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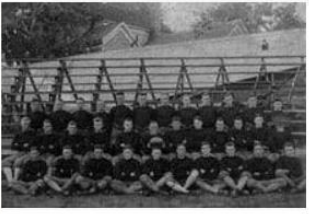
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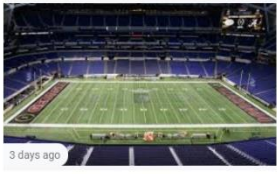


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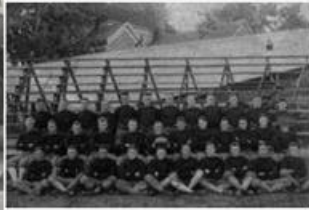
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The Great Story of Georgia Bulldogs Football

Starts at the first Georgia football game and goes to the Kirby Smart era.

The book is written for those of us who love Georgia Bulldogs Football and who cannot wait until our next win. There is no need to be impatient—as of 2022, Georgia is now at the top of the pack and win the big games all the time. Ask the others. Georgia is the College Football Champions.

The book first tells the story about The State's Premier University's founding in 1785 and eventually gets to the first football game ever. The university's first football team and its first season come a little later. Back in 1785, the first book was about to be read at UGA as Abraham Baldwin of the University of Georgia drafted legislation that became the charter of the university.

Georgia student life moved quickly as the first student organization was founded as the Demosthenian Literary Society was founded. The first commencement was held with Josiah Miggs, President presiding in 1804. For its first 50 years the school was known as Franklin College.

Soon after being established, Charles Herty got football going on campus in the fall of 1886 and UGA played its first intercollegiate football game. It took a while but in 1929, the school built its first stadium – Sanford Stadium.

Georgia played its first football game on January 25, 1892 in Athens GA against Mercer University. Then, about a month later on February 20, UGA took off to Atlanta to play Auburn's Tigers.

The rest of college football is not necessarily thrilled that Georgia had become so good, so fast has remained the best team in the nation. Despite their disfavor, in head to head battles, the opponents rarely win. Georgia has always been good. It won its first National Championship in 1942. In 1980, it repeated its national championship with freshman Herschel Walker leading the way.

Georgia remained a powerhouse with a lot of close calls to greatness until 2022 when it again won a National Championship with a coach who was a great Georgia graduate-Kirby Smart Go Bulldogs!

This book captures the whole great story of Georgia football It takes the reader through stories about Georgia's great immortal coaches such as W A Cunningham, Harry Mehre, Mark Richt, Wally Butts, and the king of the greatest coaches, Vince Dooley, and of course the Emperor in waiting, Kirby Smart. The book often stops in time and talks about a particular player such as Fran Tarkenton, Herschel Walker, Jake Scott, Terry Hoage, David Pollack, Charley Trippi, and Frank Sinkwicz and of course Stetson Bennett IV. I can't wait to read it. How about you? You will not be able to put this book down

Brian Kelly



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Georgia Season Records from 1892 through Feb. 2022

19 coaches and more than 100 seasons worth of great games 853-428-54 (853 wins, 428 losses, 54 ties and a ton of great bowl games. Georgia is clearly one of the greatest teams in the nation = + 1300 games—wow!).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>W-L-T</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Bowl Game Record</u>
1892	Ind	Charles Herty	(1-1)	.500	
1893	Ind	Ernest Brown	(2-2-1)	.500	
1894	Ind	Robert Winston	(5-1)	.833	
1895	Ind	Pop Warner	(3-4)	.429	
1896	Ind	Pop Warner	(4-0)	1.000	
1897	Ind	Charles McCarthy	(2-1)	.666	
1898	Ind	Charles McCarthy	(4-2)	.666	
1899	Ind	Gordon Saussy	2-3-1)	.417	
1900	Ind	E. E. Jones	(2-4)	.333	
1901	Ind	Billy Reynolds	(1-5-2)	.167	
1902	Ind	Billy Reynolds	(4-2-1)	.643	
1903	Ind	Marvin Dickinson	(3-4)	.429	
1904	Ind	Charles Barnard	(1-5)	.167	
1905	Ind	Marvin Dickinson	(1-5)	.167	
1906	Ind	W.S. Whitney	(2-4-1)	.357	
1907	Ind	W.S. Whitney	(4-3-1)	.563	
1908	Ind	Branch Bocock	(5-2-1)	.688	
1909	Ind	James Coulter	(1-4-2)	.286	
1910	Ind	W.A. Cunningham	(6-2-1)	.722,	
1911	Ind	W.A. Cunningham	(7-1-1)	.833	
1912	Ind	W.A. Cunningham	(6-1-1)	.813	
1913	Ind	W.A. Cunningham	(6-2)	.75	
1914	Ind	W.A. Cunningham	(3-5-1)	.389	
1915	Ind	W.A. Cunningham	(5-2-2)	.667	
1916	Ind	W.A. Cunningham	(6-3)	.667	
1919	Ind	W.A. Cunningham	(4-2-3)	.611	
1920	Ind	Herman Stegeman	(8-0-1)	.944	
1921	Sthern	Herman Stegeman	(7-2-1)	.75,	
1922	Sthern	Herman Stegeman	(5-4-1)	.55	
1923	Sthern	George Cecil Woodruff	(5-3-1)	.611	
1924	Sthern	George Cecil Woodruff	(7-3)	.7	
1925	Sthern	George Cecil Woodruff	(4-5)	.444	
1926	Sthern	George Cecil Woodruff	(5-4)	.556	
1927	Sthern	George Cecil Woodruff	(9-1)	.9	
1928	Sthern	Harry Mehre	(4-5)	.444	
1929	Sthern	Harry Mehre	(6-4)	.6	
1930	Sthern	Harry Mehre	(7-2-1)	.75	
1931	Sthern	Harry Mehre	(8-2)	.8	

1932	Sthern	Harry Mehre	(2-5-2)	.333	
1933	SEC	Harry Mehre	(8-2)	.8	
1934	SEC	Harry Mehre	(7-3)	.7	
1935	SEC	Harry Mehre	(6-4)	.6	
1936	SEC	Harry Mehre	(5-4-1)	.55	
1937	SEC	Harry Mehre	(6-3-2)	.636	
1938	SEC	Joel Hunt	(5-4-1)	.55	
1939	SEC	Wallace Butts	(5-6)	455	
1940	SEC	Wallace Butts	(5-4-1)	55	
1941	SEC	Wallace Butts	(9-1-1)	.864,	Ornge Bowl-W
1942	SEC	Wallace Butts	(11-1)	.917,	Rose Bowl-W
1943	SEC	Wallace Butts	(6-4)	.6	
1944	SEC	Wallace Butts	(7-3)	.7	
1945	SEC	Wallace Butts	(9-2)	.818,	Oil Bowl-W,
1946	SEC	Wallace Butts	(11-0)	1.00	Sugar Bowl-W,
1947	SEC	Wallace Butts	(7-4-1)	.625,	Gatr Bowl-T,
1948	SEC	Wallace Butts	(9-2)	.818,	Orange Bowl-L,
1949	SEC	Wallace Butts	(4-6-1)	409	
1950	SEC	Wallace Butts	(6-3-3)	.625,	Pres Cup-L,
1951	SEC	Wallace Butts	(5-5)	.5	
1952	SEC	Wallace Butts	(7-4)	.636	
1953	SEC	Wallace Butts	(3-8)	.273	
1954	SEC	Wallace Butts	(6-3-1)	.65	
1955	SEC	Wallace Butts	(4-6)	.4	
1956	SEC	Wallace Butts	(3-6-1)	.35	
1957	SEC	Wallace Butts	(3-7)	.3	
1958	SEC	Wallace Butts	(4-6)	.4	
1959	SEC	Wallace Butts	(10-1)	.909	Ornge Bowl-
1960	SEC	Wallace Butts	(6-4)	.6,	
1961	SEC	Johnny Griffith	(3-7)	.3	
1962	SEC	Johnny Griffith	(3-4-3)	.45	
1963	SEC	Johnny Griffith	(4-5-1)	.45	
1964	SEC	Vince Dooley	(7-3-1)	.682	, Sun Bowl-W,
1965	SEC	Vince Dooley	(6-4)	.6	
1966	SEC	Vince Dooley	(10-1)	.909,	Cottn Bowl-W,
1967	SEC	Vince Dooley	(7-4)	.636,	Lib Bowl-L,
1968	SEC	Vince Dooley	(8-1-2)	.818,	Sugar Bowl-L,
1969	SEC	Vince Dooley	(5-5-1)	.5,	Sun Bowl-L,
1970	SEC	Vince Dooley	(5-5)	.5	
1971	SEC	Vince Dooley	(11-1)	.917	Gator Bowl-W,
1972	SEC	Vince Dooley	(7-4)	.636	
1973	SEC	Vince Dooley	(7-4-1)	.625,	Peach Bowl-W, 1974
	SEC	Vince Dooley	(6-6)	.5	Tang Bowl-L,
1975	SEC	Vince Dooley	(9-3)	75,	Cotton Bowl-L,
1976	SEC	Vince Dooley	(10-2)	.833,	Sugar Bowl-L,
1977	SEC	Vince Dooley	(5-6)	.455,	
1978	SEC	Vince Dooley	(9-2-1)	.792,	Bluebonnet Bowl-L,
1979	SEC	Vince Dooley	(6-5)	.545	
1980	SEC	Vince Dooley	(12-0)	1.000,	Sugar Bowl-W,
1981	SEC	Vince Dooley	(10-2)	.833,	Sugar Bowl-L,

1982	SEC	Vince Dooley	(11-1)	.917	Sugar Bowl-L,
1983	SEC	Vince Dooley	(10-1-1)	.875,	Cotton Bowl-W,
1984	SEC	Vince Dooley	(7-4-1)	.625,	Citrus Bowl-T,
1985	SEC	Vince Dooley	(7-3-2)	.667,	Sun Bowl-T,
1986	SEC	Vince Dooley	(8-4)	.667,	Hall of Fame Bowl-L,
1987	SEC	Vince Dooley	(9-3)	.75,	Liberty Bowl-W,
1988	SEC	Vince Dooley	(9-3)	.75,	Gator Bowl-W,
1989	SEC	Ray Goff	(6-6)	.5,	Peach Bowl-L,
1990	SEC	Ray Goff	(4-7)	.364,	
1991	SEC	Ray Goff	(9-3)	.75,	Indepen Bowl W
1992	SEC	Ray Goff	(10-2)	.833,	Citrus Bowl-W,
1993	SEC	Ray Goff	(5-6)	.455	
1994	SEC	Ray Goff	(6-4-1)	.591	
1995	SEC	Ray Goff	(6-6)	.5,	Peach Bowl-L,
1996	SEC	Jim Donnan	(5-6)	.455	
1997	SEC	Jim Donnan	(10-2)	.833,	Outback Bowl-W
1998	SEC	Jim Donnan	(9-3)	.75,	Peach Bowl-W
1999	SEC	Jim Donnan ((8-4)	.667,	Outback Bowl-W
2000	SEC	Jim Donnan	(8-4)	.667,	Oahu Classic-W
2001	SEC	Mark Richt	(8-4)	.667,	Music City Bowl-L
2002	SEC	Mark Richt	(13-1)	.929,	Sugar Bowl-W
2003	SEC	Mark Richt	(11-3)	.786,	Capital One Bowl-W
2004	SEC	Mark Richt	(10-2)	.833,	Outback Bowl-W
2005	SEC	Mark Richt	(10-3)	.769,	Sugar Bowl-L,
2006	SEC	Mark Richt	(9-4)	.692,	Chick-fil-A Bowl-W
2007	SEC	Mark Richt	(11-2)	.846,	Sugar Bowl-W,
2008	SEC	Mark Richt	(10-3)	.769,	Capital One Bowl-W,
2009	SEC	Mark Richt	(8-5)	.615,	Independ. Bowl W
2010	SEC	Mark Richt	(6-7)	.462,	Liberty Bowl-L
2011	SEC	Mark Richt	(10-4)	.714,	Outback Bowl-L
2012	SEC	Mark Richt	(12-2)	.857,	Capital One Bowl-W
2013	SEC	Mark Richt	(8-5),	.615	Gator Bowl-L
2014	SEC	Mark Richt	(10-3)	.769,	Belk Bowl-W
2015	SEC	M. Richt , B McClendon	(9-3)	.769,	TaxSlayer Bowl-W,
2016	SEC	Kirby Smart	(8-5)	.615,	Liberty Bowl-W,
2017	SEC	Kirby Smart	(13-2)	.867,	Rose Bowl-W
					, Coll FB Champ Game-- -L,
2018	SEC	Kirby Smart	(11-3)	.786,	Sugar Bowl-L,
2019	SEC	Kirby Smart	(12-2)	.857,	Sugar Bowl-W,
2020	SEC	Kirby Smart	(8-2)	.8,	Peach Bowl-W
2021	SEC	Kirby Smart	(14-1)	.933	Org Bowl-W,
					Coll FB Chap Game --W

Georgia Coaches Over the Years

1892	Charles Herty	#1	1-1	.500
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1895	Pop Warner	#4	7-4	.636
1897	Charles McCarthy	#5	6-3	.667
1899	George Saussy	#6	2-3-1	.417
1900	E. E. Jones	#7	2-4	.333
1902	Billy Reynolds	#8	5-7-3	.433
1903	Marvin Dickinson	#9	4-9	.308
1904	Charles Barnard	#10	1-5	.167
1906	W. S. Whitney	#11	6-7-2	.467
1908	Branch Bocock	#12	5-2-1	.688
1909	J Coulter & F. Dobson	13,14	1-4-2	.286
1910	W. A. Cunningham	#15	43-18-9	.656
1920	Herman Stegeman	#16	20-6-3	.741
1923	George C. Woodruff	#17	30-16-1	.649
1928	Harry Mehre	#18	59-34-6	.626
1938	Joel Hunt	#19	5-4-1	.55
1939	Wallace Butts	#20	140-86-9	.615
1961	Johnnie Griffith	#21	10-16-4	.4
1964	Vince Dooley	#22	201-77-10	.715
1989	Ray Goff	#23	66-34-1	.574
1996	Jim Donnan.	#24	40-19	.678
2001	Mark Richt	#25	145-51	.74
2015	Richt & B McClendon	#26	9-3	.769
2016	Kirby Smart	#27	66-15	.815

Kirby Smart is still the Georgia coach in 2022

Those are the seasons and the numbers, folks!



Dedication

As a person with a big family on my side and on my wife's side. I am pleased to dedicate this book to my wonderful family.

Thank you to all of the Piotroski's—(Marty & Angel Cathy), (Stan, Archie & Carol), (Sue & Mitch), and all their progeny—for support in all of my publishing efforts.

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I really appreciate my entire family's help in everything I do. My wife Pat is phenomenal as are my children, Brian, Michael and Katie.

My family and friends make life easier for me in writing books and everything else. Thank you all—all the people I love the most in life for always being in my corner.

Thank you—for making me, me, God bless you!

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Thank you all on the big list in the sky and God bless you all for your help.

Please check out www.letsGOPublish.com to read the latest version of my heartfelt acknowledgments updated for this book. Thank you all!

References

I learned how to write creatively in Grade School at St. Boniface Grade School. The great Sisters of Christian Charity would not let me get away with a dangling participle or a misplaced comma. I even enjoyed reading some of my own stuff from the first words that I wrote.

At Meyers High School and King's College and Wilkes-University, I learned how to research, write bibliographies and footnote every non-original thought I might have had. I learned to hate *ibid*, and *op. cit.*, and I hated assuring that I had all citations written down in the proper sequence. Having to pay attention to details took my desire to write creatively and diminished it with busy work.

I know it is necessary for the world to stop plagiarism so authors and publishers can get paid properly, but for an honest writer, it sure is annoying. I wrote many proposals while with IBM and whenever I needed to cite something, I cited it in place, because my readers, IT Managers, could care less about tracing the vagaries of citations. I always hated to use stilted footnotes, or produce a lengthy, perfectly formatted bibliography. I bet most bibliographies are flawed because even the experts on such drivel do not like the tedium.

I wrote 294 books before this book and several hundred articles published by many magazines and newspapers and I only cite when an idea is not mine or when I am quoting, and again, I choose to cite in place, and the reader does not have to trace strange numbers through strange footnotes and back to bibliography elements that may not be readily accessible or available.

Yet, I would be kidding you, if in a book about the great moments in Georgia Football, I tried to bluff my way into trying to make you think that I knew everything before I began to write anything in this book. I spent as much time researching as writing. I might even call myself an expert on Georgia, of sorts now, for all the facts that I have uncovered.

Without any pain on your part you can read this book from cover to cover to enjoy the stories about the many great games in University of Georgia Football without being an English Major.

This book is not intended for historians but it does teach a lot of history. It is for regular people of all levels of intelligence. It is for people that want to have a fun read, who like smiling when Georgia Football is the topic. It is for people who love the University of Georgia and perhaps for some Georgia haters who want some more facts.

There are lots and lots of facts in this book. This book is not for sticklers about the mundane aspects of writing that often cause creative writers to lay bricks or paint houses instead. It is for everyday people like you and I who enjoy Georgia because it is Georgia and who enjoy football because it is football. It is that simple.

When Georgia plays a team, and wins or loses, that is a historical fact, but to discover such facts, it does not require fundamental or basic research. The University itself copyrights its material but only so it can say "no" if somebody else's creativity affects them negatively. Even Georgia does not own well-known facts that are readily available about coaching legacies such as Wallace Butts, Vince Dooley, Mark Richt, Kirby Smart and the school's seven claimed and unclaimed National Titles as well as the fifteen Conference Championships.

Folks, this is not a book about heavy math algorithms, or potential advances to the internal combustion engine, or space travel, or the eight elements necessary to find a cure for cancer. So, I refuse to treat this book 100% seriously. If you find a fault in this book, I will fix it. This is a book about sports and sports legends and stories about sporting events that have been recorded seven million times already someplace else. The greatness in this book is that it is all in one place and I wrote it for your enjoyment. Though I tried for sure to get it all right and I used the work of others to assure so, I bet I made a mistake or two. I am not perfect but I like perfection.

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It took me about two months to write. If I were to have made sure a thought that I had was not a thought somebody else ever had, this book never would have been completed or the citations pages would exceed the prose.

I used Georgia season summaries from whatever source I could to get the scores and as many details as possible of all the games. I could not include everything that I found because you only have one lifetime to read this book. I verified facts when possible. For other notions, I used reasonability tests.

There are many web sites that have great information and facts. Nobody knows 100% what is true but this book is as accurate as it could be. Ironically most Internet stories are the same exact stories so the original source is often difficult to discern. While I was writing the book, I wrote down a bunch of Internet references that I include within the paragraphs and sections and the stories which I cite.

There are many great sources for information available for your perusal on many sources on the Internet—including the fine archives of the Red & Black Student Newspaper. There's more. How about the world famous bulldog's cheer!

Here's how you get your best cheering in for the Bulldogs. If you see a fellow bulldog, sporting Georgia gear or UGA just scored a TD, call the dawgs! Calling the dawgs is one of the ultimate traditions that unifies bulldogs all over.

This chant is yelled at football games. Here's how you do it: Yell "Go" and holding the "o," then yell "Dawgs" and chant "Sic 'em! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!" Throw your arm up in a fist and wave it around as you call the Dawgs! Go get 'em Dawgs! Bravo!

Most Bulldog fans know a lot about Georgia Football. For example, they know that Vince Dooley is the leader in seasons coached and games won, with 201 victories during his 25 years with the Bulldogs. Coach Robert Winston has the highest winning percentage with a record of 5–1 (. 833), and Charles A. Barnard has the lowest winning percentage at 1–5.

The University of Georgia has one of the winningest records in all of college football. Most people other than Georgia fans do not know how great this team has been right from its beginning in 1892. The record is 853-428-54. That's almost twice as many wins as losses. Great record. The University of Georgia began its football history 123 years ago in 1892. Since that time, the Bulldogs have played 1,320 games and have compiled an overall record of **853-428-54** (as of 01/14/2022). And, of course we know all about what happened on 1/14/2022 and so does Alabama and so does Nick Sabin

There is a reason for everything in life.

Besides having a great football team from the first game onward, life on the UGA campus if nothing else, seems like it is fun. I would not mind being a student there for sure. They tell a lot of fun stories and we will recount some of these to show what we mean. For example, in the early 1900s, when football was very new everywhere in the country as well as on the UGA campus. There is a story about some freshman men who would take their pants off and march through the streets of Athens. To the best of our knowledge, nobody got arrested but they purport that it was fun.

In these early days, the pants-less men would trek to the infamous "Arch," where a group of sophomore men would greet them. Fistfights would ensue. It became known as the shirttail parade. It eventually became less violent and in one form or another, it lasted well into the 1960s.

UGA began as an all-male institution so men taking their pants off was not such a big deal. h2. Women were not admitted until 1918. Of course, they had their own set of rules, which lasted until 1967: For example, they were not permitted to stay out after 11 p.m. Additionally, they were not permitted to visit men's apartments and

besides that, they could not exit their dormitories with curlers in their hair. No kidding!

There was an old stone building located on the South Campus. It was next to Conner Hall and it was known as the Lumpkin House. It has its own history so they say. When the building was originally purchased in 1907 by UGA from an heir of a former Governor, and U.S. Sen. Wilson Lumpkin, the sale was fitted with the clause that if UGA ever moved or tore it down, it would revert back to the heirs. Yes, UGA has honored that stipulation.

The spot known as Lustrat House on the North Campus was built in 1847 as a faculty residence because faculty members at the time, were required to keep a watchful eye on the student body assuring no dangerous horseplay took place. It is still standing. In fact, it is the only faculty house on the North Campus that is still standing. It was used for many years as the president's office and now it houses Legal Affairs.

Way back in 1867, the first fraternity, Chi Phi, was founded at UGA in 1867. Others came soon afterwards. However, in 1874, Chancellor Henry W. Tucker banned fraternities because they "exercised harmful influence, aroused class enmity (and) stood in the way of close attention to scholastic duties." It did not last too long as today, UGA's thriving fraternity and sorority system has a total of 61 Greek letter organizations.

Mascots were a plenty as students will be students. Back in 1950, the school's bulldog mascot Butch, who was alive at the time, was shot and killed by a policeman in Warner Robins as he walked down a sidewalk. The officer had made a mistake but the dog was dead. The officer believed the dog was mad. The dog was well loved and so outrage ensued on campus. A replacement was soon called for. His replacement's name was STINKY and there is no more information as to why but you can figure it out. Stinky was owned by a veterinary student.

The first UGA band, which became the predecessor of today's Redcoat Marching Band, was cobbled together formed by the military department student cadet corps. They performed in military shows and non-military shows. The first non-military-related performance was in 1906 at a Georgia-Clemson baseball

doubleheader. It was not however, until the band re-formed at the end of World War II in 1945 that it was officially designated as non-military and it also included female students. The band grew and became successful. Today, the Redcoat Marching Band has more than 430 members and is recognized as one of the best in the nation.

The campus has long been known for having an iconic Chapel Bell. This was originally built in 1832 in a cupola atop the Chapel. However, it was too big for its britches and it began to fall through its support sills in 1913. It was later moved to a trestle constructed behind the Chapel. Ironically, this move was not made for structural reasons, but for architectural reasons. Here are the words of a university historian who wrote the following:

“It conformed to no style of architecture and lent no beauty to the old building.” Today, the Chapel bell is still used to ring in Bulldog victories and on special occasions—along with the occasional visitor who just wants to hear it ring. Amazing the history of UGA.

In the early days of UGA, when Moses Waddel became the fifth UGA president in 1819—just 18 years after classes started—he only had seven students. That is hard to believe but it is true.

By the time Waddel concluded his service to the institution, 10 years later, he had graduated 161 men. Today, UGA has grown to more than 35,000 students. I might add that all students have a certain spark of how we should say, fun-loving-ness and the campus is happy with all the fun.

Football eventually became a big thing at UGA. The first UGA football game, for example, was played in January 1892 and it resulted in a resounding 50-0 win over Mercer. The second game in the same year, UGA lost 10-0 to Auburn University on Feb. 20, 1892. This game was played at Atlanta’s Piedmont Park. The “Deep South’s Oldest Rivalry” stands at 57-55-8 in favor of Georgia. Nobody likes to lose, especially the Dawgs.

Everything has a beginning except God. This was the first game of what soon became the South’s oldest college football rivalry. To be specific, many of football’s most adept sport’s historians consider February 20, 1892, to be the birth date of college

football in the South. The Georgia Bulldogs v the Auburn Tigers has a long time ring about it for sure.

As you will soon see, this book examines more than just great game action. There are some events and some games that are not so great and we show those also to get the proper perspective for the great times. Not all of Georgia's 19 football coaches for example, are named Butts, Dooley, or Smart. However, their teams were all Georgia Bulldog tough, nonetheless. That means they all fought hard for wins as the Bulldogs insisted. I hope you enjoy the contrast.

This book is all about the great moments in Georgia Football. It touches every aspect of the historical and mythical Georgia Football Teams. It tells exhilarating stories about Alabama's 19 coaches and its more than 100 seasons worth of great games 853-428-54 (853 wins, 428 losses, 54 ties and a ton of great bowl games. Georgia is clearly one of the greatest teams in the nation = + 1300 games—wow!).

The Book stops every now and then, and takes the reader on a side excursion in time to learn about a particular event or a great player such as David Pollack, Charley Trippi, Terry Hoage, Champ Bailey, Todd Gurley, Matthew Stafford Fran Tarkenton, Nick Chubb, and of course the infamous and the great Herschel Walker. May He have success in bringing America back to its founding as a Senator from Georgia.

I predict that you and your wonderful friends will not be able to put this book down

You are going to love this book because it is the perfect read for anybody who loves the University of Georgia and Georgia Football and who wants to know more about one of the most revered athletic programs of all time. Don't forget UGA is the reigning National Champions.

Few sports books are a must-read but Brian Kelly's The Great Moments in Georgia Bulldogs Football will quickly appear at the top of America's most enjoyable must-read books about sports. Enjoy! Thank you all!

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The best!

Sincerely,

Brian P. Kelly, Editor in Chief
I am Brian Kelly's eldest son

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Chapter 1 Introduction to the Book

University of Georgia celebrates its newest national college football championship in its 129th year.



Nick Saban, Immortal Alabama Coach and Kirby Smart a new Immortal from Georgia

UGA Georgia Bulldogs all remember that in nineteen eighty, forty years ago, the Georgia Bulldog was in the news just like in January 2022, when they again won the coveted National Championship. 1980 was the last time the Dawgs had captured the National Championship. From the way they played on January 10, 2022, it won't be the last.

The big question asked on January 10, 2022 was *How 'bout them Dawgs?* In 1980, with the great Vince Dooley at the helm, the Georgia Bulldogs went 12-0 and captured the National Championship. Though Walker still looks like a kid, back then the Bulldogs were led by Herschel Walker (1,616 yards, 15 touchdowns). How did they win? Well, nothing in life worth having is easy. The Bulldogs had to get past a tough Notre Dame Squad coached by Dan Devine in order to get the fabled championship cup. They did just that.

Forty some years ago, the Bulldogs defeated Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl to cap off a truly incredible season. Facing Dan Devine was not a treat for any opposing coach as he had a mighty record of his own. Some say he was no Vince Dooley but ND stalwarts would say that Vince Dooley was no Den Devine either. Both were outstanding coaches.

Anyway, Vince’s Dawgs won the game and they won the National Championship. Neither Devine nor Dooley were strangers to big victories so it was anybody’s game. Devine, for example, had also won the **1977** national championship while coaching at Notre Dame and his team had a piece of the 1952 national championship when he was a Michigan State assistant under Clarence “Biggie” Munn.

Folks, it is not very easy to win a National Championship at any time. Ask Nick Saban. Kirby Smart denied his old mentor his eighth college championship and the two of them are OK by each other. Kirby Smart is one of a few alumni who came back to coach their favorite alma maters to college championships. Go Bulldogs.



The inimitable Vince Dooley & Kirby Smart at the big January 2022 game

This Championship game was full of excitement and emotion for both the teams—and the coaches and of course the fans. From the beginning, the national championship game was a hard-fought, defensive focused game. Nobody knew who would win but clearly

more energy was expended trying to win than the participants actually could actually spare.

We all know that the action got even more exciting in the second half, with more scoring and big moments. It was really tough going. The game ended on a pick-six by Georgia CB Kellee Ringo to give the Bulldogs their first title in the CFP era.

There was some disappointment for sure but nobody denied the victor their due. After the game, Nick Saban showed his class and recognized the pride he had in his former assistant, Kirby Smart. He had some very kind words to say about him and his great performance.

Nick Saban was looking for his own achievements such as his # 8th championship for sure but he was OK with his former protégé Kirby Smart taking away all the marbles. Among the details of his post-game conversation with Kirby Smart after the national championship victory Saban said: “ ‘You guys kicked our a** in the fourth quarter.’ It sure was a great game for Georgia and for Alabama.

After the game, Nick Saban was proud of his own team but spared no words of praise about his former assistant Kirby Smart. He had some additional kind words to say about him and his team. Both the winner and the loser behaved as Champions.

During his press conference following the game, Saban recounted the conversation he had with Smart once the two met for a handshake in the middle of the field. The Alabama head coach admitted that if he had to lose the national title to anyone, he would rather it be one of his former assistants (Smart) who had done a great job for him and the program.

“If we had to lose a national championship, I’d rather lose one to one of the former assistants who did a great job for us, and has done a great job with his program and his team,” Saban said. “They deserve it; they played great all year. We were the only team to beat them in the SEC championship game. We just couldn’t finish the game tonight like we wanted to.”

“But I think Kirby has done a really, really good job there, I congratulated him on the win. I’m really proud of him, and I’m proud of the way he’s been able to coach his team and the consistency with which they’ve played all year.”

That is some pretty high praise towards Smart coming from his former longtime boss. Smart had also asked Saban about the status of Jameson Williams, who exited the game early due to an injury. Then Saban told Smart that, “you guys kicked our asses in the fourth quarter.” That’s all she wrote. We’ll tell more of the championship game story as we chronologically hit the year of 2022 for the Bulldogs. On the way, there are a lot of great stories.

Chapter 2 The Founding of the University of Georgia



University of the State of Georgia

Origins from 1785 even before Georgia was a state

The definitive work on the history of the University of Georgia was written as a tribute from Thomas G. Dyer to commemorate the bicentennial celebration of the university. He calls his work *The Definitive History of the University of Georgia*. It celebrates an awful lot in this fine legacy book including the 1785 founding, the 1885 centennial and the bicentennial in 1985.

Dyer sprinkles in wit with a ton of facts in a true celebration of the greatness of this long-term university from the South. He adds a richly varied account of people and events in a most enjoyable fashion. And, so this book, is much more than an institutional history. In fact, *The University of Georgia* itself is a contribution to the understanding of the course and development of higher education in the South. It is the great masterpiece of education and without such a groundbreaking institution, educational advances could not have been achieved as rapidly.

We have all read accounts of the Georgia legislature in January 1785 approving the charter, thereby establishing “a public seat of learning in this state.” Just nine years after the Declaration of Independence the US had one of its finest schools to date. From 1785 on, and for the next sixteen years afterwards, the university’s trustees engaged in a struggle of love to convert its endowment--forty thousand acres of land in the backwoods--into enough cash money to support a school.

The fact that the school just won a national championship this month in January 2022, demonstrates that not only could this effort be accomplished with hard work but it most certainly was accomplished with hard work. Heck, by 1801, UGA already had a president, a campus on the edge of Indian country, and there were even a few students matriculating. Nothing in life worth having is easy.

Over the next two centuries, what began as a small liberal arts college that educated the sons of lawyers and planters, grew into a major research university. Its influence extends far beyond the boundaries of the state. Like all significant startups, the course of UGA’s major growth has not always been smooth.

Thomas Dyer captures mostly all of this in this great literary work. This volume includes careful analyses of turning points in the history of the university. It highlights the foibles of the Civil War and Reconstruction, the rise of land-grant colleges, the coming of intercollegiate athletics, the admission of women to undergraduate programs, the enrollment of thousands of World War II veterans, and desegregation.

All are considered in the context of what was occurring elsewhere in the South and in the nation. But for so many great historical figures, with their own missions, this great institution would not have become so prominent so quickly.

While the nation was technically in diapers, UGA, Georgia was growing and growing and growing and making its mark as it grew. On January 2, 1788, for example, Georgia was just the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution in the modern United States, Yes, it was in 1788, Georgia became the first southern state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Amen. Go Dawgs!

Academic Affairs

The Office for Academic Affairs is key to student success at UGA preparing students for the world of life. It serves the faculty, students and academic administrators in all aspects of teaching, research and service. UGA strives for excellence in all that it does to meet its vibrant scholarly community demands.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Of course, there is great pride in Georgia's great success in Intercollegiate Athletics, and most recently, the gridirons of the United States.

If you enjoy watching or participating in championship sports, or revel in a unique gameday atmosphere, then you will feel right at home at The University of Georgia, where champions and championships grow.

Intramural sports, club sports, sports for students with disabilities and two student recreation centers rank among the best in the nation. They give every student an opportunity to participate in the pride and tradition that define UGA athletics.

From football, to gymnastics, to basketball, to baseball to rowing, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track and field, and volleyball, The University of Georgia has won more than two dozen national championships and countless more conference championships and individual achievements. All Georgia graduates contribute to the legacy and all are proud of their contributions.

The Bulldogs are just as impressive in the classroom, leading the nation once again with a slew of Academic All-Americans.

A History Review

It always helps to remember from whence one comes. The University of Georgia is the state of Georgia's oldest public

university—well over 200 years in existence. It is a senior comprehensive doctoral-level institution. The University was established by constitutional provision under statutory mandates and authorizations.

Its mission is to advance the intellectual and social condition of the people of the state through quality programs of teaching, research and service. It serves the people of Georgia and students from across the nation in the highest manner

Many states have many universities but in almost all cases one university is designated by decree or by tradition as the best in the state. As the state of Georgia's flagship university, The University of Georgia, from day one, has focused on being the best. It is The Capstone of Higher Education in the state and in the nations.

We have discussed its 1785 founding as the state's first public college. From its first day, The University of Georgia has been dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and service. If you have an educational need, in almost every case it can be attained by attending this storied University. Amen!

UGA provides a creative, nurturing campus environment where students become the best individuals possible. They learn from the best and brightest faculty, and when they go out on their own, they make a positive difference in the community, the state and the world. UGA knows that you will like what you find on its beautiful campus and they encourage all prospective students to become part of The University of Georgia family.

Having graduated from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA and for my MBA, from Wilkes University also from Wilkes-Barre, PA, If I were not in the elder generation of Americans. I would love to matriculate at the University of Georgia. How about you?

Chapter 3 The Mission of The University of Georgia



Context

This statement speaks of the University of Georgia (UGA) as a place of teaching and research, of scholarship and publication, of service and community. These components flow from many characteristics of life that find worth in everyday life, goodness, and specifically scholarship.

Our Mission

Every University has a formal mission. The University of Georgia's mission is to advance the intellectual and social condition of the people of the state of Georgia, the nation and the world through the creation, translation and dissemination of knowledge with an emphasis on quality programs in the areas of teaching, research and service.

“Nothing in life worth having is easy”

Our Vision

The University of Georgia is to be forever known as the university of choice for the best and brightest students in the state and the nation. I am talking about all students who seek exceptional educational opportunities.

The University of Georgia including sports is a student-centered research university and an academic community united in its commitment to enhance the quality of life for all Georgians and all of the citizens of the nation and the world.

Our Core Values

The University of Georgia is committed to:

- Undergraduate education that produces socially-conscious, ethical and well-rounded leaders who are grounded in their subject matter and capable of controlling their own destinies.
- Graduate education that is deeply vested in subject matter knowledge, professional content, research skills and creative activity.
- Public outreach and service that is held in the highest regard and fosters impactful public engagement to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Georgia, the nation and the world.
- Campus life that embodies collaboration, collegiality, respect and a culture of inclusivity.
- Our Strategic Goals
- Provide a premier undergraduate and graduate education that offers a global perspective and is characterized by outstanding teaching, high-quality scholarship and distinctive curricular and co-curricular programs.
- Increase the University's productivity and innovation in research, scholarship and creative activities that impact economic and societal development.

- Enrich our learning and work environment by providing an accepting, inclusive community that attracts and supports a diverse faculty, staff and student body.
- Provide opportunities and resources that facilitate work-life balance and enhance the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty and staff.

Chapter 4 Georgia's First Football Team

University of Georgia



Georgia "Bulldogs" First Football Team – 1892

1892 Football. It was over 70 years from the school's founding

Note please that there are only 11 players in the picture. Players did not grow on trees in the early days and still do not.

What happened in JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1892

If you check the coaches and the games and the fields of the University of Georgia about which some claim students at the university actually fired the shot heard round the world, you might find some powder burns and then of course would come the forensics. OK, probably not but there was a spark for football across

the nation before the 1890's when Chemistry professor Dr. Charles Holmes Herty started the football team at the University of Georgia.

He may not have realized its historic significance at the time, but nonetheless it is still known as the first such team in the Deep South. Season openers at the time were often the only games played.

In this two game season, UGA pounded Mercer 50-0 in Athens Georgia on January 30, 1892 and then the future Dawgs lost to Auburn, still a contemporary rival of major worth 10-0 in Atlanta nearly a month later on February 20. UGA hates the Auburn losses like no other.

At the time, college football teams were forced to scrounge for fields upon which to play. Georgia played its home contests on an athletics field on the western edge of north campus now known as Herty Field. Herty would have major significance at UGA as he was also UGA's first Football Coach.

From these first couple games leading over time—over the course of the next twenty-five years – until the U.S. entry into the First World War in April 1917 brought a temporary end to the UGA football program, the football game on campus was always played with great vigor.

During these years, the win/loss fortunes of the university's gridiron teams waxed and waned, enduring tragedy and struggle in the process of establishing Georgia as a major football power. But, despite all the travails, Dr. Charles Holmes Herty, a chemist, saw fit to form the very first football team at UGA in 1892. He did it while many would still evaluate his young age by saying he was still a kid.

Back in 1892, Dr. Herty was just 25 years old and had newly returned to his alma mater after taking his Ph.D. studies at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. While there, Herty had developed an appreciation for the game of football. At the time, the game was finding great popularity in the Northeast, particularly in the Ivy League schools of Harvard, Princeton, and Yale. Herty figured what's good for the Northeast may also be good for the South. It was and Herty knew that it would be.

This first team played a two game season in the early months of 1892. That is a long time ago. We already cited this game was against Mercer. It was played on the U of G campus and the game ended with a 50-0 victory for the home UGA team.

To be fair, there were game reports that indicates that the official scorer for the game missed at least one touchdown when he walked to the city alcohol dispensary on Broad Street for a refill. Heck it was just across from the campus and he needed to purchase a bottle of whiskey during the game. Shhh!!!

The story of the second game in 1892 was not as bright for UGA. It was an away game. This second game took place in Atlanta against Auburn University. Have you ever seen and Auburn-Georgia game. Whew! Though the game ended in a 0-10 defeat for Georgia, the game would be the first in what is now known as 'The Deep South's Oldest Rivalry', with over 125 games having been played between the schools entering the 2022 season.

Chapter 5 Early Georgia Football



Everybody dressed up for the team picture –even the University goat (first row)

The Georgia team would not gain its official mascot until 1920 when it formally adopted the name 'Bulldogs'. This first team, however, used a goat as a mascot. The goat, decorated with a blanket emblazoned with 'UG' across its back came with a hat and red and black ribbons. The fine mannered goat played mascot for these first two games, and then quickly faded into campus lore. The Bulldog would eventually emerge from this lore.

During these early years, the U of G teams were looking to play football and it did not matter whether there was an official mascot or nickname. Some called the squad 'The Red and Black', but it was also referred to at various times and in various accounts as 'The Varsities', 'The Athenians', 'The Georgians', and, in at least one newspaper account, 'The Huskies.' These were the UGA formative football years.



1897 Georgia football team

Tragedy and Struggle: 1897-1909

In 1897, unexpectedly, a tragedy struck the Georgia program. It was so severe, that it almost caused the outlawing of the game of football in the state of Georgia. Cooler heads prevailed after the incident.

Richard Vonalbade Gammon (or ‘Von’ as he was known), a popular man and a valuable player met his death during a football game versus the University of Virginia at Brisbane Park in Atlanta on October 30, 1897.

His death shocked all living and breathing Georgians—those who played sports and those who watched. It was such a bad feeling for all that it seemed to spark a movement to ban the game of football in Georgia. Was football worth even one death just to play the sport? The answer was a clear “no,” but there were ways that playing the game and stopping harm to players could be accomplished at the same time.

However, the pain felt by all called for an answer and outrage was anticipated. Georgia and several other Southern schools prematurely ended their seasons out of respect for his death. For more on the tragedy of Von Gammon and the effort to ban football, feel free to look up the sections on the Internet websites that are devoted to this incident.



1909 Georgia football team

The tragic death of Von Gammon clearly cast a pall over the University's football program throughout the remainder of the 1890s and into the 1900s. Those who loved football tried to guide the decision makers to keep the sport alive.

The teams fielded during this time struggled to find any success, posting losing seasons regularly amidst a near constant turnover of coaches. Eventually, the tragedy went into history and Georgia decided to resume football as a legitimate sport. It was a close call!

The nadir (low point) of this period was the 1907 'Ringers' scandal, in which paid players were found to have been used in order to beat

John Heisman's Georgia Tech team (which itself was also accused of using 'ringers' during this season). The rules on betting and what teams could and could not do were as much in their infancy as was the game of football itself at the time. Two Georgia well-coached teams were caught in a scandal. Neither team suggested that football be ended.

So, what happened? Well, Coach 'Bull' Whitney was forced to leave the team despite claiming inculpability in the affair, but the University of Georgia team, under the guidance of interim coach Branch Bocock, managed to win two of its last three games. They were good wins, gained over rivals Clemson and Auburn.

Today with all of the regulations and stern enforcement regulators such as the NCAA governing all college sports, there are rarely such issues—especially issues that portends to end football for all time. Nonetheless back then, football was not such a sure thing. When the life of gridiron football was so new, it was both tenuous, and tentative. Every bad word against football was highly examined.

1910 University of Georgia Football Team



Despite these early difficulties, the Georgia program was sustained during these years by the dedication and commitment of its players.

Men such as Herman Delaperriere (lettered 1905-08), Harold Ketron (lettered 1901-03), and George 'Kid' Woodruff (lettered 1907-08, 1910-11, who later coached the Georgia team during the 1920s), kept Georgia's football team relevant regardless of its won-loss record.

Life on Georgia's gridiron first stabilized and then got better as changes were made along the way. One of the big changes came with the arrival of a professor of English Literature in 1903. Steadford Sanford took on a new role at UGA and Georgia's gridiron fortunes began to change with his arrival.

For example in 1907, Sanford took on the role of faculty advisor for athletics. This role can be thought of as a rough equivalent to a Director of Athletics today. Sanford was able to hire Alex Cunningham after the 1909 season bringing even more stability to the football team.

Cunningham took his position very seriously and led a drive to build what he felt would be a proper stadium for the University's football and baseball teams. As the field came to be, it would become known as Sanford Field.

The credit for football's survival and growth continues at UGA as the current football stadium is also named for Dr. Sanford,. He was the most influential person in the effort to build the stadium and have it constructed in the late 1920s, with its opening day in 1929.

Dr. Sanford later served as President of the University from 1932 through 1935 and then he was the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia from 1935 through 1945.

With gridiron football being new at the time, the late 1890's through the 1920's was a time when many new college football teams were formed. As with most new college teams, most coaches were volunteers and put in a year or two and some even less, before being replaced by the next coach for the program. So also was the case for Georgia.

For example, Alex Cunningham was the first Georgia coach to last for more than two years in his coaching tenure. His tenure is nonetheless credited with initiating a new era for the team, which had been consistently mediocre since the 1890s.

Cunningham had been a college football player himself. He had played for and was mentored by Vanderbilt's great coach Dan McGuigin. Cunningham had a knack of building all-American players such as Bob McWhorter and Dave Paddock. He is still credited with generally establishing Georgia as a power team in Southern football. After coaching, Cunningham joined the U.S. Army (after having served as an officer during World War I). He retired from the Army as a Colonel.

War: 1917

As most students of history know, World War I was a grim reality in the early part of the second decade of the twentieth century. It was also known as the Great War as never before had so many countries gone to war at the same time. The conflict began in Europe in 1914 after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. His murder catapulted into a war across Europe that lasted until 1918.

During the conflict, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire (the Central Powers) fought against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Japan and the United States (aka the Allied Powers).

Thanks to new military technologies and the horrors of trench warfare, World War I saw unprecedented levels of death and destruction. By the time the war was over and the Allied Powers claimed victory, more than 16 million people—soldiers and civilians alike—were dead. And thus the notion that War is Hell!

Before World War I came to the United States, on April 6, 1917, as noted, it had already begun in Europe.

Along with news of the Zimmerman telegram threatening an alliance between Germany and Mexico, on this date, President

Wilson asked Congress for a declaration of war against Germany. The U.S. officially entered the conflict on April 6, 1917.

During World War I, the US was enlisting soldiers for the war effort. Consequently, at the time, there were not as many men on college campuses available for sports. Many men, who would otherwise be football players were called to the military service.

Therefore a number of schools had to drop football in 1917 and 1918. Other schools got by with skeleton teams. During this time as there was a player shortage, there were many forfeits.

The Selective Service Act of 1917 authorized the government to raise an army for entry into WWI through a draft that drew them into conscripted military service. Under the Selective Service Act, all males aged 21 to 30 (later expanded to 18 to 45) were required to register for the draft lottery. It was a tough time across the world.

World War I's impact on colleges in the country came at the same time as the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918. This combination of events eliminated most of that year's scheduled college football games. However, to boost the morale of the troops, many military organizations fielded their own football teams. Their teams played against the established collegiate programs. This is exemplified no more strongly than in a letter published in the Spalding Guide. It was written by President Woodrow Wilson:

"It would be difficult to over-estimate the value of football experience as a part of a soldier's training. The army athletic directors and the officers in charge of special training schools in the cantonments have derived excellent results from the use of elementary football and other personal contact games as an aid in developing the aggressiveness, initiative and determination of recruits, and the ability to carry on in spite of bodily hurts or physical discomforts. These qualities, as you well know, were the outstanding characteristics of the American soldier." -Woodrow Wilson (1919 letter.

There were some teams who dropped football or forfeited a lot of games in 1917 but the impact of the war really hit in 1918. World War I's impact on colleges in the country, and the Spanish flu

pandemic of 1918 eliminated most of that year's scheduled college football games. Georgia was no exception. Check out this paragraph from the Georgia Student Newspaper:

***And so the edict has gone forth –There will be no Georgia football team this year – no brave bunch of Red and Black warriors fighting their hearts out on the gridiron for their alma mater, no Bob McWhorters, no Dave Paddocks or Tiny Hendersons to bring joy to a howling mob of Georgia rooters by a thrilling run or beautiful tackle.
Red and Black. October 11, 1917***

After the American entry into the First World War in April 1917, the decision was made by the University of Georgia to suspend its athletics programs for the duration of the conflict. The athletes of the University did their part, trading their jerseys and footballs for gas masks and steel helmets.

Of the University football players who joined the armed forces, six (five from the 1916 team and one from the 1896 team) were among the approximately 100,000 Americans who died during combat or due to wounds sustained in battle.

The end of this period saw the Georgia program firmly established as a regional football power. The program had moved out of the doldrums of the late 1890s and 1900s, with new enthusiasm for the game on campus and among alumni.

One of my favorite sayings about life is that “nothing worth having in life is easy.” Even something as simple as forming a football team at a premiere university that had little knowledge or inclination of the game. Sometimes, a little help from the outside is all that is needed to start an avalanche. Moving past the war effort the University of Georgia was ready to take on the world, And it did.

Three times with the last recorded being in January 2022, the University of Georgia were College Football Champions. Those who root for Georgia with vigor, and there are many of us have responded to their latest # 1 ranking in the United States with a hearty “you ain’t seen nothing yet!” I for one believe that will prove to be the case. Amen!

Having begun play about 130 years ago in 1892, the program boasts of three undisputed national championships and a bunch of others too close to call. These have been coming for a long time—over and over and over again...and as we found on January 10, 2022, they are still coming today.

Ironically, as good as Georgia's program has been since its first games, and despite numerous other national and conference championships, it was not until 1942 that a Georgia player received a Heisman Trophy. So far, and we are expecting more, The Georgia Bulldogs have two Heisman winners in their football program. Who are they? Well there names are Frank Sinkwich, 1942 and Herschel Walker. Herschel Walker and Frank Sinkwich won the Heisman 40 years apart.

Head Football Coaches

Since 1892 when the program was formed and when the first game was played, Georgia has played 126 seasons with 26 different head coaches. This does not include a non-coach in 1918 coach in a season in which no games were played and a temporary coach who coached one bowl game after his predecessor was fired.

Like all teams of the era save a few from the East, football, in the early years, football was not such an easy college sport in which to form a competitive program.

Chapter 6 The Evolution of Modern Football



Lots of playing before playing became official

The Georgia Equipment Semi-Truck is always ready to roll.

The official agreed upon date for the first American-style college football game is November 6, 1869. If you can find a replay of this game someplace in the heavens, however, you would find it would not look much like football as we know it. But, it was not completely soccer or rugby either.

Before this game, teams were playing a rugby style similar to that played in Britain in the mid-19th century. At the time in the US, a derivative known as association football was also played. In both games, a football is kicked at a goal or run over a line. These styles were based on the varieties of English public school football games.

Over time, as noted, the style of "football" play in America continued to evolve.

On November 6, 1869, the first football game in America featured Rutgers and Princeton. Before the teams were even on the field it was being plugged as the first college football game of all time. Alabama did not have a rugby team at the time, but nobody at UA, from what I could find, was even thinking about the game of football back in 1869.

The first game of intercollegiate football was a sporting battle between two neighboring schools on a plot of ground where the present-day Rutgers gymnasium now stands in New Brunswick, N.J. Rutgers won that first game, 6-4.

There were two teams of 25 men each and the rules were rugby-like, but different enough to make it very interesting and enjoyable.

Like today's football, there were many surprises; strategies needed to be employed; determination exhibited, and of course the players required physical prowess.



1st Game Rutgers 6 Princeton 4 College Field, New Brunswick, NJ

At 3 p.m. the 50 combatants as well as 100 spectators gathered on the field. Most sat on a low wooden fence and watched the athletes

discard their hats, coats and vests. The players used their suspenders as belts. To give a unique look, Rutgers wore scarlet-colored scarfs, which they converted into turbans. This contrasted them with the bareheaded boys from Princeton.

Two members of each team remained more or less stationary near the opponent's goal in the hopes of being able to slip over and score from unguarded positions. Thus, the present day "sleeper" was conceived. The remaining 23 players were divided into groups of 11 and 12. While the 11 "fielders" lined up in their own territory as defenders, the 12 "bulldogs" carried the battle.

Each score counted as a "game" and 10 games completed the contest. Following each score, the teams changed direction. The ball could be advanced only by kicking or batting it with the feet, hands, heads or sides.

Rutgers put a challenge forward that three games were to be played that year. The first was played at New Brunswick and won by Rutgers. Princeton won the second game, but cries of "over-emphasis" prevented the third game in football's first year when faculties of both institutions protested on the grounds that the games were interfering with student studies.

This is an excerpt of the Rutgers account of the game on its web site. A person named Herbert gave this detailed account of the play in the first game:

"Though smaller on the average, the Rutgers players, as it developed, had ample speed and fine football sense. Receiving the ball, our men formed a perfect interference around it and with short, skillful kicks and dribbles drove it down the field. Taken by surprise, the Princeton men fought valiantly, but in five minutes we had gotten the ball through to our captains on the enemy's goal and S.G. Gano, '71 and G.R. Dixon, '73, neatly kicked it over. None thought of it, so far as I know, but we had without previous plan or thought evolved the play that became famous a few years later as 'the flying wedge'."

"Next period Rutgers bucked, or received the ball, hoping to repeat the flying wedge," Herbert's account continues. "But the first time we formed it Big Mike came charging full upon us. It was our turn for surprise. The Princeton battering ram made no attempt to reach the ball but, forerunner of the interference-breaking ends of today, threw himself into our mass play, bursting us apart, and bowing us over. Time and again Rutgers formed the wedge and charged; as often Big Mike broke it up. And finally, on one of these incredible break-ups a Princeton bulldog with a long accurate, perhaps lucky kick, sent the ball between the posts for the second score.

It was at this point that a Rutgers professor could stand it no longer. Waving his umbrella at the participants, he shrieked, "You will come to no Christian end!"

Herbert's account of the game continues: "The fifth and sixth goals went to Rutgers. The stars of the latter period of play, in the memory of the players after the lapse of many years, were "Big

Mike" and Large (former State Senator George H. Large of Flemington, another Princeton player) ...

The University of the State of Alabama did not get into the football act until the early 1890's. At this time, the rules of rugby kept changing to accommodate the infatuation for the Americanized style of "football" play that would ultimately become the American game of football.

Walter Camp: the father of American football?



Walter Camp was a very well-known rugby player from Yale. In today's world, he would have been characterized as a rugby hero. It was his love of the game, his knowledge of the game as it was played, and his innovative mind that caused him to take the evolution of football even further. He pioneered the changes to the rules of rugby that slowly transformed the sport into the new game of American Football.

The rule changes that were introduced to the rugby and association style of play were mostly those authored by Camp, who was also a Hopkins School graduate. For his original efforts, Walter Camp today is considered to be the "Father of American Football". Among the important changes brought to the game were the introduction of a line of scrimmage; down-and-distance rules; and the legalization of interference (blocking).

There was no such thing in those days as a forward pass and so the legalization of interference in 1880 football permitted blocking for runners. The forward pass would add another dimension to the game that made it much different than rugby or association football.

Soon after the early football changes, in the late nineteenth and into the early twentieth centuries, more game-play type developments were introduced by college coaches. The list is like a who's who of early American College Football. Coaches, such as Eddie Cochems, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Parke H. Davis, Knute Rockne, John Heisman, and Glenn "Pop" Warner helped introduce and then take advantage of the newly introduced forward pass. College football as well as professional football, were introduced prior to the 20th century. Fans were lured into watching again and again once they saw the game played.

College football especially grew in popularity despite the existence of pro-football. It became the dominant version of the sport of football

in the United States. It was this way for the entire first half of the 20th century. Bowl games made the idea of football even more exciting in the college ranks. Rivalries grew and continued and the fans loved it! This great football tradition brought a national audience to college football games that still dominates the sports world today.

This book has little to do with pro-football or any other sport. However, there is no denying that the greatest college football players more often than not eventually found their fortunes in professional football. Pro football can be traced back to the season Alabama got into pro football.

It was 1892 when William "Pudge" Heffelfinger signed a \$500 contract to play for the Allegheny Athletic Association against the Pittsburgh Athletic Club.

Twenty-eight years later, the American Professional Football Association was formed. This league changed its name to the National Football League (NFL) just two years later. Eventually, the NFL became the major league of American football. Originally, just a sport played in Midwestern industrial towns in the United States, professional football eventually became a national phenomenon.

We all know this because from August to February, in America, many of us are glued to our TV sets or chained to our seats in some of the most intriguing pro-football stadiums in America.

Rules and Penalties

The big problem players from different teams and different geographies had when playing early American-style football in college was that the style of play was not standardized. The rulebooks were not yet written or were at best incomplete and disputable.

A rule over here, for example, would be a penalty over there. And, so in the 1870's there was a lot of work to try to make all games to be played by the same rules. There were minor rule changes such as team size was reduced from 25 to 20 but of course over the years, this and all other rules continued to evolve. For years, there was no

such thing as a running touchdown. The only means of scoring was to bat or kick the ball through the opposing team's goal.

Early rugby rules were the default. The field size was rugby style at 140 yards by 70 yards v 120 X 53 1/3 (including end zones) in today's football game. There was plenty of room to huff and puff and almost get lost. There were no breaks per se for long periods. Instead of fifteen minute quarters, the game was more like Rugby and Soccer with 45 minute halves played continuously.

In 1873 to put some order to the game, Columbia, Princeton, Rutgers, and Yale got together in a hotel in New York City and wrote down the first set of intercollegiate football rules. They changed a few things along the way but the end product was a much more standard way of playing football games. Rather than use the home team's rules, all teams then were able to play by the same rules

Harvard did not to comply with rules

For its own reasons, Harvard chose not to attend the rules conference. Instead, it played all of its games using the Harvard code of rules. Harvard therefore had a difficult time scheduling games. In 1874, to get a game, Harvard agreed to play McGill University from Montreal Canada. They had rules that even Harvard had never seen. For example, any player could pick up the ball and run with it, anytime he wished.

Another McGill rule was that they would count tries (the act of grounding the football past the opponent's goal line. Since there was no end zone, which technically makes a football field of today 120 yards long, a touchdown gave no points. Instead, it provided the chance to kick a free goal from the field. If the kick were missed, the touchdown did not count.

In 1874 McGill and Harvard played a two-game series. Each team could play 11 men per side. This was in deep contrast to the even earlier days of college football before standard rules when games were played with 25, 20, 15, or 11 men on a side.

The first game was played with a round ball using what were known as the "Boston" rules (Harvard). The next day, the teams played using the McGill rules, which included McGill's oval ball which was much like an American football, and it featured the ability to pick up the ball and run with it.

Harvard enjoyed this experience especially the idea of "the try" which had not been used in American football. Eventually, the try evolved into the American idea of a touchdown and points were given when a try was successful.

Not all the rules lasted the duration and some were very strange by today's standards. One of the most perplexing rules was that a man could run with the ball only while an opponent chose to pursue him. When a tackler abandoned the ball-carrier, the latter had to stop, and was forced to kick, pass or even throw away what was called "his burden."

McGill has a great account of this match on their web site. Type *mcgill web site football against Harvard* into your search engine.

Their players wore no protective pads. Woolen jerseys covered the torso, while white trousers encased the players' legs. Some trousers were short and some were long. It did not seem to matter for the game. A number of the men wore what they called black "football turbans" which were the ancestors of the modern helmet; others chose to wear white canvas hats.

The Harvard players wore undershirts made of gauze. Think about that for a while. They also wore what were called *full length gymnasium costumes*. They also wore light baseball shoes. Most of the team wore handkerchiefs, which were knotted about their heads.

The gauze undershirts were a trick. There was strategy in this choice of top uniform. When a player was first tackled, the gauze would be demolished and the next opponent would have nothing to grab other than "slippery human flesh." Harvard won this game by a score of 3-0

The next go at playing by the rules was when Harvard took on Tufts University on June 4, 1875. This was the first American college football game played using rules similar to the

McGill/Harvard contest. Tufts won this game. Despite the loss, Harvard continued pushing McGill style football and challenged Yale.

The Bulldog team accepted under a compromise rule set that included some Yale soccer rules and Harvard rugby rules. They used 15 players per team. It was November 13, 1875 for this first meeting of Harvard v Yale. Harvard won 4-0. Walter Camp attended the game and the following year he played in the game as a Yale Bulldog.

Camp was determined to avenge Yale's defeat. Onlookers from Princeton, who saw this Harvard / Yale game loved it so much, they brought it back to Princeton where it was quickly adopted as the preferred version of football.

Once Walter Camp caught onto the rugby-style rules, history says he became a fixture at the Massasoit House conventions. Here the rules of the game were debated and changed appropriately. From these meetings, Camp's rule changes as well as others were adopted.

Having eleven players instead of fifteen aided in opening the game and it emphasized speed over strength. When Camp attended in 1878, this motion was rejected but it passed in the 1880 meeting. The line of scrimmage and the snap from center to the quarterback also passed in 1880.

Originally the snap occurred by a kick from the center, but this was later modified so the ball would be snapped with the hands either as a pass back (long snap) or a direct snap from the center.

It was Camp's new scrimmage rules, however, which according to many, revolutionized the game, though it was not always to increase speed. In fact, Princeton was known to use line of scrimmage plays to slow the game, making incremental progress towards the end zone much like today during each down.

Camp's original idea was to increase scoring, but in fact the rule was often misused to maintain control of the ball for the entire game. The negative effect was that there were many slow and unexciting

contests. This too would be fixed with the idea of the first down coming into play.

In 1982, at the rules meeting, Camp proposed that a team be given three downs to advance the ball five yards. These rules were called the down and distance rules. Along with the notion of the line of scrimmage, these rules transformed the game of rugby into the distinct sport of American football.

Among other significant rule changes, in 1881, the field size was reduced to its modern dimensions of 120 by 53 1/3 yards (109.7 by 48.8 meters). Camp was central to these significant rule changes that ultimately defined American football. Camp's next quest was to address scoring anomalies. His first cut was to give four points for a touchdown and two points for kicks after touchdowns; two points for safeties, and five points for field goals. The notion of the foot in football /rugby explains Camp's rationale.

In 1887, game time was fixed at two halves of 45 minutes each. Additionally, college games would have two paid officials known as a referee and an umpire, for each game. In 1888, the rules permitted tackling below the waist and then in 1889, the officials were given whistles and stopwatches to better control the game.

An innovation that many list as most significant to making American football uniquely American was the legalization of blocking opponents, which back then was called "interference." This tactic had been highly illegal under the rugby-style rules and in rugby today, it continues to be illegal.

The more those who know soccer and football find rugby to be more like soccer.

Though *offsides* is a penalty infraction today, *offsides* in the 1880's in rugby was very much the same as *offsides* in soccer. The prohibition of blocking in a rugby game is in fact because of the game's strict enforcement of its *offsides* rule.

Similar to soccer, this rule prohibits any player on the team with possession of the ball to loiter between the ball and the goal. Blocking continues as a basic element of modern American football, with many complex schemes having been developed and

implemented over the years, including zone blocking and pass blocking.

Camp stayed active in rule making for most of his life. He had the honor of personally selecting an annual All-American team every year from 1889 through 1924. Camp passed away in 1925. The Walter Camp Football Foundation continues to select All-American teams in his honor.

With many rule changes as noted, as American style rugby became more defined as American football, more and more colleges adopted football as part of their sports programs. Most of the schools were from the Eastern US. It was not until 1879 that the University of Michigan became the first school west of Pennsylvania to establish a bona-fide American-style college football team.

Back then, football teams played whenever they could in the fall or the spring. For example, Michigan's first game was in late spring, near the end of what we would call the academic year. On May 30, 1879 Michigan beat Racine College 1–0 in a game played in Chicago. In 1887, Michigan and Notre Dame played their first football game, which did not benefit from Camp's rules. Alabama did not play football until 1892.

The first night time game

It was not until September 28, 1892 that the first nighttime football game was played. Mansfield State Normal played Wyoming Seminary in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. These schools are close to where I live. The game ended at a "declared" half-time in a 0–0 tie. It had become too dark to play.

Wyoming Seminary was not a college and to this day it is not a college. I live about five miles from the school. It is a private college preparatory school located in the Wyoming Valley of Northeastern Pennsylvania. During the time period in which the game was played, it was common for a college and high school to play each other in football—a practice that of course has long since been discontinued.

The reason that it got too dark to play, ironically was not because the game began at dusk. Mansfield had brought in a lighting system that was far too inadequate for game play. This historical game lasted only 20 minutes and there were only 10 plays. Both sides agreed to end at half-time with the score at 0-0. Though it may seem humorous today, for safety reasons, the game was declared ended in a 0-0 tie after several players had an unfortunate run-in with a light pole.

Mansfield and Wyoming Seminary are thus enshrined in football history as having played in the first night game ever in "college football." History and football buffs get together once a year to celebrate the game in what they call "Fabulous 1890's Weekend." This historic game is reenacted exactly as it occurred play by play just as the actual game is recorded in history. Fans who watch the game are sometimes known to correct players (actually actors) when they deviate from the original scripted plays. Now, that shows both a love of the game and a love of history.

Mansfield and Wyoming Seminary's game added additional fame to both schools when the 100th anniversary of the game just happened to occur on Monday, September 28, 1992. Monday Night Football celebrated "100 years of night football" with its regularly scheduled game between the Los Angeles Raiders and the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. The Chiefs won 27-7 in front of 77,486 fans. How about that?

More football history was recorded when Army played Navy in 1893. This was during the second season of Alabama football. In this game, we have the first documented use of a football helmet by a player in a game. Joseph M. Reeves had been kicked in the head in a prior football game. He was warned by his doctor that he risked death if he continued to play football.

We all know how tough the Midshipmen and Black Nights (Cadets) are regardless of who they may be playing. Rather than end his football playing days prematurely, Reeves discussed his need with a shoemaker in Annapolis who crafted a leather helmet for the player to wear for the rest of the season.

Football conferences

Things were happening very quickly in the new sport of football. Organization and rules became the mantra for this fledgling sport. It was being defined while it was being played. Formal college football conferences were just around the corner. In fact, the Southeastern Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference both got started in 1894.

The Southeastern Conference (SEC) was established on December 8 and 9, 1932, when the thirteen members of the Southern Conference located west and south of the Appalachian Mountains left to form their own conference.

Ten of the thirteen founding members have remained in the conference since its inception: The University of Alabama, Auburn University, the University of Florida, the University of Georgia, the University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University ("LSU"), the University of Mississippi ("Ole Miss"), Mississippi State University, the University of Tennessee, and Vanderbilt University.

Many, throughout the country see the SEC as a money-printing, championship-winning behemoth across college sports. It is home to 14 schools that compete in just about every sport across college athletics, it has its own television network and it inspires regional pride unrivaled across the nation.

The forward pass

None of Walter Camp's rules for American Football included the most innovative notion of them all – the forward pass. Many believe that the first forward pass in football occurred on October 26, 1895 in a game between Georgia and North Carolina. Out of desperation, the ball was thrown by the North Carolina back Joel Whitaker instead of having been punted. George Stephens, a teammate caught the ball.

Despite what most may think or surmise, it was Camp again when he was a player at Yale, who executed the first game-time forward pass for a touchdown. During the Yale-Princeton game, while Camp

was being tackled, he threw a football forward to Yale's Oliver Thompson, who sprinted to a touchdown. The Princeton Tigers naturally protested and there appeared to be no precedent for a referee decision.

Like many things in football including a game-beginning coin-toss, the referee in this instance tossed a coin, and then he made his decision to allow the touchdown.

Hidden ball trick

Dome one-time tricks have not survived football. For example, on November 9, 1895 Auburn Coach John Heisman executed a hidden ball trick. Quarterback Reynolds Tichenor was able to gain Auburn's only touchdown in a 6 to 9 loss to Vanderbilt. This also was the first game in the south that was decided by a field goal.

The trick was simple but would be illegal today. When the ball was snapped, it went to a halfback. The play was closely masked and well screened. The halfback then thrust the ball under the back of the quarterback's (Tichenor) jersey. Then the halfback would crash into the line. After the play, Tichenor "simply trotted away to a touchdown."

The end of college football?

Football was never a game for the light of heart. You had to be tough physically and tough mentally to compete. Way back in 1906, for example complaints were many about the violence in American Football. It got so bad that universities on the West Coast, led by California and Stanford, replaced the sport with rugby union.

At the time, the future of American college football, a very popular sport enjoyed by fans nationwide was in doubt. The schools that eliminated football and replaced it with rugby union believed football would be gone and rugby union would eventually be adopted nationwide.

Soon other schools followed this travesty and made the switch. Eventually, due to the perception that West Coast football was an inferior game played by inferior men when compared to the rough

and tumble East Coast, manhood prevailed in the West over the inclination to make the game mild.

The many tough East Coast and Midwest teams had shrugged off the loss of the few teams out West and they had continued to play American style football.

And, so the available pool of rugby union "football" teams to play remained small. The Western colleges therefore had to schedule games against local club teams and they reached out to rugby union powers in Australia, New Zealand, and especially, due to its proximity, Canada.

The famous Stanford and California game continued as rugby. To make it seem important. The winner was invited by the British Columbia Rugby Union to a tournament in Vancouver over the Christmas holidays. The winner of that tournament was rewarded with the Cooper Keith Trophy. Nobody in America cared. Eventually the West Coast came back to football.

Nonetheless the situation of injury and death in football persisted and though there was a lot of pushback, it came to a head in 1905 when there were 19 fatalities nationwide. President Theodore Roosevelt, a tough guy himself, is reported as having threatened to shut down the game nationwide if drastic changes were not made. Sports historians however, dispute that Roosevelt ever intervened.

What is certified, however, is that on October 9, 1905, the President held a meeting of football representatives from Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. The topic was eliminating and reducing injuries and the President according to the record, never threatened to ban football.

The fact is that Roosevelt lacked the authority to abolish football but more importantly, he was a big fan and wanted the game to continue. The little Roosevelts also loved the sport and were playing football at the college and secondary levels at the time.

Meanwhile, there were more rule changes such as the notion of reducing the number of scrimmage plays to earn a first down from four to three in an attempt to reduce injuries. The LA Times

reported an increase in punts in an experimental game and thus considered the game much safer than regular play. Football lovers did not accept the new rule because it was not "conducive to the sport."

Because nobody wanted players injured or killed in a game, on December 28, 1905, 62 schools met in New York City to discuss major rule changes to make the game safer. From this meeting, the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States, later named the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), was formed.

The forward pass is legalized

One rule change that was introduced in 1906 was devised to open up the game and thus reduce injury. This new rule introduced the legal forward pass. Though it was underutilized for years, this proved to be one of the most important rule changes in the establishment of the modern game.

Because of these 1905-1906 reforms, mass formation plays in which many players joined together became illegal when forward passes became legal. Bradbury Robinson, playing for visionary coach Eddie Cochems at St. Louis University, is recorded as throwing the first legal pass in a September 5, 1906, game against Carroll College at Waukesha.

Later changes were in the minutia category but they added discipline and safety to the game without destroying its rugged character. For example, in 1910, came the new requirement that at least seven offensive players be on the line of scrimmage at the time of the snap, that there be no pushing or pulling, and that interlocking interference (arms linked or hands on belts and uniforms) was not allowed. These changes accomplished their intended purpose of greatly reducing the potential for collision injuries.

As noted previously, great coaches emerged in the ranks who took advantage of these sweeping changes. Amos Alonzo Stagg, for example, introduced such innovations as the huddle, the tackling dummy, and the pre-snap shift. Other coaches, such as Pop Warner

and Notre Dame's Knute Rockne, introduced new strategies that still remain part of the game.

Many other rules changes and coaching innovations came about before 1940. They all had a profound impact on the game, mostly in opening up the passing game, but also in making the game safer to play without diminishing its quality.

For example, in 1914, the first roughing-the-passer penalty was implemented. In 1918, the rules on eligible receivers were loosened to allow eligible players to catch the ball anywhere on the field. The previously more restrictive rules allowed passes only in certain areas of the field.

