 1990)

Overall	180-38
vs. SEC	94-27
vs. SEC East	64-9
vs. SEC West	30-17
vs. Non-Conference	85-11
vs. Ranked Teams	31-20
vs. Top-10 Teams	18-11
vs. Top-5 Teams	12-9
vs. Unranked Teams	149-18

THE LAST TIME...

A Gators Player Had...

30+ Rushing Attempts:	34 - Mike Gillislee vs. LSU (Oct. 6, 2012 / 153 games)
40+ Rushing Attempts:	41 (school record) - Errict Rhett vs. Georgia (Oct. 30, 1993 / 396 games)
100+ Yards Rushing:	106 - Montrell Johnson Jr. vs. No. 19 Miami (Aug. 31, 2024 / 5 games)
200+ Yards Rushing:	210 - Ciatrick Fason vs. Kentucky (Sept. 25, 2004 / 260 games)
300+ Yards Rushing:	316 (school record) - Emmitt Smith vs. New Mexico (Oct. 21, 1989 / 444 games)
5+ Touchdowns Rushing:	5 (tied school record) - Trey Burton vs. Kentucky (Sept. 25, 2010 / 180 games)
20+ Pass Completions:	26 - Graham Mertz at LSU (Nov. 11, 2023 / 8 games)
30+ Pass Completions:	30 - Graham Mertz at South Carolina (Oct. 14, 2023 / 11 games)
40+ Pass Completions:	44 - Luke Del Rio vs. UMass (Sept. 3, 2016 / 105 games)
300+ Yards Passing:	456 - DJ Lagway vs. Samford (Sept. 7, 2024 / 4 games)
400+ Yards Passing:	456 - DJ Lagway vs. Samford (Sept. 7, 2024 / 4 games)
500+ Yards Passing:	Never
5+ Touchdowns Passing:	6 - Emory Jones vs. Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 / 34 games)
Consecutive 300-Yard Passing Games:	Kyle Trask vs. Tennessee-LSU-Alabama (2020 / 46 games)
3+ Consecutive Games with 300+ Yards Passing:	3 - Kyle Trask (Tennessee-LSU-Alabama (Dec. 5-12-19, 2020 / 46 games)
10+ Receptions:	11 - Eugene Wilson vs. Georgia (Oct. 28, 2023 / 10 games)
150+ Receiving Yards:	166 - Ricky Pearsall at South Carolina (Oct. 14, 2023 / 11 games)
3+ Receiving TDs:	3 - Kyle Pitts vs. Kentucky (Nov. 28, 2020 / 49 games)
Kickoff Return TD:	Antonio Callaway (44 yards) vs. Missouri (Oct. 15, 2016 / 100 games)
Punt Return TD:	Kadarius Toney (50 yards) vs. Kentucky (Nov. 28, 2020 / 49 games)
150+ Return Yards:	158 (kickoff) - Solomon Patton vs. Missouri (Oct. 19, 2013 / 128 games)
Fake Field Goal TD:	Michael McNeely (21 yards) vs. Georgia (Nov. 1, 2014 / 126 games)
Multiple Interceptions:	2 - Jaydon Hill vs. Missouri (Oct. 8, 2022 / 25 games)
Consecutive Multi-Interception Games:	Ryan Smith, vs. Alabama (2), Sept. 30, 2006 vs. LSU (2) (Oct. 7, 2006 / 232 games)
Interception Return TD:	Jaydon Hill (49 yards) vs. Missouri (Oct. 8, 2022 / 25 games)
Intercepted PAT Return for Defensive Extra Point:	Keiwan Ratliff vs. Kentucky (Sept. 28, 2002 / 284 games)
Fumble Return TD:	Zachary Carter vs. Arkansas, 35 yards (Nov. 14, 2020 / 51 games)
Fumble Recovery TD in End Zone:	Nick Washington vs. Georgia (Oct. 31, 2015 / 113 games)
Blocked a Punt:	Derek Wingo vs. Charlotte (Sep. 23, 2023 / 14 games)
Blocked a Field Goal:	Jordan Young vs. Oregon State (Dec. 18, 2022 / 18 games)
Blocked a PAT:	Caleb Banks at Kentucky (Sep. 30, 2023 / 13 games)
Blocked Multiple Kicks (any combo):	Chris Rainey (2 punts) at Vanderbilt (Nov. 6, 2010 / 175 games)
Blocked Punt Return TD:	vs. Colorado State (Sept. 15, 2018 / 80 games) James Houston IV block, Tyrie Cleveland 0-yard return
Blocked Field Goal Return TD:	vs. Florida State (Nov. 26, 2005 / 240 games) Marcus Thomas block, Reggie Lewis 52-yard return
Blocked PAT Return for Extra Point:	vs. Charleston Southern (Sept. 1, 2018 / 83 games) Jeremiah Moon block, Austin Perry return
Made a 50-Yard Field Goal:	Trey Smack (54) at South Carolina (Oct. 14, 2023 / 11 games)
Made Multiple 50-Yard Field Goals:	Evan McPherson (51 + 53 yards) vs. Georgia (Nov. 7, 2020 / 51 games)
Made 5+ Field Goals:	Trey Smack (5) vs. Charlotte (Sep. 23, 2023 / 14 games)
Missed a PAT:	Adam Mihalek vs. Tennessee (Sep. 16, 2023 / 15 games)
Missed a Field Goal:	Trey Smack at No. 8 Tennessee (Oct. 12, 2024 / 0 games)
Played Both Ways:	Cece Jefferson, Jordan Sherit vs. LSU (Oct. 7, 2017 / 89 games)
Started Both Ways:	Loucheiz Purifoy (CB / RB) vs. Florida State (Nov. 24, 2012 / 146 games)
WR or RB Throw a TD Pass:	Trent Whittemore at Missouri (Nov. 20, 2021 / 33 games)
TD by an Offensive Lineman:	Austin Barber (fumble recovery in endzone) at Mississippi State (Sept. 21, 2024 / 2 games)
Rushing & Receiving TDs:	Trevor Etienne (1 Rush/1 Rec) at Missouri (Nov. 18, 2023 / 7 games)
Forced & Recovered Fumble:	Grayson Howard at No. 8 Tennessee (Oct. 12, 2024 / 0 games)

The Gators Had...

2 Gators with 100+ Yards Rushing:	vs. South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 21 games) Montrell Johnson Jr. (161 yards), Trevor Etienne (100 yards)
2 Gators with 100+ Receiving Yards:	vs. Samford (Sept. 7, 2024 / 4 games) Eugene Wilson III (141 yards), Elijah Badger (123 yards)
10+ Plays of 20+ Yards in a Game:	10 - at South Carolina (Oct. 14, 2023 / 11 games)

Converted Five Fourth Downs in a Game:	5 for 6 - at Tennessee (Sept. 24, 2022 / 27 games)
Shut Out an Opponent:	42-0 vs. Vanderbilt (Oct. 9, 2021 / 38 games)
Held Opponent Under 100 Yards Total Offense:	53 - vs. North Texas (Sept. 17, 2016 / 105 games)
Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Passing:	3 - vs. Charleston Southern (Sept. 1, 2018 / 82 games)
Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Rushing:	46 - vs. McNeese (Sept. 9, 2023 / 16 games)
Forced an Opponent to Have Five Drives of Negative Yards:	5 - vs. Florida State (Nov. 25, 2023 / 6 games)
3+ Gators with an Interception:	3 - vs. Kentucky (Nov. 28, 2020 / 49 games) Shawn Davis, Mohamoud Diabate, Tre'Vez Johnson
Multiple Defensive TDs:	2 Interception return TDs vs. Idaho (Nov. 17, 2018 / 72 games)
Multiple Interception Return TDs:	2 - vs. Idaho (Nov. 17, 2018 / 72 games) Ventrell Miller (82 yards), Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (26 yards)
Converted a 2-Point Conversion:	at South Carolina (Oct. 14, 2023 / 11 games) (Trevor Etienne Pass/Hayden Hansen reception)
Recorded a Safety:	vs. Florida State (Nov. 25, 2023 / 5 games) (Derek Wingo/Princely Umanmielen sack)
Blocked 2 Kicks (any combo):	2 - vs. Towson (Sept. 28, 2019 / 65 games) Zachary Carter (blocked punt), Adam Shuler (blocked FG)
Blocked 3 Kicks (any combo):	3 - vs. Kentucky (Oct. 25, 2008 / 206 games) William Green (blocked punt), Jeff Demps (blocked punt), Joe Haden (blocked FG)
Blocked 2 Punts:	at Vanderbilt (Nov. 6, 2010 / 175 games) (Chris Rainey, both)
Blocked 2 Field Goals:	vs. So. Carolina (Nov. 11, 2006 / 229 games) (Ray McDonald; Jarvis Moss)
Touchdown on Opening Drive:	vs. UCF (Oct. 5, 2024 / 1 game)
Touchdowns on First Three Possessions:	vs. McNeese (Sept. 9, 2023 / 16 games)
Touchdowns on First Four Possessions:	vs. McNeese (Sept. 9, 2023 / 16 games)
Touchdowns on First Seven Possessions:	vs. McNeese (Sept. 9, 2023 / 16 games)
4 Freshmen Score TDs:	vs. Western Carolina (Nov. 18, 2006 / 229 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 / 84 games)
Florida Intentionally Took Safety:	Graham Mertz at South Carolina (Oct. 14, 2023 / 11 games)
Florida Player Allows Safety via Penalty:	John Brantley vs. Furman (Nov. 19, 2011 / 160 games) Batted ball out of end zone after botched snap

Florida's Opponent Had...

40+ Rushing Attempts:	44 - Derrick Henry, Alabama (Dec. 5, 2015 / 106 games)
100+ Yards Rushing:	112 - Dylan Sampson, No. 8 Tennessee (Oct. 12, 2024 / 0 games)
200+ Yards Rushing:	234 - Jayden Daniels, LSU (Nov. 11, 2023 / 8 games)
2+ Players with 100+ Yards Rushing:	vs. USF (Sept. 17, 2022 / 28 games) 150 - Brian Battie & 102 - Gerry Bohanon
3+ Rushing Touchdowns:	3 - Dylan Sampson, No. 8 Tennessee (Oct. 12, 2024 / 0 games)
20+ Pass Completions:	22 - Quincy Crittendon, Samford (Sept. 7, 2024 / 4 games)
30+ Pass Completions:	33 - Liam Welch, Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 / 34 games)
40+ Pass Completions:	40 - Kyle Shurmur, Vanderbilt (Sept. 30, 2017 / 90 games)
300+ Yards Passing:	385 - Cameron Ward, No. 19 Miami (Aug. 31, 2024 / 5 games)
400+ Yards Passing:	400 - Liam Welch, Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 / 34 games)
100+ Yards Receiving:	112 - Xavier Restrepo, No. 19 Miami (Aug. 31, 2024 / 5 games)
150+ Yards Receiving:	158 - Luther Burden, Missouri (Nov. 18, 2023 / 7 games)
200+ Yards Receiving:	227 - Elijah Moore, Ole Miss (Sept. 26, 2020 / 56 games) LSU (Nov. 11, 2023 / 8 games)
2+ Players with 100+ Yards Receiving:	Brian Thomas Jr. (150), Malik Nabers (132) 3 - Jaray Jenkins, LSU (Oct. 16, 2021 / 37 games)
3+ Receiving Touchdowns:	3 - Jaray Jenkins, LSU (Oct. 16, 2021 / 37 games)
300+ Yards Total Offense:	No. 8 Tennessee - 312 (143 rush/169 pass) (Oct. 12, 2024 / 0 games)
Kickoff Return Touchdown:	Montrell Washington (98 yards), Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 / 34 games)
Punt Return Touchdown:	Marcus Murphy (82 yards), Missouri (Oct. 18, 2014 / 126 games)
Fumble Return Touchdown:	Wesley Schelling (0 yards), Vanderbilt (Nov. 19, 2022 / 20 games)
Interception Return Touchdown:	Keidron Smith (65 yards), Kentucky (Sept. 10, 2022 / 29 games)
3+ Interceptions (one player):	3 - Corey Webster, LSU (Oct. 12, 2002 / 282 games)
50+ Yard Field Goal:	Alex Raynor (50 yards), Kentucky (Sep. 30, 2023 / 13 games)
Blocked a Field Goal:	Tyreek Johnson, South Carolina (Oct. 14, 2023 / 11 games)
Blocked Field Goal Touchdown:	Kentucky, (Oct. 2, 2021 / 39 games) Joshua Paschal block, Trevin Wallace 76-yard return
Fake Field Goal Touchdown:	Trent Domingue (17-yard run), LSU (Oct. 17, 2015 / 114 games)
Blocked Punt:	Joel Aguero, Georgia (Oct. 28, 2023 / 10 games)
Blocked Punt Return Touchdown:	Josh Jacobs, Alabama (Dec. 3, 2016 / 95 games)
Fake Punt Touchdown:	Dakereon Joyner (48 yards), South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 21 games)
Missed a PAT:	Alex Raynor, Kentucky (Oct. 2, 2021 / 39 games)
Blocked a PAT:	Omari Thomas, Tennessee (Sep. 16, 2023 / 15 games)
Blocked PAT Return for Extra Point:	Victor Hampston, South Carolina (Oct. 20, 2012 / 151 games)
Tackled Florida for a Safety:	Chris Leak vs. South Carolina (Nov. 15, 2003 / 263 games)



STATISTICAL RANKINGS



FBS	SEC	Value	Category	FBS	SEC	Value
59	11	402.8	Total Offense	116	15	321.7
t-71	t-12	28.0	Scoring Offense	114	16	20.5
81	12	141.8	Rushing Offense	75	11	153.3
39	8	261.0	Passing Offense	121	15	168.3
19	5	161.32	Passing Efficiency	103	15	123.15
83	12	1.83 (11-6)	Touchdown-Interception Ratio	t-106	15	1.25 (5-4)
87	15	381.2	Total Defense	4	3	251.5
73	15	24.2	Scoring Defense	t-9	4	14.5
96	15	167.7	Rushing Defense	10	3	89.3
64	10	213.5	Passing Defense	13	3	162.2
88	12	135.95	Passing Efficiency Defense	95	15	137.88
t-97	15	-0.50	Turnover Margin Per Game	t-57	t-9	0.17
t-94	14	6	Takeaways	t-82	t-10	7
t-90	t-12	3	Interceptions	t-55	t-9	5
t-40	5	8 (1.33)	Sacks Allowed (per game)	t-106	13	16 (2.67)
t-80	t-14	85.71%	Opponent Red Zone %	18	5	73.33%
22	7	45.50	Net Punt Average	t-89	13	41.80
5	1	19.63	Punt Return Average	t-102	15	5.00
35	5	22.86	Kickoff Return Average	74	10	19.54
t-25	6	16 (2.67)	Sacks (per game)	t-51	10	13 (2.17)
t-45	t-8	38 (6.33)	Tackles for Loss (per game)	t-45	t-8	38 (6.33)

- The quarterback tandem of **Graham Mertz** and **DJ Lagway** tandem have combined for a passer rating of 161.32 which is good for 19th-best in the FBS and fifth-best in the SEC.
- Florida grades as seventh-highest in the FBS in pass blocking (85.6) as they've allowed only eight sacks through six games, which is tied for the 40th best mark in the FBS and tied-for-fifth in the SEC.
- Since **P Jeremy Crawshaw** took over punting duties in 2021, the Gators have ranked 42nd, third, fourth and 22nd each season in the FBS in net punting average.

CROSSING PATHS

- This is the third meeting between UF **HC Billy Napier** and UK HC Mark Stoops as head coaches. Stoops claimed victories in both of the prior meetings. However, the two have coached on opposing sidelines three times prior to last year's meeting. Napier faced Stoops' Wildcats twice as Alabama's Assistant Coach/WR coach. Napier won both those matchups (34-6, 2016; 48-7, 2013) Their first meeting came in 2010 with Stoops as FSU's DC/DB coach and Napier as Clemson's OC/QB coach. Stoops' FSU won that meeting 16-13.
- Florida **DL Sebastian Scott** prepped at Cardinal Newman in West Palm Beach with Kentucky's DB Jarrad Mosely and RB Henry Bennett.
- Gators **Assistant Coach/Edge Coach Mike Peterson** and Wildcats OL Coach Eric Wolford coached together under Will Muschamp at South Carolina from 2017-20. **Peterson** was the Gamecocks' OLB/DE Coach while Wolford acted as their OL Coach.
- Wildcats offensive linemen Jalen Farmer and Gerald Mincey both transferred from Florida. Farmer spent 2022-23 with the Gators, playing in four total games. Mincey spent 2020-21 with the Gators, seeing action in 12 games, before transferring to Tennessee where he spent the 2022-23 seasons prior to transferring to Kentucky.
- There are no Kentucky natives on Florida's roster. Meanwhile, there are eight Florida natives on Kentucky's roster: Hardley Gilmore IV (Belle Glade), Jason Patterson (Sneads), Tovani Mizell (Fort Lauderdale), Jayvant Brown (Deerfield Beach), Henry Bennett (West Palm Beach), Jarard Mosely (West Palm Beach), Daniel Mincey (Pompano Beach) and Gerald Mincey (Fort Lauderdale).

Gators in the Weekly FBS Rankings

After Week	Opp.	Offense			Defense		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
1	Miami	t-113	t-86	119	123	84	130
2	Samford	45	75	32	87	46	112
3	Texas A&M	72	102	t-39	106	102	92
4	at Miss. State	46	t-82	31	112	108	92
5	Bye	50	83	30	t-113	110	97
6	UCF	60	83	35	t-96	101	81
7	at Tennessee	59	81	39	87	96	64
8	Kentucky						
9	Bye						
10	vs. Georgia						
11	at Texas						
12	LSU						
13	Ole Miss						
14	at Florida State						
Gators in 2023		46	77	40	68	77	70
Gators in 2022		37	24	77	97	100	84
Gators in 2021		15	23	46	51	85	25
Gators in 2020		9	96	1	83	71	100
Gators in 2019		45	107	16	9	8	32
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	3

2024 TEAM LEADERS



Passing Yards (TDs / INTs)

Graham Mertz..... 791 (6-2) | Brock Vandagriff 951 (5-2)

Attempts-Rushing Yards (TDs)

Montrell Johnson Jr..... 70-373 (4) | Demie Sumo-Karngbaye 82-380 (4)
 Jadan Baugh ... 31-153 (0) | Jamarion Wilcox 29-191 (0)
 Ja'Kobi Jackson. ... 19-109 (3) | Gavin Wimsatt 29-120 (1)

Receptions-Receiving Yards (TDs)

Elijah Badger 19-376 (2) | Dane Key..... 31-452 (2)
 Chimere Dike 19-353 (2) | Barion Brown 20-214 (2)
 Eugene Wilson III..... 18-226 (1) | Demie Sumo-Karngbaye 10-90 (0)

Interceptions (Return Yards / TDs)

Sharif Denson..... 1 (20/0) | Maxwell Hairston 1 (25/1)
 Bryce Thornton..... 1 (0/0) | Ty Bryant..... 1 (16/0)

Total Tackles (Solo-Assisted)

Jordan Castell 30 (17-13) | D'Eryk Jackson 33 (18-15)
 Grayson Howard..... 29 (16-13) | Jamon Dumas-Johnson... 29 (18-11)
 Jaden Robinson..... 28 (15-13) | Jordan Lovett..... 27 (15-12)

Tackles for Loss-Yards (Sacks-Yards)

Tyreek Sapp 5-27 (3.5-24) | Zion Childress 5.5-18 (1-7)
 George Gumbs Jr..... 5-28 (3-21) | Jamon Dumas-Johnson... 5-20 (1.5-14)

RANKINGS / STANDINGS

Associated Press Top 25 Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Last
1.	Texas	6-0	1
2.	Oregon	6-0	3
3.	Pen State	6-0	4
4.	Ohio State	5-1	2
5.	Georgia	5-1	5
6.	Miami	6-0	8
7.	Alabama	5-1	7
8.	LSU	5-1	13
9.	Iowa State	6-0	11
10.	Clemson	5-1	10
11.	Tennessee	5-1	8
12.	Notre Dame	5-1	11
13.	BYU	6-0	14
14.	Texas A&M	5-1	15
15.	Boise State	5-1	17
16.	Indiana	6-0	18
17.	Kansas State	5-1	18
18.	Ole Miss	5-2	9
19.	Missouri	5-1	21
20.	Pittsburgh	6-0	22
21.	SMU	5-1	25
22.	Illinois	5-1	23
23.	Army	6-0	NR
24.	Michigan	4-2	24
25.	Navy	6-0	NR

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USA Today / AFCA Coaches Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Last
1.	Texas	6-0	1
2.	Oregon	6-0	3
3.	Penn State	6-0	5
4.	Georgia	5-1	4
5.	Ohio State	5-1	2
6.	Miami	6-0	6
7.	Alabama	5-1	7
8.	LSU	5-1	11
9.	Clemson	5-1	4
10.	Tennessee	5-1	9
11.	Notre Dame	5-1	12
12.	Iowa State	6-0	13
13.	BYU	6-0	15
14.	Texas A&M	5-1	14
15.	Ole Miss	5-2	8
16.	Missouri	5-1	18
17.	Kansas State	5-1	19
18.	Indiana	6-0	20
19.	Boise State	5-1	22
20.	Pittsburgh	6-0	24
21.	Illinois	5-1	23
22.	Michigan	4-2	21
23.	SMU	5-1	25
24.	Army	6-0	NR
25.	Nebraska	5-1	NR

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2023 College Football Playoff

Rank	Team	'23 Record	Last
1.	Michigan	13-0	2
2.	Washington	13-0	3
3.	Texas	12-1	7
4.	Alabama	12-1	8
5.	Florida State	13-0	4
6.	Georgia	12-1	1
7.	Ohio State	11-1	6
8.	Oregon	11-2	5
9.	Missouri	10-2	9
10.	Penn State	10-2	10
11.	Ole Miss	10-2	11
12.	Oklahoma	10-2	12
13.	LSU	9-3	13
14.	Arizona	9-3	15
15.	Louisville	10-3	14
16.	Notre Dame	9-3	17
17.	Iowa	10-3	16
18.	North Carolina State	9-3	19
19.	Oregon State	8-4	20
20.	Oklahoma State	9-4	18
21.	Tennessee	8-4	21
22.	Clemson	8-4	23
23.	Liberty	13-0	24
24.	SMU	11-2	NR
25.	Kansas State	8-4	25

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2024 SEC Standings

	Conf. Games		Overall			Conf. Games		Overall	
Texas A&M*	3-0	1.000	5-1	.833	Missouri	1-1	.500	5-1	.833
Texas*	2-0	1.000	6-0	1.000	FLORIDA	1-2	.333	3-3	.500
LSU*	2-0	1.000	5-1	.800	Ole Miss*	1-2	.333	5-2	.714
Georgia*	3-1	.750	5-1	.833	Oklahoma	1-2	.333	4-2	.667
Alabama	2-1	.667	5-1	.833	Kentucky*	1-3	.250	3-3	.500
Arkansas	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	South Carolina	1-3	.250	3-3	.500
Tennessee*	2-1	.667	5-1	.833	Auburn	0-3	0.000	2-4	.333
Vanderbilt	2-1	.667	4-2	.667	Miss State*	0-3	0.000	1-5	.167

2023 SEC Championship Game

Alabama 27, Georgia 24

December 2nd - Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Atlanta, Georgia



TRACKING 2024 OPPONENTS

Miami (Fla.) (6-0)

8/31	at Florida	W, 41-17
9/7	Florida A&M	W, 56-9
9/14	Ball State	W, 62-0
9/21	at South Florida	W, 50-15
9/27	Virginia Tech	W, 38-34
10/5	at California	W, 39-38
10/12	BYE	
10/19	at Louisville	
10/26	Florida State	
11/2	Duke	
11/9	at Georgia Tech	
11/16	BYE	
11/23	Wake Forest	
11/30	at Syracuse	

Samford (2-3)

8/31	at West Georgia	L, 29-38
9/7	at Florida	L, 45-7
9/14	Alabama State	W, 12-7
9/21	BYE	
9/28	at Furman	PPD
10/5	VMI	W, 27-3
10/12	at ETSU	L, 28-31
10/19	Mercer	
10/26	at The Citadel	
11/2	Wofford	
11/9	Tennessee Tech	
11/16	at Chattanooga	
11/23	Western Carolina	

Texas A&M (5-1)

8/31	Notre Dame	L, 13-23
9/7	McNeese	W, 52-10
9/14	at Florida	W, 33-20
9/21	Bowling Green	W, 26-20
9/28	Arkansas (N)	W, 21-17
10/5	Missouri	W, 41-10
10/12	BYE	
10/19	at Mississippi State	
10/26	LSU	
11/2	at South Carolina	
11/9	BYE	
11/16	New Mexico State	
11/23	at Auburn	
11/30	Texas	

Mississippi State (1-5)

8/31	Eastern Kentucky	W, 56-7
9/7	at Arizona State	L, 30-23
9/14	Toledo	L, 17-41
9/21	Florida	L, 45-28
9/28	at Texas	L, 13-35
10/5	BYE	
10/12	at Georgia	L, 41-31
10/19	Texas A&M	
10/26	Arkansas	
11/2	UMass	
11/9	at Tennessee	
11/16	BYE	
11/23	Missouri	
11/29	at Ole Miss	

UCF (3-3)

8/29	New Hampshire	W, 57-3
9/7	Sam Houston	W, 45-14
9/14	at TCU	W, 35-34
9/21	BYE	
9/28	Colorado	L, 21-48
10/5	at Florida	L, 24-13
10/12	Cincinnati	L, 19-13
10/19	at Iowa State	
10/26	BYU	
11/2	Arizona	
11/9	at Arizona State	
11/16	BYE	
11/23	at West Virginia	
12/29	Utah	

Tennessee (5-1)

8/31	Chattanooga	W, 69-3
9/7	NC State (N)	W, 51-10
9/14	Kent State	W, 71-0
9/21	at Oklahoma	W, 25-15
9/28	BYE	
10/5	at Arkansas	W, 14-19
10/12	Florida	W, 23-17
10/19	Alabama	
10/26	BYE	
11/2	Kentucky	
11/9	Mississippi State	
11/16	at Georgia	
11/23	UTEP	
11/30	at Vanderbilt	

Kentucky (3-3)

8/31	Southern Miss	W, 31-0
9/7	South Carolina	L, 31-6
9/14	Georgia	L, 12-13
9/21	Miami (Ohio)	W, 41-6
9/28	at Ole Miss	W, 20-17
10/5	BYE	
10/12	Vanderbilt	L, 20-13
10/19	at Florida	
10/26	Auburn	
11/2	at Tennessee	
11/9	BYE	
11/16	Murray State	
11/23	at Texas	
11/30	Louisville	

Georgia (5-1)

8/31	Clemson (N)	W, 34-3
9/7	Tennessee Tech	W, 48-3
9/14	at Kentucky	W, 13-12
9/21	BYE	
9/28	at Alabama	L, 34-41
10/5	Auburn	W, 31-13
10/12	Mississippi State	W, 41-31
10/19	at Texas	
10/26	BYE	
11/2	Florida (N)	
11/9	at Ole Miss	
11/16	Tennessee	
11/23	UMass	
11/29	Georgia Tech	

Texas (6-0)

8/31	Colorado State	W, 52-0
9/7	at Michigan	W, 31-12
9/14	UTSA	W, 56-7
9/21	ULM	W, 51-3
9/28	Mississippi State	W, 35-13
10/5	BYE	
10/12	Oklahoma (N)	W, 34-3
10/19	Georgia	
10/26	at Vanderbilt	
11/2	BYE	
11/9	Florida	
11/16	at Arkansas	
11/23	Kentucky	
11/30	at Texas A&M	

LSU (5-1)

9/7	Southern Cal (N)	L, 27-20
9/14	Nicholls	W, 44-21
9/21	at South Carolina	W, 36-33
9/28	UCLA	W, 34-17
10/5	South Alabama	W, 42-10
10/12	BYE	
10/19	Ole Miss	W, 29-26
10/26	at Arkansas	
11/2	at Texas A&M	
11/9	BYE	
11/16	Alabama	
11/23	at Florida	
11/30	Vanderbilt	
	Oklahoma	

Ole Miss (5-2)

8/31	Furman	W, 76-0
9/7	Middle Tennessee	W, 52-3
9/14	at Wake Forest	W, 40-6
9/21	Georgia Southern	W, 52-13
9/28	Kentucky	L, 17-20
10/5	at South Carolina	W, 27-3
10/12	at LSU	L, 26-29
10/19	BYE	
10/26	Oklahoma	
11/2	at Arkansas	
11/9	Georgia	
11/16	BYE	
11/23	at Florida	
11/29	Mississippi State	

Florida State (1-5)

8/24	Georgia Tech (N)	L, 24-21
9/2	Boston College	L, 28-13
9/7	BYE	
9/14	Memphis	L, 20-12
9/21	California	W, 14-9
9/28	at SMU	L, 16-42
10/5	Clemson	L, 29-13
10/12	BYE	
10/19	at Duke	
10/26	at Miami	
11/2	North Carolina	
11/9	at Notre Dame	
11/16	BYE	
11/23	Charleston Southern	
11/30	Florida	



NFL GATORS

Kyle Pitts	Atlanta Falcons
Kair Elam	Buffalo Bills
O'Cyrus Torrence	Buffalo Bills
Richard Gougeon*	Buffalo Bills
Eddy Pineiro Jr.	Carolina Panthers
Gervon Dexter Sr.	Chicago Bears
Evan McPherson	Cincinnati Bengals
Trent Brown	Cincinnati Bengals
Kadarius Toney*	Cleveland Browns
Malik Davis*	Dallas Cowboys
Alex Anzalone	Detroit Lions
Kingsley Eguakun*	Detroit Lions
Brenton Cox Jr.	Green Bay Packers
T.J. Slaton	Green Bay Packers
Dameon Pierce	Houston Texans
David Sharpe*	Houston Texans
Tommy Townsend	Houston Texans
Anthony Richardson	Indianapolis Colts
Taven Bryan	Indianapolis Colts
Ventrell Miller	Jacksonville Jaguars
Jawaan Taylor	Kansas City Chiefs
Amari Burney	Las Vegas Raiders
Justin Shorter*	Las Vegas Raiders
Zachary Carter*	Las Vegas Raiders
Demarcus Robinson	Los Angeles Rams
Marcus Maye	Miami Dolphins
Brandon Powell	Minnesota Vikings
Jonathan Bullard	Minnesota Vikings
Jonathan Greenard	Minnesota Vikings
Marco Wilson	New England Patriots
Fred Johnson	Philadelphia Eagles
C.J. Gardner-Johnson	Philadelphia Eagles
Van Jefferson	Pittsburgh Steelers
Jeremiah Moon	Pittsburgh Steelers
La'Mical Perine*	Pittsburgh Steelers
C.J. Henderson*	Pittsburgh Steelers
Ricky Pearsall	San Francisco 49ers
Stone Forsythe	Seattle Seahawks
Kyle Trask	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Dante Fowler Jr.	Washington Commanders

*practice squad
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2024 Combined Record: 47-25

2024 PRESEASON AWARDS TRACKER

- Ten Gators have appeared on various preseason watch lists heading into the campaign:
 - » **Jeremy Crawshaw** - Ray Guy Award
 - » **Alris Boardingham/Hayden Hansen** - Mackey Award
 - » **Eugene Wilson III** - Paul Horning Award and Biletnikoff Award
 - » **Graham Mertz** - Maxwell Award, Walter Camp Award and Davie O'Brien Award.
 - » **Jake Slaughter** - Outland Award and Rimington Trophy
 - » **Jordan Castell** - Jim Thorpe Award
 - » **Montrell Johnson Jr.** - Doak Walker Award
 - » **Shemar James** - Bronko Nagurski Award,

- Bednarik Award and Butkus Award
 - » **Trey Smack** - Lou Groza Award.
- Additionally, **EDGE LJ McCray** was named to the On3 Preseason True Freshman All-America team.
- RB Montrell Johnson Jr.** represented Florida on the media's Preseason All-SEC Second Team while **CB Jason Marshall Jr.**, **K Trey Smack** and **P Jeremy Crawshaw** were named to the third team.
- RB Montrell Johnson Jr.**, **OL Jake Slaughter**, **CB Jason Marshall Jr.** and **P Jeremy Crawshaw** were named to the CFN All-SEC Second team while **WR Eugene Wilson II** and **K Trey Smack** were named to the third team. **DL Caleb Banks** and **CB Devin Moore** were named honorable mentions.

