

2007 Florida Football

Post-Game Notes Florida vs. Georgia

October 27, 2007

Team Notes

- ♦ Georgia was assessed 22.5 yards in unsportsmanlike conduct penalties after its first touchdown in the first quarter, resulting in a kickoff from their own 7.5-yard line.
- ♦ Matthew Stafford's 84-yard touchdown pass to Mohamed Massaquoi was the longest completion against the Gator defense this season.
- ♦ Today was the first time since 1992 Florida has not had a bye week immediately before the Georgia game.
- ♦ The 42 points today were the most given up by the Florida defense in a regulation game under Urban Meyer. The Gators also gave up 42 points to Vanderbilt in 2005, but that game extended to two overtimes (49-42 UF victory).
- ♦ Today's attendance was 84,481.
- ♦ Both teams finished with 19 first downs and seven penalties apiece this afternoon.
- ♦ UF was 4-for-10 on third-down conversions and 1-for-2 on fourth down.

Individual Notes

- ♦ Wondy Pierre-Louis' interception for a touchdown was the first interception of his career and his second touchdown. He also scored a touchdown in a fumble recovery in the SEC Championship Game against Arkansas last season.
- ♦ Pierre-Louis' touchdown was the second defensive score for the Gators in 2007; Dustin Doe had an 18-yard fumble return against Tennessee.
- ♦ Joey Iijas' 43-yard field goal in the second quarter was a career long.
- ♦ Jarred Fayson's 30-yard catch in the third quarter is the longest of his career.
- ♦ Tim Tebow has now rushed for a touchdown in nine consecutive games to extend his school record. He now has 12 rushing scores this year.
- ♦ Sophomore linebacker Ryan Stamper made his first career start today.
- ♦ Percy Harvin finished the game with 97 yards rushing on a career-high 10 attempts, his most in a game this season. His previous high was 75 against Tennessee. Harvin's career high was 105 yards in last year's SEC Championship Game versus Arkansas.
- ♦ Chas Henry increased his career-long punt to 53 yards today.
- ♦ Brandon James had five kickoff returns for 122 yards, including a long of 52 yards.
- ♦ Cornelius Ingram's one reception was good for 27 yards.
- ♦ Andre Caldwell had a team-high four catches for 56 yards.
- ♦ Tebow completed passes longer than 19 yards to six different players.

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***MORENO:** In his second straight start, redshirt freshman **Knowshon Moreno** gained a career-high 188 yards on 33 carries with three rushing TDs, all career highs. It was the most yards by a Bulldog since Verron Haynes went for 201 against Ga. Tech in 2001. He became the first Bulldog since 2004 to have back-to-back 100+ rushing yard games. Thomas Brown went for 122 against Vandy and then 107 against Arkansas in 2004. Last time out, Moreno rushed for 157 yards on 28 carries in a win over Vanderbilt. For the year, Moreno has 807 yards, which ranks fourth best for a Georgia freshman.

***DEFENSE/SACKS:** Georgia held true to form with a stingy second half, allowing just 13 points. Georgia led 21-17 at the half. Georgia had a season-high 6 sacks, the previous high was five versus Okla. State. It was the most since at least since 2005. Senior DE **Marcus Howard** had two sacks while junior **Dannell Ellerbe** led the team with 7 tackles. Coming, Florida had allowed just 5 sacks on the year. For the year (8 games), Georgia's defense has allowed only 60 points in the second half

***SERIES/BYE FACTOR:** Georgia's 42 points was the most against the Gators since 1982 when the Bulldogs won 44-0 in Jacksonville. With the win, the Bulldogs now lead the series 47-37-2. It was Georgia's first win over Florida since 2004 when like today, the Gators were not coming off a bye week as they have had in 13 of the past 14 years. Meanwhile, Georgia did have an open date last week. The Bulldogs are 10-2 under Mark Richt after a bye. Today marked the first time since 1991 when Georgia had an open date before the Florida game.

BIG TD PLAYS: The 84-yard TD pass from **Matthew Stafford** to **Mohamed Massaquoi** for a 14-7 lead was a career long for both Bulldogs, and the longest TD pass since a record-tying 93-yarder in 2003 against LSU in Baton Rouge from David Greene to Tyson Browning. It was the longest TD play by the Bulldogs since a school record 99-yard kickoff return by Thomas Brown last year against Tennessee.

In the fourth quarter, Stafford connected for a 53-yard TD play with senior **Mikey Henderson**. It was Henderson's second career TD catch, the other a 25-yard game-winner in overtime at Alabama this season. Both Stafford's TD passes today were the two longest of his career.

***POINTS OFF TURNOVERS:** Georgia got 7 points off of two UF miscues while the Gators got 7 points on an INT return by Wondy Pierre-Louis to make it 14-all. Sophomore DE **Rod Battle** forced a fumble on UF's opening possession of the game. It was recovered by sophomore **Asher Allen** and returned 28 yards to the UF 40. It led to a TD and a 7-0 lead.

On the year, the Bulldogs have scored 31 points off of eight forced turnovers. Coming in, the Bulldogs led the nation with only five turnovers. Late in the fourth quarter, junior LB **Dannell Ellerbe** recovered a Gator fumble and Georgia ran clock. Coming in, the Gators were second in the nation with only seven turnovers.