Scoring rules also changed which brought the scoring into the modern era. For example, field goals were lowered from five to three points in 1909 and touchdowns were raised from four to six points in 1912.

Star Players

Star players emerged in both the collegiate and professional ranks including Jim Thorpe, Red Grange, and Bronko Nagurski. There were also other stars. These three in particular were able to move from college to the fledgling NFL and they helped turn it into a successful league. Notable sportswriter Grantland Rice helped popularize the sport of football with his poetic descriptions of games and colorful nicknames for the game's biggest players, including Notre Dame's "Four Horsemen" backfield and Fordham University's linemen, known as the "Seven Blocks of Granite".



Jim Thorpe, Circa 1915

The Heisman



Jay Berwanger the country's first Heisman winner—from the University of Chicago

Jay Berwanger, shown on the prior page, was the 1st Heisman Winner. In 1935, New York City's Downtown Athletic Club awarded its first Heisman Trophy to University of Chicago halfback Jay Berwanger. That was almost 90 years ago. Georgia had a couple of those. Ask Herschel Walker about how great it really is!

Berwanger was also the first ever NFL Draft pick in 1936. As sports fans all know today, the trophy continues to this day to recognize the nation's "most outstanding" college football player. It has become one of the most coveted awards in all of American sports.

As professional football became a national television phenomenon, college football did as well. In the 1950s, Notre Dame, which had a large national following, formed its own network to broadcast its games, but by and large the sport still retained a mostly regional following.

New formations and play sets continued to be developed by innovative coaches and their staffs. Emory Bellard from the University of Texas, developed a three-back option style offense known as the wishbone. Bear Bryant of Alabama became a preacher of the wishbone. The strategic opposite of the wishbone is called the spread offense.

National Championships

Some teams have managed to adapt with the times to keep winning consistently. In the rankings of the most victorious programs, Michigan, Texas, and Notre Dame for many years were ranked first, second, and third in total wins. Things have changed. Now, Alabama is recognized in this list well in front of Notre Dame.

The NCAA does not itself recognize official national champions, but does provide a partial listing of various organizations' selections of a champion, often noting several teams in the same year.

Georgia is not in the top ten in # of national championships but they have achieved the pinnacle achievement several times in their history. In fact, they are the current reigning National Champions.

In other words, as far as college football is concerned, the Georgia Bulldogs have achieved the throne and right now it is theirs alone to perch on.

UGA claims three consensus national championships (1942, 1980 and 2021); the AP and Coaches Polls have each voted the Bulldogs the national champion twice (1980 and 2021); Georgia has also been named the National Champion by at least one polling authority in four other seasons (1920, 1927, 1946 and 1968).

The Dawgs are not a pushover team to anybody's college.

Chapter 7 Georgia's Great Football Fields & Stadiums



Herty Field-- Strike Up the Band

One of the greatest challenges the new teams coming to the gridiron after the founding of real American football in the mid 1800's was to find a suitable field where they could play ball and where those who loved watching them play football (aka the fans) had room to watch. Ideally, the fans wanted at least bleachers because there were so many of them, that they knew they could not see the game without some elevation. More and more colleges at this time adopted football and began to build nice fields and then nice stadiums.

By now, we have all experienced in this book at least, the origin of football at the University of Georgia. Unlike a lot of other schools from the same era, Georgia does not have a history of playing football on a really lot of different fields. Herty Field, which is also known as Alumni Athletic Field, was the original playing venue for sports on-campus. Over time, it was a lot more than just grass with lime lines forming the gridiron. Then, it was not enough as the student and sports population (athletes) grew.

Teams were always happy to have a cleared space in which to play football and baseball at the University of Georgia (UGA) in Athens, Georgia. Herty Field opened as a sports venue in the Fall of 1891

and it hosted the first UGA home football game against Mercer University on January 30, 1892. By the way, my Birthday is January 30th and I am still celebrating though as I labor to complete this book, I find February getting ready to head out to pasture.

Before Herty was used for athletics, it was a campus green area used most frequently as a marching ground. The bands had it all to themselves before sports requiring large field came about. To make it suitable for other sports such as baseball and of course football, Dr. Charles Herty a Chem professor at UGA at the time, was the creator of the Georgia varsity football and baseball teams.

Herty, himself oversaw the field's proper landscaping so it could host games and practices for the University's varsity and intramural activities. His legacy lives on in the name of the field.



Football game at Herty Field in the olden days

Though this is a black & white book, those who can discern know that there is grass though it looks blackish in the game shown above. Herty was a very busy man on campus. Besides his faculty duties, he served as the Instructor in Physical Culture from 1894 to 1896 and as Physical Director from 1896 until his resignation from UGA in November 1901.

He had a passion for making the playing fields even better and his efforts to improve the sports venue included the raising of \$1900 in 1897 simply by asking UGA alumni for help to make further landscaping improvements on the field and to build a nice set of usable bleachers.

When the field was built, it was originally known as Alumni Athletic Field; however, the name was changed to Herty Field after several years to commemorate the man responsible for its prominence, Dr. Charles Herty.

After Sanford Field was completed in the 1920's Herty Field did not have as much importance on campus and the administration OK'd without much thought, the plan to create a parking lot out of this historic spot in the 1940's. However, upon looking back into the historical significance of the grounds, the administration regretted their forebears decision and converted the property back into a greenspace in 1999. Sometimes even the smart of us need a little greenery to get it right.

After football was moved to Lumpkin Street to accommodate Sanford Field & then Sanford Stadium, Herty Field was used for intramural sports and a marching ground for the UGA Army ROTC. After it appeared to have no further use, as noted it was then converted into a parking lot in the 1940s during the post-World War II influx of higher education.

With more cars on campus or so it appeared than people, there was a clear demand for parking that had not existed before, especially on North Campus, where most of the staff and faculty worked. Dexter Adams, director of the UGA grounds department did not agree or disagree with the parking lot location but he agreed that parking was needed on campus.

“Historic preservation, especially of landscapes, just wasn't on very many people's radar in those days,” Adams said. “In fairness, it was just a big dirt field from what I can tell from photographs, far from the idealistic green you see today.”

Although marked on the plaque at the front of Herty Field, most students do not know that the beautiful lounging area had previously been a big parking lot. Nor do they know that it was where the Georgia Bulldogs played their first football game.



Herty Field -- The beautiful Herty Field now attracts students as both a peaceful place to study

Before Sanford Stadium, to keep athletics going, they built Sanford Field on Lumpkin Street. Check it out on the next page Sanford Field was built after Herty Field around 1920 and it became the on-campus playing venue for football and baseball at the University of Georgia (UGA) in Athens, Georgia. The old field was built originally with wooden stands in 1911 and like the current field was named after Steadman V. Sanford. As a venue for football, it was replaced in 1929 by Sanford Stadium, which was built nearby.



Sanford Field: The Football & Baseball Venue pre Sanford Stadium

SANFORD STADIUM



ATHENS, GA

Sanford Stadium shown above, for a very long time has been the home to the University Georgia Bulldogs. Despite the longevity of the stadium experience, however, fans from around the world may not immediately understand that this is now a US football stadium. How could this be you ask? I have the answer.

Sanford Stadium once played host to the 1996 Olympic Games. It was used for the medal round of the finals in ~~football~~. Whoops, it was not football, it was actually soccer, which had very few fans before the 1990s in America. Nonetheless these games after soccer became popular in the US for the 1994 games, it was watched by over three billion people worldwide.

Georgians and many in the states were not really into soccer at this time. So, there was concern for giving up the stadium for the soccer lovers.

For those who were and who are still passionate about their football in Athens (Georgia that is), Sanford is home to one of the most exciting stadiums in college football. At its in 2021, but with plans

to grow, with 92,746 seats filled to capacity every game, one of the largest on campus stadium in the country provides a comforting environment for the Georgia Bulldogs and a frightening experience for first time visitors.

Historians know and will tell you, if you ask, that football has been a part of UGA since 1892, when the team played at Herty Field, a makeshift athletic site on campus. In 1911, Georgia President, Dr. Steadman V. Stanford, who many Georgians believe is still alive and directing all the positive sports activities (football) on campus was motivated to move the Bulldogs games from Herty Field to a centralized location on campus that was named Stanford Field. Notice that today the name of the stadium is still Stanford but the stadium is not the old field.

Every college wants its own football stadium. UGA was not among the missing. Georgia's football rivalry with Georgia Tech in the 1920s was one of the reasons that led to a new stadium being constructed for the Georgia Bulldogs team. Because the Georgia venues could not accommodate a ton of fans, these rival games had previously been played at Georgia Tech's home, Grant Field. Why? Because Stanford Field was not large enough. That was insult enough but when the Bulldogs actually began to lose games because there were not enough Bulldog fans in the stands, something had to change quickly to make Tech know who they really were compared to the Georgia Bulldogs.

Money was no object as the Bulldogs had no money anyway. Nonetheless, UGA wanted to build a stadium that would rival Grant Field, the Tech Field, so it began acting like it could.

It began raising money for construction, led by Dr. Stanford. Back then a buck was not like a buck today. They got their wish from a lot of hard work, The stadium was built at a cost of \$360,000. Stanford Stadium opened on October 12, 1929 when Georgia played Yale before 30,000 fans. After over forty years of football, Georgia got to play in a first-class stadium. It was not only first class, it was owned by the Georgia Bulldogs (UGA).

Perhaps the trademark of the stadium are its two most recognizable features, Sanford Field's famous hedges, which we do fully discuss in this chapter. These hedges surround the field and their mascot

Uga, a white bulldog. Both have become mainstays of the UGA Bulldog traditions. Uga bulldogs have been reincarnated and their spiritits buried over the years so there can still be a Uga Georgia mascot to lead the cheers.

Nobody wants to talk about it but the hedges themselves have been reincarnated. We'll get there soon.

The hedges have enclosed the field since 1929 and games are often referred to being played "Between the Hedges." Uga, the English bulldog referenced above, has been the mascot of Georgia since 1956 and is present at every home game. Deceased Uga's (nobody admits to them) are interred in a mausoleum at the southwest corner of Sanford Stadium. A new Uga emerges after each internment. The fans believe that the Georgia Bulldogs have never been without their mascot and I mean its bulldog, Uga.

The enormous home field advantage for Bulldog football games has not come cheap over the years. The accountants have arrived at an estimated \$71 million price tag over the years for what some would suggest is the largesse spent on such a great stadium.

There have been six major expansions over the years in 1949, '64, '67, '81, '91 and 2003. These expansions enclosed Stanford Stadium, added an upper deck and also added luxury suites.

The latest addition to Sanford Stadium was added before the 2011 season when a new 36 feet by 73 feet HD video/scoreboard was added. The improvements are definitely worth the price as Sanford Stadium has finished in the top seven in attendance 21 of the past 24 years. With the continued success of the Bulldogs over the past few years, as well as a schedule that is consistently filled with national contenders, these attendance figures show no sign of letting up.

How about those Dawgs?

Let's add some more great and wonderful text to the legacy of Sanford Field and its Bulldogs from Athens, Georgia



DOOLEY FIELD AT SANFORD STADIUM

They say that the largesse that comes from football competition in the fall of each year at Sanford Stadium brings a profit that would equal what a gold rush might generate if someone had struck the mother lode. That's a lot folks.

Like every other major league college, College football has become big business at the University of Georgia. UGA can certainly compete with the best today, but consider the circumstances of the coming of Sanford Stadium and the ensuing opportunity that would be enhanced by a signature moment in history that occurred almost a century ago.

To fully appreciate how this great stadium came about, we have to harken back to Dec. 3, 1927. It was the athletic director, H. J. Stegman and the coach, George "Kid" Woodruff. They were very important to the plans for a great stadium but as they called him *The man of the hour*, was the UGA President Dr. Steadman V. Sanford. With the Georgia team undefeated and visions of Pasadena dancing in alumni heads, the atmosphere in Athens was saturated with high hopes and anticipation.



Old Athens Georgia when the "Bulldogs" played ball at Lumpkin Street

At the time Georgia's football field was the baseball field at the foot of Lumpkin Street. As you can see in the old photo in the beginning of this section several pages back, and there are others—but not a

zillion available, there is a football field marked off in front of the wooden grandstand. The grandstand seated only 6,000 spectators back then and the stands were often jam packed.

In 1902, Georgia began playing Tech annually at Grant Field, which provided for a larger gate. Funding was important and still is. It was so important that the Dawgs would even give up home field advantage against their main rival every season—Georgia Tech to get a share of a bigger gate. The Bulldogs posted a 6-10-2 record during these trying times. But they were always gamers.

In 1927, when the Bulldogs met up with Tech, they featured small, but very fast backs. Heavy rains had fallen during the week. However, according to historian, Dan Magill, who we will feature again in this chapter very soon, was taking no chances and he watered down the field on the eve of the game, making the playing surface a veritable quagmire.

Whether in spite of or because of or just because, Georgia Tech upset the Bulldogs 12-0 and knocked Georgia out of the Rose Bowl they played a home game in “enemy” territory. It would take the Bulldogs 17 more years to exact revenge on Tech for that drubbing. Years later, when Tech arrived in Athens with a Rose Bowl invitation on the line, the winner would be invited to Pasadena. That year, led by Frank Sinkwich and Charley Trippi, Georgia destroyed the Yellow Jackets, 34-0.

After the disappointment in Atlanta in 1927, Dr. Sanford was beside himself with anger that he chose not to show. But, according to another devout Bulldog historian, John Stegeman, he did vow to build the biggest stadium in the South so he never had to go through game field chicanery ever again.

Not only did Sanford meet his own ambitious expectations, he orchestrated the building of the prettiest stadium that had ever been built. The stadium cost roughly \$300,000 dollars to build and it represented a landmark fund-raising effort by the University, perhaps, the best of all time.

Dr. Sanford was the fundraiser in charge and he helped everybody in the state open their purses and wallets for the good of the UGA stadium project. He coaxed 300 fans and supporters to sign bank notes of \$1,000.00 each to pay for the cost of construction of the stadium that ultimately would bear his name.



Sanford Stadium – the Early Seasons

The convincingness and the sheer brilliance of Dr. Sanford's brainchild is confirmed when you become aware that 12 days after the dedication of the stadium with the 15-0 victory over Yale, the stock market crash—Black Tuesday—took place and not a single one of those bank notes were called. Think about that for a while. There is another impactful message inherent in the building of Sanford Stadium. When the Georgia people unite with enlightened and selfless leadership, there is no limit to what can be accomplished.

Sanford Stadium was built on two natural hillsides which gives it extraordinary beauty, especially with the privet hedge surrounding the field.

We'll talk about the hedge soon and tell you more than it was the idea of a former Georgia business manager, Charlie Martin, who had gone to the Rose Bowl with his counterpart at Alabama in 1926. Martin loved the beautiful roses that circled the playing field at Pasadena. He wanted Georgia's new stadium to have the same fine look that he saw at the Rose Bowl.

However, as we will repeat soon, he learned that roses would not flourish in the Athens' environment which is why the decision was made to install hedges around the playing field. They were about three feet tall when Georgia hosted Yale in 1929.

Georgia did win the Southern Conference championship in 1920, but the first hint of the coming of the glory that the little community of Athens so desperately sought began to gain traction when Wallace Butts became the head coach in 1939.

Butts' aggressive recruiting of players north of the Mason-Dixon line brought to campus legends such as Frank Sinkwich, Charley Trippi, John Rauch and others. Had it not been for World War II, there is no telling what the situation might have become in Athens town. By the way, Charley Trippi grew up about ten miles from my home town in Pennsylvania and he is revered in these parts for his college and pro careers in football.

Butts won three Southeastern Conference championships in the forties and national championships in 1942 and 1946, but the fifties would not be good to him. With increased interest in the Bulldog program following World War II, Sanford Stadium needed expanding. Wooden bleachers were added to the original concrete stands, but were not often filled except when Tech or Alabama came to town. They became rickety and unsightly.

To enhance the gate, lights were added to perimeter of the stadium, nestled in the hedges. While the hedges retained their evergreen beauty, the light poles were ill-favored. An eyesore until Joel Eaves had them removed when he became athletic director and hired Vince Dooley.

The lights were a product of a need for gate enhancement, which is how the stadium came about in the first place. The success of Dooley's early teams would make an ever advancing enlargement of Sanford Stadium. Original Sanford's seating capacity was 30,000. Several enhancements and enlargements followed. The pundits list many improvements. We will examine them soon.

The pure beauty of Sanford Stadium in 1929 would bring about issues in the future. With any and all expansions, the attractiveness of the facility and the unobstructed views have always made it special, but access, bathrooms space and concession stands conflict with pedestrian traffic on the southside of the stadium. The only way to alleviate the problem, would be to tunnel under field street but at a near prohibitive cost.

Despite that, expansions have, nonetheless, increased the size of the facility to where it is the 9th largest on-campus stadium in the country. There is the view by insiders that Georgia does not need any more seats in Sanford Stadium, but there is a pressing need for more premium seats.

That is possible connecting the sky suites of the north and south sides with an expansion around the top of the horseshoe at the east end of the field.

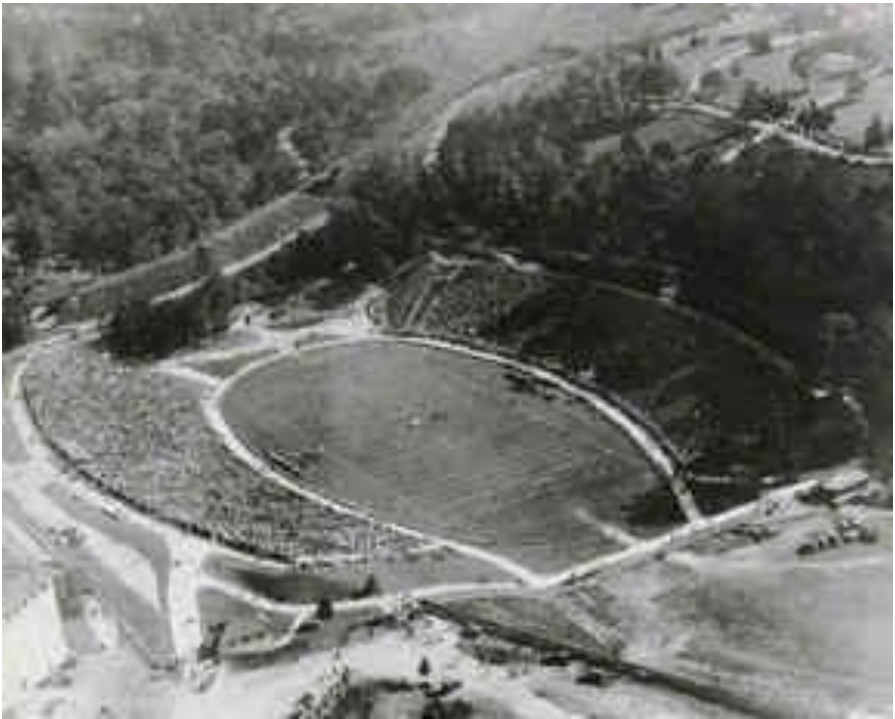
All expansions have been tastefully done and the beauty of the stadium has never been compromised. The man, whose teams were largely responsible for the expansions, is Vince Dooley. His name now has been added to the stadium which brought considerable harmony among the Bulldog constituency.

Here again, expansive alumni support, coupled with positive leadership, has always been one of the University of Georgia's most valuable assets. Sanford Stadium will always be confirmation of that salient fact.

The genius and legend of Dr. Sanford should always be lionized and forever remembered with the warmest of respect and affection. Likely there were many in 1927 who considered his new stadium concept as unlikely, perhaps foolhardy, as tunneling under Field Street.

Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium: Some Additional Highlights in History

The University of Georgia consists of a proud lot of Bulldogs from students to faculty to fans to players to coaches. And they all love the Bulldogs and the wonderful premiere stadium that graces and beautifies their campus. Here are some of the dates of stadium improvements



Early Sanford Stadium

1929: Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium Built. This stadium was completed in 1929 and it was named for Dr. Steadman Vincent Sanford, former University president and University System of Georgia chancellor. It had a seating Capacity at the time of 30,000 and was built for a total construction cost of \$360,000.

1940: Lights were erected on the field level of the stadium.

1949: 6,000 seats were added to South stands. So, twenty years after initial construction, the new capacity of Sanford Stadium reached 36,000

1964: 7,621 seats were added to the end zone area. If there is anything that can be expected with a football stadium built in the modern era it's that tomorrow it will grow. The latest expansion brought the new capacity of Sanford Stadium to 43,621. Some work was done with lights so that they were no longer needed at the field level.

1967: Double Decking of Dooley Field. In just three years since the largest capacity increase since the stadium was built, UGA increased the capacity again at Sanford Stadium. This time, the capacity increased by about 30% with 19,640 seats being added to the new stadium deck bringing seating capacity to 59,000. As many schools do when they build stadiums upward, they added club level seating as well as a press box area and a President's box. The total project cost was \$3,000,000. It was designed by Architect: Heery & Heery, from Atlanta, GA. The General Contractor was Baugh & Coody, Inc., from Albany, GA

1981: East End Enclosed. Another chunk of 19,000 seats was added in this expansion bringing the new seating capacity to 82,122. You can see the value of a dollar going down with inflation as this project cost 4X the prior expansion for about the same increase in capacity -- \$11,500,000. The architect was again Finch-Heery from Atlanta, GA. While the General Contractor was Marvin M. Black Co from Norcross, GA

1982: Lights Installed. This expansion helped make it easier to play night games. 12 poles and 420 metal-halide bulbs were added. The bottom row of lights were 150 feet above playing field. The project cost was \$1,000,000. The Engineers were Inglett & Stubbs, Inc., from Atlanta, GA. The Architect was Lighting Associates, from Lithonia, GA

1984: Lettermen's Club Added-East End. This did not make an appreciable increase in seating capacity. It was a 5,460 square feet addition which included a 3,000 square feet dining/meeting room. The project cost: \$386,390. It was designed by Architect: Heery-

Fabrap, from Atlanta, GA. The General Contractor was Terry Development, Athens, GA

1991: West End Enclosed. Ten years after the East End of the stadium was enclosed, it was time for the west end. This project added 4,205 seats, making the new seating capacity 85,434. The project cost \$3.7 million. The architect was Heery International Inc., from Atlanta, GA and the general contractor was Winter Construction, Atlanta, GA.

1994: 30 Sky Suites Constructed. At 85,000+ seating capacity, UGA had a nice sized stadium but it needed more luxury boxes to accommodate families and groups. This expansion addressed that need with double deck luxury sky suites atop the south side upper deck. The capacity increased by 683 seats to 86,117. The project cost: \$6 million. The Architect again was Heery International Inc., Atlanta, GA. The general contractor was Beers Construction, Atlanta, GA.

2000: Sky Suite/SkyClub Addition

This expansion added 20 new sky suites to the existing 30 bringing total to 50. Moreover, a Sky Club was constructed at the top of the south side of the upper deck directly under the Sky Suites. This created a new seating capacity of 86,520. The project cost \$12 million. The Architect again was Heery International Inc., Atlanta, GA and the General Contractor was Mitchell Construction

2003: North Side Upper Deck Addition

Slowly approaching the 100,000 seat mark, this expansion included 5,500 new seats added to the second upper deck on north side. New Seating Capacity came to 92,058. The project cost \$25 million. There was a new architect HNTB of Kansas City, Mo. The first time construction contracts were given to non-Georgia contractors. The General Contractor was Turner Construction-Sports, Atlanta Branch.

2004: North Side Sky Suites Addition (27 SkySuites)

In this expansion, 688 new seats were added in a new north side Sky Suite level. The new seating capacity was then 92,746

This project cost: \$8 million. The architect was HNTB of Kansas City, Mo.

2010: Reed Plaza

Reed Plaza improvement to north side stadium concourse
Architect: Hughes Good O'Leary and Ryan (HOR) / Cooper Carry
General contractor: Turner Construction Co.

2018: West End Zone Project

Enhanced the west end zone area. It now includes home locker room, hospitality lounge for recruiting purposes, and improved stadium entry plaza for fans. This project Cost: \$63 million. The architect was HOK Architects. The General Contractor was DPR Construction of Atlanta, Ga.

2019: Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium

Formal dedication of the field at Sanford Stadium as Dooley Field



Dooley Field recognition and dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Right now but not for too long, the stadium is at a 92,746 capacity Filled on Saturdays to its **92,746 capacity**, Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium is still one of the country's most beautiful and electrifying arenas for college football. Georgia's average home attendance has ranked among the nation's top 10 for more than two decades. With the new expansion plans who knows. Maybe the sky is the limit.

2022 Expansion Plans

Ranked # 1 in the country with a magnificent stadium with an almost 93,000 seat capacity, the stadium design team is at it again planning to join the #1 college team in the nation to the #1 college football stadium in the nation. Expansion is always inch by inch but these plans are big.

Georgia fans will be most interested to know about plans to expand and improve the South 100 concourse at Sanford Stadium. Part of the original stadium, which opened in 1929, that area long has been difficult for fans to negotiate during the Bulldogs' biggest games.

A recently completed feasibility showed that by demolishing the bathrooms and concession stands and moving them to another area, they can widen the concourse from 10 to 23 feet. Simultaneously, Georgia will construct new bathrooms and concession stands at either Gates 2 and 9 on either end of the concourse.

Meanwhile, the new construction in the southwest corner will provide the foundation for Phase II of that project, which will be a new press box. The existing Dan Magill Press Box on the south side extends between the 30-yard lines on the club level. That area will be converted to premium seating for donors.

UGA plans to pay for the expansion through loans and existing reserves. On that note, the ongoing \$80 million Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall expansion project is adding 165,000 square feet in football facilities. It has been fully funded through pledges from members of UGA's Magill Society donor group. Phase I of the new construction has been completed, and football coaches, players, trainers and strength-and-conditioning have moved into the facility. Phase II, which includes additional offices and meeting rooms, should be completed this year in 2022.

Football is very important but it is not the only sport to feel the athletic association's love. Georgia's baseball and softball stadiums will also be expanded. Feasibility studies are underway to explore improving athletes' space underneath the first- and third-base sides of both baseball's Foley Field and softball's Jack Turner Stadium,

while also adding much needed seating to those facilities. At capacities of just over 3,000 for baseball and 1,300 for softball, those stadiums are among the smallest for their respective sports in the SEC. The size deficiency is being addressed for sure.

These two are the latest endeavors in what has been a massive amount of spending on facilities by Georgia over the past five years.

The Bulldogs have completed \$175 million worth of improvements and new construction for football while trying to methodically make improvements in their other 20 men's and women's sports.

Meanwhile, as the Georgia football team transitions out of its previous spaces in the Butts-Mehre complex, those areas are being renovated and retrofitted for other sports. The abandoned football locker room, sports-medicine training and strength-and-conditioning areas are in the process of being renovated for the men's and women's track and field locker rooms and coaches' offices. Long housed in Stegeman Coliseum, this will move the team much closer to Spec Towns Track.



Bulldogs Are the National Champions

Probably the biggest news unveiled by Brooks had to do with the new hot dogs that will be for sale at Sanford Stadium on Saturday. A longtime operations executive in athletics, one of Brooks first-year initiatives was to provide better and more affordable concessions at Georgia's events.

He is excited to introduce to fans Saturday the Bulldogs' new \$2.50 hot dog. He would not reveal the brand, "But it is a great hot dog. In the concessions world, they talk about how many hot dogs per pound. So whatever that ratio is, it's almost double in size. ... It's a bigger, thicker hot dog."

How about those Dogs???

I would bet the Dogs like the Dogs

A nice journey back 'between the hedges'

Enjoy!



In October of 2009, John D. Lukacs, one of the College Game Day guys wrote a great UGA story he titled, "A journey back 'between the hedges. In this little expose on the history of the gridirons of the University of Georgia, this is a fun place to start. Lots of people over the years have asked if those hedges have always been there. Lukacs decided to answer their questions.

He starts his story perfectly.

“They've been there, stately, iconic and emerald green, for as long as Dan Magill, a former Georgia Tennis Coach can remember. They were there long before the renowned Boston ivy began creeping along the red brick walls of Wrigley Field. Yes, they were there even before the brilliant, blooming rainbow of azaleas that first arced across Augusta National. They've been there eighty years, to be exact.”

It is more than rumor that former Georgia football coach Vince Dooley spent 25 of his coaching career between the hedges and they say he developed something of a green thumb for his retirement.

So, when did it all start? Forget about fauna, the date was October 12, 1929. It was a grand and momentous occasion on which the most famous flora in football, if not all of sports -- the distinctive privet hedges ringing the field at Georgia's Sanford Stadium -- was first planted, so to speak, into America's sports consciousness. No wonder people ask about the hedges all the time.

There are those that might be able to tell the story better but then maybe not. Dan Magill, the former sports information director, was on the scene on that steamy, southern Saturday afternoon when the Yale band played a stirring rendition of "Dixie." It was the day that a state-record amount of cold Coca-Cola reportedly was consumed, when the Georgia Bulldogs christened their spanking brand new stadium by beating the Yale Elis 15-0 in the first game played "between the hedges."

Magill was 88, when Lukacs wrote this memorial. He happened to be there because of the fact that one of his forerunners was Charles E. Marti from 1898. When he decided to put his whole mind into it, Magill told Lukacs the whole story of the historic hedges surrounding the stadium. It was about five years before he met his eternal reward. Magill passed away in August 2014 at the age of 93,. The hedges live on.

Lukacs knew that there was no doubt with the details that Magill provided. His memory had served him right as Charlie Martin arrived in Athens in 1908, as a sports writer. Martin was in the athletic information department from his first day on campus, holding almost every job other than head football coach.

When Martin attended the Rose Bowl in 1926, he was impressed with the roses until he learned that Roses did not grow in Georgia too well. The Rose Bowl Stadium had beautiful rose hedges that bordered the playing surface in Pasadena, Calif.

Martin pushed for those Roses to help make the new Sanford Stadium being planned, to be the best "best football stadium in Dixie. While it was slowly becoming steel and concrete reality, Martin became dedicated to the thought thinking it would distinguish the new stadium from the other stadiums being constructed Then he tuned into the problem of roses not growing well in Georgia turf. "University horticulturists informed the designers that roses would not thrive here in Athens, Georgia," Magill related. Quick changes were necessary.



Oh See the Pretty Hedges

So the stadium designers chose to use privet *Ligustrum* instead of roses as the hedge barrier for the new Georgia gridiron. It was tough to pull off the change in the last minute before the first game. The hedges were trucked in from Atlanta, and reportedly plugged into

the red Georgia earth just hours before the game by workers wielding shovels and flashlights.

Martin was the game's primary promoter. More than 30,000 fans, which at the time was the largest crowd to witness a southern college football game, crammed the stadium. It was a grand affair. Governors from all nine southern states also were in attendance. They made it and so did the hedges. "It was the biggest athletic event ever held in the South at the time," Magill told Lukacs.

Nevertheless, in the midst of welcoming the large crowd and unknowingly ushering in one of the sport's most cherished traditions, Martin found the time to sneak in a late-arriving, ticketless 8-year-old: Magill. Yes, he snuck in the gentleman who would live for Georgia for many years coaching tennis and providing a source of information for the public.

Peering over the freshly planted, diminutive hedges, Magill located his father, editor of the old Athens Banner, and he even found a seat for one of the most memorable events in Georgia football history. They still talk about it down that way.

Yet Magill is not the only one to have had such a unique historical vantage point from which to watch Georgia's hedges take root in college football lore. Have you ever heard of legendary coach Vince Dooley, who patrolled the Georgia sideline many years later from 1964 through 1988. He probably spent more time than anyone else between those storied hedges.

In the funny but true category, for Dooley, it was not until he took some gardening classes at Georgia more than a dozen years before Lukacs wrote his piece, that the retired coach discovered a latent passion for plants. How about that?

Dooley remarked when interviewed that "The great thing about living around a university is that if you have a curiosity, you can satisfy it." The hedges became a passion for Dooley.

His curiosity became a fascination that rivaled and sorta replaced Dooley's coaching fire when he stopped coaching. Dooley soon befriended renowned University of Georgia horticulturists Michael Dirr and Allan Armitage, and turned the property surrounding his

Athens personal residence into a beautiful, five acre all-seasons botanical garden laced with meandering paths, burbling streams and waterfall ponds. Like he was Jerry Baker instead of Vince Dooley, the legendary coach peppered the grounds with thousands of plants, flowers and trees.

Dooley was so tuned in to plants that he actually committed the Latin names of the many plants to memory from multiple readings of his plant playbook. After I tell you about Dooley's fascination we will move on to other topics. When we pick Vince Dooley up again later in this book, it will be to discuss his great tenure as Georgia's finest coach.

For now, please know that Vince Dooley did not accept anything in his gardens that was not just right. He had a propensity for the best plants God placed on this earth, namely, among many others, there are camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons, ferns, Asiatic jasmine, magnolias, maples, cypress and, of course, some of the famed privet *Ligustrum* hedges.

There also is the "Dooley" hydrangea, a particularly hardy variety so named because it was discovered blooming in Dooley's garden after a brutal frost. "I don't play golf," Dooley says. "So gardening is kind of my golf."

To stretch this gardening story out some more, it was at about the same time that the coach-turned-gardening guru's thumb began to turn green, that some good or bad new things were occurring in Georgia. Soon there would erupt one of the biggest controversies in Georgia history. Atlanta was selected to host the 1996 Summer Olympics, and Sanford Stadium was chosen as the venue for the soccer matches.

As a youth soccer coach who took his teams to regulation soccer and football fields to play soccer, I know that they are not the same size. A regulation soccer field measures approximately 115 yards by 74 yards. With these dimensions to host soccer, it became a fact that the glorious hedges had to be removed. Dooley, Georgia's athletic director at the time, knew Dawgs fans were less than happy with

that idea. If he made a misstep on this new issue, he would lose a lot of friends.

God saved the day or it can be argued so. We all know that God is the Master of great plants and great diseases, including the 2022 version of COVID. Well it may have been intentional on God's part or perhaps, he let nature take its course. In terms of who caused what, the Lord almighty helped Vince Dooley with his problem.

Miraculously, it was discovered that the hedges were diseased. The disease had nothing to do with the renting of the stadium for a great soccer show. The hedges were suffering from an infestation of nematodes, or microscopic worms. Under all circumstances, this would have necessitated their timely removal.

To bring it all back right as if it had never happened, healthy cuttings were nurtured into full-grown hedges and returned to Sanford Stadium, where they were transplanted in a ceremony involving Dooley and other Georgia dignitaries. The result is that the current hedges are what the Georgia family lovingly calls "Hedges II." "They're the sons and daughters of the original hedges," Dooley says. Nobody got the blame and God and Vince Dooley got full credit.

The descendant cuttings quickly rooted in the stadium's hallowed ground. According to Kenny Pauley, who had become Georgia's director of sports turf and grass, the hedges grew eight months of the year, at a rate of approximately 3 feet per year. He did not complain but he noted that the grounds personnel had to work hard because they grew so fast.

"We have to trim them constantly," Pauley said. The rapid growth rate is hardly surprising. "It's a royal hedge to the Georgia people, but anywhere else, it's a weed," Dooley said.

Dooley is still in good shape and makes his presence known whenever something good happens at UGA. The last time of course was when the UGA Bulldogs won the national championship.

Georgia Football posted a photo of Coach Kirby Smart and Bulldogs legendary Coach Vince Dooley meeting and hugging on the field after UGA's historic win over Alabama on Monday to

clinch the National Championship for the first time in 41 years. Dooley was talking football with Smart, and was not lecturing the current coach on how to make the most of hedge cuttings.

Writer and college football historian John D. Lukacs is a consultant to "College GameDay." Let's now take a peek at Sanford Stadium in recent times. You can still see the pretty hedges.



2021 National Champions – Game played V Alabama Jan 10, 2022, Lucas Oil Stadium



Another camera shot of post-game emailed

Chapter 8 First Ten Years of UGA Football

There were no No-Coach Years from 1892

<u>Year</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Record (SIAA)</u>	<u>%</u>
1892	Ind	Charles Herty	(1-1)	Ind .500
1893	Ind	Ernest Brown	(2-2-1)	Ind .500
1894	Ind	Robert Winston	(5-1)	Ind .833
1895	Ind	Pop Warner	(3-4)	2-2 .429
1896	Ind	Pop Warner	(4-0)	2-0 1.000
1897	Ind	Charles McCarthy	(2-1)	2-0 .666
1898	Ind	Charles McCarthy	(4-2)	3-1 .666
1899	Ind	Gordon Saussy	(2-3-1)	(2-3-1) .417
1900	Ind	E. E. Jones	(2-4)	(1-4) .333
1901	Ind	Billy Reynolds	(1-5-2)	(0-3-2) .167
1902	Ind	Billy Reynolds	(4-2-1)	(3-2-1) .643



1892 Georgia's 1st Football Season Coach Charles Herty Coach # 1

Georgia's first couple football seasons were non-descript. Alabama played Auburn in the Iron Bowl but it seemed like it should have been Georgia v Alabama.

1892 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Charles Herty Coach # 1

In its first season, the Bulldogs first played Birmingham High School and won the game W. 50-0.



<< Charles Herty

The Auburn–Georgia football rivalry is a college football rivalry game between the Auburn Tigers and Georgia Bulldogs. The two teams first played each other in 1892, and the rivalry has been renewed annually since 1944 for a total of 126 games as of the 2021 season in which Georgia was undefeated. If you are scoring at home folks, that means that Auburn lost to Georgia as all other teams but Alabama once in 2021. Georgia as we all know are/is the

national US Football Champion. If Georgia were my nephew Michael, he would say: "I the winner." But with his beautiful baby voice it might sound like "I the WINNEEWW."

I love saying as often as I can that the Georgia Bulldogs football program began its 1892 football season on the gridiron with a game against Birmingham High School. This was Georgia's 1st football season. The Bulldogs won the game 50-0. Whew, no need for sweat towels. They lost against Auburn in their final game of 1892 and that loss got their fire going.

Georgia's second and final game of 1892 was against Auburn, which marked the beginning of a rivalry that would later become known as the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry. This was the Georgia Bulldogs' one and only season under the guidance of head coach Charles Herty. Herty of course has been eulogized and honored over the years as the father of football at Georgia. Indeed he was.

As we discuss future years, we will develop a pattern in which we highlight the season and then show a summary of each game.

1893 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Ernest Brown Coach # 2



<<Coach Ernest Brown

The 1893 Georgia Bulldogs football team found a few more teams to play this year in its second season. The Bulldogs completed this season, their second, with a 2–2–1 record. One of their biggest rivals of all time presented itself this year, Georgia Tech. 1893 found the Bulldogs playing its first games against Tech, losing 28–6, Vanderbilt, losing 10–35, and Furman, winning 22–8. The rivalries with Georgia Tech and Vanderbilt continue to the present season, while the last game played against Furman was played in 1950. For years before it went off the radar, Furman, was typically a W on Georgia’s schedule.

That is not the case in the games played v Georgia Tech. Today it is known as "Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate." For some it is fun, but for all it is “hate.”

Back in 1893 players were not often distinguished on the teams but this year, one of the notable players on the team for the 1893 season was Blanton Winship, a law student at Georgia. Winship played tackle that year only, but he went on to become a military lawyer, a veteran of both the Spanish–American War and World War I. He was also the Judge Advocate General of the United States Army and the Governor of Puerto Rico. My friends would have said, “he done good!”

Games of the 1893 Season

On Nov 4 at Herty Field in Athens Gam the Bulldogs lost big to Georgia Tech L (6-28) in what was called the first (Clean, Old-

Fashioned Hate) game. On Nov 12, at Vanderbilt, in Dudley Field, Nashville, TN (rivalry), the Commodores whipped the Bulldogs a new one L (0–35). Then, on Nov 30 at Savannah A. C. in Savannah, GA, the teams tied with no scoring T (0–0).

Then, on Dec 1 at Augusta A. C. in Georgia, the Georgia Bulldogs overpowered the Georgia Athletic Club. W 24–0. In the season finale, on Dec 9, v Furman in Augusta, GA, the Bulldogs prevailed again W (22–8).

1894 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Robert Winston Coach # 3



<<Coach Robert Winston

The 1894 Georgia Bulldogs football team represented the Georgia Bulldogs of the University of Georgia in the 1894 college football season. It was the team's third season, and they completed the year with a fine 5–1–record. As noted, it was just their third season of college football. In 1894, the Bulldogs played their first game against South Carolina, which went in the W column W (40–0,). This began rivalry continues to the present day. Georgia also secured its first victory over Auburn, which was a real big thing for the in-state rivalry. Most years in the beginning the coach chose to stay just one year. That is what Robert Winston did in 1894. Consequently, this was the team's one and only season under the guidance of head coach Robert Winston. Prior to Winston, coaches were volunteers. Even though, he was the first paid coach for the Bulldogs, he opted to leave after his only season. It sure was a great season regardless.

Games of the 1894 Season

The season began on Oct 29 v Sewanee, a mostly Indian School. The game was played at Herty Field in Athens, GA. This group of American Indians were very talented and defeated the Bulldogs L (8–12). On Nov 3, Georgia played South Carolina at the State Fairgrounds in Columbia, SC and defeated them W 40–0.

On Nov 10, at Wofford U in Spartanburg, SC, the Georgia Bulldogs whipped the Terriors W (10–0). Then, on Nov 24 Georgia won its first battle v Auburn at Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (10–8) before 2,000 fans. On Nov 30 at the Augusta Athletic Club in Augusta, GA, the Dogs whooped the Club W (66–0). To wrap up the season on Dec 9, 1894. At Savannah A. C., the Dawgs prevailed W (22–0).

1895 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Pop Warner Coach # 4



<< Pop Warner

The 1895 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Pop Warner in his first season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a bigger venue. In what was the fourth season for Georgia football, the team finished with a 3-4 record. The Bulldogs were members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 3–4 record. This was the team's

first losing season. Georgia lost twice to North Carolina, and played Alabama this year for the first time.

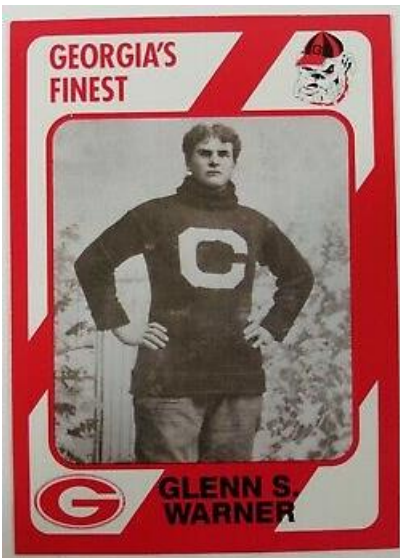
Games of the 1895 Season

In the home opener, on Oct 19, the Bulldogs had their way with Wofford W (34-0 at Herty Field in Athens, GA. On Oct 26 v North Carolina at Piedmont Park in Atlanta, GA, the Dogs lost L (0–6). Then, on Oct 31 at North Carolina again at Piedmont Park in Atlanta, GA, the Bulldogs lost another close one to NC L (6–10).



In the first game ever v Alabama, on Nov 9, the Bulldogs defeated Alabama (to be the Crimson Tide) at Wildwood Park in Columbus, GA W (30–6). On Nov 18, Georgia defeated Sewanee at Piedmont Park in Atlanta, GA W (22–0). Then on Nov 23 at Vanderbilt’s Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the Commodore’s shut out the

Bulldogs in a close match L (0–6) before 1,200 fans. In the season finale, on Nov at 1:30 p. m. vs. rival Auburn at Piedmont Park in Atlanta, GA before 5,000 fans, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (6–16).



1896 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Pop Warner Coach # 4

The 1896 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Pop Warner in his second and last season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a bigger venue. In what was the fifth season for Georgia, the team

finished undefeated with a record of four wins and zero losses (4–0, 2-0 in the SIAA).

At this time, in the evolution of American football as played at colleges and universities, teams, especially those in Conferences, were becoming able to schedule more games each season. The Bulldogs were still finding opponents.

As noted, this year's team provided Georgia with its first undefeated season and a 4–0 record. The even defeated North Carolina for the first time. The Georgia Bulldogs were co-champions of the SIAA along with LSU, who had joined the conference in 1896.

This was the Dogs' second and final season under head coach Pop Warner who had continued as coach for a second season at a salary of \$40 per week for ten weeks. It was rare happening in these early days of football when any coach lasted more than one season." Warner was happy to have some veterans returning from his prior season. They were Rufus B. Nalley and Richard Von Albade Gammon, both of whom played in the backfield. Gammon was the QB and Nalley served as the team captain.

Games of the 1896 Season

In the season opener on Oct 24 in Spartanburg, SC, the Bulldogs pounded Wofford W (26–0). The following week on Oct 31, the Dogs beat North Carolina in Brisbane Park, Atlanta, GA W (24–16) before 3,000. Then, on Nov 9 at Piedmont Park in Atlanta GA, Georgia shut-out Sewanee in a nice game W (26–0). In the big game of the year on Nov 30, the Bulldogs beat the Auburn Tigers in Piedmont Park; Atlanta, GA W (12–6)

The 1897 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Pop Warner in his first season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a bigger venue. In what was the fourth season of Georgia, the team finished with a 3–4 record. The Bulldogs were members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 3–4 record. This was the team's first losing season. Georgia lost twice to North Carolina, and played Alabama this year for the first time.

1897 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Charles McCarthy Coach # 5



1897 UGA Football

The 1897 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Charles McCarthy in his first season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a bigger venue. In what was the sixth season of Georgia, the team finished with a 2-1 record. The Bulldogs were members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 2-1 record; 2-0 in the SIAA.



<<< Coach Charles McCarthy

In this, the 1897 season, Georgia beat Georgia Tech for the first time and met both Clemson & Virginia for the first time. College Football was shaping up. This was the Georgia Bulldogs' first season under the guidance of head coach Charles McCarthy. Unfortunately this was the year, in fact it was the Virginia game of 1897 that a major tragedy struck the Georgia Bulldogs.

It was in the second half that Georgia fullback Richard Vonalbade ("Von") Gammon, was fatally injured in a play. This was a major tragedy for all of football but especially Georgia. In reaction to his death, the Georgia, Georgia Tech and Mercer football teams disbanded. The Atlanta Journal called it how they perceived it with a headline proclaiming, the "Death Knell of Football." It was more than just a headline it was what the people were thinking.

In fact, the Georgia legislature passed a bill to outlaw football in the entire state of Georgia. As the bill sat on the desk of Georgia Governor William Yates Atkinson, a letter that Gammon's mother, Rosalind Burns Gammon, had written to the state legislature was made public. In her letter, she pleaded with the legislators not to pass the bill—because her son so loved football so much. As a result, reading her letter, Governor Atkinson vetoed the bill to ban football in Georgia. Who knows what otherwise would have happened to football in the state of Georgia.

Games of the 1897 Season

In the home opener on Oct 9 in Herty Field, Athens GA, Georgia defeated Clemson W (24–0). Then, on Oct 23, the Dogs pounded Georgia Tech at home in Herty Field, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, W (28–0) before 600 fans,. Then, on

Oct 30, Virginia beat the Bulldogs L (4-17) in Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA.

1898 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Charles McCarthy Coach # 5

The 1898 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Charles McCarthy in his first season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a bigger venue. In what was the seventh season of Georgia football, the team finished with a 2-1 record. The Bulldogs were members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 4-2 record; 2-0 in the SIAA.

The 1898 Georgia Bulldogs football team represented the Georgia Bulldogs of the University of Georgia during the 1898 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association football season. The Bulldogs competed as a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and compiled a 4–2 record. The team got off to 4–0 start that included a second straight victory over Georgia Tech, but finished with losses to Auburn and North Carolina. 1898 also marked the first time the Bulldogs beat Vanderbilt in three tries. This was the team's second and final season under the guidance of head coach Charles McCarthy.

The backfield was led by quarterbacks "Kid" Huff and F. K. McCutcheon, and fullback A. Clarence Jones, one of the south's best punters. Jones was selected All-Southern by W. A. Lambeth of Virginia. Quarterback Huff saved a touchdown in the Vanderbilt game when he tackled the large Wallace Crutchfield.

Games of the 1898 Season

In the home opener on Oct 8, 1898, The UGA Bulldogs defeated Clemson at Herty Field in Athens, GA W (20–8). On October 15, the Bulldogs beat the Atlanta A. C. at home in Herty Field, Athens, GA, W (14–0). Then, on Oct 22, Georgia beat Georgia tech at Herty Field, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (15–0). On Oct 29 , at Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA, the Bulldogs won a close on W 4–0 v Vanderbilt before 2,000fans.

On November 12, North Carolina whipped Georgia in Macon, GA L (44–0). Against Auburn, on Nov 24, the Bulldogs lost this one by the skin of their teeth in Atlanta, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (18–17)

1899 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Gordon Saussy Coach # 6



<<< Coach George Saussy

The 1899 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach George Saussy in his first and only season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a bigger venue. In what was the eighth season of Georgia, the team finished with a 2-3-1 record. The Bulldogs were members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced an identical 2-3-1 record.

This year was delivered a disappointing 2–3–1 record. However, a season highlight was the third-straight victory over Georgia Tech. 1899 also it brought the first meeting between the Georgia Bulldogs and Tennessee (which was a loss for Georgia). As noted, this was the team's first and only season under the guidance of head coach Gordon Saussy.

The 1890s saw the football program at Georgia get a good start. Through the eight seasons that the Bulldogs played in the 1890s, Georgia had a cumulative record of 23–14–2. Not too shabby for a start in college football. The team came out of the 1890s with a winning percentage of .615.

Games of the 1899 Season

On Oct 7, in the season and home opener, the Bulldogs defeated Clemson at Herty Field in Athens, GA W (11–0). On Oct 21, Sewanee defeated the Bulldogs in Atlanta, GA L (0–12) On Oct 28,

the Bulldogs beat Georgia Tech at Herty Field; Athens, GA W (33-0). On Nov 11, the Volunteers of Tennessee beat the Bulldogs at Baldwin Park, Knoxville, TN L (0-5). At Auburn on Nov 18, the teams tied T (0-0) at Atlanta, GA. To wrap up the season, the Bulldogs lost their final game on Nov 30, to North Carolina in Atlanta, GA L (0-5).

1900 Georgia (UGA) Football Season EE Jones Coach # 7



Coach EE Jones (probably)

The 1900 Georgia Bulldogs were led by E E Jones in his first and only season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a bigger venue. In what was the ninth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 2-3-1 record. The Bulldogs were members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced an identical 2-3-1 record.

The Bulldogs competed as a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and completed the season with a 2-4 record; no improvement at all over the previous year's mark under coach Gordon Saussy (2-3-1). Although the season started well with back-to-back victories, including Georgia's fourth straight victory over Georgia Tech, it ended with four consecutive losses. In fact, Georgia was outscored 99-0 in the last two games of the season at the hands of North Carolina and Auburn. The easy days had not come yet.

Matters were not helped by the fact that Georgia only had three starting players return to the team from the 1899 team. One of the star players on the 1900 team was a young man who weighed only 110 pounds, but made up for his lack of size with skill, speed, agility and leadership skills. A notable player from the 1900 season was center Harold Hirsch. Hirsch played for Georgia during the 1900 and 1901 seasons and later became an influential attorney. In 1932, the University of Georgia School of Law moved into a building called the Harold Hirsch Law Building, named for Hirsch. How about them apples?

1901 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Billy Reynolds Coach # 8



Coach Billy Reynolds

The 1901 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Billy Reynolds in his first of two seasons with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a bigger venue. In what was the tenth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 1-5-2 record. The Bulldogs were members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 0-3-1 record in the conference.

Georgia's only victory in the 1901 season came in the first game of the season against South Carolina. Nothing came easy this year for coach Billy Reynolds. No, a lot of reasons are given for the history but the blame is normally placed on coaching.

The two ties came against Auburn and Alabama. The season also included Georgia's third consecutive loss to Sewanee, which from my research shows them as a very tough team that gave the best of the best a tussle when they played.

This was the Georgia Bulldogs' first season under the guidance of head coach Billy Reynolds. The end of the 1901 season marked the end of the first decade of football at the University of Georgia. In those ten years, the team had eight different coaches and a combined record of 26–23–4, a winning percentage of .528. Don't blame Billy Reynolds!. He did very well in 1902. Remember, even in football ~~sh~~ - claptrap happens in life and in football much more than we would like to admit.

Games of the 1901 Season

In the home and season opener in a home game played away on Oct 12 vs. South Carolina, the Bulldogs emerged victorious W (10-5) by

superior play. The game was moved from Herty Field to enable more fans to attend at Augusta Baseball Park in Augusta, GA. As a 21-year old I had Advanced Infantry Training MP School at Fort Gordon in August while the Masters Tournament was going on. I'll never forget Augusta or its cute nicknames that as a 74-year old right now, I choose not to reveal.

On Oct 19 at Vanderbilt, Georgia could not come up with enough to win the game played at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN. They got scorched by the Commodores L (0-47). Sewanee had decided to not lay down in any game and they were always a tough team. On Oct 21 at Sewanee TN, the tough team from Sewanee, beat the Bulldogs by the same score as Vanderbilt had the week before L (0-47).

On Oct 26 Clemson's Tigers pounded the Georgia Bulldogs at Herty Field; Athens, GA L (5-29). On Nov 2, Georgia did not recover from the Clemson game but had to deal with North Carolina but were still beaten by NC in Atlanta, GA L (0-27). On Nov 9. Georgia played Alabama at Highland Park in Montgomery, AL, and neither could pull off a win T (0-0). In another game v another new team, on Nov 15, the Bulldogs lost their first encounter with Davidson at Herty Field in Athens, GA L (6-16). Trying to recover but not mustering up the strength to win, the Georgia Bulldogs put up a good fight v Auburn in Atlanta, GA (rivalry) but all that they could manage was a kiss from grandma—a tie T (0-0).

1902 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Billy Reynolds Coach # 8

The 1902 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Billy Reynolds in his second of two seasons with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a larger capacity venue on the cheap. In what was the eleventh season for Georgia, the team finished with a 4-2-1 record. The Bulldogs were still members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 3-2-1 record in the conference.

The year included victories over Auburn and Alabama and a 0-0 tie with Georgia Tech. The losses included Georgia's fourth consecutive loss to Sewanee. This was the team's second and final season under the guidance of head coach William A. Reynolds. The good news on this point is that the Administration always seemed to find a

replacement fine coach after a good head coach became even better and then moved on.

Games of the 1902 Season

On Oct 18, in the season and home opener, the Bulldogs defeated Furman W (11-0) at Herty Field in Athens, GA. On Oct 25 at Georgia Tech in Brisbane Park, Atlanta, GA, the teams played a tie game T (0-0). At Alabama on Nov 1 in West End Park; Birmingham, AL, the Bulldogs beat the Crimson White W (5-0)

On Nov 7, the Bulldogs beat Davidson W (20-0) at home in Herty Field; Athens GA. On Nov 8, at Clemson, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs at Bowman Field; Calhoun, SC L (0-36). On Nov. 11. Sewanee beat the Bulldogs L (0-11) in Atlanta, GA. On Nov 27, Georgia beat Auburn W (12-5) at Piedmont Park; Atlanta, GA (rivalry)

Chapter 9 The Next Seven Years 1903-1909

Five coaches in seven years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>C-Record</u>
1903	Marvin Dickinson	SIAA	3-4-0	3-2
1904	Charles Barnard	SIAA	1-5	0-4
1905	Marvin Dickinson	SIAA	1-5	0-50
1906	W. S. Whitney	SIAA	2-4-1	2-3-1
1907	W. S. Whitney	SIAA	4-3-1	3-1-0
1908	Branch Bocock	SIAA	5-2-1	3-1-2
1909	James Coulter	SIAA	1-4-2	1-4-1

1903 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Marvin Dickinson Coach # 9

The 1903 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Marvin Dickinson in his first of two seasons with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a larger capacity venue on the cheap. In what was the twelfth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 3-4 record. The Bulldogs were still members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 3-2 record in the SIAA conference.



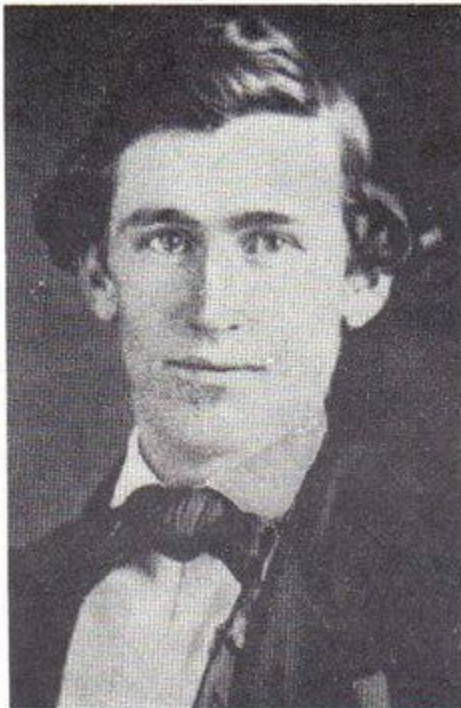
As noted, the Bulldogs completed the season with a 3–4 record. Georgia lost to Clemson, but beat rivals Georgia Tech and Auburn. This was the Georgia Bulldogs' first season under the guidance of head coach Marvin M. Dickinson.

Games of the 1903 Season

Clemson with John Heisman as coach resumed its dominance in Heisman's last year with the Tigers. On Oct 10 in the season and home opener, the Tigers shut out the Bulldogs L (0-29) at Herty Field in Athens, GA. The second loss in a row came on Oct 17, v South Carolina L (0-17. The game was played at Herty Field; Athens, GA. On Oct 24, at Georgia Tech in Piedmont Par; Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate), the Bulldogs prevailed W (38-0).

On Oct 31 at Herty Field in Athens GA, Vanderbilt beat Georgia L (0-33). At Baldwyn Park in Knoxville TN, Georgia beat Tennessee on Nov 7, W (5-0) . On Nov 14 at Savannah, the Savannah Athletic Club beat the Bulldogs L (0-6). Then, in the season finale, on Nov 26, in Atlanta GA, the Bulldogs beat the Auburn Tigers in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), W (22-13).

1904 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Charles Barnard Coach # 10



Charles Barnard

The 1904 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Charles Barnard in his first and only season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a larger capacity venue on the cheap. In what was the thirteenth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 1-5 record. The Bulldogs were still members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced an 0-4 record in the SIAA conference.

After they secured a victory in the season opener against Florida, the team lost five straight, including losses to rivals Georgia Tech and

Auburn. Georgia also lost its fifth game in a row to Clemson to close its.

Games of the 1904 Season

In the home and season opener on Oct 15, in a game played in Macon GA v the University of Florida, UGA walloped the Gators in a big shutout W (52-0) . At Clemson in a game played on Oct 22 at Bowman Field in Calhoun, SC, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (0-10). Then, on Oct 26 v South Carolina, the Gamecocks squeaked out a victory over the Bulldogs L (0-2) in Columbia SC. On Nov 5, v Alabama, the Crimson White beat the Bulldogs L(5-16) at the Quad in Tuscaloosa.

At Georgia Tech, on Nov 12, the Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs L (6-23) in Piedmont Park, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game. In the season Finale, v Auburn, played at Central City Park, Macon, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers defeated the Bulldogs. L (5-17).

1905 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Marvin Dickinson Coach # 9

The 1905 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Marvin Dickinson in his second and last season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a larger capacity venue on the cheap. In what was the fourteenth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 1-5 record. The Bulldogs were still members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced an 0-5 record in the SIAA conference.



This was the second straight year that the Bulldogs completed the season with a 1-5 record. The season included the second straight loss to John Heisman's Georgia Tech team (he became head coach there in 1904) and the sixth straight loss to Clemson. The only win

came over non-conference opponent Dahlonga. This was the Georgia Bulldogs' final season under the guidance of head coach Marvin M. Dickinson. Dickinson was both the 1903 coach and the 1905 coach of the Bulldogs.

Games of the 1905 Season

On Oct 3, in the season and home opener in Herty Field, Athens GA., the Bulldogs were pounded by Cumberland, L (10-39)
On Oct 21, in another home game at Herty Field, the Bulldogs lost to Clemson L (10-35) . On Nov 4, Alabama slammed Georgia L (0-36) at Alabama in Birmingham Fairgrounds in Birmingham, AL On Nov 11, Georgia defeated Dahlonga at Herty Field in Athens, GA W (16-12)

Then, on Nov 18 at Georgia Tech in The Flats, Atlanta, GA the Bulldogs lost by a mile to the yellow Jackets in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, L 0-46. On Nov 30 in the season finale, vs. Auburn in a game played in Macon, GA (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, the Bulldogs were shut out again L (0-29).

1906 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. S. Whitney Coach # 11

The 1906 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. S. Whitney in his first of two season with the Bulldogs. The team played home games at Herty Field or wherever they could find a larger capacity venue on the cheap. In what was the fifteenth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 2-4-1 record. The Bulldogs were still members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 2-3-1 record in the SIAA conference.

Georgia's only victories in the 1906 season came against Mercer and Auburn. The season included Georgia's third straight loss to Georgia Tech and the seventh straight loss to Clemson. During the 1906 season, the forward pass was legalized and the team tried to use this new play, however, an errant pass contributed to the loss to Davidson. This was the Georgia Bulldogs' first season under the guidance of head coach Bull Whitney.

Games of the 1906 Season



<< George S. Whitney

In the season and home opener on Oct 13, Davidson shut out Georgia at Herty Field in Athens, GA L (0-15). Then on Oct 20 at Clemson in Bowman Field, Calhoun, SC the Tigers shut out the bulldogs in a close match L 0-6. On Nov 3, the Bulldogs picked up a walloping win v Mercer in Macon, GA W (55-0). In the Flats at Atlanta, GA, on Nov 10, the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech shut out the Bulldogs in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, L (0-17).

On Nov 21, Tennessee tied the Bulldogs at home in Herty Field in Athens, GA T (0-0). Then, in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) on Nov 29, The Bulldogs defeated the Auburn Tigers in a close match in Macon, GA W (4-0). Then, in the season finale, on Dec 2 in a game played at Savannah, GA, Georgia beat the Savannah A.C L (0-12)

1907 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. S. Whitney Coach # 11

The 1907 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. S. Whitney in his second of two seasons with the Bulldogs. The team played finally overcame their "down period" and had a winning season. Home games were played at Herty Field. In what was the sixteenth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 4-3-1 record. The Bulldogs were still members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 3-3-1 record in the SIAA conference.

The Bulldogs record included victories over Mercer, Auburn and Clemson. The victory over Clemson ended a seven-game losing streak to the Tigers. However, the season included Georgia's fourth straight loss to Georgia Tech. One of the players on the 1907 team

was quarterback George "Kid" Woodruff, who would become Georgia's head football coach in 1923.

The team started the season under the guidance of head coach Bull Whitney, but the season became marred by the "Ringer" controversy. At that time, there were no football scholarships, but enthusiastic alumni often raised money to pay professional players who were referred to as "ringers." After the 1907 game with Georgia Tech, it was revealed that there were at least four ringers on the Georgia and Georgia Tech teams. Thereafter, Georgia completed the season without its ringers and without Bull Whitney, who was forced to resign. Branch Bocock, a fine coach who became the 12th Georgia coach in 1908, came in early and coached the last three games of the 1907 season.

Games of the 1907 Season

In the home and season opener, on Oct 5, the Bulldogs shellacked Dahlonga at Herty Field in Athens, GA W (57-0). On Oct 12, Tennessee defeated Georgia at home at Herty Field in Athens, GA (rivalry) L (0-15). Then, on Oct 19 at Mercer in Macon Georgia, the Bulldogs got their second win of the early season W (26-6). In a nail biter at Alabama on Oct 25, played in Highland Park; Montgomery, AL. The game resulted in a deadlock tie T (0-0).

Nov 2 at Georgia Tech in Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the yellowjackets defeated the Bulldogs L (6-10). Then, on Nov 7, after a long winless period against the Tigers, the Bulldogs emerged victorious vs. Clemson in Augusta, GA W (8-0). Then, on Nov 11 at home in Herty Field, Sewanee defeated Georgia L (0-16). In the season finale, Georgia defeated Auburn in an away game on Nov 28 at Macon, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), W (6-0)

1908 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Branch Bocock Coach # 12

The 1908 Georgia Bulldogs were led by James Coulter in his first and only season with the Bulldogs. In what was the seventeenth season for the Bulldogs, the team had a fine year with a 5-2-1 record. Home games were played Herty Field. In what was the seventeenth

season for Georgia, the team finished with a 2-2-1 record. In the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) conference.



<< Coach Branch Bocock

This season, Georgia beat both Clemson and South Carolina, but lost to one of its main rivals, Auburn. Branch Bocock, who had finished the 1907 season for Coach Whitney due to the ringer scandal, coached the full 1908 season and then moved on. George "Kid" Woodruff a player on the 1908 team was the star quarterback. He had a successful season. After the season, Woodruff traveled abroad in 1909 and came back to the University in

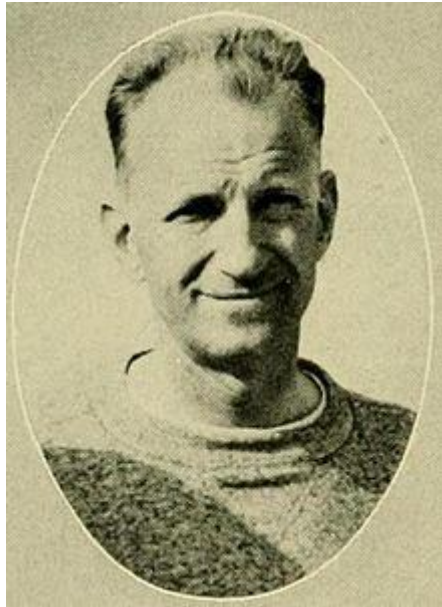
1910 and 1911. Eventually, he became the head coach of the Bulldogs in 1923.

The game against Alabama on November 14, 1908 was the 100th game played by the football team seventeen seasons ago starting in 1892. Georgia tied Alabama in that game, bringing Georgia's record in the first 100 games to 45-47-8, .490 winning percentage.

On Oct 3, in the home and season opener, Georgia beat Dahlonga at Herty Field; Athens, GA W (16-0) On Oct 17, the Dogs picked up season win # 2 at home v South Carolina at Herty Field in Athens, GA W (29-6). At Tennessee on Oct 24 in Waite Field; Knoxville, TN, the volunteers beat the Bulldogs L (0-10). Then, on Oct 31, the Bulldogs beat Mercer at home in Herty Field; Athens, GA W (10-0)

On Nov 5 vs. Clemson in Augusta, GA, the Bulldogs prevailed W (8-0). In another tie game at Alabama, on Nov 14, the Bulldogs played a deadlock game at the Birmingham Fairgrounds; Birmingham, AL T (6-6). On Nov 21, in a low scoring nail-biter match, the Bulldogs defeated Davidson at home in Herty Field; Athens, GA W (2-0). Wrapping up the season, Auburn bested the Bulldogs on Nov 27 at Montgomery Baseball Park in Montgomery, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game L (0-23).

**1909 Georgia (UGA) Football Season James Coulter Coach # 13
Frank Dobson #14 was the 1909 co-coach.**



Coaches Coulter & Dobson

The 1909 Georgia Bulldogs were led by James Coulter in his first and only season with the Bulldogs. The team broke its two season winning record this year. Home games were played Herty Field. In what was the eighteenth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 1-4-2 record. The Bulldogs were still members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they produced a 1-4-1 record in the SIAA conference.

This year, Georgia's offensive production was quite low, with only 14 points being scored over the course of seven games. The only victory was over Tennessee. The Bulldogs suffered its fifth straight loss to Georgia Tech and also lost to rivals Clemson and Auburn this

season. In 1909, the team had an unusual situation with the first-ever co-head coaches at Georgia, James Coulter & Frank Dobson. 1909 was the only year either of them served as head coach at Georgia.

The first decade of the 1900s was not kind very to Georgia. The Bulldogs played 70 games and had a losing record of 24–38–8, a winning percentage of just .400. They did not have any of their 14 coaches stay longer than two years and most put in just a one-year hitch. This decade was the worst decade in Georgia football history. There were also seven different head coaches during the ten-year period ending in 1909.

The games of the 1909 Season

In the season opener at College Park Stadium in Charleston SC on Oct. 9, The Citadel tied the Bulldogs T (0-0). It was tough to get a point this season and On Oct 16, Davidson scored 0 and the Bulldogs likewise scored zero T (0-0) in a home game played at game Herty Field in Athens, GA. Then, on Oct 23 at Tennessee, the Bulldogs won a nail-biter at Waite Field in Knoxville, TN, beating the Volunteers W (3–0). In a home game on Oct 30 at Ponce de Leon Park; Alabama beat the Bulldogs L (0–14).

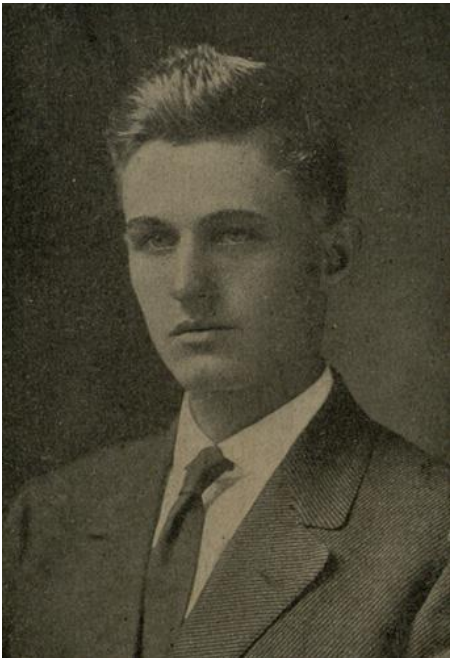
Against Clemson at Augusta GA on Nov 10, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (0-5). Then, on Nov 20 at Georgia Tech in a home game played at Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Yellowjackets prevailed v the Bulldogs L (6–12) Then, at Auburn on Nov 25 in a game played in Montgomery, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (5–16)

Chapter 10 Coaches Cunningham & Stegeman 1910-1922

Cunningham & Stegeman were both fine coaches.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>C-Record</u>
1910	W. A. Cunningham	SIAA	6-2-1	4-2-1
1911	W. A. Cunningham	SIAA	7-1-1	4-3-0
1912	W. A. Cunningham	SIAA	6-1-1	5-1-1
1913	W. A. Cunningham	SIAA	6-2-0	3-1
1914	W. A. Cunningham	SIAA	3-5-1	2-2-1
1915	W. A. Cunningham	SIAA	5-2-2	3-1-1
1916	W. A. Cunningham	SIAA	6-3-0	5-2-0
1917 & 1918 No Football Seasons – World War I				
1919	W. A. Cunningham	SIAA	4-2-3	4-2-2
1920	Herman Stegeman	SIAA	8-0-1	7-0
1921	Herman Stegeman	SIAA	7-2-1	6-0-1
1922	Herman Stegeman	SIAA	5-4-1	3-2-1

1910 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach # 15



<< W. A. Cunningham

The 1910 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. A. Cunningham in his first of eight seasons with the Bulldogs. Except for one season (1914) Cunningham's Bulldogs all had winning records. Home games were played at Herty Field in Cunningham's first year then the team moved to the new field on campus named Sanford Field. Some call it Sanford stadium but it predates the big stadium built a bit later. In what was the nineteenth season for Georgia, the team finished with a 6-2-1 record. The Bulldogs were still members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) and they

produced a nice 4-2-1 record in the SIAA conference.

