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Police nab 100s during weekend

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There were 27 arrests at Saturday's UF-FSU football game, which is more than any other home game this season, according to the University Police Department.

Twenty-one football fans were arrested at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium for possession of alcohol, but Gainesville Police Department reported 180 alcohol violations on game day, said GPD spokesman Keith Kameg.

Possession of alcohol is a misdemeanor offense. The defendant usually pays a fine and court costs, but that's "up to a judge," Kameg said.

Ten UF students were arrested at the football game.

"It was a little quieter because of Thanksgiving, but by and large, FSU is our busiest weekend of the football season," Kameg said.

A few people were arrested for scalping tickets, Kameg said.

Public Safety He said police officers were busy all weekend patrolling neighborhoods and parties, but there were no major incidents.

In addition to the arrests, University Police ejected 87 people from the game due to intoxication, disorderly conduct, occupying the wrong seat, standing on the bleachers and other offenses, according to the report.

The Tennessee football game was the only game with nearly as many arrests at 25, eight of them students.

Speaker to talk sex

By IVETTE MENDEZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

After a holiday weekend at home with family, students are returning to UF to hear about sex.

The Reitz Union Board is sponsoring "The J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All," with speaker Jay Friedman.



Friedman

The certified sex educator will make his presentation about sex and relationships today at 6 p.m. in the Reitz Union Auditorium.

Friedman, who was sought out by the Comedy Lecture Committee, aims to present the information in a way that is entertaining for students.

"We've been talking about him all semester," said Katie Newman, a member of the public relations committee for the board.

The free event will address a variety of topics, including AIDS, G-spots and the future of sex.

Friedman has been lecturing on the college circuit for more than a decade about topics considered taboo.

By the end of the show, people don't want him to stop, Newman said.

"From what I've heard, he's amazing," she said.

Friedman is also a writer and the host of a Seattle radio talk show.

After the lecture, the board will show the movie "March of the Penguins."

The penguin documentary is about dating, and the board wanted the movie topic to match the topic of the lecture, Newman said.

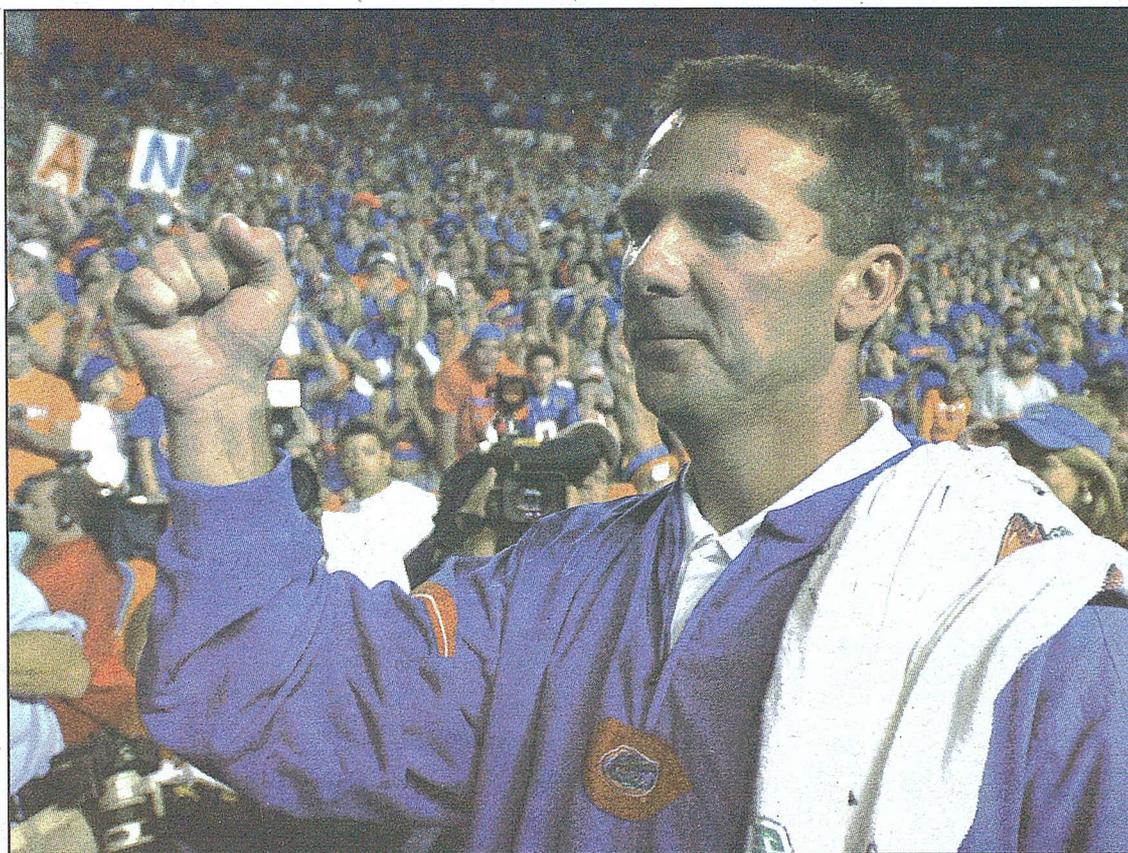
■ The votes are in and Chad Jackson has been named the alligatorSports Player of the Year. Jackson finished the regular season with 11 TDs while leading the SEC in receptions. See story, pg. 18.



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UF coach Urban Meyer sings the alma mater following the Gators' 34-7 win against the Seminoles on Saturday.

Gators finish season perfect at home

By LOUIS ANASTASIS

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The Swamp cheer flared outward like the external rings of a Bloomin' Onion.

And after two Outback Bowl representatives dressed in gravy-colored sport coats smiled past their 20-second ovation, the biggest ramification of UF's 34-7 rout of Florida State became as clear as Australian ocean water: grab the steak sauce, because the Gators are back in Outback Bowl contention.

"They helped themselves a lot today by winning," said Bruce Poli, Outback Bowl Chairman. "This puts them right there in the picture."

