

# 2007 Florida Football

## Post-Game Notes

### Florida vs. Vanderbilt

November 3, 2007

#### Team Notes

- ♦ Florida's second touchdown drive of the first quarter lasted only 44 seconds and was the fourth touchdown drive of less than a minute this season.
- ♦ Florida has rushed and passed for a touchdown in every game this season. The Gators and Houston are the only two teams in the country to have done so this season.
- ♦ Jermaine Cunningham's interception in the second quarter was the third by a defensive lineman under Head Coach Urban Meyer. Two of those have been this season, today by Cunningham and by Justin Trattou against Troy.
- ♦ The Gators have scored points off opponent turnovers in 40 of the last 59 games and have converted opponent turnovers into 237 points under Coach Meyer, including 14 today.
- ♦ Florida's 358 yards in the first half today was 28 yards more than they gained in the entire game at Vanderbilt last season. The Gators had only 330 yards of total offense against the Commodores in 2006.
- ♦ Florida did not punt in the first half today.
- ♦ Florida averaged 12.2 yards per play on first down (22 plays, 269 yards) in the first half today. The Gators finished the game averaging 10.0 yards per play on first down (37 plays, 370 yards).
- ♦ Injuries to defensive tackles Brandon Antwine, Lutrell Alford, Javier Estopinan and Terron Sanders, left UF with a defensive line rotation of seven players featuring six freshmen, including five true freshmen. Clint McMillan, the lone senior had one career start in his first three years at Florida and was the only player who has started a game in his career heading into this weekend. Back up center Michael Pouncey moved to the defensive side of the ball this week.
- ♦ Florida has now won 18 straight Homecoming games and holds a 61-20-2 record all-time in Homecoming contests.
- ♦ Today's attendance was 90,222.

#### Individual Notes

- ♦ Percy Harvin finished the games with 113 yards rushing and 110 yards receiving. It is the first time in school history a player has rushed and received for over 100 yards in the same game. Harvin finished the game with 20 touches for 223 yards of total offense.
- ♦ Harvin's 110 yards rushing is a new career high.
- ♦ Tim Tebow set a new Southeastern Conference record for rushing touchdowns in a season by a quarterback. He now holds the record formally owned by John Bond (Mississippi State, 1983), Derrick Ramsay (Kentucky, 1977) and Andy Johnson (Georgia, 1971) with 13 a piece.
  - ♦ Tebow's 14 rushing touchdowns this season tie the school record of 14 set by Emmitt Smith in 1989 and Buford Long in 1952.
- ♦ Tebow has now run for a touchdown in 10 straight games. It is the longest such streak in the nation this season.
- ♦ With his second touchdown pass of the game in the second quarter, Tebow has now had two or more touchdown passes in seven of the nine games this season.
- ♦ Tebow finished the day with a career high 22 completions on only 27 attempts for a .815 completion percentage on the day.
- ♦ With his 53-yard punt return in first quarter and his 52-yard return in the fourth quarter, Brandon James leads the nation with seven kick returns of 50 or more yards so far this season. Of James' seven 50-plus yard returns, Florida has converted five to points.

- ♦ Percy Harvin ran 18 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. It was his third rushing touchdown of the year. Now the sophomore receiver has as many touchdowns rushing as he does receiving.
- ♦ Harvin caught seven passes for first downs in the first half alone, including three consecutive receptions for first downs in the Gators third drive of the second quarter.
- ♦ Overall Harvin was responsible for 10 of the Gators 19 first downs in the first half and 13 of Florida's 29 first downs in the game.
- ♦ Jarred Fayson's touchdown reception in the second quarter was the second of his career.
- ♦ Jermaine Cunningham's interception in the second quarter was the first of his career.
- ♦ Andre Caldwell caught two touchdown passes in the second quarter today. It is the second time in his career he caught two TD passes in the same game. He also did so against UCF in 2006.
- ♦ Caldwell had only one touchdown reception this season prior to today.
- ♦ Caldwell caught five passes for first downs in the first half alone.
- ♦ Caldwell finished the day with a career high nine catches for 103 yards.
- ♦ Brandon James recovered his first career fumble in the third quarter.
- ♦ Brandon Spikes intercepted the pass of Vanderbilt's two-point conversion attempt. That was the first interception of his career.
- ♦ Wondy Pierre-Louis' interception in the fourth quarter was the second of his career. Both have come in the last two games.