The team began the season with what they referred to as two *tune-up games* that Georgia won by a combined score of 180–0. The Bulldogs finally had a coach who would stay with the program for enough years to make it special. The coach and the team notched victories over Alabama and Georgia Tech, thereby ending a five-game losing streak to Tech.

Georgia was disappointed that this season it did lose to rival Auburn, but the first season under new head coach Bill Cunningham was certainly a great improvement over prior years when football was just another sport at Georgia. Cunningham as some say, put the football program at Georgia on the US map.

Good things were happening at Georgia and everybody tuned in to the difference winning football games and even scoring lots of touchdowns meant for the university and the student body and the loyal fan base.

Games of the 1910 Season

The 1910 season marked the debut of more than a new coach, it also marked the debut of Bob McWhorter. Like having a coach for eight years, having a notable player such as McWhorter for four years kept the team fresh and it made its impact in Georgia history. McWhorter was a four-year letterman, lettering first in 1910. He played halfback. He sure did and then some.

Georgia calls them tune-up games. They are basically games that don't count but they get the team tuned up to play against teams that have players on them that do not play for Georgia. It's like College teams playing JV teams. In my research about Georgia, I have not read about smaller or younger kids getting hurt in those games so I guess they served their purpose of giving the young experience and the old, practice.

One of the most unusual things in college football is to find any team beating any other team by 100 points. Well on October 1, 1910, the Georgia Bulldogs started their season off at Herty Field with a game against the locust Grove Institute. Not much is known about the game as it would have taken tablets and tablets to record all of the scoring the Bulldogs made. The Institute could not muster a point.

The final score on Oct 1 was Bulldogs, 101, Institute 0. W (101-0). The game was played at Herty Field in Athens GA.

The next game was also referred to as a tune-up. This time, on Oct 8, the Bulldogs shellacked Gordon at Herty Field; Athens, GA W 79-0. The tune-up must have helped the Bulldogs as the next game of the season was played at Alabama on Oct 15 at the Birmingham Fairgrounds in Birmingham, AL. The Bulldogs prevailed W (22-0).

Then, continuing the season at home on Oct 22, the Georgia Bulldogs ripped Tennessee's Volunteers apart W (35-5) at home in Herty Field in Athens, GA .

On Oct 29, October 29 at home, Georgia won its fifth straight game of the season against Mercer at home in Herty Field; Athens, GA W (21-0). Then, on Nov 5, the Sewanee Indian Team, always a tough challenge beat the Bulldogs in a close match at McGee Field in Sewanee, TN. L (12-15).

Wrapping up the season with a few more tough games, on Nov 10, Georgia tied Clemson in August a GA. T 0-0. At Georgia Tech on Nov 19, the Bulldogs prevailed against the Yellowjackets at Ponce de Leon Park in Atlanta, GA in a (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, W (11-6). Then, in the season finale on Nov 24 v Auburn in Savannah, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, the Tigers pounded the Bulldogs L (0-26) for the big rivalry win.

1911 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach # 15

The 1911 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. A. Cunningham in his second of eight seasons with the Bulldogs. This year was another winning record for the Bulldogs (7-1-1) (SIAA-5-1-1) Home games were switched from Herty Field at the beginning of 1911 to be played at Sanford Field. Sanford Field sometimes referred to as Sanford Stadium. became the on-campus playing venue for football and baseball at the University of Georgia (UGA) in Athens, Georgia. It was built with wooden stands in 1911 and was named after Steadman V. Sanford. As a venue for football, it was replaced

in 1929 by Sanford Stadium, a grand stadium, which was built nearby.

So, in Cunningham's first year the team moved to the new field on campus named Sanford Field. This was the twentieth season for Georgia. The only blemishes on the season in 1911 were a loss to Vanderbilt and a tie with Auburn. Vanderbilt went on to win its second straight SIAA conference title. The season provided second consecutive victories over Alabama and Georgia Tech and the first victory in a number of years against the tough Sewanee.

Again the captain of the 1911 team and one of the star players was quarterback George Cecil Woodruff. He later became the third Georgia player to later become head coach of the Bulldogs when he assumed that role in 1923. After 20 years of football, after the 1911 season, the Bulldogs had played 127 games and had a 60–55–12 record (.520 winning percentage).

Games of the 1911 Season

In the season and home opener on Sept. 30, the Bulldogs walloped Alabama Presbyterian at Sanford Field in Athens, GA, W 51–0. On Oct 7, Georgia beat South Carolina at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA W (38–0). At Alabama on Oct 14 in a game played at the Birmingham Fairgrounds in Birmingham, AL, the Bulldogs prevailed W (11–3). At home on Oct 21, Georgia beat Sewanee in Sanford Field; Athens, GA, W (12–3)

Then on October 28, in a close contest, the Bulldogs beat Mercer at Sanford Field; Athens, GA W (8–5). Then, on Nov 4 at Vanderbilt, in Dudley Field, Nashville, TN, the Bulldogs were defeated by the Commodores, who became the 1911 SIAA champions. L (0–17). On Nov 9, Georgia defeated Clemson in Augusta, GA W (22–0). On Nov 18 at Georgia Tech, in Ponce de Leon Park; Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (5–0). Then in the season finale, on Nov 29, in a home game played in Savannah, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), Georgia tied Auburn T (0–0)

1912 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach # 15

The 1912 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. A. Cunningham in his third of eight seasons with the Bulldogs and the twenty-first season for the Bulldogs. This year was another winning record for the Bulldogs (6-1-1) (SIAA-5-1-1). Home games were played at the beginning of 1912 in Sanford Field. Sanford Field sometimes incorrectly is referred to as Sanford Stadium.

The Bulldogs had a fine season, but its 46–0 loss to Vanderbilt was a big disappointment. Vanderbilt completed its 1912 season undefeated and won its third straight SIAA conference title. The otherwise strong season also include a tie with Sewanee. Bob McWhorter continued to overpower Georgia's opponents.

Games of the 1912 Season

On Oct 5 in the season and home opener. The Bulldogs defeated Chattanooga at Sanford Field in Athens, GA W (33–0). On Oct 12, the Bulldogs beat Citadel in another W (33-0) game at Sanford Field in Athens, GA. I double checked other references to make sure both games were 33--. On Oct 19, Georgia got shellacked by the SIAA Champions, Vanderbilt at Ponce de Leon Park in Atlanta, GA L 0–46. Then, on Oct 26 vs. Alabama, the Bulldogs came back after their lopsided defeat to Vandy to defeat the Crimson W (13-9) at Driving Park in Columbus, GA.

On Nov 2, The Bulldogs and Sewanee played to a tie T(13-13) at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA. On Nov 9, Georgia defeated Clemson W (27-6) in Augusta, GA . On Nov 16 at Georgia Tech, the Bulldogs shut-out the Yellowjackets at The Flats in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (20–0). Then, on Nov 28, the Bulldogs defeated Auburn at Sanford Field in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (12–6)

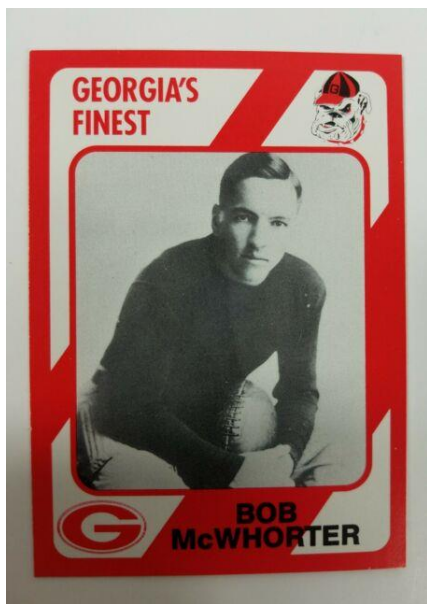
1913 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach # 15

The 1913 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. A. Cunningham in his fourth of eight seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-second season for the Bulldogs This year was another winning record for the Bulldogs (6-2-0) (SIAA-3-1). Home games were

played at the beginning of 1913 in Sanford Field. Sanford Field sometimes incorrectly is referred to as Sanford Stadium.

This team played Virginia for the first time since the tragic game of 1897 in which a Richard Von Albade Gammon died. Georgia also played its first game in Georgia Tech's new stadium (Grant Field), coming away with a victory. The 108–0 victory over Alabama Presbyterian in the first game of the season represents the largest margin of victory in Georgia football history. Senior captain Bob McWhorter became the first player to be selected as an All-American for the Bulldogs after the 1913 season.

Great Running Back Bob McWhorter



Bob McWhorter, RB

McWhorter had the honor to be named the first ever All-American for Georgia in 1913. He was a four-time all-conference half backs and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954.

As a halfback, he scored 61 touchdowns from 1910 to 1913. In 1913, McWhorter became UGA's first All-American. He was the captain of both the baseball and football teams in his senior year. He was a member of the Chi Phi Fraternity, Phi Kappa Literary

Society, and Phi Beta Kappa at Georgia. Sportswriter Dick Jemison said "When you mention football to an Athens fan its definition is Bob McWhorter, and vice-versa."

During the First World War, McWhorter was captain of the 1917 Camp Gordon football team.

Games of the 1913 season

In the home and season opener, The Georgia Bulldogs walloped Alabama Presbyterian W (108-0) on Oct 4 at Sanford Field in Athens, GA. On Oct 11, the Georgia Bulldogs crushed Dahlonega in a shutout W (51-0) in Sanford Field, Athens, GA. On Oct 18, Georgia shutout Alabama W (20-0) at Rickwood Field in Birmingham, AL . On Oct 25 in the first game ever against Virginia, Georgia prevailed in a game played in Atlanta, GA L (13-6)

On Nov 1, Georgia beat North Carolina W (19-6) at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA. On Nov 6, the Bulldogs beat the Clemson Tigers in Augusta, GA in a close call W (18-15) On Nov 15, at Georgia Tech in the first game for the Bulldogs in Grant Field, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) Game, the Bulldogs prevailed W (14-0). On Nov 22 at Auburn in Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers defeated the Bulldogs L (7-21)

1914 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach # 15

The 1914 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. A. Cunningham in his fifth of eight seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-third season for the Bulldogs This year was Cunningham's only losing record (3-5-1) (SIAA-2-2-1). Home games were played at the beginning of 1914 in Sanford Field. Sanford Field sometimes incorrectly is referred to as Sanford Stadium.

In addition to losing four-year letterman and All-American Bob McWhorter, Georgia also lost more than ten experienced players. The inexperience showed in lopsided losses to North Carolina, Virginia and Clemson. The season ended on a positive note with a tie between Georgia and undefeated Auburn. Quarterback David Paddock was also selected as an All-American in 1914.

Games of the 1914 Season

In the season and home opener on Sep 26, the Bulldogs pounded Dahlonega at Sanford Field, Athens, GA W (81-0). On Oct 3, Georgia shut-out The Citadel at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA

W (13–0). On Oct 10 at Sewanee, the Bulldogs squeaked out a victory at McGee Field in Sewanee, TN W (7–6) On Oct 17 vs. North Carolina, the Tar Heels defeated the Bulldogs in Grant Field, Atlanta, GA L (6–41).

On Oct 24 Virginia beat the Bulldogs in an away game in Lambeth Field, Charlottesville, VA, L (0–28). On Oct 31. Georgia lost to Mississippi A&M at Sanford Field, Athens, GA L (0–9). Then, on Nov 7, Clemson pounded Georgia at home in Sanford Field in Athens, GA L (13–35). At Georgia tech on November 14 at Georgia Tech in Grant Field; Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Yellowjackets defeated the Bulldogs L (0–7). On Nov in a tie vs. Auburn, both teams were scoreless T (0-0) in Piedmont Park; Atlanta, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry)

1915 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach # 15

The 1915 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. A. Cunningham in his sixth of eight seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-fourth season for the Bulldogs. This year was Cunningham's only losing record (5-2-2) (SIAA-3-1-1). Home games were played at the beginning of 1915 in Sanford Field. Sanford Field sometimes incorrectly is referred to as Sanford Stadium.

Tennessee-Chattanooga joined the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) in 1914, so the 1915 game was a conference game. Due to the loss to Auburn, Georgia finished 3–1–1 in the SIAA. The only blemish on in-state rival Georgia Tech's record was a scoreless tie with Georgia. John G. Henderson headed a group of three men, one behind the other with his hands upon the shoulders of the one in front, to counter Heisman's jump shift offense.

Games of the 1915 Season

In another blowout game to begin the season at home, on Sept 28, Georgia defeated Newberry in Sanford Field, Athens, GA W (79–0) On Oct 1, the Bulldogs defeated Dahlonga in Sanford Field; Athens, GA W (64–0). Chattanooga tied the Georgia Bulldogs on Nov 9 in Chamberlain Field, Chattanooga, TN T (6–6). At Citadel on Oct 16, the Bulldogs prevailed v The Citadel in College Park Stadium, Charleston, SC W (39–0). Then, on Oct Virginia defeated Georgia at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA L (7-9).

At home in Sanford Field, on October 30 Auburn beat Georgia L (0-12) in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry). At Florida, on Nov 6, in Barrs Field, Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W 37-0. Then, on Nov at Georgia Tech, the Yellowjackets and the Bulldogs ties T (0-0) at Grant Field, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game. On Nov 25, Georgia defeated Clemson W (13-0) in Sanford Field, Athens, GA.

1916 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach # 15

The 1916 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. A. Cunningham in his sixth of eight seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-fifth season for the Bulldogs. This year was another winning season (6-3-0) (SIAA-5-2). Home games were played at the beginning of 1916 in Sanford Field. Sanford Field sometimes incorrectly is referred to as Sanford Stadium.

Games of the 1916 season

On September 30, in the home and season opener, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated The Citadel, at Sanford Field in Athens, GA W 6-0. At Clemson on Oct 7, the Bulldogs pounded the Tigers in a shutout W (26-0) in Anderson, SC On Oct 14, the Bulldogs beat the Florida Gators at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA W (21-0). At Virginia on Oct 21, the Bulldogs prevailed in a close match played in Lambeth Field, Charlottesville, VA W (13-7). In the first encounter against Navy, the Midshipmen beat the Bulldogs on Oct 28 in Worden Field, Annapolis, MD L (3-27).

On Nov 4, Auburn squeezed out a close victory over Georgia at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), L (0-3). Then, on Nov 11, the Bulldogs got all their moxie back and pounded Furman, at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA W (49-0). On Nov 18, Georgia Tech defeated Georgia at Sanford Field, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (0-21). On Nov 30 at Alabama, Georgia's Bulldogs pulled out a close victory over the Crimson Tide at Rickwood Field in Birmingham, AL W (3-0).

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The War: 1917

This was taken from the archives of UGA to describe why there was no football season in 1917

And so the edict has gone forth –

There will be no Georgia football team this year – no brave bunch of Red and Black warriors fighting their hearts out on the gridiron for their alma mater, no Bob McWhorters, no Dave Paddocks or Tiny Hendersons to bring joy to a howling mob of Georgia rooters by a thrilling run or beautiful tackle.

Red and Black. October 11, 1917

After the American entry into the First World War in April of 1917, the decision was made by the University of Georgia to suspend its athletics programs for the duration of the conflict. The athletes of the University did their part, trading their jerseys and footballs for gas masks and steel helmets.

Of the University football players who joined the armed forces, six (five from the 1916 team and one from the 1896 team) were among the approximately 100,000 Americans who would die during combat or due to wounds sustained in battle.

The end of this period saw the Georgia program firmly established as a regional football power. The program had moved out of the doldrums of the late 1890s and 1900s, with new enthusiasm for the game on campus and among alumni.

1918 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach No Games WWI

1918 football season

No football because of the war

1919 Georgia (UGA) Football Season W. A. Cunningham Coach # 15

The 1919 Georgia Bulldogs were led by W. A. Cunningham in his eighth of eight seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-sixth season for the Bulldogs. This year was another Cunningham winning record (6-3-0) (SIAA-5-2). Home games were played at the beginning of 1919 in Sanford Field. Sanford Field sometimes incorrectly is referred to as Sanford Stadium.

In this, the first season in three years, the Bulldogs won their first four games, but struggled in the last five games. The two losses came against Alabama and Auburn. This was Coach Cunningham's last season as the head coach for Georgia. The record for the entire decade was the same as the coach's record: 43–18–9. Cunningham was available but Georgia had suspended athletics due to WWI, so there was no season. Georgia was pleased to be playing its first season since the First World War had interrupted play.

Games of the 1919 Season

On Oct 4, in the season and home opener the Bulldogs beat The Citadel W (28-0) in their return to football in Sanford Field, Athens, GA. Then, on Oct 11, the Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels of South Carolina at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA. W (14–0). On Oct 18, the Bulldogs beat Sewanee at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA W (13–0). On Oct 25,, the Bulldogs beat the Gators of Florida in Plant Field, Tampa, FL W (16–0)

On Nov 1, Auburn beat Georgia in a close match away at McClung Stadium, Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (0–7)) At home on Nov 7, the Virginia Wahoos tied the Bulldogs at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA T (7–7). On Nov 15 vs. the Tulane Green Wave, the Bulldogs managed a tie in Augusta, GAT (7–7) . Then on Nov 22, Alabama barely beat the Bulldogs L (0-6) at Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta, GA . Then, in the season finale, Clemson pulled off a nothing-noting tie (T(0-0) on Nov 27 v the Bulldogs at Sanford Field, Athens, GA.

1920 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Herman Stegemen Coach # 16



The 1920 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Herman Stegeman in his first of three seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-seventh season for the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-seventh season for the Bulldogs. This year was a great record for the first year coach (8-0-1) (7-0) SIAA. Home games were played at the beginning of 1916 in Sanford Field. Sanford Field sometimes incorrectly is referred to as Sanford Stadium.

The Bulldogs were outstanding this year. with an 8–0–1 record, and 7-0 in the SIAA. They walloped almost every opponent except for the tie. They outscored them by 250–17. With their 7-0 record, they were the co-champion of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, with in-state rival Georgia Tech as well as Tulane, which were also undefeated in SIAA conference play.

Georgia handed a revived Furman their only loss, and did the same to Alabama in this year's biggest win. In Herman Stegeman's first year as the Georgia Coach things were almost as good as they could have been, This was the Bulldog's second undefeated season in its history (first since 1896 under Pop Warner). They were retroactively awarded a national championship by Clyde Berryman. It matches their 2022 hard fought win to place at the top of the College Football Playoff Standings.

This year, Herman Stegeman did a fine job in his first year. He had attended the University of Chicago and learned football from the famous and legendary Amos Alonzo Stagg. The war had been over for over a year. Near the end of World War I, the United States Army had stationed Stegeman in Athens GA to create physical training courses for the UGA Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. Then, he was hired by head coach Alex Cunningham as an assistant. Cunningham then went into the Army, and Stegeman was promoted to head coach.

Georgia became known as a powerhouse because of its great line during the early 1920s. In the 1920 season, they had some greats returning, such as All-Southern end Owen Reynolds, tackle Artie Pew, and center and captain Bum Day. Besides them, there was guard Hugh Whelchel and a younger Joe Bennett. In 1920, the Bulldogs line stopped just about everything and opened up huge holes in defenses. The line was complemented with a terrific backfield, led by Buck Cheves. They became known as the "Ten Second Backfield for obvious reasons. "

Games of the 1920 Season

The season began on Oct 2 at home with a pounding of The Citadel W (40-0) in Sanford Field, Athens, GA. Almost all the games were either shutouts or near shutouts. On Oct 9, for example, at South Carolina in Columbia, SC, the Bulldogs blasted the Gamecocks, W (37-0). Then, in one of the toughest wins of the season, on Oct 13, the Bulldogs squeaked by Furman at Manly Field in Greenville, SC W (7-0) Then, on Oct 23 at Oglethorpe in a game played in Atlanta, GA, the Bulldogs prevailed W (27-3)

The unbeaten and untied streak continued on Oct 30 vs. Auburn at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in another close game W (7-0) before 7,000 fans, Then, on Nov 6 at Virginia, the Wahoos put the only mark on an otherwise perfect season by playing the Bulldogs to a ties T (0-0). That game was played at the Lambeth Field in Charlottesville before 5,000.

At home against Florida on Nov 13, in Sanford Field, Athens, GA, the Bulldogs shellacked the Gators W (56-0). On Nov 20, Alabama scored the most points of the season but it was not enough as the Bulldogs prevailed v the Crimson Tide at Ponce de Leon Park in Atlanta, GA W (21-14) before 11,000. In the season finale, on Nov 25, the Bulldogs walloped the Clemson Tigers at home in Sanford Field; Athens, GA W (55-0) before 5,000 fans.

1921 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Herman Stegemen Coach # 16

The 1921 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Herman Stegeman in his second of three seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-

eighth season for the Bulldogs. This year was another great record for the second-year-coach (7-2-1) (6-0-1) SIAA. Home games were played in Sanford Field. This venue sometimes incorrectly was referred to as Sanford Stadium.

It was another great year as the Bulldogs were co-champion of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. They shared the honors with co-champions Georgia Tech and Vanderbilt, teams that were also undefeated. Vanderbilt tied Georgia with an onside kick in their game which decided conference title. The Bulldogs' only two losses came against two of the football powerhouses of the day, Eastern schools Harvard and Dartmouth. Georgia had bragging rights to its great line, All season, not a single team scored through its line, which was the greatest in the South. The line featured four All-Southern players. To top it off, guard Hugh Whelchel was selected a third-team All-American by Walter Camp.

On this great line Whelchel was captain and end Owen Reynolds, tackles Artie Pew and Joe Bennett, and center Bum Day shared the honors of being the best. According to Patrick Garbin, a freelance journalist who has been recognized as an authority and historian of college football and "the foremost historian of Georgia Bulldogs football."---"Prior to the 1960s, Bennett is likely Georgia's most outstanding tackle."

Games of the 1921 Season

In the 1921 season and home opener, on Oct 1, Georgia shut out Mercer at Sanford Field in Athens, GA W (28–0) On Oct 8, the Bulldogs defeated Furman at home W (27–7). Playing the tough eastern teams for the first time, on Oct 15 at Harvard in a game played at Harvard Stadium in Boston, MA, the Crimson squeaked out a victory over the Bulldogs L 7–10 before 25,000 fans. Then, on Oct 22, the Bulldogs beat Oglethorpe at home W (14–0)

On Oct 29 vs. Auburn, in a game played at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W 7–0. On Nov 6 at home, Georgia beat Virginia W (21–0). Then, at Vanderbilt on Nov 13 in a game played at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the Commodores tied the Bulldogs in a tough contest T (7-7). Then, on Nov 20 vs. Alabama in a game played at Ponce de

Leon Park in Atlanta, GA, the Bulldogs defeated the Crimson Tide W (22–0).

At home on Nov 25, the Bulldogs shut out the Clemson Tigers W (28–0). In the season finale, on Nov 27, the Bulldogs played a home game at Grant Field in Atlanta GA against another Eastern US powerhouse Dartmouth. And were defeated L (0-7)

1922 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Herman Stegeman Coach # 16

The 1922 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Herman Stegeman in his third of three fine seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the twenty-ninth season for the Bulldogs. The team's record was not as good but it was a winning season other than conference play (5-4-1) (1-3-1) SIAA. Home games were played in Sanford Field. This venue sometimes incorrectly was referred to as Sanford Stadium.

This Georgia team was the first to compete in the newly formed Southern Conference. The conference itself was formed when a group of teams left the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) after the end of the 1921 season. This was Georgia's third and final season under the guidance of head coach Herman Stegeman, though he remained at Georgia as the athletic director.

Georgia opened the season at home with a thumping of Newberry on Sep 23 in Sanford Field, Athens, GA W (82–13). The team was on a roll as it then on Sep 30, pounded Mercer at home W (41–0). At Chicago, on Oct 7, Georgia was defeated at Stagg Field in Chicago, IL L (0–20) before 18,000 fans. On Oct 14, in an away game, Georgia defeated Furman in a close match played at Manly Field in Greenville, SC, W (7–0). On Oct 21, in another close match, Georgia then defeated Tennessee at home at Sanford Field in Athens, GA W (7–3)

On Oct 28, Georgia defeated Oglethorpe at home W (26-6). In the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), on Nov 4, the Auburn Tigers defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA L (3–7). On Nov 11. At Lambeth Field in Charlottesville, Virginia's Wahoos played Georgia's Bulldogs to a tie T (6–6) Then, on Nov 18 Vanderbilt defeated Georgia at home L (0–12). In the season finale in a close game v Alabama, the Crimson

Tide defeated the Bulldogs at the Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, AL before 10,000 fans.

Chapter 11 Coaches Woodruff & Mehre 1923-1937

Wallace Wade was a highly competitive Rockne Era coach

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>ConRcd</u>
1923	George Cecil Woodruff	SoCon	5-3-1	3-2-0
1924	George Cecil Woodruff	SoCon	7-3-0	5-1-0
1925	George Cecil Woodruff	SoCon	4-5-0	2-4-0
1926	George Cecil Woodruff	SoCon	5-4-0	4-2-0
1927	George Cecil Woodruff	SoCon	9-1-0	6-1-0
1928	Harry Mehre	SoCon	4-5-0	2-4-0
1929	Harry Mehre	SoCon	6-4-0	4-2-0
1930	Harry Mehre	SoCon	7-2-1	3-2-1
1931	Harry Mehre	SoCon	8-2-0	6-1-0
1932	Harry Mehre	SoCon	2-5-2	2-4-20
1933	Harry Mehre	SEC	8-2-0	3-1-0
1934	Harry Mehre	SEC	7-3-0	3-2-0
1935	Harry Mehre	SEC	6-4-0	2-4-0
1936	Harry Mehre	SEC	5-4-1	3-3-0
1937	Harry Mehre	SEC	6-3-2	1-2-2

1923 Georgia (UGA) Football Season George Cecil Woodruff Coach # 17



The 1923 Georgia Bulldogs were led by George Cecil Woodruff in his first of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirtieth season for the Bulldogs since football began at UGA in 1892. No football was played in 1917 & 1918. The team had a winning record (5-3-1) (3-2) SIAA. Home games were played in Sanford Field. This venue sometimes incorrectly was referred to as Sanford Stadium.

UGA was led by first-year head coach and former player George Cecil Woodruff. One of the assistant coaches was Harry Mehre, who was to succeed Woodruff as head coach in 1928. The Bulldogs had a great All-American—tackle and captain Joe Bennett was named an All-American for the second year in 1923. This made Bennett the first two-time All-American in Georgia Bulldogs football history.

Games of the 1923 Season (5-3-1) (3-2 SoCon)

In the home and season opener on September 29, 1923, Georgia defeated the Mercer Bears at Sanford Field in Athens, GA W (7–0) Then, on Oct 6, Georgia beat Oglethorpe's **Stormy Petrels** at home W (20–0). On Oct 13 at Yale's Yale Bowl, the Yale Bulldogs pounded the Georgia Bulldogs in New Haven, CT. L (0–40). On Oct 20, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated the Tennessee Volunteers at Shields–Watkins Field in Knoxville, TN W (17–0). On Nov 3, the Bulldogs defeated the Auburn Tigers at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (7–0)

On Nov 10, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated the Virginia Wahoos at home W (13-0). At Vanderbilt, on November 17, the Commodores pounded the Bulldogs at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN L (7–35) before 15,000. At Alabama on Nov 24, the Crimson Tide walloped the Bulldogs, at the Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, AL L (0–36). In the season finale, Georgia The Bulldogs played the Centre Colonels to a tie at home T (3-3)

1924 Georgia (UGA) Football Season George Cecil Woodruff Coach # 17

The 1924 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach George Cecil Woodruff in his second of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-first season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record (7-3-0) (5-1-0) SoCon. Home games were played in Sanford Field. This venue sometimes incorrectly was referred to as Sanford Stadium.

This was the team's second season under head coach George Cecil Woodruff. , the Bulldogs completed the season with a record of 7–3–0. The team was much improved from the prior year as witnessed by the fine showing L (6--7) against football powerhouse Yale. The other losses in the season came in the last two games against Southern Conference (SoCon) champion Alabama and Southern champion Centre. Six of the Bulldog's seven wins in the season were shutouts.

The season also found the Bulldogs beating Vanderbilt, a traditional SIAA power. The win came from a single Scrappy Moore drop kick, in which All-American Vanderbilt end Lynn Bomar suffered a career ending injury.

The kick was historically significant in that Moore's field goal was the last made by a Bulldog until seventeen years later when Frank Sinkwich did so against Florida with a broken jaw in 1941. This year, the Bulldogs had two players who made All-Southern. They were end Smack Thompson and tackle Jim Taylor.

Games of the 1924 season

In the home and season opener at Sanford Field in Athens GA, the Bulldogs pounded the Mercer Bears on September 27, 1924 W (26-7) before 8,000 fans. On Oct 4 at home, the Bulldogs defeated the SC Gamecocks W (18-0) In a close game v national powerhouse Yale Bulldogs, played on Oct 11, at the Yale Bowl in New Haven, CT, Yale prevailed in a close match L (6-7) v Georgia. On Oct 18, the Bulldogs shut out Furman Paladins in Augusta, GA W (22-0)

At Vanderbilt on Oct 25, the Bulldogs defeated the Commodores in Dudley Field, Nashville, TN W (3-0). On Nov 1 at home, the Bulldogs pounded the Volunteers of Tennessee W (33-0). At Virginia on Nov 8 in a game played at Lambeth Field, Charlottesville, VA, the Bulldogs defeated the Wahoos, W (7-0). On Nov 15 vs. Auburn in game played at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA , the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (6-0). On Nov 27, Alabama shutout Georgia at Rickwood Field Birmingham, AL L (0-33) before 16,000. On Nov 2 Farris Stadium in Danville, KY, the Centre Colonels defeated Georgia L (7-14)

1925 Georgia (UGA) Football Season George Cecil Woodruff Coach # 17

The 1925 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach George Cecil Woodruff in his third of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-second season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record (4-5) (2-4) SoCon. Home games were played in Sanford Field. This venue sometimes incorrectly was referred to as Sanford Stadium. Georgia outscored opponents by a total of 133 to 91. Smack Thompson was the team captain.

This was George Cecil Woodruff's only losing season during his five-year tenure as Georgia's head coach. In 1925, Georgia played Georgia Tech for the first time since 1916, The Bulldogs lost the game 3–0 in Atlanta to the Yellow Jackets. .

Games of the 1925 Season

The season opener was won on Sept 26 vs Mercer in Macon, GA. W (32-0). Then, on Oct 3 at home, Virginia beat Georgia in Sanford Field, Athens, GA L (6–7). On Oct 10 at Yale in a game played in the Yale Bowl, New Haven, CT, the Yale Bulldogs beat the Georgia Bulldogs convincingly L (7–35). On Oct 17, the Bulldogs defeated the Furman Paladins in Augusta, GA W (21–0). Then, on Oct 24, the Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (26-7) before 7,000.

On Oct 31 at Tennessee in a game played at Shields–Watkins Field in Knoxville, TN, the Volunteers defeated the Bulldogs L (7–12). On Nov 7 vs. Auburn at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA, the Bulldogs defeated the Auburn Tigers W (34–0) before 10,000. On Nov 14 at Georgia Tech, in a game played at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA, the Yellow Jackets defeated the Bulldogs L (0–3) before 33,000. In the season ending contest, Alabama shut out Georgia on Nov 26 at Rickwood Field, Birmingham, AL L (0–27).

1926 Georgia (UGA) Football Season George Cecil Woodruff Coach # 17

The 1926 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach George Cecil Woodruff in his fourth of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-third season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record (5-4) (4-2) SoCon. Home games were played in Sanford Field. This venue sometimes incorrectly was referred to as Sanford Stadium.

This season included Georgia's fifth straight loss to Alabama and fourth straight loss to Yale. Down 13 to 0 at the half, Georgia came back to beat Georgia Tech. Herdis McCrary and captain George Morton made the touchdowns for the Bulldogs.

Games of the 1926 Season

On Sept 25, in the season and home opener played at Sanford Field, Athens, GA, the Bulldogs beat Mercer W (20–0) before 4,500. On Oct 2 at Virginia, in Lambeth Field, Charlottesville, the Bulldogs beat the Wahoos W (21–0). Then, on Oct 9 at Yale, for its fourth loss since the series began, Yale defeated Georgia the Bulldogs at the Yale Bow in New Haven, CT L (0–10). Then, on Oct 16, Furman defeated Georgia at home in Sanford Field, Athens, GA L (7–14).

At Vanderbilt on Oct 23, the Bulldogs were defeated by the Commodores at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN L (13–14). On Oct 30, the Bulldogs beat the Florida Gators at home W (32–9). On Nov 6 v Auburn, at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Bulldogs prevailed W (16–0) On Nov 13 at Georgia Tech, the Bulldogs defeated the yellow Jackets at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) W (14–13). On Nov 25 in an away game, Alabama defeated Rickwood Field, Birmingham, AL L (6–33) before 17,000.

1927 Georgia (UGA) Football Season George Cecil Woodruff Coach # 17

The 1927 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach George Cecil Woodruff in his fifth and last season with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record (9-1) (6-1) SoCon. Home games were played in Sanford Field. This venue sometimes incorrectly was referred to as Sanford Stadium.

This was the last season George Cecil Woodruff served as the head coach of the football team and the team's 34th season of college football. The Bulldogs posted a 9–1 record. This was such a great team that they were retroactively selected as the 1927 national champion under the Berryman QPRS, Boand, and Poling systems. How about that?

Woodruff was a great coach from his first preseason. This team was called the "dream and wonder team. They were better than the rest and better prepared. The Bulldogs were ranked No. 1 in the US with one regular season game remaining, but unfortunately, they had one

more game to play. They were upset in the mud by in-state rival Georgia Tech (the next season's national champion). The Bulldogs thus did not win the Southern Conference (SoCon) championship in 1927 as a result of its loss to Georgia Tech at season's end. Georgia Tech (7–0–1 SoCon), Tennessee (5–0–1 SoCon), and NC State (4–0–0 SoCon) all finished undefeated in conference play. It was one of the greatest's almost's in Georgia history. It turned out to be a "too bad Cecil!"

It was a great season featuring the Bulldog's first-ever win against Yale as well as six shutouts. They were the best in many pundits scorecards until they lost the last game. Their win over Yale propelled Georgia to the national spotlight as Yale was always a national powerhouse at the time. The Georgia team was anchored by two All-American ends, captain Chick Shiver and consensus All-American Tom Nash.

At the end of last season, one source described Georgia as "probably the hardest hit team in the Southern Conference, losing 14 letter men with the Thanksgiving game."

The Coach must have been very disappointed but was going anyway.

Woodruff resignation

Coach Woodruff had already announced that he planned to quit after this season. He had to be tempted to stay but luck was not in his favor. Former Notre Dame back Jim Crowley and Notre Dame lineman Harry Mehre assisted Woodruff with his Notre Dame Box scheme. Mehre succeeded Woodruff.

Games of the 1927 Season

On Oct. 1, at the beginning of an almost all-win season, Georgia beat the Virginia Wahoos at home in Sanford Field in Athens, GA W 32–0. Then, on Oct 15, Yale in the fifth away game played at the Yale Bowl in New Haven, CT, the Bulldogs finally got the muster to pound out a victory W (14–10) before 18,000. On Oct 15, the Bulldogs pounded Furman at home W (32–0). Then, on Oct 22v Auburn, away at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium, Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Bulldogs prevailed W (33–

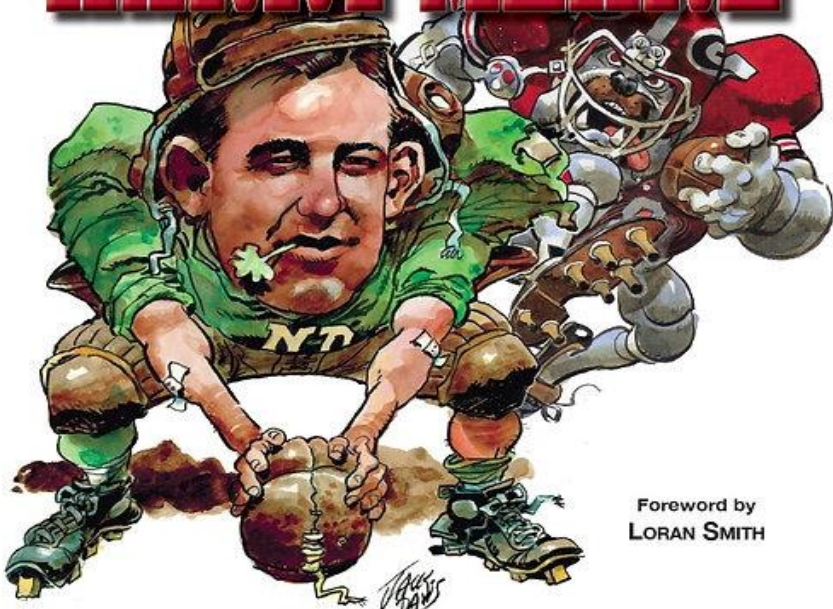
0) Then, on Oct 29 at Tulane in Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, LA, the Bulldogs beat the Green Wave, W (31–0) before 10,000 fans.

On Nov 5 at Florida in Barrs Field, Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W (28–0) before 16,000. Then, on Nov 12, the Bulldogs beat the Clemson Tigers at home in Sanford Field; Athens, GA W (32–0). Then, on Nov 19, Georgia beat Mercer at home W (26–7). At Alabama on Nov 24 in Legion Field, Birmingham, AL, the Bulldogs prevailed W (20–7) before 25,000. With an undefeated season on the line, the Bulldogs traveled to Ga Tech and faced their arch in-state rival on Dec 3 in Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game but they left something on the field by losing to the Yellow Jackets L (0–12) before 38,000. It was a great season spoiled by just one game v an in-state rival.

1928 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The Wit and Wisdom of UGA's Most Colorful Coach

HARRY MEHRE



Foreword by
LORAN SMITH

The 1928 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his first of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-fifth season for the Bulldogs. Mehre began his tenure with a losing season (4-5-0) 2-4-0 SoCon, but quickly picked up a winning pace. . . Home games were played in Sanford Field. This venue sometimes incorrectly was referred to as Sanford Stadium.

Games of the 1928 Season

In the season and home opener and the inaugural season for Sanford Stadium, on October 6, 1928, the Bulldogs defeated the Mercer Bears at home in Athens, GA W (52-0). On Oct 13 at Yale in the Yale Bowl in New Haven, CT, the Yale Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Bulldogs L (6-21). Then, on Oct 19 the Bulldogs beat the Furman Paladins at home W (7-0). Then, on Oct 27 at home, the Bulldogs beat the Tulane Green Wave W (20-14)

On Nov 3, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers at Auburn in the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (13-0). On Nov 10 vs. Florida in a game played in the Municipal Stadium in Savannah, GA, the Gators defeated the Bulldogs L (6-26) before 16,000 fans.

Then, on Nov 17 at home, the LSU Tigers beat the Bulldogs in a nail-biter L(12-13). The next week Alabama's Crimson Tide beat the Bulldogs on Nov 29 at Alabama's Legion Field in Birmingham, AL L (0-19). In the season finale, on Dec 8 at Georgia Tech in Grant Field, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs lost L (6-20) before 40,000

1929 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The 1929 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his second of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-sixth season for the Bulldogs. Mehre began his winning ways in this, his second season with record of (6-4-0) (4-2-0) SoCon. Home games were played for the first time in the brand spanking new Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus.

The season featured the first game in newly completed Sanford Stadium on October 12 (a victory over Yale) and Georgia's 100th

loss (November 2 vs. Tulane). In the 1920s, the Bulldogs compiled a record of 60–31–4 (a fine .653 winning percentage).

Games of the 1929 Season



<<Harry Mehre

In the season and home opener on September 28, 1929, Oglethorpe Stormy Petrels defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Field in Athens, GA L (6–13). On Oct 5, Georgia's Bulldogs shut-out the Furman Paladins at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (27–0). Then,

the Bulldogs pulled off a rare win against Yale on Oct 12 at home in Sanford Stadium. Athens, GA. W (15-0. This was the first Yale game played at a Georgia Home Field. On Oct 19, the Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels of North Carolina at Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, NC W (19–12)

On Oct 26 vs. Florida, the Gators defeated the Bulldogs at Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (6–18). Then, on Nov 1 vs. Tulane at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA, the Green Wave beat the Bulldogs L (15–21) before 15,000 fans. On Nov 9 at

NYU, in Yankee Stadium, Bronx, NY, the Violets beat the Bulldogs L (19–27) before 42,000.

On Nov 15 at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), Georgia defeated Auburn W (24–0). Then, on Nov 28 at Alabama's Legion Field in Birmingham, AL, the Bulldogs beat the Crimson Tide W (12–0) before 25,000. In the season finale on Dec 6 Georgia shut out Georgia Tech in their new Sanford Stadium in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (13–0).

Great Georgia Player Vernon "Catfish" Smith



1929-1931

Smith was a three sport athlete in Athens, but really made a name for himself on the football field. He was named to the All-American team in 1931 and is also a member of the National College Football Hall of fame.

Smith played football at the University of Georgia from 1929 to 1931 and was named an All-American in 1931. In 1929, he scored all 15 points for Georgia in an upset of Yale—scoring one touchdown by falling on a blocked punt in the end zone and another by receiving a pass, kicking an extra point and tackling a Yale player for a safety. The game was the first-ever played at Sanford Stadium. Smith wore number 9, and stood 6'2" and 190 pounds. He made an all-time Georgia Bulldogs football team picked in 1935. He was nominated though not selected for an Associated Press All-Time Southeast 1920-1969 era team. Smith was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

1930 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18



The 1930 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his third of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-seventh season for the Bulldogs. Mehre continued his winning ways in this, his third season with record of (7-2-1) (3-2-1) SoCon. Home games were played for the first time in the brand spanking new Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus.

Games of the 1930 season

In the home and season opener on September 27. The Bulldogs defeated the Oglethorpe Stormy Petrels at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (31-6). For win # 2, on Oct 4, the Bulldogs defeated the Mercer Bears at home W (51-0). At Yale on Oct 11, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated the Yale Bulldogs at the Yale Bowl in New Haven, CT W (18-14). Then, at home, on Oct 18, the Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels of North Carolina W (26-0).

On Oct 25 vs. Auburn, at Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (39-7). At Florida on Nov 1 in Municipal Stadium, Savannah, GA, the Gators and the Bulldogs played to a tie T (0-0) On Nov 8, Georgia beat NYU at the Polo Grounds in New York, NY W (7-6).

Then, on Nov 15 at Tulane in Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, LA, the Green Wave beat the Bulldogs L (0-25)/ On Nov 27 at Alabama, the Crimson Tide defeated the Bulldogs L (0-13) at Legion

Field, Birmingham, AL before 28,000. Then, in the season finale on Dec 6, at Grant Field, the Bulldogs defeated the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA at the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (13–0).

1931 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The 1931 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his fourth of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-eighth season for the Bulldogs. Mehre continued his winning ways in this, his fourth season of ten with a record of (8-2-0) (6-1-0) SoCon. Home games were played for the first time in the brand spanking new Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus. The Bulldog's two losses came against the Rose Bowl and national champion USC Trojans, and to SoCon champion and the team defeated by USC in the Rose Bowl, the Tulane Green Wave. Great season.

Before the season began, Georgia's team announced a group of veterans to lead the team—end Catfish Smith, fullback Jack "The Ripper" Roberts and captain and quarterback Austin Downes. Buster Mott was a promising sophomore.

Games of the 1931 season

In the season and home opener, on October 3, 1931, Sanford beat VPI in a major shutout in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (40–0). At Yale on Oct 10, in the Yale Bowl, New Haven CT., the Bulldogs defeated the Yale Bulldogs W (26–7) before 70,000 fans. On Oct 17 at North Carolina in Kenan Memorial Stadium, Chapel Hill, NC, the Bulldogs prevailed W (32–7). Then, on Oct 24, the Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (9-0)..

On Oct 31 at Florida, in Florida Field, Gainesville, FL, the Bulldogs pounded the Gators W (33–6). On Nov 7 at NYU in a game played at Yankee Stadium--Bronx, NY, the Bulldogs won a nail biter W (7– On Nov 14, at home, Tulane defeated the Bulldogs L (7–20). Then on Nov 21 vs. Auburn in the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) the Bulldogs prevailed W (12–6)

On Nov 28, the Bulldogs defeated the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (35–6).

On Dec 12 at USC in a game played at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles, CA, the Bulldogs were shellacked by the Trojans L (0–60) before 75,000 fans.

1932 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The 1932 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his fifth of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the thirty-ninth season for the Bulldogs. Mehre stumbled with a poorly played losing season this year—his fifth season of ten with a record of (2-5-2) (2-4-2) SoCon. Home games were played for the first time in the brand spanking new Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus. The Bulldog's two losses came against the Rose Bowl and national champion USC Trojans, and to SoCon champion and the team defeated by USC in the Rose Bowl, the Tulane Green Wave. Great season.

Games of the 1932 season

On October 1, 1932, in the home and season opener played at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, VPI defeated the Bulldogs. L (6–7). On October 8 at Tulane in Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, LA, the Green Wave defeated the Bulldogs L (25–34). At home on Oct 15, the Tar Heels of North Carolina tied the Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GAT (6–6)

On Oct 22 at Vanderbilt in Dudley Field, Nashville, TN the Commodores defeated the Bulldogs L (6–12). Then, in another home game, on Oct 29, the Bulldogs won their first game of 1932 over the Florida Gators W (33–12). At Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, the Bulldogs went down to defeat v NYU on Nov 5 L (7–13). Then, on Nov at Clemson in Riggs Field, Calhoun, SC, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (32–18).

On Nov 19 vs. Auburn in a game played at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (7–14). In the season finale, on Nov 26 at Georgia Tech in Grant Field, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the teams played to a tie T (0–0)

1933 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The 1933 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his sixth of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fortieth season for the Bulldogs. Mehre brought the team back from a very poor season to finish (8-2-0) (3-1-0) SEC. This was the first year in the SEC for Georgia. This was Mehre's sixth season of ten with the Bulldogs. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus. As noted, This was the first year of the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

Games of the 1933 Season

In the home and season opener on September 30, 1933, the Bulldogs beat the NC State Wolfpack in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (20-10). Then, on Oct 7, the Bulldogs beat the Green Wave of Tulane at home W (26-13). On Oct 14 at North Carolina, in Kenan Memorial Stadium, Chapel Hill, NC, the Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels W (30-0). At Mercer on Oct 20 in Centennial Stadium, Macon, GA, the Bulldogs got by the Bears in a nail-biter W (13-12) before 12,000.

On Oct 28, the Bulldogs Beat NYU at home W (25-0) before 25,000. Then, on Nov 4 vs. Florida in a game played at Fairfield Stadium, Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W (14-0) In a close game at Yale on Nov 11 played in the Yale Bowl, New Haven, CT, the Bulldogs beat the Yale Bulldogs W (7-0). Then, on Nov 18 vs. Auburn in the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium, Columbus, GA playing in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry, the Tigers prevailed over the Bulldogs L (6-14).

On Nov 25 at Georgia Tech in a game played at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA called the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets W (7-6). On Dec 2 in an away game across the country at USC in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles, CA, the Trojans pounded the Bulldogs L (0-31) before 45,000 fans.

1934 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The 1934 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his seventh of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-first

season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season to finish (7-3) (3-2-0) SEC. This was the second year in the SEC for Georgia. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus.

Games of the 1934 Season

In the season and home opener for the Bulldogs on September 29, 1934 the Bulldogs shut out Stetson at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (42-0). On Oct 6 at Furman in Manly Field, Greenville, SC, the Bulldogs beat the Bears W (7-2). On Oct 13, North Carolina's Tar Heels defeated the Bulldogs at home L (0-14). On Oct 20 at Tulane in Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, in a nail-biter, the Green Wave defeated the Bulldogs L (6-7)

On Oct 27 at Alabama in Legion Field, Birmingham, AL, the Crimson Tide defeated the Bulldogs L (6-26) before 15,000 fans. Then, on Nov 3 vs. Florida in a game played in Fairfield Stadium, Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs defeated the Gators W (14-0). At the Yale Bowl in New Haven CT, the Bulldogs defeated the Yale Bulldogs W (14-7). On Nov 17 the Bulldogs defeated NC State at home W (27-0).

On Nov 24 vs. Auburn in the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (18-0). Then, in the season finale on December 1, the Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (7-0).

1935 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The 1935 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his eighth of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-second season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season to finish (6-4) (2-4) SEC. This was the third year in the SEC for Georgia. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus.

Games of the 1935 Season

In the season and home opener for the Bulldogs, on September 28, 1935, the Georgia Bulldogs beat the Mercer Bears at Sanford

Stadium, Athens, GA W (31–0). On Oct 5, Georgia defeated Chattanooga in Chamberlain Field, Chattanooga, TN W (40–0). Then on Oct 12, the Bulldogs beat the Furman Paladins at home W (31–7). On Oct 19 at NC State, the Bulldogs beat the Wolfpack at Riddick Stadium in Raleigh, NC, W (13–0).

Then, on Oct 26, Alabama beat Georgia at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (7–17). Vs. Florida on Nov 2 in Fairfield Stadium, Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W (7–0). On Nov 9 at Tulane in Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, LA, the Bulldogs defeated the Green Wave, W (26–13). Then, on Nov 16, at home, LSU beat the Bulldogs, L (0–13). On Nov 23 vs. Auburn at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers beat the Bulldogs, L (7–19) In the season finale, on Nov 30 at Georgia Tech in Grant Field, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs L (7–19)

1936 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The 1936 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his ninth of ten seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-third season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season to finish (5-4-1) (3-3) SEC. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium.

Great Georgia Fullbacks Bill Hartman



1935-1937

Hartman was an All-American fullback that became one of the most influential figures in Georgia history. He was inducted into the

College Football Hall of Fame in 1984 and was also inducted in the UGA Circle of Honor in 1999.

Hartman was born in Thomaston, Georgia in 1915. He started playing football in Madison, Georgia, where his talents soon became evident. He played college football for the Georgia Bulldogs starting in 1935. Hartman distinguished himself at both fullback and linebacker for the Bulldogs.

His best game is considered to be his performance in a 7-7 tie against Fordham University in 1936 which knocked Fordham out of contention for the Rose Bowl.

In his final year in 1937, Hartman was an All-American and All-SEC player. He also became a punter kicking the ball 82 yards against Tulane University. After graduation, he signed with the Washington Redskins, who wanted him as a backup to Sammy Baugh. However, Baugh was injured in the preseason and Hartman started for the first six games of the season. He threw the winning pass in a 24-22 win over the Philadelphia Eagles in his first game in the NFL.

Games of the 1936 Season

In the home and season opener on September 26, 1936, the Bulldogs defeated the Mercer Bears at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (15-6). On Oct 3, the Bulldogs shut out Furman's Paladins * Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (13-0). On Oct 10, LSU pounded the Bulldogs at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA L (7-37). On Oct 17 in the first meeting with Rice, the Owls beat the Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (6-13).

On October 24 vs. Auburn in the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium, Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers defeated the Bulldogs L (13-20). On Oct 31, Tennessee shellacked the Bulldogs at home L (0-46). On Nov 7 vs. Florida in Fairfield Stadium, Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs defeated the Gators W (26-8). Then on Nov 14 at Tulane in Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, the Bulldogs made it two wins in a row W (12-6).

On Nov 21, Fordham and Georgia played to a tie T (7-7) at the Polo Grounds in New York, NY. Then, in the season finale on Nov 28, the Bulldogs defeated the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in what is called the (Clean Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (16-6).

1937 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Harry Mehre Coach # 18

The 1937 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Harry Mehre in his tenth and last season with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season to finish (6-3-2) (1-2-2)SEC. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus.

In the home and season opener on September 25, 1937, the Bulldogs shellacked Oglethorpe at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (60-0) before 5,000 fans. Then, on Oct 2 at South Carolina in a game played at Columbia Municipal Stadium in Columbia, the Bulldogs beat the Gamecocks W (13-7). Then, on Oct 9, the Bulldogs defeated Clemson at home W (14-0) In the first match against Holy Cross, the Bulldogs lost in a nail-biter on Oct 16 in Fenway Park, Boston, MA, L (6-7)

On Oct 23, the Bulldogs defeated the Mercer Bears at Sanford Stadium; Athens, GA W (19-0) before 5,000. On Oct 30, at Tennessee in the Shields-Watkins Field, Knoxville, TN, the Volunteers pounded the Bulldogs L (0-32) before 17,000 fans. On Nov 6 vs. Florida in Fairfield Stadium, Jacksonville, FL, the Gators beat the Bulldogs L (0-6)

On Nov 13, the Bulldogs defeated Tulane at home W (7-6). On Nov 20 vs. Auburn in the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium, Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers and Bulldogs played to a scoreless tie T (0-0). On Nov 27 at Georgia Tech, in a game played in Grant Field, Atlanta, GA (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the teams tied at (T 6-6). On Dec 10 at Miami (FL), in Burdine Stadium, Miami, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Hurricanes W (26-0) before 20,000 fans.

Chapter 12 Coach Wallace Butts 1939-1949

Joel Hunt was the 19th Bulldogs Head coach for one year. – 1938. Wallace Butts the longest lasting coach at the time

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>SoCon/SEC</u>
1938	Joel Hunt	SEC	5-4-1	7-1-0
1939	Wallace Butts	SEC	5-6-0	5-2-0
1940	Wallace Butts	SEC	5-4-1	2-3-1
1941	Wallace Butts	SEC	9-1-1	3-1-1
1942	Wallace Butts	SEC	11-1-0	6-1-0
1943	Wallace Butts	SEC	6-4-0	0-3
1944	Wallace Butts	SEC	7-3-0	4-2-0
1945	Wallace Butts	SEC	9-2-0	4-2-0
1946	Wallace Butts	SEC	11-0	5-0-0
1947	Wallace Butts	SEC	7-4-1	3-3-0
1948*	Wallace Butts	SEC	9-2-0	6-0-0
1949	Wallace Butts	SEC	4-6-1	1-4-1



<<< Coach Joel Hunt 1938. Before coaching, he played college football at Texas A&M University from 1925 to 1927. After this, he spent seven seasons as an assistant at Texas A&M and then LSU before he was hired to lead the Georgia program. He had a winning season but it was not a bragger. He spent just one season in Athens. When hired, he was a surprise choice to replace Harry Mehre. He went 5-4-1 in 1938 and left after the

season to take over at Wyoming. Hunt's most important contribution to Georgia Bulldogs football may in retrospect be that he brought an assistant coach with him that took over the program. It was Wally Butts, who became Georgia's head coach in 1939 and continued in that position until 1960.

1938 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Joel Hunt Head Coach #19

The 1938 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Joel Hunt in his only season with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-fifth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season to finish (5-4-1) (1-2-1) SEC. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus. As noted Hunt went 5-4-1 in 1938 and left after the season to take over at Wyoming.

Games of the 1938 Season

In the season and home opener, on September 24, 1938, the Bulldogs defeated the Citadel in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA at the Bulldog Gridiron, W (20–12). On Oct 1 at South Carolina in the Columbia Municipal Stadium in Columbia, SC, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks W (7–6). On Oct 7, the Bulldogs beat Furman at home W (38–7). On Oct 15, the Bulldogs beat the Mercer Bears at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (28–19).

On Oct 22, #14 Holy Cross beat the Bulldogs at Fitton Field in Worcester, MA L (6–29). On Nov 5 vs. Florida in Fairfield Stadium, Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W (19–6). On Nov 12, at Tulane in Tulane Stadium, New Orleans, LA, the Green Wave beat the Bulldogs L (6–28). Then, on Nov 19 vs. Auburn at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium, Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) the Tigers beat the Bulldogs (L 14–23).

On Nov 26, Georgia Tech and Georgia played to a tie, at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game T (0–0). On Dec 2 at Miami (FL) in Burdine Stadium, Miami, FL, the Hurricanes beat the Bulldogs. L (7–13).

Wallace Butts Becomes the First Native Georgian to Coach Bulldogs



There is an old archived article titled: “Wallace Butts First Native Georgian to Coach Bulldogs.” It is reconstituted below. This article has been OCR’d from the newspaper and is presented below. It talks about Wallace Butts at the time he became coach.

“Wallace Butts is the first native Georgian to ascend to the head coaching job at the University of Georgia since the era now referred to as "modern football" had its beginning. Five feet, five inches tall, Wally tips the scales at over 190

pounds and lives, eats and breathes football the year round.

He's all over the field during practice and has probably taken more punishment since the season started at Georgia this year than a lot of his ball players. Coach Butts was born in Milledgeville, Ga., went to Mercer University at Macon, and became one of the schools greatest athletes.

His senior year at Mercer he was captain of both the football and baseball teams. Wally planned to work at Mercer upon graduation and had already taken up his duties when Madison A & M, a prep school near Athens, found itself without a football coach two weeks before the season opened.

Butts tackled the job, got beaten regularly that year, but reversed the tables in the next two seasons, winding up his third year at Madison with a southern prep championship eleven. From Madison he went to Georgia Military College and stayed there three years. His final season was his best for he again turned up with an unbeaten and untied eleven and undisputed state prep champions.

He then took over the coaching duties and director of athletics job at Male High School in Louisville, Ky. After two years there he had an undefeated team. He came to Georgia in 1938 as end coach and was promoted to the head job January 1, 1940.”

The rest is history.

1939 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1939 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his first of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-sixth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season to finish (5-6-0) (1-3-0) SEC. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus. This was Wallace Butts entrée to Georgia. He would be known in history as one of the best coaches ever at the University of Georgia

The season and home opener for the Bulldogs was held on September 30, 2022 as Georgia shut-out The Citadel in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (26–0). On Oct 7 at Furman in Sistine Stadium, Greenville, SC, the Paladins shut-out the Bulldogs L (0-20).. On Oct 14, the Bulldogs lost two in a row this one to Holly Cross at home L (0–13). At Kentucky, on Oct 21 in the DuPont Stadium, Louisville, the Bulldogs lost their third in a row L (6–13). On Oct 28 NYU, the Bulldogs lost their fourth in a row at Yankee Stadium, Bronx, NY in a nail biter L (13–14).

On Nov 6, v Mercer at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, the Bulldogs broke their losing streak and beat the Bears W (16–9). On Nov 11, vs. Florida in Fairfield Stadium, Jacksonville, FL the Bulldogs beat the Gators W (6–2). On Nov 18, the Bulldogs beat South Carolina in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (33–7).

On Nov 25 vs. Auburn at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (0–7). On December 2 at Georgia Tech in Grant Field, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs L (0–13). On Dec 8 at Miami (FL) in Burdine Stadium, Miami, FL were beaten by the Bulldogs W (13–0)



1940 Georgia Bulldogs Football Team Wallace Butts, Coach

1940 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20



The 1940 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his second of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-seventh season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season to finish (5-4-1) (2-3-1) SEC. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus. This was Wallace Butts entrée to Georgia. He would be known in history as one of the best coaches ever at the University of Georgia

Games of the 1940 Season

In the season opener on Sept 27 at Oglethorpe in Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta, GA, Georgia prevailed in a shutout W 53–0 before 25,000 fans. On Oct 5 at South Carolina in a game played in Columbia Municipal Stadium, Columbia, SC, the Bulldogs clipped the Gamecocks W (33–2). Then, Ole Miss beat the Bulldogs on Oct 12 at home L (14–28). On Oct 19, in a nail biter, Columbia defeated Georgia at Baker Field in New York, NY L (13–14).

On Oct 25 the Kentucky Wildcats tied the Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA T (7–7). On Nov 2 vs. Auburn in a game played at the Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers in a nail biter W (14–13). On Nov 9 vs. Florida at Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators beat the Bulldogs L 1(3–18)

On Nov 16 at Tulane in a game played at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, LA, the Green Wave beat the Bulldogs L (13–21). Then, on Nov 30, the Bulldogs edged out the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (21–19). Then, on Dec 6 in the last game of the season, at Miami (FL) in Burdine Stadium, the Bulldogs defeated the Hurricanes. W (28–7)

1941 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1941 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his third of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a great winning season to finish (9-1-1) (3-1-1) SEC. The team finished third this year in the SEC. Georgia outscored opponents by a total of 319 to 85, and defeated TCU in the 1942 Orange Bowl. Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus. Some home games were played at Ponce de Leon Park and Grant Field in Atlanta.

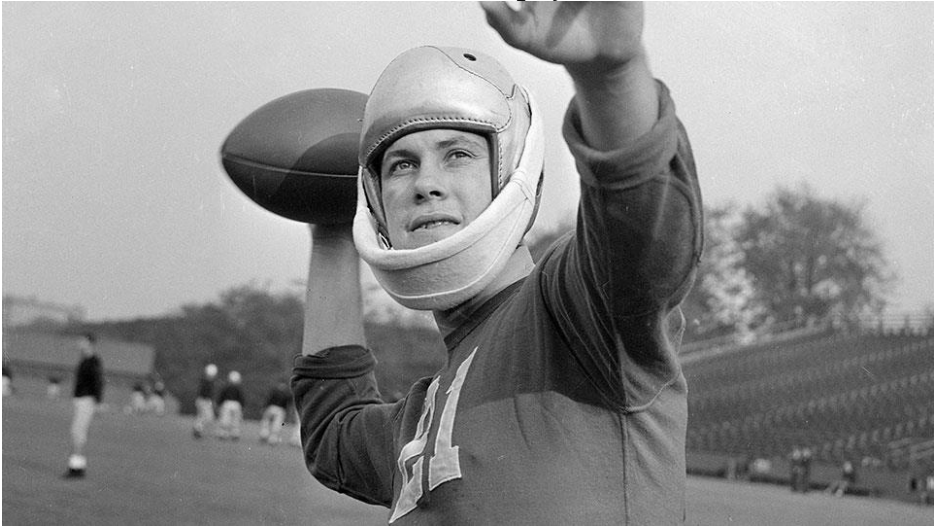
Frank Sinkwich had an outstanding year at halfback for the Bulldogs and for his efforts, he was selected as a consensus first-team player on the 1941 All-America team. The season had some tough hits for Sinkwich in that early on, he suffered a broken jaw but continued to play with his jaw wired shut and a large jaw protector attached to his

helmet. In the Orange Bowl game, Sinkwich dominated with 139 yards (including a 43-yard touchdown run) on 22 carries. He also completed nine of 13 passes for 245 yards and three touchdowns. He was a difference maker.

Wallace Butts in his third year, really put a great team together, Five Georgia players were recognized by the Associated Press (AP) or United Press (UP) on the 1941 All-SEC football team: Sinkwich (AP-1, UP-1); end George Webb (AP-2); tackle Charles Sanders (AP-2); halfback Cliff Kimsey (AP-3); end George Poschner (AP-3); guard Walter Ruark (AP-3). The Bulldogs had become a force with which to be reckoned.

Great Georgia RB Frank Sinkwich

1940, 41, 42. Won the Heisman Trophy in 1942.



Sinkwich was a two-time All-American and was the first player from Georgia to win the Heisman in 1942. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1964 and the UGA Circle of Honor in 1996.

He went on to the University of Georgia to play under coach Wally Butts where he was a two-time All-America selection. In 1941 he led the nation in rushing yards with 209 carries for 1,103 yards. He set the NCAA single-season total offense record of 2,187 yards and led

the Bulldogs to an 11–1 season in 1942, capturing the Southeastern Conference championship and a victory over UCLA in the 1943 Rose Bowl.

That same year, the Washington D.C. Touchdown Club honored Sinkwich as "back of the year", and he was overwhelmingly voted the "Number 1 athlete for 1942" in the annual poll by the Associated Press over second-place finisher Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, a year in which Williams hit for baseball's triple crown.

The 1942 season was Sinkwich's first year of backfield-mate Charley Trippi. Georgia defeated Florida 75–0, the worst defeat in the history of Florida football. Sinkwich played with a broken jaw and kicked a field goal in a 19–3 defeat of Florida in 1941.

In his three-year college career, Sinkwich rushed for 2,271 yards, passed for 2,331 yards, and accounted for 60 touchdowns (30 rushing and 30 passing). Sinkwich earned his Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) from the university in 1943 and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Games of the 1941 Season

In the season opener played away at Mercer on September 27, 1941, the Bulldogs shellacked the Bears in a shutout game played at Porter Field in Macon, GA W (81–0) before 12,000 fans, On Oct 4 vs. South Carolina at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA , the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks W (34–6) before 17,000. On Oct 10, Ole Miss tied Georgia's Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA T (14–14) before 25,000. Then, on Oct 18 at #20 Columbia, the Bulldogs prevailed at Baker Field, New York, NY W (7–3) before 27,000.

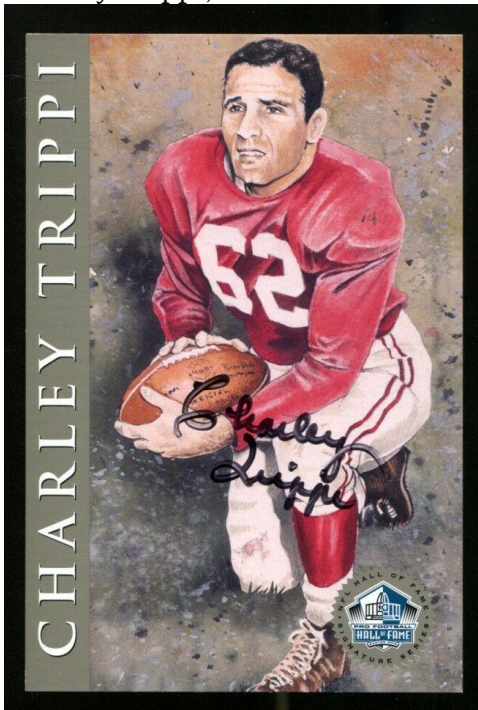
On Oct 25 at Alabama in Legion Field, Birmingham, AL, the Crimson Tide defeated the Bulldogs in this rivalry L (14–27) before 23,000. On Nov 1 vs. Auburn in a game played at Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (7–0) before 17,000. Then, on Nov 8 vs. Florida, at Municipal Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W (19–3) before 21,000.

On Nov 15, the Bulldogs pounded Centre in a home game played in Ponce de Leon Park, Atlanta, GA W (47-6) before 5,000, On Nov 22, the #20 Bulldogs shutout the Dartmouth Big Green at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W 35-0 before 18,000. Then, in the season finale, on Nov 29 at Georgia Tech, the #20 Bulldogs shut out the Yellow Jackets at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA W (21-0) before 31,000. Then on New Year's Day on January 1, 1942 vs. TCU, the #14 Bulldogs beat TCU in Burdine Stadium Miami, FL in the Orange Bowl W (40-26) before 38,000 fans.

Great Georgia Running Backs Charley Trippi

1942-1946 there was some time off for war

Charley Trippi, RB



Trippi was a guy that could do it all. He could run, throw, kick or perform at halftime if needed. Trippi won the Maxwell Award in 1948 and was second in the Heisman Trophy Balloting. He led the SEC in scoring in 1949 with 84 points and finished with 1,366 yards of total offense.

Trippi attended the University of Georgia, where he played college football for the Georgia Bulldogs from 1942 to 1946, with an interlude in 1944 while serving in the military during World War II. As a sophomore, he guided Georgia

to victory in the 1943 Rose Bowl and was named the game's most valuable player. As a senior in 1946, he won the Maxwell Award as the nation's most outstanding college football player, was named the Southeastern Conference's player of the year, and earned unanimous first-team All-America recognition.

1942 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1942 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his fourth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the forty-ninth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a great winning season to finish (11-1) (6-1) SEC. The team finished # 1 this year in the SEC and #2 in the nation according to the final Ap poll conducted before the bowl win. Ohio State was crowned National Champion by AP, but the Georgia Bulldogs were named national champion by NCAA-designated major selectors of Berryman, Billingsley, DeVold, Houlgate, Litkenhous, Poling, Sagarin, Sagarin (ELO-Chess), and Williamson. Ohio State did not compete in a bowl game in 1942. Georgia outscored opponents by a wide margin and defeated UCLA in the 1942 Orange Bowl. W (9-0)

Home games were played in Sanford Stadium on the UGA Campus. Some home games were played at Ponce de Leon Park and Grant Field in Atlanta.

Games of the 1942 Season

In the season opener at Kentucky on September 19, 1942 in a game played at DuPont Stadium in the Bulldogs defeated the Louisville, the Bulldogs nosed out the Wildcats W (7-6) before 10,500. Then, on Sept 25 vs. Jacksonville Naval Air Station (NAS)in a game played in Municipal Stadium in Macon, GA, the Bulldogs prevailed. W (14-0). On Oct 3 the Bulldogs beat the Furman Paladins at home W (40-7). Then, on Oct 10 at Ole Miss in a game played at Crump Stadium, Memphis, TN, the Bulldogs defeated the Rebels W (48-13).

On Oct 17, the #2 Bulldogs beat the Tulane Green Wave at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (40-0). On Oct 24 at Cincinnati's Nippert Stadium in Cincinnati, OH, the #2 Bulldogs prevailed W (35-13). On Oct 31 vs. #3 Alabama, #2 Georgia defeated the Crimson Tide in Grant Field, Atlanta, GA W (21-10) before 33,000. Then, on Nov 7 vs. Florida, the #1 ranked Bulldogs pounded the Gators at Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL in a runaway game W (75-0)

On Nov 14 at Chattanooga, the # 1 Bulldogs shutout the home team Moccasins at Chamberlain Field in Chattanooga, TN W (40-0)

before 5,500. On Nov 21 vs. Auburn, the #1 Bulldogs lost to Auburn L (13-27) in the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry in a game played at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA. On Nov 28, the #2 Bulldogs beat the #5 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W 34-0. In the Rose Bowl, the #2 ranked Bulldogs beat the #13 UCLA Bruins on January 1, 1943 vs. No. 13 UCLA in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA (Rose Bowl) W 9-0 before 90,000 fans.

1943 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1943 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his fifth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fiftieth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season to finish (6-4) (0-3) SEC.