With one swift blow to Bobby Bowden's jugular, the Gators salvaged their season Saturday. They completed a sweep of rivals Tennessee, Georgia and Florida State for the first time since 1995. Of course, it still bothers Coach Urban Meyer that he

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Urban Meyer

UF football coach

cannot prepare for a date with Louisiana State in the Southeastern Conference championship, but Meyer has clearly taken notes from the movie "Gladiator." Win over the crowd and you will win freedom — in Meyer's case, freedom from criticism.

"I think it's our biggest win," Meyer said. "Why? I think the Swamp was electric, and I think our players take great pride in that."

By the game's end, UF fans chanted his approval.

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■ Whether enticed by the first holiday sales of the season or wanting to get away from family, an estimated 130 million Americans barely put away their leftovers before going shopping this weekend. See story, pg. 3.

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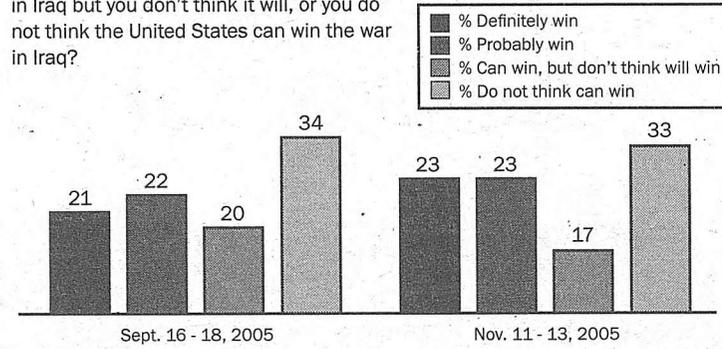
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OPINION

Public continues to express pessimism about war in Iraq

Which comes closer to your view about the war in Iraq: The United States will definitely win the war in Iraq, will probably win the war in Iraq, can win the war in Iraq but you don't think it will, or you do not think the United States can win the war in Iraq?



Source: Gallup.com online poll

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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Shoppers go wild on Friday

By ANNA SUGGS

Alligator Contributing Writer

Whether enticed by the first holiday sales of the season or wanting to get away from family, an estimated 145 million Americans barely put away their leftovers before going shopping this weekend.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is an old term that means the day when retailers go from red to black in sales, said Becky Bumgarner, senior marketing director at The Oaks Mall. Companies previously used red ink to indicate losses, while black represented a profit.

According to a National Retail Federation survey, the 145 million people who went shopping this Thanksgiving weekend spent more than \$27.8 billion. The federation expects about \$439.5 billion to be spent throughout this holiday season.

"This will go down as one of the earliest and most promotional Black Fridays in history," National Retail Federation President and CEO Tracy Mullin said in a news release. "Many stores opened earlier than ever before, and retailers offered unbelievable sales and discounts to get people shopping."

Although the Saturday before Christmas is the busiest day for The Oaks Mall, stores typically used "door-buster tactics" to attract customers for the weekend with advertised sales, Bumgarner said.

The mall anticipates about four million shoppers this holiday season, she said.

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Tracy Mullin

National Retail Federation President and CEO

Electronics like iPods and jewelry are hot sellers at The Oaks Mall this year, she said.

Pam Collins, a 37-year-old phlebotomist, was in line at JCPenney on Friday. She said she and her mother get to the mall to shop early morning Black Friday sales every year, but this year they didn't arrive until noon.

She said she found a lot of great deals on dishes, clothes, purses, perfumes and lotions. By 4 p.m. they still hadn't stopped for lunch.

"It's like you're at a theme park," she said.

Lecture goes global

By CHERYL CLARKE

Alligator Contributing Writer

International business with China, Africa and Europe will be the subject of this week's Speakers Series, presented by the UF International Business Society.

The organization's event will include three UF lecturers and an author Tuesday and Wednesday, said Chairman Jebi Mathew.

Tuesday, Elinore Fresh will speak about the emerging Chinese market. Barbara McDade, associate professor of economic geography, will speak about strategies used by the new generation of African entrepreneurs.

"I took professor McDade's class, and I was very impressed," society President Justin O'Brien said. "She's very knowledgeable."

O'Brien said McDade widely covers African countries by identifying common elements.

He said author E. Ted Prince will speak about the capabilities needed to succeed in international business ventures Wednesday. Prince is a visiting lecturer who teaches entrepreneurship at UF.

Petia Kostadinova, assistant director for the Center for European Studies at UF, will speak about studying in Europe on Wednesday.

Mathew said it's a good idea to have speakers who know about issues in these regions because "the role of the global economy is becoming more and more important every day."

The speeches will be held at 7 p.m. in Stuzin Hall, Room 200. Interested students should e-mail ibsspeakerseries@yahoo.com to guarantee a seat.

The event is free but students are required to dress business casual, O'Brien said.

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La. students don't want to return

A UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS STUDENT LEADER WANTS TO BRING NEW CONCEPTS TO HIS HOME STATE.

BY JENNIFER HARRIS

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A University of New Orleans student leader wants to bring new concepts to his home state. The student, who is currently a senior at the university, is planning to return to Louisiana after graduation and is looking for ways to improve the state's education system.

THE STUDENT, WHO IS CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY, IS PLANNING TO RETURN TO LOUISIANA AFTER GRADUATION AND IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE THE STATE'S EDUCATION SYSTEM.

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Hussein trial turns deadlier

BY JENNIFER HARRIS

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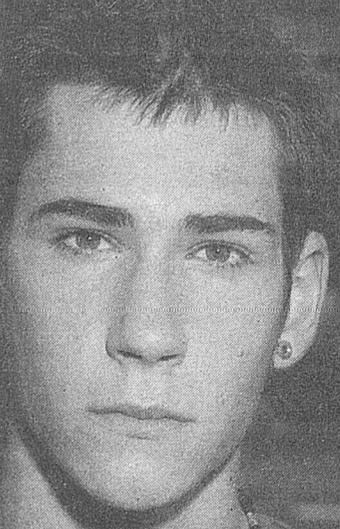
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McCullough: Gators want bowl in Tampa

FOOTBALL, from page 1

But instead of bellowing "live," it was his name they hooted — "Urban Meyer." Now, toward the end of a season rockier than any 6 G coaster, it is a Seminoles blowout that allows The Gator Nation to honestly say the ride has not been that bad after all.