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## Head Coach Urban Meyer

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*On the game:*

"Today was a great day, I must say that I didn't anticipate. I told our coaches, that's the best team that they've had in years and I asked him what his thought and he said they have good personnel everywhere.

Offensively Percy Harvin, he's one of the most dynamic playmakers in the country and the first one in the history of Florida football to rush and receive for 100 yards. He's strong, he's powerful and he's a heck of a football player. Bubba (Andre Caldwell) had nine catches for over 100 yards, glad to have him back. He's finally back to full-speed, first time that he's been full-speed at practice. (Tim) Tebow played terrific. Had a couple miscues at the end but played terrific.

On defense we were all waiting for that. The Gator Nation has been waiting for that, head coach has been waiting for that. That was excellent defense to hold a very talented group to a very limited number of yards and plays. We didn't have a sack the entire game because we played against the run. Mike Pouncey certainly took care of that - true freshman, back up center who at Tuesday's practice moved to a starting inside player. That's just courage. That tells you a lot about the kind of people the Pounceys are, specifically Michael, how unselfish he is to go over there and play in the four, he brings energy to our defense."

*On changes before the game and deferring the opening kick:*

"This is it, there is no tomorrow. We tried to do everything possible to get this team motivated. The seniors, a couple of them, came in and said something to me and I said no chance and then we came in and put them in blue pants. I'll set my hair on fire if it gets them to play like that. Our coaches want to set an example so we deferred and put our defense on the field. That's risky because if they go down and score and they take all that energy out of the locker room, but they went three and out and our offense went out and got the job done."

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## Vanderbilt Head Coach Bobby Johnson

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*On the game:*

"They just took it to us today, they whipped us. They took it to us in the first half. We couldn't match-up on a lot of things that they were doing offensively and had a tough time stopping them. We gave up a big play to start their scoring and it just went downhill from there. We've got to regroup, which is going to be tough, because we thought that we were going to be able to come in here and play a good game. But our guys have been pretty tough, pretty resilient, so I expect them to come back from this."

*On the performance of Florida's sophomore wide receiver, Percy Harvin:*

"He's pretty good, I'd take him, take him back on the plane. They do a lot of great things to get you in mismatches and he is part of that. He's either carrying the ball or they put him out on a linebacker or even a defensive back is going to have a hard time covering him."

*On Vanderbilt's defensive struggles:*

"They had us sort of discombobulated. When those guys are able to be running backs and wide receivers, that gives you a little bit of extra doubt on what you are doing defensively and gives them a little bit more flexibility to get mismatches."

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## Florida Player Post-Game Quotes

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Sophomore Quarterback Tim Tebow

*On the offensive line:*

"When you can move the ball multiple ways, it is outstanding. When we can throw the ball around and then bring out the power game, it makes it easier and takes the defense off of their toes. Our guys did a great job of just rotating people and the guys came in and played really well today."

*On approaching today's game:*

"We needed to have a good day. That was our mindset. This was the best week of practice we have had in terms of being focused and having guys ready to go. We came in with a chip on our shoulder, upset about last week, and our goal was to score every time we touched the ball. We were pretty close to that today."

Sophomore Wide Receiver Percy Harvin

*On the game:*

"Our offensive line made great holes and anyone could have run through them. I just tried to hit the hole at the time and take over. All the credit goes to the offensive line."

*On playing at home again:*

"It's good to get back on the right track. We've had good weeks of practice. We are just ready to turn this thing around and get back to playing Gator football again."

*On running the ball:*

"We knew a lot of teams were going to take away my outside running, so we faked to the outside and ran it inside. One thing I wanted to work on this year was being patient behind my blockers. Last year I just used my speed to get out on the outside. I just tried to slow down and get my blocks in front of me."

Sophomore Running Back Brandon James

*On importance of special teams:*

"We consider special teams to be a big factor in the game. I just try to change the game anytime I get the ball to make a big play for the team. Everyone is disappointed if we don't get a big return."

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Junior Receiver Earl Bennett

*On trying to get back into the game:*

"It wasn't that tough. I mean, we came back into the second half with every intention of getting back into the game. Unfortunately we weren't able to, they're a good team."

On Percy Harvin:

"He's good, he's fast. He did a great job, we just weren't able to stop him."

Junior Safety Reshard Langford

*On the game:*

"They [Florida] had a really good game. It seemed like they were doing everything right. They didn't have a great game against Georgia, but they definitely came back this week and showed that they're a good team."

On Tim Tebow:

"He's a great player. There's no doubt he'll become one of the best in this conference."