Games of the 1943 Season

This was a strange year in the middle of the war. The usual SEC suspects were not scheduling games like in the past and so there are a number of teams this year that the Bulldogs had not played before. Play. Additionally, to fill the schedule, Georgia had to play some teams twice this year.

In the home and season opener, Georgia defeated Presbyterian W (25-7) on September 17, 1943 in Sanford Stadium, On Sept 25 LSU's Tigers beat the Bulldogs at LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA L (27-32). On Oct 1, the Bulldogs shellacked Tennessee Tech at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (67-0). On Oct 8, the Bulldogs beat Wake Forest in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (7-0) before 7,500 fans. On Oct 16 at Daniel Field, in Richmond Stadium, Augusta, GA, Richmond defeated the Bulldogs L (7-18).

On Oct 23 vs. LSU, at Memorial Stadium, Columbus, GA, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (6-27). On Oct 29, the Bulldogs defeated Howard (AL) at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (39-0) On Nov 5 the Bulldogs scored another 39-0 shutout in a row. This time they overpowered Presbyterian at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA. W (39-0). I will be double researching this as it does not seem

correct. On Nov 13, Georgia beat VMI in Gant Field in Atlanta, GA W (46–7) before 5,000. Then, in the last game of a weird season, Georgia Tech put a big hurt on Georgia on Nov 27 at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (0–48).

1944 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1944 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his sixth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-first season for the Bulldogs. The team played another winning season to finish (7-3) (4-2) SEC.

Games of the 1944 Season

On Sept 29, in the home and 1944 season opener, near the end of the war, Wake Forest beat the Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L 7–14 before 8,500. On Oct 6, at home, the Bulldogs walloped the Presbyterian Blue Hose team in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (67–0). On Oct 13, in a nail biter, the Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (13–12). On Oct 20 the Bulldogs shellacked Daniel Field at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (53–6). On Oct 28 vs. LSU, In Grant Field, Atlanta, GA, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (7–15)

On Nov 4 at # 19 Alabama at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL, the Bulldogs beat the Crimson Tide W (14–7). On Nov 11 vs. Florida, at Fairfield Stadium, Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs defeated the Gators W 38–12. Then, on Nov 18 vs. Auburn at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W 49–13. On Nov 24, the Bulldogs beat the Clemson Tigers at home W (21–7). Then, at home, in a slugfest v Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets, a team with a recent winning formula, the Bulldogs could not keep up and were pounded on December 2 in the season finale in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (0–44)

1945 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1945 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his seventh of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-second season for the Bulldogs. The team played another winning season to finish (9-2) (4-2) SEC.

Games of the 1945 Season

In the home and season opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA., on September 22, 1945 the Bulldogs blew out Murray State W (49–0). On Sept 29, the Bulldogs beat Clemson at home W (20–0). On Oct 5 at Miami (FL) in a game played at Burdine Stadium in Miami, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Hurricanes W (27–21). On Oct 13 at Kentucky, the Bulldogs pounded the Wildcats at McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY W (48–6). On Oct 20, the Bulldogs were shut out by LSU at home L (0–32).

On Oct 27 at #6 Alabama in a game played at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL, the Crimson Tide defeated the Bulldogs L (14–28). On Nov 3 at Chattanooga in a game played at Chamberlain Field, Chattanooga, TN, the Bulldogs pounded the Moccasins W (34–7). Then, on Nov 10 vs. Florida at Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs prevailed W (34–0).

On Nov 17 vs. Auburn at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Bulldogs shut out the Tigers W (35–0). Then, in the season finale, on Dec 1 at Georgia Tech, the #18 Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (33–0). #18 Georgia played in the Oil Bowl on January 1, 1946 vs.#17 Tulsa at Rice Field in Houston, TX. The Bulldogs prevailed in the game W (20–6).

1946 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1946 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his eighth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-third season for the Bulldogs. The team played another winning season to finish (11-0) (5-0) SEC. The Bulldogs were ranked #3 in the nation before the bowl season was even played. Many think the Bulldogs should have been declared # 1. There were some selectors who gave the championship to Georgia because they felt the Bulldogs had earned it. For example , the Williamson System, an NCAA-designated major selector, named the Bulldogs as national

champion. As noted, the final AP Poll, issued before bowl season, ranked the Bulldogs #3.

Games of the 1946 Season

On September 27, 1946 in the home and season opener in Sanford Stadium, the Bulldogs beat the Clemson Tigers W (35–12). At Temple on Oct 4 in Temple Stadium, Philadelphia, PA, the Bulldogs beat the Owls W (35–7) before a packed house of 35,000. On Oct #19 Kentucky was beaten by the #8 Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W 28–13. On Oct 19, #8 Georgia beat Oklahoma A&M* at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (33–13).

On Oct 26 at Furman, the #8 Bulldogs beat the Paladins at Sistine Stadium in Greenville, SC, W (70-0) before 12,000. On Nov 2 at #15 Alabama, the #5 ranked Bulldogs prevailed at home W (14–0) before 30,000. Then, on Nov 9 vs. Florida, the so far undefeated #3 ranked Bulldogs beat the Gators at Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (33–14). Then, on Nov 16 vs Auburn, the #3 ranked Bulldogs shut out the Tigers at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W 41–0.

On November 23 at Chattanooga's Chamberlain Field in Chattanooga, TN, the #3 ranked Bulldogs beat the Moccasins W 48–27 before 10,000. Then, on Nov 30, #3 Georgia defeated #7 Georgia Tech at home W (35-7) in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game. #3 ranked Georgia was invited to the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1947 vs. #9 North Carolina in the Sugar Bowl game played at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, LA W (20–10) before 73,300 fans

1947 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1947 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his ninth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The team played another winning season to finish (7-4-1) (3-3) SEC. The team tied for fifth place in the SEC, and outscored opponents by a total of 212 to 135. They were invited to play in the 1948 Gator Bowl on New Year's Day, playing Maryland to a 20–20 tie.

Quarterback John Rauch led the team on offense. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003. Three Georgia players received honors from the Associated Press (AP) on the 1947 All-SEC football team: end Dan Edwards (AP-1); quarterback John Rauch (AP-2); and guard Herbert St. John (AP-2) It was an OK year but nothing like the 11-0 season of a year before in 1946.

Games of the 1947 Season

In the home and season opener on September 19, 1947 at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, the Bulldogs defeated the Furman Pladina W (13-7) before 17,000. On Sept 27 at North Carolina in a game played at Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, NC, the Tar Heels beat the Bulldogs in a lose match L (7-14) before 44,000. On Oct 4, the Bulldogs defeated the LSU Tigers at home W (35-19) before 45,000. Then, on Oct 11 at Kentucky, the #9 ranked Bulldogs (only game in which they were ranked this year) playing away at McLean Stadium in Lexington, lost to the Wildcats L (0-26) before 24,000.

On Oct 18, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated Oklahoma A&M at Lewis Field in Stillwater, OK W (20-7) before 21,000. Then, on Oct 25, #18 Alabama beat the Bulldogs at home L (7-17) before 46,000. On Oct 31, at home, the Bulldogs beat Clemson W (21-6) before 18,000. On Nov 8 vs. Florida in a game played at Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W (34-6) before 23,000.

Then, on Nov 15 vs. Auburn in a game played at Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Bulldogs whipped the Tigers W (28-6) before 22,000. On Nov 22 at Chattanooga in Chamberlain Field, Chattanooga, TN, the Bulldogs beat the Moccasins W (27-0) before 5,000. In the final game of the regular season, on Nov 29 at #9 Georgia Tech at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs in a close match L (0-7) before 38,000.

In the Gator Bowl played at Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, on January 1, 1948 vs. Maryland, the teams played to a T (20-20) before 20,000 fans.

1948 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1948 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his ninth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The team played another winning season to finish (902-0) (6-0-0) SEC. The team was the Champion of the SEC, but lost the Orange Bowl to Texas



1948 Georgia Bulldogs, Wallace Butts, Coach

Games of the 1948 Season

In the home and season opener on September 25, 1948, the Bulldogs beat the Chattanooga Moccasins at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (14-7). On Oct 2 at home, the Tar Heels of North Carolina beat the Bulldogs L (14-21). On Oct 9, the Bulldogs beat the Wildcats of Kentucky at home W (35-12). Then, on Oct 16 at home, the #16 ranked Bulldogs shut out the Tigers W 22-0. On Oct 22 at Miami (FL) in a game played at Burdine Stadium in Miami, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Hurricanes W (42-21).

On Oct 30 at Alabama, the #18 Bulldogs beat the Crimson Tide at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL W (35-0). On Nov 6 vs. Florida, the # 13 ranked Bulldogs beat the Gators in Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (20-12). At Auburn on Nov 13, in a game played at A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in

the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (42–14).

On Nov 20, the #11 Bulldogs beat the Furman Paladins at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (33–0). On Nov 27, at home, the #12 Bulldogs defeated Georgia Tech at home in the Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate game W (21–13)

Georgia got a bid to the Orange Bowl on January 1, 1949 vs. #8 Texas. In a close contest, the Longhorns defeated the Bulldogs at Burdine Stadium, Miami, FL (Orange Bowl) L (28–41)

1949 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1949 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his eleventh of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-sixth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a losing season this year to finish (4-6--0) 1-4-1 SEC, placing 11th in the SEC.

Games of the 1949 Season

In the home and season opener, on September 16, 1949, the Bulldogs defeated the Furman Paladins at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (25–0) before 15,000. On Sept 23, the Bulldogs beat the Chattanooga Moccasins at home W (42–6) before 12,500. On Oct 1 at North Carolina at the Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, NC, the Tar Heels defeated the Bulldogs L (14–21) before 44,000. On Oct 8 at #15 Kentucky at McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Wildcats defeated the Bulldogs L (0–25) before 36,000.

On Oct 14, Georgia defeated LSU at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (7–0) before 22,000. On Oct 21 at Miami (FL) in a game held at Burdine Stadium, Miami, FL, the Hurricanes beat the Bulldogs L (9–13) before 37,138. Then, on Oct 29 at home, the Alabama Crimson Tide beat the Bulldogs L (7–14) before 35,000. On Nov 5 vs. Florida at Fairfield Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators beat the Bulldogs L (7–28) before 36,500.

On Nov 12 vs. Auburn at Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA (rivalry) the Tigers and the Bulldogs played to a tie T (20–20) before 22,000. In the game before season finale on Nov 19 at home, the Bulldogs pounded Duquesne at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W 40–0. Then, on Nov 26 at Georgia Tech at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA, the Yellow Jackets defeated the Bulldogs in a close match L (6–7) before 40,000.

Chapter 13 Coach Wallace Butts 1950-1960

Part II of the Wallace Butts Era

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>SEC RCD</u>
1950	Wallace Butts	SEC	6-3-3	3-2-1
1951	Wallace Butts	SEC	5-5-0	2-4-0
1952	Wallace Butts	SEC	7-4-0	4-3-0
1953	Wallace Butts	SEC	3-8-0	1-5-0
1954	Wallace Butts	SEC	6-3-1	3-2-1
1955	Wallace Butts	SEC	4-6-0	2-5-1
1956	Wallace Butts	SEC	3-6-1	1-6-0
1957	Wallace Butts	SEC	3-7-0	3-4-0
1958	Wallace Butts	SEC	4-6-0	2-4-0
1959	Wallace Butts	SEC	10-1-0 Orange	7-0-0
1960	Wallace Butts	SEC	6-4-0	4-3-0

1950 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1950 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his twelfth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-seventh season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season this year to finish (6-3-3); (3-2-1) SEC, placing 6th in the SEC.



Games of the 1950 Season

In the home and season opener on September 23, 1950, the Bulldogs defeated the #15 Maryland Terrapins in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W 27–7 before 35,000. On Sept 29 at Saint Mary's (CA) in Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, CA, the Bulldogs played to a tie T (7–7) before 7,220 fans. On Oct 7, the #11 North Carolina Tar Heels tied the Bulldogs at home T (0–0) before 40,000. Then, on Oct 14, the Bulldogs beat #15 Mississippi Stated at home W (27–0) before 20,000.

On Oct 21 at LSU in Tiger Stadium, Baton Rouge, LA, the Tigers played the Bulldogs to a tie T (13–13) before 25,000. On Oct 27 at Boston College in Braves Field, Boston, MA, the Bulldogs defeated the Eagles W (19–7) before 9,243. On Nov 4 at Alabama at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL, the Crimson Tide beat the Bulldogs L (7–14) before 39,000. On Nov 11 vs. Florida in the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W 6–0 before 36,132 .

On Nov 18 vs. Auburn at Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA, the Bulldogs defeated the Tigers in a close match W (12–10). Then, on Nov 25, the Bulldogs beat the Furman Paladins at home W (40–0) before 2,000. In the next game, at home, the Yellow Jackets of Georgia tech shut out the Bulldogs on Dec 2 L (0–7) before 50,000 at an expanded Sanford Stadium.

The Bulldogs were invited to a bowl game played on Dec 9 vs. Texas A&M at Byrd Stadium in College Park, MD—the Presidential Cup Bowl, the Aggies beat the Bulldogs L (20–40) before 12,245.

About Coach Wallace Butts

James Wallace Butts was known mostly as Wally. He spent a good part of his life as the head football coach and athletic director at UGA – The University of Georgia. In many ways, he put Georgia football on the map. He was the first coach in Georgia history to coach the team more than twenty-years, and he stayed as coach that long because he wanted to do so and because he was a great coach.

Of course James was not always an American football coach and athletic director. Like all of us he was born and that blessed event occurred on February 7, 1905 near Milledgeville, Georgia. Wallace was the only child of James Wallace Butts, who ran a dray service (moving business), and Anna Lousetta Hutchinson. He did not enjoy motherly love for many years before his mother died when he was only three years old. At this point in his young life, Wally went wherever dad decided to go. After mom died, his father moved to Atlanta, and he was subsequently raised by a grandmother, aunts, and uncles and a host of other loving relatives.

Education

James Butts attended Milledgeville's Georgia Military College, a prep school, where he loved playing sports and soon became a standout athlete, starring in baseball, basketball, and football. Butts served as captain of the basketball and football teams.

In 1924, he entered Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, where he competed in the same three sports and was particularly outstanding in football. He captained his college football team and was named an All Southern Collegiate Athlete during his senior season in 1927. After this, he graduated with an A. B. in 1928. From then on, he made a transition from athlete to coach.

Career

James Wallace Butts began got his start in coaching at Madison A&M University, serving there from about 1928 until 1932. He next coached at his alma mater, Georgia Military College, from 1932 to 1934. He rounded out what we might call his *apprenticeship to the coaching profession* at Male High in Louisville, Kentucky, where in the years 1934 to 1937 he had the distinction of leading his team to three consecutive undefeated championship seasons. Great athletes often become great coaches. This is often true and was certainly the case for Coach Butts.

In 1938, Butts moved up in the college level of coaching when Joel Hunt, a former star player at Texas A&M and head coach at the

University of Georgia, hired him as his assistant. Hunt quit the following year, and Butts was in the right place at the right time and he loved to coach and could handle responsibility. So, when Hunt turned in his Georgia spikes the following year, Butts was offered the head coach job and he graciously accepted the position. This began his remarkable twenty-two-year career at the University of Georgia. It would make him the first Georgia football icon and he remains a college football coaching legend to today.

It helps to remember that unlike coach Kirby Smart, all Georgia coaches are not Georgians or Georgia alums. Wallace Butts started the parade. He is the first native Georgian to ascend to the head coaching job at the University of Georgia since the era now referred to as "modern football" had its beginning.

He sure was a fine coach. Between 1939 and 1960, he led his team to 140 victories and 9 ties, against only 86 losses. His teams claimed four Southeastern Conference championships and appeared in eight bowl games (winning five).

His 1942 Bulldogs squad won eleven games and lost one, and in 1946 the team won eleven games and lost none; in both these years Georgia's team was ranked number one in the nation by at least one poll. Butts often said that most winning coaches had something going for them beyond their own ability, by which he meant quality players around which to build and maintain a program.

What Butts did not say was that quality players do not grow on trees and an athlete is more than likely not born a sports hero but they get there through a combination good coaching, ambition and desire and a willing ness to sacrifice and work hard for the good of the team. Though the preceding is not a Butts quote, by knowing that and acting on it, Butts was able to take athletes with mediocre to reasonable talent and with their help, he was in many cases able to make quality players out of them. Butts loved working with the raw material athletes but he loved watching them develop even more. Besides that, he had an eye for the type of talent that would blossom into the best players.

For example, he brought Sinkwich, Trippi, and the 1948 All-American Johnny Rauch to Georgia from the North and used his talented players to establish the Bulldogs as the aerial masters of

southern football. His teams won conference championships in 1942, 1946, and 1948 by means of his powerful offensive blend of running and passing, Butts' teams could do it all and they helped hasten the end of one-dimensional football in the South.

The 1940's ended with Butts perceived as perhaps America's top collegiate football coach. Since football began at the University of Georgia in 1892, no decade was so unkind to the Bulldogs as the 1950's, however. Five seasons ended with more losses than wins. Even more humiliating, the Bulldogs lost eight consecutive games to their archrival Georgia Tech from 1949 to 1956. Influential University of Georgia alumni and faculty members launched several attempts to oust Butts during these dark days, but he survived and rebuilt the program by bringing in such new stars as Tarkenton and Pat Dye, who went on to become a famous coach at Auburn.

Perhaps Butts' finest moment came when All-Americans Tarkenton and Dye led Georgia to the 1959 Southeastern Conference championship, proving that the game had not passed Butts by. He coached one last season, finishing with a 6-4 record and closing out his career in dramatic style with a 7-6 win over Georgia Tech before his hometown fans in Athens, Ga. Butts gave up coaching to become athletic director at the University of Georgia in 1960, a position he held for three years.

During this time he found himself in the midst of one of the biggest controversies ever to shake southern football. The Saturday Evening Post published a sensationalized article that accused Butts of colluding with Paul ("Bear") Bryant, legendary coach of the University of Alabama football team, to throw a football game. The article reported that Butts had shared information about Georgia's formations with Bryant before the Bulldogs and Bryant's "Crimson Tide" met to open the 1962 season.

Both Butts and Bryant sued the Saturday Evening Post, and Butts' case made it to court. He won a \$3 million libel suit; a later Supreme Court decision whittled the judgment down to \$460, 000. Not only was the Post wrong, they had to pay for their blasphemy.

After leaving the University of Georgia in 1963, Butts launched a new career in insurance that eventually made him a millionaire. He owned and operated his own company in Athens, which thrived on the business of University of Georgia alumni.

Forever the athlete, Butts suffered a fatal heart attack after jogging several miles along an Athens street. He is memorialized by a \$12-million, state-of-the-art, glass-covered office and practice facility at the University of Georgia.

After ending his football career, Butts established a credit insurance business in Athens and Atlanta, where he became very successful. Butts died of a heart attack after returning from a walk in 1973. He was buried in Oconee Hill Cemetery in Athens, Georgia.

Achievements

Like most great coaches, James Wallace Butts had an intense desire to win. He had gained the tools necessary to win and made the most of them. His knowledge of the game, and his innovative techniques—including a devastating passing game—made him a coaching legend long before he retired.

Though he was wracked by scandal late in his career, he is remembered as one of the great coaches in the history of UGA, and in all of college football. A motivator, an innovator, and a master field tactician, Butts built the University of Georgia into a national football powerhouse, making the college's "Bulldogs" one of the most celebrated teams in the United States.

Being from Pennsylvania, born in 1948 myself, I was always concerned for my Pennsylvania teams when they faced a UGA football team. Victories for PA teams were scarce when the Bulldogs were on the other side of the ball. Wallace Butts taught Georgia how to win football games and he and all subsequent Georgia teams were always a great match for any other team looking for greatness.

Butts had the pleasure of coaching some of the best players in football, including 1942 Heisman Trophy winner Frank Sinkwich, 1946 Maxwell Award recipient Charley Trippi, and the inimitable Fran Tarkenton, still alive and kicking at 82 years of age in 2022, who went on to become the leading passer in the history of the National Football League.

The Butts-Mehre Building (Mehre coached the Bulldogs from 1929 to 1937), was funded through private donations from Bulldog boosters and dedicated in 1987, earning immediate recognition as perhaps the finest facility of its kind in all of college athletics. Butts was elected to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1966 and was elected posthumously to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1997.

Coach Butts always instilled discipline and a sense of values in all the young men who passed through his football program. Butts was a master tactician with the passing game. He is not forgotten and is one of the best coaches ever in the country and at the University of Georgia where good coaches thrive.

A little bit on the personal side before I close. In In 1929 Butts married Winifred Faye Taylor and the couple eventually had three children.

He made friends in the sports profession and kept friends from the teams he coaches. These include colleague: Charley Trippi, a football player, colleague: Frank Sinkwich. A football player. Butts coached 1942 Heisman Trophy winner Frank Sinkwich and 1946 Maxwell Award winner Charley Trippi.

Colleague Bill Hartman. Football running back Butts' assistants in his first year as head coach were Bill Hartman, Howell Hollis, Quinton Lumpkin, Jules V. Sikes, Forrest Towns, and Jennings B. Whitworth. Associate Jules V. Sikes a football player; associate: Howell Hollis, a football player.

There are not many like Wallace Butts and that is why we honor him. Remember that the 1950's were troublesome years for the program

1951 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1951 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his thirteenth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a break-even

season this year to finish (5-5-0); (2-4-0) SEC, placing 10th in the SEC.

Games of the 1951 Season

The home and season opener for the Bulldogs was played on September 22, 1951. Georgia defeated George Washington at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (33-0). Then, on Sept 29 at North Carolina in a game played at Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, NC, the Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels W (28-16) before 41,000. On Oct 6 the #13 Mississippi State Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at Scott Field in Starkville, MS L (0-6) before 20,000.

On Oct 13, the #10 Maryland Terrapins thumped the Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (7-43) before 30,000. On Oct 20, in a close match, LSU's Tigers defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (0-7). At home again on Oct 27, the Bulldogs edged out Boston College's Eagles W (35-28) before 10,000. Then, on Nov 3, at home, Alabama nosed out the Bulldogs L (14-16) before 32,000.

Then, on Nov 10 vs. Florida at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs won a nail-biter W (7-6) before 37,216. Then, on Nov 17 vs. Auburn in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) played at Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (46-14). Then, wrapping up a breakeven season, the Yellow Jackets of #5 Georgia tech pounded the Bulldogs on Dec 1 at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (6-48) before 40,000.

1952 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1952 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his fourteenth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the fifty-ninth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season this year to finish (7-4-0); (4-3-0) SEC, placing 15th in the SEC.

Games of the 1952 Season

In the home and season opener at Vandebilt on September 22, 1952 at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the Bulldogs defeated the Commodores W (19–7). Then, on Sept 27 at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, LA, the Bulldogs defeated the Green Wave W (21–16), On Oct 4 the Bulldogs pounded the NC State Tar Heels at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (49–0). On Oct 11, #4 Maryland beat # 19 Georgia at home L (0–37)

On Oct 18 at LSU at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (27–14). On Oct 25 vs. Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators pounded the Bulldogs and shut them out L (0–30). On Nov 1 at #19 Alabama at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL, the Crimson Tide beat the Bulldogs L (19–34). On Nov 8 at Penn University, the Bulldogs beat the Quakers at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, PA W (34–27).

Then, on Nov 15 vs. Auburn, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (13–7). On Nov 29, #3 Georgia Tech defeated Georgia at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (9–23). In the season finale on Dec at Miami (FL) at Burdine Stadium in Miami, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Hurricanes W (35–13).

1953 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1953 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his fifteenth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixtieth season for the Bulldogs. The team played a losing season this year to finish (3-8); (1-5-0) SEC, placing 11th in the SEC.

Games of the 1953 Season

In the season opener on September 19, 1953 at Villanova, at Villanova Stadium in Philadelphia PA, the Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats W (32–19). On Sept 26, the Bulldogs defeated Tulane at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (16-14) .

On October 3, 1953, in a game played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas Texas, the Texas A&M Aggies beat the # 18 Georgia Bulldogs in a close match L (12–14). On Oct 10 at # 4 Maryland, the Terrapins pounded the Bulldogs at Byrd Stadium in College Park, MD, L (13–40). On Oct 17, at home, LS's Tigers whipped the Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (6–14). Then, on Oct 24 at home the Bulldogs beat the North Carolina Tar Heels at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (27–14)

On Oct 31, Alabama's Crimson Tide defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (12–33). On Nov 7 vs. Florida, the Gators defeated the Bulldogs at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (7–21). On Nov 14 vs. #19 Auburn, in a game played at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers prevailed over the Bulldogs L (18–39). On Nov 21, Mississippi Southern defeated the Bulldogs of Georgia at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS L (0–14).

Then, on Nov 28 at Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, L (12-28)

1954 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1954 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his sixteenth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-first season for the Bulldogs. The team played a winning season this year to finish (6-3-1); (3-2-10) SEC, placing 5th in the SEC.

Games of the 1954 Season

At Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, FL on September 18 at Florida State, the Bulldogs shut out the Seminoles W (14–0). On Sept 25 at home. The Bulldogs defeated Clemson at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (14–7). On Oct 2, Texas A&M's Aggies beat the Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (0–6). On Oct 9 at North Carolina's Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, NC, the Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels W (21–7)

On Sept 26, the Bulldogs defeated the Vanderbilt Commodores at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (16–14). On Oct 23 at

Tulane's Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, the Bulldogs slid past the Green Wave W (7-0). On Oct 30 at Alabama, the Crimson Tide and the Bulldogs played to a stalemate tie T (0-0) at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL. On Nov 6 vs. Florida at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs prevailed over the Gators W (14-13)

On Nov 13 vs. Auburn, the # 20 nationally ranked Auburn Tigers defeated the Bulldogs at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (0-35). Then, on Nov 27, to wrap up the season v Georgia Tech, the Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (3-7).

1955 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1955 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his seventeenth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-second season for the Bulldogs. The team played its first of four losing seasons in a row this year to finish (4-6-0); (2-5) SEC, placing 11th in the SEC.

Games of the 1955 Season

In the Season opener on September 17, 1955, # 10 Ole Miss beat the Bulldogs at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA L (13-26). In the Home opener on Sept 24, the Bulldogs nosed out Vanderbilt in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (14-13). On Oct 1 at Clemson at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC, the Tigers defeated the Bulldogs L (7-26). Then, on Oct 8 at home v North Carolina the Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (28-7)

On Oct 15 at Florida State at the Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, FL, the Bulldogs pounded the Seminoles W (47-14). On Oct 22 Tulane's Green Wave beat the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (0-14). Then, on Oct 29 at home the Bulldogs beat the Crimson Tide at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (35-14). On Nov 5 vs. Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators beat the Bulldogs L (13-19). Then on

Nov 12 vs. #12 Auburn in a game played at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (13–16).

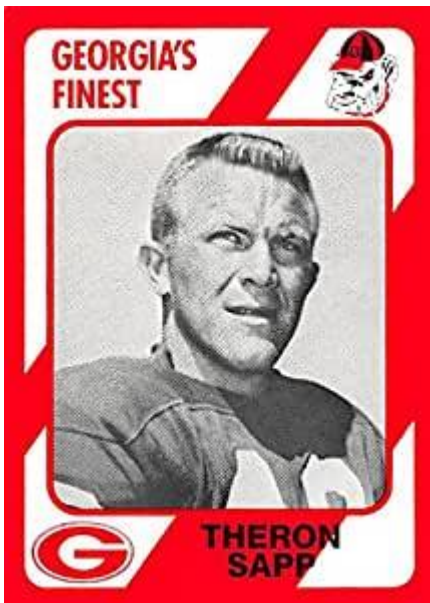
In the season finale on Nov 26 at #9 Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets defeated the Bulldogs at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (3–21)

1956 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1956 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his eighteenth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-third season for the Bulldogs. The team played its second of four losing seasons in a row this year to finish (3-6-1); (1-6) SEC, placing 12th (last place) in the SEC. This was one of the worst seasons in Bulldog History and certainly Wally Butts' worst ever.

Great Georgia Fullbacks Theron Sapp

1956, 57, 56



Sapp will always be known as "The Drought Breaker" because his touchdown against Georgia Tech in 1957 led the Bulldogs to victory which was the first time in eight years the Bulldogs have defeated the Jackets. He was an All-SEC selection in 1958 and his jersey was retired in 1959.

In 1956, Sapp played on the Varsity team; however, another injury relegated him to reserve status. In 1957, Sapp became the starting fullback and rushed 137 times for 599 yards and won All-SEC honors. In 1958, he was

named the All-SEC fullback.

Games of the 1956 Season

In the season opener on September 22, 1956, at Vanderbilt's Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the Commodore's defeated the Bulldogs. L 0-14. There would not be too many victories this year for sure.

(rivalry). On Sept 29, the Bulldogs squeaked by Florida State in the home opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA. W 3-0.

On Oct 6, the Mississippi State Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L 7-19. On Oct 13 at North Carolina, the Georgia Bulldogs prevailed at Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, NC W (26-12)

At #11 Miami (FL) on October 19 in game played at Burdine Stadium in Miami, the Hurricanes and the Bulldogs played to a tie game. T (7-7). On Oct 27, the Kentucky Wildcats beat the Bulldogs at home L (7-14). On Nov 3 at Alabama, the Bulldogs edged out the Crimson Tide at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL W (16-13). Then, on Nov 10 vs. # Florida, the Gators shut out the Bulldogs at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (0-28)

On Nov 17 vs. Auburn in a game played at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers beat the Bulldogs, L (0-20). In the final game of this season, on Dec 1, the #4 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (0-35)

1957 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1957 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his nineteenth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The team played its third of four losing seasons in a row this year to finish (3-7); (3-4) SEC, placing 9th in the SEC.

Games of the 1957 Season

In the season opener on September 21 vs. Texas in a game played at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA, in a home game, the Longhorns beat the Bulldogs L (7-26). On Sept 28, Vanderbilt beat the Bulldogs in the field opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L 6-9 in a close

match, On Oct 5, in the first game v Michigan, ranked at # 10 for this game, the Michigan Wolverines pounded the Georgia Bulldogs at the Big House--Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, MI, L 0-26 before 85,002. On Oct 11, the Bulldogs defeated Tulane at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, LA, W (13-6) before 30,000. Then, on October 19 vs #15 Navy, the Midshipmen defeated the Bulldogs at Foreman Field in Norfolk, VA (in the Oyster Bowl) L (14-27).

On Oct 27, the Bulldogs beat Kentucky at McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY, W (33-14) before 25,000. Then, on Nov 2, Alabama squeaked out a victory over the Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (13-14). Vs. Florida on Nov 9 in a game played at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators defeated the Bulldogs L (0-22). On Nov 16 vs. #3 Auburn in a game played at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, Ga in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry, Auburn defeated the Bulldogs L (0-6).

On Nov 30, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (7-0)

Great Georgia Linebackers Pat Dye

1957-1960

Pat Dye, OL



Dye was one of the key players in Georgia's run to a 1959 SEC Championship in 1959 and an Orange Bowl win in 1960. He was a

two-time All-American who went on to become a very successful coach for the Auburn Tigers.

While playing for the Bulldogs from 1957-1960, under head coach Wally Butts, Dye was a first-team All-SEC lineman and two-time All-American (1959 and 1960). He was a two-way starter at offensive guard and linebacker, SEC Lineman of the Year in 1960, team Co-Captain in 1960, won the William K. Jenkins Award for the Most Valuable Lineman (1959,1960), and the JB Whitworth Award for the Outstanding Georgia Lineman 1960. He helped lead the team to the SEC Championship and the Orange Bowl in 1959, undefeated as a player against Georgia Tech.

He played in 3 All-Star games: the Blue Gray Classic, Senior Bowl, and Coaches All-American Game in 1960. The Atlanta Touchdown Club named him the SEC's Most Valuable Lineman in 1960 where he served as co-captain with friend and NFL Hall of Famer Fran Tarkenton.

Upon graduation from Georgia, Dye played three years of professional football as a two-way starter at tight end and [linebacker](#) for the [Edmonton Eskimos](#) in the [Canadian Football League](#). He then served from 1963-1964 in the US Army to fulfill an ROTC obligation where he played for the Ft. Benning 'Doughboys'. While playing there he received the Timmy Award for Armed Services Most Valuable Player in 1964.

1958 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1958 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his twentieth of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-fifth season for the Bulldogs. The team played its last season of four losing seasons in a row this year to finish (4-6); (2-4) SEC, placing 10th in the SEC.

Games of the 1958 Season

In the season opener for the Bulldogs, the team lost in a close match to the #11 ranked Texas Longhorns on September 20, 1958 at Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin, TX L (8–13). On Sept 27, the Vanderbilt Commodores defeated the Bulldogs L (14-21) at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN (rivalry) L (14–21). Then, on Oct 4, South Carolina's Gamecocks defeated the Bulldogs at home Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, L (14–24). On Oct 11 vs. Florida State, the Bulldogs beat the Seminoles at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (28–13).

On October 25, at home, the Bulldogs shut out Kentucky's Wildcats W (28–0). Then, on Nov 1 at Alabama, the Crimson Tide defeated the Bulldogs at Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL L (0–12). On Nov 8 vs #19 Florida in a game played at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators nosed out the Bulldogs L (6–7). On Nov 15 vs. #4 Auburn in a game played at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (6–21).

On Nov 22, the Bulldogs flexed its muscles against The Citadel in a home game at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA and brought the home team a huge lopsided victory W (76–0)

On Nov 30, the Bulldogs made it two in a row. In this game, they topped the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (16–3).

1959 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1959 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his twenty-first of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-sixth season for the Bulldogs. The team broke its four season losing record streak with an impressive season record of 10-1.

Georgia finished the season 10-1; (7-0) SEC, placing 1st in the SEC, & winning the championship.

The Bulldogs had one of their best seasons ever in 1959 by winning nine games in the regular season. They lost just once in an early non-conference game to South Carolina. Georgia's perfect conference record of 7-0, combined with conference losses by pre-season favorites LSU and 'Ole Miss', was enough to give the 'Dogs the

Southeastern Conference Championship. They also earned a trip to the Orange Bowl, where they beat Missouri 14-0.

The pundits suggest that the highlight of the regular season was a come-from-behind win over Auburn to clinch the championship. The Bulldogs had been trailing the Tigers 13-7 with not even 40 seconds left in the game, Georgia scored on a fourth-down fourteen-yard touchdown pass from Quarterback Fran Tarkenton to End Bill Herron. Kicker Durward Pennington converted the extra point and Georgia won the game by one point with a score of 14-13.

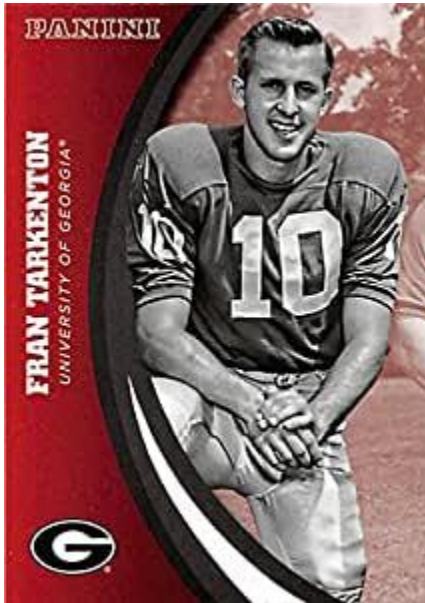


The 1959 SEC Championship Picture Georgia Bulldogs

Great Georgia QB's Fran Tarkenton

1959-1960

Fran Tarkenton QB



Tarkenton did some big things for the Minnesota Vikings, but really came onto the football scene in Athens. Tarkenton led the Bulldogs to a SEC championship in 1959 and was an All-American in 1960.

Fran Tarkenton was born on February 3, 1940, in Richmond, Virginia. His father, Dallas Tarkenton, was a Methodist minister. Tarkenton went to Athens High School in Athens, Georgia, and later attended the University of Georgia, where he was the quarterback on the Bulldog football team and a member of the

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Under head coach Wally Butts and with Tarkenton as quarterback, Georgia won the Southeastern Conference championship in 1959. Tarkenton was a first-team All-SEC selection in both 1959 and 1960.

The expansion Minnesota Vikings selected Tarkenton in the third round (29th overall) of the 1961 NFL Draft, and he was picked in the fifth round of the AFL draft by the Boston Patriots. He signed with the Vikings. Tarkenton, 21, played his first NFL game (and the Vikings' first game) on September 17 against the Chicago Bears, coming off the bench to lead the Vikings to a come-from-behind victory by passing for 250 yards and four touchdown passes and running for another as the Vikings defeated the Bears 37–13. He was the only player in NFL history to pass for four touchdowns in his first NFL game, until the feat was repeated by Marcus Mariota in the Tennessee Titans' 2015 season opener versus the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Games of the 1959 Season

In the season and home opener on September 19, 1959, the Bulldogs flattened Alabama on campus at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (17–3). On Sept 26, the #17 ranked Bulldogs then defeated the Vanderbilt Commodores at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GAW (21–

6). On Oct 3 at #16 South Carolina in a non-conference game, the #13 Bulldogs suffered its only loss of the season to the Gamecocks at Carolina Stadium, Columbia, SC L (14–30). On Oct 10, Georgia defeated Hardin–Simmons at home W (35–6).

On Oct 17 in a home game vs. Mississippi State played at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA, the Bulldogs prevailed over the MS Bulldogs W (15–0). On Oct 24 at Kentucky in a game played at McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Bulldogs beat the Wildcats W (14–7). Then, on Oct 31, the #14 Bulldogs pounded Florida State's Seminoles in a shutout/blowout W (42-0) in a game played at home at the Sanford Stadium Athens, GA.

On Nov 7 vs. Florida, the #11 ranked Bulldogs beat the Gators at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (21–10). Then, on Nov 14, the #8 Bulldogs nosed out #12 Auburn at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (14–13). Then, on November 28 at Georgia Tech, the # 6 Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (21–14).

Then, in the Orange Bowl Game on January 1, 1960, playing against # 18 Missouri, the #5 ranked Bulldogs shut out the Tigers at the Miami Orange Bowl Stadium in Miami, FL W (14–0).

Why No UGA National Championship in 1959?

Georgia fans look at the Wallace Butts years with awe as Coach Butts came back from a dismal decade and almost won the National Championship in 1959. Unfortunately this year, the Bulldogs lost their chance to be champions in a non-conference loss to South Carolina in the third game of the season. The Bulldogs looked good after beating their first two rivals but at Carolina Stadium on October 3, #16 South Carolina had too much sizzle or something else that stopped Georgia in its tracks giving the Gamecocks a 30-14 victory. See game highlights in the game summary above.

In other seasons, other teams won championships even though they had been beaten once during the season. My personal feeling is that

Georgia was not cheated. They were victims of circumstance. The big circumstances were four other great teams in front of them in the final standings with the top team in the nation being the 11-0 Syracuse Orangemen who were unstoppable all year with a perfect season. So, I stopped complaining about Georgia's non first-place finish but I still think they were better this year than #5.

The 1959 College Football National Championship

Pardon this interruption but Georgia is mentioned in this game highlight of what was the college championship game in 1959. I regret that Georgia was not in this game. But I revel in the fact that I write this in March just a few months into 2022, the year UGA and the Georgia Team led by Kirby Smart got all the marbles and the National Championship.



Pictured above is Syracuse running back Ernie Davis scoring a touchdown in a 46-0 win at Boston University. Syracuse and Ernie Davis were “unstoppable” and went 11-0 this season, winning the only mythical national championship in their history. And this MNC was unanimous, at least among human selectors: 3 math-based systems rated 10-1 Mississippi #1 for 1959.

Mississippi was very powerful, but they took a tough 7-3 loss at 9-2 Louisiana State on Halloween night, snuffing their MNC hopes. 10-

1 Georgia took an early upset loss at 6-4 South Carolina, but at least they won the SEC outright. 10-1 Washington took a loss to 8-2 Southern Cal, but they won the Rose Bowl, stopping the Big 10's winning streak there at 6. Wyoming was 9-1, but would not have been an MNC contender even if they'd won them all. Bowling Green was 9-0, but doesn't even make the top 25 for 1959, though they did finish #1 in the UPI "small college" poll.

With no legitimate contenders to Syracuse's MNC claim. The Orangemen are the only team that were the undefeated clear champions in 1959. All rankings came from the 1959 AP poll.

Syracuse was so dominating this season that most pundits had a tough time finding much to write about. It was Ben Schwartzwaldner's best Syracuse year and the best ever for the Orangemen. Ernie Davis, SU running back, who died of Leukemia at 23 years of age after graduation was in every headline of every game. They led the nation in total offense at 451.5 yards per game, and in total defense with 96.2 yards per game. They totaled 3136 rushing yards, and their opponents totaled just 193! They outscored their opposition 413-73 for the season, and only one team came within a touchdown of them.

1960 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Wallace Butts Head Coach #20

The 1960 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Wallace Butts in his twenty-second and last of twenty-two seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-seventh season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (6-4); (4-3) SEC, placing 6th in the SEC, & winning the championship.

Games of the 1960 Season

In the season opener on September 17, 1960, the #13 Bulldogs lost to the Crimson Tide of Alabama at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL L (6-21). On Sept 24 at Vanderbilt at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the Bulldogs defeated the Commodores W (18-7). On Oct 1, the Bulldogs beat South Carolina in the home opener at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA (rivalry) W (38-6). On Oct 7, at USC in a

game played at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles, CA. USC's Trojans defeated the Georgia Bulldogs L (3–10)

On Oct 15, Mississippi State, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated the MS Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (20–7). Then, on Oct 22 the Bulldogs beat Kentucky's Wildcats at McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY W (17–13). On Oct 29, the Bulldogs defeated the Tulsa Roughnecks at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (45–7). Then, on Nov 5 vs. Florida at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators beat the Bulldogs L (14–22)

On Nov 12 at #10 Auburn, the Bulldogs were edged out by the Tigers at Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (6–9). Then, on Nov 26, the Bulldogs nosed out Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (7–6)

Wallace Butts v Vince Dooley

In a few more seasons of cataloging Georgia's football seasons, we will come to one a coach who, besides Wallace Butts is one of the best of the Georgia Coaches. I am talking about Vice Dooley who coached just a few more games than Wallace Butts but had just one losing season in all that time. Dooley it is said went for two points rather than accept a tie and he lost the 2-point bet.

I have a great article that I am going to place right here in this book right now. I could have waited until we covered Vince Dooley's seasons but instead since Dooley is coming up in the short while in a few seasons, I decided it was the best time to discuss which coach is better even before we get to his 25 seasons. Enjoy this piece. I include it because it is a rah rah Georgia article for sure but also because it is so well written and it does a great job of comparing two of the greatest coaches of all time anywhere but both of them coached at Georgia and we're glad they did>



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Who's Better? Vince Dooley or Wally Butts?

By *Marky Billson* / 6 years ago

“There is perhaps no one person more singularly identified with the University of Georgia than Vince Dooley,” reads the opening line of the great coach’s biography in the Georgia Encyclopedia (georgiaencyclopedia.org).

He is the coach that, nearly 30 years after he coached his last game, still casts a shadow on the Bulldogs football program. He holds the school record for coaching victories, 201, and guided Georgia to its last national championship in 1980.

In 25 years at the helm, Dooley experienced just one losing season; and that was because he elected to go for a 2-point conversion in a 7-6 loss to Clemson in 1977 rather than settle for a tie by kicking an extra point with 20 seconds left.

Furthermore, behind Herschel Walker, Dooley wrestled control of the SEC from Bear Bryant. From 1971-79, Alabama won eight SEC championships, the lone exception being Georgia's Sugar Bowl season of 1976.

But the Bulldogs followed Alabama's streak with three consecutive conference championships of their own as Dooley joined Bryant, still at the Crimson Tide's helm, and Bob Neyland as the only SEC coaches to that point who could make such a claim.

Still, as impressive as Dooley's career was, he has a legitimate challenger for the title of "All-Time Georgia Head Coach."

Say the name Wally Butts and two thoughts come to mind for most fans: a passing genius and the question if he conspired to fix a game with Bear Bryant in 1962 that resulted in a 35-0 Alabama victory.

The latter charge has been largely rebuffed. Butts won a libel case against *The Saturday Evening Post*, the magazine that made the charge against Butts. The case would famously go to the Supreme Court, establish precedence on the difference between public figures (such as prominent football coaches) and public officials (such as politicians) in libel cases, make Butts a wealthy man and the *Post* a defunct publication.

The other claim is true, and it could be argued Butts is something of an innovator of the modern passing game in football.

When Butts became the head football coach at Georgia, most teams ran the single-wing offense, where the halfback is the primary focus of the offense instead of the "T" formation, where the ball is snapped to the quarterback. The Bulldogs were no exception, but Butts made it into something other than a smashmouth offense.

"Philosophically, he was like Steve Spurrier," said Loran Smith, a Georgia Bulldogs historian who authored Butts' biography. "Only the Southwest Conference threw the ball at his time. TCU in that era, they threw the ball."

Of course. Texas Christian is the alma mater of Sammy Baugh and Davey O'Brien, though they had graduated by the time Georgia

took on the Horned Frogs in the Orange Bowl following the 1941 season.

In their place, TCU had Kyle Gillespie, whom his coach, Dutch Meyer, believed was even better than the aforementioned legendary quarterbacks.

But though both teams threw 24 passes, Georgia threw for 281 yards compared to TCU's 137. Junior Frank Sinkwich, playing with a broken jaw, threw three touchdown passes in the first half to give Georgia a 33-7 lead at the intermission. Sinkwich would later add a 43-yard run and account for 355 total yards in a 40-26 Bulldogs triumph.

It was the Bulldogs' first bowl game, and first ranking in the AP Poll.

The following year, with the arrival of Charley Trippi, the Bulldogs set a school record with 11 victories. Throwing 253 total passes, Georgia spent the entire season in the top five. Sinkwich won the Heisman with 1,722 total yards, scored 17 touchdowns, threw for 10 more, and even added 102 points as the Bulldogs placekicker, while quarterback Trippi posted 1,389 total yards of his own.

The total of 253 passes may not seem like much today, but consider it meant that Georgia was throwing a pass on one of every three plays from scrimmage. For comparison's sake, when O'Brien won the 1938 Heisman Trophy and the Horned Frogs were revolutionizing the game by emphasizing the quarterback, they averaged 18 passes and 44 rushes a game, averaging a little more than one out of every four plays from scrimmage at 28 percent.

A late-season loss to Auburn ruined the Bulldogs' chances for an undefeated season, but Georgia still took the Rose Bowl, 9-0, by throwing 30 passes compared to UCLA's 15. While finishing one spot behind No. 1 Ohio State in the AP Poll, Georgia took national championship honors from six other organizations for the '42 season.

Four years later, behind sophomore quarterback Johnny Rauch, the Bulldogs posted their first perfect season, finishing only behind the legendary 1946 Notre Dame and Army teams in the polls and taking national championship honors from Williamson. Rauch would finish his career with an unprecedented 4,212 passing yards as a four-year starter, himself following in Sinkwich's footsteps by playing with a broken jaw.

The most famous of all Bulldogs quarterbacks, however, was Fran Tarkenton, who guided Butts' last great team in 1959.

By this time, Butts was calling for more running plays. Though Tarkenton led the SEC in pass attempts in both '59 and his senior 1960 season, he never threw 200 passes in a season.

However, what he did do was throw to his running backs. Two of Tarkenton's three top receivers in '59 were running backs, and leading receiver Bobby Towns split time in the backfield and flanker positions. The following season, three of Tarkenton's top four receivers were backs, with future Buffalo Bill Fred Brown leading the team with 31 catches and three touchdown receptions.

This is a most telling statistic, as both Tarkenton and Rauch were purveyors of the short passing game in pro football.

Tarkenton is ready to handle the pro game upon arrival into the NFL. He starts his first game for the expansion Minnesota Vikings and throws four touchdown passes against the Chicago Bears in a 37-13 upset.

But what is telling about this game is that of the 19 passes the Vikings complete, 10 are to running backs. The story of Tarkenton becoming the first NFL quarterback to fully utilize the short pass is well-known, but so is the story of the Oakland Raiders adopting this philosophy in the American Football League.

And the Raiders of that era were coached by Rauch.

Sure, everyone remembers Oakland Raiders quarterback Daryle Lamonica's nickname, "The Mad Bomber," throwing long with such proclivity that even the great Billy Cannon, a tight end on the

1967 Raiders, could average nearly 20 yards a reception while hauling in 10 touchdowns to lead Oakland to Super Bowl II. But the leading receiver of that team was actually running back Hewritt Dixon, who caught 59 passes out of the backfield.

“Most AFL teams ran man-to-man,” said Rauch’s son, John Jr. “That’s why Dad had to run to the backs. They were able to beat linebackers one-on-one.”

And the backfield coach of the 1967 Raiders was none other than Bill Walsh, credited as the father of the modern “West Coast” passing offense that utilizes the short pass.

So let’s recap. Walsh is considered the father of the modern passing game and learns under Rauch, who learns under Butts.

Butts, incidentally, was very close with Notre Dame coach Frank Leahy, who played under Knute Rockne, and everyone who has ever seen the film “Knute Rockne All-American” knows the story of how the forward pass in effect debuted in Notre Dame’s famous 1912 upset of Army after Rockne theorized it would be the best way for the Fighting Irish to overcome the Cadets’ size advantage.

So, Butts is actually a very essential link in the evolution of the forward pass, from its inception to where it is now.

One might even make the argument Butts was a better recruiter than Dooley. Herschel Walker has famously said that he made his decision to attend Georgia based on a coin flip. Meanwhile, Butts lured Rauch away from Tennessee, and landed Sinkwich out of Youngstown, Ohio, and Trippi out of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

“In those days, you didn’t have scholarship limitations. And football in the South was less developed than it was in a place like Ohio. They had played it longer,” Smith said.

“He went North to find Sinkwich. The head of the legal department for the Coca-Cola Company was Harold Hirsch for whom the building the Georgia law school is in is named.”

By working with Butts, recruits such as Trippi would then get routes selling Coca-Cola, and this loyalty extended to a commitment to play for the Bulldogs.

So, if Butts is so influential to the game of football, as well as a tremendous recruiter, he must be the Bulldogs' greatest coach ever, right?

Possibly, but let's also examine the total Butts record. In the 1950s, Georgia fell on hard times before Tarkenton's arrival. By 1949, it could be argued Georgia Tech had overtaken the Bulldogs for in-state supremacy, winning eight straight games from the Bulldogs as well as SEC titles in '51 and '52 and a Sugar Bowl wins in 1952, 1953 and 1955.

In 1953, behind future Green Bay Packers quarterback Zeke Bratkowski, the Bulldogs started out 2-0 and were nationally ranked. They finished 3-8. From 1955-58, Georgia experiences nary a winning season. One has to go back to 1903-06 to find four other consecutive losing seasons in Georgia history.

It's true Dooley's strategy was much more simplistic. He favored the running game, and in fact, when Herschel Walker won the Heisman Trophy in 1982, Georgia ranked last in the SEC in passing.

But consider when Dooley was hired, he was stepping into the mess created by the then-unsettled Post article and inheriting a team with three straight losing seasons.

Just three seasons later, the Bulldogs were SEC champions. Technically, they tied with Bear Bryant's powerful Alabama squad, but so what? The point is during the height of Bryant's success, Dooley was able to win six SEC titles.

So successful were the Bulldogs that in 1983, sportswriter Jack Chevalier wrote in *The Sporting News* that if Alabama and Georgia were made into an annual series, it would be bigger than the Iron Bowl.

What strikes everyone upon meeting Dooley is what a cerebral gentleman he is. With a master's degree in history from Auburn, whom he played quarterback for in the 1950s, Dooley proved to be a

professor's coach, spending time in the library reading books when he wasn't in the coach's office.

Both Butts and Dooley served as Georgia's athletic director following their coaching days, but Butts became something of a polarizing figure. Maybe it was the losing seasons at the end. Maybe it was some strained relationships with alumni after 22 seasons at the helm. Maybe it was the Post article, though the passage of time suggests the latter should not be a mark on the Butts legacy.

Dooley, meanwhile, was once so universally beloved he considered running for Governor of Georgia.

And in a state known for producing many modern political giants (Jimmy Carter, Sam Nunn), if Dooley had the right organization in place, it serves the question, "Who would have possibly beat him?"

Perhaps one incident late in Dooley's coaching career revealed the true character of Dooley, as well as his coaching skill. In 1986, beating South Carolina 31-26 with four seconds remaining in Columbia, Georgia had the ball inside their own 30-yard line on fourth down. The decision was made to have quarterback James Jackson just run around in the backfield to run out the clock, rather than risk a punt return or block that could have given the Gamecocks a victory.

Jackson was able to do so, but then laid the football on the ground as the clock struck zero.

Under the rules of the time, the game was, in effect, over. Opponents could not return fumbles if they hit the ground.

Still, a Carolina defender eagerly scooped up the football and ran it into the end zone, thinking he'd won the game. Instead, he was only credited with a fumble recovery.

"Poor coaching," Dooley told ESPN reporters without a hint of sarcasm when asked about the play on the field following the game.

Nobody was going to blame Dooley for Jackson's cockiness. Dooley is just that revered a figure.

But by accepting the blame for such an unsportsmanlike play, though perhaps a fundamentally correct play (had Jackson allowed himself to be tackled, for instance, there was always the odd chance he could have been stripped of the ball and/or injured), Dooley was doing what a good coach does, taking the onus off of his player and placing it on himself.

Dooley has such stature that, for better or worse, heated rival Tennessee hired his son Derek to be their coach in 2010 after a modest tenure at Louisiana Tech instead of a higher-profile figure.

Think of it. Had Derek been successful, there would have always been the cloud of him going to Georgia if and when Mark Richt struggled. Coaches aren't supposed to leave for division rivals, especially not Tennessee coaches.

What would it mean to the Vols if one of their coaches ever left on his own volition to Georgia? But the Volunteers were willing to accept this risk to be associated with the Dooley name.

New Georgia head coach Kirby Smart attended Georgia on the Wally Butts Scholarship that was instituted by Butts' former players by raising \$100,000 in his name.

Maybe if a Georgia fan could choose between the two coaches to guide the Bulldogs back from an in-game deficit, they'd choose Butts to call the plays.

But if the score is 0-0, they'd likely choose Dooley. As Smith says, "Vince is the most accomplished coach in Georgia history."

Chapter 14 Coach Vince Dooley Part I 1964-1975

Johnny Griffith was the 21st Bulldogs Head coach for three years. –1961 to 1963

Vince Dooley, Coach # 22 is the longest lasting coach for Georgia—1964-1988—25 great years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>SEC</u>
1961	Johnny Griffith	SEC	3-7-0	3-4-1
1962	Johnny Griffith	SEC	3-4-3	3-2-1
1963	Johnny Griffith	SEC	4-5-1	2-4-0
1964	Vince Dooley	SEC	7-3-1	3-2-0
1965	Vince Dooley	SEC	6-4-0	2-3-0
1966	Vince Dooley	SEC	10-1-0	5-0-0
1967*	Vince Dooley	SEC	7-4-0	3-2-0
1968*	Vince Dooley	SEC	8-1-2	5-0-1
1969	Vince Dooley	SEC	5-5-1	2-3-1
1970	Vince Dooley	SEC	5-5-0	3-3-0
1971	Vince Dooley	SEC	11-1-0	5-1-0
1972	Vince Dooley	SEC	7-4-0	4-3-0
1973	Vince Dooley	SEC	7-4-1	3-4-0
1974	Vince Dooley	SEC	6-6-0	4-2-0
1975	Vince Dooley	SEC	9-3-0	5-1-0

Georgia Bowl Games 1964-1975 under Coach Dooley

1964 (7-3-1)	.682	Won the Sun Bowl W (7-0) v Texas Tech
1966 (10-1)	.909,	Won the Cotton Bowl-W (24-9) v SMU
1967 (7-4)	.636,	Lost the Liberty Bowl-L (7-14) v NC Tar Heels
1968 (8-1-2)	.818,	Lost the Sugar Bowl-L (2-16) v Arkansas
1969 (5-5-1)	.5,	Lost the Sun Bowl-L (6-45) v #14 Nebraska
1971 (11-1)	.917	Won the Gator Bowl-W (7-3) v NC Tar Heels
1973 (7-4-1)	.625	Won the Peach Bowl-W (17-16) v Maryland
1974 (6-6)	.5	Lost the Tangerine Bowl-L(10-21) v #15 Miami OH
1975 (9-3)	.75,	Lost the Cotton Bowl-L (10-31) #18 v Arkansas

1961 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Johnny Griffith Head Coach #21

The 1961 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Johnny Griffith in his first of three seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record finishing the season at (3-7-0); (4-3) SEC, placing 6th in the SEC

Games of the 1960 Season



Coach Johnny Griffith

In the season opener on September 17, 1960, the #13 Bulldogs lost to the Crimson Tide of Alabama at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL L (6–21).

The 1961 Georgia Bulldogs football team represented the Georgia Bulldogs of the University of Georgia during the 1961 NCAA University Division football season. The Bulldogs completed the season with a 3–7 record.

In the home and season opener, on September 23, #3 Atlanta thumped the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (6–32) before 44,000. On Sept 30, Vanderbilt shut out the Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (0–21) On Oct 7, the Bulldogs beat South Carolina in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (17–14) before 30,000. Then, on Oct 14 at Florida State at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, FL, the Seminoles prevailed L (0–3) before 21,200.

On Oct 21 vs. Mississippi State, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated the MS Bulldogs in a lose match at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA, W (10–7) before 18,000. On Oct 28, the Bulldogs nosed out the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (16–15) before 31,000. Then, on Nov 3 at Miami (FL) in a game played at the Miami Orange Bowl in Miami, FL, the Hurricanes defeated the Bulldogs L (7–32) before 38,210.

On Nov 11 vs. Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators beat the Bulldogs L (14–21) before 47,000. On Nov 18, Auburn beat the Bulldogs at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (7–10) before 41,000. On Dec 2 at Georgia Tech at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Yellow Jackets defeated the Bulldogs L (7–22) before 47,098.

1962 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Johnny Griffith Head Coach #21

The 1962 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Johnny Griffith in his second of three seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the sixty-ninth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record finishing the season at (3-4-3); (3-2-1) SEC, placing 7th in the SEC.

Games of the 1962 Season

In the season opener on September 22, 1962, #3 Alabama pounded the Bulldogs in a shutout at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL L (0–35). At Sept 29 at Vanderbilt, at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the Bulldogs beat the Commodores W (10–0). On Oct 6 at South Carolina, at the Carolina Stadium in Columbia, SC, the Bulldogs and Gamecocks played to a tie T (7–7). On Oct 13 at Clemson’s Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC, the Bulldogs prevailed W (24–16)

On October 20, Florida State’s Seminoles defeated Georgia’s Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (0–18). On Oct 27, the Kentucky Wildcats tied the Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA T (7–7). Then, on Nov 3, in another tie game, the NC State Tar Heels tied the Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA T (10–10). On Nov 10 vs. Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators defeated the Bulldogs L (15–23)

Then, on Nov 17 at Auburn at Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South’s Oldest Rivalry) game the Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (30–21). On Dec 1, Georgia Tech’s Yellow Jackets beat the Georgia Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (6–37).

1963 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Johnny Griffith Head Coach #21

The 1963 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Johnny Griffith in his third of three seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventieth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record finishing the season at (4-5-1); (2-4-0) SEC, placing 9th in the SEC.

Games of the 1963 Season

In the home and season opener on September 21, Alabama overpowered the Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (7–32). On Sept 28, the Bulldogs defeated the Vanderbilt Commodores at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (20–0). On Oct 5, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks of South Carolina at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (27–7). On Oct 12 at Clemson Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC, the Bulldogs and the Tigers played to a tie T (7–7) (rivalry)

On Oct 18 at Miami (FL) at the Miami Orange Bowl in Miami, FL, the Bulldogs defeated the Hurricanes W (31–14). On Oct 26 at Kentucky at McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats W (17–14). On Nov 2 at North Carolina at Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, NC, the Tar Heels defeated the Bulldogs. L (7–28). On Nov 9 vs. Florida at Gator Bowl Stadium, Jacksonville, FL, the Gators beat the Bulldogs L (14–21).

On Nov 16, Auburn beat the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (0–14). On Nov 30, at Georgia Tech at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game the Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs L (3–14)

1964 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1964 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his first of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-first season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (7-3-1; (3-2) SEC, placing 9th in the SEC.

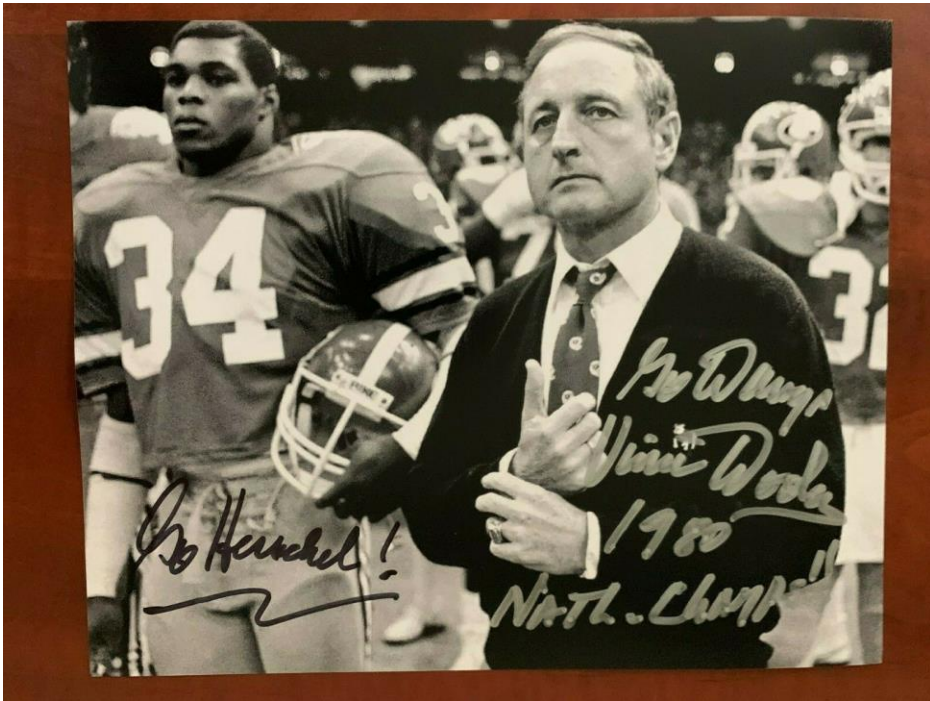
Games of the 1964 Season

In the season opener on September 19, 1964, the # 6 Alabama Crimson Tide pounded the Bulldogs of Georgia L (3-31) at Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL before 42,525. On Sept 26 at Vanderbilt at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the Bulldogs defeated the Commodores (W 7–0) before 19,500. On Oct 3 at South Carolina at Carolina Stadium in Columbia, SC the Gamecocks and the Bulldogs played to a tie T (7–7) before 17,994. On Oct 10, the Bulldogs

defeated the Clemson Tigers at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA (rivalry)W (19–7) before 31,000. On Oct 17 #10 Florida State defeated the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (14–17) before 31,000.

On Oct 24, the Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (21–7) before 39,000. On Oct 31, the Bulldogs defeated North Carolina at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (24–8) before 40,000. On Nov 7 vs.#9 Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs beat the Gators W (14–7) before 48,000. On Nov 14 at Auburn in a game played at the Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers defeated the Bulldogs, L (7–14) before 43,000 . On Nov 28, the Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (7–0) before 52,050

After a few lean years, the Bulldogs were back in the post season Bowl games. What a difference a great coach makes, Vince Dooley's Bulldogs beat Texas Tech W (7-0) on December 26 in the Sun Bowl, played at Sun Bowl Stadium in El Paso, TX (Sun Bowl) CBS W 7–0 before 23,292.



1965 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1965 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his second of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-second season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (6-4; (2-3) SEC, placing 8th in the SEC.

Games of the 1965 Season

In the home and season opener on September 18, the Bulldogs nosed out 5 ranked Alabama at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (18-17) before 41,500. On Sept 25, the Bulldogs defeated Vanderbilt at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (24-10) before 45,000. On Oct 2, the # 10 Georgia Bulldogs beat the #7 Michigan Wolverines at the Big House, Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, MI, W (15-7) before 59,470. Then, on Oct 9, the #4 Bulldogs defeated Clemson at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (23-9) before 45,000

On Oct 16 at Florida State, the Seminoles defeated the #5 Bulldogs at Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee, FL (3-10) before 40,112.

Then, on Oct 23 at Kentucky in a game played at Stoll Field/McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY, the unranked Wildcats defeated the #10 ranked Bulldogs L (10–28) before. On Oct 30 at North Carolina, the unranked Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels at Kenan Memorial Stadium in Chapel Hill, NC, W (47–35), before 43,000. On Nov 6 vs. Florida in a game held at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators got the better of the Bulldogs L (10–14) before 61,527

On Nov 13, the Auburn Tigers defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (19–21) before 46,812. Then, in the season finale, on Nov 27, the Bulldogs came back to beat the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (17–7) before 52,013.

1966 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22



Coach Vince Dooley Still Mixing it Up

The 1966 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his third of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-third season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (10-1; (5-0) SEC, tying Alabama for 1st place

in the SEC. Georgia achieved wins over seventh-ranked Florida and fifth-ranked Georgia Tech in the regular season and scored a nice win over tenth-ranked SMU in the Cotton Bowl Classic by a score of 24–9.

Georgia finished as Southeastern Conference (SEC) co-champion with Alabama. Georgia was the fourth ranked team in the nation. In today's scenario they would have been in the national championship tournament.

Games of the 1966 Season

In the season opener, the Bulldogs beat the MS Bulldogs W (20-17 On Sept 17 at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS before 34,000. On Sept 24, the Bulldogs crushed VMI at Victory Stadium in Roanoke, VA W (43–7) before 15,000. On Oct 1 at South Carolina, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks at Carolina Stadium in Columbia, SC W 7–0 before 31,141. On Oct 8, the Bulldogs defeated the Ole Miss Rebels in the home opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W 9–3 before 45,200.

On Oct 14 at Miami (FL), in a game played at the Orange Bowl in Miami, the Hurricanes beat the Bulldogs, L (6–7) before 41,756. Then on Oct 22, the Bulldogs beat the Kentucky Wildcats at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (27–15) before 45,348. On Oct 29, the Bulldogs beat the Tar Heels of North Carolina at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (28–3) before 45,321. On Nov 5 vs. # 7 Florida at the Gator Bowl stadium in Jacksonville, FL the Bulldogs defeated the Gators. W 27–10 before 62,820.

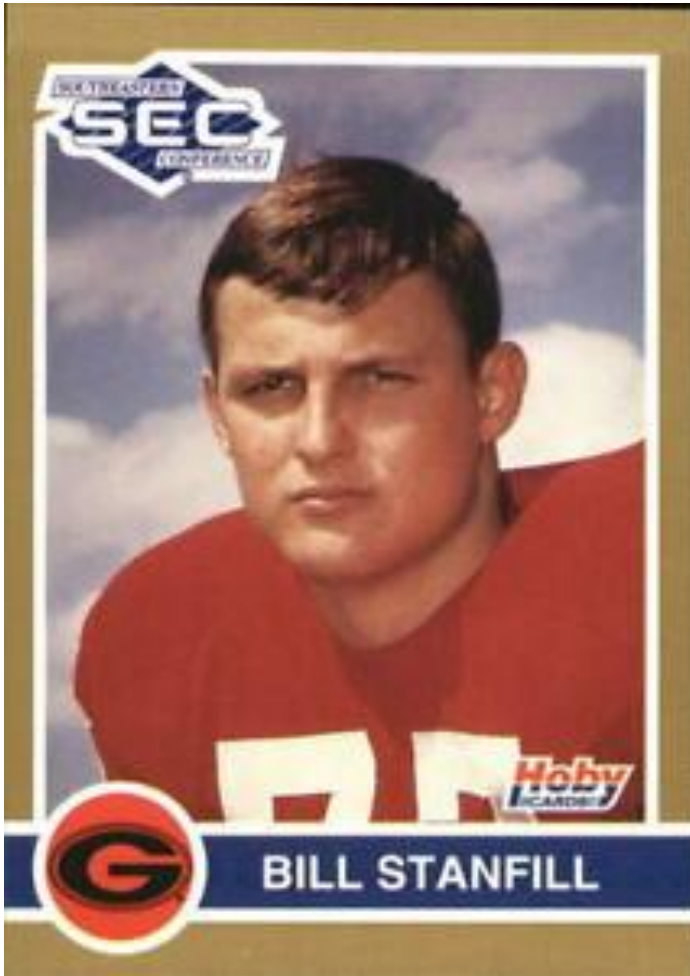
On Nov 12 at Auburn, the # 9 Bulldogs beat the Tigers at Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL W (21–13) before 47,000. Then on Nov 26 the #7 ranked Bulldogs defeated the #5 ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (23–14) before 48,782 .

#4 Georgia was invited to the Cotton Bowl having just one loss during the season (a nail biter one-point game v Miami). On Dec 31, the soundly defeated #10 SMU in the Cotton Bowl stadium in Dallas, TX (Cotton Bowl) W (24–9) before 75,504.

Great Georgia Tackles Bill Stanfill, DT

1966 to 1968

Bill Stanfill, DT



Stanfill was a key part to a Bulldog defense that was 25-6-2 from 1966-68. He was a consensus All-American in 1968 and was inducted into the National College Football Hall of fame in 1998. He was also a very good NFL player, playing with the Miami Dolphins from 1967-76 and still is the leader in career sacks.

1967 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1967 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his fourth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-fourth for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (7-4; (3-2) SEC, in 5th place in the SEC. Georgia was invited to the Liberty Bowl and lost to NC State 7-14.

Games of the 1967 Season

In the home and season opener on September 23, 1967, the #7 Bulldogs shut out the MS Bulldogs of Mississippi State at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (30–0) before 54,512. On Sept 30 at Clemson, #5 Georgia beat Clemson at Memorial Stadium, Clemson, SC W (24–17) before 46,000. On Oct 7, the #5 ranked Bulldogs shut out South Carolina's Gamecocks at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (21–0) before 58,182. On Oct 14 the Ole Miss Rebels defeated the #3 Georgia Bulldogs at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS L (20–29) before 38,900

On Oct 21, the #8 Bulldogs pounded VMI at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (56–6) before 50,307. On Oct 28 at Kentucky, #6 Bulldogs beat the Wildcats at Stoll Field/McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY, W (31–7) before 28,000. On Nov 4 at Houston in a game played at the Houston Astrodome in Houston, the Cougars nosed out the Bulldogs L (14–15) before 53,356.