And how about this not-so-subtle detail for kicks: UF finishes the season undefeated at home — the only school in the SEC to do so — for the first time since 2000. The Swamp, at least for the moment, has indeed been reclaimed.

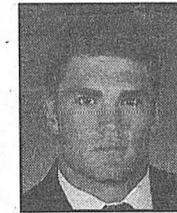
"Ever since I've been here, we've always talked about getting back the Swamp," center Mike Degory said. "I know for us seniors, we were really challenged with that. There's some good things to look back on."

As for the bowl game outlook, here's how it breaks down.

There are three teams, but just two spots for the Peach Bowl and Outback Bowl.

While the Capital One Bowl

committe traditionally selects the loser of the SEC title game, there's a solid chance they could nab Auburn instead. In that scenario, the loser of the Georgia-LSU game would play in either the Outback or Peach Bowl. If UF doesn't make the cut, they'll head to Shreveport, La., for the Independence Bowl.



McCullough

The Gators (8-3, 5-3 SEC) can only hope they impressed the Outback Bowl representatives enough for the game to pass on former UF coach Steve Spurrier and his South Carolina squad. The Gamecocks (7-4, 5-3 SEC) do sport one more loss than the Gators, but some people feel that Spurrier would create more than enough fanfare in Tampa to generate sufficient revenue.

"Ilove [Outback Steakhouse's] steaks and their Bloomin' Onions," senior linebacker Todd McCullough said. "Hopefully we'll get a chance to go and play over there, because we haven't

won there in a while. We need to show the people of Tampa what we can do."

Based on Saturday's performance, there is no reason why the Outback Bowl wouldn't grant the Gators serious consideration.

UF terrorized the Seminoles all game long, forcing four turnovers and blocking a field goal that resulted in a 52-yard Reggie Lewis touchdown return. Offensively, the Gators did not blow anyone's mind. But they didn't have to.

Quarterback Chris Leak overcame several overthrows and an interception to complete 19 of 28 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns.

Chad Jackson led the receiving corps, reeling in nine catches for 97 yards and a touchdown. Dallas Baker, who suffered a broken rib two weeks ago, played through the injury and recorded three receptions for 38 yards and a touchdown.

"You couldn't ask for anything more," Baker said. "It feels great to get a win like this."

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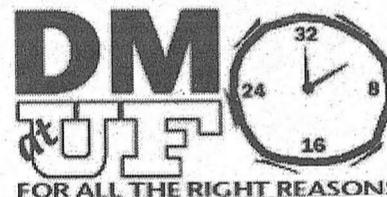


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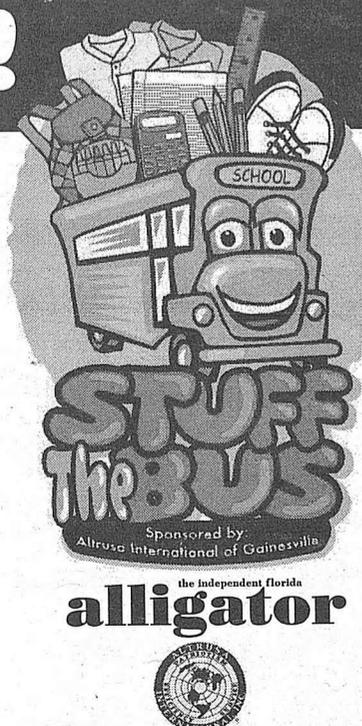
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Editorial

Costly comforts

Students shouldn't bear entire cost of bus service

College is naps in the afternoon. It's classes beginning at 1 p.m. It's lazy weekends and crazy nights. It's our last hurrah before we enter the professional workforce and are forced to live by routines and rules.

But some UF students are thoroughly concerned with being able to visit campus anywhere at any time. They want the option of studying, working and traveling every day of the week, and Sunday bus service is the new plight of Student Government.

We admit it: We told The Gator Party candidates to champion this cause when they first got elected. We applaud officials for acting so quickly. But additional research has changed our minds about the whole thing.

We think the cause is noble enough. In this age of convenience, such an idea is attractive. What if, while living on campus, we realize our long-awaited toga party is missing a bushel of grapes and our roommate's car is broken? Thank God there's Sunday bus service so we can make a three-hour journey to Publix.

Of course, a small number of students actually will use the service regularly.

But all students will have to pay for extended RTS campus bus service, and the bill isn't cheap or necessary. Furthermore, students will be paying for bus routes through areas not densely populated by students. We'll be picking up Gainesville's bill and handing residents a free service.

The Transportation Access Fee Committee discussed getting a grant to cover the cost, and Chairman Bob Miller inferred that Gainesville would begin to split the tab after a couple of years.

But we need better assurances than maybes and probabilities. We need SG to fight for solid plans that don't add indefinite and unnecessary fees to tuition.

In the SG elections at the beginning of the semester, both parties promised to add this service. It's an appealing and non-partisan idea.

However, a campaign flier doesn't outline the money needed for such an undertaking.

Now more fees will likely be tacked on to our tuition to pay for the service. How many times will you use it?

If the university is able to secure a grant, fine. If Gainesville agrees to take up some of the costs within a short period of time, go ahead.

But we shouldn't push the service by hiking up students' fees indefinitely. It's just not that important.

Gainesville isn't a large city. A bike will get most people to most places. Americans are getting more and more overweight; we need the exercise.

To get student support, SG officials tend to offer new gifts and conveniences. But we want them to research the idea and constantly reconsider the options. Is the cost worth the service?

Money is short all over; we don't need to add extra services every year. We need to work on maintaining what we've got.

The Board of Trustees, UF's highest governing body, will decide whether to go ahead with these changes Friday. The hiked fees likely will be approved. For the sake of students, SG must work to ensure that the student body doesn't fund the service forever.

But if SG really wants to revive a service that would benefit all students, we have an idea that wouldn't cost any money.

How about getting Gainesville to allow liquor sales on Sundays? That's an obstacle that really gets in the way of our college experience.