2024 IN-SEASON AWARDS

- Jeremy Crawshaw** - Week 6 Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week
- Jeremy Crawshaw** - Week 1 Ray Guy Award "Ray's 8"
- Jake Slaughter** - Week Four SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week.
- Graham Mertz** - Week Four Manning Award Star of the Week

OFFENSE CAREER HIGHS
#0 JA'QUAVION FRAZIARS

Receptions: 4 (at Texas A&M, 2022)
 Receiving Yards: 50 (at Texas A&M, 2022)
 Receiving TD's: 1 (3x last at Texas A&M, 2022)
 Long Catch: 19 (at Texas A&M, 2022)

#1 MONTRELL JOHNSON JR.

Rushes: 24 (South Carolina, 2022)
 Rush Yards: 161 (South Carolina, 2022)
 Rushing TD's: 4 (Ohio, 2021)
 Long Rush: 99 (at Arkansas St. 2021)
 Receptions: 6 (2x, last vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
 Receiving Yards: 65 (at LSU, 2023)
 Receiving TD's: 1 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2023)
 Long Catch: 19 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Pass Attempts: 1 (LSU, 2022)

#2 DJ LAGWAY

Pass Attempts: 25 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Pass Completions: 18 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Pass Yards: 456 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Pass TD's: 3 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Long Pass: 85 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rushes: 5 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2024)
 Rush Yards: 22 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
 Long Rush: 16 (vs. Miami, 2024)

#3 EUGENE WILSON III

Receptions: 11 (vs. Georgia, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 141 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Long Catch: 85 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Receiving TD's: 2 (vs. Arkansas, 2023)
 Rushes: 2 (at South Carolina, 2023)
 Rush Yards: 21 (at South Carolina, 2023)
 Longest Rush: 18 (McNeese, 2023)

#5 TREYAUN WEBB

Rushes: 14 (vs. McNeese 2023)
 Rush Yards: 71 (vs. McNeese, 2023)
 Rushing TD's: 2 (vs. McNeese, 2023)
 Long Rush: 43 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Receptions: 3 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 12 (vs. McNeese, 2023)
 Long Catch: 12 (vs. McNeese, 2023)

#6 ELIJAH BADGER

Receptions: 12 (2x, last at UCLA, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 137 (at Colorado, 2022)
 Long Catch: 77 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Receiving TD's: 2 (vs. Washington, 2022)
 Rushes: 4 (vs. Washington State, 2023)
 Rush Yards: 22 (vs. Stanford, 2021)
 Rushing TD's: 1 (3x, last vs. Washington State, 2023)
 Longest Rush: 22 (vs. Stanford, 2021)

#8 ARLIS BOARDINGHAM

Receptions: 7 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 99 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Long Catch: 25 (vs. Charlotte, 2023)
 Receiving TD's: 2 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)

#9 JA'MARKIS WESTON

Receptions: 3 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)
 Receiving Yards: 44 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)
 Receiving TD's: 1 (Samford, 2021)
 Long Catch: 36 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)
 Kick Returns: 2 (2x last vs. Utah, 2022)
 Kick Return Yards: 32 (Utah, 2022)
 Kick Return Long: 22 (Kentucky, 2022)

#9 KEON ZIPPERER

Receptions: 4 (2x last vs. Alabama, 2021)
 Receiving Yards: 62 (at Tennessee, 2022)
 Receiving TD's: 2 (Arkansas, 2020)
 Long Catch: 44 (at Tennessee, 2022)
 Kick Returns: 2 (South Carolina, 2020)
 Kick Return Yards: 21 (South Carolina, 2020)
 Kick Return Long: 13 (South Carolina, 2020)

#11 AIDAN MIZELL

Receptions: 5 (2x, last vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
 Receiving Yards: 41 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Long Catch: 41 (vs. Samford, 2024)

#13 JADAN BAUGH

Rushes: 12 (vs. Tennessee, 2024)
 Rush Yards: 53 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
 Long Rush: 32 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)

#14 ANDY JEAN

Receptions: 4 (at Kentucky, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 62 (vs. Charlotte, 2023)
 Long Catch: 32 (vs. Charlotte, 2023)
 Kick Returns: 2 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Kick Return Yards: 44 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Kick Return Long: 22 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)

#15 GRAHAM MERTZ

Pass Attempts: 48 (at South Carolina, 2023)
 Pass Completions: 31 (at Utah, 2023)
 Pass Yards: 423 (at South Carolina, 2023)
 Pass TD's: 5 (2x, last at Northwestern, 2022)
 Long Pass: 74 (Illinois State, 2022)
 Rushes: 9 (Penn State, 2021)
 Rush Yards: 24 (at Mississippi State, 2024)
 Rushing TD's: 2 (3x, last vs. Iowa, 2021)
 Long Rush: 24 (at Northwestern, 2021)

#16 AIDAN WARNER

Pass Attempts: 2 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Pass Completions: 1 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Pass Yards: 10 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Long Pass: 10 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rushes: 1 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rush Yards: 9 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rushing TD's: 1 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Long Rush: 9 (vs. Samford, 2024)

#17 CHIMERE DIKE

Receptions: 10 (at Northwestern, 2022)
 Receiving Yards: 185 (at Northwestern, 2022)
 Long Catch: 74 (vs. Illinois State, 2022)
 Receiving TD's: 3 (at Northwestern, 2022)
 Rushes: 3 (at Iowa, 2020)
 Rush Yards: 30 (at Michigan, 2020)
 Longest Rush: 30 (at Michigan, 2020)

#18 CLAY MILLEN

Pass Attempts: 35 (at Washington State, 2022)
 Pass Completions: 25 (at Washington State, 2022)
 Pass Yards: 261 (at San Jose State, 2022)
 Pass TD's: 3 (vs. Middle Tennessee State, 2022)
 Long Pass: 76 (at Boise State, 2022)
 Rushes: 17 (at San Jose State, 2022)
 Rush Yards: 53 (vs. Hawaii, 2022)
 Long Rush: 20 (2x, last vs. Wyoming, 2022)

#21 KD DANIELS

Rushes: 3 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rush Yards: 10 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rush Long: 5 (vs. Samford, 2024)

#22 KAHLEIL JACKSON

Receptions: 4 (Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 52 (at South Carolina, 2023)
 Receiving Long: 45 (at South Carolina, 2023)

#24 JA'KOBI JACKSON

Rushes: 24 (2x, last at East Mississippi Delta Co, 2022)
 Rush Yards: 130 (at Itawamba CC, 2020)
 Rush TD's: 3 (at Itawamba CC, 2020)
 Rush Long: 40 (vs. Mississippi Delta, 2021)
 Receptions: 4 (vs. Northeast, 2021)
 Receiving Yards: 44 (vs. Northeast, 2021)
 Receiving TD's: 1 (2x, last vs. Northeast, 2021)
 Long Catch: 23 (vs. Northeast, 2021)

#27 CAM CARROLL

Rushes: 18 (at Houston, 2020)
 Rush Yards: 163 (at Southern Miss, 2020)
 Rush TD's: 3 (at Southern Miss, 2020)
 Rush Long: 65 (Nevada, 2020)
 Receptions: 4 (2x, last vs. Houston, 2021)
 Receiving Yards: 67 (at East Carolina, 2021)
 Long Catch: 59 (at East Carolina, 2021)
 Tackles: 1 (Tulsa, 2019)

#30 TAYLOR SPIERTO

Receptions: 1 (2x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 10 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
 Long Catch: 10 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)

#48 QUINCY IVORY

Rushes: 1 (2x, last vs. Southern, 2021)
 Pass Attempts: 1 (3x, last vs. Southern, 2021)
 Pass Completions: 2x, (last at Alabama State, 2021)
 Pass Yards: 11 (at Alabama State, 2021)
 Long Pass: 11 (at Alabama State, 2021)

#82 CALEB RILLOS

Receptions: 2 (vs. Wyoming, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 35 (vs. UNLV, 2023)
 Long Catch: 35 (vs. UNLV, 2023)

#86 TONY LIVINGSTON

Receptions: 4 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
 Receiving Yards: 18 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)

#88 MARCUS BURKE

Receptions: 3 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
 Receiving Yards: 73 (at South Carolina, 2021)
 Long Catch: 61 (at South Carolina, 2021)
 Receiving TD's: 1 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)

#89 HAYDEN HANSEN

Receptions: 3 (6x, vs. Tennessee, 2024)
 Reception Yards: 46 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Longest Catch: 40 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Receiving TD's: 1 (3x, last vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
 Kick Returns: 2 (McNeese, 2023)
 Kick Return Yards: 17 (McNeese, 2023)
 Kick Return Long: 12 (McNeese, 2023)

#94 TYREAK SAPP

Kick Returns: 1 (at South Carolina, 2023)
 Kick Return Yards: 16 (at South Carolina, 2023)
 Kick Return Long: 16 (at South Carolina, 2023)



DEFENSE CAREER HIGHS

#0 SHARIF DENSON

Tackles: 7 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
TFL: 2.5 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
Sack: 1 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
Interception: 1 (vs. Tennessee, 2024)

#0 JA'QUAVION FRAZIARS

Tackles: 1 (McNeese, 2023)

#1 JUSTUS BOONE

Tackles: 4, (2x last vs. LSU, 2022)
Sacks: 1 (Kentucky, 2022)

#2 JA'KEEM JACKSON

Tackles: 3 (vs. Samford, 2024)

#3 JASON MARSHALL JR.

Tackles: 6 (2x, last vs. Samford, 2024)
Sacks: 1 (vs. Florida State, 2023)
Interceptions: 1 (2x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)
Interception Return Yards: 0 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)
Interception Return Long: 0 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (vs. Samford, 2024)

#5 TREYAUN WEBB

Tackles: 1 (2x, last vs. Miami, 2024)

#5 MYLES GRAHAM

Tackles: 2 (vs. Samford, 2024)

#6 SHEMAR JAMES

Tackles: 13 (at Utah, 2023)
Sacks: 1 (3x last at Charlotte 2023)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x last at FSU, 2022)
Interceptions: 1 (Miami, 2024)

#7 TRIKWEZE BRIDGES

Tackles: 10 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
Interceptions: 1 (4x, last at California, 2022)
Interception Return Yards: 21 (vs. E. Washington, 2022)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x, last vs. Mississippi State, 2024)

#8 AARON CHILES

Tackles: 3 (2x, last vs. UCF, 2024)

#9 JA'MARKIS WESTON

Tackles: 2 (3x, last vs. Texas A&M, 2024)

#9 KEON ZIPPERER

Tackles: 1 (Vanderbilt, 2021)

#10 GRAYSON HOWARD

Tackles: 7 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2024)
Sacks: 1 (vs. UCF, 2024)

#11 KELBY COLLINS

Tackles: 6 (2x, last vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
Sacks: 1.5 (vs. Arkansas, 2023)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (vs. Arkansas, 2023)

#12 DJ DOUGLAS

Tackles: 7 (vs. SMU, 2023)
Sacks: 1.5 (vs. Arkansas, 2023)
Interceptions: 1 (4x, last at FAU, 2023)

Interception Return Yards: 11 (at Rice, 2023)

#14 JORDAN CASTELL

Tackles: 10 (vs. Tennessee, 2023)
Interceptions: 1 (vs. Arkansas, 2023)
Interception Return Yards: -1 (vs. Arkansas, 2023)

#15 DEREK WINGO

Tackles: 8 (Oregon State, 2022)
Sacks: 1 (3x last vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
Blocked Kicks: 1 (vs. Charlotte, 2023)

#16 R.J. MOTEN

Tackles: 6 (2x, last at Maryland, 2021)
Sacks: 1 (Penn State, 2022)
Interceptions: 1 (2x, last vs. Maryland, 2022)

#18 BRYCE THORNTON

Tackles: 8 (vs. Georgia, 2023)
Sacks: 0.5 (vs. Charlotte, 2023)
Interceptions: 1 (vs. UCF, 2024)

#19 T.J. SEARCY

Tackles: 7 (at Mississippi State, 2024)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
Sacks: 0.5 (at South Carolina, 2023)

#20 ASA TURNER

Tackles: 12 (at Oregon, 2022)
Interceptions: 2 (vs. Kent State, 2022)
Interception Return Yards: 18 (at Oregon State, 2021)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (vs. Texas, 2023)

#21 DESMOND WATSON

Tackles: 5 (at FSU, 2022)
Sacks: 1 (Florida State, 2023)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)

#22 DEUCE SPURLOCK II

Tackles: 3 (Hawaii, 2022)
Sacks: N/A

#22 KAHLEIL JACKSON

Tackles: 1 (at Kentucky, 2023)

#24 KAMRAN JAMES

Tackles: 5 (vs Texas A&M, 2024)

#25 CORMANI MCCLAIN

Tackles: 5 (at Washington State, 2023)

#27 DIJON JOHNSON

Tackles: 3 (vs Texas A&M, 2024)
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at LSU, 2023)

#27 CAM CARROLL

Tackles: 1 (Tulsa, 2019)

#28 DEVIN MOORE

Tackles: 3 (2x, last vs. Texas A&M, 2024)
Interceptions: 1 (vs. Tennessee, 2023)
Interception Return Yards: 39 (vs. Tennessee, 2023)

#29 JADEN ROBINSON

Tackles: 8 (vs. Texas A&M, 2024)

#30 GREGORY SMITH III

Tackles: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#33 BRIEN TAYLOR JR.

Tackles: 6 (vs. Trinity Valley CC, 2023)
Sacks: 1.5 (at New Mexico Military, 2022)

#34 GEORGE GUMBS JR.

Tackles: 6 (2x, last vs. Ohio, 2023)
Sacks: 1.5 (2x, last vs. UCF, 2024)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x, last at Kent State, 2023)

#37 JAVION TOOMBS

Tackles: 1 (2x, last vs. Arkansas, 2023)

#42 ROCCO UNDERWOOD

Tackles: 1 (5x, last vs. Tennessee, 2024)

#43 ALFONZO ALLEN JR.

Tackles: 3 (vs. Texas State, 2023)
Sacks: 1 (vs. UAlbany, 2022)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (vs. Texas State, 2023)

#44 JACK PYBURN

Tackles: 7 (vs. Tennessee, 2024)

#47 JUSTIN PELIC

Tackles: 2 (McNeese, 2023)

#48 QUINCY IVORY

Tackles: 1 (vs. Arkansas, 2023)

#88 CALEB BANKS

Total Tackles: 5(2x, last vs. Tennessee, 2024)
Total Sacks: 1 (3x, last vs. Samford, 2024)
Blocked Kicks: 1 (at Kentucky, 2023)

#91 TYREIK NORWOOD

Tackles: 5 (2x, last vs. Tiffin, 2019)
Sacks: 1.5 (at Ohio Dominican, 2021)

#93 MICHAÏ BOIREAU

Tackles: 3 (2x, last vs. Samford 2024)

#94 TYREAK SAPP

Tackles: 5 (3x, last vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
Sacks: 1 (5x, last vs. Tennessee, 2024)
Forced Fumbles: 2 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)

#95 JAMARI LYONS

Tackles: 3 (3x, last at LSU, 2023)
Safety: 1 (McNeese, 2023)

#97 JOEY SLACKMAN

Tackles: 11 (vs. Brown, 2023)
Sacks: 1.5 (vs. Yale, 2022)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x, last at Princeton, 2022)

#99 CAM JACKSON

Tackles: 8 (2x, last vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
Sacks: 1 (2x, last vs. Utah State, 2022)

SPECIAL TEAMS CAREER HIGHS

#26 JEREMY CRAWSHAW

Punts: 8 (Missouri, 2021)
Punt Yards: 309 (Missouri, 2021)
Punt Average: 58.3 (vs. Vanderbilt, 2023)
Punt Long: 69 (Vanderbilt, 2021)
Rushes: 1 (2x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)
Rush Yards: 28 (Vanderbilt, 2021)
Long Rush: 28 (Vanderbilt, 2021)
Kickoffs: 1 (2x, last vs. Georgia, 2023)
Kickoff Yards: 69 yards (Georgia, 2023)

#29 TREY SMACK

Kickoffs: 9 (2x, last at South Carolina, 2023)
Kickoff Yards: 578 (Eastern Washington, 2022)
Kickoff Average: 67.5 (Oregon State, 2022)
Field Goals Made: 5 (vs. Charlotte, 2023)
PAT Made: 6 (vs. Mississippi State, 2024)
Tackles: 1 (2x, last at Missouri, 2023)

#31 RICKY ABOOD II

Kickoffs: 3 (2x, last vs. Colgate, 2021)
Kickoff Yards: 143 (at Columbia, 2021)
Kickoff Average: 55 (at Holy Cross, 2021)
Field Goals Made: 2 (vs. Sacred Hart, 2023)
Field Goal Long: 28 (at Fordham, 2022)
PAT Made: 7 (vs. Marist, 2023)

OFFENSE 2024 SEASON HIGHS

#1 MONTRELL JOHNSON JR.

Rushes: 15 (2x, last vs. Miss. State, Sept. 21)
 Rush Yards: 106 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)
 Long Rush: 71 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)
 Rushing TD's: 2 (Samford, Sept. 7)
 Receptions: 6 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
 Receiving Yards: 24 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
 Long Catch: 9 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)

#2 DJ LAGWAY

Pass Attempts: 25 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Pass Completions: 18 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Pass Yards: 456 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Pass TD's: 3 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Long Pass: 85 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Rushes: 5 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
 Rush Yards: 22 (vs. Miss. State, Sept. 21)
 Long Rush: 16 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)

#3 EUGENE WILSON III

Receptions: 7 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)
 Receiving Yards: 141 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Long Catch: 85 (Samford, Sept. 7)
 Receiving TD's: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#5 TREYAUN WEBB

Rushes: 8 (vs. Miss. State, Sept. 21)
 Rush Yards: 42 (vs. Miss. State, Sept. 21)
 Rushing TD's: 1 (vs. Miami, Aug. 30)
 Long Rush: 14 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)

#6 ELIJAH BADGER

Receptions: 5 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
 Receiving Yards: 123 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Long Catch: 77 (vs. Samford)

#8 ARLIS BOARDINGHAM

Receptions: 5 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
 Receiving Yards: 42 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
 Long Catch: 20 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)

#10 TANK HAWKINS

Receptions: 7 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
 Receiving Yards: 60 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
 Long Catch: 36 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#11 AIDAN MIZELL

Receptions: 5 (vs. Miss. State, Sept. 21)
 Receiving Yards: 41 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Long Catch: 41 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#13 JADAN BAUGH

Rushes: 12 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
 Rush Yards: 53 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
 Long Rush: 32 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)

#15 GRAHAM MERTZ

Pass Attempts: 23 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
 Pass Completions: 19 (2x, last vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
 Pass Yards: 201 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
 Long Pass: 39 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
 Rushes: 6 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)
 Rush Yards: 24 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
 Long Rush: 16 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)

#16 AIDAN WARNER

Pass Attempts: 2 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Pass Completions: 1 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Pass Yards: 10 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Long Pass: 10 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rushes: 1 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rush Yards: 9 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Rushing TD's: 1 (vs. Samford, 2024)
 Long Rush: 9 (vs. Samford, 2024)

#17 CHIMERE DIKE

Receptions: 6 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
 Receiving Yards: 91 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
 Receiving Long: 44 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#21 KD DANIELS

Rushes: 3 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Rush Yards: 10 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Long Rush: 5 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#22 KAHLEIL JACKSON

Receptions: 1 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)
 Receiving Yards: 13 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)
 Receiving Long: 13 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)

#24 JA'KOB JACKSON

Rushes: 5 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
 Rush Yards: 25 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
 Long Rush: 19 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)

#83 JACKSON WADE

Receptions: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Receiving Yards: 10 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#89 HAYDEN HANSEN

Receptions: 3 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
 Reception Yards: 46 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
 Longest Catch: 40 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)



DEFENSE 2024 SEASON HIGHS

#0 SHARIF DENSON

Tackles: 7 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
TFL: 2.5 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
Sack: 1 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
Interceptions: 1 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)

#1 JUSTUS BOONE

Tackles: 3 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)

#2 JA'KEEM JACKSON

Tackles: 3 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#3 JASON MARSHALL JR.

Tackles: 6 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
Forced Fumble: 1 (vs. Samford Sept. 7)

#5 TREYAUN WEBB

Tackles: 1 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)

#5 MYLES GRAHAM

Tackles: 2 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#6 SHEMAR JAMES

Tackles: 6 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
Interceptions: 1 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)

#7 TRIKWEZE BRIDGES

Tackles: 10 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
Forced Fumble: 1 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)

#8 AARON CHILES

Tackles: 3 (2x, last vs. UCF, Oct. 5)

#9 JA'MARKIS WESTON

Tackles: 2 (2x, last vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)

#10 GRAYSON HOWARD

Tackles: 7 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
Fumble Recovery: 1 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
Sack: 1 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)

#12 DJ DOUGLAS

Tackles: 5 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)

#13 AARON GATES

Tackles: 2 (2x, last vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
PBU: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
Fumble Recovery: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#14 JORDAN CASTELL

Tackles: 6 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
Brup: 1 (3x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)

#15 DEREK WINGO

Tackles: 2 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
QBH: 1 (vs. Miami, August 7)

#16 R.J. MOTEN

Tackles: 5 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
TFL: 1 (vs. Samford Sept. 7)
PBU: 1 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)

#17 LJ MCCRAY

Tackles: 3 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
TFL: 0.5 (vs. Samford Sept. 7)
QBH: 2 (vs. Samford Sept. 7)

#19 T.J. SEARCY

Tackles: 7 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)

#20 ASA TURNER

Tackles: 1 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)

#21 DESMOND WATSON

Tackles: 3 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)

#24 KAMRAN JAMES

Tackles: 5 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)

#27 DIJON JOHNSON

PBU: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
Tackles: 3 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)

#28 DEVIN MOORE

Tackles: 3 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)

#29 JADEN ROBINSON

Tackles: 8 (vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)
Sacks: 1.5 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)

#30 GREGORY SMITH III

Tackles: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#33 BRIEN TAYLOR JR.

Tackles: 2 (3x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)

#34 GEORGE GUMBS JR.

Tackles: 4 (2x last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
TFL: 3.0 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
Sacks: 1.5 (vs. UCF, Oct. 5)

#42 ROCCO UNDERWOOD

Tackles: 1 (3x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)

#44 JACK PYBURN

Tackles: 7 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)

#88 CALEB BANKS

Total Tackles: 5 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
Total Sacks: 1.0 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
TFL: 1.0 (2x, last vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
QBH: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#93 MICHAÏ BOIREAU

Total Tackles: 3 (2x, last vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#94 TYREAK SAPP

Tackles: 5 (3x, last vs. UCF, Oct. 5)
Sacks: 1 (3x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
Forced Fumbles: 1 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
QBH: 2 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)

#97 JOEY SLACKMAN

Tackles: 1 (2x, last vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 14)

#99 CAM JACKSON

Tackles: 5 (vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)

SPECIAL TEAMS 2024 SEASON HIGHS

#26 JEREMY CRAWSHAW

Punts: 5 (2x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
Punt Yards: 238 (vs. Miami, Aug. 31)
Punt Long: 61 (2x, last vs. Samford, Sept. 7)
Punt Avg. 49.50 (vs. Samford, Sept. 7)

#29 TREY SMACK

Kickoffs: 8 (2x, last vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
Kickoff Yards: 520 (vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)
Field Goals Made: 1 (5x, last vs. Tennessee, Oct. 12)
PAT Made: 6, (2x, last vs. Mississippi State, Sept. 21)



BILLY NAPIER

HEAD COACH

Third Season

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Billy Napier enters his third season with the Gators after being named the 29th head coach in program history on Nov. 28, 2021.

In his second season at the helm, Napier helped transform transfer quarterback Graham Mertz's career and led a youthful Gators roster highlighted by Jordan Castell and Eugene Wilson III while becoming the 12th FBS head coach to win 51 games since 2018.

During his first season with the Gators, Mertz went on to set career-highs in completions (261), passing yards (2,903), touchdown passes (20), completion percentage (72.9), passing yards per game (263.9) and efficiency (157.8) while only throwing three interceptions, marking a career-low and tied his career-best with four rushing scores. He set program records for consecutive passes without an interception (239), consecutive passes completed (19) and a season-best completion percentage of 72.9% (261 of 358). Mertz tied for second all-time in UF history with completion percentage in a game (83.3%) on two occasions and notched six multi-touchdown performances.

Mertz led the SEC and ranked third nationally in completion percentage while placing nationally among FBS quarterbacks sixth in TD-INT ratio (6.7) 14th in completions per game (23.7) and 17th in passing efficiency and 25th in passing yards per game. According to ESPN, he was one of four SEC quarterbacks to complete 70% of their throws, have 20 passing touchdowns and no more than six turnovers in a season over the past 20 years, joining LSU's Jayden Daniels and Alabama's Mac Jones and Tua Tagovailoa.

Florida's youth immediately contributed and carved out roles throughout the season while earning postseason honors. Four Gators in Jordan Castell, Kelby Collins, T.J. Searcy and Eugene Wilson III were named to the SEC All-Freshman team selected among conference coaches. The four selections were the most by a school and most by Florida since 2012. Among the group, Castell (CFN & ESPN), Collins (The Athletic) and Wilson (CFN, On3 and 247Sports) all collected freshman all-american honors.



Wilson made a name for himself nationally after each week as he led FBS true freshmen in receptions per game (6.1) while ranking second in receptions (61), tied for second in receiving TDs (six), fourth in receiving yards per game (53.8) and seventh in receiving yards (538).

Castell played all 12 games and started the last 11 consecutively while finishing as the team-leader in tackles (60) and most defensive snaps played with 660, one of two UF players (Jason Marshall Jr. / 651) to play over 600-plus snaps. There were only 51 defensive snaps Castell didn't play in. He accumulated 751 snaps (adding special teams), marking the only defensive player and sixth Gator to play in 700-plus snaps joining the likes of Graham Mertz and Ricky Pearsall.

During his first year at Florida, Napier established a new culture that emphasizes teamwork, toughness and discipline, setting a sturdy foundation for the future of Florida Football.

It didn't take long for Florida's culture shift to become evident. The Gators finished the 2022 regular season ranked fourth in the SEC in total penalty yards (584) and penalty yards per game (48.7), and eighth in total penalties (78). Napier's emphasis in playing disciplined football translated into a distinctive improvement from the 2021 season when the Gators ranked 13th in the conference with 104 penalties.

The turnover battle was another area where the Gators saw improvement in 2022. Florida finished ranked tied for eighth in the nation in turnover margin (8), giving up the football only 14 times while producing 22 takeaways during the regular season. The Gators outscored their opponents 70-42 points off turnovers during the 2022 campaign.

Florida's rushing attack took the nation by storm during Napier's first year at the helm. The Gators finished the 2022 regular season as the third-most productive rushing offense in the nation and best in the conference in yards per carry (5.84). Florida ran the ball for an average of 213.7 yards per game in 2022, which ranked 16th in the FBS and third in the SEC.

At the forefront of the Florida's mighty ground offense was the running back duo formed by freshman Trevor Etienne and Louisiana transfer Montrell Johnson Jr, who averaged 5.7 yards per carry and 120.0 rushing yards per game, while combining for a touchdown in all 12 regular season games and scoring 17 total touchdowns. They were one of only 15 running backs duos in the FBS to rush for over 700 yards apiece in 2022.

Johnson Jr. finished the 2022 campaign ranked tied-for-fourth in the SEC in rushing touchdowns (10) and became the first UF running back to rush for over 800 yards since La'Mical Perine in 2018. Meanwhile, Etienne ranked fourth in yards per carry (6.1), tied for 10th in touchdowns (six) and eighth in rushing yards (719) in the FBS among true freshmen.

The efficiency by Florida's running offense reflected an offensive line that allowed only 13 sacks in the regular season, ranking tied for second-fewest in the SEC and 16th in the FBS.

The offensive line was anchored by Louisiana transfer O'Cyrus Torrence, who finished as the top-rated guard in the nation at 88.0, according to Pro Football Focus.

Torrence became first Gators offensive guard to be named a Consensus All-American, and the fifth lineman in Florida history. He was named a First Team All-American by Sporting News, Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association and Walter Camp, and to the second team by the Football Writers Association of America. He was also named to the AP All-SEC First Team.



Torrence, who Napier recruited out of high school to play at UL, never allowed a QB hit or sack in 3,065 career snaps, including zero QB hurries or penalties in 698 snaps and 11 games started with the Gators in 2022.

Napier played a key role in the development of Anthony Richardson into the one of the hottest quarterbacks in college football. Richardson, who was ultimately drafted fourth overall in the 2023 NFL Draft, finished the 2022 season ranked fifth in the FBS among qualified quarterbacks in yards per carry (6.3) and was the only quarterback with two 400-yard games and two 100-yard rushing games in the season. Additionally, he was one of only five FBS players with over 2,500 passing yards and 650 rushing yards in 2022.

On the opposite side of the ball, the Gators continued their long-term defensive trends under Napier.

The Gators rank fifth nationally in interceptions with 409 and lead the SEC since 1996, while holding opponents to a 54.0 passing completion percentage, which is the seventh-lowest in the FBS and third in the SEC in that that span.

The Gators recorded an interception in six games during Napier's first season, the first of which secured a victory against No. 7 Utah—Napier's first game as Florida's head coach, to make him the only Florida head coach to defeat a ranked opponent in his first game.

Napier's emphasis on a new culture also became evident in the classroom. The Gators set a new Southeastern Conference record with 62 UF football players placing in the 2022 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll. The team also set a squad record with a 3.30 team GPA for the 2023 Spring semester.

In spite of a 6-7 record during Napier's first season at the helm, UF outscored its opponents 29.5-to-28.8 points per game and a total of 384 to 375. Florida lost their six regular-season games by a total of only 61 combined points. Five of those games were lost by 10 points or less and three by only one score.

During his first season as Florida's head coach, Napier delivered a total 10 Gators to the NFL via the NFL Draft and free agency. Drafted were QB Anthony Richardson (Rnd. 1, Pick 4, Indianapolis), DT Gervon Dexter (Rnd. 2, Pick 22, Chicago), OL O'Cyrus Torrence (Rnd. 2, Pick 28, Buffalo), LB Ventrell Miller (Rnd. 4, Pick 19, Jacksonville), WR Justin Shorter (Rnd. 5, Pick 15, Buffalo) and LB Amari Burney (Rnd. 6, Pick 26, Las Vegas). The six picks were tied for fourth highest by a school that year and tied third in the SEC. Additionally, four other Gators were tabbed as undrafted free agents.

Louisiana (2018-21)

Napier spent four seasons at Louisiana and finished with a record of 40-12, a perfect 16-0 mark against members of the Sun Belt West Division, four consecutive West Division titles, four straight bowl appearances, a share of the Sun Belt title in 2020 and 2021 Sun Belt Conference Champions.

A two-time Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year (2019 & 2021), Napier took the Ragin' Cajuns to unprecedented heights when the team broke into the national rankings in 2020 for the first time in the modern era. The team finished the campaign ranked No. 15 in the AP Top-25, No. 16 in the USA Today/Amway Coaches Poll and No. 19 in the College Football Playoff, Louisiana's highest rankings in all three polls.

In 2021, he led the program to their first conference championship title since 2005 and only the second time in program history. Napier concluded his final season with a 12-1 record, the most single-season wins in school history after setting it with 11 in his second year. The 12 straight wins also set the program record for consecutive victories, as the previous record was eight in 1976.

Napier led Louisiana to its fourth straight Sun Belt Conference Championship game with a 24-16 victory over Appalachian State to finish with a career record of 28-7 against conference opponents. Louisiana became the first team in conference history to make all four conferences championship games.