On Nov 11 vs. Florida at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators nosed out the Bulldogs L (16–17) before 69,489. Then, on Nov 18, the Bulldogs shut out Auburn at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (17–0) before 59,060. Then, in the regular season finale, on Nov 25, the Bulldogs beat the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in a game played at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (21–14) before 53,699.

Georgia was invited to the Liberty Bowl and were defeated on December 16 by the NC State Tar Heels at Memphis Memorial Stadium, Memphis, TN (Liberty Bowl) L (7–14). Before 35,045

Great Georgia DBs Jake Scott

1967 1968

Jake Scott, S



Scott is probably the best defensive back in all of college football during the 60s. He is Georgia's all-time leader in interceptions (16) and was named to the All-America team in 1968. He was also inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

After growing up in Athens, Georgia, but playing high school football in Arlington, Virginia at Washington-Lee High School, Scott played college football at the University of Georgia, where he led Georgia in interceptions in 1967 with six interceptions and 1968 with ten interceptions. In 1967, Scott was named first-team All-SEC defensive back by the Associated Press, and in 1968 again in both the AP and the UPI.

The ten interceptions in a season is now second-most in Georgia history behind Terry Hoage's 12 in 1982. Scott's 175 return yards on interceptions in 1968 is also second all-time for Georgia.

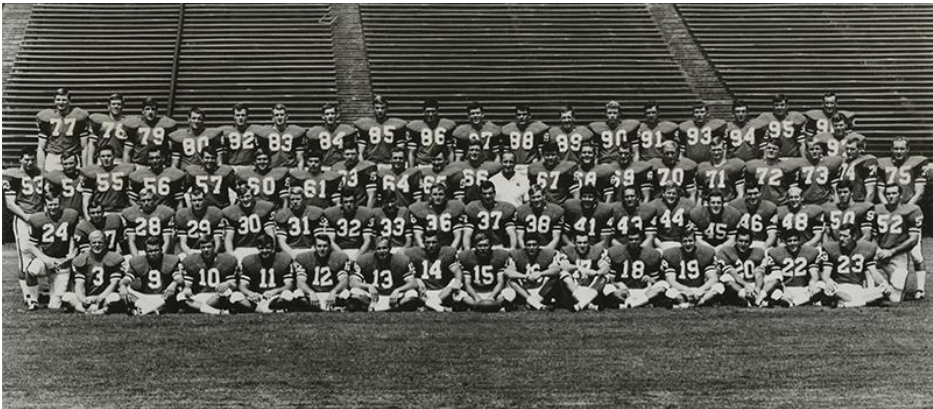
Scott's college career total of 315 interception return yards is the most in school history. He also holds the current Georgia record for career interceptions.

1968 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1968 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his fifth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-fifth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (8-1-2); (5-0-1 SEC, in 1st place in the SEC. Georgia was ranked # 4 and # 8 in the major college rankings. The team was named national champion by NCAA-designated major selector Litkenhous.

Games of the 1968 Season

In the season opener on September 14, 1968 at #9 Tennessee at the Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN, the Volunteers tied the Bulldogs T (17–17) before 60,603. On Sept 28, the Bulldogs pounded Clemson in the home opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (31–13) before 59,008. On Oct 5 at South Carolina the #16 Bulldogs prevailed at Carolina Stadium in Columbia, SC W (21–20) before 42,800. Then, on Oct 12 the #17 Bulldogs beat the # 13 Ole Miss Rebels at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (21–7) before 56,111.



1968 Georgia Bulldogs

On Oct 19, the #10 Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA (rivalry)W (32–6) before 54,342. At Kentucky, on Oct 26, the # 8 Bulldogs beat the Wildcats at Stoll Field/McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY W (35–14) before 32,000. On Nov 2, #15 Houston tied the #7 Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA T (10–10) before 59,381. On Nov 9, vs.

Florida, the #9 Bulldogs beat the Gators at the Gator Bowl Stadium, Jacksonville in FL W (51) before 70,012.

On Nov 16 #12 Auburn, the #5 Bulldogs beat the Tigers at the Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W 17–3 before 50,009. On Nov 30, the #4 Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (47–8) before 59,537

The #4 ranked Bulldogs were invited to the Sugar Bowl which was played on January 1, 1969 against #9 Arkansas*. The #9 Razorbacks defeated the #4 Bulldogs in a tough match at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, LA (Sugar Bowl) L (2–16) before 82,113.

1969 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1969 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his sixth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-sixth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a break-even record finishing the season at (5-5-2); (2-3-1 SEC, and they came in 6th place in the SEC. Georgia was unranked in the major college rankings. Some of the most notable players for the Bulldog this year were Jake Scott, Mike Cavan, Tommy Lyons, and Spike Jones.

Games of the 1969 Season

In the home and season opener on September 20, 1969. The #8 Bulldogs shut-out Tulane at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W 35–0 before 55,235. Then, on Sept 27 at Clemson, the #7 ranked Bulldogs beat Clemson W (30-0) at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, before 43,000, On Oct 4, the #7 Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks of South Carolina at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (41–16) before 59,452. In its first loss of the season, on Oct 11 Ole Miss defeated #6 Georgia L (17-25) at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS before 42,581.

On Oct 18 at Vanderbilt in a game played at Dudley Field in Nashville, the #14 Bulldogs beat the Commodores W (40–8) before 25,450, on Oct 25, the #13 Bulldogs won their fifth and last game of

the season in a shutout against the Kentucky Wildcats at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (30–0) before 55,781. Then, on Nov 1 #3 Tennessee edged out the #11 Bulldogs L (3-17) at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA before 59,781.

On Nov 8 #13 Florida tied #16 Georgia at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL T (13–13) before 70,862. Then, on Nov 15 #11 Auburn beat #16 Georgia at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), L (3–16) before 59,306. On Nov 29 at Georgia Tech in a game played at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA called the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game the Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs L (0–6) before 60,106.

Sun Bowl Appearance

Even with just five wins, the Bulldogs were invited to the Sun Bowl on December 20, 1969, where they were beaten by #14 Nebraska at Sun Bowl Stadium in El Paso, TX (the Sun Bowl post-season game) L (6–45) before 29,723

1970 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1970 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his seventh of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-seventh season for the Bulldogs. The team had a bread-even record finishing the season at (5-5-); (3-3) SEC, and they came in 6th place in the SEC.

Games of the 1970 Season

In the season opener on September 19, 1970, at Tulane, the Green Wave edged out the #19 Bulldogs at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, LA L (14–17) before 30,924. Then, on September 26, the Bulldogs shut out and outpowered the Clemson Tigers at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (38–0) before 55,682. On Oct 3 the Bulldogs of Mississippi State nosed out the Bulldogs of Georgia at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS, L (6–7) before 25,044. Then, on Oct 10, the #5 Ole Miss rebels beat the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (21–31) before 59,310.

On Oct 17, the Bulldogs pounded Vanderbilt at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (37–3) before 53,241. Then, on Oct 24 at Kentucky's Stoll Field/McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Bulldogs prevailed over the Wildcats W (19–3) before 34,000. On Oct 31, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks of South Carolina in a home game at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (52–34) before 57,391. On Nov vs. Florida at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators beat the Bulldogs L (17–24) before 70,294.

On November 14 at #8 Auburn in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) played at Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL, the Bulldogs defeated the Tigers W (31–17) before 61,791. Then, on November 28 the #16 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets defeated the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (7–17) before 59,803.

1971 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1971 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his eighth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a great record finishing the season at 11-1-; (5-1) SEC, and they came in 2nd place in the SEC behind Alabama. In the two major polls the Bulldogs were ranked #8 & #7. It was a very good year. This was the first season in which the team gave scholarships to black players; freshmen Richard Appleby, Chuck Kinnebrew, Horace King, Clarence Pope, and Larry West, dubbed "The Five," became the first black players in program history.

Games of the 1971 Season

In the home and season opener on September 11, 1971. #18 Georgia defeated Oregon State at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (56–25) before 50,709. On Sept 18, the #11 Bulldogs beat Tulane at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (17–7) before 51,542. Then, on Sept 25 at Clemson in a game played at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC, the #14 Bulldogs shut out the Tigers W (28–0) before 38,000. On Oct 2 at home v Mississippi State, the #11 Bulldogs defeated the MS Bulldogs W (35-7 before 53,003. On Oct 9 at Ole Miss, the #10 Georgia Bulldogs defeated the Ole Miss Rebels at Mississippi

Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS W (38–7) before 42,000.

On Oct 16 at Vanderbilt in a game played at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the #8 Bulldogs beat the Commodores W (24–0) before 16,000. Then, at home on Oct 23, the #8 Bulldogs shut-out the Kentucky Wildcats at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W 34–0 before 57,852. Then, on Oct 30 at South Carolina, the # 7 Bulldogs beat the Gamecocks at Carolina Stadium in Columbia, SC W (24–0) before 54,613. On Nov 6 vs. Florida, the #7 Bulldogs pounded the Gators at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W 49–7 before 67,383.

On Nov 13, the #6 Auburn Tigers beat the #7 Bulldogs for Georgia's only loss of the season at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (20–35) before 62,891. Then, at Georgia Tech on Nov 25, the Bulldogs defeated the #7 Yellow Jackets at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (28–24) before 60,124.

The Bulldogs were invited to the post season Gator Bowl on December 31 vs. North Carolina in a game played at Gator Bowl Stadium, Jacksonville, FL (Gator Bowl). The Georgia Bulldogs edged out the NC Tar Heels W(7-3 before

1972 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1972 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his ninth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the seventy-ninth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (7-4); (4-3) SEC, and they came in 5nd place in the SEC.

Games of the 1972 Season

On September 16, 1972 in the home and season opener, the #16 Bulldogs defeated the Baylor Bears to begin the season. The game was played at home at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (24–14) before 53,201 On Sept 23 at Tulane, the Green Wave defeated the #16 ranked Bulldogs L (13-24) at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans, LA before 43,084. On Sept 30, the Bulldogs beat NC State at home

W (28–22) before 56,613. On Oct 7, # 4 Alabama defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at home L (7–25) before 60,013.

On Oct 14, at Ole Miss, the Bulldogs nosed out the Rebels at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, Jackson, MS W (14–13) before 42,800. On Oct 21, the Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (28–3) before 58,141. On Oct 28 at Kentucky's Stoll Field/McLean Stadium in Lexington, KY W 13–7 before 37,500.

On Nov 4, #13 Tennessee's Volunteers beat the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (0–14) before 60,086. On Nov 11 vs. Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL the Bulldogs beat the Gators W 10–7. Before 66,252, On Nov 18 at #. 11 Auburn , at Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (10–27) before 61,348. Then, in the season finale, on Dec 2, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, W (27–7) before 60,241

1973 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1973 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his tenth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the eightieth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (7-4); (3-4) SEC, and they came in 5nd place in the SEC.

Games of the 1973 Season

In the season and home opener on September 15, 1973, the Pittsburgh Panthers tied the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA T (7–7) before 52,005. On Sept 22, the Bulldogs beat Clemson at home at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (31–14) before 48,280. On Sept 29, the Bulldogs defeated # 19 NC State at home W (31–12) before 52,700. On Oct 6 at #3 Alabama, the Crimson Tide beat the Bulldogs at Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL L (14–28) before 57,790.

On Oct 13, the Bulldogs beat the Ole Miss Rebels at home W (20–0) before 57,800. On Oct 20, at Vanderbilt in a game at Dudley Field, Nashville, TN, the Commodores beat the Bulldogs L (14–18) before 21,500. Then, on Oct 27, Kentucky defeated the Bulldogs at home L (7–12) before 54,500. On Nov 3, at #11 Tennessee, the Bulldogs beat the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN W (35–31) before 70,812.

On Nov 10 vs. Florida, at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL. the Gators nosed out the Bulldogs L (10–11) before 70,266. On Nov 17, the Bulldogs beat the Auburn Tigers at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), W 28–14) before 59,700. In the second-last game of the regular season on Dec 1 at Georgia Tech in a game played at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets W (10–3) before 60,316.

On December 28 Georgia was invited and got to play in the Peach Bowl against #18 Maryland, in a game played at Atlanta Stadium in Atlanta, GA. The Georgia Bulldogs nosed out the Maryland Terrapins W (17–16) before 38,107.

1974 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1974 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his eleventh twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the eighty-first season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (6-6); (4-2) SEC, and they came in 3rd place in the SEC.

Games of the 1974 Season

In the home and season opener on September 14, 2022, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated Oregon State at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (48–35) before 42,200. Then, on Sept 21, Mississippi State's Bulldogs pounded the Georgia Bulldogs at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS L (14–38) before 38,077. On Sept 28, the Bulldogs pounded the South Carolina Gamecocks at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W 52–14 before 50,200. On Oct 5 Clemson's Tigers beat the Georgia Bulldogs at Memorial Stadium, Clemson, SC L (24–28) before 42,800. On Oct 12, the Bulldogs

pummeled the Ole Miss Rebels at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (49–0) before 48,500

On Oct 19 the Bulldogs edged out Vanderbilt's Commodores at home W (38–31) before 51,100. On Oct 26 at Kentucky at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Bulldogs trimmed the Wildcats W (24–20) before 54,362. Then, on November 2, the Houston Cougars beat the Bulldogs at home L (24–31) before 48,100. Then, on Nov 9 vs. #6 Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs nosed out the Gators W (17–16)

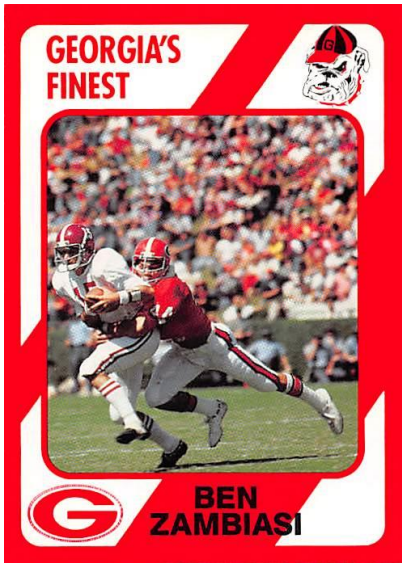
On Nov 16 at #7 Auburn at the Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers edged out the Bulldogs L 13–17 before 64,748. Then, on Nov 30, Georgia Tec's Yellow Jackets overpowered the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (14–34) before 47,500.

The Bulldogs were invited to play in an early bowl game—the Tangerine Bowl on December 21, 1974 vs. #15 Miami (OH). In the Tangerine Bowl game played at Orlando, FL, the Ohioans beat the Bulldogs L(10–21) before 20,246.

Great Georgia Linebackers Ben Zambiasi

1974-1977

Ben Zambiasi, LB



As good as Culpepper was for the Bulldogs, Zambiasi was probably better. He holds the school record for tackles in a career (467) and first on the school's all-time list for solo tackles in a season (96). He was named to the All-American team in 1976.

He played for the Georgia Bulldogs from 1974 to 1977. While at Georgia Zambiasi led the Bulldogs with 467 career tackles tackling 173 in 1977. He later graduated from the University of Georgia in 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) degree. He

was drafted by the NFL's Chicago Bears in the 10th round, 271st overall, in 1978, but ended up coming to Canada after training camp.

1975 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1975 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his twelfth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the eighty-second season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (9-3); (5-1) SEC, and they came in 3rd place in the SEC.

Great Georgia Quarterbacks Ray Goff

1975-1976

Ray Goff, QB



Believe it or not, Goff was very successful at Georgia (at quarterback that is). He led the Bulldogs to 19 wins from 1975-76 and was even named SEC Player of the Year, as he led the Bulldogs to the SEC Goff attended the University of Georgia, where he played quarterback from 1974–1976, leading the team to 19 wins over his final two seasons under coach Vince Dooley. As a player, he was named Southeastern Conference player of the year in 1976 when the team he captained won the SEC title. He was a three-year letterman at Georgia.

Games of the 1975 Season

In the season and home opener on September 6, 1975. The Pittsburgh Panthers beat the Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (9–19) before 40,000. On Sept 20, the Bulldogs beat the Mississippi State Rebels at home W (28–6) before 43,500. Then, on Sept 27 at South Carolina in a game played at the Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks W (28–20) before 66,944. On Oct 4, the Bulldogs pounded Clemson at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (35–7) before 57,800.

On October 11, the Ole Miss Rebels defeated the Bulldogs at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS, L (13–28) before 31,200. On October 18, the Bulldogs walloped Vanderbilt at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, W (47–3) before 20,538. Then, on Oct 25, the Bulldogs beat the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (21–13) before 50,000. On Nov 1, the Bulldogs edged out the Richmond Spiders at home W (28–24) before 41,500. On Nov 8, the Bulldogs edged out #11 Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (10–7) before 70,416.

On Nov 15, the #20 Bulldogs beat Auburn at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (28–13) before 57,500. On Nov 27 at Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets, the # 15 Bulldogs prevailed at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (42–26) before 55,135

Georgia's bad luck in bowl games continued this year as they were invited to play in the Cotton Bowl vs. #18 Arkansas on January 1, 1976. In this game, the #12 Bulldogs were well-beaten by the Razorbacks at the Cotton Bowl stadium in Dallas, TX in a game known as the Cotton Bowl Classic. L (10-31) before 77,500

Chapter 15 Coach Vince Dooley—1976-1988

Vince Dooley has coached more Georgia football than any other. He is the school's most renowned and most winning coach. Here is a famous quote of his:

“I've said many times that I knew Herschel was going to be good, but I never thought he would be that good that fast. But I was certainly going to give him the opportunity.”

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>SEC</u>
1976	Vince Dooley	SEC	10-2-0	5-1-0 * chmp
1977	Vince Dooley	SEC	5-6-0	2-4-0
1978	Vince Dooley	SEC	9-2-1	6-2-0
1979	Vince Dooley	SEC	6-5-0	5-1-0
1980	Vince Dooley **	SEC	12-0-0	6-0-0 * chmp
1981	Vince Dooley	SEC	10-2-0	6-0-0 * chmp
1982	Vince Dooley	SEC	11-1-0	6-0-0 * chmp
1983	Vince Dooley	SEC	10-1-1	5-1-0
1984	Vince Dooley	SEC	7-4-1	2-4-0
1985	Vince Dooley	SEC	7-3-2	3-2-1
1986	Vince Dooley	SEC	8-4-0	4-2-0
1987	Vince Dooley	SEC	9-3-0	4-2-0
1988	Vince Dooley	SEC	9-3-0	5-2-0

Georgia Bowl Games 1976-1988 under Coach Dooley

1975 (9-3)	.75,	Lost the Cotton Bowl-L (10-31) #18 v Arkansas
1976 (10-2)	.833,	Lost the Sugar Bowl-L, (3-27) v Pittsburgh Panthers
1978 (9-2-1)	.792,	Lost the Bluebonnet Bowl-L (22-25) v Stanford
1980 (12-0)	1.000,	Nat & Sugar Bowl Champions v Notre Dame W (17-10) ,
1981 (10-2)	.833,	Lost Sugar Bowl-L, L (20-24) v Pitt Panthers
1982 (11-1)	.917	Lost Sugar Bowl-L, 1 (23-27) v Penn State
1983 (10-1-1)	.875,	Won Cotton Bowl-W, (10-9) v Texas
1984 (7-4-1)	.625,	Tied Citrus Bowl-T, T (17-17) v Florida State
1985 (7-3-2)	.667,	Tied Sun Bowl-T, (13-13) v Arizona
1986 (8-4)	.667,	Lost Hall of Fame Bowl-L, (24-27) v Boston College
1987 (9-3)	.75,	Won Liberty Bowl-W, (20-17) v Arkansas
1988 (9-3)	.75,	Won Gator Bowl-W, (34-27) v Mich State

** National Championship

1976 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1976 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his thirteenth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the

eighty-third season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (10-2); (5-1) SEC, and they came in 1st place in the SEC—winning the SEC Championship.

Games of the 1976 Season

In the season and home opener on September 11, 1976, the #16 Bulldogs beat #15 California Golden Bears at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (36–24) before 47,000. Then, on Sept 18 at Clemson, the #9 ranked Bulldogs shut out the Tigers at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC W (41–0) before 41,000. On Sept 25, the #7 Bulldogs beat South Carolina's Gamecocks at home W (20–12) before 59,935. On Oct 2, #6 Georgia shut out the #10 Alabama at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (21–0) before 60,200. On Oct 9, at Ole Miss, the Ole Miss Rebels edged out the #4 Bulldogs at Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS L (17–21) before 36,471

On Oct 16, the now #11 Bulldogs recovered from the Ole Miss loss and came back with a vengeance to pound Vanderbilt's Commodores at home W 45–0 before 59,100. Then, on Oct 23 at Kentucky in a game played at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the #10 Bulldogs beat the Wildcats soundly W (31–7) before 57,733. On Oct 30 the #7 Bulldogs beat Cincinnati's Bearcats at home W (31–17) before 49,500. On Nov 6 vs. # 10 Florida, the # Bulldogs beat the Gators at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL (rivalry), W (41–27) before 70,314

On Nov 13 at Auburn, the #7 Bulldogs shutout the Tigers at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, Ala in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (28–0) before 63,912. Then, on Nov 27, the # 4 Bulldogs beat the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (13–10) before 60,500.

#5 Georgia was invited to the Sugar Bowl played on January 1, 1977. Their opponent was the # 1 Pittsburgh Panthers. The Panthers whipped the Bulldogs at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, LA (Sugar Bowl) L (3–27) before 76,117.

1977 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1977 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his fourteenth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the eighty-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record finishing the season at (5-6); (2-4) SEC, and they came in 6th place in the SEC. This was the only losing season for Vince Dooley who decided to go for two to win the game against Clemson with less than 40 seconds left in the game. Rather than kick the point and take the almost certain tie game.

Games of the 1977 Season

In the season and home opener on September 10, 1977, the #19 Bulldogs beat the Oregon Ducks at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W 27-16 before 45,000. On Sept 17, Clemson nosed out # 17 Georgia at home L (6-7) before 55,100.



Action on in the Clemson Game 1976

On Sept 24 at South Carolina, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC W (15-13) before 56,784. On Oct 1 at #10 Alabama, at Bryant-Denny Stadium,

Tuscaloosa, AL -- the Crimson Tide beat the Bulldogs L (10–18) before 60,210.

On Oct 8, the Bulldogs defeated the Ole Miss Rebels at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (14–13) before 56,200. At Vanderbilt, on Oct 15 at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, the Bulldogs defeated the Commodores W (24–13) before 25,700. On Oct 22, the #8 Kentucky Wildcats pounded the Georgia Bulldogs in a shutout at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (0–33) before 59,100. On October 29, the Bulldogs beat the Richmond Spiders at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (23–7) before 48,500

On Nov 5 vs. Florida at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL the Gators beat the Bulldogs L (17–22) before 68,538. On Nov 12, Auburn

November 12 Auburn's Tigers beat the Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (14–33) before 57,500. On Nov 26, Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (7–16) before 60,104

Great Georgia Kickers Rex Robinson

1977-1981

Rex Robinson, K

As a senior, Robinson received several scholarship offers but chose the University of Georgia. He would have the chance to play as a freshman, and UGA seemed the perfect distance from home. Robinson was the team's leading scorer and made the All-SEC Freshman Team in 1977.

He would make 1st team All-SEC in 1978, 1979 & 1980 and Playboy All-American in 1979 and 1980. Robinson also made the Walter Camp, Football News, Football Writer's, and UPI All-American teams in 1980. He was invited to play in the 1981 Senior Bowl. The highlight of his senior year was beating Notre Dame in the 1981 Sugar Bowl and the Bulldogs being named the 1980 National Champion football team.



Robinson finished with several SEC records, including the single-season FG% at 88.2%, career points (269), career field goals (56) and consecutive extra points (101). The last two categories were second in NCAA history at the time. He also had six FGs over 50 yards, with two 57-yarders in 1980. He was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the 6th round in 1981.

He played for the New England Patriots in the strike-shortened season of 1982. Robinson was honored in 2007 as The University of Georgia's representative at the SEC Legends Dinner as a part of the SEC Championship weekend.

Robinson sells sporting goods, athletic and corporate apparel for Pro Sports Team Outfitters in Atlanta. He has also worked with hundreds of young kickers since 1996, and several have gone on to play on the collegiate level. He now has a kicking instruction service called Total Kicker.

He was a very reliable kicker who made 101 consecutive extra points which is the second best ever in NCAA history. He was a two-time

All-American and was a member of the 1980 national championship team.

1978 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1978 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his fifteenth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the eighty-fifth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (9-2-1); (5-0-1) SEC, and they came in 2nd place in the SEC. Led by Bear Bryant, this year Alabama was National Champion and SEC Champion.. The Bulldogs ranked # 16 nationally.

Games of the 1978 Season

On September 16, 1978 in the season and home opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, the Bulldogs edged out the Baylor Bears W (16-14) before 43,000. On Sept 23, the Bulldogs beat the Clemson Tigers at home W (12-0) before 60,000. On Sept 30 at South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC, in Georgia's only loss of the regular season, the Gamecocks beat the #19 Bulldogs L (10-27) before 56,514. On Oct 7, the Bulldogs beat the Ole Miss Rebels at home W (42-3) before 58,800.

On Oct 14, at #11 LSU in a game played at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA, the Bulldogs prevailed over the Tigers W (24-17) before 77,158. On Oct 21, the #18 Bulldogs pounded the Vanderbilt Commodores at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (31-10) before 53,800. On Oct 28 at Kentucky, the #16 Bulldogs nosed out the Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY W (17-16) before 56,918. On November , the #13 Bulldogs pounded VMI at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (41-3) by 50,200.

On Nov 11 vs. Florida, the #11 Bulldogs beat the Gators at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (24-22) before 68,232. On Nov 18, at Auburn, the #8 Bulldogs tied the Tigers at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) T 22-22 before 64,761. Then, on Dec 2, the #11 Bulldogs nosed out the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (29-28) before 59,700.

The Georgia Bulldogs were invited to the Bluebonnet Bowl on December 31, 1978. The Stanford Cardinal edged out the #11 Bulldogs at the Houston Astrodome in Houston, TX (Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl) L (22–25) before 34,084

Greatest Georgia Games

We're living through a particularly exciting age and in this exciting book depicting the triumphs of University of Georgia football at the moment from recruiting coups to major victories, to rivalry game winning streaks—and most of the moments that define Kirby Smart's tenure as the Bulldogs' head coach including the recent National Championship.

We know that UGA's football history is replete with dramatic victories, come-from-behind wins, and heroic performances, so as we gear up for another season (1922-1923) Between The Hedges, we stop our progress and look back at some of these historic moments that have come to define the Georgia football program. For example, there was that Georgia Tech game back in 1978.



UGA VS. GA TECH 1978

UGA came into this game ranked no. 11, but unranked, 7-3 Georgia Tech came into Athens with their hair on fire. The Yellow Jackets

led by coach V. Dooley, charged off to a 20-0 lead, and late in the first half, the same Coach Dooley decided to hand the reins of the offense over to freshman QB Buck Belue.

The switch energized the Dawgs' attack and they fought back to take a 21-20 lead before Georgia Tech scored to make it 28-21 after a two-point conversion. Led by Belue, the Bulldogs marched down field and scored late in the fourth quarter. And then, 28-27, with the opportunity to kick a point-after attempt to tie the game, Dooley opted for the two-point conversion. The freshman QB came through again and the Dawgs prevailed. What a great game.

Georgia VS. TENNESSEE – 1980



You can feel it in the stands if you are not part of the Tennessee crowd when you enter the stadium, The fact is most people can't match the fans. You have to be wearing a very specific shade of orange to feel at home in Neyland Stadium. It is a downright hostile environment for fans and players alike,

They say that shakes the most seasoned of players, so one might not expect great things from a freshman running back listed third on the depth chart, particularly when this was that running back's first game of college ball, and especially not when he had to face down Freshman All-American safety Bill Bates.

Where all those conditions collided is where Georgia football's most enduring legend began.

From the quarter by quarter stats, the game would appear to be dull but nonetheless, it got quite exciting at the end. Neither team moved the ball in the first quarter and nobody scored. In the second quarter, Tennessee's defense got things started with a safety in which QB Belue fumbled out of the end-zone. It was 9-0 at the half after Olszewski's 4-yard run and a Duncan kick. The Volunteers got six more in the 3rd when Miller took a pass to pay-dirt and the kick was bad.

Then the winds of change came and Herschel Walker realized that he had to do something. That came after the Bulldogs got a safety off the Vols when they fumbled out of the endzone. With the score 15-2, Walker figured it was his time. He scored TDs on a 16-yard run and a Robinson Kick and a 9-yard run and again a Robinson kick. That's all he wrote and 16-15 was all the Bulldog needed to save the game for the Victory Column.

UGA VS. FLORIDA – 1980



1980 was a very good year as Walker would eventually lead Vice Dooley's Bulldogs to a big championship. The Herschel walker legend kept growing because of the reality of his fine play. It grew week after week as Walker and the entire 1980 squad proved to be true and worthy contenders.

The Bulldogs were 8-0. They were typically not at the top of the pack so they were ranked #2 in the country. Florida always gave the Bulldogs a tough time. It would be a tough game for sure. The Dawgs traveled to Jacksonville for their annual match against the Gators, who were 6-1 and ranked #20 after being crushed by an LSU team that finished the year at 7-4.

Florida caught Georgia by surprise and held a 21-20 lead late into the fourth quarter. There were 90 seconds left in the game when the Dawgs snapped the ball on third-and-long in the shadow of their own goalpost. Buck Belue scrambled to his right and pointed, Lindsay Scott ran to the gap in the Gator coverage, and Larry Munson made one of the most famous radio calls in the history of college football. The Bulldogs remained undefeated. How'd it happen?

From the 1980 Georgia-Florida game...With Florida up by 1 with 90 seconds left, Buck Belue hit Lindsey Scott for a 92 yard TD to beat Florida 27-21

You can listen to this on the Internet but Larry Munson was such a great broadcaster for Georgia the Bulldogs began to name things after him. He went to the Lord in 2011 with much acclaim from Georgia. Here is a transcript of one of the commemorations. It happens to be the words from Larry while Lindsey Scott was on his way to Pay-Dirt v Florida for the Bulldogs in 1980.

"Florida in a stand-up five, they may or may not blitz, they won't. Buck back. Third down on the 8. In trouble. Got a block behind him. Going to throw on the run. Complete to the 25, to the 30. Lindsay Scott 35, 40. Lindsay Scott 45, 50, 45, 40. Run Lindsay! Twenty-five, 20, 15, 10, 5. Lindsay Scott! Lindsay Scott! Lindsay Scott! ... Well, I can't believe it. 92 yards and Lindsay really got in a footrace, I broke my chair, I came right through a chair, a metal STEEL chair with about a five inch cushion ... Do you know what is gonna happen here tonight?

And up at St. Simons and Jekyll Island and all those places where all those Dawg people have got those condominiums for four days? MAN, is there gonna be some property destroyed tonight! 26 to 21, Dawgs on top! We were gone. I gave up, you did too. We were out of it and gone. Miracle!"---calling wide receiver Lindsay Scott's 92-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Buck Belue against Florida in 1980.

How about that for excitement? Aren't you glad you are a Georgia Bulldog Fan?

Great Georgia Running Backs Willie McClendon

1978

Willie McClendon,



McClendon emerged as one of the best running backs in college football in 1978. He rushed for 1,312 yards and was named SEC Player of the Year.

1978

He is the father of former Bears wide receiver, and the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach at the University of Oregon Bryan McClendon. Both father and son attended the University of Georgia. McClendon was elected to the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and was inducted in February 2015.

Great Georgia Tackles Jimmy Payne DT

1978-1982

Jimmy Payne , DT

Payne was one of those guys who could play defensive end or linebacker because he was that fast and agile. The defensive tackle finished his career with 28 sacks which is second on the school's all-time list and was named to the All-America team in 1982. His life came to an end in 1998 after suffering from a long illness.



Payne is a former All-SEC defensive tackle at the University of Georgia from 1978-82; had 85 tackles and seven sacks for the Bulldogs in 1981; drafted by Buffalo, but knee problems prevented him from playing in the NFL; of cancer
Died: Athens, Ga., Nov. 3, 1998

Great Georgia Wide Receivers Lindsay Scott

1980 – 1981; Lindsay Scott, WR



Scott was not known for just one play, although it could be the most memorable play in Georgia history (search for Run Lindsay, Run on YouTube). Scott was a reliable receiver and finished his career sixth on the school's all-time list with 2,098.

Run, Lindsay, Run. In 1980, during the Florida–Georgia game, deep in their own territory, with a perfect season on the line and only a minute left in the game, Georgia quarterback Buck Belue hit Scott at the Georgia 25-yard-line in stride. Scott darted through Florida's secondary and reached the end zone with only seconds left.

Long-time Georgia radio announcer Larry Munson's play-by-play gave the game and play its name: Florida in a stand-up five, they may or may not blitz, they won't... Buck back, third down on the eight. In trouble! Got a block behind him... Gonna throw on the run—complete on the 25. To the 30, Lindsay Scott 35, 40, Lindsay Scott 45, 50, 45, 40—Run, Lindsay!--25, 20, 15, 10, 5, Lindsay Scott! Lindsay Scott! Lindsay Scott!!

The game kept alive Georgia's chance for the national title, which they ended up winning. In 2010 Robbie Burns published *Belue to Scott! The greatest moment in Georgia football history*, which details this play.

Great Georgia DL-ROV Terry Hoage

1980-1983

Terry Hoage, ROV



Hoage was so good at his position, he was fifth in the 1983 Heisman Trophy balloting, the two-time consensus All-American was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000 and also inducted into the UGA Circle of Honor in 2001.

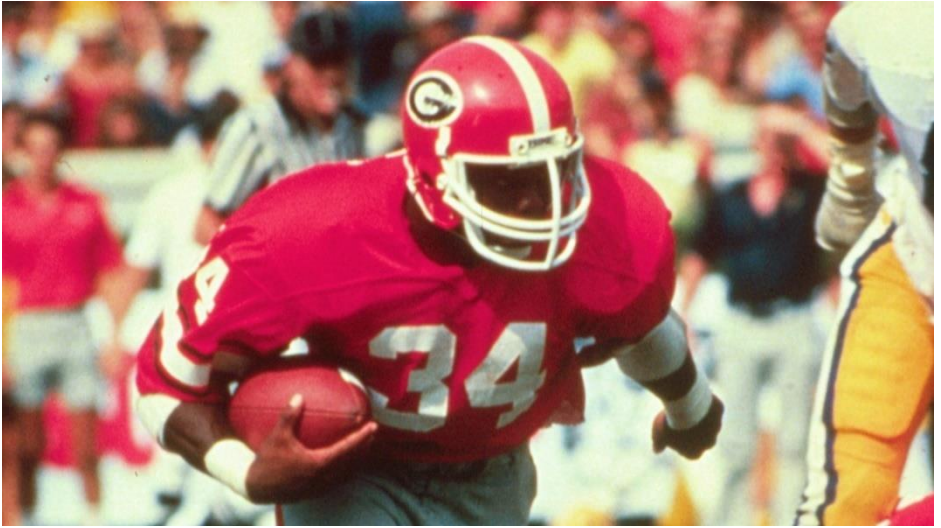
Hoage like all the great players recognized in this book, attended the University of Georgia, where he played for coach Vince Dooley's Georgia Bulldogs football team from 1980 to 1983. As a freshman, blocked a Notre Dame field goal in Georgia's National Championship 17-10 win. As a junior and again as a senior, was a recognized as a consensus first All-American.

Coach Dooley called Hoage "the best defensive player I've ever coached and maybe the best one I've ever seen." He finished fifth in the voting for the Heisman Trophy in 1983. He graduated from Georgia in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in genetics with a 3.85 grade point average. Terry's college roommate, Mike Hubbard, became the first Republican Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives in 136 years.

Great Georgia Running Backs Herschel Walker

1980, 81, 82.

Herschel Walker, RB



Many pundits call the Herschel Walker the best RB ever at Georgia and the best player overall. He was a difference maker Was it really a surprise who Georgia fans would vote their #1 Bulldog? He is still #1.

Walker is by far the most decorated UGA player of all time. Not only did he win the Heisman in 1982, he was the first three-time All-American for the Bulldogs, he held 10 NCAA rushing records, 15 SEC rushing record and 30 Georgia records when his career was complete.

In 1999, Walker was named by CBS as the College Offensive Player of the Century. He was also named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1999.

Some people have gone on record and said that Walker is the greatest college football player to ever play the game. So, it makes perfect sense to have him on top of this list.

Walker, listed as a 6-foot 2-inch 222-pound running back, was the most sought after high school football player in the nation, signed a national letter of intent to play for the University of Georgia Bulldogs on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1980. Mike Cavan helped provide head coach Vince Dooley with his prized recruit: 73–89

1979 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1979 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his sixteenth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the eighty-sixth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record finishing the season at (6-5-0); (5-1) SEC, and they came in 2nd place in the SEC. Led by Bear Bryant, this year Alabama was National Champion and SEC Champion. The Bulldogs ranked # 16 nationally.

Games of the 1979 Season

In the home and season opener on September 15, 1979, Wake Forest nosed out the #12 Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L 21–22 before 57,500. On Sept 22 at Clemson, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC L (7–12) before 63,500. On Sept 29, South Carolina's Gamecocks beat the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (20–27) before 60,100. On Oct 6 at Ole Miss, the Bulldogs beat the Rebels at Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS W (24–21) before 35,912.

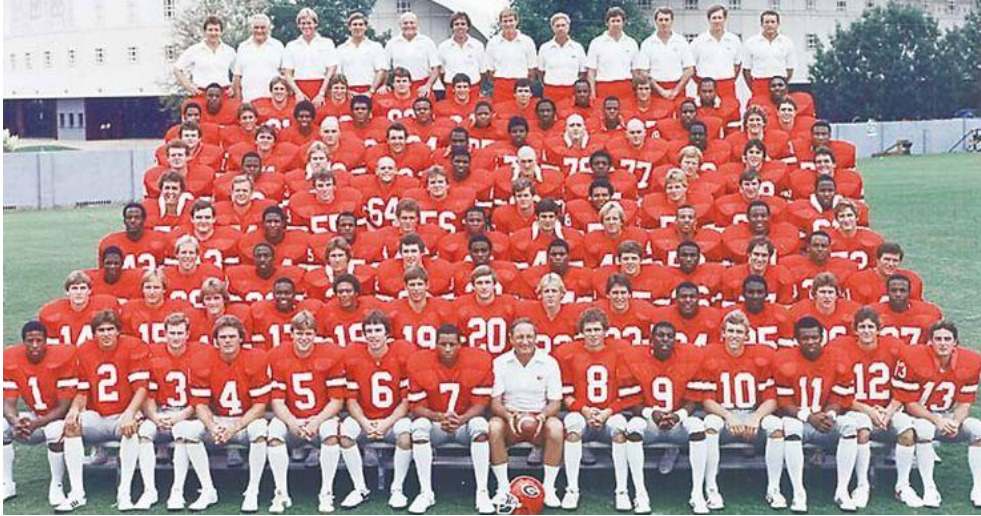
On Oct 13, the Bulldogs beat #13 LSU, W (21–14) before 61,000. On Oct 20 at Vanderbilt in a game played at Dudley Field, Nashville, TN the Bulldogs beat the Commodores W (31–10) before 24,700. On Oct 27, the Bulldogs beat the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (20–6) before 60,300. Then, on Nov 3 at home, Virginia pounded the Bulldogs in a shutout L (0-31) before 59,100.

On Nov 10 vs. Florida at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Bulldogs prevailed W (33–10) before 68,148. On Nov 17, the Auburn Tigers beat the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (13–33) before 63,000. On Nov 24, the Bulldogs beat the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (16–3) before 58,781.

1980 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1980 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his eighteenth seventeenth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the eighty-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The team had an

undefeated winning record finishing the season at (12-0); (6-0) SEC, and they came in 1st place in the SEC (Championship) . Led by Vince Dooley, this year Georgia team were the National Champion and SEC Champions. The Bulldogs ranked # 1 in all national polls.



1980 Georgia Bulldogs, Coach Vince Dooley, National Champions

The Bulldogs completed the season with a 12–0 record. The Bulldogs completed their season with a 17–10 victory over Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl. Everybody gave Georgia credit as national champions. The team was named national champion by the NCAA-designated major selectors of Associated Press, Berryman, Billingsley, Football News, Football Writers, Helms, National Championship Foundation, National Football Foundation, Poling System, Sporting News, and UPI (coaches).

They were named co-champion by Rothman and Sagarin (ELO-Chess), resulting in a consensus national champion designation. Bravo Georgia Bulldogs. It was a very good year!

Before the season even began good things started to happen for the Georgia Bulldogs. For example, Herschel Walker, a gifted athlete at 6-1, 218-pound, who found his home as a Georgia running back, was the most sought after high school football player in the nation. Walker loves Georgia and he is running for Senator in 2022. He signed a national letter of intent to play for the University of Georgia Bulldogs on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1980.

In IBM outstanding workers were known as difference makers. Herschel Walker was definitely a Georgia difference maker. This was a part of what has become a rivalry between the two teams—the Georgia vs. Tennessee series. It seems to many since then that the Bulldogs and the Volunteers have been feuding since the creations of both programs but a look at history proves otherwise. Georgia and Tennessee had met 21 times before 1992, and only ten times as members of the SEC. The two schools didn't meet once between the years of 1938 and 1967. They were always great games.

After the 1980 season, Tennessee dominated Georgia in the 1990, and at one time they won nine-straight games over the Bulldogs. As you will see in this book, Georgia bounced back in the early 2000s and made the series the match it always was supposed to be—a true rivalry. Today of course along with a number of other special the Vols and Dogs annual matchup is one of the best rivalries in the SEC even though Tennessee's program has fallen off since 2007. Georgia and Tennessee still get a crowd because both see it as a must win game meaning both programs are on their A-games when playing each other.

The 1980 game which began the Bulldogs 1980 championship season is often referred to as “Herschel's Coming Out Party. It was the game and the season that almost wasn't. Their 1980 matchup was initially a disaster for the Georgia Bulldogs. They had a fine team and they entered the season with SEC Championship hopes. Before they knew it, they were losing big. Tennessee took a 15-2 lead in the third quarter, with a safety on a muffed punt being the Bulldogs' only score.

Things at this point in the first game did not look good for the SEC Championship and certainly not the National Championship. So, tell us about the secret weapon. OK, I will. In the third quarter, Georgia coach Vince Dooley decided that bringing Herschel Walker into the game would certainly not hurt anything and if Walker played the way the coach knew he could, it might affect the outcome. It sure did.

That decision changed the trajectory of the game and Georgia's entire season. Walker eventually rumbled into the end zone through multiple defenders to cut the score to 15-9. He scored once more in

the fourth quarter, on a toss sweep, to give his team a 16-15 victory. Nonetheless, Walker is still humble as he recounts his football career and has now dedicated himself to the pursuit of a seat in the US Senate so that he can help things in America. Herschel Walker is quite a guy.

Great Georgia Corner Backs Scott Woerner

1980-1981

Scott Woerner, CB

Woerner was very good corner but also excelled in punt returns. He is second on UGA's all-time list for interceptions and set the school record for punt return yards. He was a member of the 1980 national championship team and was named to the All-America team that same year.



He played college football for the University of Georgia Bulldogs. In the 1981 Sugar Bowl, Woerner intercepted a pass by the Notre Dame quarterback in the closing minutes of the game which sealed Georgia's national championship for that year. He still holds several return records at the University of Georgia. He had the most kickoff return yards (190) in a single game (vs. Kentucky, 1977). He also

holds the most punt return yards (488) in a season (1980). Woerner was drafted in the third round of the 1981 NFL Draft by the Falcons.

Games of the 1980 Season

How was that for an introduction? As you now know, in the season opener, on September 6, 1980 at Tennessee, #16 ranked Georgia nosed out the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN W (16–15) before 95,288. To be tested this early in the season and to win with a one point victory—the slimmest of margins, gave the Bulldogs the start they needed to have an undefeated season. We're glad coach Dooley inserted Walker into the game.

On Sept 13, with that first big win under its belt, #12 Georgia began the rest of its season by pounding Texas A&M in a shutout W (42–0) played at home at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA before 60,150. On Sept 20, in a close match, the #10 Bulldogs beat Clemson at home W (20–16) before 61,800. The #10 Bulldogs then punted TCU on Sept 27 at home W (34–3) before 59,200. Then on Oct 11, the #6 Bulldogs beat Ole Miss's Rebels by a touchdown at home W (28–21). Before 60,300

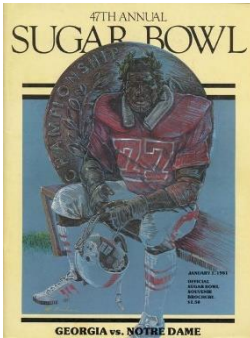
Then, on Oct 18, the #6 Bulldogs walloped Vanderbilt in a shutout at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA, W (41–0) before 59,300. On Oct 25 at Kentucky, the #5 Bulldogs shut out the Wildcats W (27–) at the Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY before 57,239. On Nov 1, the #4 Bulldogs edged out the #14 South Carolina Gamecocks at home W (13–10) before 62,200. Then, on Nov 8 vs. #20 Florida, the then ranked #2 Bulldogs pulled out a tough victory over the Gators at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, W (26–21) before 68,528.

On Nov 15 at Auburn, the #1 ranked Bulldogs beat the Tigers W (31–21) at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (31–21) before 74,900. On Nov 29, the #1 Bulldogs beat Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (38–20) before 62,800

The #1 ranked Georgia Bulldogs were invited to play on January 1, 1981 against #7 Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana

Superdome in New Orleans, LA (Sugar Bowl). The Bulldogs played well again and finished their season unbeaten with this fine win v Notre Dame W 17–10 before 77,896

Sugar Bowl Game Recap #1 Georgia 17 (Final: 12-0-0, #1)
#7 Notre Dame 10 (Final: 9-2-1, #9)



Despite the fine win, they call it an ugly stat: in a game when Georgia needed air-support to keep defenders off tailback Herschel Walker. Nonetheless QB Buck Belue had his troubles in the air going 0-for-11 passing.

It was tough scoring and it was tough holding a lead. With 2:05 to play, and the Bulldogs did their best to hold onto the one touchdown lead. Belue was looking at a third-and-seven at midfield. He had no reason to be confident, Nonetheless, he gave it the old college try. He dropped back, looked, finally let loose, and completed his first – and only – pass, just enough—seven yards to Amp Arnold. That completion permitted the Bulldogs to run out the clock, and secure its first consensus national title. Wow!

Making the most out of it after the game, the Coach said: “That was the only one we needed,” a relieved Bulldog coach Vince Dooley then smiled.

All season long Georgia hung in through thick and thin and there was nobody who would not call them a remarkable team. They had run the table more because all its units meshed than on an abundance of overwhelming talent, other than the amazing Herschel Walker, a real difference maker all season long.

Going into the Sugar Bowl against Notre Dame, a well-coached Dan Devine team, the pundits suggested that in order to survive this one more time in this important game in this memorable season Georgia would need everything it could muster and perhaps even more than that. The pundits as well as Coach Dooley knew that the Bulldogs needed to come up with a passing threat to relieve pressure on its one-dimensional ground-game. Herschel Walker was willing

to do the job but Notre Dame knew he would be getting the ball a disproportionate part of the game.

Although Belue didn't pass much he would have to pass and when he did, he would need completions, in order to avoid having the Goliaths from Notre Dame Goliaths aim the big defensive guns solely on Herschel. Sprint-outs and play-action calls by Belue would be the only other offensive options in Georgia's limited bag of offensive maneuvers. Many thought it would not be enough. Notre Dame was having a fine season with just one loss and a tie, and they were looking for a win.

Try as they may, Georgia did not get that needed air-support, and yet, the Bulldogs still found a way to move the ball just enough to win the game.

From the beginning things did not look Good for Georgia. At the start. Notre Dame immediately went ahead on a 50-yard field goal; a sack of Belue then backed the Bulldogs up to their 6; Walker unknowingly separated his shoulder; and the Irish ended up at the Georgia 41, just nine yards from where Harry Oliver had just kicked his field goal.

They reached the 31, on a fourth-and-11. Oliver came back in for a second kick. Everything appeared routine, until Bulldog Terry Hoage entered the game. Hoage had something on his mind that would prove upsetting to the Irish.

He was a reserve defensive back who had five minutes of game time during Georgia's entire season and who had made just two road trips. During Sugar Bowl practices the coaches had the backups attempt blocking kicks, under simulated game conditions. Hoage was a natural at this and so the Coach placed him on the Sugar Bowl travel squad.

As the ball was snapped this moxie-laden freshman sliced through the Notre Dame middle, leaped up and caught Oliver's kick right in the chest. "I saw kind of a little hole and just sailed through," Hoage told everybody that would listen. He had done his job well.

From that blocked kick, the Bulldogs Rex Robinson booted a 46-yard field goal to tie the score. Then he had to kick off to the Irish.

Robinson then kicked the ball to the ND deep backs, Jim Stone and Ty Barber, each of whom drifted away from the ball before it hit near the end zone and began bouncing laterally.

There was confusion. “I called for Ty to take the ball,” Stone said, “but he didn’t hear me. It was hard to hear with all that noise.” Barber shrugged. “I guess he thought I had it, and I thought he had it. I think we were both too anxious to block the defenders. The oncoming Bulldogs went right for the ball.

There was a Bulldog brother act, Steve and Bob Kelly involved in this. They closed in on the live ball. Steve dived at the offering, hit it, and, he said, “the ball popped into my brother’s hand at the 1. Taking about the negative luck of the Irish. The play has come to be remembered in Athens as ‘the world’s longest on-sides kick.’”

ND held on the Bulldogs first play from the one yard line, On the second play, however, Herschel Walker launched himself over the Notre Dame line to put Georgia in front 10-3.

The Irish seemed to have a case of fumble-fingers. They found themselves with another bobble, at the Notre Dame 22. Walker was ready, separated shoulder and all. The talented back beat two defensive backs to the outside for a three-yard touchdown. Amazing!

Taking advantage of three Irish miscues, Georgia was ahead at half time 17-3, but the statistics seemed to belie the fact. The team was behind in virtually every statistic known to football—with the exception of three significant figures:

At this point in the game, Walker already had 95 yards rushing against a defense that hadn’t surrendered a hundred yards to any runner all season. And Walker was getting his yards without benefit of a balanced offense; Belue had zero completions in six attempts, and on five other plays he was unable to even get his pass off.

Irish coach Dan Devine decided to ignore Belue and shoot the works at stopping Walker. The Irish linebackers were moved up for a second-half salvo at Walker. Field position and size became Notre Dame’s offensive components and they had the advantage.

After weathering a Notre Dame touchdown drive in the third quarter, and another to the 20, which was stopped and DB Scott Woerner dropped Phil Carter for a yard loss on third down, forcing a missed field goal attempt, Georgia still had another task at hand. They had to sneak away with a game over referee signal while they still had the lead.

That's when Belue got his only completion of the game. Looking at the statistics, this game was all Notre Dame. They had outrushed, out-passed, and out first-downed Georgia, but Walker finished with 150 yards, 55 of which came in the second half.

His individual total may have been the most impressive rushing performance in Sugar Bowl history, considering his separated shoulder and the fact that his total was 30 yards more than his team's.

If ND could take away the results of Walker's 36 carries, they would surely do that but they could not stop him during the game. Without Herschel Walker, the Bulldogs amassed a minus 30 yards of offense, partly due to four sacks of Belue. No winning team ever had such paltry figures in the Sugar Bowl. I bet we could eliminate sugar bowl and say in any game.

Georgia did win two stats it had won all season: turnovers, 4-0 (not including Notre Dame's goal line gaffe), and the scoreboard, 17-10. "I don't know how good we are," Vince Dooley said, "but I do know we're 12-0 and nobody else is." Vince Dooley got it right! The facts in this treatise of the Sugar Bowl came from the book "Sugar Bowl Classic: A History" by Marty Mulé, who covered the game and the organization for decades for the New Orleans Times-Picayune. My thanks to Marty Mule'.

1981 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1981 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his eighteenth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the eighty-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a very fine record finishing the season at (10-2); (6-0) SEC, and they came in 1st place in the SEC (Championship) . Led by Vince Dooley, this year's

Georgia team were ranked # 5 in the coaches' poll and #6 in the AP poll.

Great Georgia Games

UGA VS. NOTRE DAME – 1981



Another great game for the Bulldogs was the Sugar Bowl v Notre Dame after the 1980 season.

After the team “breezed through” 11 wins, the #1. 1 ranked Bulldogs received an invitation to play #7 Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl. Many expected that Georgia would have to open up a passing attack against the Fighting Irish, who would the pundits calculated would zero-in on Herschel and, being able to focus entirely on stopping one angle of attack—Georgia’s best angle of attack. This would technically and functionally eliminate the Bulldog’s offense.

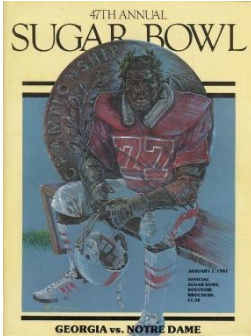
What they found was that even with a separated shoulder, suffered in the game’s first quarter, Herschel Walker would still run through the Notre Dame “D” and would still amass over 150 yards on the ground and even while the Dawgs completing only one pass. The Dawgs could win with Walker stats like that. When the clock struck

zero, Georgia had earned their 12th win of the season and their first consensus national title. Great team!

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It sure was an ugly stat: in a game when Georgia needed air-support to keep defenders off tailback Herschel Walker, quarterback Buck Belue was 0-for-11 passing. Yet the Dawgs won.

It all came down to whether the Bulldogs could stay the steady bend but don't break philosophy that took them this far. Here they were with 2:05 to play, and the Bulldogs were holding on to protect a precarious touchdown lead, Belue was looking at a third-and-seven at midfield.

He dropped back, looked, finally let loose, and completed his first – and only – pass, seven yards to Amp Arnold. That allowed Georgia to run out the clock, and secure its first consensus national title. Belue, actually, for as ineffective as the passing office had been all game, got back in the game and his completion was what brought the win to Georgia

“That was the only one we needed,” a relieved Bulldog coach Vince Dooley smiled.

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That's when Belue completed on his only pass of the day. That's when Notre Dame had lost to Georgia even after outrushing, outpassing, and out first-downing ed Georgia. It was Walker's 150 yards, 55 in the second half. Take away Walker's 36 carries and Georgia amassed a minus 30 yards of offense, partly due to four sacks of Belue. No winning team ever had such paltry figures in the Sugar Bowl. To the victor belongs the spoils Yeah Dawgs!

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Great Georgia Kickers Kevin Butler

1981-1984

Kevin Butler, K



Butler is a two-time All-American, a four time All-SEC selection and is Georgia all-time scoring leader with 353 points. Butler also helped the Bulldogs capture two SEC titles during his tenure. That's why a kicker is in the top 10.

At the University of Georgia Butler was a two-time All-American and a four-time All-Southeastern Conference football player including three First-Team selections. Thus far he holds the Bulldogs' record for scoring with 353 points (122 PAT's, 77 field goals), and he is second in career scoring in SEC history (including all players, kickers and non-kickers). Butler helped lead Bulldog teams to two SEC titles and four bowl appearances,

Great Georgia Linebackers Knox Culpepper

1981-1984

Knox Culpepper, LB



Culpepper was a linebacker that simply knew how to get to the football. He holds the team record for most tackles in a game (26), and most tackles in a season (170).

Knox Culpepper is a football player from Atlanta, Georgia. Culpepper was an all-state linebacker at The Lovett School, where he graduated in 1981. After graduating from Lovett, he enrolled in the University of Georgia and played linebacker for the Georgia Bulldogs from 1981 to 1984. He served as the team captain for the Bulldogs in 1984.

Culpepper still holds the team records for the Bulldogs in three categories:

Total tackles in a single game - 26 vs. Georgia Tech in 1983 (He is also second on the list with 25 vs. Auburn in 1983). Total assists in a season - 116 in 1984 (He is also second on the list with 105 in 1983)

Total tackles in a season - 170 in 1984 (He is also second on the list with 166 in 1983)

In 1985, after completing his career with the Bulldogs, Culpepper appeared in the Blue-Gray Game and the Hula Bowl.

Games of the 1981 Season

In the season and home opener on September 5, 1981, the #10 Bulldogs beat Tennessee at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (44-0) before 79,600. On Sept 12, the #6 Bulldogs beat the California Golden Bears at home at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (27-13) before 79,400. On Sept 19 at Clemson,, Clemson beat #4 Georgia at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC L(3-13) before 62,466. On Sept 26, the #17 Bulldogs beat South Carolina's Gamecocks at home in Sanford Stadium, in Athens, W 24-0 before 82,100. On Oct 10 at Ole Mis, the #11 Bulldogs beat the Rebels at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS, W (37-7) before 41,125.

On Oct 17, at Vanderbilt, the #9 Bulldogs beat the Commodores at Dudley Field in Nashville, TN, W (53-21) before 39,65. On Oct 24, at Kentucky, the #7 Bulldogs shut out the Wildcats at home W (21-0) before 80,780. On Oct 31, the #5 Bulldogs beat Temple at home W (49-3) before 80,117. On Nov 7 vs. Florida, the #4 Bulldogs beat the Gators at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, W (26-21) before 68,648.

On Nov 14, the #4 Bulldogs beat Auburn at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (24–13) before 82,165. Then, on Dec 5, at Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets, the #2 Bulldogs prevailed at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (44–7) before 58,623.

The #2 Georgia Bulldogs again were invited to play in the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1982 vs. #8 Pittsburgh at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, LA (Sugar Bowl). It was a close match but the Pitt Panthers won the victory over the Bulldogs L (20–24) before 77,224.

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This year, the offense scored 338 points while the defense allowed 160 points. Led by head coach Vince Dooley, the top ranked Bulldogs lost to number two Penn State 23-27 in the Sugar Bowl. The season began with some bad news also:

As the season opener was approaching, against defending national champion Clemson, the University of Georgia received bad news about star running back Herschel Walker having suffered a fractured right thumb in practice on August 21, 1982. After this injury, Walker was expected to be out of action for 3–6 weeks. Despite this sad news, when the season began, the Bulldogs were able to win all of their games until the bowl game loss to #2 ranked Joe Paterno's Penn State Nittany Lions. For many until the bowl game, it looked like the Bulldogs had a shot at a second championship in three years.

Games of the 1982 Season

In the season and home opener against defending National Champions Clemson, the #7 ranked Bulldogs defeated the #11 ranked Tigers on September 6, 1982 at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (13–7) before 82,122. On Sept 11, the #6 Bulldogs edged out BYU at home W (17–14) before 80,207. On Sept 25 at South Carolina, in a game played at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks W (34–18) before 74,200. Then, on Oct 2 at Mississippi State, the #6 Bulldogs beat the MS Bulldogs at Scott Field in Starkville, MS, W (29–22) before 33,158

On Oct 9, the #5 Bulldogs defeated the Ole Miss Rebels at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (33–10) before 82,122. On Oct 1, the Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (27–13) before 82,122. Then on Oct 23 at Kentucky's Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the #3 Bulldogs beat the Wildcats W (27–14) before 56,697. On Oct 30, the #3 Bulldogs beat Memphis State at home W (34–3) before 82,122.

On Nov 6 vs. Florida, the #3 Bulldogs pounded the Gators at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (44–0) before 80,749. Then, on Nov 13 at Auburn, #1 ranked Bulldogs defeated the Tigers at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (19–14) before 74,900. On Nov 27 at home, the #1 ranked Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (38–18) before 82,122

The #1 ranked Bulldogs accepted a bid to play Penn State on January 1, 1983 in the Sugar Bowl in a battle of #1 v #2. In this encounter, the Bulldogs did not have enough to overcome the Nittany Lions and lost the game in a close match L (23-27) & in a game played at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, LA (Sugar Bowl) before 78,124.

Georgia had a national championship guaranteed if they could have only beaten Penn State in the Sugar Bowl. They were #1 and PSU was # 2. Four points separated the teams at the end of the game. Penn State defeated the Georgia Bulldogs, 27–23, in the Sugar Bowl to win Joe Paterno's first consensus national championship. The

team was selected national champion by AP, Billingsley, DeVold, Dunkel, FACT, FB News, Football Research, FW, Litkenhous, Matthews, NCF, NFF, The New York Times, Poling, Sagarin, Sagarin (ELO-Chess), Sporting News, UPI/coaches, and USA/CNN, while named co-champion by Helms.

The Game

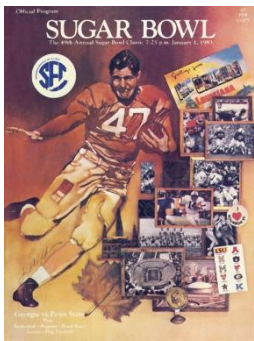
49th Annual Sugar Bowl Classic ~ January 1, 1983 It was for the National Championship

Final Rankings:

#2 Penn State 27 (Final: 11-1-0, #1)

#1 Georgia 23 (Final: 11-1-0, #4)

A well-remembered quote from Joe Paterno from the 1983 Sugar Bowl was that when Georgia met Penn State in the 1983 Sugar Bowl, Paterno said he could “feel it beginning to slip away.”



Two tough teams that each deserved the national championship but it would go to just one—the winner of this nail-biter game on New Year’s Day, 1983.

Paterno had never won a college championship though Penn Staters would say, that was not true. They feel that the coach had enough undefeated seasons that he should have had a big piece of a championship if not consensus. They blame the selectors. Georgia has a right to feel cheated on some great seasons also. So in many ways the teams had had a similar history. The difference was that Coach Dooley had just won the championship in 1980 and like many observers, he knew that if the team played this game right, he would have another. However, it was not meant to be.

It was close for the whole game and Georgia was behind by just three points as the Nittany Lions were clinging to a 20-17 lead in the third quarter after the Bulldogs had climbed back into position for an unlikely victory. The third period saw Georgia shut down the long Penn State passing lanes. It was a period in which three of Georgia’s

five sacks were registered and it was a period that as the pundits say, Joe Paterno started getting queasy.

Georgia had a tough time in the first half only able to inch beyond its own 45 twice in the first half – though both times the drives resulted in points. Despite this, the Bulldogs closed the gap to 20-17 on the first series of the third quarter. As usual it was a yeoman effort from Herschel Walker who went 69 yards in 11 plays and then scored from the 1.

Now all of a sudden, with the two best teams in the nation battling it out, the Sugar Bowl was up for grabs and Penn State's first national championship seemed like it could be heading down the drain. Paterno's team had clearly lost a bit of poise, and quarterback Todd Blackledge, who, explained his play by saying he was "out of whack." But he had reassured Paterno that if he were given a little time, he would be okay."

With the three point difference and Georgia smelling opportunity, Blackledge got the ball back. It was in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. Penn State had a first down at the Bulldog 47, and Georgia was in two-deep coverage and obviously were playing the run.

The call came in and Blackledge called it "six-43," a routine play-action fake while four receivers streak downfield and it worked. PSU flanker Gregg Garrity flew past freshman defending cornerback Tony Flack and he made a diving, skidding catch in the end zone. Touchdown for Penn State. Whoah! See picture below



Georgia had seen Penn State before that play trying to run the ball six consecutive times. It wasn't a trick play but it was a change of strategy which worked, Penn State knew that Georgia would respect the run again. Garrity was a sneaky fast guy who was super super quick. Unexpectedly, and quickly, he was in front of the defender. He was a lot faster than his credits and he was defended by a freshman cornerback.

Georgia had veteran safety Terry Hoage, but the play-fake caught him and he had helped in stopping the prior six running attempts. So he was not able to help over the top, and Garrity ran right by the freshman.

The flanker ran under the ball, extended himself and made a super catch in the end zone. It broke Georgia's spirit but the Dogs kept trying to come back to win. The door closed somewhat but everybody knew that it was not completely shut on the Bulldogs. They would create more drama.

The Bulldogs chance came when PSU made its only turnover of the night on a fumbled punt return by Kevin Baugh. This made the game close right to the end. Bulldog quarterback John Lastinger

pushed Georgia from the Nittany Lion 43 to the 9, where he scrambled and then threw back across the field to tight end Clarence Kay for a touchdown with 3:54 remaining. The team tried for the two-point conversion which would have put Georgia in a position to win the game on a field goal by one of the nation's best kickers-Butler. But they failed, The Lions stopped Walker short of the goal leaving the score at 27-23.

Georgia needed to get the ball back quickly. Penn State had to hold on to it. As time was the big problem, On a third and one at the Nittany Lions' 23, Blackledge sneaked for two yards . On the next third down, three yards were needed at the 32. Instead of a lunge into the line by Warner, the call everyone expected, Blackledge said, "Let's go for it!" Paterno recalled later, "I just told him, 'Make sure you throw it far enough. ' "Blackledge dropped back, and threw a quickie to Garrity for a six-yard gain. That was that.

Walker said the Georgia offense was confident it could pull the game out..."if we could just get our hands on the ball. After that last first down, however, chances of a comeback had diminished. Penn State had the ball at the end of the game and the Lions finally won its first national championship.

For Coach Vince Dooley and the Georgia Bulldogs this was the season that could have been but wasn't because of this game which could have been but wasn't.

The facts in this game recap came from the book "Sugar Bowl Classic: A History" by Marty Mulé, who covered the game and the organization for decades for the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

1983 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1983 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his twentieth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the ninetieth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a very fine record finishing the season at (10-1); (5-1) SEC, and they came in 2nd place in the SEC. Led by Vince Dooley, this year Georgia team were ranked # 4 in the coaches' poll and #4 in the AP poll.

Games of the 1983 Season

In the season and home opener on September 3, 1983 the Bulldogs defeated #20 UCLA at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (19–8) before 82,122. At Clemson on Sept 17, the #11 Bulldogs tied the Tigers at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC T 16–16 before 79,815. Then, on Sept 24, the #14 Bulldogs beat the South Carolina Gamecocks at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (31–13) before 82,122. On Oct 1, the #11 Bulldogs defeated the Mississippi State Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (20–7) before 82,122

On October 8 at Ole Miss, the #11 Bulldogs beat the Rebels at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS W (36–11) before 29,363. Then, on Oct 15 at Vanderbilt, the #8 Bulldogs beat the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (20–13) before 41,223. On Oct 22, the #7 Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W 47–21 before 82,122. On Oct 29, the #6 Bulldogs defeated Temple at home W (31–14) before 81,822.

On Nov 5 vs. No. 9 Florida, the #4 Bulldogs nosed out the Gators at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (10–9) before 82,166. Then, on Nov 12, in a battle of #3 and #4, the Auburn Tigers beat the Georgia Bulldogs L(7-13) in a game that cost the Bulldogs the National Championship. The game was played at home in Sanford Stadium Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) before 82,122. On Nov 26 at Georgia Tech, the #7 Bulldogs edged out the Yellow Jackets at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game. W (27–24) before 59,113

The #7 Bulldogs were invited to the January 2, 1984 Cotton Bowl vs. #2 Texas where they prevailed in the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas, TX (Cotton Bowl Classic) W (10–9) before 67,891

1984 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1984 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his twenty-first of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the ninety-first season for the Bulldogs. The team had a very fine record finishing the season at (7-4); (4-2) SEC, and they came in 4th place in

the SEC. Led by Vince Dooley, this year, the Georgia team was not ranked in either national poll.

Games of the 1984 Season

On September 8, 1984 in the season and home opener, the Bulldogs defeated Southern Miss W (26-19) before 81,427 at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA. On Sept 22, the #20 Bulldogs beat #2 Clemson at home in a close match W (26-23) before 82,122. On Sept 29 at South Carolina, the Gamecocks beat the #12 Bulldogs at Williams-Brice Stadium, Columbia, SC L (10-17) before 74,325. On Oct 6 at Alabama, the #20 Bulldogs beat the Crimson Tide at Legion Field in Birmingham, AL W(24-14) before 75,808

On Oct 13, the #15 Bulldogs defeated Ole Miss at home W(18-12) before 82,122. On Oct 20, the #14 Bulldogs whipped Vanderbilt at home W (62-35) before 82,122. Then, on Oct 27 at Kentucky, the #13 Bulldogs beat the Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY W (37-7) before 56,032. At home on Nov 3, #8 Georgia beat Memphis State at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W 13-3 before 82,122

On Nov 10 vs. No. 10 Florida, the Gators shut out the #8 Bulldogs at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (0-27) before 82,349. Then, on Nov 17 at #18 Auburn, the Tigers beat the #15 Bulldogs at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (12-21) before 75,300. On Dec 1, #18 Georgia Tech's Yellow Jackets defeated the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game. L 18-35 before 82,122.

The Georgia Bulldogs were invited to an early bowl game—The Citrus Bowl on Dec 22 against #15 Florida State. In the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, FL, the Seminoles and the Bulldogs played to a tie.

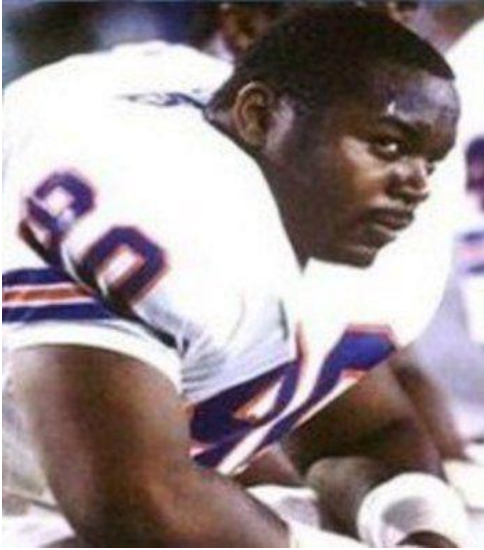
1985 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1984 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his twenty-second of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was

the ninety-second season for the Bulldogs. The team had a very fine record finishing the season at (7-3-2; (3-2-1) SEC, and they came in 5th place in the SEC. Led by Vince Dooley, this year's Georgia team was not ranked in either national poll.

Great Georgia Defensive Ends Freddie Gilbert

1985, 1986; Freddie Gilbert, DE



Gilbert was a member of three SEC championships and one national title during his time with the Bulldogs. He holds the record for sacks in a game with five and is fourth on Georgia's all-time sack list with 26.

Gilbert attended Griffin High School and then went on to play for the Georgia Bulldogs. Gilbert was drafted by the Broncos in the first round of the 1984 Supplemental Draft, but opted to play his first two

years professionally with the New Jersey Generals of the USFL. He joined the Broncos for the 1986 season and played in Super Bowl XXI and Super Bowl XXII. Gilbert finished his career with the Phoenix Cardinals in 1989. He resides in Athens, Georgia.