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Guest column

Indictment disregards citizen's rights

The Bush administration has both sidestepped a "Come to Jesus" moment before the U.S. Supreme Court and nudged America closer to the despot's door with the conveniently timed indictment of American citizen and "dirty bomb" suspect Jose Padilla, held in military custody for three years sans formal charges.

But contrary to earlier statements alleging the "enemy combatant" was plotting radiological attacks in the United States, officials have instead accused Padilla of plotting other crimes with overseas targets.

Despite the new formal charges, the suspected terrorist's detention hearing should go on.

Officials seek to delay an accounting of conduct that greatly overshadows any "gate" American history has produced by keeping intact a lower court's ruling, which maddeningly allows the detention of citizens by an absolutely powerful executive.

Padilla's defense argues the case should continue because the former Chicagoan (or you) could at any time be reclassified an enemy combatant and detained indefinitely. But the administration is gambling that the justices will decline to hear the case by indicting Padilla before his appeal is heard by a high court.

It would be a miscarriage of justice to allow officials to avoid this showdown with the Constitution just as some Americans begin to wonder if that sacred instrument is little more than Play-Doh.

In order for the government to deprive a citizen of life, liberty or property, we expect that citizen will enjoy due process — regardless of reprehensibility. We assumed that America was unlike the old Eastern bloc nations, where secret police secretly arrested secret people for secret reasons and secretly sent them to secret prisons — forever.

But what happens when we assume? We discover the CIA has a network of Soviet-era secret prisons in Europe.

Justin Hemlepp
Speaking Out

So we stand, citizens with a proud heritage of righting wrongs and making good our evils, left looking like asses because we detain our own citizens incommunicado to protect freedom, and ship non-citizens off to...

Well, we don't know exactly. A CIA prison could be nice, right? Even Gitmo is at the beach, which is just where Guantanamo Bay detainees naturally fit. But bill denying them habeas corpus rights becomes law.

"Our influence in the world is directly affected by our actions with respect to those we detain," wrote the American Bar Association's president in a statement urging members to implore senators to reconsider the bill.

So, we must beg our legislators to uphold the Constitution they were sworn to "support and defend ... against all enemies, foreign and domestic"? Who, or what, have we become?

Our flagrant disregard for simple constitutional principles is the surest sign that this "shining city on a hill" has lost its luster, that our nation no longer holds the moral high ground — that the terrorists are winning.

As the world watches us backpedal from democratic ideals, what legitimacy we bring to the table in marketing democracy abroad is criminally diminished. It could be that our discarded credibility will land in the hands of "evildoers" — a danger comparable to handing Osama a nuke.

Without that legitimacy, how can we expect to succeed in Iraq and Afghanistan?

How can we broker a lasting Middle East peace?

How can we confront a growing China or a nuclear Korea?

If we don't practice at home the principles we preach abroad, what's the point?

Justin Hemlepp, a former Alligator editor, is an FSU law student.

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Reader response

Today's question:

Would you use the bus service on Sundays?

Wednesday's question:

Is the Confederacy something to be honored?

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Letters to the Editor

Treason is relative, changes with time

One would think that as a journalism major, Andrew Bare ("Confederate flag is a symbol of treason") would know that treason, like just about everything else, is relative.

Washington, Jefferson and our other Founding Fathers chose to rebel against England, which at the time was an act of treason. The only reason these men are viewed as heroes and not traitors is because they were on the winning side. Had the Revolutionary War been lost, the only people to remember the Founding Fathers would be a handful of history buffs insisting on honoring their forefathers despite the fact that they were supporting a losing cause.

The same is true of Lee and other Confederate heroes. They chose to defend their homeland, which at the time was the Confederate States of America. Whether one considers the secession of the southern states right or wrong is irrelevant.

Before he graduates, Mr. Bare should add a few more history courses to his curriculum. He might learn about Stephen Decatur, a Revolutionary War hero who said, "Our country, in her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be right, but our country right or wrong." From 1861-65, the state in which I was born was part of the Confederate States of America, and during

that period, my forefathers served what, at the time, was their country.

Although I served in the U.S. Navy, I am proud of my Confederate forebears and will continue to fly the Stars and Bars in their honor. To Mr. Bare: Don't you dare call me, or anyone else who has placed his life on the line to protect your right to express your asinine opinions, a traitor!

Lee Holloway
Jacksonville resident



Confederate soldiers deserve respect

I beg to differ on the subject of Andrew Bare's Wednesday column. I cannot believe that someone would write such an ignorant column, and that a newspaper would actually print it.

The Confederate flag is not in any way a symbol of treason or rebellion. My seventh cousin, Robert E. Lee, one of the greatest generals in American history, was not a traitor, nor was Gen. Jackson or President Davis. You know what they were? Patriots. How dare you call them "traitors" or "rebellious." All of my grandfathers on every side of my family from Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas fought in the Confederate army, not one of them owned slaves, and they weren't fighting

for slavery, either. The Confederate soldiers were the true American patriots, fighting for the principles, the morals and the rights that their forefathers, like Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and so many others, fought for and believed in.

The South is my homeland, and my grandfathers were all Confederate officers and soldiers, so don't write things that belittle them and what they fought for. The Confederacy and its soldiers, whether white, black, Hispanic, Native American, Jewish, Irish or Scottish, all deserve honor, and boy howdy, they're going to get it from me.
God Save Dixie.

Wes Hamilton
Clyde, Texas resident



Mascot offensive to Native Americans

It is apparent that the editorial staff and cartoonist of the Alligator are unaware of the issues involved in the abolishment of mascots depicting Native Americans. This issue is offensive to many persons native and non-native alike, the Seminole Inc. of Florida excluded. Your cartoon is one of the most blatant reasons that mascots should not depict another culture. It implies that the killing of Indians is OK; this is just one of the issues that Native Americans find objec-

tionable. It is time that UF and the Alligator stop promoting the attitude that it is all right to encourage racist and violent behavior against Native Americans.