BILLY NAPIER COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position (Record as HC)
2022-Pres.	Florida, Head Coach (11-14)
2018-21	Louisiana, Head Coach (40-12)
2017	Arizona State, Offensive Coordinator/QB
2013-17	Alabama, Assistant Coach WR
2012	Colorado State, Assistant Coach/QB
2011	Alabama, Offensive Analyst
2009-10	Clemson, Offensive Coordinator/QB
2006-08	Clemson, Assistant Coach/TE, Recruiting
2005	South Carolina State, Assistant Coach/QB
2003-04	Clemson, Graduate Assistant

Napier's Louisiana team produced two 2022 NFL Draft picks in safety Percy Butler and tackle Max Mitchell, who were both drafted in the fourth round by the Washington Commanders and the New York Jets, respectively.

The 2020 Louisiana Sports Writer Association Coach of the Year, Napier navigated Louisiana through a season heavily impacted by COVID-19 and claimed a share of the Sun Belt Conference Championship, its third-straight West Division title and its second-straight bowl victory, a 31-24 win over UTSA in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. The Ragin' Cajuns also advanced to its third consecutive Sun Belt Championship game, but was canceled due to COVID-19.

Napier's team broke into the national rankings for the first time in the modern era following its week one upset at No. 23 Iowa State, marking the first win over a ranked opponent on the road and only the second time in program history. He concluded non-conference matchups at Louisiana with a record of 13-5, as three of the losses came against ranked opponents - No. 1 Alabama, No. 16 Mississippi State and No. 19 Texas.

Both the offense and defense continued to flourish in 2020 under Napier's watch. Offensively, the team ranked 29th nationally in scoring offense (33.6) and 43rd nationally in total offense (421.5), while the defense ranked 31st in scoring defense (22.0) and 33rd in total defense (355.4).

Napier coached Louisiana to 14 Sun Belt All-Conference selections, led by First Team selections Elijah Mitchell and Chris Smith. Mitchell wrapped up his stellar career ranking fifth in career scoring (276), fifth in career rushing touchdowns (41) and sixth in career rushing yards (3,267) before being drafted in the sixth round by the San Francisco 49ers.

Smith additionally earned First Team All-America honors from CBS Sports/24/7 Sports, Pro Football Focus and Second Team All-America honors from the FWAA, marking the second consecutive season that a Ragin' Cajun earned All-America honors under Napier.

In just the second season (2019) under Napier, the program set the all-time single season victories (11) at the time and second-straight trip to the Sun Belt Championship Game after clinching the league's West Division title with a 53-3 victory over Troy. The 11 victories also marked the first double-digit win season in program history and the first of three consecutive 10-plus win years by Napier. He was voted the program's first Sun Belt Coach of the Year, becoming the third Louisiana coach to earn the distinction of top coach and the first since 1993 in their respective conference.

Napier coached three 2020 NFL Draft picks in Raymond Calais (RB), Kevin Dotson (G) and Robert Hunt (G), tying the program record for draft selections in a year. Hunt became the third-highest pick in team history as he was selected 39th overall by the Miami Dolphins. A First Team All-American selection by the Associated Press, USA Today, Sports Illustrated, Pro Football Focus and a Second Team All-American by Sporting News, Dotson was drafted in the fourth round by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Calais was tabbed by the reigning Super Bowl Champions, Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the seventh round.

In Napier's first season at the helm, the Ragin' Cajuns (7-7, 5-3) won the 2018 Sun Belt Conference West Division Championship, advancing to the inaugural conference championship game. Louisiana accepted an invitation to the AutoNation Cure Bowl, its first bowl trip since 2016.



Arizona State (2017)

Prior to his stint at Louisiana, Napier was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arizona State in 2017.

Napier guided the Sun Devils' offense to the 14th highest-graded offense in the FBS according to Pro Football Focus - including the 10th highest-graded passing attack in the nation. ASU was ranked 54th in the nation in total offense last season and 86th in the passing game the season prior. The offensive turnaround (+40 positions) was the eighth-largest in the FBS and ASU was one of just three programs to move from outside the Top-50 to inside of it in just one season. The 76-spot swing in the passing game rankings was the third highest in all of the FBS.

ASU developed one of the elite red zone scoring teams in the nation under Napier, tied for first nationally in converting on 95.83 percent of its red zone appearances (46-of-48) with the only two "blemishes" against the Sun Devils coming when the team took a knee late in the fourth quarter. ASU was 11th nationally in red zone touchdown scoring rate with 36 touchdowns on those 48 attempts (75.00).

Ball security was another notable facet of Napier's offense. The Sun Devils turned the ball over just 11 times in 2017, which ranked 12th nationally after finishing 82nd in the country a year ago with 21 turnovers.

Alabama (2011, 2013-16)

Napier's first experience in the SEC came at Alabama in 2011 and he later returned to Crimson Tide from 2013-17 as the wide receivers coach.

He was instrumental in helping Nick Saban and Alabama achieve a 63-7 record in five seasons (2011, 2013-2016), two National Championships (2011 & 2015) and was part of the great run of 26 consecutive wins from 2015-2016. In 70 games at Alabama, the Crimson Tide offense averaged 6.27 yards per play and 36.4 points per game. Napier coached three first round draft picks in Amari Cooper, Jerry Jeudy, Amari Cooper and Calvin Ridley while in Tuscaloosa.

In 2016, Napier's wide receiver corps were led by junior ArDarius Stewart, a third-round pick by the New York Jets in 2017 and Ridley. Stewart snagged in a team-leading eight touchdowns and 864 yards while Ridley totaled a team-high 72 receptions. Napier also helped develop wide outs Gehrig Dieter (Kansas City) and Cam Sims (Washington), both who were NFL free agent signees.

After recruiting Ridley to sign with the Crimson Tide, Napier coached him to a freshman-record and team-leading 89 catches for 1,045 yards and seven touchdowns in 2015 along with being named a USA Today Freshman All-American.

Napier played a vital role in Cooper's historical campaign in the 2014 season. He became Alabama's first Biletnikoff Award winner and caught a school- and SEC-record 124 passes for a UA-record 1,727 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns. Cooper led the country in receptions (124), was second nationally in receiving yards (1,727), receiving touchdowns (16) and catches per game (8.9) while ranking third in yards per game (123.4). A Heisman Trophy finalist and unanimous first team All-American, Cooper smashed all of the Tide's career receiving marks with 228 receptions, 3,463 yards and tied the SEC record with 31 receiving touchdowns.

In his first season as the Crimson Tide's receivers coach in 2013, Napier built a deep and talented group of wide outs. Alabama had four players with at least 32 receptions, led by Cooper's 45 catches for 736 yards.

The 2011 season marked the first year for Napier on the Alabama staff as he served as an offensive analyst, helping the Crimson Tide win the 2011 BCS national championship. The Tide ranked 16th in scoring offense, 30th in total offense and 17th in rushing offense in 2011.

Colorado State (2012)

After a year at Alabama, Napier served as the assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach at Colorado State in 2012 for former Florida head coach Jim McElwain.

Injuries forced Napier to go deep down the bench looking for quarterbacks during his one season in Fort Collins. The Rams saw three quarterbacks play significant snaps as the starter with Garrett Grayson going down early in the season and M.J. McPeck followed two weeks later, forcing redshirt freshman Conner Smith into action. The trio combined to throw for 2,520 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2012 as Colorado State won three of its final five games.

Clemson (2003-04, 2006-10)

Before his first stretch at Alabama, Napier spent seven years in two different stints at Clemson. During Napier's final two seasons at Clemson he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

At the age of 29, he became the youngest coordinator in the nation and in Clemson history. In his first season as Clemson's coordinator, the 2009 Tigers scored a school-record 436 points and collected 54 touchdowns (third-most in school history), averaged 5.73 yards per play (fourth best) and finished as the ACC Atlantic Division champions.

He also served as Clemson's recruiting coordinator from 2006-08. In those three seasons, he compiled two top-25 recruiting classes, according to Rivals.com, and in 2008, his class was tabbed as the second-best in the nation by ESPN.com.

Napier was the 2007-08 tight ends coach at Clemson, helping lead the Tigers to two bowl games and a prolific offense.

The 2007 season featured a 9-4 record and the ACC's highest-scoring offense. In his first year back with Clemson (2006), Napier worked primarily with the Tigers' tight ends but also was responsible for the punt team and assisted in several special-teams capacities. The 2006 Tigers led the ACC in total offense, rushing and scoring offense, advancing to the Music City Bowl.

Clemson averaged 410.9 yards per game and 32.7 points, more than doubling its opponent's totals. Michael Palmer, who Napier coached for three seasons, went on to the NFL. He also worked with the special teams units, helping develop the 2009 ACC Player of the Year and a unanimous All-American, C.J. Spiller.

He began his coaching career as an offensive graduate assistant at Clemson in 2003-04. The Tigers won nine games, including the Peach Bowl against Tennessee. The following season, Napier was a graduate assistant on defense, and gained his first experience with recruiting off the field.



Background

As a player, Napier was a four-year letterwinner and two-time All-Southern Conference selection as the starting quarterback at Furman. The Paladins won two conference championships and in 2001, Napier's junior year, advanced to the Division I-AA national championship game, losing to Montana.

He completed 64.8-percent of his career passes, setting a school record. As the team captain during a record-setting senior season, Napier amassed 2,475 passing yards, also a Furman record, and was a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the nation's most outstanding FCS offensive player.

Napier grew up in Chatsworth, Georgia, and graduated from Murray County High School in 1998. He is married to the former Ali Gunn and the couple has a daughter, Annie, and sons, Sammy and Charlie. He earned his Bachelor's degree in health & exercise science from Furman in 2002.

BILLY NAPIER POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	Bowl Game
2022	SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl
2021	Sun Belt Conference Champions
2020	Sun Belt Conference Co-Champions
2020	SERVPRO First Responder Bowl Champions
2020	Sun Belt Conference Championship Game
2020	LendingTree Bowl Champions
2019	Sun Belt Conference Championship Game
2018	AutoNation Cure Bowl
2018	Sun Belt Conference Championship Game
2017	Hyundai Sun Bowl
2016	National Championship Game
2016	College Football Playoff Semifinal Game
2016	SEC Championship Game
2015	National Championship Game
2015	College Football Playoff Semifinal Game
2015	SEC Championship Game
2014	Sugar Bowl
2013	Sugar Bowl
2011	BCS National Championship Game
2010	Meineke Car Care Bowl
2009	Music City Bowl
2008	Gator Bowl
2007	Chick-Fil-A Bowl
2006	Music City Bowl
2003	Peach Bowl

THE NAPIER FILE

Full Name	William Hall Napier
Birthdate	July 21, 1979
Birthplace	Cookeville, Tennessee
Hometown	Chatsworth, Georgia
Family	Wife: Ali Daughter: Annie Sons: Sammy & Charlie
High School	Murray County High School, 1998
College	Furman, 2002

NFL PLAYERS DRAFTED COACHED BY NAPIER

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2024	1	Ricky Pearsall	WR	San Francisco 49ers	Florida
2023	1	Anthony Richardson	QB	Indianapolis Colts	Florida
2023	2	Gervon Dexter Sr.	DT	Chicago Bears	Florida
2023	2	O'Cyrus Torrence	G	Buffalo Bills	Florida
2023	4	Ventrell Miller	LB	Jacksonville Jaguars	Florida
2023	5	Justin Shorter	WR	Buffalo Bills	Florida
2023	6	Amari Burney	LB	Las Vegas Raiders	Florida
2023	7	Andre Jones Jr.	Edge	Washington Commanders	Louisiana
2022	4	Percy Butler	S	Washington Commanders	Louisiana
2022	4	Max Mitchell	T	New York Jets	Louisiana
2021	6	Eli Mitchell	RB	San Francisco 49ers	Louisiana
2020	2	Robert Hunt	T	Miami Dolphins	Louisiana
2020	4	Kevin Dotson	G	Pittsburgh Steelers	Louisiana
2020	7	Raymond Calais	RB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Louisiana
2021	6	Frank Darby	WR	Atlanta Falcons	Arizona State
2020	7	Eno Benjamin	RB	Arizona Cardinals	Arizona State
2019	1	N'Keal Harry	WR	New England Patriots	Arizona State
2018	4	Kalen Ballage	RB	Miami Dolphins	Arizona State
2018	6	Sam Jones	C	Denver Broncos	Arizona State
2018	1	Calvin Ridley	WR	Atlanta Falcons	Alabama
2017	3	ArDarius Stewart	WR	New York Jets	Alabama
2015	1	Amari Cooper	WR	Oakland Raiders	Alabama
2014	4	Kevin Norwood	WR	Seattle Seahawks	Alabama
2015	3	Garrett Grayson	QB	New Orleans Saints	Colorado State
2014	3	Brandon Thomas	G	San Francisco 49ers	Clemson
2014	6	Tajh Boyd	QB	New York Jets	Clemson
2013	1	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	Houston Texans	Clemson
2013	6	Andre Ellington	RB	Arizona Cardinals	Clemson
2012	3	Dwayne Allen	TE	Indianapolis Colts	Clemson
2011	4	Chris Hairston	T	Buffalo Bills	Clemson
2011	4	Jamie Harper	RB	Tennessee Titans	Clemson
2010	1	C.J. Spiller	RB	Buffalo Bills	Clemson
2010	4	Jacoby Ford	WR	Oakland Raiders	Clemson
2012	3	Dwayne Allen	TE	Indianapolis Colts	Clemson



ROB SALE

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR | OFFENSIVE LINE

Third Season

X @CoachRobSale

Rob Sale enters his third season with the Gators as Florida's co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. He joined the Gators prior to the 2022 season after serving as the New York Giants' offensive line coach in 2021.

In his second season, Sale worked with a new offensive line that featured five new players starting for the first-time at UF along with five different starting line combinations. Despite the shuffling, the Gators OL earned a spot on the Joe Moore Award Midseason Honor Roll, given to the nation's top offensive line.

Starting eight games last season and making his first career in the season opener at Utah, Jake Slaughter finished as the No. 9 center per PFF.

During his first year as Florida's offensive coordinator and offensive line coach, Sale directed a powerful run offense. The Gators finished the 2022 regular season as the third-most productive offense in the nation and best in the conference in yards per carry (5.84). Florida ran the ball for an average of 213.7 yards per game in 2022, which ranked 16th in the FBS and third in the SEC.

The efficiency by Florida's running offense reflected an offensive line mentored directly by Sale, co-offensive line coach Darnell Stapleton that allowed only 13 sacks in the regular season, ranking tied for second-fewest in the SEC and 16th in the FBS.

The offensive line was anchored by Louisiana transfer O'Cyrus Torrence, who finished as the top-rated guard in the nation at 88.0, according to Pro Football Focus.

Torrence became first Gators offensive guard to be named a Consensus All-American, and the fifth lineman in Florida history. He was named a First Team All-American by Sporting News, Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association and Walter Camp. He was also named to the AP All-SEC First Team.

Torrence, who Sale and Head Coach Billy Napier recruited out of high school to play at UL, never allowed a QB hit or sack in 3,065 career snaps, including zero QB hurries or penalties in 698 snaps and 11 games started with the Gators in 2022.

In addition to Torrence finishing as PFF's No. 1-rated guard in college football during the 2022 season, Austin Barber ranked as the No. 22 tackle in the FBS and was placed on the College Football News Freshman All-America First Team.

Sale's offensive line unit delivered two NFL products via the 2023 NFL Draft and free agency during his first year at Florida. Torrence was drafted by Buffalo in the second round, while tackle Richard Guraige was signed by the Bills as an undrafted free agent.

In total, Florida's offense produced four NFL players during Sale's first season as UF's coordinator.

A 15-year collegiate coaching veteran, Sale spent three seasons at Louisiana (2018-20) as the Ragin' Cajuns offensive coordinator and offensive line coach under Napier.

Sale's unit produced three NFL Draft picks out of Louisiana, including Robert Hunt and Kevin Dotson in 2020, and Max Mitchell in 2022.

In 2020, the Ragin' Cajuns offense ranked third in the Sun Belt Conference in points per game (33.6), fifth in yards per game (421.5), third in yards per play (6.3) and fourth in rushing yards per game (213.0).

In 2019, Sale's offense set numerous school records, including total yards (6,918), touchdowns (69), rushing yards (3,604), rushing touchdowns (42) and passing touchdowns (27).

In his first season coaching the Louisiana offense, three players rushed for more than 700 yards each. Trey Ragas logged 1,149 yards and nine touchdowns, Elijah Mitchell led the Sun Belt with 16 touchdowns and ran for 985 yards of his own, while Raymond Calais tallied 754 yards and seven scores.

Prior to Louisiana, Sale was the offensive line coach/running game coordinator at Arizona State in 2017, when the Sun Devils averaged 31.9 points, 427.6 total yards and 179.9 rushing yards a game.

In 2016, Sale served as the offensive line coach at the

University of Louisiana Monroe. That season, the Warhawks ranked third in the Sun Belt with 181.3 rushing yards per game and allowed just 19 sacks.

Prior to ULM, Sale was the offensive line coach at Georgia in 2015, when the Bulldogs averaged 375 yards a game. The offensive line — led by All-SEC first-team offensive tackle John Theus — helped the team rush for more than 190 rushing yards per game.

Sale spent three seasons at McNeese State serving as the offensive line coach for the Cowboys from 2012-13 before being elevated to co-offensive coordinator in 2014. In his final season, the Cowboys offense averaged 32.4 points, 396.5 total yards and 221.9 rushing yards a game.

From 2007-11, Sale gained his first college coaching experience as a strength and conditioning assistant and offensive analyst at Alabama. He began his coaching career as the offensive line coach at Catholic High of Pointe Coupee in New Roads, La. in 2006.

Sale played in 35 games with 25 starts, including 13 at right guard as a senior in 2002, at LSU. As a junior, he started at both center and guard when the Tigers won the SEC title.

Sale is a native of Monroe, La. He and his wife Amanda have two sons, Tripp and Briggs.

ROB SALE COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022- Pres.	Florida, OC / OL
2021	New York Giants, OL
2018-20	Louisiana, OC / OL
2017	Arizona State, OL / Running Game Coordinator
2016	Louisiana Monroe, OL
2015	Georgia, OL
2014	McNeese State, Co-OC
2012-13	McNeese State, OL
2007-11	Alabama, Strength & Conditioning Asst/Off. Analyst
2006	Catholic High of Pointe Coupee, OL

DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY SALE

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2024	1	Ricky Pearsall	WR	San Francisco 49ers	Florida
2023	2	O'Cyrus Torrence	G	Buffalo Bills	Florida
2022	4	Max Mitchell	T	New York Jets	Louisiana
2020	2	Robert Hunt	T	Miami Dolphins	Louisiana
2020	4	Kevin Dotson	G	Pittsburgh Steelers	Louisiana
2019	6	Lamont Gaillard	C	Arizona Cardinals	Georgia
2018	1	Isaiah Wynn	T	New England Patriots	Georgia
2018	6	Sam Jones	C	Denver Broncos	Arizona State
2016	5	John Theus	T	San Francisco 49ers	Georgia



AUSTIN ARMSTRONG

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Second Season

X @CoachAArmstrong

Austin Armstrong enters his second season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's defensive coordinator prior to the 2023 season.

Armstrong lead a youthful Gators defensive in his first season in Gainesville, which featured 17 starts made by freshmen (true + redshirt) and three defensive first-years in Jordan Castell, Kelby Collins and T.J. Searcy earned SEC All-Freshman honors.

Castell played all 12 games and started the last 11 consecutively while finishing as the team-leader in tackles (60) and most defensive snaps played with 660, one of two UF players (Jason Marshall Jr. / 651) to play over 600-plus snaps. There were only 51 defensive snaps Castell didn't play in. He accumulated 751 snaps (adding special teams), marking the only defensive player and sixth Gator to play in 700-plus snaps joining the likes of Graham Mertz and Ricky Pearsall.

According to Pro Football Focus (PFF), Castell had a grade of 75.7, which ranked fifth among FBS true freshmen and second in the SEC behind Alabama's Caleb Downs, the SEC Freshman of the Year. Castell's week three performance (10 tackles + pass breakup) in the 29-16 victory over No. 11 Tennessee earned him a pair of weekly honors in SEC Freshman of the Week and Shaun Alexander National Freshman of the Week.

Prior to Florida, Armstrong spent two seasons as the defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at Southern Miss. During his first season in 2021, Armstrong was the youngest defensive coordinator in the FBS.

The Southern Miss defense, known as the Nasty Bunch during Armstrong's tenure, ranked sixth in the Sun Belt in scoring defense (23.5 ppg), a mark that ranked 45th nationally in 2022. The Golden Eagles were third nationally in tackles for loss per game (8.3), fifth in sacks (3.38) and seventh in interceptions (17). USM was also third in fourth down conversion defense (.231).

During his first year as the Southern Miss defensive coordinator, USM ranked No. 42 nationally in total defense (385.5), besting their mark by 18 spots from the season before. His defense also ranked in the top 10 in the country in first downs allowed (No. 2), fumbles recovered (No. 4), red zone defense (No. 6) and defensive touchdowns (No. 7) while finishing at No. 15 in turnovers gained and No. 24 in passing yards allowed.

The Golden Eagles held their opponents to under 100 yards rushing in seven games (out of 24 games) during Armstrong's tenure and registered the program's first shutout since 2017 in a 37-0 win over Grambling in 2021.

Seven USM defenders earned All-Sun Belt recognition in 2022 with linebacker Shantrell Latham and defensive back Malik Shorts named to the first-team and defensive back Jay Stanley garnering third-team recognition while defensive lineman Jalen Williams, linebacker Daylen Gill, linebacker Averie Habas and defensive back Natrone Brooks earned honorable mention honors. Four of his defensive players earned honorable mention All-Conference USA in 2021, including defensive lineman Josh Carr, linebackers Santrell Latham and Hayes Maples, and defensive back Malik Shorts.

Armstrong spent the 2020 campaign as the inside linebackers coach at Louisiana, where the Ragin' Cajuns were nationally ranked and the

defense held three top-five national rankings through the end of the regular season, including No. 2 in passes intercepted (15), No. 3 in defensive passing efficiency (96.27) and No. 4 in passing yards allowed per game (166.9), in addition to ranking No. 31 in total defense (347.8).

Armstrong returned to Lafayette after spending the 2019 season at Georgia where he worked as a defensive quality control coach, assisting coach Kirby Smart's squad as they climbed as high as No. 3 in the national rankings. The Bulldogs finished the 2019 season with a 12-2 record and a win in the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Armstrong also served as a defensive graduate assistant coach with the Ragin' Cajuns for the 2017 and 2018 seasons. Louisiana claimed its first of back-to-back Sun Belt Conference West Division championships in 2018, played in the Sun Belt's inaugural football championship game and earned a berth in the AutoNation Cure Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

Prior to his first stint in Lafayette, Armstrong was an assistant defensive line coach at West Georgia (Div. II) for the 2016 season. He earned his bachelor's degree from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., in 2014, after playing linebacker for the Hawks for four seasons.

Armstrong is married to the former Tiffany Taylor.

AUSTIN ARMSTRONG COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2023-Pres.	Florida, DC
2021-22	Southern Miss, DC
2020	Louisiana, LB
2019	Georgia, Quality Control
2017-18	Louisiana, Graduate Assistant
2016	West Georgia, Graduate Assistant

NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY ARMSTRONG

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2023	6	Eric Scott Jr.	CB	Dallas Cowboys	Southern Miss
2022	FA	Natrone Brooks	DB	Atlanta Falcons	Southern Miss
2022	FA	Malik Shorts	DB	Las Vegas Raiders	Southern Miss
2022	FA	Dominic Quewon	DL	Chicago Bears	Southern Miss



RUSS CALLAWAY

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / TIGHT ENDS

Third Season

 @RussCallaway

Russ Callaway enters his third season with the Gators, second as the tight ends coach after joining the staff in 2022 in an off-the-field role and first season as co-offensive coordinator.

He worked with a pair of redshirt-freshmen tight ends in Arlis Boardingham (4) and Hayden Hansen (2), who

An experienced coach at the collegiate and NFL levels, Callaway's resume includes stints with the New York Giants, LSU, Alabama and Samford.

Callaway joined the Gators after spending the 2021 season with the New York Giants, serving as an offensive assistant, and the 2020 season as a senior offensive assistant and analyst at LSU.

He spent five seasons at Samford where he served as the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 2016-19, while also coaching the wide receivers from 2015-17.

As a unit in 2018, Samford's offense led the FCS in passing yards per game (392.7). The also offense ranked fourth in the FCS in total offense (515.9 ypg.), and eighth in both red zone offense (.898) and in first downs (298). Meanwhile in 2017, the Bulldogs' offense led the SoCon and ranked fifth in the FCS in passing yards per game (33.4 ypg.).

In 2016, Callaway's offense ranked third among all FCS schools in passing offense, averaging 349.4 passing yards per game. The offense also ranked sixth in the FCS in red zone offense (90.2%), 11th in team passing efficiency (155.24), 12th in scoring offense (35.1 ppg.) and 14th in total offense (446.2 ypg.).

During his time with Samford, Callaway mentored quarterback Devlin Hodges, who earned the Walter Payton Award for the top offensive player in all of FCS football in 2018. Hodges passed for an FCS-record 14,584, breaking the old record set by Steve McNair.

Prior to Samford, Callaway spent two seasons on staff at Murray State, where he worked with the wide receivers, while also serving as the recruiting coordinator.

Callaway joined the Racers after winning back-to-back BCS National Championships as a defensive analyst on Nick Saban's staff at Alabama. In his role at UA, Callaway assisted defensive coordinator Kirby Smart with the inside linebackers.

Callaway played collegiately as a quarterback at Valdosta State, where he was a two-time team captain. He joined the Blazers in 2007, helping the team to the school's second National Championship.

Callaway graduated from VSU in 2010 with a degree in business management.

Callaway and his wife, Taylor, and have one daughter, Maris Faye Callaway, and one son, Samuel Ingram Callaway.

Callaway is the son of veteran coach Neil Callaway.

RUSS CALLAWAY COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2024	Florida, Co-OC / TE
2023	Florida, TE
2022	Florida, Defensive Intern
2021	New York Giants, Offensive Assistant
2020	LSU, Senior Offensive Assistant and Analyst
2018-19	Samford, Offensive Coordinator / QB
2016-17	Samford, Offensive Coordinator / QB / WR
2015	Samford, Wide Receivers / Pass Game Coordinator
2014-13	Murray State, WR / Recruiting Coordinator
2011-12	Alabama, Defensive Analyst

DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY CALLAWAY

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2024	1	Ricky Pearsall	WR	San Francisco 49ers	Florida
2022	5	Montrell Washington	WR	Denver Broncos	Samford
2019	FA	Delvin Hodges	QB	Pittsburgh Steelers	Samford
2019	FA	Kelvin McKnight	WR	Denver Broncos	Samford
2014	6	Walt Powell	WR	Arizona Cardinals	Murray State



RON ROBERTS

EXECUTIVE HEAD COACH, DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/INSIDE LINEBACKERS

First Season
 @CoachRonRoberts

Ron Roberts enters his first season with Florida after joining the team in January, 2024 as the Gators' executive head coach, co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

A coaching veteran of more than 30 years, Roberts arrived from Auburn where he was the defensive coordinator in 2023. In his lone season, the Tigers' defense saw improvements and were top in the country and SEC in multiple categories.

Roberts guided Auburn to top-50 in scoring defense, sacks, tackles-for-loss and total defense. The Tigers also ranked top-25 in third-down defense and first-downs allowed while ranking No. 1 in the SEC in red zone defense. In the conference, Auburn was second in third-down defense, third in pass defense and fourth in interceptions.

According to Pro Football Focus (PFF), Roberts' defense was graded the Tigers a top-25 team in pass coverage (17th), total defense (18th), rushing defense (19th) and tackling (24th).

Before his season at Auburn, Roberts spent three years (2020-22) at Baylor as the defensive coordinator and inside linebackers' coach. He helped the Bears capture the program's third-ever Big 12 Title and first BCS/New Year's Six bowl victory in the modern era.

In 2021, the defense was one of the nation's top units as they were one of three to limit every opponent to 30 points or fewer. Baylor led the conference in interceptions (19), turnovers gained (27), turnover margin (0.93) and defensive touchdowns (3). Additionally, the Bears were second in the Big 12 run defense (118.4 ypg), scoring defense (18.3 PPG), pass efficiency defense (121.54) and sacks per game (3.14).

Roberts' defense also helped capture the 2022 Sugar Bowl while limiting Ole Miss to seven points, an offense that averaged 28.9 points per game. The Bears had 10 sacks that game, setting a Sugar Bowl record as was Al Walcott's 96-yard interception return for a touchdown.

In his first season in Waco, the defensive unit finished second in the conference in pass defense (203.0 ypg), interceptions (12) and third in turnovers forced (17).

Prior his stint at Baylor, Roberts was the defensive coordinator under head coach Billy Napier at Louisiana from 2018-19. In his two seasons, Roberts had nine defenders earn all-Sun Belt honors and helped the program reach two consecutive conference championship appearances and a school-record 11 victories in 2019.

Under Roberts' leadership in 2019, the Ragin' Cajuns led the Sun Belt Conference and ranked 9th nationally in red zone defense (72.1%), 18th in scoring defense (19.7 ppg) and 21st in passing defense (151.9 ypg). UL also was second in the conference in total defense (371.8 ypg).

Before working with Napier for the first time, Roberts was the head coach at Southeastern Louisiana from 2012-17. He led the Lions to two conference championships, back-to-back FCS playoff berths and had an overall record of 42-29 and a 35-14 mark in the Southland Conference.

The Lions won back-to-back conference titles in 2013 and 2014. SLU's victory in 2013, marked the program's first league title of any kind since 1961. That season the program earned its first-ever FCS playoff berth and was the No. 4 national seed. Southeastern finished 11-3 and 7-0 in league play and concluded the season ranked No. 6. The 2013 team had a school record 24 all-Southland selections.

Prior to SLU, Roberts spent seven seasons (2005-11) at Delta State where he started as the defensive coordinator for the first two seasons before being hired as the head coach in 2007. He led the Statesmen to four playoff appearances, a 47-16 record, four 10-win seasons and two regional titles en route to an appearance in the 2010 NCAA Division II National Championship game and 2011 semifinals.

In his final season at Delta State, the Statesmen finished 11-3 and were ranked No. 1 nationally

the majority of the season. DSU led the Gulf South Conference in passing offense, scoring offense, total defense, total offense and rushing defense. The offense was 12th nationally in total offense (463.7 ypg) and passing offense (282.7 ypg).

A native of Visalia, California, Roberts served on season as the head coach at Mount Whitney (Calif.) High School 2004 after being the defensive coordinator at Texas State the year prior.

From 1998-2002, he was an assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Tusculum College. Roberts arrived from Greensboro College where he was an assistant in 1997 after being the head coach at Burroughs (Calif.) High School from 1994-96. He began in his coaching career in 1990 at Houston High School (Tenn.) where he spent four years as the school's defensive coordinator.

Roberts played linebacker in at UT Martin and graduated in 1990. He then received his master's degree from the University of Memphis in 1992. He is married to the former Didi Walker of Germantown, Tennessee. The couple are the parents of three children, Reed, Reilly, and Ryan.

RON ROBERTS COACHING HISTORY	
Year	Team, Position
2024-pres.	Florida, Co-DC/LB
2023	Auburn, DC
2020-22	Baylor, DC/ILB
2018-19	Louisiana, DC
2012-17	Southern Louisiana, HC
2007-11	Delta State, HC
2005-06	Delta State, DC
2004	Mount Whitney HS, HC
2003	Texas State, DC
1998-02	Tusculum, HC/DC
1997	Greensboro, AC
1994-96	Burroughs HS, HC
1990-03	Houston HS, DC

NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY ROBERTS

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2024	3	Siaki Ika	DT	Cleveland Browns	Baylor
2022	2	Jalen Pitre	S	Houston Texans	Baylor
2022	3	Terrel Bernard	ILB	Buffalo Bills	Baylor
2022	3	JT Woods	S	Los Angeles Chargers	Baylor
2022	4	Percy Butler	S	Washington Commanders	Louisiana
2022	7	Kalon Barnes	CB	Carolina Panthers	Baylor
2021	7	Will Bradley-King	DE	Washington Commanders	Baylor
2016	6	Harlan Miller	CB	Arizona Cardinals	S. Louisiana
2013	2	Robert Alford	CB	Atlanta Falcons	S. Louisiana



JABBAR JULUKE

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH - OFFENSE / RUNNING BACKS

Third Season

X @CoachJuluke

Jabbar Juluke enters his third season with the Gators as Florida's associate head coach – offense / running backs coach.