Here are his stats

Hampton's stats for the Georgia Bulldogs

Season	Rushing					Receiving				
	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
1987	126	890	7.1	50	4	10	133	13.3	36	2
1988	128	719	5.6	56	6	10	86	8.6	13	1
1989	218	1,059	4.9	36	12	26	219	8.4	29	0
Totals	472	2,668	5.7	50	22	46	438	9.5	36	3

Great Georgia Running Backs Lars Tate

1986, 1987

Lars Tate, RB



Tate falls into the category of talented running backs that were exciting to watch. He's third on UGA's all-time list for rushing yards in a career and is also second on the school's all-time list for touchdowns scores in a career with 36.

Lars Jamel Tate (born February 2, 1966), is a former professional American football player who was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 2nd round of the 1988 NFL Draft. Tate attended North Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was named Gatorade National High School Offensive Player of the Year as a high school senior. During his senior year, Tate rushed for 1,417 yards on 149 carries for a 9.5 average and 14 TD's in 1983. He rushed for 1,400 yards and scored 23 TD's during his 11th grade year in 1982.

Tate played college football for the University of Georgia and led the team in rushing during the 1986 and 1987 seasons. He still holds many UGA weightlifting records.

His NFL debut for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers took place on September 4, 1988, when he rushed for a modest 30 yards against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Tate followed that performance with a 106-yard effort against the Detroit Lions. Tate played in three NFL seasons from 1988 to 1990. He led the Buccaneers in rushing during the 1988 and 1989 seasons.

His son, Donavan Tate, was drafted 3rd overall in the 2009 MLB draft.

Games of the 1985 Season

In the season and home opener on September 2, 1985, at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, Alabama's Crimson Tide defeated the Bulldogs L (16–20) before 81,277. On Sept 14 at home the Bulldogs beat the Baylor Bears at home W (17–14) before 77,190. Then, on Sept 21 at Clemson, in a game played at the Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC, the Bulldogs prevailed v the Tigers W (20–13) before 80,473. Then, finishing up September, on Sept 28, the Bulldogs defeated the South Carolina Gamecocks at home W (35–21) before 82,122.

The Bulldogs did not play on Oct 5. At Ole Miss on Oct 12, the #18 Bulldogs beat the Rebels at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS W (49–21) before 35,000. Then, on Oct 19 at Vanderbilt, in a game played at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN, the Commodores and the #16 Bulldogs played to a tie game T (13–13) before 41,137. Then, on Oct 26, the #18 Bulldogs beat the Kentucky Wildcats at home W 26–6 before 81,498. On Nov 2, the #17 Bulldogs walloped the Tulane Green Wave W (58–3) before 81,407.

On Nov 9, playing against the #1 ranked Florida Gators, the #17 Bulldogs beat the Gators W (24-3) at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL before 82,327. Then, on Nov 16, #14 Auburn beat #12 Georgia at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (10–24) before 82,122. Then, on Nov 30 at Georgia Tech's Grant Field in Atlanta GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the #20, the yellow Jacks knocked the Bulldogs out of the top 20 with this victory L (16–20) before 59,206.

Sun Bowl

The Georgia Bulldogs were invited to the Sun Bowl in a game played at the Sun Bowl Stadium in El Paso Texas on December 28, 1985 in which the Bulldogs tied the Arizona Wildcats T (13-13) in the Sun Bowl before 52,203

1986 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1986 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his twenty-third of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the ninety-third season for the Bulldogs. The team had a very fine record finishing the season at (8-4; (4-2) SEC, and they came in 4th place in the SEC. Led by Vince Dooley, this year's Georgia team was not ranked in either national poll.

Games of the 1986 Season

In the season and home opener on September 13, 1986. The #19 Bulldogs defeated the Duke Blue Devils at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (31-7) before 80,420. Then, on Sept 20, the Clemson Tigers edged out the #14 Bulldogs at home L (28-31) before 81,377. On Sept 27 at South Carolina, in a game played at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks W (31-26) before 74,200. Then, on Oct 4, my wedding Anniversary, the Bulldogs defeated the Ole Miss Rebels at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GAW (14-10) before 80,227

On Oct 11 at #16 LSU at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers L (14-23) before 78,252. On Oct 18, the Bulldogs defeated Vanderbilt at home W (38-16) before 78,642. Then, on October 25 at Kentucky in a game played at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Bulldogs beat the Wildcats W (31-9) before 56,620. On Nov 1 at home, Georgia defeated Richmond W (28-13) before 74,785

On Nov vs. Florida the Gators beat the #19 Bulldogs at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (19-31) before 81,957. On Nov 15, at #8 Auburn, the Bulldogs beat the Tigers at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (20-16) before

73,000. The #18 Bulldogs on Nov 29, defeated the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (31–24) before 82,122.

#17 ranked Georgia was invited to the Hall of Fame Bowl on Dec 23 to face off against Boston College in a game played at Tampa Stadium Tampa, FL. The Eagles defeated the Bulldogs L (24–27) before 25,358

Great Georgia Defensive Ends Richard Tardits

1986-1988

Richard Tardits, DE

They called Tardits Le Sack because he could flat out get after the quarterback and he was born in France. Tardits led the team in sacks from 1986-88 and ended his career with 29 which is the second most in team history.



Richard Tardits (born July 30, 1965), is a former American football linebacker for the New England Patriots of the National Football League, and a former rugby union footballer for the United States national rugby union team. He held the record for most sacks in a career at the University of Georgia, until surpassed by David Pollack in 2004, and he was referred to as 'Le Sack' by fans because of his French birth.

1987 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1987 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his twenty-fourth of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the ninety-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a very fine record finishing the season at (9-3; (4-2) SEC, and they came in 4th place in the SEC. Led by Vince Dooley, this year's Georgia team was ranked 14 & 13 in the national polls.

Great Georgia Running Backs Rodney Hampton

1987, 1988, 1989

Rodney Hampton, RB



Georgia is also known over the years for its great running backs and Hampton falls into that category. He holds the record in all-purpose yards in a game (290) and is fifth in UGA history with 2,668 rushing yards.

Hampton hails from Houston, Texas, where he played football and basketball at Kashmere High School. As a member of the Georgia Bulldogs under Vince Dooley and Ray Goff, Hampton led the backfield for three seasons.

For his career, the back racked up 2,668 yards on the ground, 438 receiving yards, and 25 total touchdowns. As of 2021, he sits in ninth place on UGA's all-time leading rushing yards list.

Games of the 1987 Season

On September 5, 1987 in the home and season opener, the #20 ranked Bulldogs defeated the Virginia Wahoos at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (30–22) before 75,125. On Sept 12, the #20 Georgia Bulldogs pounded the Oregon State Beavers at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (41–7) before 73,211. On Sept 19, # 8 Clemson nosed out #18 Georgia at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC L (20–21) before 81,875. On Sept 26, the Bulldogs defeated the South Carolina Gamecocks at home W (13–6) before 82,122

On Oct 3 at Ole Miss, the #20 Bulldogs beat the Rebels at the Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS, W (31–14) before 32,000. Then, on Oct 10 #7 LSU beat the #16 Bulldogs at home L (23–26) before 82,122. On Oct 17 at Vanderbilt, the #18 Bulldogs pounded the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (52–24) before 40,878. Then, on Oct 24, the #12 Bulldogs edged out the Wildcats of Kentucky at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (17–14) before 81,911

On Nov 7 vs. #17 Florida, the #10 Bulldogs beat the Gators at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (23–10) before 81,975. Then, on November 14, #12 Auburn's Tigers defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game L (11–27) before 82,122. On Nov 28 at Georgia Tech in a game played at Grant Field in Atlanta, GA—the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the #14 Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets W (30–16) before 45,103.

The Georgia Bulldogs were invited to the Liberty Bowl to play Arkansas on December 29 in the Liberty Bowl Game. The #15 Bulldogs beat the Razorbacks at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis, TN W (20–17) before 53,240.

1988 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Vince Dooley Head Coach #22

The 1988 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Vince Dooley in his twenty-fifth and last of twenty-five seasons with the Bulldogs. This

was the ninety-fifth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a very fine record finishing the season at (9-3; (5-2) SEC, and they came in 3rd place in the SEC. Led by Vince Dooley, this year's Georgia team was ranked 15th in both national polls.

In the Season and home opener on September 3, 1988 the #12 Bulldogs defeated the #18 Tennessee Volunteers at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (28-17) before 82,122. On Sept 10, #8 Georgia beat TCU at home W (38-10) before 72,680. On Sept 17, at Mississippi State, the #7 Bulldogs defeated the MS Bulldogs at Scott Field in Starkville, MS, W (42-35) before 35,364. On Sept 24 the #14 South Carolina Gamecocks beat the #6 Bulldogs at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC L (10-23) before 74,800.

On Oct 1, the #15 Bulldogs beat the Ole Miss Rebels at home W (36-12) before 82,077. On Oct 8, the #15 Bulldogs defeated the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (41-22) before 81,804. On Oct 22, at Kentucky, the Wildcats defeated the #11 Bulldogs at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY L (10-16) before 50,416. On October 29, #18 Georgia beat William & Mary at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (59-24) before 80,712.

On Nov 5 vs. Florida, the #19 Bulldogs beat the Gators at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (26-3) before 81,958. Then, on November 12 N#9 Auburn, the then ranked #17 Georgia Bulldogs were defeated by the Tigers at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (10-20) before 85,214. Then, in the season finale on Nov 26, the #20 Bulldogs beat Georgia Tech at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (24-3) before 82,011.

In Coach Vince Dooley's last game as coach, on January 1, 1989, after being invited to the Gator Bowl, the #19 Bulldogs defeated Michigan State in the Gator Bowl at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (34-27) before 76,236.



Vince Dooley was great and well oved as head coach and as AD at UAG

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There are many admirers of Vince Dooley at the University of Georgia and in the coaching ranks of all great football programs and leagues. Besides that, just learning about Coach Dooley makes most people love the coach even if they have never met him.

The University of Georgia was favored with Vince Dooley for many years as both a coach and an Athletic Director and as an expert gardener, the latter occupation is his current one of which he is very proud and can talk about it for hours and hours.

One of the tribute web sites for Georgia is the DawgNation and because of their dedication to Georgi and to coach Dooley, I am able to present this article that they wrote in 2017, a long while after the coach hung up his coaching spike. Our thinks to DawgNation for loving UGA and Vince Dooley. You can see the whole article at the link above. God bless Georgia

ATHENS — Vince Dooley still has it. He still knows how to work a room.

This was evident a couple of weeks ago when the 84-year-old coaching legend was the featured speaker at an event at the College Football Hall of Fame in downtown Atlanta. This was not one of Dooley's regular speaking gigs. He talks to football

enthusiasts, gardeners and historians all the time. And while these were Rotarians, they were international Rotarians who had come to Atlanta from all over the world, including places such as Kenya and South Korea. Earlier in the day, the Rotarians had listened to talks by Bill Gates and Ashton Kutcher.

When organizers trotted out Dooley on a balcony called the “Brian Kennedy Skybox” about 25 feet above the dinner-eating crowd, he clearly was uncomfortable with it.

“I don’t know what I’m doing up here,” he said after being introduced by Tony Barnhart and handed a wireless microphone. “I want to be down there with y’all!” That caught the group’s attention and brought some claps and laughs.

“I’m one of y’all,” he continued, his voice rising nearly to a shout. “I’m 50 years a Rotarian!”

That line brought big applause. Now he had them. Dooley went on to explain how he joined the Rotary Club soon after becoming Georgia’s football coach in 1964 at the behest of UGA President Omer C. Aderhold.



Former Georgia football coach and athletic director Vince Dooley poses on the front porch of his house on Milledge Circle in Athens. (Nathan Gittleman/Cox Media .

“Dr. Aderhold said it’d be a good way to get to know the people of the town,” Dooley told them. “And he was right.”

If Dooley seemed at ease speaking to a room of 700 guests from all over the world, he was, and with good reason. He’s been at this a long time. Despite being 13 years removed from his full-time job as UGA’s athletic director and 29 years removed from being the school’s football coach, Dooley has stayed quite busy in retirement with his many other interests.

In addition to the title with which he is most commonly introduced — “the legendary former national championship coach of the Georgia Bulldogs” — he also carries many others. And there are some grandiose ones, such as chairman of the board of curators for the Georgia Historical Society and board member of the Civil War Trust. Those are a couple of the latest additions to a cache that includes author, master gardener, philanthropist and, of course, motivational speaker.

The multitude of those responsibilities keep this octogenarian hopping from place to place and event to event. It’s a pace men half his age might have difficulty sustaining.

His daughter, Deanna Dooley, serves as his administrative assistant and keeps his schedule. It is, literally and figuratively, a full-time job.

“It’s unbelievable,” Deanna said this past week. “I would challenge anybody to keep his schedule. It’s grueling.” On the day of the speech in Atlanta, Dooley drove himself to the venue. And that was no small undertaking. There had been a fatality on one of the city’s highways that afternoon and traffic was snarled worse than usual.

It’s not something he always does, but Deanna is currently sidelined with a broken arm from a recent accident at their place on Lake Burton. And Barbara, Dooley’s wife of 57 years, is currently laid up with a broken ankle.

“They’re supposed to be taking care of me but I’m taking care of them instead,” he quipped.

Somehow, Dooley also finds time to do things retirees are supposed to do. He and Barbara travel extensively. This year, in addition to the mission trip they take annually to Honduras, he has made trips to Bordeaux, France — “the only place in France I hadn’t been,” he said — and to Poland.

But usually there is some sort of ulterior motive that fuels one of Dooley’s passions.

Renaissance coach

Vince Dooley definitely belongs to a lost breed of coaches. Today, it seems that every major college coach is single-mindedly focused on the game, that everything is “football, football, football” all the time. That appears to be the case with current UGA coach Kirby Smart — whom Dooley likes a lot — and the coach Smart used to work for at Alabama, Nick Saban.

Maybe it’s because they’re paid exorbitant amounts of money. Smart makes in the neighborhood of \$4 million a year as Georgia’s coach. Saban will make more than \$11 million in 2017.



Vince Dooley was a stalwart on the UGA sidelines for many years. (UGA Photo)

Dooley's first contract with Georgia paid him just \$12,000 a year in salary, a total he stretched to \$15,500 when he brokered his own deal for a coaches' show sponsored by the former Citizens & Southern Bank. Dooley keeps a framed copy of the one-page document on the wall of this home office.

Dooley, though well-paid among his peers, never came close to making \$1 million. He retired as coach after the 1988 season at the relatively young age of 56.

"Barbara gets onto me almost every day about that," he joked. "She says, 'Why did you have to quit just when they were starting to pay coaches good money?' But it wasn't about the money for me."

No, it was mainly about winning for Dooley. And as he'll tell you today, he did just enough of it at Georgia to keep sticking around.

Certainly he is most famous for the most glorious period in the history of UGA football. That is that span from 1980 to 1983, when the Bulldogs went 43-4-1, won a national championship and three SEC titles. Obviously a certain running back from Wrightsville named Herschel Walker had a lot to do with that success. But Dooley points out that the program had been building up to that with great linemen, special teams and a defense master-minded by Erk Russell. "Herschel," he said, "was the missing piece."

But outside of that span, Dooley says he was simply fortunate to stay "a step ahead of the posse." For instance, the back-to-back 5-win seasons of 1969 and '70 were followed by an 11-1 year in 1971, and down years in '73 and '74 were followed by up ones in '75 and '76. Even the perfect national championship season of 1980 was preceded by a 6-5 stinker the year before.

"We always seemed to win a championship at just the right time," Dooley says with a smile.

All the while, Dooley never let the stress and the pressure of the job cloud his outside interests. Always a history buff, Dooley early on fueled his passion for learning by auditing history

classes at the university. Later, he would expand his horizons and delve into other areas.

That's what led him to auditing the horticulture class of Dr. Michael Dirr. That relationship has led to a couple of books, countless speaking engagements and a world-class garden in the yard of his Athens home.

"I always loved auditing courses," Dooley said. "You get to sit in there every day, take all these notes and learn all these wonderful things. Then the day the final exam rolls around you get to say, 'See y'all later. Good luck!'"

This old house

Vince and Barbara Dooley have spent all but three years of their marriage living in the same house at 755 Milledge Circle.

Well, it's not exactly the same house. In a recent tour of the well-known columned domicile in the Five Points area of Athens, Dooley reveals that the house has undergone 10 renovations since they first moved there from Auburn in December 1963.

That was shortly after Dooley was named Georgia's coach. Johnny Griffith, his predecessor, had lived there before him. They both rented it from the university.

The Dooleys finally came to own it a few years later. Then it was signed over to them permanently after he led them to one of the six SEC championships the Bulldogs would win in the 25 years under Dooley's coaching leadership. Dooley retired from coaching at the end of the 1988 season as Georgia's all-time winningest coach at 201-77-10, a distinction he still holds four head coaches later.

Of course, Dooley quickly transitioned from being a coach to full-time athletic director. He'd done both jobs the previous 10 years. So not surprisingly, he flourished in that singular role.

Under his watch Georgia teams won 78 SEC championships and 23 national championships, including an unprecedented four in the 1998-99 academic year. In the Director's Cup standings, Georgia finished second in the nation in 1999, third in 2001 and fifth in his final year of 2004. In all, the Bulldogs finished in the top 10 in five of his final seven years.

Georgia has yet to finish higher than 10th under current athletic director Greg McGarity. Dooley refuses to be critical of McGarity, who was a member of his senior staff for 10 years before starting an 18-year stint at Florida.

"I was in favor of him getting the Georgia job and was very happy for him," Dooley said. "I think he's done a lot of good things. ... It's a hard job."

One of the criticisms of McGarity is he has been more concerned with Georgia's bottom line than doing what he has to do to keep up with the facilities arms race currently raging in the SEC.

Dooley believes that narrative is overblown.

"It's nothing new," he said. "When I came here 54 years ago, we had to improve our facilities. That's the first thing we did, improve the facilities. And we did. We'd improve it, then we'd be out front, then all of the sudden you'd blink your eyes and somebody had moved ahead of you. This has been going on a long, long time."

Dooley thinks the West End renovation and locker room is a good idea that was a long time coming, as well as the Indoor Athletic Facility. Incidentally, that indoor practice building is positioned in exactly the place he proposed to have it built two decades ago.

"It's a wonderful facility," Dooley said. "It's right where we wanted it and it was about half the cost at the time. But I don't think the president at the time wanted any more facilities built while I was around, so they decided not to do it. But they did a really good job with it. I don't know how you get any better facilities than we have right now."



Sanford Stadium may not have been the “House that Vince Dooley Built,” but many UGA fans would like to see his name on the facility. (Chip Towers/DawgNation)

It was pointed out to Dooley that Sanford Stadium has undergone almost as many renovations as his house on Milledge Circle. He oversaw most of them himself. When he arrived in Athens, Sanford Stadium seated about 42,000 spectators. When he left, it sat nearly 93,000.

A great number of people believe that UGA’s football stadium should somehow bear Dooley’s name. Dooley-Sanford Stadium has a nice ring to it, as does Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium. Dooley wants no part of that debate.

“Those that say that, I appreciate it,” he said. “We added 50,000 seats during the time I was there. And it’s a beautiful stadium because every addition was in conformity to the existing stadium. And it opens into the campus. When you walk on that bridge and look into that stadium, you won’t find a more beautiful stadium in the country.”

Dooley plans to be there as usual this fall. He attends most Georgia home games with Barbara, parking on Field Street, entering the stadium mostly unnoticed from the back of the south side and riding up an elevator to his box on the press level.

It's the way he prefers it now when it comes to Georgia football, to lay low and go unnoticed.

“I know how to get around,” Dooley says with a grin. “I try not to talk too much. I try to stay out of the way and not be too visible.”

Until the conversation turns to history or gardening, that is. Then Vince Dooley will always have much to say.

End of this part of the story

Vince Dooley at 2022 National Championship Game



After the College Football Playoff National Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind., on Monday Jan. 10, 2022. (Photo by Tony Walsh)

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Kirby Smart, Vince Dooley and the importance of understanding Georgia football history



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Kirby Smart knows Georgia's history. He's a part of it. He was a member of the team in the 1990's, an assistant coach in the mid-2000's and the head coach starting in 2016.

He knew it had been 41 years since Georgia last won a national championship. He had the presence of mind to mention one of Larry Munson's more iconic calls in the moments after defeating Alabama 33-18.

It is also why he sought out former Georgia coach and athletic director Vince Dooley on the field in the moments after the game. Dooley was the head coach of the 1980 team. His name is now on the field where Georgia plays its home games.

The connection to Dooley is also why a chance encounter Smart had the night before seemed like a positive sign ahead of Monday's game.

"I got off the elevator the other night and I thought it was a sign when the elevator opened on the 15th floor and Vince Dooley was sitting on a bench locked out of his room," Smart said. "I thought, God put him there for me to see him the night before his game, and he was waiting on his key to come up to his room. I just knew that meant something."

Smart now joins Dooley and Wally Butts as the only championship-winning coaches in program history. But Dooley

was not the only former Georgia head coach on hand in Indianapolis to see Georgia celebrate.

Mark Richt was there as well. Richt hired Smart as an assistant for the 2005 season, which happened to be the final time the former won the SEC championship as a head coach. Despite winning 145 games, Georgia had to fire Richt after a 9-3 campaign in 2015 to hire Smart.

Still, Richt has been and continues to be supportive of the Georgia program and once again lives in Athens. He congratulated Smart in a tweet moments after Monday's game went final. Georgia would not have been in the position it was on Monday were it not for all that Richt did in his time as the head coach.

Georgia players admitted the fact that the national championship win came against Alabama did mean just a little bit more. The Bulldogs had lost seven-straight games against Alabama. Kirby Smart was involved in all seven. The first three came as the defensive coordinator at Alabama. The more recent four came as the head coach at Georgia.

Related: Georgia National Championship win more 'special' because it came against Alabama

Smart knew he wasn't playing against those past losses or the prior shortcomings against Alabama. But having more time to reflect on it on Tuesday, Smart once again showed his knowledge of Georgia history and why beating Alabama in the way that it did meant so much to so many people.

People like Nick Chubb, Roquan Smith, Richard LeCounte and the many other former Georgia players who were on the sidelines on Monday night to soak in a championship culture that they helped build get rewarded.

"They helped set a foundation. That celebration in the locker room was, first of all, special. Then getting back to the hotel, the hotel was wild and crazy at the hotel," Smart said. "And then seeing the pictures of Athens, that really moved me to see the number of people on the streets downtown. You just don't know the impact that it has. That part was special."

Given his own personal history at Georgia, Smart brought it back to the coaches who helped shape his incredibly long journey to get to this point. He has a connection to the four coaches who held the big job before he did.

It's that understanding of all the program went through, along with the Georgia players and the Georgia fans, that makes his first national title for Georgia so special for Smart.

“From Coach Dooley, seeing him after the game it's very emotional for me to see him. And then Coach (Ray) Goff who signed me, and Coach (Jim) Donnan, who coached me, and Coach Richt who I worked for and I have a tremendous amount of respect for and he got so close so many times,” Smart said.

“There's a lot of people that it means a lot to. And I, for one, am happy for them, that so many of them are also happy for me.”

Story continued someplace

Just in case you were wondering about Vince Dooley, as the first article from Dawgnation so aptly put it

Vince Dooley Still Has It.

God bless you Coach Dooley and may he give you a million more!

Chapter 16 Coaches Ray Goff & Jim Donnan—1989-2000

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>SEC</u>
1989	Ray Goff	SEC	6-6-0	5-1-0 * chmp
1990	Ray Goff	SEC	4-7-0	2-4-0
1991	Ray Goff	SEC	9-3-0	6-2-0
1992	Ray Goff	SEC	10-2-0	5-1-0
1993	Ray Goff	SEC	5-6-0	6-0-0 * chmp
1994	Ray Goff	SEC	6-4-1	6-0-0 * chmp
1995	Ray Goff	SEC	6-6-0	6-0-0 * chmp
1996	Jim Donnan	SEC	5-6-0	5-1-0
1997	Jim Donnan	SEC	10-2-0	2-4-0
1998	Jim Donnan	SEC	9-3-0	3-2-1
1999	Jim Donnan	SEC	8-4-0	4-2-0
2000	Jim Donnan	SEC	8-4-0	4-2-0

Georgia Bowl Games 1989--2000 under Coaches Goff & Donnan

1989 Goff (6-6-0)	.50	Lost the Peach Bowl L
1991 Goff(9-3-0)	.75,	Won the Independence Bowl W(
1992 Goff (10-2)	.833,	Won the Citrus Bowl W
1995 (6-6-0) Goff	.5,	Lost the Peach Bowl L
1997 (10-2-0) Donnan	.833,	Won the Outback Bowl W
1998 (9-3-0) Donnan	.750,	Won the Peach Bowl W
1999 (8-4) Donnan	.667,	Won the Outback Bowl
2000 (8-4) Donnan	.667	Won the Oahu Classic

1989 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Ray Goff Head Coach #23

The 1989 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Ray Goff in his first of seven seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the ninety-sixth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a break-even record finishing the season at (6-6); (4-3) SEC, and they came in 6th place in the SEC.

Games of the 1989 Season

In the season and home opener on September 16, 1989, the Bulldogs defeated the Baylor Bears at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (15–3) before 82,007. On Sept, the Bulldogs beat the Bulldogs of Mississippi State at home W (23–6) before 82,122. On Sept 30, South Carolina's Gamecocks defeated the #23 Bulldogs at

home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (20–24) before 80,961. Then, on Oct 7, the # 6 Tennessee Volunteers defeated the Bulldogs at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN L (14–17) before 96,058.



On Oct 14 at Ole Miss, the Rebels beat the Bulldogs at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS L (13–17) before 31,000. On Oct 21 at Vanderbilt at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN, the Bulldogs beat the Commodores W (35–16) before 40,691. On Oct 28, the Bulldogs beat the Kentucky Wildcats at home in Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (34–23) before 81,987. Then on Nov 4, the Bulldogs smashed the Temple Owls at home W (37–10) before 80,011.

On Nov 11, vs. No. 20 Florida, the Bulldogs beat the Gators at the Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (17–10) before 81,577. On Nov 18, #10 Auburn beat the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry)L (3–20) before 82,122. Then, in the season finale on Dec 2, at Georgia Tech in a game played at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the yellow Jackets beat the Bulldogs L (22–33) before 46,064.

The Georgia Bulldogs were invited to the Peach Bowl played on December 30 at 2:30 p.m. vs. Syracuse at Atlanta–Fulton County

Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the Peach Bowl game. The Orangemen defeated the Bulldogs L (18–19) before 44,911.

1990 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Ray Goff Head Coach #23

The 1990 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Ray Goff in his second of seven seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the ninety-seventh season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record this year finishing the season at (4-7); (2-5) SEC, and they came in 8th place in the SEC.

Games of the 1990 Season

In the season opener on September 8, 1990, at 8:00 p.m., the Bulldogs lost to the Tigers at LSU at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA L (13–18) before 76,751. In the home opener at Sanford Stadium, in Athens GA, on Sept 15, the Bulldogs nosed out Southern Miss W (18–17) before 79,812. Then, on Sept 22, the Bulldogs had another close game but were able to nose out Alabama's Crimson Tide at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (17–16) before 82,122. In another close win, making the season record 3-1 at this point, on Sept 29, the Bulldogs defeated the East Carolina Pirates at home W (19–15) before 77,019.

At Clemson on Oct 6, the #16 ranked Tigers pounded the Bulldogs at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC L (3–34) before 83,127. Then, on Oct #24 the Ole Miss Rebels defeated the Bulldogs at home L (12–28) before 78,321. On Oct 20, the Bulldogs defeated the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (39–28) before 81,640. At Kentucky on Oct 27, the Wildcats edged out the Bulldogs at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, L (24–26) before 55,255.

At the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, FL, the #10 Florida Gators walloped the Bulldogs on Nov 10 L (7–38) before 81,529. Then, on Nov 17 at # 24 Auburn at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Tigers defeated the Bulldogs L (10–33) before 85,214. In the season finale v #2 Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets smashed the Bulldogs at home in the (Clean Old-Fashioned Hate) game, L 23–40 before 82,122.

Great Georgia Running Backs Garrison Hearst

1990-1992; Garrison Hearst, RB



Here's another great running back for you. Hearst was a consensus All-American selection in 1992 and even won the Doak Walker Award. He also placed third in Heisman voting and won the 1993 ESPY for Outstanding College Athlete.

Hearst attended the University of Georgia, and played for the Georgia Bulldogs football team from 1990 to 1992, leading the nation in touchdowns (21) and in scoring (11.5 points per game) in his junior year. During his career, he established new school and Southeastern Conference (SEC) records for points scored in a season (126), total touchdowns (21), rushing touchdowns (19), and average yards per carry (6.8)*. Hearst was a consensus All-America selection, the Doak Walker Award recipient, ESPN's ESPY Winner for Outstanding Collegiate Athlete and SEC Player of the year in 1992. He finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Hearst finished his college career second on the Georgia records list in rushing yardage (3,232), all-purpose yardage (3,934), and 100-yard rushing games (16); trailing only Herschel Walker. He also finished third in career rushing touchdowns (33).

Regarded as an excellent prospect, he was taken in the 1993 NFL Draft third overall by the Arizona Cardinals.

1991 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Ray Goff Head Coach #23

The 1991 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Ray Goff in his third of seven seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the ninety-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (9-3); (4-3) SEC, and they came in 4th place in the SEC and 19th / 17th in the national rankings.

Games of the 1991 Season

In the home and season opener, on August 31, 1991, the Georgia Bulldogs crushed Western Carolina at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (48–0) before 78,512. On Sept 7 at home, the Bulldogs pounded LSU W (31–10) before 85,434. Then, on Sept 2. The Alabama Crimson Tide beat the #25 ranked Georgia Bulldogs at Alabama's Bryant–Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL, L (0–10) before 70,123. Then, on Sept 28, the Georgia Bulldogs beat Cal State Fullerton at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (27–14) before 76,117.

On Oct 5, the unranked Bulldogs beat #6 Clemson at home W (27–12) before 85,434. Then, on Oct at #23 Ole Miss, the # 22 Bulldogs beat the Rebels at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS W (37–17) before 38,000. On Oct 19 at Vanderbilt, the Commodores nosed out the #17 Bulldogs at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN L 25–27 before 34,248. On Oct 26, the #24 Bulldogs ranked walloped the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (49–27) before 85,312.

Then, on Nov 9, the #6 Florida Gators pounded the #22 Bulldogs at the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, FL L (13–45) before 81,679. Then, on Nov 16, the Bulldogs defeated Auburn's Tigers at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), W (37–27) before 85,434. On Nov 30 at Georgia Tech, the #25 Bulldogs edged out the Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (18–15) before 46,063

#24 Georgia was invited to the Independence Bowl on December 29 vs. Arkansas at Independence Stadium, Shreveport, LA in the (Independence Bowl). The Bulldogs beat the Razorbacks W (24–15) before 46,932.

Great Georgia Quarterbacks Eric Zeier

1991-1994; Eric Zeier, QB



Zeier is the most prolific quarterback to ever play for the Bulldogs. He set 67 school records and was the first Georgia player in 34 years to be named to the American Football Coaches Association All-America

After graduating from Marietta, Zeier attended the University of Georgia. Zeier was one of the first notable high school football players to graduate ahead of his class so as to attend his college early and join the football team for spring practices, enrolling in January 1991. At Georgia, he compiled a 26-14-1 record as a starter.

He made his debut as a Bulldog on October 5, 1991 against the Clemson Tigers, a game Georgia won 27-12. Zeier went on to start the final seven games of his freshman season and started every game during his final three seasons at Georgia. His tenure included a 4-0 record against Georgia Tech, a victory in the 1991 Independence Bowl over Arkansas, and a victory in the 1993 Citrus Bowl over Ohio State.

Zeier finished his college career with 67 school records and 18 Southeastern Conference records. He became the SEC's all-time passing leader with 11,153 yards—a record which has been surpassed only by Peyton Manning and UGA's own David Greene and Aaron Murray.

In 1993, his junior season, Zeier threw for 544 yards against Southern Miss, a school record. In 1994, Zeier was named the American Football Coaches Association First-team All-American quarterback. Over his four years at Georgia, Zeier completed 877 of 1461 attempts for 11,153 yards, 67 touchdowns, and 37 interceptions.

NFL

Zeier was selected by the Cleveland Browns in the third round of the 1995 NFL Draft.

1992 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Ray Goff Head Coach #23

The 1992 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Ray Goff in his fourth of seven seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the ninety-ninth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (10-2); (6-2) SEC, and they came in 1st place in the SEC as co-champion; and they came in 8th in both of the national rankings.

Great Georgia Receivers Brice Hunter

1992-1995

No. 29: Brice Hunter, WR



Hunter, a native of Valdosta, played for the Bulldogs from 1992-95. He had 182 catches for 2,373 yards, both of which were school records when he graduated. He played professionally for Tampa Bay and Miami. He was married to former UGA women's basketball player Brandi Decker and they have three children.

There are many people that could argue that Hunter was the best receiver in UGA history. He's fourth on the school's all-time list in career receiving yards and second on the list in career pass receptions. He also holds the record for most catches in a season with 76.

His life came to a tragic end in 2004 when he was shot and killed right outside his Chicago apartment.

Games of the 1992 Season

In the season opener on September 5 at 8:00 p.m. South Carolina at the Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC, the #14 Bulldogs beat the Gamecocks W (28–6) before 75,060. On September 12 in the home opener v #20 Tennessee, the #14 Bulldogs were edged out by the Volunteers at home L (31–34) before 85,434. On Sept 19, the #19 Georgia Bulldogs shellacked Cal State Fullerton at home W (56–0) before 75,515. On Sept 26, the #18 Bulldogs pounded the Rebels of Ole Miss at home W (37–11) before 84,278.

Then, on Oct 3 at Arkansas the #16 Bulldogs beat the Razorbacks at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, AR W (27–3) before 49,412. Then, pm Oct 10, the #12 Georgia Bulldogs defeated #19 Georgia Southern at home W (34–7) before 85,434. On Oct 17 at home, the #10 Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores W (30–20) before 83,067. On Oct 24, the #7 Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY W 40–7 before 52,000

Then, on Oct 31, #20 Florida edged out the #7 Bulldogs at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (24–26) before 82,429. On Nov 14, at Auburn, the #12 Bulldogs beat the Tigers at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (14–10) before 85,214. On Nov 28, the #9 Georgia Bulldogs beat the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home at Sanford Stadium, in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (31–17) before 85,434

#8 Georgia was invited to the Florida Citrus Bowl played on January 1, 1993 to play #15 Ohio State* No. 8 Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, FL. The Bulldogs edged out the Buckeyes W (21–14) before 65,861.

1993 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Ray Goff Head Coach #23

The 1993 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Ray Goff in his fifth of seven seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One Hundredth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record this year finishing the season at (6-6); (2-6) SEC, and they came in tied for fourth in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were unranked nationally.

Games of the 1993 Season

In the season and home and opener on September 4 at 12:30 p.m. South Carolina's Gamecocks edged out the #14 Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L 21–23 before 84,912. Then, on Sept 11 at #11 Tennessee, the Volunteers pounded the #21 Bulldogs at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN L (6–38) before 96,228.

Then, on Sept 18, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated Texas Tech at home W (52–37) before 74,511. On Sept 25 at Ole Miss in a game played at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS, the Rebels defeated the Bulldogs L (14–31) before 38,000. Then, on Oct 2, Arkansas' Razorbacks beat the Bulldogs at home L (10–20) before 73,825

On Oct 9, the Bulldogs beat the Southern Miss Golden Eagles at home W (54–24) before 63,458. On Oct 16 at Vanderbilt, the Bulldogs pounded the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (41–3) before 28,554. On Oct 23, the Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (33–28) before 81,307. Then, on October 30 vs. #9 Florida in a game played at Gator Bowl Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators defeated the Bulldogs L (26–33) before 80,392

On Nov 13, #7 Auburn's Tigers beat the Bulldogs at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (28–42) before 85,434. On Nov 25 at Georgia Tech in a game played at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA—the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets W (43–10) before 46,018

1994 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Ray Goff Head Coach #23

The 1994 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Ray Goff in his sixth of seven seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One Hundred-first season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record this year finishing the season at (6-4); (3-4-1) SEC, and they came in fourth place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were unranked nationally.

Games of the 1994 Season

In the season opener on September 3 at 8:00 P.M. at South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC, the Bulldogs edged out the Gamecocks W (24–21) before 73,605. In the home opener, on Sept 10, the #19 Tennessee Volunteers beat the #23 Georgia Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (23–41) before 86,117. On Sept 17, the Bulldogs beat Northeast Louisiana at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (70–6) before 70,611. Then, on Sept 24 the Bulldogs beat the Ole Miss Rebels at home W (17–14) before 82,734

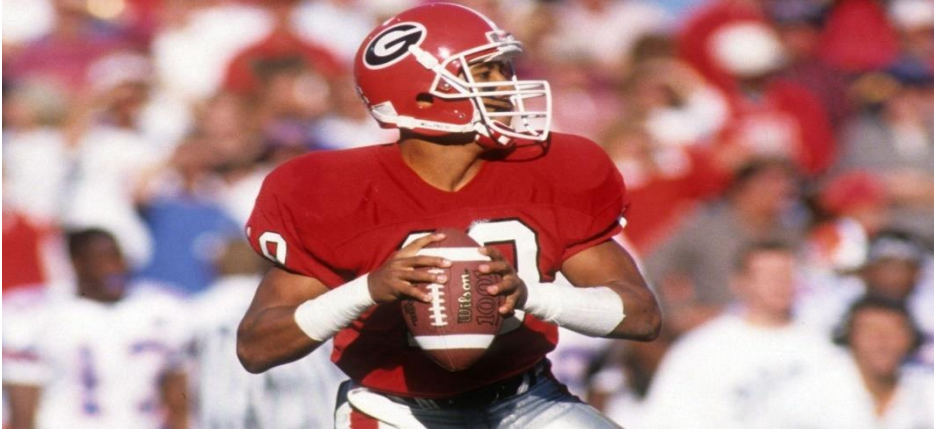
On Oct 1, #11 Alabama nosed out the Bulldogs at Bryant–Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL L (28–29) before 70,123. On Oct 8, the Bulldogs beat the Clemson Tigers at home W (40–14) before 86,117. On Oct 15, at home, Vanderbilt's Commodores beat the Bulldogs L (30–43) before 78,741. On Oct 22 at Kentucky, at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Bulldogs edged out the Wildcats W (34–30) before 56,125. Then, on Oct 29, at #5 Florida in a game played at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville, FL, the Gators flattened the Bulldogs L (14–52) before 85,604

On Nov 12, the Bulldogs tied the #3 Auburn Tigers at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) T (23–23) before 85,214. In the season finale, on Nov 25, the Bulldogs shellacked the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, at home at Sanford

Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (48–10) before 84,113.

Great Georgia Receivers Hines Ward

1994 – 1997; Hines Ward, WR/RB/QB



Before Ward was breaking records with the Pittsburgh Steelers, he was playing running back, quarterback and wide receiver for the Dawgs. He was named to the All-SEC team in 1997.

As a wide receiver for the University of Georgia Bulldogs (1994–1997), Ward's 149 career receptions for 1,965 yards placed him second in team history. He also played tailback and totaled 3,870 all-purpose yards, second only to Herschel Walker in Bulldogs history. In 1996, Ward had 52 receptions for 900 yards, and also ran 26 times for 170 yards. In 1997, he hauled in 55 passes for 715 yards and scored six touchdowns while, and also ran 30 times for 223 yards, getting All-SEC honors in the process. Ward played some quarterback his sophomore year, and holds Georgia bowl game records for pass attempts, pass completions, and passing yards in the 1995 Peach Bowl in which he completed 31 of 59 passes for 413 yards.

Despite his performance at the quarterback position as a Sophomore, Ward primarily played receiver his final two years of college play only attempting a handful of passes during those seasons.

When he came out of college, it was discovered that Ward was missing an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his left knee, which he lost during a bicycle accident during childhood. According to a Yahoo! Sports article, Ward broke his kneecap in the fourth grade and the doctors never accounted for the ligament.

1995 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Ray Goff Head Coach #23

The 1995 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Ray Goff in his seventh and last of seven seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One Hundred-second season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record this year finishing the season at (6-6); (3-5) SEC, and they came in third place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were unranked nationally.

Games of the 1995 Season

In the season and home opener on September 2, at 12:30 p.m., the Bulldogs beat the South Carolina Gamecocks at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (42–23) before 86,117. On Sept 9, at #8 Tennessee, in a game played at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN (College GameDay), the Volunteers edged out the Bulldogs L (27–30) before 95,797. On Sept 16, The #23 Bulldogs defeated New Mexico State*at home W (40–13) before 78,911. Then, on Sept 23 at Ole Miss, in a game played at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS, the Rebels beat the Bulldogs L (10–18)) before 39,473.

On Sept 30, #20 Alabama's Crimson Tide put the big hurt on the Bulldogs and crushed them at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, L (0–31) before 86,117. On Oct 7 at Clemson's Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC, the Bulldogs edged out the Tigers W (19–17) before 81,670. Then, on Oct 14 at Vanderbilt, the Bulldogs defeated the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (17–6) before 24,986. On Oct 21, the Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (12–3) before 85,412. On Oct 28, the #3 Florida Gators whipped the Bulldogs at home L (17–52) before 86,117.

Then, on Nov 11, #20 Auburn edged out the Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (31–37) before 86,117. On Nov 23 at Georgia Tech in a game played at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean,

Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs nosed out the Yellow Jackets W (18–17) before 45,245.

The Bulldogs were invited to the Peach Bowl on December 30 at 8:00 p.m. vs. No. 18 Virginia in a game played at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA (Peach Bowl). The Wahoos prevailed over the Bulldogs in a close match L (27–34) before 70,825

Great Georgia Linebackers Matt Stinchcomb

1995-1998

Matt Stinchcomb, OL

Matt Stinchcomb was a two-time All-American for the Bulldogs who started 32 consecutive games at tackle. He was a finalist for the Lombardi trophy in 1998 and was also a two-time Academic All-American. He was a first round draft choice by the Oakland Raiders in 1999.



Stinchcomb attended the University of Georgia, where he played for the Georgia Bulldogs football team from 1995 to 1998. He was a first-team All-American selection at tackle in 1997, and was recognized as a consensus first-team All-American following the 1998 season.

Stinchcomb was selected as the 18th pick of the first round in the 1999 NFL Draft to the Oakland Raiders.

Great Georgia Running Backs Robert Edwards

1995-1997; Robert Edwards, RB



When Edwards first came to Georgia, he was recruited as a cornerback and started until his sophomore year. Edwards then made the transition to running back and it was probably one of the best moves Georgia ever made.

He set a school record in 1995, scoring five touchdowns in a game against South Carolina. Two years later, he scored four touchdowns in a rare win against Florida.

Edwards was a featured running back collegiately at the University of Georgia. He was originally recruited to play cornerback, where he was a starter through his sophomore year. After that season, he was converted to running back. As a running back he set a Bulldog record for scoring five touchdowns in one game against the University of South Carolina.

Throughout his college career, Edwards was injury-prone. He never finished a full season in college due to knee problems, and missed an entire year due to a broken hand which allowed him to earn an injury redshirt for that season. Though he was successful when healthy it is possible that his draft stock dropped due to his constant injury status.

1996 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Jim Donnan Head Coach #24

The 1996 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Jim Donnan in his first of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One Hundred-third season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record this year finishing the season at (5-6); (3-5) SEC, and they came in tied for

fifth place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were unranked nationally.

Games of the 1996 Season



Jim Donnan Georgia Head Football Coach

In the season and home opener on August 31, Southern Miss defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L (7–11) before 81,067. On Sept 14 at South Carolina, the Gamecocks defeated the Bulldogs at Williams-Brice Stadium, in Columbia, SC L (14–23) before 82,950. On Sept 21, Georgia edged out Texas Tech at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (15–12) before 73,116. On Oct 5 at Mississippi State in a game played at Scott Field, Starkville, MS, the Georgia Bulldogs beat the MS Bulldogs W (38–19) before 32,247

On Oct 12 #7 Tennessee's Volunteers beat the Bulldogs at home L (17–29) before 86,117. On Oct 19, the Bulldogs defeated the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (13–2) before 80,757. On Oct 26 at Kentucky at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Wildcats edged out the Bulldogs L (17–24) before 34,000. Then, on Nov 2 vs. #1 Florida in a game played at Alltel Stadium in

Jacksonville, FL, the Gators pounded the Bulldogs L (7–47) before 84,103.

On Nov 16, at # 20 Auburn, after the shellacking received from the Gators, the Bulldogs were ready to play ball and did. They defeated the Tigers in a shootout at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), W (56–49). The game was finished after 4 OT periods. Before 85,214. On Nov 23, the Rebels of Ole Miss edged out the Bulldogs at home, L (27-31) before 76, 511. On Nov 30 at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs defeated the Yellow Jackets W (19–10) before 78,062

Great Georgia Player Champ Bailey

1996-1998; Champ Bailey: CB/ WR



Some fans consider Bailey as the most versatile athlete to ever play for the red and black. He was a consensus All-American selection in 1998 where he recorded 52 tackles and three interceptions on defense and 744 receiving yards and five touchdowns on offense.

Bailey received an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Georgia, where he played for the Georgia Bulldogs football team from 1996 to 1998. He was regarded as one of college football's greatest multiple threats (offense, defense, and special teams) in his three seasons as a Bulldog. In his final year at Georgia, he registered 52 tackles (four for losses), three interceptions, seven passes deflected, 47 catches for 744 yards (15.8 avg.), five touchdowns, 84

yards rushing on 16 carries, 12 kickoff returns for 261 yards and four punt returns for 49 yards.

He averaged 103.5 all-purpose yards per game and logged 957 plays (547 defense, 301 offense, and 109 special teams) on the way to earning consensus first-team All-America and first-team All-Southeastern Conference honors and claiming the Bronko Nagurski Trophy as the nation's top defensive player.

Against the Virginia Cavaliers in the Peach Bowl, he caught 3 passes for 73 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown, rushed 3 times for 9 yards, returned 5 kickoffs for 104 yards, returned a punt 12 yards, and posted 2 tackles and 1 pass defended at cornerback. In 3 years at Georgia, he played 33 games (24 starts) and recorded 147 total tackles, two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble, eight interceptions and 27 passes defended.

He was an All-SEC first-team selection as a sophomore, starting every game at left cornerback and one game at wide receiver. Track and field.

Bailey was also a standout track and field athlete at Georgia; he ran the 55 meters and 60 meters, recording personal bests of 6.35 seconds and 6.85 seconds, respectively. He also competed in long jump and triple jump.

Bailey set a school indoor long jump record in 1998 of 7.89 meters (25 ft 11 in) to finish third at the SEC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

1997 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Jim Donnan Head Coach #24

The 1997 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Jim Donnan in his second of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a losing record this year finishing the season at (10-2); (6-2) SEC, and they came in tied for second place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were ranked # 10 in both national polls.

Great Georgia Tackles Richard Seymour 1997 to 2000

Richard Seymour, DT



Seymour is known more for his time with the New England Patriots, but he was also a very good defensive tackle for the Bulldogs. He was a two-time first team All-SEC player and was also named to the All-American team in 2000.

Seymour played for the Bulldogs from 1997 to 2000. He was part of a defensive line that consisted of four future first-round draft picks: Seymour, former Buffalo Bills defensive tackle Marcus Stroud, New Orleans Saints defensive end Charles Grant, and former Patriots teammate Johnathan Sullivan.

A housing and consumer economics major, Seymour was a four-year letterman at Georgia who played in 41 games for the Bulldogs, starting 25. He finished his career with 223 tackles (106 solos), 9.5 sacks, 25.5 tackles for losses and 35 quarterback pressures.

He was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference selection in 1999 and 2000. As a senior, Seymour was named a first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association and Walter Camp Football Foundation.

Seymour appeared in nine games during his 1997 freshman year at right defensive tackle, made two tackles and had a quarterback pressure. He also appeared in every game in 1998 as a sophomore and made 4 starts, finishing fourth on the team with 69 tackles (32 solos), 4 sacks and 14 quarterback pressures.

In 1999, as a junior, Seymour started all 11 games at right defensive tackle and led the team with 74 tackles (38 solos), including 10 tackles-for-loss, four sacks and seven quarterback pressures. He also intercepted a pass. He was named SEC defensive player of the week for his performance against the South Carolina Gamecocks. In that contest he collected six tackles (5 solos), including a pair of sacks, three stops for minus 12 yards and a pressure that resulted in an interception in a 24-6 victory.

As a senior, Seymour started ten games at right defensive tackle, recording 78 tackles (35 solos) and a team-leading 10.5 tackles for loss, and 1-1/2 sacks plus 13 quarterback pressures. He earned SEC player of the week honors following his performance versus the Tennessee Volunteers.

Games of the 1997 Season

In the home and season opener on August 30, 1997, the Bulldogs beat the Arkansas State Red Wolves at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (38-7) before 79,145. On Sept 13, the #25 Bulldogs beat South Carolina's Gamecocks at home W (31-15) before 86,117. On Sept 20, the Bulldogs beat the Northeast Louisiana Indians at home W (42-3) before 74,113. On October 4, my anniversary, the #19 Bulldogs shutout Mississippi State's Bulldogs at home W (47-0) before 83,211.

On Oct 11 at #10 Tennessee, the #15 Bulldogs were defeated by the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN L (13-38) before a packed house of 106,656. On Oct 18 at Vanderbilt, the Bulldogs beat the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (34-13) 35,124. On Oct 25, the #18 Bulldogs beat the Kentucky Wildcats at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (23-13) before 85,672. Then, on Nov 1, the #15 Bulldogs pounded the #6 Florida

Gators at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL CBS W (37–17) before 84,297.

On Nov 15, #16 Auburn beat #7 Georgia at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game L (34–45) before 86,117. On Nov 22, the #14 ranked Bulldogs beat the Ole Miss Rebels at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS W (21–14) before 35,473. In the season finale, on Nov 29, at Georgia Tech, the #14 Bulldogs edged out the Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate)game W (27–24) before 46,015.

The #11 Bulldogs were pleased to accept an invitation to the Outback Bowl played on January 1, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. vs. Wisconsin at Houlihan's Stadium in Tampa, FL. The Bulldogs prevailed over the Badgers W (33–6) before 56,186.

1998 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Jim Donnan Head Coach #24

The 1998 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Jim Donnan in his third of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One Hundred-fifth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (9-3); (6-2) SEC, and they came in third place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were ranked # 14 in both national polls.

Great Georgia Linebackers Jon Stinchcomb

1998-2002

Jon Stinchcom, OL



Stinchcomb was one of the most dominant offensive linemen in Georgia history and he was also one of the smartest. Not only was he an All-American in 2002, he was also a first team Academic All-American which is always refreshing to see.

He played for the Georgia Bulldogs football team from 1998 to 2002. Four-year starter at Georgia...All-Academic honors in 2001-02...One of 11 players to earn AFCA Good Works Team honors for contributions to community service...

In 2002, he was named a Walter Camp All-American, All-SEC and one of six recipients of National Football Foundation scholarship. Stinchcomb was inducted into the University of Georgia's Circle of Honor in 2012. Matt is also a member of the Gridiron Secret Society.

Games of the 1998 Season

In the season and home opener on September 5, 1998, the #19 Bulldogs shellacked the Kent State Golden Flashes at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W 56-3 before 86,003. On Sept 12 at South Carolina, the #15 ranked Bulldogs beat the Gamecocks at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC W (17-3) before 83,411. On Sept 19, the #12 Bulldogs defeated the Wyoming Cowboys at home W (16-9) before 86,117. On Oct 3 at No. 6 LSU, the #6

Bulldogs nosed out the LSU Tigers at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA W 28–27 before 80,792.

On Oct 10, the #4 Tennessee Volunteers defeated the #7 Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA (It was a College GameDay celebration) L (3–22) before 86,117. On Oct 17, the #13 Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (31–6) before 83,911. On Oct 24, at Kentucky, the #11 Bulldogs edged out the Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY W (28–26) before 57,838. Then, on Oct 31, the #16 Florida Gators beat the #11 Bulldogs at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (7–38) before 84,321.

On Nov 14 at Auburn, the #17 Bulldogs defeated Auburn at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (28–17) before 85,214. Then, on Nov 21, the #14 Bulldogs beat the Ole Miss Rebels at home W (24–17) before 85,445. In the season finale, on Nov 28, the #17 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets edged out the #12 Bulldogs at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (19–21) before 86,117.

After accepting an invitation to the Peach Bowl, the #19 Bulldogs defeated the #13 Virginia Wahoos on December 31 at 5:00 p.m. at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA W (35–33)

1999 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Jim Donnan Head Coach #24

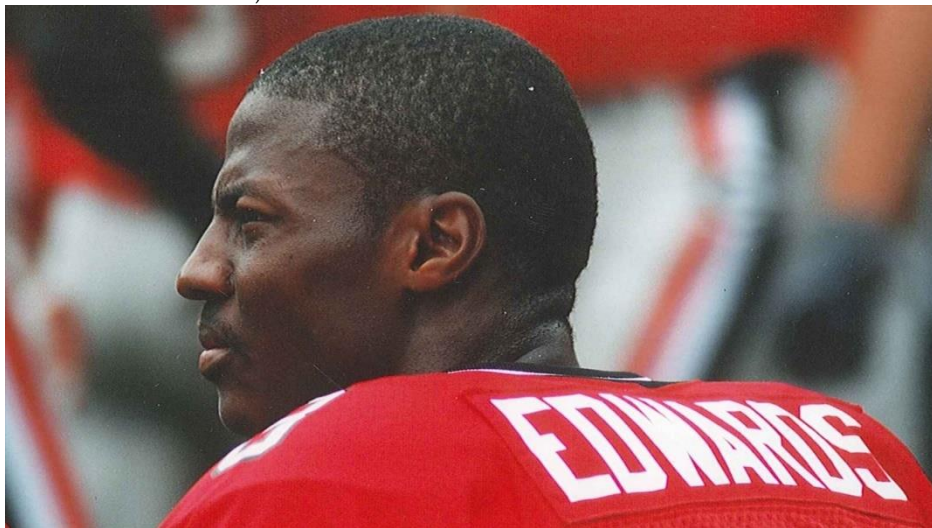
The 1999 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Jim Donnan in his fourth of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One Hundred-sixth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (8-4); (5-3) SEC, and they came in third place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were ranked # 16 in both national polls.

During the 1990s, the Bulldogs compiled a record of 72–43–1 under Coaches Donnan and Ray Goff for a .625 winning percentage. Georgia's cumulative record through 1999 was 633–358–54, a .632 winning percentage. Coaches Goff and then Donnan followed up on the great season record accomplishments of Wallace Butts and Vince Dooley and the good news Georgia Fans is that there are many more great seasons to talk about in this book.

Great Georgia Receivers Terrence Edwards

1999-2002

Terrence Edwards, WR



Edwards is by far the most accomplished receiver in UGA history. He is the team's all-time leader in receptions and the conference all-time leader in receiving yards with 3,093. He also holds the school record for touchdown catches in one season (11) and touchdown catches in a career (30).

Like his older brother, Terrence Edwards chose the University of Georgia, where he played from 1999 to 2002. In his career, he caught 204 passes for 3,093 yards and 30 touchdowns. His yardage total is an SEC record and his 204 receptions rank second all-time in the conference.

As a senior in 2002, he caught 59 passes for 1,004 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Games of the 1999 Season

In the season and home opener on September 4 at 6:00 p.m., the #12 Bulldogs defeated the Utah State Aggies at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (38–7) before 86,117. On Sept 11, the #12 Bulldogs defeated South Carolina's Gamecocks at home W 24–9 before

86,117. On Sept 25, the #11 Bulldogs nosed out the UCF Knights at home W (24–23) before 86,117. On Oct 2, the #10 Bulldogs nosed out the LSU Tigers at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (23–22) before 86,117

On Oct 9, at # 6 Tennessee, the Volunteers beat the #10 Bulldogs at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN L (20–37) before 107,247. Then, on Oct 16 at Vanderbilt, the #14 Bulldogs beat the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (27–17) before 39,210. Then, on Oct 23, the #14 Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (49–34) before 86,117. On Oct 30 vs. # 5 Florida, the Gators overpowered the #10 Bulldogs at Alltel Stadium at Jacksonville, (in a special College GameDay) L (14–30) before 84,397

On Nov 13, Auburn beat #14 Georgia at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), L (21–38). Before 86,117. Then, on Nov 20 at #16 Ole Miss was beaten by the #21 Bulldogs at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS W (20–17) before 50,876. At #20 Georgia Tech, on Nov 27 1:00 p.m., the Yellow Jackets nosed out the #16 Bulldogs in OT at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (48–51) OT before 46,450

The Georgia Bulldogs were invited to the Outback Bowl to be played on January 1, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. The #21 Bulldogs nosed out the #19 Purdue Boilermakers at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, FL in the (Outback Bowl)W (28–25) OT before 54,059.

2000 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Jim Donnan Head Coach #24

The 2000 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Jim Donnan in his fifth and last of five seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One Hundred-seventh season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (8-4); (5-3) SEC, and they came in third place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were ranked # 17 & #20 respectively in the national polls.

Games of the 2000 Season

In the season and home opener on September 2, 2000, the #11 Bulldogs beat the Georgia Southern Eagles at Sanford Stadium in

Athens, GA W (29–7) before 86,520. On Sept 9 at South Carolina, the Gamecocks defeated the #10 Bulldogs at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC L (10–21) before 83,605. Then, on Sept 23, the #24 Bulldogs shut out New Mexico State at home W (37-0), before 85,202. On Sept 30 at Arkansas, the #24 Bulldogs defeated the Razorbacks at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, AR W (38–7) before 51,162.

On Oct 7 at 7:00 p.m., the #19 Bulldogs beat the #21 Tennessee Volunteers at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (21–10) before 86,520. Then, on Oct 14, the #13 Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (29–19) before 86,520. On Oct 21 at Kentucky, the #12 Bulldogs beat the Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, W (34–30) before 68,565. On Oct 28, the #8 Florida Gators beat the #12 Bulldogs at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, L (23–34) before 84,404.

On Nov 11, the #22 Auburn Tigers defeated the #13 Bulldogs L (26-29) at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) before 85,612. On Nov 18, the Ole Miss Rebels beat the #21 Bulldogs at home W (32–14) before 76,248. Then, on Nov 25, #18 Georgia Tech defeated the #19 Bulldogs at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) L (15–27) before 85,912.

On December 24, 2000, at 8:30 p.m. the #24 Bulldogs defeated the Virginia Wahoos in the Oahu Bowl in a game played at Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, HI W (37–14) before 24,187.

Chapter 17 Coach Mark Richt—2001-2015

Richt split his last season year with B. McClendon



Coach Mark Richt UGA 2001 to 2015 Coach #25

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>SEC</u>
2001	Mark Richt	SEC	8-4-0	5-1-0 * chmp
2002	Mark Richt	SEC	13-1	2-4-0
2003	Mark Richt	SEC	11-3	6-2-0
2004	Mark Richt	SEC	10-2	5-1-0
2005	Mark Richt	SEC	10-3	6-0-0 * chmp
2006	Mark Richt	SEC	9-4	6-0-0 * chmp
2007	Mark Richt	SEC	11-2	6-0-0 * chmp
2008	Mark Richt	SEC	10-3	5-1-0
2009	Mark Richt	SEC	8-5	2-4-0
2010	Mark Richt	SEC	6-7	3-2-1
2011	Mark Richt	SEC	10-4	4-2-0
2012	Mark Richt	SEC	12-2	4-2-0
2013	Mark Richt	SEC	8-5	3-2-1
2014	Mark Richt	SEC	10-3	4-2-0

2015	Mark Richt	SEC	9-3	4-2-0
2015	B McClendon	SEC	9-3	4-2-0

Georgia Bowl Games 2001--2015 Coaches Richt & McClendon

2001	Richt	8-4-0; .667	Lost Music City Bowl L (16-20) v Boston College
2002	Richt	13-1; .928	Won Sugar Bowl v Florida State W (30-3)
2003	Richt	11-3; .785	Won Capital One Bowl W (34-27_ v Purdue
2004	Richt	10-2; .833	Won Outback Bowl W (24-21) v Wisconsin
2005	Richt	10-3; .760	Lost Sugar Bowl v West Virginia L (35-38)
2006	Richt	9-4; .690	Won Chic Fil A Bowl W (31-24) v Virginia Tech
2007	Richt	11-2; .840	Won Sugar Bowl W (41-10) v Hawaii
2008	Richt	10-3; .760	Won Capital One Bow W (24-12) v Michigan State 1
2009	Richt	8-5; .610	Won Independence Bowl W (44-20) v Texas A&M
2010	Richt	6-7 .461	Lost Liberty Bowl L (6-10) v UCF
2011	Richt	10-4; .714	Lost Outback Bowl L (30-33) v Michigan State
2012	Richt	12-2; .857	Won Capital One Bowl W (45-31) v Nebraska
2013	Richt	8-5; .610	Lost Gator Bowl L (14-19) v Nebraska
2014	Richt	10-3; .760	Won Belk Bowl W 37-14) Louisville
2015	Richt	9-3; .750	Won TaxSlayer Bowl W (24-17_ v Penn State

About Mark Richt – New GA Coach

In mid-December, about December 13, 2002, the Georgia Bulldogs announced that Mark Richt, a fine coach was leaving FSU for the head coaching job in Georgia.

It was to be Richt's first shot at a head coaching job in big time college football but he has been in the thick of the fight for some time while he directed one of the country's most dynamic offenses. He was so good that as team's were looking for head coaches, Mark Richt's name often came up as a potential selection.



Richt was happy at Florida State and the word is that he never thought about leaving the institution. However, when Georgia fired Jim Donnan and began the search for someone who could lead the Bulldogs to a championship, all of a sudden, he was in the limelight.

He came from the light to become the new coach, though he had to work double-time during his first week on the job. He promised to stay on as the Seminoles' offensive

coordinator until after the Jan. 3 Orange Bowl against top-ranked Oklahoma.

When interviewed, Richt noted: "I've had some opportunities over the years, but when I found out that I was a possible candidate for this job, it was the very first time that I got really excited and eager about the possibility of making a move." He had spent 15 years on Bobby Bowden's staff.

Bobby Bowden is not a bad guy from whom to learn so naturally Richt plans to follow the Bowden formula, which made the Seminoles one of the country's most dominating programs.

Talking about the coach, Richt noted that Bowden was "a great man," He said he intended to try to build something very similar to what he's built, and hopefully, I learned well from him." As we will see in the coming fifteen years that we chronicle, Richt did well at Georgia.

He was not looking for anything but when Richt heard his name linked to Georgia, he decided to pursue a head coaching job for the first time. He asked both Bowden and Grant Teaff, former president of the American Football Coaches Association, to call Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley with a recommendation.

"Our goal was to never leave Tallahassee or make one move," said Richt, accompanied to Athens by his wife and their four children. "We felt like if we ever did make a move, we wanted to make sure it was a place where we wanted to stay. We've made that commitment. We're not looking back."

That was great news for AD Dooley, who had hired Donnan five years ago after then-Kansas coach Glen Mason accepted the job, then changed his mind. Richt actually took the job before he let the world know but remained mum until the Bulldogs completed their final season under Donnan with a 37-14 victory over Virginia in the Oahu Bowl.

Donnan, as Georgia fans surely know was fired Dec. 4. He finished his tenure at Georgia with a 40-19 record, including four straight bowl victories for the first time in school history. He was let go because of Georgia pride. The Bulldogs lost to Georgia Tech for the third year in a row, which had not happened since the early 1960s. If he had done well against the arch rival Yellow Jackets, chances are Mark Richt would still be looking for his head coaching opportunity down the road.

OK it was not just Tech, Donnan did not enjoy much success when playing the school's biggest rivals. Under Donnan, Georgia was 6-14 against Tech, Florida, Auburn and Tennessee.

After the news conference in Athens, Richt hurried back to Tallahassee to rejoin the third-ranked Seminoles, who were flying to Miami on Wednesday with hopes of winning their second straight national title.

Bowden loved Richt and commented that "It's been a great pleasure having him on our staff," Bowden said. "He and his family have been role models for our players and fans. We will miss them very much, but wish them well at Georgia."

Richt was a 1982 graduate of Miami, where he was a backup quarterback to Jim Kelly. He joined the Florida State staff three

years later. His tenure was interrupted by a one-year break as East Carolina's offensive coordinator in 1989.

In 1993, Richt took over the play-calling duties from Bowden, he directed some of the nation's highest-scoring teams. This past season, the Seminoles led the country with 549 yards per game and ranked third in scoring with a 42.4 average.

Besides all this, Richt has been the quarterback coach at Florida State for 14 years, sending five of his pupils to the NFL. He is expected to call plays at Georgia and may even oversee the quarterbacks, as well.

Dooley and university president Michael Adams chose Richt after also interviewing two NFL assistant coaches: Green Bay receivers coach Ray Sherman and Miami offensive coordinator Chan Gailey.

Richt picked up a five-year, \$3.75 million contract. He fit in like a glove. As you'll see, he had a great record but had one problem from my eyes. He had no undefeated seasons but came close most of the time. There was always one or two games that he could not overcome. Too bad. He was a great coach and a great guy.

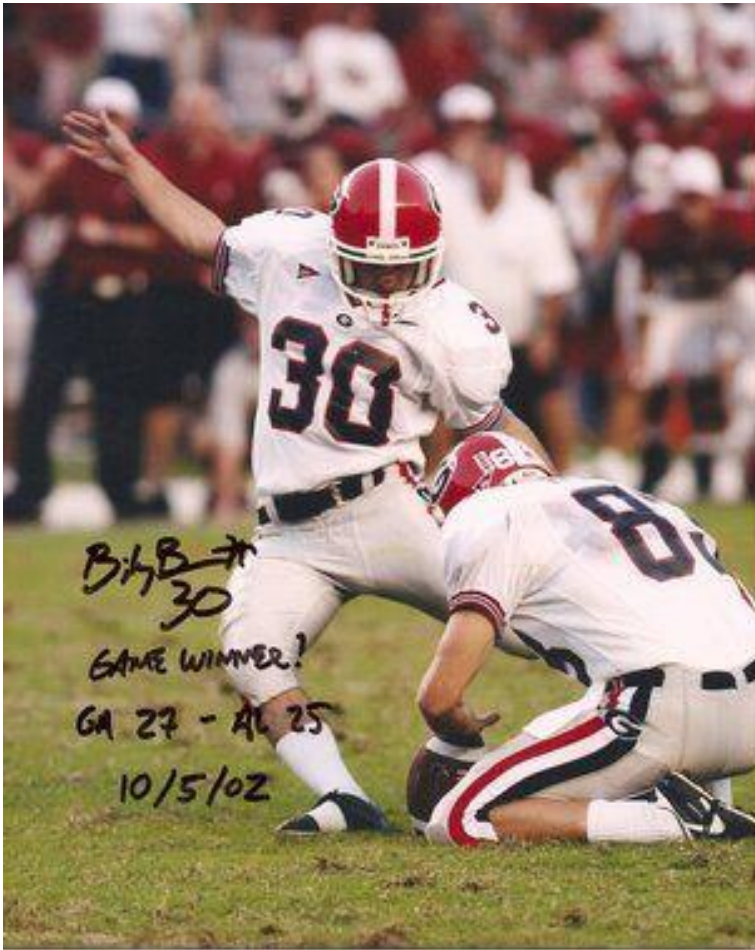
2001 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2001 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his first of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One Hundred-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (8-4); (5-3) SEC, and they came in fourth place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They were ranked # 25 & #22 respectively in the national polls.

Great Georgia Kickers Billy Bennett

2000-2003

Billy Bennett, K



Another thing Georgia is known for is its kickers and Bennett was a good one. He made 79 percent of his field goals which is second all-time and currently holds the SEC record for kicking points in a career with 409.

Kicking & Punting * indicates bowl stats included

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	XPM	XPA	XP%	Kicking			Punting			
									FGM	FGA	FG%	Pts	Punts	Yds	Avg
2000	Georgia	SEC	FR	K	11	24	26	92.3	13	14	92.9	63			
2001	Georgia	SEC	SO	K	11	34	34	100.0	17	25	68.0	85			
*2002	Georgia	SEC	JR	K	14	52	52	100.0	26	33	78.8	130			
*2003	Georgia	SEC	SR	K	14	38	39	97.4	31	38	81.6	131			
Career	Georgia					148	151	98.0	87	110	79.1	409			

Games of the 2001 Season

In the season and home opener on September 1, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., the Bulldogs defeated the Arkansas State Red Wolves at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (45–17) before 86,520. On Sept 8, the #21 Gamecocks of South Carolina defeated the #25 Bulldogs at home L (9–14) before 86,520. On Sept 29, the Bulldogs beat the Razorbacks of Arkansas at home W (34–23) before 86,520. On Oct 6, the Bulldogs beat the #6 Tennessee Volunteers at Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, TN W (26–24) before 107,592.

On Oct 13 at Vanderbilt, the Bulldogs beat the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (30–14) before 31,847. On Oct 20 at home, the #17 Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (43–29) before 86,520. On Oct 27, the #6 Florida Gators defeated the #15 Georgia Bulldogs at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (10–24) before 84,401. Then, on Nov 10, the #24 Auburn Tigers edged out the #19 Georgia Bulldogs at home on the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry)L (17–24) before 86,520.

Then, on Nov 17, at Ole Miss, the #23 Bulldogs defeated the Rebels at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS, W (35–15) before 47,457. At #21 Georgia Tech on November 24, the #19 Bulldogs defeated the Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, Gain the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (31–17) before 41,974. On Dec 1, the #16 Bulldogs defeated the Houston Cougars at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (35–7) before 86,520.

The #16 Georgia Bulldogs were invited and played in the Music City Bowl on December 28, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. The team lost to Boston College at the Adelphia Coliseum in Nashville, TN (Music City Bowl) L (16–20) before 46,125

Great Georgia Linebackers Boss Bailey

2001 – 2002

Boss Bailey, LB



Bailey was fast, athletic and one of the key players in the Bulldogs 13-1 run in 2002. He was named to the All-American team that same year and was a semifinalist for the Butkus Award and the Lombardi Award.

Bailey was a three-year starter at the University of Georgia, where he recorded 266 tackles (151 solo), 7.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, two interceptions, 11 pass breakups and three blocked kicks in 48 career games (35 starts)...

Received first-team All-Southeastern Conference honors as a senior while also being named a semifinalist for the Butkus and Lombardi Awards that year, helping Georgia to victories in the SEC Championship Game and Sugar Bowl...

Started every game at strongside outside linebacker as a senior, leading the team with a career-high 114 tackles (63 solo) and posting six sacks... Named second-team All-SEC in 2001...

Did not play in 2000 after injuring his knee on the opening kickoff of season opener (received a redshirt year).