Jenni Otterson
Bell resident



Cartoon abandons tolerance, decency

Native Americans have a legitimate right to some control over their public image. How does the tradition of a college sports team compare with the dignity of the original American ethnic group? The team should consider a different name. Adding to the gross injustices Native Americans have suffered, it's not necessary to poke fun in this way.

Think of various other ethnic groups, including your own, as a substitute for the Native American in the cartoon. Do you suppose other heritage groups would accept the role without complaint? Not likely.

Some Americans scoff at "political correctness" or "being p.c." This encourages people to abandon tolerance, common decency and mutual respect. If we throw out these qualities, we are preparing to throw out civilization itself.

David Smith
Neptune Beach resident

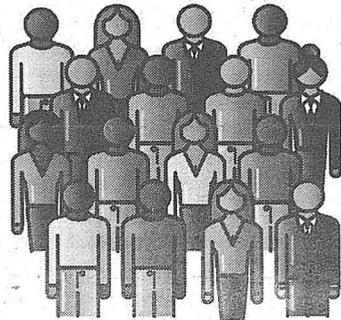
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Roommates needed for 4BR/4BA condo. Close to UF on bus rt. Incl. W/D, utils, wireless internet, cable \$425/rm/mo w/\$125 sec dep. Contact @ 407-719-1699 12-7-26-4

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3. Name the freshman who has finished the highest in college football's Heisman Trophy voting.

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6. Where is the International Bowling Hall of Fame located?

7. Between 1975 and 1977, Muhammad Ali defended the heavyweight title 10 times. How many of these bouts went to the 15th round?

Answers

1. Five times — 1927, 1928, 1932, 1938 and 1939.

2. False. Perry had 184 victories in the decade, but Jim Palmer had 186.

3. Adrian Peterson of Oklahoma was second in the voting in 2004.

4. Larry Bird, Michael Jordan and LeBron James.

5. The California Seals moved to Cleveland and became the Barons; the Kansas City Scouts moved to Denver and became the Colorado Rockies.

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Lineman Hand gets reception

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Offensive tackle Randy Hand won't be striking Heisman poses anytime soon, but his 1-yard rush off a Leak lateral pass in the third quarter was a first for the senior.

"That big 1-yard gain was a big play," Meyer said jokingly. "We felt like down there they were really tightening up with an excellent red-zone defense and we thought we'd get them to pursue the ball."

Meyer actually started offensive lineman Phil Trautwein in the tight end spot but didn't get the ball.

SOMETHING SPECIAL: Florida State's special teams came into the Swamp on a hot streak, blocking three punts in two games. Defensive tackle Marcus Thomas' hand changed that in an instant.

The Gators were only up 7-0 when Gary Cismesia lined up for a routine 44-yard field goal. At the snap, Thomas hopped on a Seminole offensive lineman before pushing forward and deflecting the ball into the backfield where cornerback Reggie Lewis picked it up in stride returning it 52 yards for a touchdown.

"When I saw all that grass in front of me, and I looked up and saw no one was behind me, my

thing was just get into the end zone," Lewis said.

It was Thomas' second blocked kick in as many games, and the first time in UF recorded history that the Gators had returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown.

"Play of the day," Meyer said. "I thought our special teams was outstanding."

WHOLE LOTTA LOVE: While it wasn't a record crowd, the holiday weekend didn't keep more than 90,000 fans away from the Swamp.

Although many students were trying to sell tickets throughout the week online so they could remain on vacation, numerous fans were trying to buy scalped tickets outside the Swamp Saturday afternoon, and 90,669 ended up attending the game, good for third best in Florida Field history.

BACK-TO-BACK: UF's victory marked the first time in nearly 20 years that the Gators defeated Florida State in back-to-back regular season games. The Gators defeated FSU six straight times from 1979-86 and hasn't racked up consecutive victories in the regular season series since.

The Gators did beat the Seminoles twice in a row after defeating FSU in the Sugar Bowl to win the 1996 national cham-

pionship and then beating No. 2 FSU in the 1997 regular-season showdown in Gainesville.

MUST SEE TV: Though the stakes might have been lower in this year's Florida-Florida State game than in past clashes between the two bitter in-state rivals, the game was still shown to a national television audience — and beyond.

Throughout Saturday's CBS broadcast, U.S. troops in Afghanistan were shown watching the game overseas.

Many of the troops didn't just show support for their nation. Orange and blue and garnet and gold replaced the traditional camouflaged gear as the troops cheered on the Gators and Seminoles.

RISING: After defeating FSU, the Gators jumped up two spots in the AP Top 25 to No. 17. The Seminoles dropped out of the rankings following UF's 34-7 rout.

THIS AND THAT: After the game, Meyer announced that walk-on place kicker Chris Hetland had earned a scholarship. Hetland, a junior, converted on field goals of 34 and 44 yards against FSU ... Linebacker Brandon Siler made his Southeastern Conference-leading seventh fumble recovery.



Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

UF tackle Randy Hand breaks away from FSU linebacker A.J. Nicholson for a 1-yard run in the third quarter of UF's 34-7 victory.

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prove.

In a season deemed Southern Reconstruction, four SEC teams finished with two or less conference losses, and a fifth — South Carolina — has three blemishes of its own, but managed to defeat the Gators to get a heads up in the bowl sweepstakes.

Here's further proof that the bowl system doesn't work and the BCS needs to remove the letter C in its title. A great Auburn team will be left out of a top bowl game, FSU is a single Virginia Tech upset away from the Orange Bowl (extremely unlikely, but stranger things have happened) and an attractive UF team that has some national appeal will likely celebrate the holidays in Shreveport.

Still, it didn't have to end like this. There's no excuse for losing to an average Gamecocks team, even if they were led by the Golden Orr. And UF had about 10 chances to get back in the LSU game.

Then again, the Gators were fortunate to play a D.J.

Shockley-less Georgia team, a hanged-up Seminoles squad and let's not forget the excessive celebration call against Vanderbilt that prevented a two-point attempt and possible Commodores shocker.

As the distraught Bobby Bowden will tell you, the scandalous Charley Pell began his coaching career at UF with a 0-10-1 record, only to turn the Gators into national contenders several years later.