Juluke saw his duo of Trevor Etienne and Montrell Johnson Jr. lead the Gators backfield with a combined 67.2% of carries (283 of 421) and 87.5% of the team's net rushing yardage (1,570 of 1,794). They finished with nearly identical averages in rushing yards per game: Etienne - 68.5, Johnson Jr. - 68.1. Since 2022, Florida has posted 11 200-yard rushing performances and rushed for 100-plus yards in 20 of the last 25 games.

During his first year leading Florida's running backs room, the Gators finished the regular season as the third-most productive rushing offense in the nation and best in the conference in yards per carry (5.84). Florida ran the ball for an average of 213.7 yards per game in 2022, which ranked 16th in the FBS and third in the SEC.

At the forefront of the Florida's mighty ground offense was the running back duo formed by freshman Trevor Etienne and Louisiana transfer Montrell Johnson Jr, who averaged 5.7 yards per carry and 120.0 rushing yards per game, while combining for a touchdown in all 12 regular season games and scoring 17 total touchdowns. They were one of only 15 running back duos in the FBS to rush for over 700 yards apiece in 2022.

Johnson Jr., who Juluke recruited out of high school to play at UL, finished the 2022 campaign ranked tied-for-fourth in the SEC in rushing touchdowns (10) and became the first UF running back to rush for over 800 yards since La'Mical Perine in 2018. Meanwhile, Etienne ranked fourth in yards per carry (6.1), tied for 10th in touchdowns (six) and eighth in rushing yards (719) in the FBS among true freshmen.

Prior to Florida, Juluke spent the four previous years (2018-21) on Head Coach Billy Napier's staff at Louisiana, which included four straight Sun Belt West Division titles, a share of the Sun Belt title in 2020 and 2021 Sun Belt Conference Championship.

Juluke coached two running backs that were drafted in back-to-back years (2020-21). Eli Mitchel by the San Francisco 49ers and Raymond Calais by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Mitchel was named First Team All-Sun Belt in 2020 and led Louisiana in rushing, with 141 carries for 878 yards and eight touchdowns.

The 2019 FootballScoop Running Backs Coach of the Year, Juluke led the Ragin' Cajuns to its best rushing season in program history in 2019, setting school records in total rushing yards (3,604) and rushing touchdowns (42). Louisiana finished the season ranked third nationally in yards per rush (6.28), rushing touchdowns (42) and sixth in total rushing yards.

Prior to a season at Texas Tech (2017), he was the running backs coach at LSU in 2016. Juluke tutored one of the nations top running backs in Leonard Fournette who was the No. 5 overall selection in the 2017 NFL Draft. He also worked with Derrius Guice that season, pushing the sophomore to 1,428 yards and 11 touchdowns while being named to the All-SEC First Team.

He began his collegiate coaching career at Louisiana Tech, where he spent two seasons (2014-15) as the running backs coach. Juluke helped the Bulldogs win the Conference USA West Division title in 2014. He also heavily involved in recurring efforts and helped land three 2017 NFL Draft picks in wide receivers Carlos Henderson (Denver Broncos), Trent Tylor (San Francisco 49ers) and safety Xavier Woods (Dallas Cowboys).

Juluke arrived at Louisiana Tech following nine years as the head coach at Edna Karr High School in New Orleans. Juluke was regarded as one of Louisiana's top high school coaches during that time as he compiled an 80-39 record that was capped by a perfect 14-0 mark and a Class 4A state title in 2012.

Juluke guided Edna Karr to seven district titles and two state runner-up finishes during his tenure. He boasted a 49-8 record over his final four

seasons alone which featured three appearances in the state championship game. Most impressively, Juluke helped over 70 of his players earn college football scholarships during his head coaching career.

Prior to his stint at Edna Karr, Juluke served as the defensive back coach and special teams coordinator at O.P. Walker High school for one season (2002). Juluke coached linebackers at St. Augustine High School in 2000 and 2001 after serving as the wide receivers coach for Brother Martin High School in 1999.

Juluke began his coaching career as the defensive coordinator for Frederick Douglas High School from 1996-98.

As a player, Juluke helped guide Southern University to an 11-1 record and a Black National Championship in 1993. In addition to his time as a standout safety for the Jaguars, Juluke also lettered one season with the men's basketball program during the 1994-95 campaign. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Southern in 1999.

Juluke is a native of New Orleans. He and his wife, Denise, are parents to three children – Jahmad, Jamari and Dyrius Smith.

JABBAR JULUKE COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position (Record as HC)
2022-Pres.	Florida, Associate Head Coach/ RB
2018-21	Louisiana, Assistant Head Coach/ RB
2017	Texas Tech, Associate Head Coach/ RB
2016	LSU, RB
2013-15	Louisiana Tech, RB
2006-12	Edna Karr High School, HC (80-39)
2005	McKinley High School, Assistant
2003-04	Edna Karr High School, HC (80-39)
2002	O.P. Walker High School, DB/ST Coordinator
2000-01	St. Augustine High School, LB
1999	Brother Martin High School, WR
1996-98	Frederick Douglas High School, DC

DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY JULUKE

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2024	1	Ricky Pearsall	WR	San Francisco 49ers	Florida
2021	6	Elijah Mitchell	RB	San Francisco 49ers	Louisiana
2020	7	Raymond Calais	RB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Louisiana
2020	FA	Trey Ragas	RB	Las Vegas Raiders	Louisiana
2017	1	Leonard Fournette	RB	Jacksonville Jaguars	LSU
2018	6	Boston Scott	RB	New Orleans Saints	Louisiana Tech
2018	2	Derrius Guice	RB	Washington Redskins	LSU
2016	4	Kenneth Dixon	RB	Baltimore Ravens	Louisiana Tech
2014	FA	Cornelius Lucas*	T	Detroit Lions	Kansas State
2009	3	Michael Wallace*	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers	Ole Miss
2009	3	Keenan Lewis*	CB	Pittsburgh Steelers	Oregon State

* coached in high school



GERALD CHATMAN

ASSISTANT COACH / DEFENSIVE LINE

First Season

X @CoachGChatman

Gerald Chatman enters his first season with the Gators as Florida's defensive line coach after being hired in December, 2023.

He joined the Gators after serving as Tulane's defensive line coach during the 2023 season. The Green Wave defense ranked eighth in the county in rush defense (93.5 yards per game), fourth in turnovers gained (25), T-22nd in sacks (34), T-25th in tackles for loss (82.0).

Tulane's defensive line group totaled 52.5 tackles for loss, 27 sacks, 15 quarterback hurries, five forced fumbles and four pass breakups in 2023 prior to Chatman's departure. Chatman guided Patrick Jenkins, who was named the American Athletic Conference (AAC) Defensive Lineman and Interior Defensive Lineman of the Year. Jenkins and fellow defensive lineman Darius Hodges were both named to the ACC First Team.

Before his return to Tulane, Chatman spent the spring portion as LSU's interim defensive line coach in 2023 before being hired by the Green Wave in May. He served in the same capacity (defensive line coach) at Colorado this season prior and was elevated to defensive coordinator midway through the fall.

Chatman made his way back to the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in 2021 as a defensive line analyst at LSU. He worked with NFL Draft picks Neil Farrell (4th round) and Andre Anthony (7th round).

He spent the 2019 and 2020 seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals as a defensive assistant, where he worked primarily with the team's defensive ends and outside linebackers. He helped the defensive line improve significantly in quarterback sacks and rushing yards allowed in those two seasons that set up Cincinnati's run to the Super Bowl. While with the Bengals, he coached former Gator Carlos Dunlap among a talented group that included Mike Daniels, Geno Atkins, Sam Hubbard, Josh Tupou and Carl Lawson.

Chatman also gained experience in the National Football League (NFL) as a defensive line coaching intern through the Bill Walsh NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship program, which takes place during summer camps. In 2015, he worked with the Green Bay Packers, assisting with the defensive line and linebacker units and was a participant in the NFL-NCAA Coaches Academy.

Before his time with the Bengals, Chatman spent two seasons (2017-18) at Tennessee State, as the defensive ends and linebackers' coach. In his second season, he added special team's coordinator duties. That year, he coached three special teams players to All-Ohio Valley Conference honors, including Chris Rowland, the OVC special teams' player of the year (he averaged 13.0 yards per punt return). Additionally, he mentored kicker Antonio Zita to Phil Steele Freshman All-American honors.

In his first season at Tennessee State, he helped guide the Tigers' defense to average yields of just 19.6 points and 278.5 yards per game, ranking seventh in total defense in the FCS.

Prior to TSU he worked at Elon University, where he was the defensive line coach for the 2016 campaign.

In 2015, Chatman made his first stop in the SEC. He was a graduate assistant at Texas A&M where he worked directly with legendary SEC defensive line coach Terry Price, who he credits as someone who made a big impact on his career.

During his time with the Aggies, Chatman worked directly with defensive end Myles Garrett, the No. 1 overall NFL draft pick in 2017 and an All-SEC and All-America selection.

Chatman spent the 2014 campaign as the defensive line coach and assistant recruiting coordinator at Butler University. The defensive line played a key role in the Bulldogs leading the Pioneer Football League in rushing defense and being second in sacks.

He began his coaching career in the role of a defensive graduate assistant at Ball State for the 2012 and 2013 seasons, with the Cardinals going 19-7 over those two years (13-3 in Mid-American Conference games) and earned bowl invitations both seasons. Chatman also oversaw the development of Cardinals DE Jonathan Newsome, who earned first-team All-MAC honors and later was selected in the fifth round of the 2014 NFL draft.

A native of Milwaukee, Wis., Chatman graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Educational Leadership and Human Service. He earned four letters playing both defensive end and tackle for the Titans from 2006-10. He also holds a master of arts degree in adult and community education from Ball State University.

Chatman and his wife, Lauren, have four children; Kinley, 7, Amelia, 4, Maya, 2 and Tyson, 1.

DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY CHATMAN

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2023	2	BJ Ojulari	DE	Arizona Cardinals	LSU
2023	5	Jaquelin Roy	DT	Minnesota Vikings	LSU
2023	UDFA	Ali Gaye	DE	Houston Texans	LSU
2022	4	Neil Farrell	DT	Las Vegas Raiders	LSU
2022	7	Andre Anthony	DE	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	LSU
2019	5	Kingsley Keke	DT	Green Bay Packers	Texas A&M
2019	5	Daylon Mack	NT	Baltimore Ravens	Texas A&M
2017	1	Myles Garrett	DE	Cleveland Browns	Texas A&M
2017	3	Daeshon Hall	DE	Carolina Panthers	Texas A&M
2014	5	Jonathan Newsome	DE	Indianapolis Colts	Ball State

GERALD CHATMAN COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2024-pres.	Florida, DL
2023	Tulane, DL
2023 (Spring)	LSU, Interim DL
2022	Colorado, DC/DL
2022 (Spring)	Tulane, DL
2021	LSU, LB/DL Analyst
2019-20	Cincinnati Bengals, Assistant DL, DE/OLB
2017-18	Tennessee State, ST Coordinator/LB
2016	Elon, DL
2016 (Summer)	Denver Broncos, Defensive Intern
2015	Texas A&M, GA - Defense

BILLY GONZALES

WIDE RECEIVERS

11th Season (second with Napier)

X @CoachBillyG



Billy Gonzales, who coaches the wide receivers, enters his 11th season with the Gators after returning to Florida in 2023 for a third stint.

Returning back to Gainesville, Gonzales played a key role in Eugene Wilson III's strong freshman campaign and first round pick, Ricky Pearsall's final season. Pearsall (fourth - 65) and Wilson III (sixth - 61) represented the only SEC receiving duo to each rank top-six in receptions during the regular season.

Wilson made a name for himself nationally after each week as he led FBS true freshmen in receptions per game (6.1) while ranking second in receptions (61), tied for second in receiving TDs (six), fourth in receiving yards per game (53.8) and seventh in receiving yards (538). He went on to earn SEC All-Freshman honors.

Pearsall closed out his second season at Florida with career-high 965 receiving yards with 42 of his 65 catches for first-downs. He ranked fourth in the SEC in catches (65) and sixth in receiving yards per game (80.4). Pearsall also placed 38th in the FBS in receiving yards (965) and receptions per game (5.4) en route to surpassing 90 yards receiving six times.

He spent the 2022 season at Florida Atlantic as their wide receivers coach after spending four seasons in the same role for the Gators from 2018-21. In 2020, despite UF losing three receivers to the NFL Draft, the position group continued to shine under Gonzales. Florida receivers combined to catch 189 passes for 2,716 yards and 28 touchdowns.

In the passing attack, Florida's 46 touchdown passes led the nation by four. Florida was the only FBS team featuring six players with at least three receiving touchdowns and was one of four FBS teams featuring six players with more than 20 receptions and 225 receiving yards.

In 2019, Gonzales' mentorship played a crucial role in allowing Florida to reach its second consecutive New Year's Six bowl. The Gators made a name for themselves as one of the best-receiving teams in UF history, recording 33 passing TD's over the course of the season - the most since 2008. Florida's pass offense averaged 300.8 yards per game, ranking 16th nationally.

Florida was the only FBS team featuring eight pass catchers with 20-plus receptions, 250-plus yards, and a touchdown. Nine different players also finished with 150-plus receiving yards, something no Gators team has achieved since at least 1990.

Florida amassed 425-plus total yards six times in 2018, tying the 2009 Gators for the most games of over 425 yards in a season since 2008 (eight times). The Gators finished with 350-plus total yards 10 times in 2018, which tied the 2007 and 2009 Gators for the second-most times UF did that in a season since the start of 2005. Billy Gonzales is the only person to coach on all four of those staffs.

Over his five seasons at Mississippi State, the Bulldogs recorded 18 100-yard receiving games, including a school-record seven in 2015. Five times in his tenure, MSU posted multiple 100-yard receiving games in the same game, something that had only been done five times in MSU history prior to his arrival.

Gonzales arrived in Starkville following a one-year stint as co-offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at Illinois. Prior to coaching the Fighting Illini, Gonzales served as the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach at LSU. During his time in Baton Rouge, Gonzales helped the Tigers to the 2012 BCS National Championship game and the 2011 SEC Championship.

Prior to his stint at LSU, Gonzales coached under Urban Meyer at Florida. During his time as wide receivers coach, the Gators' high-octane offense translated to two BCS national championships in 2006 and 2008.

During his two seasons (2003-04) at Utah as wide receivers coach and co-special teams coordinator, Gonzales saw the Utes to a 22-2 record and two bowl wins, including a 35-7 thrashing of Pittsburgh in the 2005 Fiesta Bowl. The Utes' offense averaged 499.8 yards and 45.3 points per game, each ranking third in the country in their respective categories. Under Gonzales' watch, three Utah receivers were first-team All-Mountain West.

Gonzales was at Bowling Green for the 2001-02 seasons, serving as wide receivers coach and co-recruiting coordinator.

Gonzales got his first full-time coaching position in Division I in 1997 when he accepted a job at Kent State.

Prior to a full-time coaching job with the Golden Flashes, Gonzales spent two years as a graduate assistant at the school from 1995-96. He earned his master's degree from Kent State in sports administration.

Gonzales broke into the coaching profession in 1994 at MacMurray (Ill.) as wide receivers coach. A four-year letterwinner at Colorado State including two years as starting wide receiver, Gonzales helped the Rams to a 9-4 record during the 1990 season and a win over Oregon in the Freedom Bowl. Gonzales and his wife, Julie, have two children, Cole and Caylynn.

BILLY GONZALES COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2023-Pres	Florida, WR
2022	Florida Atlantic, WR
2018-2021	Florida, Co-Offensive Coordinator / WR
2014-17	Mississippi State, Co-Offensive Coordinator / WR
2013	Mississippi State, WR
2012	Illinois, Co-Offensive Coordinator / WR
2010-11	LSU, Passing Game Coordinator / WR
2008-09	Florida, WR/ Recruiting Coordinator
2005-07	Florida, WR
2003-04	Utah, WR/ Special Teams Coordinator
2001-02	Bowling Green, WR
1995-2001	Kent State, WR
1994	MacMurray, WR

DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY GONZALES

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2024	1	Ricky Pearsall	WR	San Francisco 49ers	Florida
2023	4	Justin Shorter	WR	Buffalo Bills	Florida
2021	1	Kadarius Toney	WR	New York Giants	Florida
2020	2	Van Jefferson	WR	Los Angeles Rams	Florida
2020	4	LaMical Perine	RB	New York Jets	Florida
2020	6	Freddie Swain	WR	Seattle Seahawks	Florida
2020	7	Tyrie Cleveland	WR	Denver Broncos	Florida
2019	2	Jawaan Taylor	OT	Jacksonville Jaguars	Florida
2019	2	Elgton Jenkins	C	Green Bay Packers	Mississippi State
2019	5	Jordan Scarlett	RB	Carolina Panthers	Florida
2018	3	Martinas Rankin	OT	Houston Texans	Mississippi State
2018	6	Jordan Thomas	TE	Houston Texans	Mississippi State
2017	6	Justin Senior	OT	Seattle Seahawks	Mississippi State
2016	4	Dak Prescott	QB	Dallas Cowboys	Mississippi State
2015	6	Malcolm Johnson	TE	Cleveland Browns	Mississippi State
2015	6	Josh Robinson	RB	Indianapolis Colts	Mississippi State
2014	1	Odele Beckham Jr.	WR	New York Giants	LSU
2014	2	Jarvis Landry	WR	Miami Dolphins	LSU
2014	7	James Wright	WR	Cincinnati Bengals	LSU
2013	3	Hugh Thornton	OG	Indianapolis Colts	Illinois
2012	2	Reuben Randle	WR	New York Giants	LSU
2010	5	Riley Cooper	WR	Philadelphia Eagles	Florida
2009	1	Percy Harvin	WR	Minnesota Vikings	Florida
2009	4	Louis Murphy	WR	Oakland Raiders	Florida
2008	3	Andre Caldwell	WR	Cincinnati Bengals	Florida
2007	7	Dallas Baker	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers	Florida
2006	2	Chad Jackson	WR	New England Patriots	Florida
2005	7	Paris Warren	WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Utah
1999	5	Eugene Baker	WR	Atlanta Falcons	Kent State



WILL HARRIS

ASSISTANT COACH / SECONDARY

First Season

X @CoachWillHarris

Will Harris enters his first season with the Gators as Florida's secondary coach.

Harris, 36, joined the program in December, 2023 after spending that year with the Los Angeles Chargers as an assistant secondary coach.

A coaching veteran with more than a decade of experience, Harris's resume includes stints as defensive coordinator at Georgia Southern and as Washington's defensive backs coach, where he led one of the best secondary groups in the country.

In 2022, his first year as a defensive coordinator with the Eagles, Harris led a young Georgia Southern defense that posted 15 red zone stops, which was second in the FBS, and was in the top 20 nationally in red zone defense. Georgia Southern posted 11 interceptions and 65 pass break ups under Harris's system.

Prior to Georgia Southern, Harris spent four successful seasons, from 2018 to 2021, coaching Washington's defensive backs.

In 2021, Washington led the nation in pass defense, allowing 143.3 yards per game and giving up only six touchdowns. That year, Harris helped develop two first-team Pac-12 All-Conference selections in Kyler Gordon and Trent McDuffie. McDuffie also earned third-team All-America honors from the Associated Press and was a first-round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs. Meanwhile, Gordon was selected in the second round of the 2022 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears.

Additionally, Washington was the only Power 5 school in 2021 with two cornerbacks to earn an 85+ grade from Pro Football Focus in Gordon and McDuffie. According to PFF, McDuffie's rating over a three-season span was the best in the Pac-12 Conference.

Harris was named to the 2021 "50 Rising-Star Position Coaches You Need To Know" list by On3.com.

In 2020, Harris helped the Huskies improve from No. 56 nationally in pass defense in 2019 (222.2 yards per game) to No. 13 nationally and No. 1 in the Pac-12 (184.9 yards per game). That year, he helped coach the top defense in the Pac-12 in terms of total defense and passing yards allowed. Among his defensive backs were first-team All-Pac-12 and second-team All-America honoree Elijah Molden (Pro Football Fo-

cus' Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year) and McDuffie, an all-conference second-team selection that year. Molden went on to become a third-round selection in the 2021 NFL Draft when he was picked by the Tennessee Titans.

In 2019, Harris served as an assistant defensive backs coach for UW and helped coach one of the strongest secondaries in the nation. Despite a young defensive group, the Huskies posted the No. 15 scoring defense in the country, giving up less than 20 points per game. That year, Molden earned first-team All-Pac-12 and second team All-American honors, while senior Myles Bryant was an all-conference second-team selection.

In his first season in Seattle, Harris helped coach a defense that finished first in the Pac-12 in scoring and total defense. The Huskies allowed just 16.4 points (fifth-best in the FBS) and 306.2 yards (12th best in the FBS) per game and were also in the top two in pass defense (both in terms of yards and efficiency) and rush defense.

Harris helped coach a secondary that featured two All-America players in 2018: safety Taylor Rapp and Byron Murphy, who earned first-team honors. Murphy was rated the top cornerback in the country by PFF College. Both earned first-team All-Pac-12, while Bryant and Molden (as a special teamer) both made the second team. Rapp and Murphy both became second-round picks in the 2019 NFL Draft.

In all, Washington produced an All-American defensive back every year from 2018 to 2021. McDuffie in 2021; Molden in 2020 and 2019; and Murphy and Rapp in 2018.

Prior to UW, Harris spent the 2016 and 2017 seasons at San Jose State coaching the defensive backs, where he mentored two All-Mountain West selections in cornerback Andrew Chachere and safety Maurice McKnight. Chachere was a first-team all-conference choice and finished fourth nationally in passes defended.

Harris spent the 2015 season as defensive backs coach at Dixie State College in St. George, Utah. He coached defensive back Colton Olson to First-Team All-Great Northwest Athletic Conference honors.

Harris began his coaching career in 2013 as the defensive backs coach at Northwestern Oklahoma State University and was in a similar capacity at Humboldt

State University in 2014. While at Humboldt State, he also served as the special teams coordinator. The Lumberjacks ranked in the top 10 nationally in total defense and No. 19 in pass defense.

In 2012-13, Harris assisted the staff at Fullerton College and Diamond Bar High School in southern California.

A highly-recruited athlete (league MVP in football and basketball) from Charter Oak High in Covina, California, Harris was a defensive back on five University of Southern California (USC) bowl teams. He was an honorable mention All-Pac-10 selection as a strong safety in 2009. Harris started his USC career in 2005, seeing time at cornerback as a true freshman. That season, USC went 12-1, losing only to Texas in a memorable Rose Bowl showdown.

After redshirting the 2006 season due to injury, Harris returned to the field in 2007, playing safety in 10 games, helping the Trojans to an 11-2 record, capped by a win over Illinois in the Rose Bowl. In 2008, he played in all 13 games on a Trojans squad that finished 12-1 and beat Penn State in the Rose Bowl, finishing No. 3 in the final AP top 25. As a senior in 2009, Harris started at safety, finishing the season with 69 tackles and four interceptions in Coach Pete Carroll's final season with the Trojans.

After completing his collegiate playing career at USC, Harris spent some time in the Seattle Seahawks camp and played for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League.

A 2010 USC graduate, he majored in American studies and ethnicity. Harris is a native of Pasadena, Calif.

WILL HARRIS COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2024-pres.	Florida, Secondary
2023	Los Angeles CHargers, Assistant Secondary
2022	Georgia Southern, DC/DB
2018-21	Washington, DB
2016-17	San Jose State, DB
2015	Dixie College, DB/Co-DC/Recruiting Coordinator
2014	Humboldt State, DB
2013	Northwest Oklahoma State, DB

NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY HARRIS

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2024	5	Dominique Hampton	S	Washington Commanders	Washington
2022	1	Trent McDuffie	CB	Kansas City Chiefs	Washington
2022	2	Kyler Gordon	CB	Chicago Bears	Washington
2021	3	Elijah Molden	CB	Tennessee Titans	Washington
2021	5	Keith Taylor	CB	Carolina Panthers	Washington
2019	2	Byron Murphy Jr.	CB	Arizona Cardinals	Washington
2019	2	Taylor Rapp	CB	Los Angeles Rams	Washington
2018	7	Jermaine Kelly	CB	Houston Texans	Washington
2018	UDFA	Andre Chachere	CB	Houston Texans	Washington



MIKE PETERSON

ASSISTANT COACH / EDGE / ALUMNI LIAISON

Third Season

X @CoachMPeterson

Mike Peterson enters his third season with the Gators as an assistant coach, coaching the edge position.

Last season, Peterson worked with Princely Umanmielen, who earned All-SEC Second Team by the conference coaches and the AP along with All-SEC honors by USA Today. He started all 12 games in 2023 and led the team with career-highs in tackles-for-loss (11.5), sacks (7.0), quarterback hurries (17) and tied his career-high in tackles (39).

Peterson also led the freshmen duo of Kelby Collins and T.J. Searcy to SEC All-Freshman honors. They both played in all 12 games and combined for 49 tackles, 5.0 tackles-for-loss, 2.0 sacks, six quarterback hurries and two forced fumbles.

During his first year at Florida, Peterson mentored sophomore Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr., who started the last five games of the season and recorded 23 total tackles with 5.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks, two forced fumbles, one quarterback hurry and one pass breakup.

Powell-Ryland Jr. was one of only seven SEC defenders to have forced three fumbles in the season, which ranked tied for first in the league. He became the first Gator to force three fumbles in a season since Jonathan Greenard in 2019. He was also one of three SEC linebackers to force three-plus fumbles and finish with 6.0 or more tackles for loss.

In 2022, Peterson also coached Brenton Cox Jr., who led the team in tackles through the first seven games of the season and ranked third in the SEC and fifth in the nation in tackles for loss. Cox Jr. was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Green Bay Packers in 2023.

Prior to Florida, Peterson spent the six seasons (2016-21) at South Carolina as an outside linebackers / defensive ends coach.

During his time with the Gamecocks, Peterson developed two NFL Draft picks in Kingsley Enagbare (fifth round, 2022) and D.J. Wonnum (fourth round, 2020).

In 2020, he coached Enagbare to a first-team All-SEC selection and the conference leader in sacks and forced fumbles.

While under Peterson's tutelage, Wonnum wrapped up his Gamecock career ranked ninth with 29.5 tackles for loss. He was a second-team All-SEC selection in 2019.

Peterson is credited with the development of Bryson Allen-Williams, who logged 10 tackles for loss in 2018 despite playing in just nine games, and finished his career 10th on the school's all-time list with 27.5 tackles for loss.

In 2017, Peterson was instrumental in the development of Wonnum, who ranked tied for seventh in the SEC in tackles for loss with 13.0, while leading the team with 6.0 sacks.

With Peterson's mentoring, Darius English turned in his finest season in South Carolina in 2016, garnering 9.0 sacks to move him into both the single-season and career (15.0) sacks top-10 lists in school history while earning second-team All-SEC accolades.

A member of the Florida 1996 National Championship team, he played linebacker for Steve Spurrier from 1995-98. His senior year, he served as a team captain and earned First-Team All-SEC and All-America honors. Peterson was inducted into the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

He was selected in the second-round (36th pick overall) in the 1999 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts. Peterson earned second-team All-Pro honors in 2005 and finished his career with 883

tackles, 21.5 sacks and 19 interceptions in 196 career games. A graduate of Santa Fe High School, he played 14 years in the NFL with the Colts (1999-02), Jacksonville Jaguars (2003-08) and Atlanta Falcons (2009-12).

After retiring from the NFL, he returned to Florida in 2013 where he finished his degree while working as undergraduate assistant coach on the strength and conditioning staff. Upon graduation, he was named to a full-time position as a strength and condition coordinator.

Peterson and his wife established the Mike Peterson Foundation in 2004. The foundation was constituted in an attempt to support and benefit under-served youth and socio-economically challenged families in Peterson's hometown of Alachua and his NFL cities of Jacksonville and Atlanta.

Since its inception, the Mike Peterson Foundation has already served over 50,000 youth and families through several community events and programs, most notably the Top Dog Readers Club literacy program at the Grove Park Elementary School in Atlanta.

A Gainesville native, Peterson attended Santa Fe High School in Alachua.

Peterson and his wife, Chantal, have two sons; Mike Jr. and Gavin.

Peterson is the older brother of former Chicago Bears running back Adrian Peterson.

MIKE PETERSON COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022-Pres.	Florida, OLB/Alumni Liaison
2016-21	South Carolina, OLB/DE
2014-15	Florida, Strength and Conditioning Coord.
2013	Florida, Undergraduate Assistant

NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY PETERSON

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2023	FA	Brenton Cox Jr.	OLB	Green Bay Packers	Florida
2022	5	Kingsley Enagbare	DE	Green Bay Packers	South Carolina
2020	4	D.J. Wonnum	LB	Minnesota Vikings	South Carolina



JONATHAN DECOSTER

ASSISTANT OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

First Season

Jonathan Decoster enters his first season with Florida as the Gators' assistant offensive line coach.

With a resume featuring over ten years of coaching experience at both the collegiate and professional levels, Decoster arrived from the Cleveland Browns organization where he was an offensive assistant. Decoster joined the Browns in 2021 after spending the previous eight years coaching at the college level. He spent his first season with the club as an offensive quality control coach before being named an offensive assistant in 2022.

In Cleveland, Decoster helped the Browns lead the NFL in rushing average in 2021 with a 5.09 mark, the highest average by a Browns team since 1966. The team's 6,090 scrimmage yards were the fourth-most by the club in a single-season.

Before his time with the Browns, Decoster made his first trip to the Southeastern Conference, where he spent three seasons (2017-19) coaching the tight ends at LSU. There, he developed future NFL tight ends Foster Moreau (fourth round, 2019), Stephen Sullivan (seventh round, 2020) and Thaddeus Moss (undrafted free agent). Moss set the LSU single-season record for receptions and receiving yards by a tight end. Decoster helped the Tigers capture the FBS National Championship after a 13-0 season in 2019. LSU led the nation in total offense, scoring offense and red zone offense in 2019 and finished second in passing offense.

Prior to his stint in Baton Rouge, Decoster joined West Virginia State where he served as offensive line coach, recruiting coordinator, strength coach and travel coordinator from 2015-16. His offensive line helped the team set numerous school records, including the most touchdowns and points scored.

Decoster began his coaching career as a graduate assistant offensive line coach at Nevada, where he helped develop future Browns All-Pro guard Joel Bitonio. Bitonio became the second-highest draft pick in school history (second round, 2014).

A native of Miramar, Fla., Decoster was a four-year starter at right tackle at the University of Louisiana and anchored an offensive line that finished seventh in the country rushing in both 2007 and 2008.

Decoster earned a bachelor's degree in management information systems from UL and worked in Baton Rouge as an IT project manager until pursuing a coaching career in 2013. He earned master's degrees in education leadership from the University of Nevada and liberal arts from LSU.

Decoster and his wife, Amber, have two daughters, Aria and Mia, and a son, Zeke.

NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY DECOSTER

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2020	UDFA	Thaddeus Moss	TE	Washington Commanders	LSU
2020	7	Stephen Sullivan	TE	Seattle Seahawks	LSU
2019	4	Foster Moreau	TE	Las Vegas Raiders	LSU
2014	2	Joel Bitonio	G	Cleveland Browns	Nevada

JONATHAN DECOSTER COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position (Record as HC)
2024-pres.	Florida, Assistant OL
2022-23	Cleveland Browns, Offensive QC
2020	Old Dominion, TE
2017-19	LSU, TE GA
2015-16	West Virginia State, OL/Recruiting Coord./Strength
2013-14	Nevada, OL GA

GAME 1 SUMMARY

No. 19 Miami 41, Florida 17

Aug. 31 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Florida

Attendance: 90,554

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Miami (1-0)	7	17	14	3	41
Florida (0-1)	3	7	0	7	17

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Miami quarterback Cameron Ward passed for 385 yards, three scores and keyed a unit that cranked out 529 yards of total offense Saturday, as the 19th-ranked Hurricanes silenced then emptied Spurrier/Florida Field with a lopsided 41-17 victory before 90,544 mostly stunned-and-bummed Gator fans. The loss was UF's first in a home opener since 1989, snapping a NCAA-best 34-game winning streak in kicking off the third season under Coach Billy Napier. It also was the Gators' sixth straight defeat, dating back to an Oct. 28, 2023 loss to No. 1 Georgia at Jacksonville. Ward, the heralded transfer from Washington State, was spectacular in his UM debut. He completed 26 of 35 passes, with touchdown throws of 9, 24 and 23 yards, while also rushing three times for 33 yards and instantly thrusting his name into early Heisman Trophy consideration. His UF counterpart, fifth-year senior Graham Mertz, could manage only 261 yards for his offense and faced a far more menacing and engaged defense in the Canes, with the lone positive play of note a 71-yard touchdown dash by Montrell Johnson Jr. that gave the Gators some second-quarter hope. It was short-lived. Mertz completed 11 of 20 passes for just 91 yards and was sacked three times before giving way to freshman DJ Lagway, the 2023 Gatorade National Player of the Year, who went three of six for 31 yards with an interception in three series of mop-up duty, but did lead a TD drive. On the game's second possession, Miami marched mostly effortlessly to an 11-play, 84-yard touchdown drive, aided by a roughing-the-passer penalty on Justus Boone on a third-and-10 incompleteness that would have brought on the field-goal unit. Three plays later, Ward shoveled an 8-yard scoring toss to tight end Cam McCormick for a 7-0 lead barely halfway through the opening period. Before the quarter ended, a Ward interception (his lone miscue of the day) set up a 41-yard Trey Smack field goal that made it 7-3. Those three points were canceled out on UM's next drive, a 9-play, 70-yarder, that ended at the UF 5 and finished with a 23-yard field goal by Andres Borregales. The Canes' padded the margin after a failed fourth-and-5 gamble by Napier at the UM 42. Another roughing-the-passer penalty, this one on DJ Douglas, and 30-yard Ward-to-Isiah Horton completion set up a Mark Fletcher Jr.'s 10-yard scoring run and 17-3 visitors' lead. After an exchange of punts, the Gators finally gave the Swamp something to cheer about, as Johnson dashed around left end for a 71-yard touchdown gallop to cut the lead in half at 17-10 with 3:32 left in the half. If only the home team could've taken it to the locker room then. Instead, Ward worked the clock for a couple first downs, then hit Elijah Arroyo for a 28-yard gain to the UF 24, then two plays later fired a dime between the UF safeties for a 24-yard touchdown strike to Xavier Restrepo with 45 seconds left. It was 24-10, with UM cranking out 283 yards of first-half offense (to UF's 145, half on one running play). Miami got the ball to start the second half, hit a 40-yard completion on the third snap, a 22-yarder on the fourth and was in the end zone again on the sixth, a 1-yard plunge by Fletcher for a 31-10 lead less than three minutes in.

WHAT IT MEANS: This one is going to have residual ramifications. The Gators will have to deal with a negative narrative ("Noise in the system," as Ron Zook used to call it) right out of the 2024 box. As far as righting the ship, the Southeastern Conference opener against Texas A&M in two weeks can't get here soon enough. The win was Miami's eighth over the previous 10 meetings, dating to 1986. The Canes now lead the all-time series 30-28.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: For Ward, the Jayden Daniels comparisons are coming. Probably a stretch, at least for now, but he certainly had a track record as an exciting, joy-stick QB in the defunct Pac-12 Conference and the Gators made him look like a Heisman candidate.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: The 24-point margin of defeat was the largest for Florida in a home game since Florida State won 27-2 at the "Swamp" on Nov. 28, 2015. Miami's 41 points were the most ever surrendered by UF in a home opener.

UP NEXT: The Gators (0-1) remain in non-league play, but step down in classification with a home date against FCS Samford the night of Sept. 7. The Bulldogs, out of the Southern Conference, opened their season Saturday at West Georgia.

Scoring Summary				UF-Miami
1st	6:48	Miami	McCormick, Cam 9 yd pass from Ward, Cameron (Borregales, Andres kick) 11 plays, 84 yards, TOP 05:39	0-7
	00:19	UF	Smack, Trey 41 yd field goal	3-7
			6 plays, 10 yards, TOP 02:06	
2nd	09:53	Miami	Borregales, Andres 23 yd field goal	
			9 plays, 70 yards, TOP 05:26	3-10
	03:21	UF	Johnson Jr., Montrell 71 yd run (Smack, Trey kick)	
			1 plays, 71 yards, TOP 00:11	10-17

	00:45	Miami	Restrepo, Xavier 24 yd pass from Ward, Cameron (Borregales, Andres kick) 8 plays, 75 yards, TOP 02:36	10-24
3rd	12:25	Miami	Fletcher Jr., Mark 1 yd run (Borregales, Andres kick), 6 plays, 75 yards, TOP 02:35	10-31
	6:08	Miami	George, Jacoby 23 yd pass from Ward, Cameron (Borregales, Andres kick) 9 plays, 86 yards, TOP 03:49	10-38
4th	07:14	UF	Webb, Trey 1 yd run (Smack, Trey kick), 9 plays, 58 yards, TOP 04:03	17-38
	04:00	Miami	Borregales, Andres 26 yd field goal	17-41
			6 plays, 37 yards, TOP 03:14	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD) UF - Graham Mertz (11-20-1, 91, 0)

UF - DJ Lagway (3-6-1, 31, 0)

Miami - Cam Ward (26-35-1, 385, 1)

Miami - Xavier Restrepo (0-1-0, 0, 0)

Rushing (Att-Yd, TD) UF - Eugene Wilson (1-9-0), Montrell Johnson Jr. (11-110-1), Trey 10 Webb (3-3-1), DJ Lagway (4-24-0), Jakobi Jackson (2-11-0), Jadan Baugh (1-6-0), Graham Mertz (6-21-0)

Miami - Damien Martinez (15-65-0), Cam Ward (3-36-0), Mark Fletcher Jr. (7-23-2), Jordan Lyle (6-19-0), Ajay Allen (2-5-0)

Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD) UF - Eugene Wilson (7-50-0), Elijah Badger (3-43-0), Khaleil Jackson (1-13-0), Chimere Dike (1-11-0), Arlis Boardingham (1-4-0), Montrell Johnson Jr. (1-1-0), Aidan Mizell (0-0-0), Jadan Baugh (0-0-0)

Miami - Restrepo, Xavier (7-112-1), Arroyo, Elijah (4-89-0), Isaiah Horton (4-70-0), Elijah Lofton (2-38-0), Jacoby George (2-25-1), Mark Fletcher Jr. (1-22-0), Samuel Brown (3-19-0), Cam McCormick (1-9-1), Jordan Lyle (1-1-0), Ray Ray Joseph (0-0-0), Damien Martinez (1-0-0)

Leading Tacklers UF - Grayson Howard (13 Total, 1.5 TFL), Shemar James (5 Total, 1 TFL)

Miami - Jaden Harris (7 Total, 1 TFL), Francisco Mauigoa (6 Total, 1.5 TFL)

Sacks (Yds) UF - Tyreek Sapp (1)

Miami - Francisco Mauigoa (1), Tyler Baron (1), Jaden Harris (0.5), Elijah Alston (0.5)

Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds)) UF - Graham Mertz (1-0)

Miami - Cam Ward (0)

Interceptions (Yds) UF - (1-0)

Miami - (2-67)

Team Statistics	UF	Miami
FIRST DOWNS	17	25
NET YARDS RUSHING	139	144
Rushing Attempts	28	33
NET YARDS PASSING	122	385
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-26-2	26-36-1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	261	529
Total Offense Plays	54	69
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	2-25	2-26
PUNTS-YARDS	5-238	2-97
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-205	8-520
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-28-0	1-7-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-35-0	1-0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:30	34:30
3rd Down Conversions	1 of 9	5 of 10
4th Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	1-1	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-3	3-18
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	2-2	5-5
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-1	2-3
Points Off Turnovers	3	0



GAME 2 SUMMARY

Florida 45, Samford 7

Sept. 7 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Florida

Attendance: 89,295

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (1-1)	7	7	14	17	45
Samford (0-2)	0	0	7	0	7

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Florida freshman quarterback DJ Lagway passed for 456 yards and three touchdowns in his collegiate starting debut Saturday night to lead the Gators to a 45-7 victory over FCS-classified Samford at Spurrier/Florida Field. Senior tailback Montrell Johnson Jr. rushed for a pair of first-half touchdowns, while wideouts Eugene Wilson III and Elijah Badger each had 100-yard receiving games, but it was Lagway's big arm — and the energy he ignited in "The Swamp" — that picked the Gators off the mat following last week's lopsided season-opening home loss to cross-state rival Miami. Lagway, the 2023 Gatorade National Player of the Year summoned to starting duty after sixth-year senior Graham Mertz suffered a concussion against the Hurricanes, hit 18 of 25 attempts, with touchdowns of 36, 41 and 85. When he was done, the 6-foot-3, 239-pounder from Willis, Texas, had shattered the record for single-game yards by a UF true freshman, leaving the 268 by Chris Leak (Sept. 27, 2003 at Kentucky) in the dust. The 456 yards was the ninth-highest single-game total in Florida football history. After UF's first possession ended with Samford stuffing tailback Treyaun Webb on a fourth-and-1 at the 17, the Gators (and Lagway) made up for it on their second turn. On second down from his own 20, Lagway dropped and launched a bomb for Badger up the right sideline that went for 77 yards to the Bulldogs' 4, where Johnson finished things off with a couple runs for a 7-0 lead with three minutes to go in the opening period. On the third drive, Lagway started with a 40-yard completion to tight end Hayden Hansen deep into Samford territory. A 22-yard pass-and-run to Badger set up Johnson's second TD run, a 7-yarder, for a 14-0 lead. At that point in the game, Lagway was 6-for-6 for 193 yards. After a rocky end to the first half, Lagway was back at it to the start the second half, this time hooking up for the first scoring strike of his career, a 36-yarder to Tank Hawkins for a 21-0 lead. The Bulldogs cut the margin with a 12-play, 75-yard drive (with only one third down along the way) capped by a 1-yard plunge by Damonta Witherspoon midway through the period. Not a problem. Lagway's 44-yard rocket to Aidan Mizell made it 28-7 just four snaps later, with the play giving Lagway the freshman record. A 25-yard field goal by Trey Smack early in the fourth quarter pushed the Gators in front 31-7. Five minutes later, after the UF defense forced a punt and the Gators' offense took possession at its 15, Wilson came in motion, took a forward two-handed toss from Lagway (a pass, technically), turned up the center of the field and out-raced the Samford defense 85 yards for the score. By night's end, the Gators had 632 yards of total offense to just 205 for Bulldogs. Wilson caught six passes for 141 yards, with Badger pulling in three for 123. Yale transfer Aidan Warner replaced Lagway late in the fourth quarter and had a 9-yard touchdown run to cap the scoring. The win was Florida's first since last Oct. 14 at South Carolina, snapping a six-game skid.

WHAT IT MEANS: A win, obviously, but also the first step toward putting away that ugly season-opening loss to Miami. Maybe even the start of a new era under center (read on).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT:Duh. If Mertz is cleared from concussion protocol next week, Florida coach Billy Napier has an interesting decision to make heading into the Southeastern Conference season.

STAGGERING STATISTIC:During the 2023 season, the Gators totaled 39 pass completions of at least 20 yards (so-called "explosive plays") over 12 games. Lagway had four in the first half of his debut and nine for the game (with completions of 77, 44, 40, 22, 22, 36, 41, 24 and 85 yards).

UP NEXT: The Gators (1-1, 0-0) will open their SEC slate with a third straight home game, this one against Texas A&M (1-1, 0-0), which bounced back from a tough Week 1 home loss against No. 7 Notre Dame by waxing McNeese State 52-10 Saturday. The Aggies, under new Coach Mike Elko (by way of Duke), will make just their second trip to Gainesville since joining the conference in 2012 (compared to UF's three trips to College Station during A&M's first 11 seasons in the league).

Scoring Summary				SAM-UF
1st	2:53	UF	Johnson Jr., Montrell 1 yd run (Smack,Trey kick), 4 plays, 86 yards, TOP 1:55	0-7
2nd	7:02	UF	Johnson Jr., Montrell 7 yd run (Smack,Trey kick) 5 plays, 70 yards, TOP 02:18	0-14
3rd	13:38	UF	Hawkins,Tank 36 yd pass from Lagway, DJ (Smack,Trey kick) 4 plays, 69 yards, TOP 1:07	0-21
	7:40	SAM	Witherspoon,Damonta 1 yd run (Taylor,Forrest kick) 12 plays, 75 yards, TOP 05:58	7-21
	5:52	UF	Mizell,Aidan 41 yd pass from Lagway,DJ (Smack,Trey kick) 4 plays, 75 yards, TOP 01:48	7-28

4th	13:18	UF	Smack,Trey 25 yd field goal 15 plays, 56 yards, TOP 06:37	7-31
	9:55	UF	Lagway,DJ 85 yd pass from Lagway,DJ (Smack,Trey kick) 1 play, 85 yards, TOP 00:13	7-38
	00:48	UF	Warner,Aidan 9 yd run (Smack,Trey kick) 6 plays, 29 yards, TOP 02:09	7-45

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD) UF - DJ Lagway (18-25-0-456, 3)

UF - Aidan Warner (1-2-0, 10, 1)

Samford - Quincy Crittendon (22-31-0, 144, 0)

Samford - Nik Scalzo (0-1-0, 0, 0)

Samford - DJ Rias (0-1-0, 0, 0)

Rushing (Att-Yd, TD) UF - Montrell Johnson Jr. (15-67-2), Jadan Baugh (4-34-0), Jakobi Jackson (2-18-0), DJ Lagway (5-16-0) Treyaun Webb (4-12-0), KD Daniels (3-10-0), Aidan Warner (1-9-1)

Samford - Damonta Witherspoon (9-26-1),Micah Kelly (6-17-0),

Iaan Cousin (2-14-0), DJ Rias (1-9-0), Ken Cherry (4-7-0)

Cooper Frazier (0-0-0), Quincy Crittendon (11-4-0), Nik Scalzo (1-7-0)

Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD) UF - Eugene Wilson (6-141-1), Elijah Badger (3-123-0), Hayden Hansen (2-46-0), Chimere Dike (1-44-0), Aidan Mizell (1-41-1), Tank Hawkins (1-36-1), Arlis Boardingham (2-16-0), Jackson Wade.(1-10-0) Montrell Johnson Jr. (2-9-0)

Samford- Brendan Jenkins (4-51-0), DJ Rias (4-44-0), Iaan Cousin (3-21-0)

Damonta Witherspoon (3-13-0), Preston Bird (3-9-0), Jai E. Mason (4-6-0),

Quincy Crittendon (0-0-0),Teddy Davenport (1-0-0), Jaylon Barden (0-0-0)

Leading Tacklers UF - Jason Marshall Jr. (6 Total, 0 TFL), Tyreak Sapp (5 Total, 2.5 TFL)

Samford - Noah Martin (11 Total , 0.5 TFL), C.J. Douglas (6 Total, 0 TFL)

Sacks (Yds) UF - Tyreak Sapp (6 yds), George Gumbs Jr. (8 yds), Ja'Markis Weston (7 yds) Caleb Banks (6 yds)

Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds)) UF -DJ Lagway (1-1)
Samford - Quincy Crittendon (4-1)

Interceptions (Yds) UF - (0-0)
Samford - (0-0)

Team Statistics	Samford	UF
FIRST DOWNS	15	22
NET YARDS RUSHING	61	166
Rushing Attempts	35	34
NET YARDS PASSING	144	466
Completions-Attempts-Int	22-33-0	19-28-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	205	632
Total Offense Plays	68	62
Fumbles: Number-Lost	4-1	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-30	7-77
PUNTS-YARDS	9-363	2-99
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-115	8-497
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-5-0	3-37-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-18-0	1-31-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	33:30	26:30
3rd Down Conversions	6 of 15	5 of 11
4th Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 3
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	1-1	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-27
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	1-1	6-6
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-0	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	0

GAME 3 SUMMARY

Texas A&M 33, Florida 20

Sept. 14 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Florida

Attendance: 89,993

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Texas A&M (2-1)	10	10	13	0	33
Florida (1-2)	0	0	14	6	20

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Redshirt freshman quarterback Marcel Reed, making the first start of his career, accounted for 261 yards of total offense and three touchdowns in engineering a Texas A&M offense that met little resistance on the way to handing Florida a 33-20 defeat in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams Saturday at Spurrier/Florida Field. Reed, who replaced injured sophomore starter Connor Weigman, completed 11 of 17 passes for 178 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while also rushing 13 times for 83 yards and a score, and easily stole the game's QB storyline from UF counterparts Graham Mertz and DJ Lagway. When the final numbers were in, A&M had snapped a 10-game road losing streak by scoring on its first five possessions, cranked out 488 yards of total offense, did not turn the ball over and dominated time of possession by more than 15 minutes. The game, which was delayed for 47 minutes in the first half due to lightning in the area, was lopsided from the start, with the Aggies scoring on all four of their first-half possessions (and first of the second, as it turned out). Reed's 29-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter was sandwiched between a pair of Randy Bond field goals. Those three scores came while the UF offense took just 12 snaps on its first four series and totaled minus-17 yards. The killer sequence, though, came after Florida punter Jeremy Crawshaw pinned A&M at its 1 with 8:07 to play in the first half. The Aggies proceeded to drive 99 yards in 15 plays — without a pass — and scored on Reed's 1-yard sneak with 44 seconds to go before intermission to take a 20-0 lead into the locker room. At that point, the yards stood at 302-73 in favor of the visitors, with the Gators at minus-4 yards rushing, and offensive snaps favored the Aggies 53-18. Mertz started the second half and threw a 14-yard TD pass to Elijah Badger to make it 20-7 barely three minutes into the third quarter. The Aggies needed just two plays and 49 seconds to answer, as Reed rolled to his left, threw back against his body and hit Cyrus Allen running all alone behind the UF secondary for a 73-yard touchdown bomb and 26-7 lead. The two-point conversion attempt was no good. After an exchange of punts, A&M safety Bryce Anderson picked off a deflected Mertz pass in stride and raced 45 yards untouched for a touchdown and 33-7 lead. UF managed two fourth-quarter touchdown drives, one with each quarterback, both on marches of 70-plus yards, to make the scoreboard and stat sheet appear closer. Lagway threw a 17-yard touchdown to Chimere Dike, while Mertz drove the unit to a 2-yard plunge from Ja'Kobi Jackson with 5:13 to go. Mertz finished 12 of 15 for 195 yards, one touchdown and one interception, while Lagway struggled to find the rhythm that allowed him to torch FCS-class Samford for 458 yards last weekend. He completed just six of 13 throws for 54 yards, one score, two interceptions and was sacked twice. The Aggies rushed for 310 yards, led by Le'Veon Moss's 110 on 18 carries.

WHAT IT MEANS: Make that three of the last four years that the Gators have dropped their SEC opener and now have lost six home games under Coach Billy Napier. That so-called "noise in the system" is about to return, following a week off optimism and and praise for the young quarterback. Lagway, though, got a dose of SEC reality Saturday.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Mertz definitely outperformed Lagway, for whatever that means for the rest of the season. Reed, though, way outperformed both of them.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: Coming into the game, A&M's last true road victory was a 35-14 win at Missouri on Oct. 16, 2021. Of the 10 in a row the Aggies had lost since, half were against ranked teams.

UP NEXT: Florida (1-2, 0-1) goes on the road for the first time this season with a date at Mississippi State (1-1, 0-0). For the Bulldogs, who lost at home 41-14 to Toledo Saturday night, the game will represent their SEC opener after starting the season with a 56-7 home win over Eastern Kentucky, followed by a 30-23 loss at Arizona State. The Gators own a 34-19-2 all-time advantage in the series, including a 13-6 win at Starkville in 2018. Next week's game will be just the second in the series over the previous 14 seasons.

Scoring Summary			A&M-UF
1st	8:14	A&M	Bond, Randy 31 yd field goal
			14 plays, 62 yards, TOP 06:46
	00:18	A&M	Melin Öhrström, Theo 29 yd pass from Reed, Marcel (Bond, Randy kick) 9 plays, 92 yards, TOP 05:12
2nd	9:47	A&M	Bond, Randy 48 yd field goal
			9 plays, 24 yards, TOP 03:34
	00:44	A&M	Reed, Marcel 1 yd run (Bond, Randy kick) 15 plays, 99 yards, TOP 07:23
3rd	11:49	UF	Badger, Elijah 14 yd pass from Mertz, Graham (Smack, Trey kick) 7 plays, 75 yards, TOP 03:11

11:00	A&M	Allen, Cyrus 73 yd pass from Reed, Marcel	26-7
		2 plays, 75 yards, TOP 00:49	
5:29	A&M	Anderson, Bryce 45 yd interception (Bond, Randy kick)	33-7
1:04	UF	Dike, Chimere 7 yd pass from Lagway, DJ (Smack, Trey kick)	33-14
		10 plays, 72 yards, TOP 04:18	
4th	5:13	UF	Jackson, Ja'Kobi 2 yd run
		9 plays, 78 yards, TOP 03:15	33-20

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD) UF - Graham Mertz (12-15-1-195, 1)

UF - DJ Lagway (6-13-2, 54, 1)

A&M - Marcel Reed (11-17-0, 178, 2)

Rushing (Att-Yd, TD) UF - Treyaun Webb (6-37-0), Jakobi Jackson (4-23-1)

Tank Hawkins (2-7-0), Graham Mertz (1-7-0), Jadan Baugh (1-5-0)

Montrell Johnson Jr. (7-7-0), DJ Lagway (4-20-0)

A&M - Le'Veon Moss (18-110-0), Marcel Reed (13-84-1),

Amari Daniels (13-68-0), EJ Smith (6-24-0), Noah Thomas (2-14-0)

Terry Bussey (2-9-0), Jahdae Walker (1-4-0)

Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD) UF - Elijah Badger (5-94-1), Chimere Dike (6-91-1)

Arlis Boardingham (5-42-0), Tony Livingston (1-11-0),

Hayden Hansen (1-11-0)

A&M - Cyrus Allen (3-81-1), Theo Melin Öhrström (1-29-1), Amari Daniels (1-22-0)

Moose Muhammad III (1-20-0), Tre Watson (1-15-0), Jabre Barber (2-9-0),

Noah Thomas (1-2-0), Terry Bussey (1-0-0)

Leading Tacklers UF - Jaden Robinson (8 Total, 0 TFL), Grayson Howard (5 Total, 0 TFL)

A&M - Marcus Ratcliffe (5 Total, 1 TFL), Shemar Stewart (5 Total, 0.5 TFL)

Sacks (Yds) A&M - Shemar Stewart (7 yds), Cashius Howell (6 yds), Solomon DeShields (8 yds)

Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds)) UF - DJ Lagway (1-0)

A&M - Marcel Reed (0-0)

Interceptions (Yds) UF - (0-0)

A&M - (3-60)

Team Statistics	A&M	UF
FIRST DOWNS	27	19
NET YARDS RUSHING	310	52
Rushing Attempts	55	25
NET YARDS PASSING	178	249
Completions-Attempts-Int	11-17-0	18-29-3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	488	301
Total Offense Plays	72	54
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	13-110	7-65
PUNTS-YARDS	1-42	4-173
KICKOFFS-YARDS	7-444	3-195
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	3-82-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	37:46	22:14
3rd Down Conversions	5 of 13	2 of 9
4th Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	2-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-21	0-0
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	3-3	2-2
Field Goals: Total-Made	2-4	0-0
Points Off Turnovers	6	0



GAME 4 SUMMARY

Florida 45, Mississippi State 28

Sept. 21 | Davis Wade Stadium | Starkville, Mississippi

Attendance: 49,655

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (2-2)	7	21	7	10	45
Mississippi State (1-3)	7	7	7	7	28

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED:Florida quarterback Graham Mertz passed for three touchdowns, rushed for another and led the Gators to a 45-28 road victory and first Southeastern Conference win of the 2024 season. Mertz, the sixth-year veteran in his second UF season after transferring from Wisconsin, completed 19 of 21 passes (90.5 percent) for 201 yards, with all three of his TDs coming in the first half to set the tone for a team — as well as Coach Billy Napier — in desperate need of something positive following two lopsided home losses against both its high-major conference opponents earlier this month. UF finished with 503 yards of total offense (a balanced 226 rushing, 277 through the air), besting the host Bulldogs' 480 (to go with 31 first downs), with a whopping 240 coming on the ground. Mertz, who was 15-for-16 for 147 yards in the first half, fired touchdowns of three yards to tight end Arlis Boardingham, 20 to wide receiver Marcus Burke and 35 to tight end Hayden Hansen to stake the Gators to a 21-7 lead early in the second quarter. He shared quarterback duties with true freshman DJ Lagway, who completed all seven of his passes for 76 yards and and also had a fumble into the end zone that was recovered by offensive lineman Austin Barber. Lagway's second series was a 10-play, 91-yard drive that ended with a 10-yard touchdown run by Ja'Kobi Jackson and pushed the visitors in front 28-7 late in the first half. The Bulldogs cut the margin to 14 when quarterback Blake Shapen (13 of 21 for 140 yards, 1 TD) finished off a quick six-play, 75-yard, 54-second drive with a 3-yard run with 23 seconds to play in the period to make it 28-14 at the half. The game got even closer after Shapen engineered another long scoring drive, capped by a 13-yard pass to Jordan Mosley on MSU's first possession of the second half. Mertz countered with an 8-play, 75-yard drive (aided by a couple defensive penalties) and finished the march with a 1-yard sneak for a 35-21 lead with just under four minutes remaining in the third quarter. A goal-line stand by the Florida defense turned the ball back to the Gators less than a minute into the fourth period. Lagway then led his second drive of more than 90 yards (this one 10 plays, 93 yards) and almost finished it himself with a 6-yard scoring run, with Barber falling on the fumble for a 42-21 lead. The Bulldogs got a 10-yard scoring run from Johnnie Daniels with 4:26 to go, while the Gators added a 47-yard Trey Smack field goal with 2:34 remaining. UF got a game-high 68 yards rushing from senior tailback Montrell Johnson Jr. and had 10 different receivers haul in passes, led by Aidan Mizell's five for 36 yards. The win was just the third for Florida in its last 15 road games and snapped a seven-game streak against power conference opponents, dating to Oct. 28, 2023 against Georgia.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Gators, with everything going on, badly needed a victory to stop the bleeding. Mississippi State, obviously, is not a good team, but UF went on the road and amid all the adversity and distractions put one in the SEC win column.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: While Lagway may be the favored Florida quarterback (and the Gators' future at the position), Mertz is the better one right now and gives them the best chance to win.

STAGGERING STATISTIC:Mertz and Lagway combined to go 26-for-28. That's 92.9 percent, which is believed to be a single-game team record.

UP NEXT: Florida (2-2, 1-1) has the first of two open dates next weekend. The Gators will return to action Oct. 5 at home against cross-state foe UCF (3-0, 1-0), which was idle Saturday. While the Gators will be sitting out the week, the Knights will play host to Deion Sanders and Colorado in a Big 12 Conference game. Mississippi State (1-3, 0-1) plays at No. 1 Texas next week. Then at No. 2 Georgia. Good luck, Bulldogs.

Scoring Summary				MSU-UF
1st	3:39	UF	Boardingham,Arlis 3 yd pass from Mertz,Graham (Smack,Trey kick) 13 plays, 84 yards, TOP 06:17	0-7
	00:21	MSU	Booth,Davon 1 yd run (Ferrie,Kyle kick), 9 plays, 62 yards, TOP 03:09	7-7
2nd	10:56	UF	Burke,Marcus 20 yd pass from Mertz,Graham (Smack,Trey kick) 7 plays, 65 yards, TOP 02:46	7-14
	9:02	UF	Hansen,Hayden 35 yd pass from Mertz,Graham (Smack,Trey kick) 2 plays, 44 yards, TOP 00:34	7-21
	1:17	UF	Jackson,Ja'Kobi 10 yd run (Smack,Trey kick), 10 plays, 91 yards, TOP 02:59	7-28
	0:23	MSU	Shapen,Blake 3 yd run (Ferrie,Kyle kick), 6 plays, 75 yards, TOP 00:54	14-28
3rd	6:38	MSU	Mosley,Jordan 13 yd pass from Shapen,Blake (Ferrie,Kyle kick) 13 plays, 76 yards, TOP 06:43	21-28
	3:37	UF	Mertz,Graham 1 yd run (Smack,Trey kick), 8 plays, 75 yards, TOP 03:01	21-35
4th	8:24	UF	Barber,Austin 0 yd run (Smack,Trey kick	21-42

4:26 MSU Daniels,Johnnie 10 yd run (Ferrie,Kyle kick) 28-42
12 plays, 75 yards, TOP 03:58

2:34 UF Smack,Trey 47 yd field goal 28-45
6 plays, 21 yards, TOP 01:50

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD) UF - Graham Mertz (19-21-0-201,3)

UF -DJ Lagway (7-7-0, 76, 0)

MSU -Blake Shapen (13-21-0, 140, 1)

MSU -Michael Van Buren Jr. (7-13-0, 100, 0)

Rushing (Att-Yd, TD) UF - Montrell Johnson Jr. (15- 71 -0), Jadan Baugh (4-53-0)

Treyaun Webb (8-42-0), Graham Mertz (3-24-1)

DJ Lagway (3-22-0), Jakobi Jackson (3-18-1)

Austin Barber (0-0-1)

MSU - Johnnie Daniels (14-77-1),Davon Booth (16-81-1),

Keyvone Lee (8-56-0), Blake Shapen (12-42-1), Kevin Coleman Jr. (1-9-0)

Michael Van Buren (5-6-0)

Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD) UF - Elijah Badger (5-45-0), Chimere Dike (3-43-0)

Arlis Boardingham (1-3-1),Tony Livingston (4-18-0),

Hayden Hansenl (1-35-1), Marcus Burke (3-45-1), Aidan Mizell (5-36-0),

JaKobi Jackson (2-27-0), Montrell Johnson Jr. (3-22-0), TJ Abrams (1-3-0)

MSU- Mario Craver (3-62-0), Kelly Akharaiyi (3-56-0),Seydou Traore (4-48-0)

Creed Whittemore (2-36-0), Kevin Coleman Jr. (6-19-0), Jordan Mosley (2-19-1),

Leading Tacklers UF - Trikweze Bridges (10 Total, 0 TFL),Cam Jackson (8 Total, 0 TFL)

Sacks (Yds) UF -Sharif Denson (4 yds), Jordan Castell (1 yd), Aaron Chiles (10 yds)

Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds)) UF - Trikweze Bridges (1-0), Sharif Denson (1-0)

MSU -Isaac Smith (1-0), Corey Ellington (1-0)

Interceptions (Yds) UF - (0-0)

MSU- (0-0)

Team Statistics	MSU	UF
FIRST DOWNS	31	27
NET YARDS RUSHING	240	226
Rushing Attempts	56	36
NET YARDS PASSING	240	277
Completions-Attempts-Int	20-34-0	26-28-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	480	503
Total Offense Plays	90	64
Fumbles: Number-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-70	6-54
PUNTS-YARDS	5-201	2-84
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-260	8-520
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	1-35-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-57-0	1-0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	32:24	27:36
3rd Down Conversions	11 of 20	6 of 9
4th Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	4-6	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-15
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	4-4	6-6
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-0	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	0

GAME 5 SUMMARY

Florida 24, UCF 13

Oct. 5 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Florida

Attendance: 90,369

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
UCF (3-2)	3	0	3	7	13
Florida (3-2)	7	17	0	0	24

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: The Florida defense, maligned since the start of the season, picked a good night to play its best game to date, as the Gators' unit collectively bowed up and proved the catalyst of a 24-13 victory Saturday night over cross-state foe UCF at sold-out Spurrier/Florida Field. Quarterback Graham Mertz passed for 179 yards and a touchdown, tailbacks Ja'Kobi Jackson and Montrell Johnson Jr. each had short running scores, and kicker Trey Smack added a field goal. All those scores came in the first half, as UF, with its defense shutting down the Knights and their powerful running game, built a 24-3 advantage at the break and held on for a second consecutive victory. UCF came into the game with the nation's No. 4 overall offense, averaging a whopping 543.3 yards per game, including 326.0 on the ground, which ranked second nationally. Facing a UF defense that checked in 113th overall (425.5 per game), as well as 110th against the run (188.75), the Knights managed a season-low 273 yards, with just 108 on the ground on 40 carries. Five sacks of UCF's KJ Jefferson, the Arkansas transfer (and engineer of the Razorbacks' upset win here last season), greatly aided the cause, as he finished just 12 of 22 for 165 yards and an interception. UCF was just four of 12 on third was turned away on both of its fourth-down attempts. Mertz, the sixth-year senior, was an efficient 19-for-23, while freshman DJ Lagway went 4-for-4 for 50 yards in alternating every third series. Neither UF quarterback took a sack on the way to helping the Gators generate 359 total yards and out-rush the Knights with 130 on the ground. UF made a statement early by taking the opening kickoff and marching 75 yards in 15 plays, eating up half the first quarter, with Mertz lobbing a 13-yard TD to wide receiver Elijah Badger for a lead the home team never gave back. The Knights threatened on their first drive, but the UF defense stiffened and forced them to settle for a 27-yard Grant Reddick field goal. That was it for UCF the rest of the half, while UF scored 17 second-quarter points. Lagway, on his first series, fired a 37-yard bullet to Chimere Dike that set up a 1-yard scoring run by Jackson barely two minutes into the period. A 3-yard, extra-effort plunge from Johnson with 1:50 to go was followed by a fourth-down stop by the Florida defense that set up Lagway for a quick drive that led to a 29-yard Smack field goal for a 24-3 advantage with four seconds to play in the half. UCF took the second-half kickoff and went on a 14-play drive that ate up eight-plus minutes, but a false-start penalty, then sack of Jefferson forced the Knights to kick a second Reddick field goal to make the score 24-6. After a short UF possession and punt, the Knights started deep in their territory with a Jefferson 35-yard completion to tailback RJ Harvey, who finished the drive six plays later with a 13-yard scoring run to make it 24-13 with 7:50 to play. The scoreboard, however, held from there.