Great Georgia Safeties, Greg Blue

2001-2005

Greg Blue, S



Many Bulldog fans will say that the most feared defender in UGA history is Greg Blue. Known for his ferocious hits, Blue led the team in tackles with 96 in 2005 and was named to the All-American team for his efforts.

Blue played for coach Mark Richt's Georgia Bulldogs football team from 2001 to 2005. While attending Georgia, he registered 176 of his 260 career tackles, eleven of his thirteen quarterback pressures and all 7.5 of his stops behind the line of scrimmage during his last two seasons.

Blue was part of a graduating class that earned 44 victories, the most by any senior class in Georgia history. He was redshirted as a freshman in 2001. In 2002, he played as a reserve safety, appearing in every game.

He finished with 42 tackles and a pass deflection. He was part of a defense that finished first in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) and fourth nationally in scoring defense (15.1 ppg), first in the SEC in red zone defense (58.8%), second in the SEC and 19th nationally in rushing defense (114.0 ppg), fourth in the SEC and 15th nationally in total defense (303.5 ppg), and allowed only 30 total second half points in the final seven games of the season.

Gregory R. Blue, Jr. (born March 12, 1982) is a former American football player. As a Georgia Bulldog, he earned consensus All-American recognition. The Minnesota Vikings selected him in the fifth round of the 2006 NFL Draft.

Great Georgia Receivers Fred Gibson

2001-2004

Fred Gibson, WR



Gibson was one of the most explosive receivers to ever step on the field in Athens. He played from 2001 to 2004 and finished his career with 2,884 yards which is the second most in school history.

Gibson also caught 20 touchdown passes which is the third best in school history. He majored in Speech Communications.

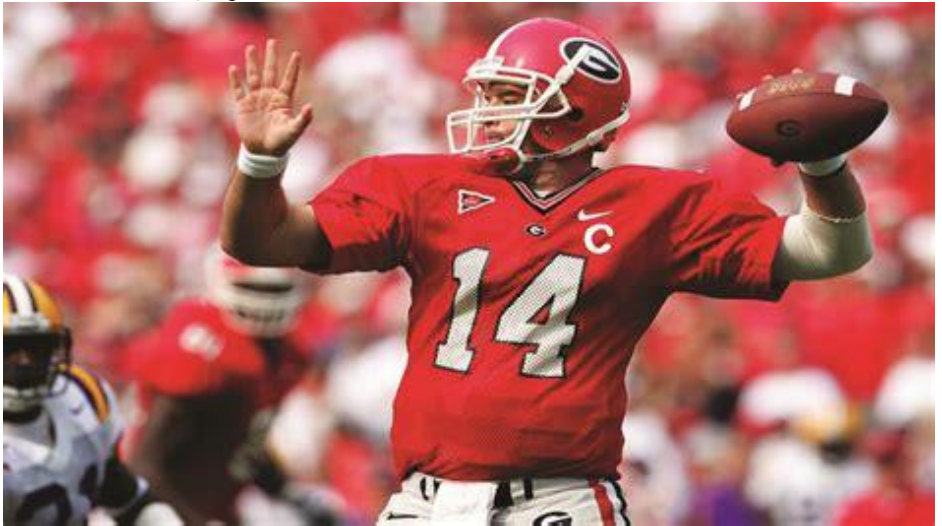
As a member of the Bulldogs' football team, Gibson wore jersey #82. During his senior year, he led the team with seven touchdowns and caught 49 passes for 801 yards. During Gibson's tenure with the Bulldogs' football team, they posted a 42–10 record.

Gibson also played one season of basketball for the Bulldogs as a walk-on freshman in 2001. In 18 games, Gibson averaged 4.9 points per game. Gibson was also one of nine other UGA football team players to be declared ineligible for selling his SEC championship ring.

Great Georgia Quarterbacks, David Greene

2001 – 2004

David Greene, QB



Stafford may be more gifted and Zeier was more prolific. But Greene was simply the best. He holds the SEC record for career passing yards and holds the school record for passing touchdowns in a career. When he left Athens he won more games than any other quarterback in NCAA history with 42 victories.

Greene began his career as a redshirt freshman in 2001, being named the starter before the season. His most notable freshman game occurred at #5 Tennessee on October 6, known as the "Hobnail Boot" game. This phrase was coined by Georgia's famous play-by-play announcer Larry Munson.

After Tennessee took the lead in the fourth quarter on a successful screen pass with :44 left, Greene led the Bulldogs back down the field with an inspiring series of quick passes. The winning touchdown pass went to fullback Verron Haynes in a now famous play known as "P-44 Haynes" or the "Hobnail Boot" play with just five seconds remaining on the clock.

Upon Greene's completion to Haynes in the endzone for the winning touchdown, announcer Munson made this fateful call: "We just stepped on their face with a hobnail boot and broke their nose. We just crushed their face!"

This play marked the beginning of Greene's record-setting career at Georgia, highlighted by guiding the team to a Sugar Bowl victory in 2002. The same season he led the Bulldogs to their first SEC championship since 1982.

He was named SEC Offensive Rookie of the Year after the 2001 season, and was the 2002 Offensive Player of the Year for The Southeastern Conference. In 2004, Greene made 214 consecutive pass attempts without an interception, a record that stood until broken by Andre Woodson from Kentucky in 2007.

At Georgia, one of Greene's roommates was friend and future Cincinnati Bengals defensive lineman David Pollack, who was drafted 17th in 2005. The two played football together when they were younger in Snellville, though they went to different high schools.

Greene finished his college career as the winningest quarterback in NCAA Division I history with 42 wins in four years, eclipsing the record previously held by Peyton Manning. However, on November 21, 2009, University of Texas quarterback Colt McCoy broke his record with a win over University of Kansas. Greene finished his college career as the Southeastern Conference all-time career leader in yards gained with 11,270 until that record was broken by Aaron Murray on October 5, 2013 against Tennessee.

2002 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2002 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his second of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the One

Hundred-ninth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (13-1); (7-1) SEC, and they were champions (first place) in the Eastern Division of the SEC and they won the SEC Championship game over Arkansas. They were ranked # 3 in both national polls.

Georgia won the SEC title for the first time since the 1983 season with a 30–3 win over the Arkansas in the SEC Championship Game. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 26–13 win in the Sugar Bowl over the Florida State and earned a No. 3 final ranking in the AP Poll and the Coaches poll

Great Georgia Games

UGA VS. AUBURN – 2002 W (24-21)



In Mark Richt's second year, he built on his initial success in Athens by piling up wins—including ranked victories over no. 22 Alabama and no. 10 Tennessee—on his way to the rivalry game against Auburn. He had become Mister Victory in no time at all.

The Bulldogs Georgia walked into Jordan-Hare Stadium with a 9-1 record, a loss to Florida their only blemish, but it was a blemish that—should the no. 7 Dawgs lose again and the Gators continue to win—would cost them the SEC East title and a shot at an SEC Championship. Auburn had a narrower path to Atlanta, but with a win over Georgia and a loss by Arkansas, the no. 24 Tigers could compete for the championship.

With all this on the line, the contest was hard-fought, to say the least. But with 1:25 left in the game, things looked bleak for the Dawgs: after reeling off 14 points in the second half to close the gap to 21-17, the trailing Bulldogs' offense stalled out in Auburn's red zone. On fourth down with 15 yards to go, David Greene hurled a rainbow-arc pass to the back of Auburn's end zone to find a leaping Michael Johnson and punched Georgia's ticket to the championship—a game they would win decisively, giving Georgia their first SEC title in 20 years. W (24-21)

Great Georgia Defensive Ends, David Pollack

2002, 2003, 2004

David Pollack, DE



Pollack has the distinction of being one of only two Bulldogs being named to the All-America team for three years. He is the Bulldogs all-time leader in sacks, won the Lombardi, Bednarik and Lott Trophy in 2004 and was also named the SEC Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in 2004.

He was a three-time All-American in consecutive years, and was recognized as the top college defensive player in the nation. Pollack had 36 sacks during his collegiate career, third most in NCAA history. He was a first-round pick in the 2005 NFL Draft, and played professionally for the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals. Since 2009, Pollack has served as a college football analyst for ESPN.

Great Georgia Safeties, Thomas Davis

2002-2004

Thomas Davis, S



Davis was a very intimidating defender who caused havoc wherever he might be on the field. Davis led the team in tackles in 2003 and 2004 and was named to the All-American team in 2004.

Thomas Antonio Davis Sr. (born March 22, 1983) played sixteen seasons as linebacker in the National Football League (NFL). As

noted, he was an important mainstay as a college football player for UAG in the early 2000s. He was recognized as an All-American.

Following his college career, he was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in the first round of the 2005 NFL Draft and played for them for 14 years.

Davis received an athletic scholarship to attend the University of Georgia, where he played for coach Mark Richt's Georgia Bulldogs football team from 2002 to 2004. Following his sophomore season in 2003, he earned second-team All-Southeastern Conference (SEC) honors. He was recognized as a first-team All-SEC selection and a consensus first-team All-American after his junior season in 2004. In 39 career games, he was extremely effective as both a rush linebacker and a free safety, recording 272 tackles, 18 for a loss, 10.5 sacks, three interceptions, six forced fumbles, and nine fumble recoveries. In his studies, he majored in consumer economics.

Great Georgia Linebackers Jean Gilles

2002-2005

Max Jean-Gilles, OL



Jean-Gilles started 40 games for the Bulldogs and was dominant in every game he played. He was consensus All-America selection in 2005 and was named as a permanent team captain the same year.

Jean-Gilles played for coach Mark Richt's Georgia Bulldogs football team from 2002 to 2005. Following his senior season in 2005, he was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference (SEC) selection and was recognized as a consensus first-team All-American. He was a key starter of the Bulldogs team that defeated the LSU Tigers by a score of 34–14 to win the 2005 SEC Championship Game.

Games of the 2002 Season

On August 31, 2002 in the season and home opener, the #8 Bulldogs edged out the Clemson Tigers in a close match at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (31–28) before 86,520. On Sept 14 at South Carolina, the #9 Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks at the Williams–Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC W (13–7) before 84,227. Then, on Sept 21 at home, the #8 Bulldogs pounded the Northwestern State Demons W (45–7) before 86,520. On Sept 28, the #8 Bulldogs pounded the New Mexico State Aggies at home W (41–10) before 86,520.

Oct 5 at # 22 Alabama, the #7 Bulldogs edged out the Crimson Tide at Bryant–Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL. (College GameDay celebration) W (27–25) before 83,818. On Oct 12, the #6 Bulldogs defeated the #10 Tennessee Volunteers at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (18–13) before 86,520. On Oct 19, the #5 Bulldogs pounded the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (49–17) before 86,520.

At Kentucky on Oct 26, at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Bulldogs shellacked the Wildcats W(52–24) before 71,017. On Nov 2 vs. Florida, the #5 Bulldogs were defeated by the Gators at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL (College GameDay Celebration) L (13–20) before 84,433. On Nov 9, the #7 Bulldogs beat the Ole Miss Rebels at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (31–17) before 86,520. On Nov 16 at # 24 Auburn, the #7 Bulldogs beat the Tigers at Jordan–Hare Stadium, Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (24–21) before 86,063. On Nov 30, the #5 Bulldogs beat Georgia Tech at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (51–7) before 86,520

#4 Georgia won the Eastern Division of the SEC and played #22 Arkansas on December 7, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA in the SEC Championship Game. W (30-3) before 74,835.

On January 1, 2003 at 8:30 p.m. vs. #16 Florida State, the # 4 Bulldogs won the Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, LA W (26-13) before 74,269.

2003 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2003 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his third of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-tenth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (11-3); (6-2) SEC, and they were champions (first place) in the Eastern Division of the SEC and lost the SEC Championship game to LSU L (13-34) . They were ranked #6 & #7 respectively in both national polls. The Bulldogs completed their season with a victory over Purdue in the Capital One Bowl by a score of 34-27 in overtime.

Great Georgia Safeties, Sean Jones

2003

Sean Jones, S



Jones was just simply a play maker. In 2003, he was named to the All-American team, as he compiled 111 tackles, three blocked kicks and five interceptions.

Jones played in 37 games, starting 24 times. He finished with 250 tackles, 1 sack, 10 stops for losses, four quarterback pressures, three fumble recoveries, seven interceptions, and four blocked kicks. He was an education major.

Games of the 2003 Season

In the season opener, the Bulldogs pounded Clemson's Tigers in a shutout on August 30 12:00 p.m. The # 9 ranked Bulldogs prevailed at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC W (30–0) before 82,034. On Sept 6, the #8 Bulldogs defeated the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders in the home opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (29–10) before 92,058. On Sept 13, the #8 Bulldogs defeated the #25 South Carolina Gamecocks at home W (31–7) before 92,058. On Sept 20, #11 LSU edged out the #7 Georgia Bulldogs at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA in a(College GameDay Celebration. L (10–17) before 92,251

On Oct 4, the #12 Bulldogs defeated the Alabama Crimson Tide at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W 37–23 before 92,058. On October 11 at #13 Tennessee, the #8 Bulldogs pounded the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN W (41–14) before a packed house of 107,517/ On Oct 18 at Vanderbilt, the #5 Bulldogs beat the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (27–8) before 27,823. On Oct 25, the #5 Bulldogs Edged out the UAB Blazers at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (16–13) before 92,058.

Then, on Nov 1 the #23 Florida Gators edged out the #4 Bulldogs at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, L 13–16 before 84,411. On Nov 15, at home, the #6 Bulldogs defeated the Auburn Tigers in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) W (26–7) before 92,058. At home on Nov 22, the #6 Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats W (30–10) before 92,058. On Nov 29 at Georgia Tech, the #5 Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (34–17) before 55,000.

On December 6 at 8:00 p.m., #3 LSU defeated the #5 Georgia Bulldogs at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA in the SEC Championship Game. It was a (College GameDay Celebration) L (13–34). Before 74,913.

Then, the Bulldogs were invited to the Capital One Bowl game on January 1, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. The #11 Bulldogs defeated the #12 Purdue Boilermakers at the Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando, FL W(34–27) in OT before 64,565.

2004 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2004 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his fourth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-eleventh season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (10-2); (6-2) SEC, and they did not win the Eastern Division of the SEC this year so they were not in the SEC Championship game, having lost to Tennessee and Auburn. Georgia beat Wisconsin in the 2005 Outback Bowl. The team was ranked #6 & #7 in the National Polls.

Games of the 2004 Season

In the season and home opener on September 4, 2004, the #3 Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Southern Eagles at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (48–28) before 92,746. On Sept 11, at South Carolina, the #3 Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC in a (College GameDay Celebration) W (20–16) before 84,300. On Sept 18, the #3 Bulldogs beat the Marshall Thundering Hers at home W (13–3) before 92,746. On Oct 2, the #3 Georgia Bulldogs thumped the #13 LSU Tigers at home W (45–16) before 92,746.

On Oct 9, the #17 Tennessee volunteers beat the #3 Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (14–19) before 92,746. Then, on Oct 16, the #12 Bulldogs beat the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (33–3) before 92,746. On Oct 23, at Arkansas, the #10 Bulldogs beat the Razorbacks at Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, AR, W (20–14) before 71,644. On Oct 30 vs. Florida, the #10 Bulldogs beat the Gators at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (31–24) before 84,753.

On Nov 6, at Kentucky, the #8 Bulldogs smothered the Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, W (62–17) before 63,110. On Nov 13 at #3 Auburn, the Tigers defeated the #8 Bulldogs at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry, & a College GameDay Celebration) L (6–24) before 87,451. On Nov 27, the #8 Bulldogs beat the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (19–13) before 92,746

The #8 Bulldogs accepted a bid to the Outback Bowl on January 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. vs. #16 Wisconsin at the Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, FL, edging out the Badgers for the victory W (24–21) before 62,414

2005 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2005 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his fifth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-twelfth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (10-3); (6-2) SEC, and they won the Eastern Division of the SEC and beat LSU in the SEC Championship game W(34-14). Georgia lost to West Virginia in the 2006 Sugar Bowl. The team was ranked #10 & #10 in the National Polls.

Great Georgia Ends, Leonard Pope

2005

No. 48: Leonard Pope, TE

There have been plenty of great tight ends to come though Athens, including the one they have on their roster now. But Leonard Pope was a one of a kind talent that just made plays constantly.

The two-time first team All-SEC player was a huge target that had hands of gold. He finished his career with 65 receptions and 10 touchdowns.



Leonard Pope (born September 10, 1983) is a former American football tight end. He was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the third round of the 2006 NFL Draft. He played college football at Georgia.

Pope has also played for the Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Chicago Bears.

Games of the 2005 Season

In the season and home opener on September 3, 2005, the #13 Bulldogs defeated the #18 Boise State Broncos at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (48–13) before 92,746. On Sept 10, the #9 Bulldogs edged out the South Carolina Gamecocks at home W (17–15) before 92,746. On Sept 17, the #7 Bulldogs defeated the Louisiana–Monroe Warhawks at home W (44–7) before 92,746. Then, on Sept 24 at Mississippi State’s Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, MS, the #7 Georgia Bulldogs defeated the MS Bulldogs W (23–10) before 49,903.

On Oct 8, at #8 Tennessee in a game played at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN, the #5 Bulldogs defeated the Volunteers W (27–14) before 108,470.. On Oct 15, at Vanderbilt’s Vanderbilt Stadium in

Nashville, TN, the #5 Bulldogs beat the Commodores W (34–17) before 38,822. Then, on Oct 22, the #4 Bulldogs edged out the Arkansas Razorbacks at home W (23–20) before 92,746. Then, on Oct 30 vs. #16 Florida, the Gators edged out the #4 Bulldogs at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL in a College GameDay Celebration L (10–14) before 84,501.

On Nov 12, #15 Auburn nosed out the #9 Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) L (30–31) before 92,746. On Nov 19, the #14 Bulldogs pounded the Kentucky Wildcats at home W (45–13) before 92,746. On Nov 26 at #20 Georgia Tech in a game played at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs defeated the Yellow Jackets W (14–7) before. 56,412

On December 3, 1995 at 6:00 p.m., the #13 Bulldogs beat the #3 LSU Tigers in the SEC Championship Game played at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA W (34–14) before 73,717.

In a tough Sugar Bowl appearance on January 2, 2006 at 8:30 p.m., the #11 West Virginia Mountaineers edged out the #8 Bulldogs before 74,459 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA (Sugar Bowl) L (35–38).

2006 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt #25

The 2006 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his sixth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-thirteenth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (9-4); (4-4) SEC, and they came in fourth place in the Eastern Division of the SEC . The Bulldogs were ranked #23 in both national polls

Though the Bulldogs lost to both unranked Kentucky and Vanderbilt, the team salvaged its season with wins over two ranked teams in the last two games of the season-- #5 Auburn, and #15 Georgia Tech. A victory over #14 Virginia Tech in the 2006 Chick-fil-A Bowl gave the Georgia Bulldogs three consecutive victories over top 25 teams.

Great Georgia Quarterbacks, Matthew Stafford

2006 – 2008

Matthew Stafford, QB



Stafford was looking good with the Detroit Lions, but when he was at Georgia, NFL scouts knew they were looking at a special kid. Stafford holds the school record for most passing touchdowns in a season with 25 and is third on the school's all-time list in touchdowns passes (51) and passing yards (7,731).

2006-2008

Year	School	Conf	Class	Pos	G	Cmp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	AY/A	TD	Int	Rate
*2006	Georgia	SEC	FR	QB	13	135	256	52.7	1749	6.8	5.1	7	13	109.0
*2007	Georgia	SEC	SO	QB	13	194	348	55.7	2523	7.3	7.0	19	10	128.9
*2008	Georgia	SEC	JR	QB	13	235	383	61.4	3459	9.0	9.2	25	10	153.5
Career	Georgia					564	987	57.1	7731	7.8	7.4	51	33	133.3

He was coached by Randy Allen and was widely considered to be one of the best high school quarterbacks in the United States in the Class of 2006, ranked ahead of even Tim Tebow.

In 2005, he led his team to a perfect 15–0 record and won the UIL 4A Division I State Championship. During the playoff run, Stafford beat Ryan Mallett's Texarkana Texas 38–31, as well as Jevan Snead's Stephenville 41–38.

Stafford had over 4,000 yards passing despite not playing in the first three games of the season due to a knee injury. Stafford received numerous accolades, including being named to the Parade All-America Team and the USA Today Pre-Season Super 25 in 2005.

He also won the MVP and Best Arm awards at the 2005 EA Sports Elite 11 Quarterback Camp and was named the 2005 EA Sports National Player of the Year. Regarded as a five-star recruit by Rivals.com, Stafford was listed as the No. 1 pro-style quarterback prospect in the class of 2006 by Rivals.com.

Before he had even started a game at the collegiate level, analyst Mel Kiper Jr. predicted, correctly, that Stafford would eventually be the first pick in the NFL Draft. He did his best for the Lions who sometimes showed things unseen in years.

Many will begin to refer to 2022 as the "Year of the Dawgs" after seeing multiple former Georgia Bulldogs capture a Super Bowl win. After getting traded to the Rams last offseason for former starting LA quarterback Jared Goff and two first-round picks, Stafford led the Rams to the franchise's first Super Bowl victory since 2000.

A month after, the University of Georgia won it all in Indianapolis for the program's first national championship since 1980, with the help of a top-ranked Georgia defense and former walk-on quarterback Stetson Bennett, Georgia will have a few more Bulldogs capture championship rings

Great Georgia Running Backs Knowshon Moreono

2006 -- 2008

Knowshon Moreono, RB



There are very few players that made such an immediate impact like Moreno did in 2007 and 2008. He was finalist for the Doak Walker Award in 2008 and finished his career fourth on UGA's all-time rushing list with 2,734.

In 2006, Moreono was a redshirt but played his heart out in 2007 - 2008. His UGA history looks like this:

YEAR	Rushing					Receiving				
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD	NO.	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD
2006	Redshirt									
2007	248	1,334	5.4	80	14	20	253	12.7	35	0
2008	250	1,400	5.6	68	16	33	392	11.9	37	2
Totals	498	2,734	5.5	80	30	53	645	12.2	37	2

Games of the 2006 Season

In the season and home opener on September 2, 2006, the #15 Bulldogs defeated the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers at Sanford

Stadium in Athens, GA, W (48–12) before 92,746. Then, on Sept 9 at South Carolina, the #12 Bulldogs shut out the Gamecocks at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC. W (18–0) before 82,513. On Sept 16, the Bulldogs shut out the UAB Blazers at home W (34–0) before 92,746. Then, on Sept 23, the #9 Bulldogs nosed out the Colorado Buffaloes at home W (14–13) before 92,746.

At Ole Miss on Sept 30, in a game played at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS, the Buffaloes beat the Rebels W (14–9) before 57,184. On Oct 7, #13 Tennessee thumped the #10 Bulldogs at home in Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA L (33–51) before 92,746. On Oct 14, the #16 Bulldogs lost a nail-biter to the Vanderbilt Commodores at home L (22–24) before 92,746. On Oct 21, the Bulldogs edged out the Mississippi State Bulldogs at home W (27–24) before 92,746. On Oct 28, vs. #9 Florida, the Gators defeated the Bulldogs at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, L (14–21) before 84,572.

Then, on Nov 4 at Kentucky in a game played at Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington, KY, the Wildcats edged out the Bulldogs in a close match L (20–24) before 62,120. At #5 Auburn on Nov 11 in a game played at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry), the Bulldogs prevailed over the Tigers W (37–15) before 87,45. On Nov 25, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, ranked at #16 going into the contest were defeated by the unranked Bulldogs at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (15–12) before 92,746.

In the Chick-fil-A Bowl game, on December 30, 2006, the unranked Bulldogs defeated the #14 Virginia Tech Hokies at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA W (31–24) before 75,406.

2007 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2007 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his seventh of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-fourteenth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (11-2); (6-2) SEC, and they came in tied for first in the Eastern Division of the SEC but lost the tie-breaker with the University of Tennessee for the

Championship and did not get to play for the SEC Conference Championship. The Bulldogs were ranked #3 & #2 in the national polls The team finished its season by defeating the Hawaii Warriors in the 2008 Sugar Bowl

This season, prior to the first game, two key players from the 2006 season, defensive end Charles Johnson and running back Danny Ware, chose to leave school early to enter the NFL draft. Besides this bad news, another junior, defensive back Paul Oliver, considered a move to the NFL, but decided to return to the Bulldogs for his senior year.

Despite coming back for his senior year, Paul Oliver became academically ineligible and decided to enter the supplemental draft. Things happen. The Bulldogs were ready to be led on offense by rising Sophomore QB Matthew Stafford. Sean Bailey and Mohammed Massaquoi were the key receivers and Thomas Brown served as a fine Tailback. The defense had its own stars with Asher Allen and Kelin Johnson in the Secondary. Plus, Dannelle Ellerbe became the leading Linebackers while Geno Atkins and Jeff Owens became the mainstays of the Defensive Line.

Great Georgia Punters Drew Butler

2007 to 2011

Drew Butler, P



At UAG, Butler was the PUNTER/ He played for coach Mark Richt's Georgia Bulldogs football team from 2007 to 2011. He led

the nation in punting average for the 2009 NCAA Division I FBS football season. He was selected as the first-team All-Southeastern Conference (SEC) punter, and a unanimous first-team All-American, and he was the winner of the Ray Guy Award recognizing him as the best college punter in the nation.

In 2010, Butler was selected as the second-team All-SEC punter by the coaches. He was a first-team All-American selection by Pro Football Weekly, a second-team choice by the Associated Press and CBS Sports, as well as an honorable mention selection by Sports Illustrated.

Butler was once again a finalist for the Ray Guy Award in 2010. He was a 2010 first-team Academic All-America selection.

On December 6, 2011, he was honored as a National Football Foundation (NFF) Scholar-Athlete Award recipient, named a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy. He was also honored on that same day when he earned honorable mention All-SEC recognition by the Associated Press. On December 8, he repeated in 2011 as a first team Academic All-America selection.

Butler is the best punter to step on a field in Athens. The 2009 Ray Guy Award winner holds the school's record in punting average in a season along with net punting average in a season.

Games of the 2007 Season

In the season and home opener v the Oklahoma State Cowboys, the #13 ranked Bulldogs prevailed in the opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA, W (35–14) before 92,746. On Sept 8, the South Carolina Gamecocks defeated the #11 Bulldogs at home L (12–16) before 92,746. On Sept 15, the #23 ranked Bulldogs came back and defeated the Western Carolina Catamounts at home W 45–16 before 92,746. Then, on Sept 22 at #16 Alabama, the #22 ranked Bulldogs defeated the Crimson Tide at Bryant–Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL in a College GameDay Celebration W (26–23) in OT before 92,138.

On Sept 29, the #15 Bulldogs defeated the Ole Miss Rebels at home at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (45–17) before 92,746. On Oct 6, at Tennessee at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN, the Volunteers beat the #12 Bulldogs L (14–35) before 107,052. Then, on Oct 13 at Vanderbilt, the #24 Bulldogs edged out the Vanderbilt Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (20–17) before 39,773. Then, on Oct 27, vs. #9 Florida, the #20 ranked Bulldogs defeated the Gators at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium in Jacksonville, FL W (42–30) before 84,481

At home on Nov 3, the #10 Bulldogs defeated the Troy Trojans W (44–34) before 92,746. On Nov 10, the #10 Bulldogs defeated the #18 Auburn Tigers at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game W (45–20) before 92,746. Then, on Nov 17, the #8 Bulldogs beat the #22 Kentucky Wildcats at home W (24–13) before 92,746. In the season finale, at Georgia Tech, the #10 Bulldogs beat the Yellow Jackets At Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, Gain the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate game W (31–17) before 54,990

On January 1, 2008 at 8:30 p.m., the #4 Bulldogs beat #10 Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl played in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, LA W (41–10) 74,383

Sugar Bowl

The players:

#4 Georgia final record 11-2, ranking #2)

Game Score—41

#10 Hawaii 10 record 12-1, ranking #19)

Game Score—10



The Bulldogs sent the Rainbow Warriors packing with empty suitcases for their return trip from New Orleans to Hawaii on January 1. Their sendoff was in the form of a 41-10 shellacking for Georgia over Hawaii. All Hawaii got for their trouble was a used football game program. They left mostly empty other than for the fun that they may have had in America's Big Easy. For Hawaii, the return trip from the 2008 Allstate Sugar Bowl was a pile of bad memories. For Georgia, it was just peachy.

The pregame on Hawaii was that it would enter the contest with a gaudy offense, but not much of that was on display as it was the Georgia defense that stole the game highlights. In fact, the pundits will tell you that the game was characterized by one defensive play.

Georgia defensive end Marcus Howard crashed through the shredded Hawaii line, took aim at his target, and sped into backpeddling Heisman finalist Colt Brennan at the Warriors' 5-yard line. The ball popped free and with a mind of its own, it rolled into the end zone, where Howard recovered it for the score.

The Warrior run and shoot offense would not score one touchdown more than Howard for the rest of the night. It was almost over before it had begun. It lifted the third-quarter score to 31-3 as the Bulldogs overwhelmed the visitors from the islands.

Brennan, the Warriors QB along with the rest of the Hawaii team got what the pundits would call a stiff dose of reality in taking on the SEC's Eastern Champion Bulldogs. He was sacked eight times for minus 53 yards, and found himself running for his life or hit on at least that many times when he did get a pass off.

To say the charging defense it affected his accuracy is an understatement as Brennan threw three interceptions and lost two fumbles while finishing 22-of-38 for 164 yards. This was less than half of his 348-yard average. Hawaii as a team was held to 306 yards, 228 fewer than its average. 151 of that total came in the fourth quarter when the game was already decided.

Howard quipped about the defense's game performance: "It just shows it's not always about offense," said Howard, the game's

MVP. He had a great personal night, recording three sacks, forcing two fumbles, and tipping a ball that turned into a Bulldog interception. “Defense wins ball games, and that’s what happened tonight.”

Bulldogs Head Coach Mark Richt was elated but was also a little surprised. He said: “Our guys just kept coming. We wanted to force Colt (Brennan) to throw faster than he wanted to. We really didn’t think we’d get that many sacks, and we knew when they did complete passes we had to give up zero yards after the catch. Our guys tackled extremely well today.”

Georgia started their domination from their first possession, They scored the first four times they had the ball, on runs of 17 and 11 yards by redshirt freshman tailback Knowshon Moreno, a 52-yard field goal by senior kicker Brandon Coutu, and an 11-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Matt Stafford to senior wide receiver Sean Bailey. That made the score 24-3 midway through the second quarter, and school was out for Hawaii. Some might say the game was already over.

The Bulldog’s speed was reflected in the score and it was noticed. “That was the fastest team I’ve probably ever seen,” a dazed Brennan said afterward. “We just couldn’t get into our groove and do what we wanted.” “It’s great to be here in New Orleans and win this game,” Howard said. “I just wish we would have been here one week later.”

The 2007/2008 Season was a great Georgia year, just like this year as I write this. As you already know, the 2021/2022 Georgia Bulldogs won the College Football Championship and Georgia’s Matt Stafford, the 2007 Bulldogs sophomore QB in the Hawaii game, made more history this year by playing his heart out, while guiding his Los Angeles Rams to the 2022 Super Bowl Championship. A lot of us still have Georgia on our minds.

The facts in this piece were extracted from *the book “Sugar Bowl Classic: A History” by Marty Mulé, who covered the game and the organization for decades for the New Orleans Times-Picayune.*

2008 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2008 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his eighth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-fifteenth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (10-3); (6-2) SEC, and they came in first in the Eastern Division of the SEC but lost the tie-breaker with the University of Tennessee for the Championship and did not get to play for the SEC Conference Championship. The Bulldogs were ranked #3 & #2 in the national polls The team finished its season by defeating the Hawaii Warriors in the 2008 Sugar Bowl

By the way, during the pre-game ceremonies on August 30, UGA VII, Georgia's new mascot was introduced at Sanford Stadium, replacing UGA VI, who had died in June.

Georgia was scheduled for a national championship according to a lot of pundits. After a number of great seasons in a row and a great roster, the team was ranked #1 in both the preseason coaches' poll and AP poll. This was the first time Georgia had ever been #1 in the preseason version of either poll. However, thought they made a great effort, they failed to finish the season as well as the prognosticator's prediction. They were ranked below the top 10 in the AP poll.

The Bulldogs entered the 2008 season with the longest active winning streak among the 66 BCS conference teams counting their last 7 games (all wins) of the 2007 season. Among the 120 NCAA FBS teams, only BYU had a longer active winning streak (10 games). Georgia's winning streak unfortunately ended at 11 games when the Bulldogs lost to Alabama in the 5th game of this 2008 season.

Great Georgia Wide Receivers A. J. Green

2008, 2009, 2010

A.J. Green, WR



A.J. Green could possibly be the most exciting offensive player in UGA history that is not named Herschel Walker. He's third on the school's all-time list for receiving yards in a career and his 23 touchdown receptions puts him second on the school's all-time list.

Green verbally committed to attend the University of Georgia in October 2006, and made his commitment official by signing a letter of intent to play at Georgia on February 6, 2008. He played for coach Mark Richt's Georgia Bulldogs football team from 2008 to 2010.

He had a solid freshman season with the Georgia Bulldogs in 2008. He joined a wide receivers unit that contained Mohamed Massaquoi, Michael Moore, Kris Durham, and Demiko Goodman. In the fourth game of his college career, against Arizona State, Green had eight catches for 159 yards and a touchdown in the 27–10 victory.

For this, he was named SEC Player of the Wee on October 18, against SEC East rival Vanderbilt. [He](#) had seven receptions for 132 receiving yards in the 24–14 victory.

He finished the 2008 season with 56 catches for 963 yards and eight touchdowns, all Georgia freshman school records. He also led the SEC in receiving yards, with the third-highest total in UGA school history. He was named second-team All-SEC and Freshman of the Year by the SEC coaches, and was named to the Associated Press All-SEC first team.

As a sophomore, Green became the top option for the Georgia wide receivers group that added newcomers Tavarres King and Rantavious Wooten. On September 19, he had seven receptions for 137 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns in a 52–41 victory on the road against Arkansas. He followed that up with eight receptions for 153 receiving yards and a receiving touchdown in a 20–17 victory over Arizona State in the next game.

On November 14, against Auburn, he suffered a left shoulder injury, which kept him out of the remaining regular season games. He returned for the 2009 Independence Bowl, December 28, in Shreveport, Louisiana where he made six catches totaling 57 yards in the 44–20 victory over the Texas A&M Aggies. Green ended the 2009 regular season with 53 catches for 808 yards and six touchdowns, leading the team in all those categories despite missing time due to injury.

Among other awards, Green was elected All-SEC First Team by Associated Press, SEC Coaches, ESPN, Phil Steele, and Sporting News.

Green had some trouble and was suspended for the first four games of the 2010 regular season after he admitted to selling his 2009 Independence Bowl Jersey for \$1,000 to former North Carolina defensive back Chris Hawkins, who the NCAA described as an agent or someone who markets amateur athletes.

As part of his punishment, he was required to repay \$1,000 to a charity. Green returned from the suspension on October 2 and had seven receptions for 119 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns in a 29–27 road loss to Colorado. On November 6, against Idaho State, he had six receptions for 103 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns in the 55–7 victory. Green finished the 2010 season with a team-high 57 catches for 848 yards and nine touchdowns.

On January 9, 2011, Green officially declared for the 2011 NFL Draft. He finished his three seasons at the University of Georgia with 166 receptions for 2,619 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Games of the 2008 Season

In the season and home opener on August 30, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. the #1 ranked Bulldogs pounded the Georgia Southern Eagles at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (45–21) before 92,746. After such a convincing win, the Bulldogs went down one point in the polls as the #2 Georgia team the beat the Central Michigan Chippewas at home W (56–17) before 92,746.

On Sept 13 at South Carolina, #2 Bulldogs beat the Gamecocks at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC W (14–7) before 83,704. Then, on Sept 20 at Arizona State, in a game played at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, AZ, the #3 Bulldogs beat the Sun Devils W (27–10) before 71,706. On Sept 27. #8 Alabama's Crimson Tide beat the #3 Bulldogs at home in a College GameDay Celebration L (30–41) before 92,746

At home on Oct 11, the #10 Bulldogs beat Tennessee's Volunteers W (26–14) before 92,746. Then, on Oct 18, the #10 Bulldogs beat the #22 Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (24–14) before 92,746. On Oct 25, the #9 Bulldogs beat the #11LSU Tigers at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA W (52–38) before 92,904. On Nov 1, the #5 Florida Gators thumped the #8 Bulldogs at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium in Jacksonville, FL L (10–49) before 84,649.

On Nov 8 at Kentucky, the #14 Bulldogs squeaked by the Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY W (42–38) before 70,626. Then, on Nov 15, the #13 Bulldogs edged out the Auburn Tigers at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game W (17–13) before 87,451. On Nov 29, the #18 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets edged out the #13 Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (42–45) before 92,746

On January 1, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., the #16 Bulldogs defeated #19 Michigan State in the Capital One Bowl played in the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, FL W (24–12) 59,681

Capital One Bowl Game

At this stage of his college career, Georgia star QB Matthew Stafford had not decided whether to go pro or not but the pundits said that the performance he exhibited in the Capital One Bowl would make a fitting finale to his super Georgia career. At this point as noted, this could have been his last game with the Bulldogs but, the junior quarterback had not yet. It was seemingly inevitable that the three year Georgia starter would forego his final year of eligibility to enter the draft. And O he did and was drafted by the Detroit Lions.

In this game, he was at his best, throwing three touchdown passes in the final 18 minutes against #18 Michigan State. He hit Knowshon Moreno for the clinching score as the 15th-ranked Bulldogs' pulled off a nice victory in the Capital One Bowl Game.

"It's going to be an extremely hard decision," Stafford said of his decision of whether to enter the NFL draft. "My time at Georgia has been great, and the allure of coming back is something I'm considering. "At the time, he said he was 50-50 and pleaded that he did not know what he was going to do. He planned to take a few days and figure it out. He figured it out and signed up for the NFL draft.

The Bulldogs looked good from preseason until they got beat by Alabama in Game 5. They had been ranked #1 by The Associated Press to start the season. In the Capital One Bowl, the Bulldogs (10-3) gave coach Mark Richt his sixth bowl win in eight tries and put a smiley face on a season that didn't live up to expectations.

In this game, the first half was ugly for Stafford and Georgia. He clicked on just 6-passes of 14 plus he threw an interception in the first half. Michigan State (9-4) led 6-3 at half time. In the second half, Stafford looked as good as his press clippings—more like the quarterback NFL teams covet. He completed 14 of his final 17 throws, including three TD passes.

Figuring out Stafford's play book proved to be a tough task for the Spartans in the second half. Stafford started the Georgia comeback

by leading a 10-play, 96-yard drive midway through the third quarter. He went 6-for-6 for 92 yards and capped it with 35-yard touchdown toss to Michael Moore.

He commented: "The biggest thing was eliminating mistakes...the whole first half, first drive of the second half, we were making foolish mistakes -- me not hitting guys, us not picking up blitzes, not finishing off drives."

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said Georgia made a very effective adjustment in the second half. "We blitzed well in the first half, got after them," Dantonio said. "They went to a more controlled passing game against our blitz package."

Stafford turned the corner in the second half so much that he was picked as the game's MVP. The final piece of his comeback performance came when he showed a nice touch in threading a 21-yard TD pass to Moreno late in the fourth quarter. The Georgia QB set a single-season school record with 25 touchdown passes.

Georgia's defense also showed up big time which helped keep the Bulldogs in the game in the first half. The Bulldogs had four sacks and held an opponent to the fewest points since Sept. 30.

"We played with our hair on fire, great emotion," tackle Corvey Irvin offered. "When we play with emotion, you can't stop it." The Bulldogs were able to make Michigan State quarterback Brian Hoyer hurry many of his throws. The Michigan State QB completed 16 of 31 passes for 159 yards with an interception and eventually gave way to backup Kirk Cousins, now in the NFL, on a couple of first-half series. He threw 21 yards to Mark Dell on fourth-and-22 late in the fourth quarter, and followed that with an interception in the final 40 seconds.

"I love to get pressure without blitzing," Richt said. "That's what makes us tick, baby."

The expected showdown between star running backs Javon Ringer and Moreno never materialized. Moreno ran for 62 yards on 23 carries; the All-American Ringer had 47 yards and a TD on 20 carries.

Still focused on his future, Stafford offered: "I celebrate the victory now and make my decision later, after I've had time to talk to my family and my coaches."

Stafford and Aron White teamed up for a nice 21-yard TD toss with 9 seconds left in the third quarter to put Georgia up 17-6. Ringer scored on a 1-yard run midway through the fourth quarter -- his school-record 22nd TD which made the score 17-12, but Hoyer's pass for a 2-point conversion was long.

The weather for the game was great-- Balmy, 67-degrees and near perfect but for a 24-mph cross wind at the Citrus Bowl which turned out to be a major factor, as both teams depended first on their ground games and star tailbacks with little to show for it.

The Spartans got a pair of first-quarter turnovers in Georgia territory but could only turn them into a field goal to tie it at 3. Michigan State took a 6-3 lead with just over two minutes left in the first half on Brett Swenson's 32-yard field goal. The Georgia 2nd half comeback with Stafford was the trick that sealed the victory for the Bulldogs.

2009 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2009 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his ninth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-sixteenth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (8-5); (4-4) SEC, and they came in second in the Eastern Division of the SEC. The Bulldogs were not ranked in the national polls. They won the Independence Bowl 44-2- against Texas A&M.

Great Georgia Linebackers Justin Houston

2009-2010

Justin Houston, LB



Houston was a linebacker in the 3-4 but also played defensive end in the 4-3. Regardless, he was one of the best pass rushers to ever play for the Bulldogs.

In three seasons, Houston recorded 20 sacks including 10 his final year with the Bulldogs in 2010. He was named to the All-America team that same year and was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2010 NFL Draft.

As a sophomore at the University of Georgia in 2009, Houston was a second team all-[SEC](#) selection after recording 7.5 [sacks](#). As a junior, Houston recorded 10 sacks, leading all linebackers in the SEC, and only second to Auburn's [Nick Fairley](#) who had 11.5 sacks as part of the defensive line, and was a first team all-SEC selection and an All-American.

Games of the 2009 Season

In the season opener on September 5, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at the # 9 Oklahoma State Cowboys, at Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, OK, the Cowboys prevailed L (10–24) over the Bulldogs before 53,012. Then, on Sept 12 in the home opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens GA, the #21 Bulldogs beat the South Carolina Gamecocks at home W (41–37) before 92,746. On Sept 19 at Arkansas, the #20 Bulldogs beat the Razorbacks at the Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, AR W (52–41) before 74,210. On Sept 26, the Bulldogs edged out the Arizona State Sun Devils at home W (20–17) before 92,746.

Then, on October 3, the #4 LSU Tigers beat the #14 Bulldogs at home L 13–20 before 92,746. On Oct 10 at Tennessee at Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, TN, The Volunteers pounded the Bulldogs L (19–45) before 103,261. Then, on Oct 17, at Vanderbilt in a game played at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN, the Bulldogs defeated the Commodores W (34–10) before 38,340. On October 31, vs. #1 Florida in a game played at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators pounded the Bulldogs L (17–41) before 84,604.

On Nov 7, the Bulldogs punished the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles at home with a shutout at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (38–0) before 92,746. On Nov 14, the Bulldogs edged out the Auburn Tigers at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game W (31–24) before 92,746. Then, on Nov 21, at home, the Kentucky Wildcats edged out the Bulldogs L (27–34) before 92,746. In the season finale, on Nov 28, the Bulldogs edged out the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (30–24) before 55,407.

The Georgia Bulldogs accepted a bid to play in the Independence Bowl and in the game proceeded to pound Texas A&M to a pulp in gaining the victory on December 28 at 5:00 p.m. at Independence Stadium in Shreveport, LA W (44–20) before 49,653.

2010 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2010 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his tenth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-seventeenth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (6-7); (3-5) SEC, and they came in third in the Eastern Division of the SEC. The Bulldogs were not ranked in the national polls. They were invited to the Liberty Bowl, where they were defeated by UCF, 10–6.

Games of the 2010 Season

In the season and home opener on September 4, 2010 at 12:21 p.m., the #23 Bulldogs overpowered the Louisiana–Lafayette Rajin Cajuns at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (55–7) before 92,746.

On Sept 11 at #24 South Carolina, the Gamecocks beat the #22 ranked Bulldogs at the Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC L 6–17 before 80,974. On Sept 18, #12 Arkansas defeated the Bulldogs at home L (24–31) before 92,746. Then, on Sept 25 at Mississippi State, the MS Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Bulldogs at the Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, MS L (12–24) before 56,721.

On Oct 2 at Colorado at Folsom Field in Boulder, CO, the Buffaloes defeated the Bulldogs L (27–29) before 52,855. On Oct 9 at home, the Bulldogs pounded the Tennessee Volunteers W (41–14) before 92,746. On Oct 16 at home, the Bulldogs overpowered the Vanderbilt Commodores in a shutout W (43–0) before 92,746. On Oct 23, at Kentucky in a game played at the Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington, the Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats W (44–31) before 70,884. On Oct 30 vs. Florida in a game played at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL, the Gators nosed out the Bulldogs L (31–34) OT before 84,444.

On Nov 6, the Bulldogs pounded the Idaho State Bengals at home W (55–7) before 92,746. Then, on Nov 13 at #2 Auburn in a game played at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, the Tigers beat the Bulldogs L (31–49) before 87,451. Then, in the regular season finale, on November 27, the Bulldogs defeated the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (42–34) before 92,746

In the Liberty Bowl on December 31, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. vs. the # 25 UCF Knights in a game played at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis, TN, edged out the Bulldogs L (6–10) 51,231

Great Georgia Quarterbacks Aaron Murray

2010-2013

Aaron Murray QB



For the curious Georgia fan, go ahead and check the Southeastern Conference record books and you will see that one quarterback rises above the rest.

Aaron Murray, not a household name, holds the records for most passing yards and touchdown passes in a league that produced Tim Tebow, Peyton Manning (plus Eli), and Murray's predecessor at Georgia, Matthew Stafford.

We know that Tebow won a playoff game in the NFL. We know the Manning Brothers are Hall of Famers. Stafford leads a talented Los Angeles Rams offense. But what about Murray? Where did he go? Aaron Murray remains a myth to be discovered again. Some say he is on a par with Hercules and Icarus.

His life path started normal and it led him to transfer from a Jesuit High School to Plant High School in Tampa for three football seasons. This transfer was a smart move. Murray became a five-star recruit by the time he was a high school senior. He had a lot of choices but narrowed them to becoming a Florida Gator or a Georgia Bulldog? He chose UGA.

Murray came to UGA at time when Stafford was wrapping up his career. The fans had enjoyed the talents of Stafford and nobody was sure who was up next. How can any team replace a talent like Stafford. History says that Murray did all of that and more...but...

The pundits say that Murray had a decent 2010 regular season but that year, the Bulldogs did not. Still, UGA fans remained hopeful. It came. The breakaway for Murray was the 2011 season. Even though the Bulldogs had another mediocre year with four losses. Murray's record was chart-topping. All of the losses were to ranked teams, so UGA fans weren't especially upset about it.

2012 was one the best for Georgia and Murray. Aaron Murray and running back Todd Gurley had themselves a great campaign. They did unfortunately lose that year's SEC Championship Game to Alabama but it was by a mere five yards.



Murray stuck around another year rather than becoming a pro immediately. He sure had the right stuff. Unfortunately, his college football career ended prematurely in November 2013 without him ever being considered for a Heisman Trophy. He needed a six-month offseason to rehab before the 2014 NFL Draft in New York.

The Kansas City Chiefs selected Aaron Murray as a fifth-round pick, 163rd overall. His season ending injury caused that. No wonder nobody heard about him. The Chiefs were looking for a backup for Alex Smith. But they waived Murray in 2016 one season before they picked up Patrick Mahomes. It was bad luck again for Murray but the chiefs probably made the right choice.

Murray was up and down signed and waived by three different practice squads. In 2017 he was done, never living up to his ESPN hype. He became a CBS broadcaster.

Then, he put his helmet on again. This time, it wasn't the National Football League. Instead he returned to Georgia in 2018 to play with Atlanta Legends in the doomed Alliance of American Football. Bad luck seemed to follow Murray. But maybe not this time.

Yet the cloud remained above his head but he was still young and he decided to enter the 2020 XFL Draft as a "Tier 1" QB. He joined the Tampa Bay Vipers in November 2019, threw a few touchdowns and interceptions before that league also collapsed—in April 2020. They had not even had their first playoffs. Tell me about that cloud again.

His college numbers showed Murray had the strength of a Hercules, but like Icarus, Murray may have flown too close to the Sun. Murray today, thankfully is alive and well today with a wife and son. His football story may have ended before it really started, but Aaron Murray's story is far from over.

The story teller in me has another ending that has not yet happened for Aaron Murray but the dreamer in me is hoping.

I wish for the spirit of George Blanda, who played 'til he was in his fifties, and a great pro coach like maybe Bill Belichick come into his life and breathe a new ten year NFL career into him. Would it not be nice if he begins to smash some Tom Brady season records. That's my kind of story. After all, it was bad luck that got to Murray. It's time for some great luck.

With Murray's career at Georgia well into past tense, his legacy to those who know his record is clear. Yes, he never won an SEC title.

He'll never know what it's like to be in NYC for the Heisman Trophy presentation. But, what about his rarely spoken records?

His records speak for themselves. There's no debate that Murray is the most decorated quarterback—at least statistically—in SEC history. He is the conference's all-time leader in passing yards, passing touchdowns and total yards. He's also the only quarterback in SEC history to pass for 3,000 yards in four seasons. I sure wish him the best. It's about time. If you know the great coach, why not whisper in Bill Belichick's ear!

2011 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2011 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his eleventh of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-eighteenth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (10-4); (7-1) SEC, and they came in first and were Champions in the Eastern Division of the SEC but lost the SEC Championship L (10-42) v LSU . The Bulldogs were ranked #20 & #19 respectively in the national polls. They were invited to the Outback Bowl where they were defeated by Michigan State in a close battle requiring 3 OT periods -- L (30-33). Overall it was a very good year. In fact, the 2011 season marked the first time since 1981 that Georgia swept three of its biggest SEC rivals: Florida, Auburn and Tennessee; this feat would be repeated in the 2012 season.

Games of the 2011 Season

In the season opener a special game called the Chick fil-A-Kickoff Game on September 3 at 8:00 p.m. vs. No. 5 Boise State, the #19 ranked Broncos defeated the Bulldogs at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA L (21–35).before 73,614. Then, in the home opener on Sept 10, the Bulldogs lost again—this time, they were edged out by to #12 South Carolina at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA L)42–45) before 92,746. On Sept 17, the Bulldogs finally got their bearings and won their fists game at home v the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (59–0) before 91,946. Then, on Sept 24 at Ole Miss in a game played at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, the Bulldogs beat the Rebels W (27–13) before 58,042.

On Oct 1 at home , the Georgia Bulldogs defeated the Mississippi State Bulldogs W (24–10) before 92,746. Then, on Oct 8 at Tennessee at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN, the Bulldogs prevailed against the Volunteers W (20–12) before 102,455. On Oct 15 at Vanderbilt at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, the Bulldogs edged out the Commodores W 33–28 before 36,640. On Oct 29, vs. Florida, the # 22 Bulldogs beat the Gators at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL W (24–20) before 84,524

On Nov 5 at home, the #18 Bulldogs shellacked the New Mexico State Aggies W (63–16) before 92,746. Then, on Nov 12, at home, the #15 Bulldogs pounded the Auburn Tigers in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game W (45–7) before 92,746. Then, on Nov 19, at home, the Bulldogs beat Kentucky's Wildcats W 19–10 before 92,746. On Nov 26, the #13 Bulldogs whipped the #25 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game. W (31-17) before 54,925.

In the SEC Championship game on December 3, vs #1 LSU on December 3, the Tigers pounded the #12 Bulldogs at t 4:00 p.m. at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA in a (College GameDay Celebration) L (10–42) before 74,515.

On the day after New Year's, on January 2, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. vs. #12 Michigan State, the Spartans edged out the #18 Bulldogs in 3 OTs at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, FL in the Outback Bowl L (30–33) before 49,429

The 2012 Outback Bowl

Here are the particulars

<u>Michigan State Spartans</u>			<u>Georgia Bulldogs</u>						
(10-3)			(10-3)						
33			30						
Head coach:			Head coach:						
<u>Mark Dantonio</u>			<u>Mark Richt</u>						
<u>AP</u> <u>Coaches</u> <u>BCS</u>			<u>AP</u> <u>Coaches</u> <u>BCS</u>						
12	13	17	18	18	16				
<u>Michigan State University</u>			1	2	3	4	OT	2OT	Total
<u>University of Georgia</u>			0	0	14	13	0	3	30
			2	14	0	11	0	3	30
<u>Date</u>			January 2, 2012						
<u>Season</u>			<u>2011</u>						
<u>Stadium</u>			<u>Raymond James Stadium</u>						
<u>Location</u>			<u>Tampa, Florida</u>						

The 2012 Outback Bowl was the 26th edition of the game. It was played in the college post-season and was held on January 2, 2012, at the Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. It was a major part of the 2011–12 NCAA Bowl season.

The Michigan State Spartans and Georgia Bulldogs had met two times before. Georgia held a 2–0 all-time record against Michigan State coming into the game. The Georgia record would be marred after this game despite a valiant multi-overtime effort.

Georgia came into this game with a 10–3 record and was the SEC East Division champion. In the 2011 SEC Championship Game, the Bulldogs lost to LSU 10–42. Their defense entered the game ranked

3rd in the FBS in total yards allowed, allowing only 268.5 yards per game. The team had a fine season

Michigan State came into the game with a 10–3 record also and served as the Big Ten's Legends Division champion. In the 2011 Big Ten Football Championship Game, the Spartans lost to Wisconsin in a close battle 39–42. The team's defense entered the game ranked 5th in the FBS in total yards allowed. They had allowed only 272.7 yards per game. MSU also entered having lost 5 straight bowl games. The team's last bowl win was the 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic, in which the Spartans beat the Fresno State Bulldogs 44–35.

It was a great game overall. Georgia started scoring first when Brandon Boykin tackled Keshawn Martin in the end zone for a safety. The Bulldogs received another kickoff. On the drive, they got to the MSU 5-yard line. However, on a 4th-and-1 play at the 5-yard line, UGA's Ken Malcome was stopped for a 1-yard loss. Close but no cigar. They turned the ball over to MSU. The rest of the 1st quarter remained scoreless with the Bulldogs ahead 2-0.

In the 2nd quarter, Georgia picked up a touchdown to start the offense rolling for the game. UGA scored on an 80-yard touchdown pass to Tavarres King to go up 9-0. On the next exchange, the Bulldog defense forced the Spartans to punt. UGA's Brandon Boykin preceded to return the punt 92 yards and the Bulldogs were up 16-0 at the end of the half.

The Spartans finally hit pay-dirt in the 3rd quarter on an 8-yard Le'Veon Bell touchdown run making the deficit 16-8 after the successful two-point conversion. MSU closed the gap even further when Darqueze Dennard intercepted Aaron Murray 38 yards for a second touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed, making it 16-14 going into the 4th quarter.

Georgia intercepted and then extended their lead 19-14 in the 4th quarter on a 32-yard field goal from Blair Walsh. The Spartans got the lead on a 7-yard touchdown pass to Keith Nichol, making the score 20-19 after a failed two-point conversion. Georgia came back

with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Boykin to go up 27-20 after making the two-point conversion.

On the next drive, Jonathan Jenkins intercepted Kirk Cousins with only 3:56 left in regulation. However, Georgia was unable to run out the game clock and were forced to punt the ball away. With 85-yards to go, no timeouts and only 1 minute and 55 seconds left in regulation, Michigan State was able to tie the game 27-27 on a 1-yard touchdown run from Le'Veon Bell with only 14 seconds left in the game, forcing OT.

MSU took offense first in the 1st overtime period. The Spartan's offensive possession ended with an interception of Kirk Cousins' pass by Bacarri Rambo. UGA's Blair Walsh, however, missed a game winning 42-yard field, forcing a 2nd OT period.

Michigan State and Georgia both traded field goals to go into the 3rd overtime period tied at 30-30. The fans were getting their money's worth for sure with all the excitement.

In the 3rd overtime period, MSU's Dan Conroy kicked a 28-yard field goal to go ahead 33-30. Georgia attempted to force a 4th overtime on a 47-yard field goal attempt from Blair Walsh. However, Walsh's kick was blocked. This sealed the victory for Michigan State.

Georgia cornerback Brandon Boykin was named the game MVP for scoring on offense, defense and special teams. There were a number of Outback Bowl records broken in this game, including longest punt return for a touchdown (Boykin's 92-yard punt return) and receiving touchdown (Tavarres King's 80-yard touchdown reception). Michigan State broke their five game Bowl losing streak and Georgia had to wait until the following season to get another bowl victory

2012 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2012 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his twelfth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-nineteenth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (12-2); (7-1) SEC,

and they came in tied for first and were co-Champions in the Eastern Division of the SEC.

They played in the SEC Championship and suffered a heartbreaking loss to Alabama L (28-32). The Bulldogs were ranked #4 & #5 respectively in the national polls. They were invited to the Capital One Bowl where they defeated Nebraska W (45-31) Overall it was a great good year for the Bulldogs – almost a national championship. Again as suggested last year’s write-up, Georgia again swept three of its biggest SEC rivals: Florida, Auburn and Tennessee.

Great Georgia Games

UGA VS. ALABAMA – 2012

Mark Richt’s 2012 Georgia Bulldogs entered the season in good really shape—highly ranked and then with proven mettle each week they barreled their way on to an 11-1 season. Their sole loss came from then-sixth ranked South Carolina.

Alabama they say is always ready to beat you. In its sixth season under Nick Saban, the team had a similar trajectory, with their only stumble coming against a 15th ranked Texas A&M team. By the time the two met in Atlanta for the SEC Championship, the Bulldogs had reached # 3 in the rankings, and the Tide had captured the #2 spot.

The winner of the SEC contest was bound for the national championship. The stakes were high, but the quality of play was higher.

The titanic fight saw six lead changes, a successful fake punt, an Alabama fumble on Georgia’s one-yard line, an endzone interception and a field goal blocked and returned for a touchdown. Finally, with UGA down 32-28 and just over a minute left in the game,. QB Aaron Murray drove the Dawgs to Alabama’s eight-yard line. The final play is burned into the memory of Bulldog fans who saw it and is far better seen than read. It’s a result that didn’t go the

Dawgs' way, but it was an appropriately dramatic finish for one of the most exciting football games Georgia's ever played.

For the conclusion of the SEC game, read-on and you will come to the section titled Highlights of the SEC Championship Game Enjoy

Great Georgia Running Backs Todd Gurley

2012-2014

Todd Gurley, RB



Gurley was unstoppable when he was healthy toting the spherical rock for the Dawgs. Injuries derailed part of his career, but he was one of the more complete backs in his time with Georgia's Bulldogs. Gurley had a lot of great games. For example, he dominated Clemson in consecutive seasons. Many wish they could accomplish the feats and had the skills Gurley possessed against the Tigers. Here are some of his stats in Clemson games:

- 352 yards rushing on 27 carries
- Five rushing touchdowns
- 100-yard kickoff return touchdown

Gurley also had a few remarkable seasons in the NFL. It was the highlight-reel runs that were spectacular showing how he would shed tacklers and force his way into the end zone.

He often had reservations for six points, but the Georgia faithful enjoyed every touch he got during his Dawgs career.

Games of the 2012 Season

In the season and home opener, on September 1, at 12:20 p.m. the #6 Bulldogs pounded the Buffalo Bulls at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA, W (45–23) before 92,446. On Sept 8 at Missouri, in a game played at Faurot Field, Columbia, MO, the #7 Bulldogs beat The Tigers W (41–20) before 71,004. On Sept 15, the #7 Bulldogs defeated the Florida Atlantic Owls at home W (56–20) before 92,746. Then, at home on Sept 22, the #5 Bulldogs pounded the Vanderbilt Commodores W (48–3) before 92,746.

On Sept 29, at home, the #5 Bulldogs defeated the Tennessee Volunteers W (51–44) before 92,746. Then, on Oct 6, at #6 South Carolina, the Gamecocks pounded the Bulldogs at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC (rivalry) in a College GameDay Celebration L (7–35) before 85,199. On Oct 20 in a game played at Kentucky's Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the #13 Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats W (29–24) before 66,293. On Oct 27 vs. #3 Florida, the #12 Bulldogs defeated the Gators at the EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL W (17–9) before 84,681.

Then, on Nov 3, the #7 Bulldogs defeated the Ole Miss Rebels at home W (37–10) before 92,746. On Nov 10 at Auburn in a game played at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, the #6 Bulldogs defeated the Tigers W (38–0) before 86,764. On Nov 17, the #5 Bulldogs pounded the Georgia Southern Eagles at home W (45–14) before 92,746. Then, on Nov 24, the #3 Bulldogs pounded the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at home in the Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate game W 42–10 before 92,746

On December 1, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., the #2 Alabama Crimson Tide edged out the Georgia Bulldogs in a close match in the SEC Championship Game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA in a (College GameDay Celebration L (28–32) before 75,824.

Georgia was invited to play at Citrus Bowl Stadium in Orlando Florida and the #6 ranked Bulldogs prevailed on January 1, 2013 1:00 p.m. vs. #23 Nebraska in the Capital One Bowl W (45-31) before 59,712

Highlights of the 2012 SEC Championship Game

Georgia lost the SEC Championship by a piece of a thumbnail as Alabama held off the Georgia Bulldogs to reach the BCS Championship Game. Georgia left the game with a great season despite the loss.

Close but no cigar. Before the whistle blew, Alabama got a hand on the ball, which wobbled into the arms of a Georgia receiver who was not supposed to catch it. Unfortunately before the Bulldogs could run another play, Whoosh--the clock ran out.

Great deal for the Crimson Tide who headed back to another national championship game which they won 42-14 over Notre Dame,

It was a 5 yard decision. Alabama's AJ McCarron threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Amari Cooper with 3:15 remaining, and #2 Alabama barely held on at the end, with #3 Georgia breathing down their necks, they managed to beat Georgia 32-28 in a Southeastern Conference title game for the ages Saturday. Crimson Tide Coach Nick Saban was not at a loss for words. He immediately uttered in his first words after the win:

"I'm ready to have a heart attack here,"

It was devastating for Georgia. This was their year. As confetti fell from the Georgia Dome roof, the Bulldogs collapsed on the field, stunned they had come so close to knocking off the team that had won two of the past three national titles.

There was only one appropriate Georgia comment. "We just ran out of time," Georgia coach Mark Richt moaned.

Alabama (12-1) got their chance and made it three out of four when they creamed top-ranked Notre Dame for the BCS crown on Jan. 7 in Miami.

"I'm going to tell you, I think it's a crying shame Georgia doesn't get to go to a BCS bowl game," Saban added. "They should get to go to a BCS bowl game. They played a tremendous game out there today. That was a great football game by both teams, and they could have won at the end just as soon as us. It came right down to the last play."

What a game it was. After an apparent game-clinching interception by Alabama was overturned on a video review, Georgia's Aaron Murray completed a 15-yard pass to Arthur Lynch, a 23-yarder to Tavarres King and a 26-yarder to Lynch, who was hauled down at the Alabama 8 as the clock continued to run. The Bulldogs (11-2) were out of timeouts.

Instead of spiking the ball and gathering themselves, the Bulldog snapped the ball with 9 seconds to go. Murray attempted a pass into the corner but it was deflected at the line and ended in the arms of Chris Conley out in the right flats. Surprised to get the ball, he slipped down at the 5. The Bulldogs could not get off another play.

Richt said the offense had the play it wanted at the end, but Alabama ruined it by tipping the pass. If it had fallen incomplete instead of going to Conley, who instinctively caught it, the Bulldogs likely would've had at least one more play, maybe two. Instead, they were done.

"I told the guys I was disappointed, but I'm not disappointed in them," Richt said. "They're warriors. We had a chance at the end." The consolation prize will likely be one of the second-tier bowls -- the Capital One, Cotton or Chick-fil-A -- though the Bulldogs certainly looked like a team deserving of something better. "Do I think we're worthy of a BCS bowl?" Richt said. "Yes I do." The Bulldogs even got props from Saban.

"I watch these teams that are 7-5 that are talking about they might go to a BCS game because they won their championship?" Saban said.

"Something's not right here. I don't know what people think of the SEC. ... I don't think it's fair to the Georgia players, coaches and their institution if they don't go to a BCS game."

In a back-and-forth second half that looked nothing like a game in the defensive-minded SEC, the Crimson Tide trailed 21-10 after Alec Ogletree returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Alabama rallied behind a punishing run game, finishing with 350 yards on the ground, an SEC championship game record. Eddie Lacy -- the game's MVP -- rumbled for 181 yards on 20 carries, including two TDs. Freshman T.J. Yeldon added 153 yards on 25 carries, also scoring a TD.

Todd Gurley led Georgia with 122 yards rushing, including a couple of TDs. Murray was 18 of 33 for 265 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

After a defensive struggle in the first half, with Alabama kicking a field goal on the final play for a 10-7 lead, the last two quarters were nothing but run-and-gun.

The Bulldogs took the second-half kickoff and marched right down the field for the go-ahead touchdown. Gurley ran it seven times, capped by leg-churning, 3-yard drive up the middle to make it 14-10. Alabama looked like it was about to answer, holding the ball for more than 5 1-2 minutes, before the drive stalled. Cade Foster came on for a 50-yard field-goal attempt, but his low kick was swatted down by Cornelius Washington. Ogletree scooped up the bouncing ball in stride and returned it 55 yards for a touchdown. Suddenly, the Bulldogs led 21-10.

But the Tide wasn't about to go away that easy. Yeldon broke off a 31-yard run, Swann was called interference on a throw down the middle, and Yeldon powered in from the 10. He ran it again for the 2-point conversion, pulling Alabama to 21-18.

Georgia went three-and-out, and the ground assault resumed. Lacy barreled over right guard for 32 yards. Yeldon got it down to the 1. Lacy returned for the first snap of the fourth period, bulling over to put Alabama ahead 25-21.

The Tide's momentum lasted about 2 minutes. Murray found King down the middle for a 45-yard completion and Gurley finished off the lightning-quick possession with a 10-yard touchdown run up the middle, putting Georgia back on top, 28-25.

For sure with all those championships, Alabama knows a thing or two about comebacks, having rebounded the past two years from regular-season losses.

Just three weeks ago, the Tide was upset at home by Johnny Manziel and Texas A&M. Now, the Crimson Tide is off to play for another title.

"It's just the never-give-up attitude," McCarron said. "You've got to keep fighting through it." Information from The Associated Press and ESPN was used in this game analysis.

2013 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2013 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his thirteenth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-twentieth season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (8-5); (5-3) SEC, and they came in third in the Eastern Division of the SEC. The Bulldogs were unranked in the national polls. They were invited to the Capital One Bowl where they were defeated by Nebraska L (19-24) Overall it was an OK winning year for the Bulldogs. ESPN's College GameDay aired live from the university campus on September 28, 2013 before the Bulldogs played LSU.

Games of the 2013 Season

In the season opener on August 31 at 8:00 p.m. at #8 Clemson, the Tigers edged out the #5 ranked Bulldogs at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, SC in a College GameDay Celebration. L (35–38) before 83,830. On Sept 7 at # 6 South Carolina, in the Home Opener for Georgia, the #11 Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (41–30) before 92,746. Then, on Sept 21, the #9 Bulldogs beat the North Texas Mean Green squad at home

W (45–21) before 92,746. Then, at home, in another College Game Day Celebration on Sept 28, the #9 ranked Bulldogs edged out the #6 LSU Tigers W (44–41) before 92,746.

Then, on Oct 5 at Tennessee, the #6 Bulldogs edged out the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN W (34–31) in OT before 102,455. On Oct 12, at home, the #25 Missouri Tigers beat the #7 Bulldogs L (26–41) before 92,746. At Vanderbilt, on Oct 19, the Commodores edged out the #15 Bulldogs at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN L (27–31) before 40,350. On Nov 2, the Georgia Bulldogs edged out the Florida Gators at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL W (23–20) before 84,693. At home on Nov 9, the Bulldogs pounded the Appalachian State Mountaineers W (45–6) before 92,746.

Then, on Nov 30 at #7 Auburn, the Tigers edged out the #25 Bulldogs at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game L (38–43) before 87,451. At home on Nov 23, the Bulldogs pounded the Kentucky Wildcats W (59–17) before 92,746. At Georgia Tech, on Nov 30 at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs defeated the Yellow Jackets W (41–34) with 2 OT periods before 54,914.

In the Gator Bowl on January 1, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. vs. Nebraska, the Cornhuskers defeated the #23 Bulldogs at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL L (19–24) before 60,712

2014 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2014 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his fourteenth of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-twenty-first season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record this year finishing the season at (10-3); (6-2) SEC, and they came in second in the Eastern Division of the SEC. The Bulldogs were ranked #9 in both national polls. They were invited to the Belk Bowl where they defeated Louisville L (37-14) Overall it was a nice winning year for the Bulldogs.

Games of the 2014 Season

In the season and home opener on August 30 at 5:30 p.m., the #12 ranked Bulldogs pounded #16 Clemson at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (45–21) before 92,746. On Sept 13, at #24 South Carolina, the Gamecocks edged out the #6 Bulldogs at the Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC L (35–38) before 84,232.. At home on Sept 20, the #13 Bulldogs shellacked the Troy Trojans W (66–0) before 92,746. On Sept 27, the #12 Bulldogs edged out the Tennessee Volunteers at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (35–32) before 92,746

On Oct 4, at home, the #13 Bulldogs pounded the Vanderbilt Commodores W (44–17) before 92,746. On Oct 11 at the # 23 Missouri Tigers, the #13 Bulldogs prevailed at Faurot Field in Columbia, MO. W (34–0) before 71,168. On Oct 18 at Arkansas, the #10 Bulldogs defeated the Razorbacks at the War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, AR W (45–32) before 54,959. Then, on Nov 1 vs. Florida, the Gators defeated the #9 Bulldogs at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL L (20–38) before 83,004.

On Nov 8 at Kentucky, the #17 Bulldogs pounded the Wildcats at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, W (63–31) before 60,152. Then, on Nov15, the #16 Bulldogs defeated the #9 Auburn Tigers at home in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, W (34–7) before 92,746. On Nov 22, at home, the #9 Bulldogs shellacked the Charleston Southern Buccaneers W (55–9) before 92,746. On Nov 29, #16 Georgia Tech defeated the #8 Bulldogs at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game L (24–30) OT before 92,746.

The #13 Georgia Bulldogs beat the #20 Louisville Cardinals on December 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, NC in the Belk Bowl W (37–14) before 45,671.