Immediately following Saturday's game, several top recruits jumped on the Urban Mobile. Meyer's future looks bright. Then again, the future seems equally as promising at Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Auburn and LSU, and even Tennessee will rise again.

If the Gators want to do more than compete, they will need perfection. There's no reason to think Meyer can't get it done eventually. But as Auburn painfully learned last year, not even perfection guarantees a title.

At least you can tease your friends at FSU for the entire off-season, right? And if all goes right, you can kiss your sister after the Independence Bowl.

Secondary overcomes recent sloppiness

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and the rest of the secondary were burned in two previous games.

"That's a big thing. I didn't know that," Lewis said. "That makes it even better."

"I don't know why we were playing [so poorly in the last two games]. We had to prove ourselves and that's what we did. We came out and proved that we still have a hell of a good defense."

Starting cornerback Dee Webb, who has been inconsistent throughout the season and his career, also stepped up in Brown's absence, racking up six tackles and forcing a fumble.

Recruits want to bring prominence back

RECRUIT, from page 20

in my commitment was definitely the comfort level and my relationships with the coaches and the players and just the university in general."

Fayson is looking forward to contributing early for the Gators.

"They're going to find ways to get the ball in my hands," Fayson said. "I just want to come in and blend in with the rest of the team and help out where I can."

Through recruiting camps and visits, many of the prospects

"Dee Webb played his best game, I believe, as a Gator," Meyer said.

"He's one of those guys everyone says has potential. Well, potential is an ugly world in athletics. He played great tonight, I really admired the way he played."

The one thing UF's defense didn't achieve was recording the shutout the entire unit had strived for all year. They came close, holding the Seminoles scoreless until a touchdown with 6:35 remaining in the game gave FSU its 7 points.

"I wanted it bad, there's nothing like a goose egg," defensive end Jeremy Mincey said. "We didn't get it, but we won and it was a good victory, a pretty victory, and I'm proud of that much."

that UF is recruiting have formed close friendships.

"When we first started this process we all thought that it would be great if we all could go to the same school," Fayson said. "But we didn't put any pressure on each other."

Jacques Rickerson, a 5-foot-10, 180-pound cornerback out of St. Augustine, hopes to come in and help fill a position that is thin.

"I think the deciding factor was being able to come in and play early," Rickerson said.

Bryan Thomas, a 6-foot-2, 192-pound prospect out of Zephyrhills,

also made a verbal commitment to play for the Gators and is projected to either play safety or receiver at the college level.

The influx of new talent to the football team will play a crucial role in the program's long-term success as the Gators attempt to become an elite SEC team again.

"I keep thinking back and Hornsby and I talk all the time about Jacques Green and those guys with Coach Spurrier and all those SEC championships," Fayson said. "We want to get Florida football back to where it used to be."

UF FOOTBALL

Offense comes up big

By IAN FISHER

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Through all the criticism, through all the questions of Chris Leak running UF's new offense, Coach Urban Meyer stuck with his quarterback, not wavering after Leak struggled earlier in the season.

"You're not going to like what I'm about to say, but Chad Jackson can get a lot better. Chad Jackson is still learning how to play wide receiver."

Urban Meyer
UF football coach

On Saturday, Meyer's own daughter Nicole was wearing a t-shirt with "Leak" and "12" plastered across the back.

Perhaps the shirt brought Leak some luck, because Meyer said it was Leak that won the game for UF.

Leak passed for an efficient 211 yards and two touchdowns on 19-of-28 passing.

"Chris Leak has been through a lot," Meyer said. "He has been through a lot of ups and downs. That was a big-time win. A lot of people say he's never really won a game. I really felt like he stepped up the Tennessee game and did as much as anybody to win that game, and I felt that way out there tonight."

On the receiving end of many of

Leak's passes was go-to receiver Chad Jackson, who finished with nine catches for 97 yards and a touchdown. He has caught a pass in 23 straight games and a touchdown in three straight.

Jackson now has 81 catches on the season, seven short of the UF record set by Carlos Alvarez in 1969. Jackson still has the bowl game to match or break the record.

That being said, Meyer was critical of Jackson, as he has been all year. Jackson has never made Meyer's Champion's Club, despite leading the team with 11 touchdowns.

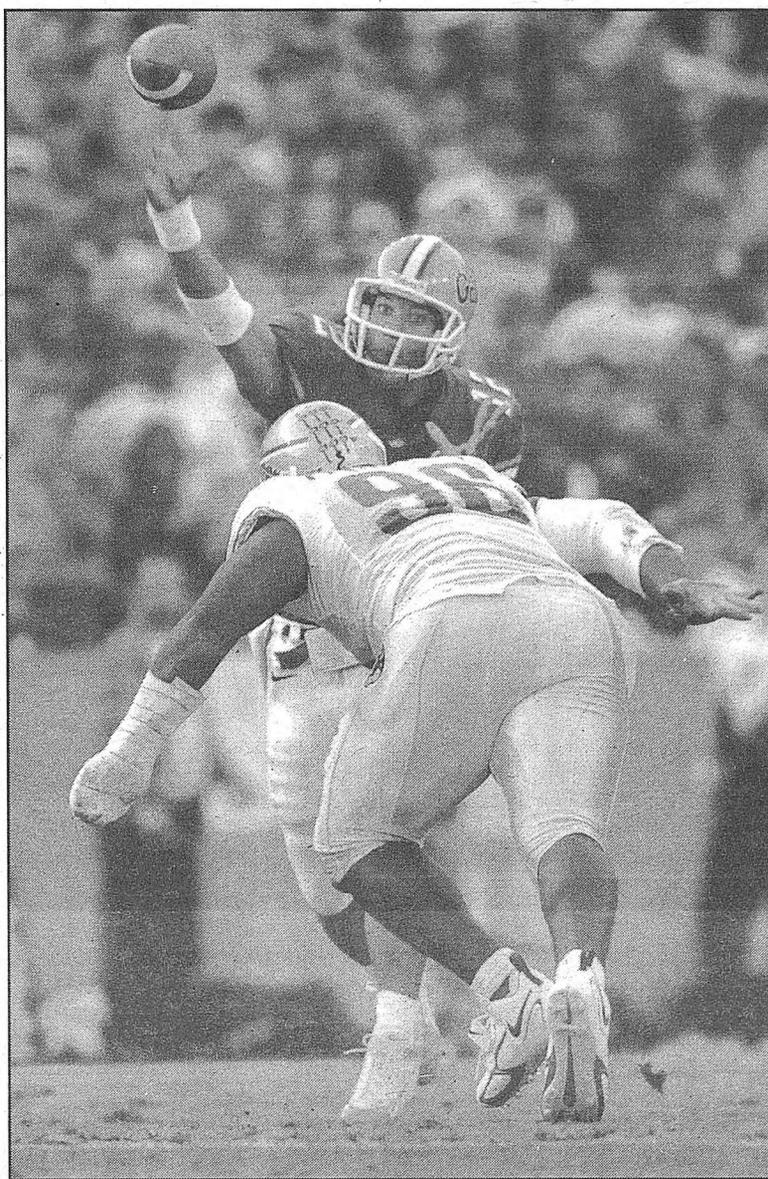
"You're not going to like what I'm about to say, but Chad Jackson can get a lot better," Meyer said. "Chad Jackson is still learning how to play wide receiver."