WHAT IT MEANS: A couple weeks ago, after a lopsided 33-20 home loss to Texas A&M, the Florida fan base was wondering where its next victory (much less two) could come from. The Gators, after winning at Mississippi State two weeks ago, have prevailed in two straight and at least won't have to deal with any trash talk from their younger brothers down the turnpike until they meet again in Orlando in 2030.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: The total yardage allowed by the Florida defense was half what UCF usually gained per game, with the Knights' rushing output nearly one-third less than its average. Seven different UF defenders had at least a half-sack, with edge George Gumbs Jr. tallying 1.5. Safety Bryce Thornton had a late interception to ice the game. The Knights' 273 yards marked the third-fewest gained by a Gus Malzahn offense in his 13 seasons as a head coach.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: Vanderbilt (two weeks after losing at home to Georgia State) beat No. 1 Alabama earlier in the day. The Commodores entered 0-60 all-time against AP top-five teams. Sorry, couldn't resist.

UP NEXT: Florida (3-2, 1-1) gets back into SEC play ... and in a big, difficult way. The Gators hit the road to face No. 4 Tennessee (4-1, 1-1) and more than 102,000 very ornery folks at Neyland Stadium, all of whom will be steamed still after being upset 19-14 late Saturday night at Arkansas. The Volunteers, who have lost 17 of the previous 19 in the Florida series dating to 2005, will be looking to exact nearly two decades of lopsided revenge (including last season's 29-16 upset loss at Gainesville), with arguably their biggest man-to-man advantage and talent discrepancy over that span.

Scoring Summary				UCF-UF
1st	7:02	UF	Badger, Elijah 13 yd pass from Mertz, Graham (Smack, Trey kick) 15 plays, 75 yards, TOP 07:58	0-7
	2:32	UCF	Reddick, Grant 27 yd field goal 12 plays, 65 yards, TOP 04:30	3-7
2nd	12:50	UF	Jackson, Ja'Kobi 1 yd run (Smack, Trey kick) 3 plays, 43 yards, TOP 01:11	3-14
	1:50	UF	Johnson Jr., Montrell 3 yd run (Smack, Trey kick) 7 plays, 58 yards, TOP 03:50	3-21

	0:04	UF	Smack, Trey 28 yd field goal 6 plays, 46 yards, TOP 00:44	3-24
3rd	6:32	UCF	Reddick, Grant 37 yd field goal 14 plays, 56 yards, TOP 08:28	6-24
4th	7:50	UCF	Harvey, RJ 13 yd run (Reddick, Grant kick) 7 plays, 82 yards, TOP 03:35	13-24

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD) UF - Graham Mertz (19-23-0-179,1)

UF - DJ Lagway (4-4-0, 50, 0)

UCF - KJ Jefferson (12-22-1, 165, 0)

Rushing (Att-Yd, TD) UF - Montrell Johnson Jr. (10-54-1), Jadan Baugh (9-30-0) Tank Hawkins (1-4-0), Graham Mertz (3-11-0) DJ Lagway (3-11-0), Jakobi Jackson (3-25-1)

UCF - RJ Harvey (16-77-1), Penry Boone (8-42-0), Johnny Richardson (3-10-0), Ja'Varrius Johnson (1-0-0) KJ Jefferson (12-19-0)

Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD) UF - Elijah Badger (3-41-1), Chimere Dike (4-88-0) Arlis Boardingham (1-3-0), Tank Hawkins (7-60-0), Hayden Hansen (2-13-0), Montrell Johnson Jr. (6-24-0) Ja'Quavion Fraziers (0-0-0)

UCF - Randy Pittman Jr. (3-44-0), Johnny Richardson (5-38-0), RJ Harvey (1-35-0) Trent Whittemore (2-34-0), Kobe Hudson (1-14-0), Ja'Varrius Johnson (0-0-0), Evan Morris (0-0-0)

Leading Tacklers UF - Shemar James (6 Total, 0 TFL), Jordan Castell (6 Total, 0 TFL)

UCF - Ethan Barr (7 Total, 1 TFL), Lee Hunter (6 Total, 0 TFL)

Sacks (Yds) UF RJ Moten (4 yds), Tyreek Sapp (4 yds), Grayson Howard (5 yds), Justus Boone (5 yds), George Gumbs Jr. (11 yds), D'Antre Robinson (4 yds) LJ McCray (4 yds)

Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds)) UF - Tank Hawkins (1-0)

Interceptions (Yds) UF - (1-0)
UCF - (0-0)

Team Statistics	UCF	UF
FIRST DOWNS	20	19
NET YARDS RUSHING	108	130
Rushing Attempts	40	32
NET YARDS PASSING	165	229
Completions-Attempts-Int	12-22-1	23-28-0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	273	359
Total Offense Plays	62	60
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-39	8-64
PUNTS-YARDS	3-139	4-183
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-259	5-296
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-33-0	1-12-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:44	32:16
3rd Down Conversions	4 of 12	6 of 13
4th Down Conversions	0 of 2	1 of 1
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	3-3	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	5-37
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	1-1	3-3
Field Goals: Total-Made	2-2	1-2
Points Off Turnovers	0	0



GAME 6 SUMMARY

No. 8 Tennessee 23, Florida 17 (OT)

Oct. 12 | Neyland Stadium | Knoxville, Tennessee

Attendance: 101,915

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Florida (3-3)	3	0	7	7	0	17
Tennessee (5-1)	0	0	10	7	6	23

Chris Harry's Quick Slant

WHAT HAPPENED: Tailback Dylan Sampson slammed into the end zone from a yard out on Tennessee's first possession of overtime to give the eighth-ranked Volunteers a 23-17 victory over rival Florida in their Southeastern Conference game Saturday night at sold-out Neyland Stadium. Sampson's score was his third of the game for the league's rushing leader and came after his 23-yard touchdown run in the fourth period put the Vols ahead for the first time with just under 10 minutes to play. The Gators, 15 1/2-point underdogs, rallied to tie the score behind freshman quarterback DJ Lagway after starting sixth-year Graham Mertz left the game in the third quarter after suffering what appeared to be a knee injury. Lagway fired a 27-yard touchdown pass to Chimere Dike on a third-and-19 play with just 29 seconds remaining in regulation to make the score 17-16 and stun the crowd of more than 102,000. UF coach Billy Napier, at first, kept his offense on the field and threatened a two-point conversion attempt — and a go at the win — but after Tennessee called a desperation timeout and reset, Napier opted to send Trey Smack out to kick the point-after and play for overtime. UT won the coin toss and chose to play defense first. The Gators ran three plays, lost four yards and turned to Smack, who earlier kicked a 42-yard field goal. His OT attempt from 47, however, was pushed right, leaving Tennessee to play for the win. The Vols needed five plays to go the 25 yards, with Sampson crashing across on second-and-goal from the 1 and giving the Volunteers just their third win in the last 20 games of this series. Sampson, who came into the game with 589 rushing yards and 12 TDs, finished with 112 on 27 attempts and the three scores. Defensively, UF did a mostly outstanding job of containing a UT offense that began the day ranked No. 5 in the nation at 519.0 yards per game, as the Vols finishing with a season-low 312 yards and nearly dropped a second game in as many weeks as a top 10-ranked team. UT sophomore quarterback Nico Iamaleava completed 16 of 26 passes for 169 yards, no scores, an interception and was sacked three times. Lagway finished nine of 17 for 98 yards, the one score, one interception and three sacks, as the Gators actually out-gained the Vols with 361 yards of total offense. Mertz was 11-for-15 for 125 yards and a touchdown, with his 13-yard scoring toss to tight end Arlis Boardingham giving the Gators a 10-0 lead in the third quarter, but also ending with UF's starting quarterback suffering a non-contact injury at the end of the play. Mertz joined starting tailback Montrell Johnson Jr. (12 carries, 85 yards before going down with a lower body injury early in the third quarter) on the sidelines, as the two had to watch the Vols rally from their 10-0 deficit. The UF lead could have been much more, but the Gators self-destructed on a trio of drives that penetrated the UT 20 in the first half and netted no points. First, wideout Eugene Wilson III was tackled for a yard loss on a fourth-and-1 jet sweep. Next, Mertz fumbled on a first-down sneak attempt at the Vols' 1. And, lastly, after a Florida interception, Smack had a converted 43-yard field goal taken off the board on the final play of the first half when the Gators were flagged for 12 men on the field. Because they had no timeouts and could not accept a 10-second clock run-off, the half ended with the penalty and without a re-kick. UF finally found the end zone on its second possession of the second half, when Mertz moved the Gators 92 yards in nine plays, then lobbed his score to Boardingham. UT needed less than five minutes to find the end zone for the first time, with Iamaleava driving the Vols 75 yards in 11 plays and Sampson crashing in on a fourth-and-1 with a six-yard scoring run. On the very next play from scrimmage, Lagway threw an interception in minus-territory that led to a 35-yard Max Gilbert field goal that tied the game at 10 with 1:37 left in the third quarter. Sampson's second TD about five minutes later made it 17-10 and set up the frantic finish.

WHAT IT MEANS: Just the third loss to Tennessee since 2005, but it very well could have gone differently — and maybe given Napier the biggest win of his three UF seasons, as well as some promising possibilities for the program — had the Gators not blown those three outstanding first-half scoring chances.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: The Florida defense has made some impressive strides since those two debacle performances in home losses to Miami and Texas A&M early in the season. The guys on that side of the ball put the Gators in position to steal what would have been a victory virtually no one was counting on.

STAGGERING STATISTIC: Florida was 3-for-6 in the red zone, with those three come-up-empty killers all in the second quarter. Tennessee was 3-for-3 in the red zone. There's the game.

UP NEXT: Florida (3-3, 1-2) will be back at "The Swamp" for a homecoming date against Kentucky (3-3, 1-3), which has beaten the Gators three straight and four of the previous five after losing 31 straight in the series from 1987-2017. The Wildcats had a two-game winning streak snapped late Saturday night by losing at home against college football's 2024 giant-killer, Vanderbilt, which followed last week's stunning upset of No. 1 Alabama by going to Lexington and handing the favored Wildcats a 20-13 defeat.

Scoring Summary

				TEN-UF
1st	3:15	UF	Smack,Trey 42 yd field goal	0-3
			10 plays, 27 yards, TOP 04:51	
3rd	7:18	UF	Boardingham,Arlis 13 yd pass from Mertz,Graham (Smack,Trey kick) 9 plays, 92 yards, TOP 04:14	0-10
	2:57	TEN	Sampson,Dylan 6 yd run (Gilbert,Max kick), 11 plays, 75 yards, TOP 04:21	7-10
	1:37	TEN	Gilbert,Max 35 yd field goal	10-10
			4 plays, 3 yards, TOP 01:10	
4th	9:42	TEN	Sampson,Dylan 23 yd run (Gilbert,Max kick)	17-10
			2 plays, 29 yards, TOP 00:29	
	00:29	UF	Dike,Chimere 27 yd pass from Lagway,DJ (Smack,Trey kick) 4 plays, 31 yards, TOP 02:02	17-17
OT	00:00	TEN	Sampson,Dylan 1 yd run	23-17
			5 plays, 25 yards, TOP 00:00	

Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD) UF - DJ Lagway (9-17-1-98,1)

UF - Graham Mertz (11-25-0, 125, 1)

TEN - Nico Iamaleava (16-26-1, 169, 0)

Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)

UF - Montrell Johnson Jr. (12-85-0), Jadan Baugh (12-25-0) Graham Mertz (5-11-0), DJ Lagway (5-1-0), Jakobi Jackson (5-16-13) Eugene Wilson III (1-0-0)

TEN - Dylan Sampson (27-112-3), Desean Bishop (7-24-0), Bru McCoy (1-6-0), Nico Iamaleava (8-1-0)

Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)

UF - Eugene Wilson III (5-35-0), Elijah Badger (2-30-0), Chimere Dike (4-76-1) Arlis Boardingham (3-40-1), Jakobi Jackson (1,-1-0), Hayden Hansen (3-40-0), Montrell Johnson Jr. (1-8-0) Jadan Baugh (1, -5-0)

TEN - Squirrel White (5-71-0),Chris Brazzell II (3-49-0), Ethan Davis (2-10-0) Dylan Sampson (2-7-0), Holden Staes (2-5-0), Chas Nimrod (1-16-0),

Dont'e Thornton Jr. (1-11-0)

Leading Tacklers

UF - Jaden Robinson (7 Total, 1.5 TFL), Jack Pyburn (7 Total, 0.5 TFL)

TEN - Christian Charles (7 Total, 1 TFL), Joshua Josephs (7 Total, 1.5 TFL)

Sacks (Yds)

UF RJ Moten (4 yds), Tyreek Sapp (4 yds), Grayson Howard (5 yds), Justus Boone (5 yds), George Gumbs Jr. (11 yds), D'Antre Robinson (4 yds) LJ McCray (4 yds)

Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))

UF - Grayson Howard (1-1)

TEN - James Pearce Jr. (1-1), Kalib Perry (1-0)

Interceptions (Yds)

UF - (1-20)

TEN - (1-15)

Team Statistics

	TEN	UF
FIRST DOWNS	18	22
NET YARDS RUSHING	143	138
Rushing Attempts	43	40
NET YARDS PASSING	169	223
Completions-Attempts-Int	16-26-1	20-32-1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	312	361
Total Offense Plays	69	72
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-47	6-36
PUNTS-YARDS	7-319	5-224
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-260	4-260
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-34-0	2-57-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:04	34:56
3rd Down Conversions	4 of 15	5 of 15
4th Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	3-3	3-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-25	3-19
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	2-2	2-2
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-1	1-2

2024 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Offense

Game	OL	LT	LG	C	RG	QB	RB	WR/TE	TE	WR	WR
Miami	Waites	Barber	Harris	Slaughter	George Jr.	Mertz	Johnson	Boardingham	Hansen	Wilson	Jackson
Samford	Crenshaw-Dickson	Barber	Harris	Slaughter	George Jr.	Lagway	Johnson	Burke	Hansen	Wilson	Dike
Texas A&M	Crenshaw-Dickson	Barber	Harris	Slaughter	George Jr.	Mertz	Johnson	Burke	Hansen	Badger	Dike
at Mississippi St.	Crenshaw-Dickson	Barber	Harris	Slaughter	George Jr.	Mertz	Johnson	Livingston	Hansen	Badger	Dike
UCF	Crenshaw-Dickson	Barber	Harris	Slaughter	George Jr.	Mertz	Johnson	Burke	Hansen	Badger	Dike
at Tennessee	Crenshaw-Dickson	Barber	Harris	Slaughter	George Jr.	Mertz	Johnson	Boardingham	Hansen	Badger	Wilson
Kentucky											
vs. Georgia											
at Texas											
LSU											
Ole Miss											
at Florida State											

Defense

Game	NT	DT	LB	LB	LB	LB	CB	SS	FS	DB	UTIL
Miami	C. Jackson	Slackman	S. James	Howard	Searcy	K. James	J. Jackson	Turner	Castell	Marshall	Denson
Samford	C. Jackson	Banks	S. James	Howard	Searcy	K. James	J. Jackson	Douglas	Castell	Marshall	Gates
Texas A&M	C. Jackson	Banks	S. James	Howard	Searcy	K. James	Moore	Douglas	Castell	Marshall	Gumbs Jr.
at Mississippi St.	C. Jackson	Banks	S. James	Howard	Searcy	K. James	Moore	Thornton	Castell	Marshall	Denson
UCF	C. Jackson	Banks	S. James	Howard	Pyburn	Sapp	Moore	Thornton	Castell	Marshall	Denson
at Tennessee	C. Jackson	Banks	S. James	Howard	Pyburn	Sapp	Moore	Bridges	Castell	Marshall	Denson
Kentucky											
vs. Georgia											
at Texas											
LSU											
Ole Miss											
at Florida State											

CAREER STARTS

Offense	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Total	Streak	Defense	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Total	Streak
Graham Mertz, QB	5	11	12	13	7	48	4	Jason Marshall Jr., DB	6	12	13	7	-	39	35
Brandon Crenshaw-Dickson, OL	5	9	12	14	-	40	5	Cam Jackson, DL	6	11	13	-	-	30	9
Chimere Dike, WR	4	11	13	1	6	35	-	Asa Turner, S	1	6	9	4	4	29	-
Montrell Johnson Jr., RB	6	11	9	-	-	26	7	Joey Slackman, DT	1	8	10	-	-	19	-
Elijah Badger, WR	4	9	12	1	-	26	4	Shemar James, LB	6	8	4	-	-	18	6
Damieon George Jr., OL	6	11	-	3	-	20	14	Trikweze Bridges, DB	1	1	13	3	-	18	1
Austin Barber, OL	6	8	5	-	-	19	6	Jordan Castell, S	6	11	-	-	-	17	17
Hayden Hansen, TE	6	9	-	-	-	15	15	Caleb Banks, DL	5	11	-	-	-	16	5
Jake Slaughter, OL	6	8	-	-	-	14	9	DJ Douglas, DB	2	12	-	-	-	14	-
Kahleil Jackson, WR	1	9	-	-	-	10	-	Tyreek Sapp, DL	2	11	-	-	-	13	2
Eugene Wilson III, WR	3	7	-	-	-	10	1	Desmond Watson, DL	-	-	10	-	-	10	-
Knijeah Harris, OL	6	1	-	-	-	7	6	George Gumbs Jr., EDGE	1	7	-	-	-	8	-
Keon Zipperer, TE	-	-	6	-	-	6	-	Bryce Thornton, S	2	4	-	-	-	6	-
Kamryn Waites, OL	1	2	1	-	-	4	-	Pup Howard, LB	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Marcus Burke, WR	3	-	1	-	-	4	-	T.J. Searcy, LB	4	-	-	-	-	4	-
Arlis Boardingham, TE	2	2	-	-	-	4	1	Kamran James, LB	4	-	-	-	-	4	-
DJ Lagway, QB	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	Sharif Denson, CB	4	-	-	-	-	4	3
								Derek Wingo, LB	-	-	2	1	-	3	-
								Jack Pyburn, EDGE	2	1	-	-	-	3	2
								Ja'Keem Jackson, CB	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
								Jaden Robinson, LB	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
								Jamari Lyons, DL	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
								Aaron Gates, DB	1	-	-	-	-	1	-

2024 TAKEAWAYS

Opponent	Takeaway	Quarter	Time	Yard-Line	Result	Result of Drive
Miami	Shemar James INTERCEPTION	1	2:31	MIA 33	0-yard return	41-yard field goal
Samford	Aaron Gates FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	14:14	SAM36	0-yard return	Turnover on downs
Texas A&M	none					
at Mississippi St.	Grayson Howard FUMBLE RECOVERY	4	14:54	UFL7	0-yard return	Touchdown (Austin Barber fumble recovery)
UCF	Bryce Thornton INTERCEPTION	4	1:56	UFL21	0-yard return	End of game
at Tennessee	Grayson Howard FUMBLE RECOVERY	1	12:44	UFL26	0-yard return	Punt
	Sharif Denson INTERCEPTION	2	1:22	TENN42	20-yard return	End of half
Kentucky						
vs. Georgia						
at Texas						
LSU						
Ole Miss						
at Florida State						
Florida State						
TOTAL	6 takeaways (3 interceptions, 3 fumble recoveries)			1 touchdown, 1 field goal		10 points

2024 TURNOVERS

Opponent	Takeaway	Quarter	Time	Yard-Line	Result	Result of Drive
Miami	Graham Mertz INTERCEPTION	3	0:35	MIA 5	67-yard return	Missed FG
	DJ Lagway INTERCEPTION	4	2:55	MIA 42	0-yard return	End of Game
Samford	Jadan Baugh FUMBLE	2	13:58	SAM7	Touchback	Punt
Texas A&M	DJ Lagway INTERCEPTION	2	00:01	A&M 48	Touchback	End of Half
	Graham Mertz INTERCEPTION	3	5:37	UFL 36	45-yard TD return	Touchdown
	DJ Lagway INTERCEPTION	4	2:54	UFL39	15-yard return	End of Game
at Mississippi St.	Montrell Johnson Jr. FUMBLE	2	15:00	UFL50	0-yard return	Punt
UCF	none					
at Tennessee	Graham Mertz FUMBLE	2	3:19	TENN01	0-yard return	Interception
	DJ Lagway INTERCEPTION	3	2:55	UFL25	15-yard return	Made FG
Kentucky						
vs. Georgia						
at Texas						
LSU						
Ole Miss						
at Florida State						
TOTAL	9 Turnovers (5 Interceptions, 3 Fumbles)			1 Touchdown, 1 Field Goal		10 points

First Half Takeaways	4	First Half Turnovers	4
First Quarter	3	First Quarter	0
Second Quarter	1	Second Quarter	4
Second Half Takeaways	2	Second Half Turnovers	5
Third Quarter	0	Third Quarter	3
Fourth Quarter	2	Fourth Quarter	2
TOTAL TAKEAWAYS	6	TOTAL TURNOVERS	9

**TURNOVER
MARGIN (PER GAME)**
-3 (-0.50)

2024 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

Runs 10+ Yards (27 runs for 495 yards / 18.33 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
13	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Miami
71	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Miami
10	Graham Mertz	Miami
11	Jakobi Jackson	Miami
16	DJ Lagway	Miami
16	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Samford
14	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Samford
11	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Samford
14	Jadan Baugh	Samford
10	Jakobi Jackson	Samford
14	Treyaun Webb	Texas A&M
11	Treyaun Webb	Texas A&M
10	Jakobi Jackson	Texas A&M
16	Graham Mertz	Mississippi State
12	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Mississippi State
11	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Mississippi State
10	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Mississippi State
13	DJ Lagway	Mississippi State
11	Treyaun Webb	Mississippi State
10	Jakobi Jackson	Mississippi State
32	Jadan Baugh	Mississippi State
10	Jadan Baugh	Mississippi State
34	Montrell Johnson Jr.	UCF
19	Jakobi Jackson	UCF
23	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Tennessee
13	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Tennessee
20	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Tennessee
15	Graham Mertz	Tennessee
12	Jadan Baugh	Tennessee
13	Jakobi Jackson	Tennessee

Receptions 15+ Yards (37 catches for 1020 yards / 27.56 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
19	Elijahah Badger	Miami
16	Eugene Wilson III	Miami
77	Elijahah Badger	Samford
44	Chimere Dike	Samford
40	Hayden Hansen	Samford
24	Elijahah Badger	Samford
22	Elijahah Badger	Samford
85	Eugene Wilson III	Samford
22	Eugene Wilson III	Samford
16	Eugene Wilson III	Samford
36	Tank Hawkins	Samford
41	Aidan Mizell	Samford
39	Chimere Dike	Texas A&M
19	Chimere Dike	Texas A&M
22	Chimere Dike	Texas A&M
38	Elijahah Badger	Texas A&M
16	Elijahah Badger	Texas A&M
17	Arlis Boardingham	Texas A&M
15	Jakobi Jackson	Mississippi State
20	Marcus Burke	Mississippi State
15	Marcus Burke	Mississippi State
35	Hayden Hansen	Mississippi State
27	Elijahah Badger	Mississippi State
15	Aidan Mizell	Mississippi State
28	Chimere Dike	Mississippi State
37	Chimere Dike	UCF
24	Chimere Dike	UCF
20	Chimere Dike	UCF
31	Tank Hawkins	UCF
18	Elijahah Badger	UCF
27	Chimere Dike	Tennessee
25	Chimere Dike	Tennessee
17	Chimere Dike	Tennessee
20	Arlis Boardingham	Tennessee
17	Hayden Hansen	Tennessee
18	Elijahah Badger	Tennessee
18	Eugene Wilson III	Tennessee

Kickoff Returns 30+ Yards (5 returns for 148 yards / 29.6 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
35	Jadan Baugh	Miami
31	Jadan Baugh	Samford
28	Treyaun Webb	Texas A&M
27	Jadan Baugh	Texas A&M
27	Jadan Baugh	Texas A&M

Punt Returns 20+ Yards (4 returns for 123 yards / 30.75 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
31	Chimere Dike	Samford
35	Chimere Dike	Mississippi State
30	Chimere Dike	Tennessee
27	Chimere Dike	Tennessee

Defensive Returns 20+ Yards N/A

Yards	Player	Opponent
N/A		

Opponent Big Plays

Runs (10+)	30 for 458 yards
Receiving (15+)	34 for 882 yards
Kick Returns (30+)	0 for 0 yards
Punt Returns (20+)	0 for 0 yards
Defensive Returns (20+)	0 for 0 yards
TOTAL	64 for 1340 yards / 20.93 avg



100-YARD GAMES

100-Yard Rushing Games					
Player	2024	2023	2022	2021	Career
Johnson Jr.	1	3	3	-	7
Etienne	-	1	2	-	3
TOTALS	1	4	5	-	10

100-Yard Receiving Games					
Player	2024	2023	2022	2021	Career
Badger	1	-	-	-	1
Wilson III	1	-	-	-	1
Pearsall	-	4	2	-	6
-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	4	2	-	8

200-YARD GAMES

200-Yard Passing Games					
Player	2024	2023	2022	2021	Career
Mertz	1	8	-	-	9
Lagway	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	2	8	-	-	10

300-YARD GAMES

300-Yard Passing Games					
Player	2024	2023	2022	2021	Career
Mertz	-	3	-	-	3
Lagway	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	-	3	-	-	4

NON-OFFENSIVE TDs

FLORIDA - 0

OPPONENTS - 1

2024 RED ZONE

FLORIDA

Opponent	No.	TDs	FG	Score Pct.	TD Pct.	TO	Failed			
							Downs	EOH	MFG	
Miami	1	1	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0	
Samford	6	3	1	66.6%	50%	1	1	0	0	
Texas A&M	3	3	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0	
at Mississippi St.	5	5	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0	
UCF	4	3	1	100%	75%	0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee	6	2	1	50%	33.3%	1	1	1	0	
Kentucky										
vs. Georgia										
at Texas										
LSU										
Ole Miss										
at Florida State										
Florida State										
TOTAL	25	17	3	80%	68%	2	2	1	0	

OPPONENTS

Opponent	No.	TDs	FG	Score Pct.	TD Pct.	TO	Failed			
							Downs	EOH	MFG	
Miami	6	3	2	83.3%	50%	0	0	1	0	
Samford	1	1	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0	
Texas A&M	2	1	1	100%	50%	0	0	0	0	
at Mississippi St.	6	4	0	66.7%	66.7%	1	0	1	0	
UCF	3	1	2	100%	33.3%	0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee	3	2	1	100%	66.7%	0	0	0	0	
Kentucky										
vs. Georgia										
at Texas										
LSU										
Ole Miss										
at Florida State										
Florida State										
TOTAL	21	12	6	85.7%	57.1%	0	0	2	0	

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

2024 EFFICIENCY TOTALS

Team	1st Downs	Rush	Pass	Pen. Yds.	3rd Down Conv.	3rd Att.	3rd Down Pct.	4th Down Conv.	4th Att.	4th Down Pct.
FLORIDA	126	851	1,566	321	25	66	37.9%	4	10	40%
Opponents	136	1,006	1,281	322	35	85	41.2%	6	9	66.7%

In 2023 (twelve regular season games)...

FLORIDA	260	1,819	3,086	575	55	150	36.7%	9	22	40.9%
Opponents	213	1,866	2,716	518	53	146	36.3%	4	13	30.8%

2024 EFFICIENCY VS. SEC OPPONENTS

Team	1st Downs	Rush	Pass	Pen. Yds.	3rd Down Conv.	3rd Att.	3rd Down Pct.	4th Down Conv.	4th Att.	4th Down Pct.
FLORIDA	68	416	749	155	13	33	39.4%	1	4	25%
Opponents	76	693	587	227	20	48	41.7%	6	7	85.7%

In 2023 vs. SEC (eight SEC games)...