***LAST TIME:** Before today, the last time a Georgia opponent returned an INT for a TD was in 2005 by South Carolina's Johnathan Joseph (42 yards). Before today (UGA 21-17), the last time Georgia led Florida at the half was in 2004 (21-7) and the Bulldogs won 31-24. Tonight, the Bulldogs won 42-30. In the past two meetings, Georgia never led while in 2004 they never trailed. Tonight, both teams had a lead at one point.

***STARTERS:** Freshman linebacker **Rennie Curran** made his first career start. Junior **Marcus Washington** returned to MLB after missing the past two games due to a shoulder injury. On offense, senior running back **Jason Johnson** made his first career start, lining up at split end. Senior **Thomas Flowers** returned to the starting lineup and wore jersey number six (in honor injured tailback Kregg Lumpkin) instead of number 29.

***UP NEXT:** Georgia (6-2, 4-2 SEC) plays host to Troy Saturday, Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. It will be the first meeting with the Trojans. It will be Homecoming, and the first home game for the Bulldogs since Sept. 29, a 45-17 win over Ole Miss.

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Head Coach Urban Meyer

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On the game:

"This is the 86th meeting between Florida and Georgia and is the longest running series between Florida and any opponent."

Coach Urban Meyer on sophomore #11 WR Jarred Fayson making a few good plays:

"It's good to see him play well"

Coach Meyer on sophomore #15 QB Tim Tebow's hurt shoulder:

"He was not as mobile, but it's only a bruise and he's such a tough guy he wouldn't tell us if it was hurting him."

Coach Meyer on the six sacks collected by Georgia:

"I think we held on to the ball far too long."

Coach Meyer on sophomore #1 WR Percy Harvin's game performance:

"He's a tremendous player and a dynamic person."

Coach Meyer on the Gators' overall game performance:

"We battled hard and played well."

"It was a great game to watch, but a hard game to lose."

Coach Meyer on sophomore #25 Brandon James' potential to start next week vs. Vanderbilt:

"There is a chance he will start. He played a great game tonight."

Coach Meyer on the emotional rollercoaster of the game:

"Momentum is a major issue for us. The team has to continue to improve and get better. We need to do a better job at speeding up the progression of guys like Torrey Davis and Lawrence Marsh."

Coach Meyer on re-examining his goals for the season after the loss:

"Our goals remain the same: to compete, go as far as we can, and to get better as the season goes on."

Georgia Postgame Quotes

Head coach Mark Richt:

On Knowshon Moreno and the Georgia team:

“Knowshon (Moreno) was awesome tonight, but it wasn’t just Knowshon. I can’t tell you how much fun it was in the locker room and I wish everybody could have seen it. I want to thank Coach (Joe) Tereshinski for helping me out with some motivational stuff this week and we owe a lot to Coach (Vince) Dooley, who talked to the team this week and set a tone for this game. He really blessed us this week.”

On his team’s celebration after the first touchdown:

“I told the team two weeks ago that I was going to create enthusiasm whether they liked it or not. I told them if they didn’t get a celebration penalty after our first score, all of them would be doing early-morning runs. We got a couple more celebration penalties than I thought we would, but we got all of that straightened out at halftime. I wanted to make sure we left this game with our hearts on the field.”

On the offense:

“Every time we were in the red zone, we were scoring touchdowns tonight. I think we had a great plan by our staff, especially Coach (Mike) Bobo, but the players are the ones who really did a great job out there.”

On the defense:

“We had five or six sacks and I think that was Coach (Willie) Martinez picking out spots and catching them off-guard all night. It really gave us a great advantage.”

Georgia Player Quotes:

Sophomore quarterback #7 Matthew Stafford:

On the game...

“(Florida) is a good football team, and they played hard. I’m proud of our guys. We had a good game and everybody played tough. It was a good win for us.”

On Georgia’s first touchdown celebration...

“It was awesome. We are a team, and we were having some fun trying to bring some excitement. We had been playing a little dull the last couple of games, and we were trying to get everybody going.”

Redshirt freshman tailback Knowshon Moreno:

On getting a lot of carries in the game...

“As long as it is working out. Whatever works at the time I think we are going to do. We ran the ball well, and when we had to throw the ball, we threw the ball well.”

Senior defensive back #6 Thomas Flowers:

On wearing Kregg Lumpkin's #6 jersey...

“When I heard about his surgery, I asked him if I could wear his jersey, and he said yes. I did that to honor him because he is here if you know what I mean. We are a team. We are a band of brothers, and I wanted to let everybody know that we do love our teammates, and I wish he was here.”

On emotion from head coach Mark Richt...

“I saw it in his eyes. We've been talking about playing with more emotion all week, and I could just see it burning in his eyes. I could see it in everybody's eyes from the training staff to the equipment managers, you could just see they were fired up because everybody wanted to get rid of this streak of Florida winning.”

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Sophomore Quarterback Tim Tebow

On his shoulder injury:

"It hurts. There's some pain. But I wanted to do whatever the coach's wanted me to do."

On this difficult, emotional loss to a rival in his hometown:

"It hurts a lot..." (holding back tears)

On how his play affects the rest of the season:

"My role is to manage the offense and put us in a position to make plays. I just have to do a better job."

On thoughts before the game:

"We were in control of getting to Atlanta. We were focused. We thought we had bounced back from the two losses."