Receiver Jemalle Cornelius had two diving catches — one for 23 yards, the other for nine. Leak said after the game that he just has to get the ball anywhere near Cornelius for him to make a play.

Dallas Baker also added a receiving touchdown.

Despite all the positives on offense, Meyer said it could have been a lot better. Leak overthrew receivers all night, and the one interception he made came on an overthrow.

"You even saw tonight that there were a lot of plays that could've been made," Meyer said, adding that Leak misfired on some of them. "Chad Jackson got behind the defense once or twice. We're still not a big-play offense. Our longest play today was 33 yards and that was Tate Casey when he fumbled the ball."



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UF quarterback Chris Leak passes over FSU defensive lineman Andre Fluellen for a six-yard gain to the FSU 45-yard line during the second quarter of the Gators' 34-7 win against the Seminoles Saturday.

UF wins one for seniors

■ MEYER. WE GOT THINGS GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

By BRYAN APP

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Dee Webb hadn't received the memo.

He didn't hear the news that this year's Florida-Florida State rivalry didn't mean a thing.

With the Gators out of contention for a Southeastern Conference title and an outside shot at the Outback Bowl offering as the game's greatest reward, the UF junior cornerback found a reason greater than any to defeat the Seminoles: Vernell Brown.

In an emotionally charged locker room before Saturday's rivalry, Webb stood before his teammates and dedicated his performance to the injured senior cornerback.

And while Brown, who suffered a broken leg against Vanderbilt on Nov. 5, witnessed his Swamp finale on the sideline, it was Webb who played like it was his last game, forcing a fumble and recording six tackles.

But it was the least Webb could do to send Brown and UF's nine other scholarship seniors who weathered heartaches and a coaching change during recent seasons out in style.

"That's what it's all about," said senior linebacker Todd McCullough in appreciation of Webb. "It's people like Vernell Brown. This whole senior class, a lot of these guys were told they never could do it."

"To me, that's what it's all about: having each other's back and being one big family."

Though Urban Meyer's inaugural season in Gainesville might have fallen short of the expectations of some, the coach considers such acts of camaraderie a good sign.

"The reason he played so hard tonight was simply for Vernell Brown because Vernell Brown always does everything right," said Meyer, who has called Brown the face of UF football. "Dee at times maybe doesn't do everything right, but he played for Vernell Brown."

"If that came from the heart, we got things going in the right direction a little bit."

It's a direction that Gators seniors like Mincey, Mike Degory, Randy Hand and Jarvis Herring won't be around to witness first-person, but one they'll gladly take pride in initiating.

"We opened up the gates for a big-time program, and I'm proud to be a part of it," Mincey said. "We've got a bunch of talented guys, so look forward to the future because the Swamp has risen again."

Gators to open NCAAs at O-Dome

■ UF ENTERS NCAA TOURNAMENT AS NO. 8 SEED IN OMAHA REGION.

By BRYAN JONES

Alligator Writer

Eager to discover their NCAA tournament fate, the No. 4 UF volleyball team performed what Coach Mary Wise jokingly deemed a miracle.

Traveling home after sweeping two weekend matches in Denver, the team convinced the Chili's near their gate at the airport to change the television station from football to the NCAA volleyball tournament selection show on ESPNNews.

That miracle turned out to be unfulfilling, however. Rushed onto the plane, the team did not learn their fate until shortly before takeoff.

"We found out through the beauty of cell phone," Wise said. "It's a good thing we were in the first half to be announced. Otherwise we wouldn't have found out until we landed."

"It was a little different because in the past we have all been together. We weren't, we were all spread out and buckled in and we were yelling it back and forth."

The Southeastern Conference champion Gators were named the eighth seed in this year's tournament and will host the first two rounds, beginning Thursday.

UF (30-2) will take on Florida Atlantic (29-2), the champions of the Atlantic Sun Conference, in the opening round of the tournament. Kansas State (20-10) and Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion Florida A&M (22-5) will also square off Thursday in the O'Connell Center.

The second round match will take place on Friday.

"What we learned last year is that being a best team cannot be taken for granted, so right now we are thrilled to be one of the 16 teams that gets to play at home," Wise said.

Last season, the Gators lost in the second round to Stanford.

"Florida's probably going to be a team that has a little bit to prove in this tournament," ESPN volleyball analyst Cathy Nelson said. "They are very good at home but last year they did lose to Stanford, the eventual champion."

"I think Florida will be motivated to do a great job and get out of this region."

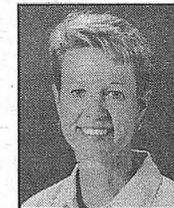
With a surprising total of six teams from the SEC making the field, only the Big 12 will send more teams to the tournament.

"If you had told me just a few years ago that in the 2005 season we'd get six teams in, I'm not sure I would have believed it," Wise said. "Credit the talent and the coaches in the league."