FLORIDA	189	1,343	2,261	494	48	122	39.3%	7	16	43.8%
Opponents	184	1,638	2,352	433	45	110	40.9%	3	11	27.3%

SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

Player	UA	A	TT
Ja'Markis Weston	3	0	3
Rocco Underwood	3	0	3
Aaron Chiles	1	1	2
Jaden Robinson	0	2	2
Trikweze Bridges	1	0	1
Teddy Foster	0	1	1
Myles Graham	0	1	1
Jack Pyburn	0	1	1

2024 FLORIDA DRIVES SUPERLATIVES

Total TD Drive Time:	64:08
Total Offensive TD:	22
Shortest TD Drive (Yards):	6 plays, 29 yards, Samford
Longest TD Drive (Yards):	93 yards, Mississippi State
Shortest TD Drive (Time):	0:11, Miami
Longest TD Drive (Time):	7:58, UCF
Shortest TD Drive (Plays):	1, 2x, Miami and Samford
Longest TD Drive (Plays):	15, UCF

FIELD POSITION

	FLORIDA	Opponents
Drives Started	69	68
Average Starting Field Position (incl. OT)	Own 30	Own 29
Times Started Inside Own 20	10	16
Drives Started in Opponent Territory	9	7

2024 WEEKLY LEADERS

FLORIDA	Opponent	Rushes	Rush Yards	Receptions	Receiving Yards	Tackles	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
	Miami	11 - M. Johnson Jr.	106 - M. Johnson Jr.	7 - E. Wilson III	50 - E. Wilson III	6 - G. Howard	1 - S. James/T.Sapp	1 - T.Sapp
	Samford	15 - M. Johnson Jr.	67 - M. Johnson Jr.	6 - E. Wilson III	141 - E. Wilson III	6 - J. Marshall Jr.	3 - G. Gumbs Jr.	1 - four tied
	Texas A&M	7 - M. Johnson Jr.	37 - T. Webb	6 - C. Dike	94 - E. Badger	8 - J. Robinson	1 - A. Gates	None
	at Mississippi St.	15 - M. Johnson Jr.	68 - M. Johnson Jr.	5 - A. Mizell	45 - E. Badger/M. Burke	10 - T. Bridges	2.5 - S. Denson	1 - three tied
	UCF	10 - M. Johnson Jr.	54 - M. Johnson Jr.	7 - T. Hawkins	88 - C. Dike	6 - S. James/J. Castell	1.5 - G. Gumbs Jr.	1.5 - G. Gumbs Jr.
	at Tennessee	12 - M. Johnson Jr./J. Baugh	85 - M. Johnson Jr.	5 - E. Wilson III	76 - C. Dike	7 - J. Pyburn/J. Robinson	1.5 - J. Robinson	1.5 - J. Robinson
	Kentucky							
	vs. Georgia							
	at Texas							
	LSU							
	Ole Miss							
	at Florida State							
	Florida State							

OPPONENTS	Team	Rushes	Rush Yards	Receptions	Receiving Yards	Tackles	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
	Miami	15 - D. Martinez	65 - D. Martinez	7 - X. Restrepo	112 - X. Restrepo	7 - J. Harris	2 - T. Baron	1 - T. Baron/F. Mauigoa
	Samford	9 - D. Witherspoon	26 - D. Witherspoon	4 - B. Jenkins/D. Rias	51 - B. Jenkins	11 - N. Martin	0.5 - D. Pollard/N. Martin	None
	Texas A&M	18 - L. Moss	110 - L. Moss	3 - C. Allen	81 - C. Allen	5 - three tied	1 - three tied	1 - C. Howell
	at Mississippi St.	16 - D. Booth	77 - J. Daniels	6 - K. Coleman Jr.	62 - M. Craver	8 - I. Smith/S. Blanton	1 - C. Clark	None
	UCF	16 - R. Harvey	75 - R. Harvey	5 - J. Richardson	44 - R. Pittman Jr.	7 - E. Barr	1 - four tied	None
	at Tennessee	27 - D. Sampson	112 - D. Sampson	5 - S. White	71 - S. White	7 - four tied	2 - B. Eason	1.5 - O. Norman-Lott
	Kentucky							
	vs. Georgia							
	at Texas							
	LSU							
	Ole Miss							
	at Florida State							
	Florida State							



2024 FLORIDA SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Score	Plays	Yards	TOP	Qtr.	Obtained (Spot)	Scoring Play
Miami	FG	6	10	2:06	1	INT (Opp 33)	Trey Smack 41 yd Field Goal
	TD	1	71	0:11	2	Punt (Own 29)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 71 yd run
	TD	9	58	4:03	4	Punt (Own 42)	Treyaun Webb 1 yd run
Samford	TD	4	86	1:55	1	Punt (Own 14)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 1 yd run
	TD	5	70	2:18	2	Punt (Own 30)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 7 yd run
	TD	4	69	1:07	3	KO (Own 31)	Tank Hawkins 36 yd pass from DJ Lagway
	TD	4	75	1:48	3	KO (Own 25)	Aidan Mizell 41 yd pass from DJ Lagway
	FG	15	56	6:37	4	Punt (Own 37)	Trey Smack 25 yd Field Goal
	TD	1	85	0:13	4	Punt (Own 15)	Eugene Wilson III 85 yd pass from DJ Lagway
	TD	6	29	2:09	4	Punt (Opp 29)	Aidan Warner 9 yd run
Texas A&M	TD	7	75	3:11	3	KO (Own 25)	Elijah Badger 14 yd pass from Graham Mertz
	TD	10	72	4:18	3	KO (Own 28)	Chimere Dike 7 yd pass from DJ Lagway
	TD	9	78	3:15	4	Missed FG (Own 22)	Ja’Kobi Jackson 2 yd run
Mississippi St.	TD	13	84	6:17	1	Punt (Own 16)	Arlis Boardingham 3 yd pass from Graham Mertz
	TD	7	65	2:46	2	Punt (Own 35)	Marcus Burke 20 yd pass from Graham Mertz
	TD	2	44	0:34	2	Punt (Opp 34)	Hayden Hansen 35 yd pass from Graham Mertz
	TD	10	91	2:59	2	Punt (Own 9)	Ja’Kobi Jackson 10 yd run
	TD	8	75	3:01	3	KO (Own 25)	Graham Mertz 1 yd run
	TD	10	93	5:49	4	Fumble (Own 7)	Austin Barber 0 yd run
	FG	6	21	1:52	4	KO (50)	Trey Smack 47 yd Field Goal
UCF	TD	15	75	7:58	1	KO (25)	Elijah Badger 13 yd pass from Graham Mertz
	TD	3	43	1:11	2	Downs (Opp 43)	Ja’Kobi Jackson 1 yd run
	TD	9	58	3:50	2	Punt (Own 42)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3 yd run
	FG	7	46	0:44	2	Downs (Own 44)	Trey Smack 28 yd Field Goal
Tennessee	FG	10	27	4:51	1	Punt (Own 49)	Trey Smack 42 yd Field Goal
	TD	9	92	4:14	3	Punt (Own 8)	Arlis Boardingham 13 yd pass from Graham Mertz
	TD	4	31	2:02	4	Punt (Opp 31)	Chimere Dike 27 yd pass from DJ Lagway

Plays Per Drive

FLORIDA			
Opponent	Plays	Drives	Avg.
Miami	55	12	4.58
Samford	63	12	5.25
Texas A&M	54	10	5.40
at Miss. St.	65	11	5.91
UCF	62	10	6.20
at Tennessee	74	14	5.29
Kentucky	-	-	-
vs. Georgia	-	-	-
at Texas	-	-	-
LSU	-	-	-
Ole Miss	-	-	-
at FSU	-	-	-
TOTAL	373	69	5.41

OPPONENTS

Opponent	Plays	Drives	Avg.
Miami	72	12	6.0
Samford	68	13	5.23
Texas A&M	76	9	8.44
at Miss. St.	90	11	8.18
UCF	64	9	7.11
at Tennessee	70	14	5.0
Kentucky	-	-	-
vs. Georgia	-	-	-
at Texas	-	-	-
LSU	-	-	-
Ole Miss	-	-	-
at FSU	-	-	-
TOTAL	440	68	6.47

Offensive Touchdown Breakdown

Yards	# of TD	# of TD Drives
0-10	12	-
11-20	4	-
21-30	1	1
31-40	2	1
41-50	1	2
51-60	-	2
61-70	-	2
71-80	1	8
81-90	1	3
91-99	-	3

TOP	TD Drives	Plays on TD Drives
0:01-0:30	2	2
0:31-1:00	1	2
1:01-1:30	2	7
1:31-2:00	2	8
2:01-3:00	5	32
3:01-4:00	4	31
4:01-5:00	3	28
5:01-6:00	1	10
6:01-7:00	1	13
7:01+	1	15
OT	-	-

2024 OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Score	Plays	Net Yards	TOP	Quarter	Obtained (Spot Acquired)	Scoring Play
Miami	TD	11	84	5:39	1	Punt (Miami 16)	Cam McCormick 9 yd catch from Cam Ward
	FG	9	70	5:26	2	KO (Miami 25)	Andres Borregales 23 yd FG
	TD	4	58	1:23	2	Downs (Miami 42)	Mark Fletcher Jr. 10 yd run
	TD	8	75	2:36	2	KO (Miami 25)	Xavier Restrepo 24 yd catch from Cam Ward
	TD	6	75	2:35	3	KO (Miami 25)	Mark Fletcher Jr. 1 yd run
	TD	9	86	3:49	3	Punt (Miami 14)	Jacolby George 23 yd catch from Cam Ward
	FG	6	37	3:14	4	KO (Florida 45)	Andres Borregales 26 yd FG
	TD	12	75	5:58	3	KO (Samford 25)	Damonta Witherspoon 1 yd run
Samford	TD	12	75	5:58	3	KO (Samford 25)	Damonta Witherspoon 1 yd run
Texas A&M	FG	14	62	6:46	1	KO (A&M 25)	Randy Bond 31 yd FG
	TD	9	92	5:10	1	Punt (A&M 8)	Theo Melin Ohrstrom 29 yd catch from Marcel Reed
	FG	9	24	3:34	2	Punt (A&M 45)	Randy Bond 48 yd FG
	TD	15	99	7:15	2	Punt (A&M 1)	Marcel Reed 1 yd run
	TD	2	75	0:49	3	KO (Own 25)	Cyrus Allen 73 yd catch from Marcel Reed
	TD	-	-	-	3	INT (Florida 45)	Bryce Anderson 45 yd interception return
Mississippi St.	TD	9	62	3:18	1	KO (Miss St. 38)	Davon Booth 1 yd run
	TD	6	75	0:54	2	KO (Miss St. 25)	Blake Shapen 3 yd run
	TD	13	76	6:43	3	Punt (Miss St. 24)	Jordan Mosley 13 yd pass from Blake Shapen
	TD	12	75	3:58	4	KO (Miss St. 25)	Johnnie Daniels 10 yd run
UCF	FG	12	65	4:30	1	KO (UCF 25)	Grant Reddick 27 yd FG
	FG	14	56	8:28	3	KO (UCF 25)	Grant Reddick 37 yd FG
	TD	8	82	3:35	4	Punt (UCF 18)	RJ Harvey 13 yd run
Tennessee	TD	11	75	4:14	3	KO (Tenn 25)	Dylan Sampson 6 yd run
	FG	4	3	1:10	3	INT (Florida 20)	Max Gilbert 35 yd FG
	TD	2	29	0:29	4	Punt (Florida 29)	Dylan Sampson 23 yd run
	TD	5	25	-	OT	Possession (Florida 25)	Dylan Sampson 1 yd run

UF HOMECOMING / HALL OF FAME WEEKEND / GATORMADE WEEK

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND: The Gators will be inducting members into their 2024 Florida Athletics Hall of Fame class this weekend.

Gator Greats: Elizabeth Beisel (Women's Swimming & Diving), Marcin Cieslak (Men's Swimming & Diving), Francesca Enea (Softball), Chas Henry (Football), Genevieve LaCaze (Women's Track & Field), Hannah Rogers (Softball), Preston Tucker (Baseball) and Scottie Wilbekin (Men's Basketball)

- The eight Gator Greats were part of two NCAA and 12 Southeastern Conference title teams and claimed four NCAA and 21 SEC individual crowns.

Honorary Letterman: Becky Burleigh (Former UF soccer head coach)

GATORMADE WEEK: Week 8 is also Florida's GatorMade Week.

GatorMade is a holistic player-focused and purpose-driven initiative that develops football scholar-athletes during their time at UF and beyond.

GatorMade is the development process of our football scholar-athletes. It is the culmination of opportunities and applied leadership that holistically develop the skills, experience, and character of Gators. More than a program, it is a mindset for each student leader to actively author his own experience through the resources and support of GatorMade. By investing in himself, each Gator expands his influence and his ability to impact others - in homes, communities, boardrooms, industries, and world.

The name GatorMade comes from the experiences that only University of Florida Gator Football scholar-athletes can have - from playing in the Swamp, to learning at a Top 5 public institution, the combination of tradition and ingenuity creates a distinctive environment for our young men to prosper. To be a part of this institution, program, and team, is to be now and forever GatorMade.



WEEK 8: HONORARY MR. TWO BITS

THE LEGEND OF MR. TWO BITS

It all started in 1949 at Florida Field, when George Edmondson looked at the crowd around him as the Gators were playing The Citadel. Fans were booing the team and George would not stand for it. He jumped up and got the fans cheering, and so began the legend of Mr. Two Bits.

For 60 years, Gators fans from all across the world became eternally grateful for the man who started every Gators home football game with the phrase “Two-Bits, Four-Bits, Six-Bits, a Dollar. All for the Gators, Stand Up and holler!” George Edmondson led the cheer in his trademark yellow shirt with an orange and blue tie from 1949 until retiring from the role at the end of the 2008 season. Coincidentally, Florida’s home finale that season came against The Citadel, providing a unique symmetry to Edmondson’s decades of leading Florida fans in the Mr. Two Bits cheer.

Upon his retirement, Florida mascots Albert and Alberta continued the pregame Two Bits tradition until 2013 when UF began inviting celebrities to perform the role. Erric Rhett was the first honorary Mr. Two Bits, and multiple Gator Greats have gone on to fill that role since.



THIS WEEK'S HONORARY MR. TWO BITS IS...

...John L. Williams, standout running back and 10-year NFL veteran from the 1984 SEC Championship football team. Florida’s Chris Harry details his selection below.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – For nearly three decades, Nola Mae Williams was the protector of a piece of jewelry that should have meant the world to her son, but came to represent frustration and resentment.

John L. Williams was one of the best players on arguably the most talented (some even say the greatest) football team in University of Florida history. The 1984 Gators, in the midst of an ugly NCAA investigation that cost Coach Charley Pell his job three games into the season, bludgeoned the Southeastern Conference (including wins of 24-3 over No. 13 Auburn and 27-0 over No. 8 Georgia) on the way to capturing the first league title in program history. UF, at long last, was conference champion and celebrated as such, only to be stripped of the title by the SEC presidents at the league’s annual meetings six months after the season.

For the players, the vacated championship was bad enough, but being ostracized by the school and athletic program they suited up for in the ensuing years – all references to the ‘84 champions, as well as the 1985 co-champions, were wiped from UF record books and removed from the stadium – became a bridge too far in many of their minds. Williams, a magnificent running back and future first-round NFL draft pick, gave his SEC title ring to his mother and even buried it with her upon her passing in 2013.

“I had no use for it because what it meant they took away from us,” said Williams, a 1997 inductee into the UF Athletic Hall of Fame. “It meant something to her, but didn’t mean anything to me anymore.”



Williams, now 59 and retired, is at peace knowing the trinket forever will rest with his mom. Yet maybe this weekend can bring a different kind of peace – for Williams and dozens more Gators, not to mention thousands of longtime fans – when members of that both famous and infamous 1984 team, at long last, returns to Spurrier/Florida Field to be recognized during Saturday’s game between UF (3-3, 1-2) and Kentucky (3-3, 1-3), the team the Gators beat 40 years ago to clinch that short-lived championship.

Arrive early and see Williams rep his cherished teammates and longtime friends as the game’s honorary “Mr. Two Bits.”

“We’d hear the whistle,” Williams said of famed cheerleader George Edmondson Jr., who was a spry 62-year-old running the stadium back in ‘84. “That’s when we knew to look up into the stands.”

On Saturday, once again, it will be fans in the stands at Williams and Co., and looking back on the remarkable achievements of that stunning collection of UF icons and superstars: Neal Anderson, Kerwin Bell, Lomas Brown, Lorenzo Hampton, Crawford Ker, Ricky Nattiel, Frankie Neal, Jeff Zimmermann, Alonzo Johnson, Tim Newton, Jarvis Williams, Adrian White, Ray Criswell and Bobby Raymond, to name a few.

Not all will be there. Some have passed on. Some will just plain take a pass on what they feel is a too-little, way-too-late acknowledgment.

Some wounds are just too deep to heal.

Williams, who shared carries with Anderson and Hampton to give the Gators a trio of future NFL first-rounders in the backfield, was asked if the weekend, which will include a golf function Friday and tailgating Saturday, will be emotional, meaningful or bittersweet?

“Just add all three of those words together and that’ll definitely be me,” he said.

Williams, who at Palatka High was one of the greatest running backs in state history, retired from the NFL after the 1995 season and returned to his hometown to run a bar and funeral home in 1997. Despite living just 50 miles away, he’s never been back to a UF football practice and only attended two games; one against Alabama in 2010 when he sat in the stands, the other against Florida State in 2017 when then-interim UF coach Randy Shannon, who as a player at Miami faced Williams and those ‘84 Gators, invited him to sit in the head coach’s suite.

“It took a Hurricane to ask me back,” Williams said. Until now.

This invite comes courtesy of the University Athletic Association. The parties involved (as well as the devoted old-guard fans) can debate and complain about what went wrong or what lines of communication broke down over the last 40 years, or they can look at this UAA invitation as an olive branch that (maybe) can lead to something more. Perhaps further recognition of some kind down the line.

“It’s the beginning of mending a fence,” said Williams, who was taken 15th overall in the 1986 draft by Seattle, where he was a two-time Pro-Bowler and played 10 NFL seasons, with his final game coming as a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super XXX. “I think you’re going to be surprised how many guys are actually coming back. It’ll be great to see so many faces I haven’t seen in years.”

And maybe greater that a new generation (several generations, actually) see some faces, hear some stories and watch some highlights on the giant video screen of a championship team forgotten. Even now, all these years later, Williams has trouble talking about it.

“I’m one of those guys who is not very well spoken when it comes down to it ... especially about this,” he said. “Until I get excited and worked up, that is, which was how I was on the football field.”

It’s been a long time (too long) in coming, but the field where Williams and the ‘84 Gators were once cheered and revered beckons again. Welcome home, gentlemen.

2024 FLORIDA GATORS ROSTER

			#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown	High School/Previous School
0	Denson, Sharif	DB	31	Abood II, Richard	K	5-7	155	R-Jr.	Naples, Fla.	Naples / Georgetown
0	Fraziars, Ja'Quavion	WR	4	Abrams, TJ	WR	5-10	197	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla.	Dunbar
1	Boone, Justus	EDGE	43	Allen Jr., Alfonso	DB	5-11	197	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Central
1	Johnson Jr., Montrell	RB	6	Badger, Elijah	WR	6-1	192	Sr.	South Sacramento, Calif.	Folsom / Arizona State
2	Jackson, Ja'Keem	DB	88	Banks, Caleb	DL	6-5.75	325	R-Jr.	Detroit, Mich.	Southfield A&T / Louisville
2	Lagway, DJ	QB	58	Barber, Austin	OL	6-6.25	314	R-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy
3	Marshall Jr., Jason	DB	13	Baugh, Jadan	RB	6-0.75	227	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Columbia
3	Wilson III, Eugene	WR	8	Boardingham, Arlis	TE	6-3	245	R-So.	Van Nuys, Calif.	Birmingham
4	Abrams, TJ	WR	93	Boireau, Michai	DL	6-4.75	351	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Creekside
4	Foster, Teddy	DB	1	Boone, Justus	EDGE	6-3.75	266	R-Jr.	Sumter, S.C.	Sumter HS
5	Graham, Myles	ILB	7	Bridges, Trikweze	DB	6-2.25	200	R-Sr.	Lanett, Ala.	Lanett / Oregon
5	Webb, Treyaun	RB	96	Brown, Tarvoise	DL	6-6.75	290	R-Fr.	Palm Bay, Fla.	Heritage / Hutchinson CC
6	Badger, Elijah	WR	59	Bullard, Titus	EDGE	6-2	223	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Berkeley Prep
6	James, Shemar	ILB	88	Burke, Marcus	WR	6-3.75	197	R-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy
7	Bridges, Trikweze	DB	48	Burt, Gannon	LS	6-1	213	R-Fr.	Fort Mill, S.C.	Fort Mill
7	Jackson, Amir	TE	36	Capers, Bryce	EDGE	6-3.75	243	R-So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Riverside
8	Boardingham, Arlis	TE	27	Carroll, Cam	RB	6-0	230	R-Sr.	Flowood, Miss.	Northwest Rankin / Tulane
8	Chiles, Aaron	ILB	14	Castell, Jordan	DB	6-2	210	So.	Orlando, Fla.	West Orange
9	Weston, Ja'Markis	EDGE	8	Chiles, Aaron	ILB	6-2.5	234	Fr.	Largo, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel
9	Zipperer, Keon	TE	59	Clem, Hayden	OL	6-2	XXX	R-Jr.	Maitland, Fla.	Winter Park
10	Hawkins, Tank	WR	11	Collins, Kelby	DL	6-3.75	278	So.	Gardendale, Ala.	Gardendale
10	Howard, Grayson	ILB	31	Covington, Ahman	DB	5-11	191	R-Fr.	Starke, Fla.	Bradford
11	Collins, Kelby	DL	26	Crawshaw, Jeremy	P	6-3.75	205	Sr.	Emu Plains, New South Wales, Australia	ProKick Australia
11	Mizell, Aidan	WR	65	Crenshaw-Dickson, Brandon	OL	6-7	322	R-Sr.	Inglewood, Calif.	Narbonne / San Diego State
12	Douglas, DJ	DB	21	Daniels, KD	RB	5-11.5	197	Fr.	West Point, Miss.	West Point
12	Kessler, Paul	QB	23	Davis, Josiah	DB	6-0.5	198	Fr.	Nashville, Ga.	Berrien
13	Baugh, Jadan	RB	0	Denson, Sharif	DB	5-11	189	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Bartram Trail
13	Gates, Aaron	DB	17	Dike, Chimere	WR	6-0.25	195	Sr.	Waukesha, Wis.	Waukesha North / Wisconsin
14	Castell, Jordan	DB	12	Douglas, DJ	DB	5-11.75	210	R-Sr.	Montgomery, Ala.	Thompson / Alabama / Tulane
14	Jean, Andy	WR	43	Edgecombe, Jaden	WR	5-8	182	R-Fr.	Cocoa, Fla.	Cocoa
15	Mertz, Graham	QB	55	Emanuel III, Charles	EDGE	6-3	236	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Lake Nona
15	Wingo, Derek	ILB	76	Faircloth, Mark	OL	6-4.75	309	Fr.	Quincy, Florida	Florida State University School
16	Moten, R.J.	ILB	61	Flynn, Nicolas	DL	6-2.5	277	R-So.	Lake Forest, Ill.	Lake Forest
16	Warner, Aidan	QB	4	Foster, Teddy	DB	6-0.75	181	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla.	Cardinal Mooney
17	Dike, Chimere	WR	0	Fraziars, Ja'Quavion	WR	6-3.5	218	Sr.	Dunnellon, Fla.	Dunnellon
17	McCray, LJ	EDGE	13	Gates, Aaron	DB	6-0.5	196	R-Fr.	Moreland, Ga.	Trinity Christian
18	Millen, Clay	QB	70	George Jr., Damieon	OL	6-6	345	R-Jr.	Houston, Texas	North Shore / Alabama
18	Thornton, Bryce	DB	19	Gonzalez, Alex	WR	5-10.75	196	R-So.	Fort Myers, Fla.	Lehigh
19	Gonzalez, Alex	WR	5	Graham, Myles	ILB	6-0.75	228	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz
19	Searcy, T.J.	EDGE	84	Green Jr., Brian	WR	6-0	194	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Orange Park
20	Turner, Asa	DB	26	Grimsley, Jameer	DB	6-2.25	196	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Catholic
21	Daniels, KD	RB	34	Gumbs Jr., George	EDGE	6-4	249	R-Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Simeon / Northern Illinois
21	Watson, Desmond	DL	35	Hampton, DeBraun	WR	5-10	179	Fr.	Montgomery, Texas	Willis
22	Jackson, Kahleil	WR	89	Hansen, Hayden	TE	6-6.25	267	R-So.	Weatherford, Texas	Weatherford
22	Spurlock II, Deuce	ILB	77	Harris, Knijeah	OL	6-3	321	So.	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	IMG Academy
22	Spurlock II, Deuce	ILB	10	Hawkins, Tank	WR	5-9.5	176	Fr.	Fredericksburg, Va.	IMG Academy
23	Davis, Josiah	DB	87	Hill, Gavin	TE	6-3	246	R-Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz
24	Jackson, Ja'Kobi	RB	90	Homa, Connor	DL	6-2.25	306	R-Fr.	Palm Harbor, Fla.	Palm Harbor University
24	James, Kamran	EDGE	10	Howard, Grayson	ILB	6-4	238	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Andrew Jackson / South Carolina
25	McClain, Cormani	DB	38	Inglis, Nicholas	P	6-4.75	242	Fr.	Dallas, Texas	Episcopal
25	Rubio, Anthony	RB	85	Isacks, Scott	TE	6-4	249	R-So.	New Orleans, La.	Metairie Park
26	Grimsley, Jameer	DB	48	Ivory, Quincy	EDGE	6-3.25	250	R-Jr.	Alief, Texas	Legacy School / Miss. Valley State / East LA CC
26	Crawshaw, Jeremy	P	7	Jackson, Amir	TE	6-4.75	228	Fr.	Statesboro, Ga.	Portal
26	Wright IV, Lawrence	QB	99	Jackson, Cam	DL	6-6	342	Sr.	Haynesville, La.	Haynesville / Memphis
27	Carroll, Cam	RB	2	Jackson, Ja'Keem	DB	6-0.5	189	So.	Kissimmee, Fla.	Osceola
27	Johnson, Dijon	DB	24	Jackson, Ja'Kobi	RB	5-10.5	209	R-Jr.	Pensacola, Fla.	Pensacola Catholic / Coahoma CC
28	Moore, Devin	DB	22	Jackson, Kahleil	WR	6-3	215	R-Jr.	Hawthorne, Fla.	Hawthorne
29	Smack, Trey	K	24	James, Kamran	EDGE	6-5.5	267	So.	Orlando, Fla.	Olympia
29	Robinson, Jaden	ILB	6	James, Shemar	ILB	6-1.25	229	Jr.	Mobile, Ala.	Faith Academy
30	Smith III, Gregory	DB	14	Jean, Andy	WR	6-1	184	R-Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Northwestern
30	Spierto, Taylor	WR	1	Johnson Jr., Montrell	RB	5-11.25	216	Sr.	New Orleans, La.	De La Salle / Louisiana
31	Covington, Ahman	DB	81	Johnson, Dawson	TE	6-3.5	225	Fr.	Englewood, Colo.	Cherry Creek
31	Abood II, Richard	K	27	Johnson, Dijon	DB	6-1	200	So.	Tampa, Fla.	Wharton
32	Rackley, Cahron	DB	63	Jones, Caden	OL	6-7.5	327	R-Fr.	New Orleans, La.	De La Salle
33	Schmidt, David	WR	42	Kade, Matthew	ILB	6-0	208	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz
33	Taylor Jr., Brien	DL	71	Kearney, Roderick	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Orange Park
34	Gumbs Jr., George	EDGE	12	Kessler, Paul	QB	6-4.5	219	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Venice
35	Hampton, DeBraun	WR	2	Lagway, DJ	QB	6-3	239	Fr.	Willis, Texas	Willis
35	Robinson, D'Antre	DL	86	Livingston, Tony	TE	6-4.75	254	So.	Tampa, Fla.	King
36	Capers, Bryce	EDGE	53	Lovett, Bryce	OL	6-5	317	R-Fr.	Rockledge, Fla.	Rockledge
37	Toombs, Javion	DB	95	Lyons, Jamari	DL	6-3.5	304	R-So.	Cocoa, Fla.	Viera
38	Inglis, Nicholas	P	57	Manuel, Devon	OL	6-7	319	R-Jr.	Sunset, La.	Beau Chene / Arkansas
39	Slade, Brayden	DB	3	Marshall Jr., Jason	DB	6-0.5	201	Sr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Palmetto
40	Rabasco, Brandon	K	78	Mascoll, Marcus	OL	6-4.75	306	Fr.	Snellville, Ga.	South Gwinnett
41	Smith, Hunter	K								
42	Kade, Matthew	ILB								

##	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown	High School / Previous School
25	McClain, Cormani	DB	6-1.5	175	So.	Lakeland, Fla.	Lakeland / Colorado
17	McCray, LJ	EDGE	6-6	264	Fr.	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Mainland
15	Mertz, Graham	QB	6-2.75	216	R-Sr.	Overland Park, Kan.	Blue Valley North / Wisconsin
18	Millen, Clay	QB	6-2.75	193	R-Jr.	Snoqualmie, Wash.	Mount Si / Nevada / Colorado State
11	Mizell, Aidan	WR	6-1.5	186	R-Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Boone
28	Moore, Devin	DB	6-2.75	197	Jr.	Naples, Fla.	Naples
16	Moten, R.J.	ILB	6-0	229	Sr.	Delran, N.J.	Delran / Michigan
91	Norwood, Tyreik	EDGE	6-2.75	XXX	R-Sr.	Winchester, Tenn.	Franklin County / Kentucky Wesleyan
47	Pelic, Justin	ILB	5-11.25	226	R-Sr.	Mount Pleasant, S.C.	Wando
73	Pitts, Mark	OL	6-6	309	R-Jr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz
74	Portnjagin, Noel	OL	6-5	314	Fr.	Karlsruhe, Germany	PPI Recruits
44	Pyburn, Jack	EDGE	6-3	265	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	The Bolles
40	Rabasco, Brandon	K	6-3.5	208	Fr.	Hollywood, Fla.	South Broward
32	Rackley, Cahron	DB	5-9.75	196	R-Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Palmetto
82	Rillos, Caleb	TE	6-5.75	252	Sr.	Golden, Colo.	Ralston Valley / Air Force
35	Robinson, D'Antre	DL	6-3	307	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Jones
29	Robinson, Jaden	ILB	6-0.25	230	So.	Lake City, Fla.	Columbia
72	Rosenberg, Bryan	OL	6-3	270	R-Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz
25	Rubio, Anthony	RB	5-9	183	R-Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Belen Jesuit Prep
94	Sapp, Tyreak	EDGE	6-2.5	272	R-Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
33	Schmidt, David	WR	5-9	185	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Newberry
92	Scott, Sebastian	DL	6-2	354	R-Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Cardinal Newman
19	Searcy, T.J.	EDGE	6-5	262	So.	Thomaston, GA	Upson-Lee
80	Sedaros, Zak	WR	5-10.25	180	R-So.	Melbourne, Fla.	Viera
97	Slackman, Joey	DL	6-3.5	300	Gr.	Commack, N.Y.	Commack / Pennsylvania
39	Slade, Brayden	DB	6-0.5	193	R-Fr.	Coconut, Creek, Fla.	Monarch
66	Slaughter, Jake	OL	6-4.5	308	R-Jr.	Sparr, Fla.	Trinity Catholic
29	Smack, Trey	K	6-1	200	Jr.	Severna Park, Md.	Severna Park
30	Smith III, Gregory	DB	6-3.25	211	Fr.	Sebring, Fla.	Sumner
41	Smith, Hunter	K	5-10	204	R-Jr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz / Warner / FAU
30	Spierto, Taylor	WR	6-0	207	R-Jr.	Franklin, Tenn.	Franklin
22	Spurlock II, Deuce	ILB	6-0.5	227	R-So.	Madison, Ala.	Madison Academy / Michigan
60	Stevens, Chase	OL	6-3	302	Fr.	Vero Beach, Fla.	Vero Beach
45	Swafford, Layne	EDGE	6-2	243	R-Fr.	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.	Ponte Vedra
33	Taylor Jr., Brien	DL	6-4.5	274	Jr.	Houston, Texas	Cypress Falls / Blinn College
18	Thornton, Bryce	DB	5-10	210	So.	College Park, Ga.	Milton
37	Toombs, Javion	DB	5-11	182	R-So.	Fort Pierce, Fla.	Centennial
20	Turner, Asa	DB	6-3	210	R-Sr.	San Diego, Calif.	Carlsbad / Washington
42	Underwood, Rocco	LS	6-3	228	R-Jr.	Lake Mary, Fla.	Lake Mary
83	Wade, Jackson	WR	5-11	178	R-Fr.	Dallas, Ga.	North Paulding
75	Waites, Kamryn	OL	6-8	343	R-Jr.	Dallas, Texas	Universal Academy / Louisiana
79	Wangoy, Enoch	OL	6-7	330	Fr.	Manchester, England	Zarephath Academy
16	Warner, Aidan	QB	6-3	206	R-Fr.	Winter Park, Fla.	Winter Park / Yale
21	Watson, Desmond	DL	6-5	449	Sr.	Plant City, Fla.	Armwood
5	Webb, Treyaun	RB	5-11	211	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy
9	Weston, Ja'Markis	EDGE	6-2.5	235	R-Sr.	Clewiston, Fla.	Clewiston
68	Westphal, Fletcher	OL	6-8	321	Fr.	Leesburg, Va.	Tuscarora
56	Williams, Christian	OL	6-4.25	309	R-So.	Missouri City, Texas	Thurgood Marshall
55	Williams, Mike	OL	6-5.75	308	Fr.	Upper Marlboro, Md.	Charles Herber Flowers
3	Wilson III, Eugene	WR	5-10	183	So.	Tampa, Fla.	Gaither
46	Wilson, Ethan	DB	6-0.5	201	R-Sr.	Coral Springs, Fla.	Coral Springs Charter
15	Wingo, Derek	ILB	6-1.25	233	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
26	Wright IV, Lawrence	QB	6-1.25	236	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	PK Yonge
50	Xeller, Jake	ILB	6-2.25	243	Fr.	Reston, Va.	Hendron
50	Zandamela, Jason	OL	6-2.75	313	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla.	Clearwater Academy
9	Zipperer, Keon	TE	6-1.25	242	R-Sr.	Lakeland, Fla.	Lakeland