2015 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Mark Richt Head Coach #25

The 2015 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Mark Richt in his fifteenth and final of fifteen seasons with the Bulldogs. Richt was relieved of his duties at the end of the regular season. Bryan McClendon was named interim coach for the TaxSlayer Bowl vs Penn State. This was the one hundred-twenty-second season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record like most during the Richt

years finishing the season at (10-3); (5-3) SEC, and they came in second in the Eastern Division of the SEC. The Bulldogs were ranked #24 in the end of season Coaches Poll. As noted, they were invited to the TaxSlayer Bowl where they defeated Penn State W (24-17) with Coach McClendon. Overall it was a nice winning year for the Bulldogs. Some of the happenings in Richt's last year follow:

Mark Richt was originally slated to remain head coach for the team's bowl game, but he was replaced after he reached an agreement to become head coach of the Miami Hurricanes professional NFL football team. As noted previously, Wide receivers' coach Bryan McClendon was named interim head coach for the TaxSlayer Bowl against Penn State.

After starting the season ranked in the top 10, the team completed a second straight 9–3 regular season, finishing third in the SEC East Division after having lost to division rivals Florida and Tennessee, as well as a cross-division matchup with Alabama. After the Florida game, the team ended the regular season with a four-game win streak that included road wins over rivals Auburn and Georgia Tech, though it needed overtime to defeat Georgia Southern, a Sun Belt Conference team playing just its second season at the Football Bowl Subdivision level. Overall as Frank Sinatra would say, it was a very good year.

Games of the 2015 Season

In the season and home opener on September 5 at 12:00 p.m., the #9 Bulldogs pounded the Louisiana–Monroe Warhawks at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (51–14) before 92,746. On Sept 12 at Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville TN, the #10 Bulldogs beat the Commodores W (31–14) before 37,185. At home on Sept 19, the #7 Bulldogs beat South Carolina W (52–20) before 92,746. At home on Sept 26, the #7 Bulldogs pounded the Southern University Jaguars W (48–6) before 92,746.

On October 3, 2015, at home, arch rival #13 Alabama came to Sanford Field and the Crimson Tide pounded the #8 Georgia Bulldogs L (10–38) before 92,746. On Oct 10 at Tennessee, the Volunteers defeated the #19 Bulldogs at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN, L (31–38) before 102,455. Then on Oct 17, the Bulldogs edged out the Missouri Tigers in a low scoring tough match

at home W (9–6) before 92,746. On Oct 31 vs. #11 Florida, the Gators pounded the Bulldogs at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL L (3–27) before 84,628.

Then, on Nov 7, at home. the Bulldogs beat the Kentucky Wildcats W (27–3) before 92,746. At Auburn on Nov 14, at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, the Bulldogs prevailed by an edge, W (20–13) before 87,451. Then, at home on Nov 21 the Bulldogs beat the Georgia Southern Eagles W 23–17 in OT before 92,746. On Nov 28 at Georgia Tech at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, the Bulldogs won W (13–7) before 55,000.

Then, on January 2, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. the Bulldogs defeated Penn State in the TaxSlayer Bowl at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL) W (24–17) before 58,212

Good-By Mark Richt – A Great Coach

Eventually as it always happens when a coach steps down, their University of Georgia confirms it. In this case, Georgia eventually confirmed that Mark Richt was stepping down from the head coach position. Because his fifteen years were quite consequential, let's look back at the history of Mark Richt.

As we noted in the beginning of Richt's journey through Georgia, the Georgia Bulldogs hired the former Florida State offensive coordinator in December of 2000. Mark Richt's first season with the Bulldogs ended with an 8-4 record. The Bulldogs finished in the NCAA's Top 25 for the fifth consecutive season. Richt also gave the University of Tennessee their only regular season loss and beat hometown rival Georgia Tech for the first time since '97. Richt made an incredible first impression on the Bulldog nation. The folks liked him.

His first impression was just the beginning of Richt's success at Georgia. In the past 14 years, Richt led the Bulldogs to 14 bowl games finishing with a post-season record of 9-5. Mark Richt has an overall record of 145-51 at the University of Georgia. After the 2015

season, Georgia was again bowl eligible with a regular season record of 9-3 with wins over Georgia Tech, Georgia Southern, Missouri, and South Carolina. He brought home the bacon as my dad would say.

Mark Richt produced only one losing season during his 15 seasons at Georgia. I had to recheck the record that year to make sure I had not gotten it wrong. It was unusual for Richt to bring in a losing season. But he recovered quickly

That season, 2010, the Bulldogs even went to a bowl game, falling short to the University of Central Florida 10 to 6. Richt also claimed two SEC Championships in 2002 and 2005. Richt is responsible for 6 of Georgia's 7 SEC East Division Championships in 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2011, and 2012.

Under Mark Richt, more than 80 UGA football players have been drafted into the NFL including greats like Boss Bailey, David Pollack, Thomas Brown, A.J. Green, Aaron Murray, and Todd Gurley. With all the success Richt has produced, his character shines brighter. He was a great coach.

From the wild uproar his closure produced, a few things became clear:

Greg McGarity, the UGA J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics, released a statement saying that he and Mark Richt met to discuss the future of the football program. From that discussion, both parties mutually agreed that Richt would step down from being head coach. McGarity shared his gratitude towards the Richt family and Richt's impact on players, the university, and community. McGarity implied that Richt would coach the bowl game by saying Richt "would have the opportunity to accept other duties and responsibilities at UGA following the bowl game."

With that being said, head coach Mark Richt will be missed. His character, family values, and talent has been noticed by a nation. I am sure the Bulldog Nation has awakened to the fact that we lost a great one. Mark Richt made history in 15 years. I am sure we all wish the best for Mr. Richt and his family.

Thank you, Coach Richt, for everything. I write a lot of boos about Sports teams and it was a great pleasure writing about you, Mark Richt.

More from Miami

After his fifteen with Georgia, Richt sorta went back to Miami this time as their head coach. As a Miami Hurricanes' Alum, in just two seasons as head coach, Mark Richt made an indelible impact on his alma mater's football program — both on and off the field.

He posted a fine 19-7 record over those two seasons, the third best start in Miami history, and a stretch that included a 15-game winning streak—the university's longest since 2002. The Hurricanes won 10 games in 2017, climbing as high as second in the College Football Playoff rankings.

His team captured the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coastal Division for the first time in its history and earned an invitation to the Capital One Orange Bowl for the first time in 13 years. Richt won 2017 ACC Coach of the Year honors and was also named the 2017 Walter Camp Coach of the Year Not a bad record.

Richt was named the University of Miami's 24th head football coach on Dec. 4, 2015. His hiring provided immediate dividends as the Hurricanes posted a 9-4 record in his first season in Coral Gables. Miami then defeated West Virginia, 31-14, in the Russell Athletic Bowl for the program's first bowl victory in 10 years. The Hurricanes were ranked No. 20 in the final Associated Press poll and No. 23 in the final Amway Coaches Poll – the program's first season-ending rankings since 2009.

Miami had 10 players earned ACSMA All-ACC honors in 2016, while quarterback Brad Kaaya became Miami's all-time passing yards leader. Freshman wide receiver Ahmmon Richards broke the 31-year-old freshman receiving record at Miami originally set by Michael Irvin, while sophomore running back Mark Walton became the 11th 1,000-yard rusher in program history.

Six Hurricanes were selected in the 2018 NFL Draft. Nine Hurricanes were selected in the 2017 NFL Draft, the most for Miami since 2006, including first-round pick David Njoku to the Cleveland Browns. Richt has had 99 of his players drafted as a head coach, including 14 first-round picks.

Richt, born in Omaha, Neb., and raised in Boca Raton, Fla., returned to his alma mater after leading the University of Georgia football program for the previous 15 years. He compiled a 145-51 overall record and an 85-40 mark in Southeastern Conference play. Georgia won two SEC championships, six SEC East titles and nine bowl games under Richt, and finished the season in the Associated Press Top-10 rankings seven times

Richt's 164 career wins rank fourth among active FBS head coaches and his .744 winning percentage ranks as the seventh best among current FBS coaches with at least five years of experience. Richt is one of only seven head coaches in SEC history to record four straight 10-win seasons (2002-05).

Richt coached some of the greatest quarterbacks in Georgia history, including David Greene, a four-year starter who left Athens as the then-winningest quarterback in NCAA history with 42 career wins. Aaron Murray, also a four-year starter, is the SEC's all-time leader in passing yards (13,166) and touchdown passes (121). Matthew Stafford threw for 3,459 yards and 25 touchdowns (then a school record) as a junior for the Bulldogs.

Overall, four of Georgia's quarterbacks under Richt were drafted – Greene (Seattle), Murray (Kansas City), D.J. Shockley (Atlanta), and Stafford, who was the top overall pick in the draft in 2009 by the Detroit Lions. We all saw Stafford win the Super Bowl this year.

During his tenure in Athens, 85 of Richt's players were selected in the NFL Draft, including eight chosen in the 2002 and 2013 NFL Drafts – the most Georgia players ever selected in a single year. Richt also placed a strong emphasis on academics as 292 Georgia players earned their degrees during his tenure

In 2016, Richt was named the first-ever honorary head coach of the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team for his commitment to giving back to others. In 2013, Richt received the Stallings Award given for

commitment to humanitarian and community service efforts, and in 2010, he was named to the AFCA Board of Trustees.

Mark Richt is married to the former Katharyn Francis of Tallahassee. The couple has four children – Jonathan, David, Zach, and Anya. Jon, the Miami quarterbacks coach, was married to the former Anna Cearley in May 2010. They have two daughters, Jadyn and Zoe.

Dealing with a disease

Former Georgia Bulldogs and Miami Hurricanes football coach Mark Richt shared his Parkinson's diagnosis in July 2021. He decided to open up a little more on his unfortunate diagnosis.

The coach notes that his lifestyle and stress from his college football coaching career were big risk factors for Parkinson's disease. Richt, like many college football coaches, was under pressure to perform, did not get enough sleep or exercise, and did not eat well throughout much of his coaching career.

Additionally, men are more likely than women to develop the disease. Fortunately for Richt, a Parkinson's diagnosis is not a death sentence and he's got the right mindset. Arguably Richt's most powerful quote throughout the interview is that he is

Not going to let it control me.

As a football coach, Mark Richt influenced the lives of countless young men at Georgia from 2001-2015 and at Miami from 2016-2018. He's built up a significant support system over the years from all of his deep personal relationships that go beyond the football field. He won't be missed because he is a great player in life. He will continue to help us all.

Chapter 18 Coach Kirby Smart—2016-2022

Richt split his last season year with B. McClendon



Coach Kirby Smart UGA 2016 to 2022 Coach #26

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>SEC</u>
2016	Kirby Smart	SEC	8-5	5-1-0 * champ
2017	Kirby Smart	SEC	13-2	2-4-0
2018	Kirby Smart	SEC	11-3	6-2-0
2019	Kirby Smart	SEC	12-2	5-1-0
2020	Kirby Smart	SEC	8-2	6-0-0 * champ
2021	Kirby Smart	SEC	14-1	6-0-0 * champ
2022	Kirby Smart	SEC		
2016	SEC	Kirby Smart	(8-5)	.615, Liberty Bowl-W,
2017	SEC	Kirby Smart	(13-2)	.867, Rose Bowl-W , Coll FB Champ Game-- -L,

2018	SEC	Kirby Smart	(11-3)	.786,	Sugar Bowl-L,
2019	SEC	Kirby Smart	(12-2)	.857,	Sugar Bowl-W,
2020	SEC	Kirby Smart	(8-2)	.8,	Peach Bowl-W
2021	SEC	Kirby Smart	(14-1)	.933	Org Bowl-W,
					Coll FB Chap Game --W

Georgia Bowl Games 2016--2022 Coach Kirby Smart

2016	Smart 8-5;	.615	Won Liberty Bowl W (31-23) V TCU
2017	Smart 13-2;	.866	Won Rose Bowl
	Lost Coll CFB Championship Game		
2018	Smart 11-3;	.785	Lost Sugar Bowl
2019	Smart 12-2;	.857	Won Sugar Bowl
2020	Smart 8-2;	.750	Won Peach Bowl
2021	Smart 14-1	.928	Won Orange Bowl
2022	Smart		

2016 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Kirby Smart Head Coach #26

The 2016 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Kirby Smart in his first of six seasons so far with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-twenty-third season for the Bulldogs. The team had a winning record like all of the Smart years finishing the season at (8-5); (4-4) SEC, and they came in tied for second in the Eastern Division of the SEC. play to finish in a three-way tie for second place in the Eastern Division.

They were invited to the Liberty Bowl, where they defeated TCU. Overall it was a nice winning year for the Bulldogs. It was especially nice as it was a winning record for new coach Kirby Smart.

After the 2015 regular season, Mark Richt was told he could go to Miami as he was not needed for the Bowl Game. Georgia's athletic director Greg McGarity in essence fired head coach Mark Richt after a great run of 15 seasons with an overall 145–51 record.

Richt was replaced with former Georgia football player Kirby Smart, who, at the time, was Alabama's defensive coordinator. Smart played for the Bulldogs from 1995 to 1998 for coaches Ray Goff and Jim Donnan and he had been defensive coordinator at Alabama from 2008 to 2015 under head coach Nick Saban. Jeremy Pruitt, who was defensive coordinator for Georgia from 2014 to 2015, accepted a position as the defensive coordinator for Alabama to replace Smart.

Welcome Kirby Smart

This snapshot is courtesy of 11Alive.

Kirby Smart agrees to become new UGA head coach

Sources reported to 11Alive Sports that Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart had agreed to sign a deal to become the next Georgia Bulldogs head football coach.



In the picture, former defensive coordinator Kirby Smart of the Alabama Crimson Tide celebrated their 42 to 13 win over the Missouri Tigers in the SEC Championship game at the Georgia Dome on December 6, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The word on the street came out that barring any last-minute developments, the deal could be inked after the SEC Championship game, where Alabama played Florida. Smart had not signed a memo of understanding, sources said.

The 39-year-old veteran coordinator had been the frontrunner for at least two Southeastern Conference head coaching jobs, including Georgia and South Carolina. Smart had reportedly interviewed for head coaching spots at both Auburn and Ole Miss in recent years but opted to stay at Alabama, where he's had near-total control of the Tide's defense since 2008.

Georgia had already announced that it would part ways with Mark Richt after 15 seasons. Richt's record was 145-51 at Georgia and he had two SEC titles but failed to win what many call *the weak East division* three years in a row.

Smart graduated from Georgia in 1999, according to his Alabama biography. Smart was a four-year letterman at defensive back for the Bulldogs. He was a first team all-SEC selection as a senior. He had been a defensive backs coach at Valdosta State in 2000 and 2001. He then served as a graduate assistant coach under Bobby Bowden and Mickey Andrews at Florida State from 2002-03. He was then running backs coach at Georgia in 2005, and after a year, he joined the Crimson Tide in 2006.

Smart is a native of Bainbridge, Ga., and is married to the former Mary Beth Lycett of McDonough, Ga. The couple are parents of twins Weston and Julia and son Andrew.

Great Georgia Running Backs Nick Chubb

2014-17

Nick Chubb RB



Nick Chubb finished his career in the top 8 for several rushing records. He is #2 on the career rushing list and career rushing touchdown mark behind only Herschel Walker. Think about that. He trails Walker for the second-most yards in a single game, and he is fifth and eighth in single-season rushing yards.

The 44 career rushing scores trail by five scores to the 49 that Walker accumulated in his career. Chubb was Mr. Everything with the program. He entered as a freshman and saw the team finish in the Top 10.

After battling injuries and offensive struggles on the squad, his Georgia team almost won the national title in his senior season—lost in OT. Forever more, he will be known for his outstanding performance over Oklahoma in the 2017 Rose Bowl. Here are some of those stats:

14 carries for 145 yards

Two rushing touchdowns

54-48 victory in double overtime

The 145-yard, two-touchdown performance over Oklahoma was impressive in the 2017 Rose Bowl that allowed the Dawgs to advance to the CFP national championship.

Great Georgia Linebacker Roquan Smith

2015-2017

Roquan Smith LB



Roquan Daevon Smith today is an NFL player at the position of linebacker for the Chicago Bears of the National Football League (NFL). At Georgia, he was the only Bulldog at the time to win the Butkus Award. He grew up in Georgia, attending Macon County High School in Montezuma, Georgia. Of course he played football and was noticed by college scouts. He had committed to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to play college football but changed his commitment to the University of Georgia and we're glad he did.

While at Georgia, he played under head coaches Mark Richt and Kirby Smart. As a true freshman at Georgia in 2015, Smith saw action in 12 games and he recorded 20 tackles. He got more time as a sophomore in 2016, starting 10 of 13 games, and contributing 95 tackles.

He was a star again in 2017 and recognized as MVP of the SEC Championship Game, as well as SEC Defensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press. That year he was the first Georgia Bulldog ever to win the coveted Butkus Award. Like many players nowadays, he decided to forgo his final year of eligibility and he was drafted by the Chicago Bears with the eighth overall pick in the first-round of the 2018 NFL Draft. They obviously liked what they saw. He already has five years of playing time with the Bears.

On August 14, the Bears signed Smith to a fully guaranteed four-year, \$18.47 million contract that included a signing bonus of \$11.51

million. He was the last first-round pick in his draft class to sign with his team.

Games of the 2016 Season

In the season opener on September 3, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., the #18 Bulldogs beat the #18 North Carolina Tar Heels at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA in the season's Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game W (33–24) before 75,405. On Sept 10, the #9 Bulldogs edged out the Colonels of Nicholls State in the home opener at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (26–24) before 92,746. On Sept 17 the #16 Bulldogs nosed out the Missouri Tigers at Faurot Field in Columbia, MO W 28–27 before 57,098. Then, on Sept 24, the #23 Ole Miss Rebels beat the #12 Bulldogs at Vaught–Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, MS L (14–45) before 65,483.

On Oct 1, at home, , #11 Tennessee defeated the #25 Bulldogs L (31–34) before 92,746. On Oct 9 at South Carolina, the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks at the Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC W (28–14) before 77,221. On Oct 15, at home, the Vanderbilt Commodores beat the Bulldogs L (16–17) before 92,746. Then, on Oct 29 vs. No. 14 Florida, the Gators beat the Bulldogs at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL L (10–24) before 84,681.

Then, on Nov 5 at Kentucky's Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington, KY, the Bulldogs edged out the Wildcats W (27–24) before 62,507. On Nov 12, at home the Bulldogs edged out the #8 Auburn Tigers in the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry game W (13–7) before 92,746. On Nov 19, at home, the Bulldogs defeated the Louisiana–Lafayette Ragin Cajuns W (35–21) before 92,746. Then, in the season finale, at home, on Nov 26, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets nosed out the Bulldogs in the Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate game L (27–28) before 92,746.

The Bulldogs accepted an invitation to the Liberty Bowl held on December 30 and they defeated TCU at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium in Memphis, TN W (31–23) before 51,087.

2017 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Kirby Smart Head Coach #26

The 2017 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Kirby Smart in his second of six seasons so far with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-twenty-fourth season for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs played their home games at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia and competed in the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The team had a winning record like all of the Smart years finishing the season at (13-2); (7-1) SEC, and they came in first place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They then played Auburn in the SEC Championship and beat the Tigers W (28-7) to gain the SEC Championship

They were invited to the Rose Bowl in the CFP Semi Final where they beat Oklahoma W (54-48). This got them a slot in the College Championship Game. They then played Alabama for the College Championship and they tied and then lost in a single overtime to the Crimson Tide L (23-26). So for 2017, in his second year as Georgia Coach, Kirby Smart and the Bulldogs brought Georgia a second-place finish in the national college championship. Overall it was a nice winning year for the Bulldogs. It was especially nice as it was a winning record and an almost championship for almost-new coach Kirby Smart.

There were other elements worthy of note this season. The Bulldogs notched their 800th win in program history with a 41–0 victory over Tennessee on September 30, 2017. The 2017 Georgia Bulldogs were crowned Southeastern Conference Champions on December 2, 2017, with a postseason win over the Auburn Tigers, against whom they had suffered their only defeat in the regular season. This was their first conference title since 2005.

After the win against Auburn, 2017 became only the fifth season in which Georgia beat all of its traditional rivals (Auburn, Florida, Georgia Tech, Tennessee) in the same season (previously 1980, 1982, 2011, 2012).

Georgia received its first ever College Football Playoff appearance against Oklahoma in the school's first Rose Bowl Game since the 1942 season. Georgia won by a score of 54–48 in double overtime. The Bulldogs reached the National Championship game for the first time since 1982, but lost to Alabama in overtime L (23-26).

Games of the 2017 Season

In the season and home opener on September 2, 2017, at 6:15 p.m., the #15 Bulldogs defeated Appalachian State at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (31–10) before 92,746. This was not an easy season for Georgia but they got through the regular season with just one loss (to Auburn). They made up for that by beating the Tigers for the SEC Championship. On Sept 9, the #15 Bulldogs nosed out the #24 Notre Dame Fighting Irish at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, IN, W (20–19) before 77,622. On Sept 16, at home the #13 Bulldogs defeated the #17(FCS) Samford Bulldogs W (42–14) before 92,746. Then, on Sept 23, at home, the #11 Bulldogs pounded #17 Mississippi State Bulldogs W (31–3) before 92,746.

On Sept 30 at Tennessee, the #7 Bulldogs shut out the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, TN W (41–0) before 102,455. On Oct 7 at Vanderbilt, the #5 Bulldogs defeated the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN, W (45–14) before 36,282. On Oct 14, at home, the #4 Bulldogs shellacked the Missouri Tigers W (53–28) before 92,746. On Oct 28 vs. Florida, the #3 Bulldogs manhandled the Gators at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, FL W (42–7) before 84,107. On Nov 4, at home, the #1 ranked Bulldogs defeated the South Carolina Gamecocks W (24–10) before 92,746.

On Nov 11, #10 Auburn Tigers delivered the first defeat of the season to the #1 ranked Bulldogs at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game L (17–40) before 87,451. Then, at home, on Nov 18, the #7 Bulldogs defeated the Kentucky Wildcats W (42–13) before 92,746. On Nov 25 at Georgia Tech. the #7 Bulldogs defeated the Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (38–7) before 55,000.

SEC Championship Game

On December 2 at 4:00 p.m., the #6 ranked Bulldogs defeated the #4 based Auburn Tigers at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the SEC Championship Game W (28–7) before 76,534

The No. 6 Georgia Bulldogs beat the No. 2 Auburn Tigers to win the 2017 SEC Championship, 28-7.

It took Kirby Smart and a fine Georgia team to win the SEC Championship game for the first time since 2005. Yes, almost ten years had passed in Mark Richt's tenure. Finally, the Georgia Bulldogs have won the SEC Championship. They avenged their Week 11 road loss to the cross-divisional rival Auburn Tigers by beating the Tigers W (28-7) on a Saturday afternoon at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

The Bulldogs improved to 12-1 on the year and has assured its ticket to the fourth annual College Football Playoff. For No. 2 Auburn, the Tigers fell to 10-3 on the season. They now have no shot of making the playoff and it remains to be seen if they get one of the elite New Year's Six bowl game to play in. The pundits believe that if you cancel this Georgia game from their record, they should get a good bowl game. With the way they've played up until this game, they sure should.

Rather than make you look it up, Auburn was picked for the Peach Bowl one of the six big Bowl games played on new Year's day. They lost the Peach Bowl L (27-34) against UCF.

Here are the three big points about the 2017 SEC Championship Game.

In this game, Jake Fromm carved up Auburn out-breaking routes all afternoon. He was on his best game. Though the defense was the story in this game for Georgia, you had to like what you saw out of true freshman quarterback Jake Fromm for the Dawgs. He had clearly learned from his mistakes down on The Plains a few weeks ago. The pundits called this his best game as Georgia's starter.

Fromm completed 16 of 22 passes for 183 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. He outplayed Auburn signal caller Jarrett Stidham throughout the ball game once Stidham fell out of rhythm in the second half.

Fromm was lethal on the out-breaking routes. He was able to spray the ball around to guys like Terry Godwin and Mecole Hardman all

afternoon. Of course, Fromm is still a young player, but you can see his progression as a passer heading into the College Football Playoff and into his true sophomore season in 2018. Great for the Bulldogs.

Auburn couldn't carry on with just Kerryon Johnson. It would have taken a better performance out of Auburn's bell-cow back Kerryon Johnson to beat Georgia twice in a month. Unfortunately, he was too banged up to carry the offensive load due to a bum shoulder. Stidham had his own issues with the constant Georgia pass rush all afternoon. Simply put, Auburn ran out of gas.

Johnson only had 13 carries for 44 yards on the day. His fumble in the second half would set up a Fromm to Godwin touchdown early in the fourth quarter. It was too much of a burden for the Auburn star back to carry. Had he been healthy, the pundits suggest that it would have been a closer game for sure.

After Stidham led Auburn down the field for a touchdown on its first drive of the day, the Tigers didn't score the rest of the game. They sure gave up some points, fumbling the ball twice within field goal range and having a Daniel Carlson field goal block. Once Johnson was neutralized, that was it for the Auburn offense.

The Dawgs are now on top in the SEC. Now that Georgia has certainly made the playoff, what seed will the Dawgs be? Well, we have hindsight to tell us all that the Dawgs got third seed, even though anyone could argue that they had earned the right to be No. 1. They just avenged their only loss of the season and did so to win their conference championship.

The College Playoffs—Game #1 The Rose Bowl

On January 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. the #3 Bulldogs beat #2 ranked Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl—CFP Semifinal played at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA in a (College GameDay Celebration) W (54–48) before 92,844

UGA earns spot in College Football Playoff Championship after double overtime win over Oklahoma

Sony Michel scored the winning TD in 2OT as the Bulldogs advance to the CFB Playoff Championship.



Photo by Chris Williams/Icon Sportswire via Getty Images

If the 2018 Rose Bowl was not one the best games in history, I'll eat my hat. My hat is still here folks. In the first-ever OT game in Rose Bowl history, the Georgia Bulldogs pulled it out after two OT periods to beat the tough Oklahoma Sooners. Yes that's in in a double overtime, W (54-48.) It was anything but a runaway and Kirby Smart is only in his second season. Wow more good seasons to come folks. I know!

There was a lot of offense in this game and rightfully so. The Bulldogs' dynamic running back duo Nick Chubb and Sony Michel and the Sooners' decorated quarterback Baker Mayfield and the under-the-radar talent of Rodney Anderson. Here is how the game

went: One team scores a touchdown, then the opposing team answers back with the same thing. This was a battle of the offenses.

The Bulldogs, led by Sony Michel, were offensively sound with the exception of one fumble. UGA true freshman quarterback Jake Fromm became the first true freshman to win the Rose Bowl. He completed 20-of-29 for 210 yards and two touchdowns. Michel had a great game, including the 27-yard rushing touchdown to win the game in double overtime.

Michel had 11 carries for 181 yards with three rushing touchdowns, four receptions for 41 yards and one receiving touchdown. Nick Chubb was super. He made major contributions as well, with 14 carries, 145 rushing yards and two scores.

The Sooners had the UGA defense on their toes the entire game. Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield was 23-of-35 for 287 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. He even got his first reception for a touchdown in an offensive trick play. The “forgotten piece,” I think, was Rodney Anderson, who pounded through the Bulldog defense rushing for 201 yards on 26 carries and two scores. Receiver Marquise Brown led in receptions with eight for 114 yards and a touchdown.

The Bulldog defense couldn’t quite control the Sooners’ running game allowing a total of 242 rushing yards, a first this season. They only allowed 112 yards rushing per game in the regular season. The Sooners came to play and we saw how well they did but in the end, they could not keep up with Georgia.

Georgia now goes on to play Alabama in the CFB Playoff National Championship.

The College Super Bowl

So close and yet so far away. The Bulldogs made it to the front door of the moral equivalent of the College Super Bowl on January 8, 2018 8:30 p.m. in a game vs. #4 Alabama.* The #3 Bulldogs played their hearts out. They played Alabama to a tie but in OT, the Crimson Tide made a game winning field goal and were able to stop

the Bulldogs thus giving the College Football Championship to the Alabama Crimson Tide. T

The game was played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, GA. It was the official (CFP National Championship) and the day was celebrated pregame as a (College GameDay). L (23–26) OT before 77,430

The Game

The #4 ranked Alabama Crimson Tide played the # 3 Georgia Bulldogs, and after overtime, in an overtime victory at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia, the Crimson Tide managed to squeeze out a victory L (26-23).

Despite having permitted an interception on the third play of the game, Georgia's offense secured the first half, with their defense leaving the Crimson Tide scoreless. They looked great.

Alabama was behind. In fact, they trailed the Bulldogs 13-0 at halftime. At this point, coach Saban was looking for a spark. He found it. The coach put in his second string quarterback. Yes, you got that right. Alabama gave the nod to a true freshman quarterback Tua Tagovailoa.

He was all business. He led the team to a comeback and 20 points over two quarters to force overtime. For his unexpected accomplishments, Tagovailoa was named Offensive Player of the Game.

This backup quarterback threw for three touchdowns, including the game-winning 41-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver DeVonta Smith. He was the difference maker in a game that the Georgia Bulldogs had reason to believe was all theirs.

It was Alabama's fifth national title in nine years and the program's second of the playoff era. The win also marked head coach Nick Saban's sixth career national championship. He got his first one at LSU in 2003.

2018 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Kirby Smart Head Coach #26

The 2018 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Kirby Smart in his third of six seasons so far with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-twenty-fifth season for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs played their home games at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia and competed in the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The team had a winning record like all of the Smart years finishing the season at (11-3); (7-1) SEC, and they came in first place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They then played Auburn in the SEC Championship and beat the Tigers W (28-7) to gain the SEC Championship The Bulldogs finished # 8 & #7 in the national polls

Georgia entered the 2018 season as defending SEC Champions and the previous season's national runners-up, and they were ranked third in the 2018 preseason AP Poll. The Bulldogs won their first six games by an average margin of victory of 30 points, but suffered their first loss on the road against LSU. The team rebounded with victories over No. 9 Florida and No. 11 Kentucky, and secured their place in the 2018 SEC Championship Game as champions of the East Division.

The game was a rematch of the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship against West Division champion Alabama, and the results of the games matched as Alabama once again came from behind to win the 2018 match-up. Georgia was left just outside the top four in the final CFP rankings, and they were invited to the Sugar Bowl to play Big 12 Conference runner-up Texas.

The Bulldogs were upset by the Longhorns in that game 21–28, and finished the year with a record of 11–3.

The Bulldogs were led on offense by sophomore quarterback Jake Fromm, who finished the year with 2,761 passing yards and 30 passing touchdowns. Fromm finished in second place in the conference behind Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa in passing touchdowns and passing efficiency rating (171.3).

On the ground, D'Andre Swift and Elijah Holyfield each finished with more than 1,000 rushing yards, the second consecutive year

that Georgia had two 1,000-yard backs. On defense, cornerback Deandre Baker was a consensus first-team All-American and the recipient of the Jim Thorpe Award.

Games of the 2018 Season

In the season and home opener, the #3 ranked Bulldogs defeated the #22 ranked (FCS) Austin Peay on September 1, 2018, at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (45–0) before 92,746. On Sept 8. At #24 South Carolina, the #3 Bulldogs prevailed over the Gamecocks at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC W (41–17) before 83,140. On Sept 15 at home the #3 Bulldogs defeated Middle Tennessee's Blue Raiders W (49–7) before 92,746. On Sept 22, at Missouri's Tigers, the #2 ranked Bulldogs beat the Tigers in a game played at Faurot Field in Columbia, MO W 43–29 before 58,284

On Sept 29, at home, the #2 ranked Bulldogs pounded the Tennessee Volunteers W 38–12 before 92,746. Then, on Oct 6 at home, the #2 Bulldogs pounded the Vanderbilt Commodores at home W (41–13) before 92,746. On Oct 13, the 13th day of October proved to be bad luck for the Georgians as # 13 LSU got the better of the #2 Bulldogs and put them down at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, LA, L 16–36 before 102,321. Then, on Oct 27, the #7 Bulldogs came back strong against the #9 Florida Gators at TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, FL (in a College GameDay Celebration) W (36–17) before 84,463.

On Nov 3 at #11 Kentucky Wildcats were defeated by the #6 Bulldogs at Kroger Field in Lexington, KY W (34–17) before 63,543. Then, on Nov 10, #24 Auburn came to play hard at the home stadium of Georgia, Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA for the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, to find the Bulldogs mastering their moves in a W (27–10) #6 Georgia Victory 95,726. Then, on Nov 17 in a first game event, the UMass Minutemen took in on the chin from the #5 Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium, Athens, GA W (66–27), before 92, 556. Then in the season finale, on Nov 24, the #5 Bulldogs ripped apart the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in a shredding at home in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game, W (45–21) before 92,746

SEC Championship

Having won the Eastern SEC, the Bulldogs got to play for the whole SEC Championship v the West Champion Alabama Crimson Tide. On December 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. At the time Alabama's Crimson Tide was ranked #1 in the country and the Georgia Bulldogs were listed at #4. The game was played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA. It was the official (SEC Championship Game) and the pregame was also a (College GameDay Celebration). In another close battle Alabama defeated the Bulldogs in close match L (28–35) before 77,141. Because of this loss, the Bulldogs did not make the championship playoffs but they got to play a bowl game.

The headline after the SEC game and after he had been relieved in last year's Championship game, was "*Jalen Hurts leads Alabama to SEC Championship over UGA.*"

Frank Capra could not have possibly scripted a better and more meaningful ending to this year's SEC Championship between Georgia and Alabama. For Jalen Hurts, it was just part of a "wonderful life" at Alabama.

Hurts was benched in last year's College Football Playoff championship, and was advised by many to transfer. However, his faith would not allow him to renege on his commitment. Saturday's game served as sweet vindication. Of course Hurts finally had enough in subsequent years when Tua healed and he finished off his college career at Oklahoma.

In this game, he replaced injured quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, As a Georgia fan, like you this is all bad news as Hurts spoiled the SEC Championship.

The win stole the SEC Championship from the Bulldogs and Alabama clenched its eighth SEC Championship game, and its fifth in seven years.

The Georgia Bulldogs proved to be a more formidable foe than most sportswriters gave them credit for. With Kirby Smart, it would take a little while longer for the Bulldogs never again to be underestimated.

On Alabama's first drive, Tagovailoa was sacked by linebacker D'Andre Walker; the tackle appeared to cause the first of two ankle injuries that would eventually force Tagovailoa out of the game.

Georgia's methodical, balanced drives allowed the Bulldogs to consistently score points, and at the same time, keep the ball out of the hands of Alabama's dynamic offense. Georgia's next drive covered 74 yards in 13 plays and burned nearly half of the second quarter. During this drive, the Dawgs claimed the lead on D'Andre Swift's nine-yard touchdown run.

After an Alabama three-and-out, Georgia jumped to a 21-7 lead when Fromm connected with Swift on an 11-yard wheel route for a touchdown.

Late in the third quarter, Tagovailoa hobbling along connected with the speedy Jaylen Waddle for a 51-yard touchdown, reducing Georgia's lead to seven, 28-21. At 11:15 in the fourth quarter, Tagovailoa was forced to exit the game when offensive lineman Jonah Williams inadvertently stepped on his ankle while blocking.

Down seven, Hurts took over and guided the Crimson Tide into the College Football Playoff unscathed.

Georgia quarterback Fromm completed 25 of 39 passes for 301 yards and three touchdowns. Alabama will most assuredly retain its #1 position in the CFP rankings. Georgia's football future was not as clear. A second consecutive close game with Alabama may convince CFP voters that Georgia was believed by the pundits to be the best fit for the fourth and final spot in the rankings.

When the votes came in, Georgia was left just outside the top four in the final CFP rankings and so they were invited to the Sugar Bowl leaving them out of the Championship race.

Sugar Bowl

On January 1, 2019 at 8:30 p.m., the Bowl game would begin between #15 Texas and #5 Georgia. It was played in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans LA. This was a big Bowl game,

the Sugar Bowl but it would not take the Bulldogs to the Championship. Texas got the better of the Bulldogs L (21–28) in a hard fought battle before 71,449.

2019 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Kirby Smart Head Coach #26

The 2019 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Kirby Smart in his fourth of six seasons so far with the Bulldogs. This was the one hundred-twenty-sixth season for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs played their home games at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia and competed in the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The team had a winning record like all of the Smart years finishing the season at (12-2); (7-1) SEC, and they came in first place in the Eastern Division of the SEC. They then played LSU in the SEC Championship and lost to the Tigers W (10-37). The Bulldogs finished # 4 in both national polls. Then, they beat Baylor in the Sugar Bowl W (26-14)

The Georgia Bulldogs began this year ranked third in the AP Poll, and were considered the favorite to represent the East Division in the SEC Championship Game for a third consecutive year. On September 21, the team secured a big win over then-#7 Notre Dame, 23–17. They suffered their first loss of the year when they were upset by unranked South Carolina at home. Georgia came back quickly with wins over highly ranked rivals #6 Florida and #12 Auburn, and then ended the regular season as champion of the East Division with an 11–1 record, 7–1 in SEC play. As noted this bought them a ranking of #4 in the College Football Playoff rankings.

In the SEC Championship Game, Georgia lost to West Division champion and eventual national champion LSU, 37–10. This cost the team their contention for the playoffs but they received a bid to the Sugar Bowl in which they played the Big 12 Conference runner-up Baylor, and gained a nice win W (26–14.) As previously noted, they Bulldogs were ranked fourth in the season's final polls.

So close again yet, no championship. Georgia led the FBS in scoring defense, but were not quite on the mark on offense coming in at 49th in scoring offense. They had a lot of bright spots and some dark

spots in the season. For example safety J. R. Reed and offensive tackle Andrew Thomas were named consensus All-Americans.

Kicker Rodrigo Blankenship was awarded the Lou Groza Award as the nation's best placekicker. Quarterback Jake Fromm led the team in passing with 2,860 yards and 24 touchdowns. Running back D'Andre Swift led the team in rushing with 1,218 yards. So close again, but no championship. But, with Kirby Smart at the helm, Georgia was destined with a date in 2022 to fulfill its destiny.

Games of the 2019 Season

In the season opener on August 31, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Vanderbilt, the #3 Bulldogs overpowered the Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN W (30–6) before 40,350. On Sept 7, the #3 Bulldogs smothered the Murray State Racers at home W (63–17) before 92,746. On Sept 14, the #3 Bulldogs trounced the Arkansas State Red Wolves at home W (55–0) before 92,746. On Sept 21, the #3 Bulldogs defeated the #7 Notre Dame Fighting Irish at home in a (College GameDay Celebration) W (23–17) before 93,246.

On Oct 5 at Tennessee, the #3 Bulldogs whipped the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN W (43–14) before 92,709. On Oct 12, in a regular rivalry game, the unranked South Carolina Gamecocks upset the #3 Bulldogs at home at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in a close match L (17–20) with 2OT periods before 92,746. On Oct 19 at home, the #10 Bulldogs shut out the Kentucky Wildcats W (21–0) before 92,746. On Nov 2, the #8 Bulldogs edged out the #6 Florida Gators at TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, FL W 24–17 before 84,789.

On Nov 9, at home, the #6 Bulldogs shut-out the Missouri Tigers W (27–0) before 92,746. On Nov 16 at #12 Auburn, the #4 Bulldogs edged out the Tigers at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game, W (21–14) before 87,451. On Nov 23, at home, the #4 Bulldogs edged out the Texas A&M Aggies W (19–13) before 92,746. Then, in the season finale, the #4 Bulldogs shellacked the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (52–7) before 55,000.

After capturing the Eastern Division SEC Title, the Bulldogs won the right to play for all the SEC marbles in the Championship Game. On December 7, #2 ranked LSU the team that eventually won the 2019/2020 National Championship in 2019 were more than worthy opponents as they overpowered the #4 Bulldogs in the SEC Championship making this another no-national-championship-cigar year for the Bulldogs.

In the pregame, the schools hosted the College Game Day Celebration at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA (SEC Championship Game). The game was hard fought but the results were not close L (10–37) before 74,150. The Bulldogs did not make the Playoffs but got a bid as the #5 team at the time to the Sugar Bowl.

In the Sugar Bowl on January 1, 2020 at 8:45 p.m. vs. #7 Baylor, the #5 ranked Bulldogs defeated the #7 Bears at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, LA (Sugar Bowl) W 26–14 before 55,211

2020 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Kirby Smart Head Coach #26

The 2020 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Kirby Smart in his fifth of six seasons so far with the Bulldogs. Smart was quickly becoming another Georgia legend joining Wallace Butts, Vince Dooley, and Mark Richt in that esteemed group.

This was the one hundred-twenty-seventh season for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs played their home games at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia and competed in the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The team had a winning record like all of the Smart years finishing the season at (8-2); (7-2) SEC, and they came in second place in the Eastern Division of the SEC.

For the first time since 2016, the Bulldogs did not win the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference (SEC), finishing second behind rival Florida. Thus, they did not play for the SEC Championship but they did finish the year well as #7 in the national polls and they were invited to the Peach Bowl where they defeated Cincinnati in a close game.

Games of the 2020 Season

In this COVID shortened, late starting season, notice the small # of fans permitted in the stadiums. For example, in the season opener on September 26 at 4:00 p.m. at Arkansas the #4 Bulldogs defeated the Razorbacks at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville, AR W 37–10 before 16,500. On Oct 3 in the home opener, the #4 Bulldogs defeated the #7 Auburn Tigers at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA in a (College GameDay Celebration W (27–6) before 20,524.

On Oct 10, at home, the #3 Bulldogs beat #14 Tennessee at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (44–21) before 20,524. On Oct 17, #2 Alabama's Crimson Tide defeated 1 #3 Georgia's Bulldogs at Bryant–Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, AL (in a College GameDay Celebration) L (24–41) before 19,424.

On Oct 31, at Kentucky, the #5 Bulldogs edged out the Wildcats at Kroger Field in Lexington, KY W (14–3) before 12,000. On Nov 7, the # 8 Florida Gators beat the # 5 Bulldogs at the TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, FL L (28–44) before 19,210. On Nov 21, the #13 Bulldogs beat the Mississippi State Bulldogs at home W 31–24 before 20,524.

Then, on Nov 28 at South Carolina, the #9 Bulldogs beat the Gamecocks at Williams–Brice Stadium, Columbia, SC W (45–16) before 16,444. On Dec 12 at # 25 Missouri, the #9 Bulldogs beat the Tigers at Faurot Field in Columbia, MO W (49–14) before 10,830.

Peach Bowl Win

On January 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. vs. #8 Cincinnati, the #9 Bulldogs beat the bearcats at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA in the Peach Bowl W 24–21 before 15,301.

2021 Georgia (UGA) Football Season Kirby Smart Head Coach #26

This year Kirby Smart's Bulldogs after five years of almost winning the College Football Championship realized their dream. This was

the year. It was an outstanding experience as Kirby Smart in his sixth year as Georgia Coach brought home the bacon and all the marbles and everything else including the kitchen sink. Congratulations to the Georgia Bulldogs

The 2021 Georgia Bulldogs were led by Coach Kirby Smart in his sixth of six seasons so far with the Bulldogs. Smart was quickly becoming another Georgia legend joining Wallace Butts, Vince Dooley, and Mark Richt in that esteemed group. Smart plans to be back in 2022 when this book is being written so let's see what Georgia has to offer in 2022—Do you smell a REPEAT? I do!

This was the one hundred-twenty-eighth season for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs played their home games at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia and competed in the Eastern Division of the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

The team had a winning record like all of the Smart years finishing the season at (14-1); (8-0) SEC, and they came in first place in the Eastern Division of the SEC and they lost only the SEC Championship game against Alabama but they beat the Crimson Tide in the National Title Game.

Losing the SEC Championship was a little mar on the record but let me repeat. The Georgia Bulldogs won the National Championship and were the consensus #1 team at the conclusion of the season.

The 14 games won by the Bulldogs also set the record for the most wins in a single season in school history. The team was awesome and I for one am glad they got another bite at the Alabama Apple and they finished it off – skin and core and all.

The Bulldogs made it to the College Football Playoff for first time since 2017 when they almost got the whole apple but failed in OT. Nothing worth having is easy. The route was not easy but the Bulldogs were up for it, especially after losing the SEC to Alabama.

After defeating Michigan in the W(34-11) in the semifinals played as the Orange Bowl, they defeated perennials #1 Alabama to win their

first national championship since 1980. This was the first time that a #3 team won the CFP National Championship.

It also marked the first time in the history of college football since the Associated Press started in 1936 that a college football team had won an AP National Championship after losing their respective conference championship game in the same season. What a year. Other than the one loss in the SEC game to Alabama, the Bulldogs won everything in sight.

Great Georgia Quarterbacks Stetson Bennett

2021

Stetson Bennett QB



By now all Georgia fans have heard of Stetson Bennett. Even now Nick Saban knows him better than he would like. One of the most heavily watched storylines of Georgia football throughout the 2021 season had been its starting quarterback position.

After Daniels, the Week 1 starter, suffered an injury, Bennett stepped into the role almost out of nowhere, and proved himself as

the continued starter for the Bulldogs. He did more than that as we all know.

Starting his career at Georgia as a walk-on, Bennett has earned the starting position nine times in his senior season. Throughout participation in 11 games, he has passed for 1,985 yards and 21 touchdowns, good for a quarterback rating of 88.8.

Head coach Kirby Smart has praised Bennett under center, repeatedly stating that his abilities on the field give Georgia the best chance of winning. The senior could make his 10th start of the season against Alabama in his second SEC Championship appearance. He started every other game and helped the Bulldogs win the National College Football Championship.

Great Georgia Linebackers Quay Walker

2021

Quay Walker



At any given time, Quay Walker can take over the game. A massive man at 6'4", 240 pounds, Walker actually plays smaller when he needs to. He'll squeeze through the tiniest of run gaps to stuff the ball carrier as well as drop back in coverage and patrol the middle of

the field beautifully. Walker is a three-down linebacker made for today's college football.

Quay Walker was a 4-star recruit coming out of Crisp County High in the 2018 class. According to 24/7 Sports, he was the No. 2 outside linebacker nationally, No. 31 overall prospect, and the No. 6 recruit in Georgia.

He helped lead Crisp County to a 9-2 season and the second round of the GHSA Class 3A state playoffs in 2017. USA Today 2017 Georgia All-USA Second-Team defense.

Walker is an uber athletic and rangy linebacker. His impact is felt in the run game, in coverage, and pressuring the quarterback. Prior to 2021, Walker did not start a game until the 2020 season. His lack of starting experience leaves his FBI and processing ability open for growth.

Great Georgia Tackles Devonte Wyatt

2021

Devonte Wyatt DT



One of three interior defensive linemen for Georgia on this e good guy list, Devonte Wyatt is an experienced veteran on a young front.

Wyatt has four years of experience at the highest level and has saved his best football for his final season. He's a brilliant run stopper but shines when he utilizes his hands and a quick first step for a man his size when rushing the passer. You can see his intensity just by looking.

Great Georgia Linebackers Nakobe Dean

2021

Nakobe Dean LB

Georgia linebacker Nakobe Dean is now well known. The Georgia Bulldogs lead the Arkansas Razorbacks 24-0 at halftime at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia, on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021. Dean was a principle in that game.



Adding to Georgia's seemingly unstoppable defense is inside linebacker Nakobe Dean. He is a junior from Horn Lake, Mississippi. Dean earned a starting position in all 12 regular seasons, recording 57 total tackles, ranking second on the team after Channing Tindall. His five sacks is also the most of any active Bulldog.

Against Florida, Dean tallied his first pick six of the season as he intercepted a pass by Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson and

returned it 50 yards for a touchdown. He earned another interception against Auburn, setting Georgia's offense up for a field goal.

Dean has been an essential part of the Bulldogs' defense only allowing 6.92 points per game in the regular season, which is best of any FBS team. The linebacker was named one of six finalists for the Butkus Award, and one of 15 finalists for the Chuck Bednarik Award, given to the nation's top linebacker and defensive player, respectively. Winners for either award have yet to be announced.

Nakobe Dean was a candidate for plenty of accolades for his season and championship efforts.

Great Georgia Defensive Backs Derion Kendrick,

2021

Derion Kendrick DB



Georgia lands Clemson Transfer

A defensive back transfer, Derion Kendrick has made a huge impact on Georgia's inexperienced secondary corps. The senior announced his commitment to Georgia on June 1 after playing three years of football at Clemson. Kendrick started in all 12 regular season games, and put up 32 total tackles and two interceptions.

In the Bulldogs' season opener against his former team, he recorded three tackles, and has only improved since. His interceptions came against South Carolina and Tennessee, both times setting Georgia up for a touchdown on the next drive.

Kendrick joining the team after the Bulldogs saw multiple defensive backs leave for the NFL draft after the 2020 season eased many peoples' fears of the depth in Georgia's secondary. The junior is a major part of the Bulldogs being ranked second in the FBS in passing yards allowed per game, averaging only 151.6 through the regular season.

Great Georgia Ends Brock Bowers

2021

Brock Bowers, TE



Brock Allen Bowers played a mean tight end for the Georgia Bulldogs. He came to the Bulldogs after playing high school ball at Napa High School in Napa, California. In Bowers' freshman year he was named to the First Team All-SEC and was named the SEC Newcomer/Freshman of the Year. He had a great year

Prior to the season, few Georgia football fans predicted a true freshman tight end would lead the team in regular season receiving yards.

With preseason injuries to some of Georgia's top tight ends, Bowers, the four-star prospect from Napa, California, had an opportunity to flaunt his skills in Week 1 against Clemson, when quarterback JT Daniels targeted Bowers six times for a total of 43 yards.

On the way to the playoffs, he had some great games in which he tallied 652 receiving yards and 10 touchdowns, leading the team in both stats. Bowers has not been shy of making his own history on the field. Against UAB, for example, in Week 2, quarterback Stetson Bennett found Bowers for an 89-yard touchdown pass, making the ninth-longest touchdown reception in school history.

The freshman was recognized for his stellar regular season, and was named one of eight semifinalists for the 2021 John Mackey Award and named a finalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award. Bowers continued to make a major impact on Georgia's offense through its postseason run to the championship..

Great Georgia Tackles Jordan Davis

2021

Jordan Davis DT

You can't miss him. He stands 6-foot-6 and weighs 340 pounds so yes, Jordan Davis is a difficult man to miss on the field for the Bulldogs. At defensive tackle, the senior from Charlotte, North Carolina, has added 24 total tackles and two sacks throughout the regular season. Between his stature and the positive impact he brings to Georgia's defense as a whole, Davis has developed a case for having been a potential 2021 Heisman Trophy candidate.



In the Bulldogs' senior day celebration against Charleston Southern, Davis did something he had yet to do in red and black: score a touchdown. With two yards remaining to the end zone, the defensive tackle lined up as a running back, and took two plays to push the ball over the goal line. Davis has become a household name for college football fans as he continued to be one of Georgia's top defensive players in the remainder of his senior season and was a mainstay in the games leading up to including the championship.

Games of the 2021 Season

In the season opener on September 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., vs. No. 3 Clemson, the #5 Bulldogs edged out the Tigers in a close match played at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, NC in the (Duke's Mayo Classic and College GameDay Celebration)) W 10–3 before 74, 187. By the way starting the year with two celebrations was well-timed as the Bulldogs ran the table right to the SEC Championship game. On Sept 11, in the Home Opener, the #2 Bulldogs pounded the UAB Blazers at Sanford Stadium in Athens, GA W (56–7) before 92,746.

On Sept 18, at home, the #2 Bulldogs beat South Carolina's Gamecocks W (40–13) before 92,746. On Sept 25, the invigorated and tough #2 ranked Bulldogs shellacked Vanderbilt at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville, TN in a runaway shut-out W (62–0) before

32,178. On Oct 2 at home, the Bulldogs shut-out #8 Arkansas in a (College GameDay Pregame Celebration) W (37–0) before 92,746.

On Oct 9 at #18 Auburn, the #2 Bulldogs pounded the Tigers at Jordan–Hare Stadium in Auburn, AL in the (Deep South's Oldest Rivalry) game W 34–10 before 87,451. Then, on Oct 16, at home, the #1 ranked Georgia Bulldogs pounded #11 Kentucky in a College GameDay Pregame Celebration W (30–13) before 92,746. On Oct 30 vs. Florida, the #1 Bulldogs pounded the Gators at the TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, FL W (34–7) before 76,141.

Then, at home on Nov 6, the #1 Bulldogs pounded the Missouri Tigers W (43–6) before 92,746. At Tennessee on Nov 13, the #1 Bulldogs ripped the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN W (41–17) before 100,074. Then, on Nov 20, at home the #1 Bulldogs smothered the Charleston Southern Buccaneers W (56–7) before 92,746. On Nov 27 at Georgia Tech, the #1 Bulldogs flattened the yellow Jackets at Bobby Dodd Stadium, Atlanta, GA in the (Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate) game W (45–0) before 52,806.

The 2021 SEC Championship Game

On December 4, #3 Alabama took down the #1 Georgia Bulldogs and gained the SEC Championship in so doing at Mercedes-Benz Stadium Atlanta, GA. It was a game preceded by a nice College GameDay Celebration but the result did not please the Georgia fans or the team L (24–41) before 78,030

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It was a battle between college football's best. The perennial bust Alabama again prevailed in the SEC Championship game defeating Georgia W(41-24) to gain their second SEC title in as many years.

From the initial kickoff, the eventual outcome of the game took a while to predict as Georgia grabbed a 10-0 first quarter lead over Alabama, and it looked for a while at least, like the Bulldogs were

going to have easy sailing to a perfect regular season before entering the playoffs. The pundits and prognosticators at this point knew Georgia had the game. But, unfortunately they were wrong.

Alabama quickly figured out what the Bulldogs were all about. The key was figuring out the elite Georgia defense. Once they got the key, Alabama dominated the last three quarters and brought home the 41-24 victory and a second straight SEC title.

The Crimson Tide outgained the Bulldogs but not by much, 536 to 449, and quarterback Alabama QB Bryce Young finished 26 of 44 for 421 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions. Jameson Williams caught seven passes for 184 yards and two scores, while John Metchie snagged six passes for 97 yards and a touchdown before injuring his knee in the second half. This was clearly Alabama's best performance of the season. The win earned the Tide the No. 1 overall seed, while Georgia is the No. 3 team in the playoff field. The season was not over yet and as we know from hindsight, Georgia got last dibs on the college championship

So you know how Georgia and Alabama got in this game. It is very simple. They were the top two teams in the SEC and the country.

Week 15 SEC Rankings

1. Alabama (12-1, 8-1)
2. Georgia (12-1, 8-1)
3. Ole Miss (10-2, 6-2)
4. Arkansas (8-4, 4-4)
5. Texas A&M (8-4, 4-4)
6. Mississippi State (7-5, 4-4)
7. Tennessee (7-5, 4-4)
8. Kentucky (9-3, 5-3)
9. Missouri (6-6, 3-5)
10. South Carolina (6-6, 3-5)
11. Auburn (6-6, 3-5)
12. LSU (6-6, 3-5)
13. Florida (6-6, 2-6)
14. Vanderbilt (2-10, 0-8)

Heading for the College Football Playoffs

With the SEC Championship behind them, both Georgia and Alabama made the final four for the playoffs. Alabama became the top seed for the second straight season for the College Football Playoff. For their great season's effort, the Crimson Tide got to take on #4 Cincinnati, which by the way was the only undefeated team remaining in the country. They met in the semifinal match in Cotton Bowl. Cincinnati is the first Group of 5 team to make the playoff field since this format began in 2014.

The Bearcats record was 22-1 over the last two years, with their only loss coming in a 24-21 defeat to Georgia in last year's Peach Bowl. Will Georgia get to beat the Bearcats again for all the marbles. First, of course, they have to get through Michigan. Alabama for its part was without John Metchie for the game but came into the game with their favorite status still in double digits.

In the other semifinal, the one Georgia fans cared most about, Georgia got to play the Michigan Wolverines in the Orange Bowl in what you will see was a very physical and defensive slugfest, as both teams wanted to run the ball and rely on their defenses to control the game. Georgia went into the game as a touchdown favorite, but Michigan was more than capable of pulling off a victory. The Wolverines had an impressive season capped off with a great win and a dynamic performance over Ohio State, where UM was a touchdown underdog.

Looking at the SEC standings above, Except for Vanderbilt which was the last place team in the conference. every SEC team qualified for a bowl game. Georgia's Bulldogs are in fine company for sure.

The Playoffs – The Orange Bowl

The #3 Bulldogs made the playoffs and on December 31, they met the #2 Michigan Wolverines in the Orange Bowl played at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, FL. The Orange Bowl was graced in its pregame with a College Game Day Celebration. The official name of the contest was the (Orange Bowl–CFP Semifinal). The

Bulldogs prevailed and played well bringing home a W (34–11) victory before 66,839



For the pundits, it was as clear as a picture that these Wolverines, who spent the week assuring reporters a trip to the national semifinals alone wouldn't quench their thirst, firmly believed they belonged on the sport's grandest stage. Unfortunately for them, they could not prove it in action.

This was a team that captured its first league title since 2004. It had retooled its brand to radiate the rugged demeanor of its hyper-competitive head coach, Jim Harbaugh. It was also quickly indoctrinated on the differences between good teams and great teams. Despite all that, then Michigan hit the field, they did not know what had hit them—the Georgia Bulldogs were a challenge for the entire game. For Michigan it was anything but a pleasure but it was definitely unexpected. Whew!

What unfolded was a 34-11 Wolverine stoning at Hard Rock Stadium. Again, the stones were big and the Wolverines did not know what had hit them. The game quickly became an embodiment of the chasm atop college football, where teams like Georgia and Alabama and Clemson for years had been playing a different game than everyone else. The Wolverines met an eye-opening display of speed and talent. It was an unexpected disparity. Coach Harbaugh

did not know what hit his team. He had not felt it necessary to have an escape plan but there was surely no escape for Michigan.

The game between the Bulldogs and U-M was certainly made even worse by mental mistakes, some head-scratching coaching decisions and an inability to win the line of scrimmage. All of these factors widened the gulf separating the abilities of the two teams.

Harbaugh was not speechless but he might as well have been. "Congratulations to Georgia," Harbaugh said. "They played a heck of a game in all phases. I loved the way our guys fought. It wasn't our best, but it certainly was theirs. They played extremely well."

Quarterback Cade McNamara, who normally performed well for Michigan somehow got a case of happy feet in the pocket as his protection was sporadic until it almost disappeared. He was able to complete only 11 of 19 passes for 106 yards and two interceptions. That would not do it against Georgia.

Tailbacks Hassan Haskins, Blake Corum and Donovan Edwards combined for just 68 yards on 16 carries in what was their lowest output of the season. The Wolverines had gotten trapped by having played a season without a bunch of Georgia's to play on their schedule. They thought they were a better team but could not play up to their pre-game thinking.

Georgia's quarterback Stetson Bennett captured the game's offensive MVP by throwing for 313 yards and three touchdowns, while cornerback Derion Kendrick was named defensive MVP after snagging a pair of interceptions.



All the pundits needed was one possession on both sides of the ball to know the future mauling in the rest of the game to come. It was only the third play from scrimmage when Bennett, maligned by his own fanbase all season, hung in the pocket to launch a beautiful 35-yard pass to freshman sensation Brock Bowers. That play highlighted an error by defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald, who asked edge rusher Jaylen Harrell to track the “freakish” tight end in coverage. He couldn’t keep up.

The Bulldogs scored four plays later when a blown coverage left Bowers alone in the flat for a walk-in touchdown. That was the game but it still had to be played.

It was a talent mismatch between Georgia’s skill players and Michigan’s linebackers. It was the prevailing theme as offensive coordinator Todd Monken almost toyed with his counterpart. He isolated running back James Cook, an excellent receiver, against inside linebacker Junior Colson for a 53-yard gain down the right sideline. Monken returned to that matchup again in the fourth quarter for a 39-yard touchdown pass to Cook after Colson, a true freshman, misread the play as a run and jumped forward before having to retreat.

Georgia also exploited Michigan's season-long struggle with up-tempo offenses by breaking the huddle and racing to the line of scrimmage for quick snaps that made pre-snap communication and movement all but impossible for Macdonald's defense. Bennett rendered star edge rushers useless by relying on lightning-quick passes that got the ball out of his hands in an instant. Aidan Hutchinson and David Ojabo combined for zero quarterback hits and zero sacks. A star player for the season in all other games, Ojabo did not record a tackle.

"They did a very good job early in the game, first half especially, of extending drives," Harbaugh said. "They were able to bleed out yards on the perimeter with some of the bubbles and swing routes. Then they hit the big play."

On the other side of the ball, the game pitted a Michigan offensive line recognized as the best in the country against a hulking Georgia defensive front that proved to have advantages in size, quickness and strength at nearly every position. Center Andrew Vastardis, who was giving up roughly 45 pounds to monstrous nose tackle Jordan Davis, a projected first-round pick, was blown off the ball on U-M's first play from scrimmage as McNamara scrambled up the middle when the pocket collapsed. In the second quarter, right tackle Andrew Stueber was knocked on his backside by outside linebacker Nolan Smith en route to a sack. More of the same was to come and it came incessantly. It would not get better for Michigan.

A lack of strength in the trenches led to four sacks and two more quarterback hits as the Bulldogs peppered both McNamara and backup J.J. McCarthy, who played sparingly in the first half. McCarthy took over for good when the game was out of reach. Georgia muzzled the Michigan rushing attack by repeatedly slicing into the backfield and beating U-M's pulling offensive linemen to their spots. It was a definite mismatch.



After turning the ball over on downs and punting on their first two possessions, which dug an immediate 14-point hole, the Wolverines finally created a positive play when McNamara heaved a ball to wide receiver Roman Wilson for 42 yards as defensive tackle Jalen Carter leveled the passer.

Offensive coordinator Josh Gattis promptly slashed his group's momentum on the next play when he called for McNamara to make a pair of ball fakes against one of the fastest defenses in the country. The result was an 8-yard loss that put the offense behind the chains and eventually forced a field goal from kicker Jake Moody at a time when the Wolverines desperately needed touchdowns.

That kick, which cut the lead to 17-3, was the only threat the Wolverines mustered on a night when Georgia bullied them into submission and cruised toward their first national championship since 1980. A wonderful season for Michigan fell short after toppling Ohio State and capturing the program's first Big Ten title since 2004.

QB McNamara summed it all up: "I think obviously it's very disappointing right now...I mean, we gave everything we got and we got beat tonight. But I think once we give it a little time, we'll be able to appreciate a lot of the great things we were able to accomplish this season."

Amen!

Go Bulldogs. Alabama is next!

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The College Football Playoff National Championship

This game, played this year on January 10, 2022, is no ordinary post-season college football bowl game even though it has no special moniker.



It is not the Orange Bowl or the Citrus Bowl or the Rose Bowl or the No-Name Bowl. It is a mechanism simply used to determine a national champion of the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS). This mechanism if you will, began play in the 2014 college football season.

The game serves as the final of the College Football Playoff, a small bracket tournament between the top four teams in the country as determined by a selection committee. It was established as a successor to the Bowl Championship Series and its similar BCS National Championship Game. It seems to be working and is a better system than when it was totally subjective. A better system was to expand the brackets to eight for starters.

The Big Game

The final game of the CFP Playoffs was held on January 10, 2022 after a great Game Day Celebration before the 8:00 p.m. kickoff. In the game, Georgia regained the pride it may have lost after the SEC Championship loss to Alabama. The results were all Georgia with the #1 seeded Alabama taking it on the chin on a big gamer punch thrown by the #3 Georgia Bulldogs.

It was enough to knock Alabama out of its #1 perch and any claim to the National Championship. The Bulldogs manhandled the Crimson Tide at Lucas Oil Stadium Indianapolis to win the CFP National Championship W (33–18) before 68,311. Since we all love reading about the Georgia Bulldogs especially when the team is successful, let's take a look at this great game in a little more detail.

Georgia Beats Alabama

The University of Georgia won the 2021-22 National Title, 33 to 18 over the Alabama Crimson Tide.
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Who dun it? It was the University of Georgia. They done did it. The Bulldogs won the 2021-22 National Title, by W (33 to 18). It was a sweet victory over the Alabama Crimson Tide, who had foiled the Bulldogs chances just a few weeks earlier of winning the SEC Championship. Hey why the heck! The Bulldogs got their revenge and a National Championship to boot.

Let's talk about it. Starting at the back side of the game, we find Georgia cornerback Kelee Ringo intercepting an Alabama pass and returning it 79 yards for a touchdown with 54 seconds remaining in the game. Georgia already had enough points to win but this defensive feat put the finishing touches on a stellar defensive effort that helped lift the #3 Georgia Bulldogs to a 33-18 win over # 1 Alabama in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game on a great Monday night at Lucas Oil Stadium.



For the Bulldogs, the national championship is the program's first since the undefeated 1980 season. This Georgia squad went through the regular season without a loss, only to fall to Alabama 41-24 in the SEC Championship Game on Dec. 4. Georgia bounced back in the Orange Bowl playoff semifinal with a dominating 34-11 win over No. 2 Michigan, and on Monday the Bulldogs outscored Alabama 27-9 in the second half to win the championship.

“What a special moment for the University of Georgia and what a special moment for this team,” coach Kirby Smart said on TV after the win. If Smart had not finally won this year after five close calls, he would have been known as the coach that almost got there. Smart had great seasons, including SEC Championships and an OT loss in the championship game in his second year as a head coach. He literally continues with an impeccable record. The only accolade he

misses is an undefeated season. I have a feeling that is coming within the next five years.

Alabama got the ball first and drove down to the Bulldog 19-yard line before settling for a 37-yard field goal. Georgia almost came right back. Well they did come back but the replay got them. With Alabama ahead, there were no nervous jitters in the Georgia huddle but they had to give the ball back to Atlanta first time out.

Next time while the Tide was getting rolling, for a few minutes early in the drive it appeared that Georgia had struck pay dirt. They got the ball first when nose tackle Jordan Davis stripped the ball and sacked quarterback Bryce Young . Linebacker Nakobe Dean got the TD by returning the ball 45 yards for a touchdown. But, what seems to be is not always. Upon review it was ruled that Young had thrown the ball for an incomplete pass.

Late in the first period, Georgia finally got going again. Quarterback Stetson Bennett hit wideout George Pickens deep down the left hash for a 52-yard gain to the Alabama 29-yard line. The Bulldogs did not get seven but they found the scoreboard when they got a 24-yard Jack Podlesny field goal that tied the game 3-3. There was still 12:35 left in the half.

Alabama kicked another Reichard field goal as a result of its next drive. It was a nice 45-yarder. The Tide had a tough time getting the ball into the end zone but they added a 37-yard field goal on their next drive for a 9-3 advantage. Alabama had a first down on the 8 but had to settle for the field goal after the Georgia defense made three stops, including a 13-yard sack by Channing Tindall on third-and-goal from the 6. It was the solidly good Georgia Bulldog defense that led the way in the first half.

There was a trading of field goals on Georgia's next drive as Podlesny booted a season-long 49-yarder to make it 9-6 Alabama with 3:06 left in the half. The stats at halftime showed Alabama's offense was playing a little better than Georgia' with a 216-153 advantage in total offense. Both defenses played extra tough on third downs — the offenses were a combined 6-for-17. The defenses were

also tough against the run, accounting for 36 combined yards on 23 attempts.

Georgia got off to a good start in the 2nd half with runs of 11 and 19 yards from Zamir White before the Bulldogs were forced to punt. They did not have a chance to rest their offense when the defense got the ball back for them. Safety Christopher Smith picked off an overthrown Young pass at the Alabama 43-yard line, for the first turnover of the game. Georgia couldn't capitalize, however, and Jake Camarda's 36-yard punt was downed at the 2. Alabama has a big hole from which to climb.

The Tide did the climbing necessary and found themselves at the Georgia 30 at the next possession. But they came up empty after nose tackle Jalen Carter reached up with his left paw and blocked Reichard's 48-yard field goal attempt. The fans sensed at the time that not much was happening and Georgia was still behind by three points.

Finally, on the first play of Georgia's next drive, James Cook ran up the middle and then he ran down the left sideline for 67 yards to the Alabama 13. Three plays later, White ran the ball in from the 1 for the game's first touchdown and a 13-9 Georgia lead. Whew – a close game for sure with 1:20 left in the third quarter.

Georgia's defense again kept Alabama out of the end zone. The Crimson Tide drove into the red zone and had a first-and-goal at the 5 but could not get past the tough Georgia "D." They had to settle for a 21-yard field goal, cutting the Bulldog lead to one point (13-12) with 12:59 to play in the game.

Tough Alabama play paid off as they caused the first Georgia turnover of the game, forcing a Bennett fumble with the Tide recovering the loose ball at the Bulldog 16. Now there was 11:35 to play. The Crimson Tide regained the lead when Young hit tight end Cameron Latu for a touchdown on fourth down from the 3. The Alabama attempt for a two-point conversion was stopped keeping the score 18-13 with 10:14 to remaining. Fans always get nervous when the other team has the lead.

Georgia was ready to move and did. The Bulldog's passing game went to work on the next drive, starting with an 18-yard completion

to Jermaine Burton and later ending with a 40-yard touchdown pass to Adonai Mitchell in the right side of the end zone. Alabama was offside on the play so Bennett took the free shot deep down the field and it paid off with the touchdown. Georgia tried a 2-point conversion to get the lead by a field goal but Cook was stopped short of the goal line. With the score 19-18 Bulldogs, there was plenty of time for Alabama to catch up. With 8:09 to play.

The Bulldogs defense were playing at peak and they engaged on a three-and-out on the ensuing Alabama drive. The Bulldogs took over on offense at the UGA 38 and with 7:10 left on the clock. White got his legs going and he powered the offense to some nice gains. Then, after a pass interference penalty, Georgia was deep into Alabama territory, chewing up a lot of clock in the process. On third-and-1 at the 15, Bennett hit tight end Brock Bowers on a screen and Bowers ran it in for a touchdown with 3:33 to play. Podlesny's extra point put the Bulldogs up 26-18. Everybody knew that it was a one score game for the tie if Alabama could a TD and a two-pointer.

The Crimson Tide was in process, moving the ball on its next possession until Ringo intercepted a Brice Youngs pass and returned up the right sideline all the way for the clinching touchdown, setting off a huge celebration on the Georgia sideline. The fans all knew what this meant—V for victory.

Georgia's defense had to get back on the field one more time to again try to stop an Alabama desperation drive. Sacks by defensive end Travon Walker and linebacker Robert Beal Jr. helped close out the victory, and on the final play of the game Nolan Smith sacked Young — a fitting way to end a spectacular defensive performance by the Bulldogs and a well-earned national championship. Bravo Georgia Bulldogs.



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