42	Underwood, Rocco	LS
43	Allen Jr., Alfonzo	DB
43	Edgecombe, Jaden	WR
44	Pyburn, Jack	EDGE
45	Swafford, Layne	EDGE
46	Wilson, Ethan	DB
47	Pelic, Justin	ILB
48	Ivory, Quincy	EDGE
48	Burt, Gannon	LS
50	Xeller, Jake	ILB
50	Zandamela, Jason	OL
53	Lovett, Bryce	OL
55	Emanuel III, Charles	EDGE
55	Williams, Mike	OL
56	Williams, Christian	OL
57	Manuel, Devon	OL
58	Barber, Austin	OL
59	Bullard, Titus	EDGE
59	Clem, Hayden	OL
60	Stevens, Chase	OL
61	Flynn, Nicolas	DL
63	Jones, Caden	OL
65	Grenshaw-Dickson, Brandon	OL
66	Slaughter, Jake	OL
68	Westphal, Fletcher	OL
70	George Jr., Damieon	OL
71	Kearney, Roderick	OL
72	Rosenberg, Bryan	OL
73	Pitts, Mark	OL
74	Portnjagin, Noel	OL
75	Waites, Kamryn	OL
76	Faircloth, Mark	OL
77	Harris, Knijeah	OL
78	Mascoll, Marcus	OL
79	Wangoy, Enoch	OL
80	Sedaros, Zak	WR
81	Johnson, Dawson	TE
82	Rillos, Caleb	TE
83	Wade, Jackson	WR
84	Green Jr., Brian	WR
85	Isacks, Scott	TE
86	Livingston, Tony	TE
87	Hill, Gavin	TE
88	Banks, Caleb	DL
88	Burke, Marcus	WR
89	Hansen, Hayden	TE
90	Homa, Connor	DL
91	Norwood, Tyreik	EDGE
92	Scott, Sebastian	DL
93	Boireau, Michai	DL
94	Sapp, Tyreak	EDGE
95	Lyons, Jamari	DL
96	Brown, Tarvoise	DL
97	Slackman, Joey	DL
99	Jackson, Cam	DL

All listed numbers are subject to change ahead of UF's 2024 season opener.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Michai **Boireau**: BUGH-row

Trikweze Bridges: TRY-kwez

Jordan **Castell**: kas-TELL

Chimere Dike: CHIM-ray / DEE-kay

Knijeah Harris: NAH-jahy

Kahleil Jackson: kuh-LEAL

Kamran James: Cameron

Dijon Johnson: Dee-ZHAAN

Roderick **Kearney**: ker-KNEE

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Devon Manuel: Devin

Aidan **Mizell**: MY-zell

Justin **Pelic**: pell-LICK

Noel **Portnjagin**: PORT-yang-GING

Cahron Rackley: Quran

T.J. **Searcy**: SIR-sea

Taylor **Spierto**: SPEAR-toe

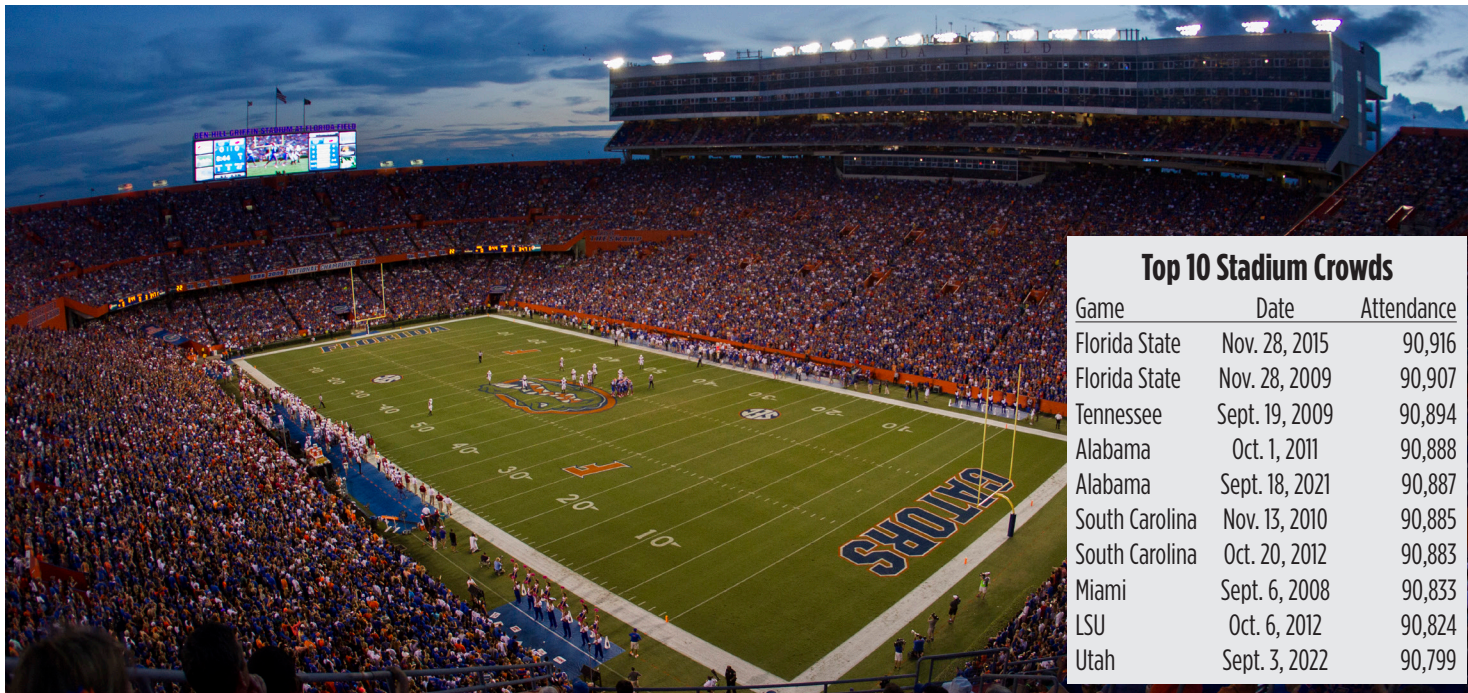
Brien Taylor Jr.: Brian

Treyaun Webb: Trey-ON

2024 COACHING STAFF

Billy Napier	Head Coach | (3rd season)
Ron Roberts	Executive HC / Co-Def Cord. / ILB | (1st season)
Austin Armstrong	Defensive Coordinator | (2nd season)
Rob Sale	Co-Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line Coach | (3rd season)
Russ Callaway	Co-Offensive Coordinator / Tight Ends | (3rd season at UF / 2nd as TEs)
Jabbar Juluke	Associate Head Coach - Offense / Running Backs | (3rd season)
Billy Gonzales	Wide Receivers | (2nd under Napier / 11th season as Gator)
Mike Peterson	Edge / Alumni Liaison | (3rd season)
Will Harris	Secondary | (1st season)
Gerald Chatman	Defensive Line | (1st season)
Jonathan Decoster	Assistant Offensive Line | (1st season)
Tyler Miles	Director of Strength & Conditioning (2nd season at UF / 1st as Director)

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
Alabama	Sept. 18, 2021	90,887
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
Utah	Sept. 3, 2022	90,799

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	206-26-1	.886
2.	Oklahoma	179-34	.840
3.	FLORIDA	180-38	.826
4.	Michigan	186-45-1	.804
5.	Florida State	173-42-1	.803
6.	Kansas State	180-52-1	.775
7.	Miami	168-50	.771
8.	Nebraska	180-55	.766

- Since 1990, Florida has outscored opponents, 8,123 to 3,570 in 218 games inside The Swamp, putting the average outcome at 37.3 to 16.4 (20.9 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 218 home games from 1990 through today, the Gators have...
 - Scored 50+ points.....53 times
 - Scored 40+ points.....89 times
 - Scored 30+ points.....143 times
 - Shut Out Opponents.....17 times
 - Allowed 3 points or less.....32 times
 - Allowed 14 points or less.....115 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 16 Super Bowls, four BCS National Championship Games and the 2017 and 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship Game.
- The largest crowd for a home opener was 90,799 (Sept. 3, 2022 - Utah). The 2005 opener vs. Wyoming remains the second-largest.





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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	L	17-41	0-1	0-0	3:21	90544
	09/07/2024	Samford	W	45-7	1-1	0-0	3:20	89295
*	09/14/2024	Texas A&M	L	20-33	1-2	0-1	4:21	89993
*	09/21/2024	at Mississippi St.	W	45-28	2-2	1-1	3:22	49655
	10/05/2024	UCF	W	24-13	3-2	1-1	3:21	90369
*	10/12/2024	at Tennessee	Lot1	17-23	3-3	1-2	3:43	101915



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		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
08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	28	139	2	71	14	122	0	19	14	26	2	122	0	19	1	35	0	35	2	28	0	17	261
09/07/2024	Samford	34	166	3	16	19	466	3	85	19	28	0	466	3	85	1	31	0	31	3	37	0	31	632
09/14/2024	Texas A&M	25	52	1	14	18	249	2	39	18	29	3	249	2	39	3	82	0	28	0	0	0	0	301
09/21/2024	at Mississippi St.	36	226	3	32	26	277	3	35	26	28	0	277	3	35	1	0	0	0	1	35	0	35	503
10/05/2024	UCF	32	130	2	34	23	229	1	37	23	28	0	229	1	37	1	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	359
10/12/2024	at Tennessee	40	138	0	23	20	223	2	27	20	32	1	223	2	27	0	0	0	0	2	57	0	30	361
Florida		195	851	11	71	120	1566	11	85	120	171	6	1566	11	85	7	160	0	35	8	157	0	35	2417
Opponents		262	1006	11	31	107	1281	6	73	107	168	3	1281	6	73	6	108	0	38	6	36	0	17	2287

Florida Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
6	4.4	13.1	161.3	22.9	19.6	459.0	402.8

Date	Opponent	ua	Tackles			Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
			a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	36	34	70	2.0-4	1-3	0	0-0	1-0	4	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	17
09/07/2024	Samford	38	34	72	12.0-45	4-27	3	1-0	0-0	6	5	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	45
09/14/2024	Texas A&M	45	36	81	2.0-3	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
09/21/2024	at Mississippi St.	35	74	109	7.0-30	3-15	2	1-0	0-0	4	7	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	45
10/05/2024	UCF	30	44	74	7.0-40	5-37	0	0-0	1-0	0	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
10/12/2024	at Tennessee	35	32	67	8.0-28	3-19	1	1-0	1-20	1	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
Florida		219	254	473	38.0-150	16-101	6	3-0	3-20	19	21	0	21-21	0	0	0	10	168
Opponents		184	208	392	32.0-124	8-64	7	3-0	6-142	10	16	0	16-16	0	0	0	10	145

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	5	238	47.6	61	0	0	2	2	3	1-1	41	0	4	205	51.3	3	0	
09/07/2024	Samford	2	99	49.5	61	0	0	1	1	2	1-1	25	0	8	497	62.1	4	0	
09/14/2024	Texas A&M	4	173	43.3	50	0	0	0	1	2	0-0	0	0	4	201	50.3	3	0	
09/21/2024	at Mississippi St.	2	84	42.0	43	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	47	0	8	520	65.0	6	0	
10/05/2024	UCF	4	183	45.8	53	0	0	3	2	3	1-2	28	0	5	296	59.2	3	0	
10/12/2024	at Tennessee	5	224	44.8	59	0	0	3	2	2	1-2	42	0	4	260	65.0	4	0	
Florida		22	1001	45.5	61	0	0	10	8	12	5-7	47	0	33	1979	60.0	23	0	
Opponents		27	1161	43.0	55	0	0	16	3	8	7-10	48	0	30	1873	62.4	22	1	



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Team Statistics

	UF	OPP
Scoring	168	145
Points per game	28.0	24.2
Points Off Turnovers	10	10
First Downs	126	136
Rushing	51	67
Passing	64	56
Penalty	11	13
Rushing Yardage	851	1006
Yards gained rushing	976	1152
Yards lost rushing	125	146
Rushing attempts	195	262
Average per rush	4.4	3.8
Average per game	141.8	167.7
TDs Rushing	11	11
Passing Yardage	1566	1281
Comp-Att-Int	120-171-6	107-168-3
Average per pass	9.2	7.6
Average per catch	13.1	12.0
Average per game	261.0	213.5
TDs Passing	11	6
Total offense	2417	2287
Total plays	366	430
Average per play	6.6	5.3
Average per game	402.8	381.2
Kick returns: #-Yards	7-160	6-108
Punt returns: #-Yards	8-157	6-36
Int returns: #-Yards	3-20	6-142
Kick return average	22.9	18.0
Punt return average	19.6	6.0
Int return average	6.7	23.7
Fumbles-Lost	8-3	9-3
Penalties-Yards	36-321	38-322
Average per game	53.5	53.7
Punts-Yards	22-1001	27-1161
Average per punt	45.5	43.0
Net punt average	43.9	37.2
Kickoffs-Yards	33-1979	30-1873
Average per kick	60.0	62.4
Net kick average	37.4	37.5
Time of possession / game	28:10	31:50
3rd-down conversion	25/66	35/85
3rd-down pct	38%	41%
4rd-down conversion	4/10	6/9



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	UF	OPP
4rd-down pct	40%	67%
Sacks by-Yards	16-101	8-64
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	22	18
Field goals - attempts	5-7	7-10
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-1
Red-zone scores	(20-25) 80%	(18-21) 86%
Red-zone touchdowns	(17-25) 68%	(12-21) 57%
PAT-attempts	(21-21) 100%	(16-16) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-1) 0%
Attendance	360201	151570
Games / Avg per game	4/90050	2/75785
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Florida	27	52	42	47	0	168
Opponents	27	34	54	24	6	145



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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
14	Jordan Castell	6	17	13	30	1-1	1-1	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
10	Grayson Howard	6	16	13	29	1.5-6	1-5	.	1	1	2-0	1	.	.
29	Jaden Robinson	6	15	13	28	1.5-6	1.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Jack Pyburn	6	9	18	27	2.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Shemar James	6	15	10	25	1.5-3	.	1-0	1	2	.	.	.	.
7	Trikweze Bridges	6	9	14	23	0.5-1	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
94	Tyreak Sapp	6	9	14	23	5-27	3.5-24	.	.	3	.	1	.	.
99	Cam Jackson	6	7	15	22	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Sharif Denson	5	11	9	20	3.5-8	1-4	1-20	1	1	.	1	.	.
19	T.J. Searcy	6	9	10	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	R.J. Moten	6	9	10	19	2-5	0.5-4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3	Jason Marshall Jr.	6	12	6	18	1.5-4	.	.	4	2	.	1	.	.
34	George Gumbs Jr.	6	8	10	18	5-28	3-21	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
12	DJ Douglas	6	6	11	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Kamran James	6	11	5	16	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
88	Caleb Banks	6	5	8	13	2.5-13	1-6	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
8	Aaron Chiles	6	6	5	11	1-10	1-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Bryce Thornton	4	3	7	10	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
33	Brien Taylor Jr.	5	3	7	10	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Dijon Johnson	6	4	5	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
28	Devin Moore	5	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Michai Boireau	5	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Desmond Watson	6	2	6	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1	Justus Boone	6	1	6	7	2-9	0.5-5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
17	LJ McCray	6	1	6	7	1-5	0.5-4	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
11	Kelby Collins	5	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Derek Wingo	6	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
13	Aaron Gates	5	5	1	6	2-3	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
5	Myles Graham	6	.	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Ja'Markis Weston	6	5	.	5	1-7	1-7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
2	Ja'Keem Jackson	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
35	D'Antre Robinson	4	1	3	4	0.5-4	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Rocco Underwood	6	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Joey Slackman	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Teddy Foster	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Treyaun Webb	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Ja'Kobi Jackson	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Josiah Davis	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Gregory Smith III	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	1
20	Asa Turner	1	1	.	1
Totals		6	219	254	473	38-150	16-101	3-20	21	19	3-0	6	0	0



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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
	Opponents	6	184	208	392	32-124	8-64	6-142	16	10	3-0	7	0	0



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Florida - Game Highs

RUSHES	40	at Tennessee (10/12/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	226	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	6.3	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
TD RUSHES	3	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
	3	Samford (09/07/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	32	at Tennessee (10/12/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	26	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PASSING	466	Samford (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	16.6	Samford (09/07/2024)
TD PASSES	3	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
	3	Samford (09/07/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	72	at Tennessee (10/12/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	632	Samford (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	10.2	Samford (09/07/2024)
POINTS	45	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
	45	Samford (09/07/2024)
SACKS BY	5	UCF (10/05/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	27	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
PENALTIES	8	UCF (10/05/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	77	Samford (09/07/2024)
TURNOVERS	3	Texas A&M (09/14/2024)
PUNTS	5	at Tennessee (10/12/2024)
	5	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
PUNTING AVG	49.5	Samford (09/07/2024)
LONG PUNT	61	Samford (09/07/2024)
	61	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	UCF (10/05/2024)
	3	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	35	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)



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Florida - Game Lows

RUSHES	25	Texas A&M (09/14/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	52	Texas A&M (09/14/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.1	Texas A&M (09/14/2024)
TD RUSHES	0	at Tennessee (10/12/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	26	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	14	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
YARDS PASSING	122	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	4.7	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
TD PASSES	0	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	54	Texas A&M (09/14/2024)
	54	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	261	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.8	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
POINTS	17	at Tennessee (10/12/2024)
	17	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
SACKS BY	0	Texas A&M (09/14/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	17	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
PENALTIES	2	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	25	Miami (FL) (08/31/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
	0	Texas A&M (09/14/2024)
	0	Samford (09/07/2024)
PUNTS	2	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
	2	Samford (09/07/2024)
PUNTING AVG	42.0	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT	43	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	at Mississippi St. (09/21/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	UCF (10/05/2024)
	0	Texas A&M (09/14/2024)



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##	Player	GP-GS	UM	SU	AM	MS	UCF	UT
0	Ja'Quavion Frazier	2/0	XXX	XXX
0	Sharif Denson	5/4	START	...	XXX	START	START	START
1	Justus Boone	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1	Montrell Johnson Jr.	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
2	Ja'Keem Jackson	2/2	START	START	...	...	...	...
2	DJ Lagway	6/1	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
3	Jason Marshall Jr.	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
3	Eugene Wilson III	3/3	START	START	...	...	...	START
4	TJ Abrams	4/0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
4	Teddy Foster	4/0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX
5	Treyaun Webb	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...
5	Myles Graham	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
6	Elijahh Badger	6/4	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START
6	Shemar James	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
7	Trikweze Bridges	6/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
7	Amir Jackson	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Arlis Boardingham	6/2	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
8	Aaron Chiles	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
9	Keon Zipperer	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Ja'Markis Weston	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
10	Grayson Howard	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
10	Tank Hawkins	4/0	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
11	Kelby Collins	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
11	Aidan Mizell	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX
12	DJ Douglas	6/2	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
12	Paul Kessler	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Aaron Gates	5/1	XXX	START	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
13	Jadan Baugh	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
14	Jordan Castell	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
14	Andy Jean	1/0	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
15	Graham Mertz	5/5	START	...	START	START	START	START
15	Derek Wingo	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
16	R.J. Moten	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
16	Aidan Warner	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...
17	Chimere Dike	6/4	XXX	START	START	START	START	XXX
17	LJ McCray	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
18	Clay Millen	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Bryce Thornton	4/2	...	...	XXX	START	START	XXX
19	Alex Gonzalez	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	T.J. Searcy	6/4	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX
20	Asa Turner	1/1	START	...	...	...	...	...
21	Desmond Watson	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
21	KD Daniels	2/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...
22	Kahleil Jackson	1/1	START	...	...	...	...	...
22	Deuce Spurlock II	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Josiah Davis	3/0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...
24	Kamran James	6/4	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX
24	Ja'Kobi Jackson	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
25	Anthony Rubio	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	Cormani McClain	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	Jeremy Crawshaw	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
26	Jameer Grimsley	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	Lawrence Wright IV	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Cam Carroll	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Dijon Johnson	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
28	Devin Moore	5/4	XXX	...	START	START	START	START
28	Aaron Williams	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Trey Smack	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
29	Jaden Robinson	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
30	Taylor Spierto	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX



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##	Player	GP-GS	UM	SU	AM	MS	UCF	UT
30	Gregory Smith III	1/0	...	XXX
31	Richard Abood II	0/0
31	Ahman Covington	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	Cahron Rackley	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	David Schmidt	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	Brien Taylor Jr.	5/0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
34	George Gumbs Jr.	6/1	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
34	Kelvin Jimenez	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	D'Antre Robinson	4/0	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
35	DeBraun Hampton	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	Bryce Capers	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...
37	Javion Toombs	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
38	Nick Inglis	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
39	Brayden Slade	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	Brandon Rabasco	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	Hunter Smith	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	Rocco Underwood	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
42	Matthew Kade	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
43	Alfonzo Allen Jr.	2/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...
43	Jaden Edgecombe	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	Jack Pyburn	6/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START
45	Layne Swafford	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...
46	Ethan Wilson	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	Justin Pelic	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...
48	Quincy Ivory	5/0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
48	Gannon Burt	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
50	Jake Xeller	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	Jason Zandamela	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
53	Bryce Lovett	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
55	Mike Williams	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	Charles Emanuel	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
56	Christian Williams	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
57	Devon Manuel	3/0	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	...	...
58	Austin Barber	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
59	Hayden Clem	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
59	Titus Bullard	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
60	Chase Stevens	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
61	Nicolas Flynn	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
63	Caden Jones	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...
65	Brandon Crenshaw-Dickson	6/5	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
66	Jake Slaughter	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
68	Fletcher Westphal	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...
70	Damieon George Jr.	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
71	Roderick Kearney	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
72	Bryan Rosenberg	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
73	Mark Pitts	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
74	Noel Portnjagin	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
75	Kamryn Waites	5/1	START	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
76	Mark Faircloth	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
77	Knijeah Harris	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
78	Marcus Mascoll	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	Enoch Wangoy	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
80	Zak Sedaros	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
81	Dawson Johnson	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
82	Caleb Rillos	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
83	Jackson Wade	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...
84	Brian Green Jr.	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
85	Scott Isacks	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
86	Tony Livingston	4/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
87	Gavin Hill	0/0



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##	Player	GP-GS	UM	SU	AM	MS	UCF	UT
88	Marcus Burke	5/3	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	...
88	Caleb Banks	6/5	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
89	Hayden Hansen	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START
90	Connor Homa	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
91	Tyreik Norwood	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
92	Sebastian Scott	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
93	Michai Boireau	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
94	Tyreack Sapp	6/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START
95	Jamari Lyons	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...
96	Tarvorise Brown	1/0	...	XXX	...	...	...	...
97	Joey Slackman	2/1	START	...	XXX
99	Cam Jackson	6/6	START	START	START	START	START	START



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Montrell Johnson Jr.	6	70	396	23	373	5.3	4	71	62.2
Jadan Baugh	6	31	163	10	153	4.9	0	32	25.5
Ja'Kobi Jackson	6	19	115	6	109	5.7	3	19	18.2
Treyaun Webb	4	21	98	5	93	4.4	1	14	23.3
Graham Mertz	5	18	84	28	56	3.1	1	16	11.2
DJ Lagway	6	24	90	40	50	2.1	0	16	8.3
Tank Hawkins	4	3	11	0	11	3.7	0	5	2.8
KD Daniels	2	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	5	5.0
Aidan Warner	1	1	9	0	9	9.0	1	9	9.0
Eugene Wilson III	3	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Team	6	4	0	13	-13	-3.3	0	0	-2.2
Total	6	195	976	125	851	4.4	11	71	141.8
Opponents	6	262	1152	146	1006	3.8	11	31	167.7

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Graham Mertz	5	164.1	72-94-2	76.6	791	6	39	158.2
DJ Lagway	6	166.3	47-72-4	65.3	765	5	85	127.5
Aidan Warner	1	92.0	1-2-0	50.0	10	0	10	10.0
Team	6	0.0	0-3-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	6	161.3	120-171-6	70.2	1566	11	85	261.0
Opponents	6	136.0	107-168-3	63.7	1281	6	73	213.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chimere Dike	6	19	353	18.6	2	44	58.8
Elijah Badger	6	19	376	19.8	2	77	62.7
Eugene Wilson III	3	18	226	12.6	1	85	75.3
Montrell Johnson Jr.	6	13	64	4.9	0	12	10.7
Arlis Boardingham	6	13	108	8.3	2	20	18.0
Hayden Hansen	6	9	145	16.1	1	40	24.2
Tank Hawkins	4	8	96	12.0	1	36	24.0
Aidan Mizell	5	6	77	12.8	1	41	15.4
Tony Livingston	4	5	29	5.8	0	11	7.3
Marcus Burke	5	3	45	15.0	1	20	9.0
Ja'Kobi Jackson	6	3	26	8.7	0	15	4.3
Kahleil Jackson	1	1	13	13.0	0	13	13.0
Jackson Wade	1	1	10	10.0	0	10	10.0
TJ Abrams	4	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.8
Jadan Baugh	6	1	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.8
Total	6	120	1566	13.1	11	85	261.0
Opponents	6	107	1281	12.0	6	73	213.5

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chimere Dike	8	157	19.6	0	35
Total	8	157	19.6	0	35
Opponents	6	36	6.0	0	17

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Shemar James	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sharif Denson	1	20	20.0	0	20
Bryce Thornton	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	20	6.7	0	20
Opponents	6	142	23.7	1	67

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jadan Baugh	5	132	26.4	0	35
Montrell Johnson Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Treyaun Webb	1	28	28.0	0	28
Total	7	160	22.9	0	35
Opponents	6	108	18.0	0	38

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Grayson Howard	2	0	0.0	0	0
Aaron Gates	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Trey Smack	-	5-7	21-21	-	-	-	-	-	36
Montrell Johnson Jr.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Ja'Kobi Jackson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Chimere Dike	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Elijah Badger	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Arlis Boardingham	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Graham Mertz	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Austin Barber	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marcus Burke	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hayden Hansen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Aidan Mizell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Eugene Wilson III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Treyaun Webb	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Aidan Warner	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tank Hawkins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	22	5-7	21-21	0	0	0	0	0	168
Opponents	18	7-10	16-16	0	0	0	0	0	145

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Trey Smack	5-7	71.4	0-0	2-2	0-0	3-4	0-1	47	0
Opponents	7-10	70.0	0-0	3-3	3-3	1-4	0-0	48	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Florida	Opponents
Miami (FL)	(41)	(23),45,(26)
Samford	(25)	
Mississippi St.	(47)	
UCF	(28),53	(27),(37)
Tennessee	(42),(),47	(35)
Texas A&M		(31),(48),40,40

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Graham Mertz	5	112	56	791	847	169.4
DJ Lagway	6	96	50	765	815	135.8
Montrell Johnson Jr.	6	70	373	0	373	62.2
Jadan Baugh	6	31	153	0	153	25.5
Ja'Kobi Jackson	6	19	109	0	109	18.2
Treyaun Webb	4	21	93	0	93	23.3
Aidan Warner	1	3	9	10	19	19.0
Tank Hawkins	4	3	11	0	11	2.8
KD Daniels	2	3	10	0	10	5.0
Team	6	0	-13	0	-13	-2.2
Total	6	366	851	1566	2417	402.8
Opponents	6	430	1006	1281	2287	381.2

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jeremy Crawshaw	22	1001	45.5	61	0	10	12	8	0
Total	22	1001	45.5	61	0	10	12	8	0
Opponents	27	1161	43.0	55	0	16	8	3	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Trey Smack	33	1979	60.0	23	0			
Total	33	1979	60.0	23	0	7	37.4	27
Opponents	30	1873	62.4	22	1	7	37.5	27



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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Chimere Dike	6	0	353	157	0	0	510	85.0
Montrell Johnson Jr.	6	373	64	0	0	0	437	72.8
Elijahah Badger	6	0	376	0	0	0	376	62.7
Jadan Baugh	6	153	-5	0	132	0	280	46.7
Eugene Wilson III	3	0	226	0	0	0	226	75.3
Hayden Hansen	6	0	145	0	0	0	145	24.2
Ja'Kobi Jackson	6	109	26	0	0	0	135	22.5
Treyaun Webb	4	93	0	0	28	0	121	30.3
Arlis Boardingham	6	0	108	0	0	0	108	18.0
Tank Hawkins	4	11	96	0	0	0	107	26.8
Aidan Mizell	5	0	77	0	0	0	77	15.4
Graham Mertz	5	56	0	0	0	0	56	11.2
DJ Lagway	6	50	0	0	0	0	50	8.3
Marcus Burke	5	0	45	0	0	0	45	9.0
Tony Livingston	4	0	29	0	0	0	29	7.3
Sharif Denson	5	0	0	0	0	20	20	4.0
Kahleil Jackson	1	0	13	0	0	0	13	13.0
Jackson Wade	1	0	10	0	0	0	10	10.0
KD Daniels	2	10	0	0	0	0	10	5.0
Aidan Warner	1	9	0	0	0	0	9	9.0
TJ Abrams	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.8
Team	6	-13	0	0	0	0	-13	-2.2
Total	6	851	1566	157	160	20	2754	459.0
Opponents	6	1006	1281	36	108	142	2573	428.8



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Florida Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts			TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	L 17-41	1	1	7	1		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	Samford	W 45-7	6	4	24	3		3	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
09/14/2024	Texas A&M	L 20-33	3	3	20	3		1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	at Mississippi St.	W 45-28	5	5	35	5		3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/05/2024	UCF	W 24-13	4	4	24	3		2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/12/2024	at Tennessee	L 17-23	6	3	17	2		0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Totals 20 of 25 (80.0%)			25	20	127	17		10	7	3	3	2	0	2	0	1

Opponents Inside Florida Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total			Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts			TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	L 17-41	6	5	27	3		2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
09/07/2024	Samford	W 45-7	1	1	7	1		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Texas A&M	L 20-33	2	2	10	1		1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	Mississippi St.	W 45-28	6	4	28	4		3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
10/05/2024	UCF	W 24-13	3	3	13	1		1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/12/2024	Tennessee	L 17-23	3	3	16	2		2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 18 of 21 (85.7%)			21	18	101	12		10	2	6	6	0	0	1	0	2



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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	L	17-41	1-9 11.1	0-3 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-1 0.0
09/07/2024	Samford	W	45-7	5-11 45.5	0-1 0.0	2-4 50.0	0-1 0.0	3-5 60.0	0-0 0.0
09/14/2024	Texas A&M	L	20-33	2-9 22.2	0-1 0.0	1-4 25.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/21/2024	at Mississippi St.	W	45-28	6-9 66.7	3-4 75.0	1-1 100.0	1-2 50.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
10/05/2024	UCF	W	24-13	6-13 46.2	4-5 80.0	1-2 50.0	0-2 0.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
10/12/2024	at Tennessee	Lot1	17-23	5-15 33.3	2-4 50.0	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	1-5 20.0	0-0 0.0
Florida				25-66 37.9	9-18 50.0	6-16 37.5	3-13 23.1	7-18 38.9	0-1 0.0
Opponents				35-85 41.2	10-19 52.6	6-24 25.0	9-17 52.9	10-25 40.0	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	L	17-41	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/07/2024	Samford	W	45-7	1-3 33.3	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/14/2024	Texas A&M	L	20-33	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/21/2024	at Mississippi St.	W	45-28	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/05/2024	UCF	W	24-13	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/12/2024	at Tennessee	Lot1	17-23	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Florida				4-10 40.0	0-1 0.0	0-4 0.0	4-4 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents				6-9 66.7	0-0 0.0	2-4 50.0	2-2 100.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2024	Miami (FL)	L	17-41	25:30	07:03	03:39	08:12	06:36	00:00
09/07/2024	Samford	W	45-7	26:30	05:34	07:00	03:10	10:46	00:00
09/14/2024	Texas A&M	L	20-33	22:14	02:51	04:14	11:07	04:02	00:00
09/21/2024	at Mississippi St.	W	45-28	27:36	08:03	07:12	04:40	07:41	00:00
10/05/2024	UCF	W	24-13	32:16	10:26	08:42	05:49	07:19	00:00
10/12/2024	at Tennessee	Lot1	17-23	34:56	07:25	10:33	06:11	10:47	00:00
Florida				Total	169:02	41:22	41:20	39:09	47:11
				Avg.	28:10	06:54	06:53	06:32	07:52
Opponents				Total	190:58	44:05	53:13	38:31	55:09
				Avg.	31:50	07:21	08:52	06:25	09:12