Despite being ranked fourth in the country in the AVCA poll, the No. 8 seed awarded to the Gators puts them in the Omaha Regional — a region topped by No. 1 seed Nebraska.

But the Gators will not get caught looking head, Wise said, and the team is just excited about the opportunity to play the opening rounds at home.

"It's one more chance for our fans to see [seniors] Jane Collymore and Rachel Engel play," Wise said. "We hope they'll come out in big numbers."



Wise

UF opens rivalry weekend with comeback victory

By **DAN TREAT**
Alligator Writer

It was a simple play, really, a routine 3-pointer from a player who specializes in shooting from beyond the arc.

The simplest of plays, however, ended up making all the difference for No. 14 UF on Friday night.

Coach Billy Donovan has preached all through the early season that the Gators would need a different player to step up every night in order for his team to be successful. On this night it was Walter Hodge, who buried two 3-pointers as part of a career-high 10 points. This came after UF had fallen into an early 17-point hole, spurring a 74-66 comeback victory against Florida State Friday night at the O'Connell Center.

"I think the big thing with Walter is just getting him shoot," Donovan said. "He was a big boost for us off the bench, because we couldn't really generate a lot of offense."

While it might have been Hodge's buckets that got the Gators into gear, they had already been buried by an FSU offensive barrage that saw the Seminoles jump out to a 21-4 lead less than nine minutes into the game.

FSU hit 10 of its first 13 shots, while UF started out just 3 of 13.

"Coach said one game the shots aren't going to fall and we've got to learn to win," said Corey Brewer, who finished with 13 points and a career-high six assists. "Tonight they

really weren't falling, but we buckled down and got it together."

Starting with Hodge's threes, the Gators went on a 21-6 run over the next nine minutes to pull as close as 30-28 in the first half, FSU responded with a late 8-2 spurt of its own to take an 8-point lead into the locker room.

"It's a 40-minute game, we all know it," said Al Horford, who had 14 points and nine rebounds. "And we just came out a little too excited I think, we needed to calm down, and once we started doing the little things, we were fine after that."

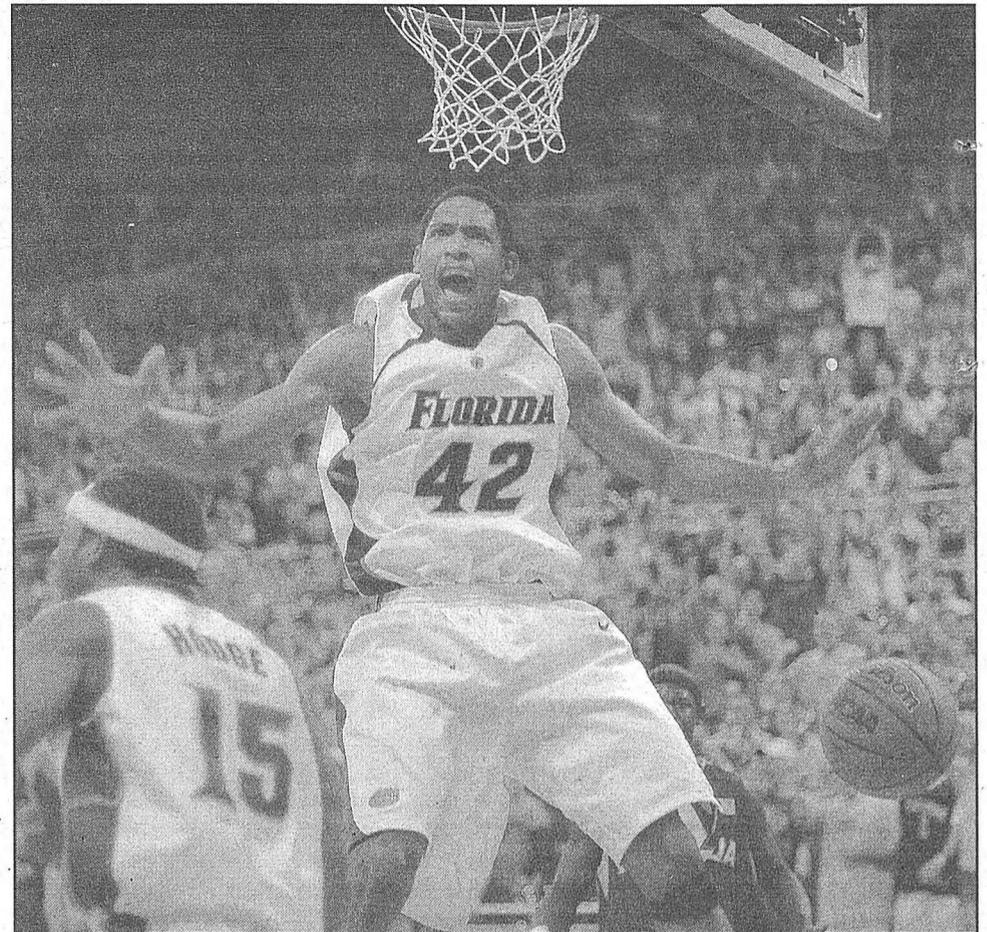
UF first took the lead on Horford free throws with 12:18 left in the game and went ahead for good with 5:11 left on Lee Humphrey's fourth 3-pointer of the game.

The Gators' comeback was aided by the absence of FSU's Al Thornton, who scored nine of the Seminoles' first 11 points before picking up his second foul with 14:53 remaining in the half.

That set the tone for a game that saw an average of more than a foul a minute. The two teams were whistled for a total of 57 personals (23 on UF, 34 on FSU), and three Seminoles eventually fouled out.

The exceptionally high number of fouls sent the Gators to the line 45 times. In UF's first four games this year, the team had struggled to find consistency in its free throw shooting.

Friday night, however, they nailed 33 of those shots, including a 15-of-16 performance by Taurean Green, who led the team with 15 points despite not hitting a shot from the floor all game.



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UF sophomore forward Al Horford yells after making a slam dunk in the second half of the Gators' 74-66 win against the Seminoles.

"He is as tough as a competitor as I've coached," Donovan said. "... he found a way to help our team win despite not being able to shoot and despite not really being able to create off the dribble, and he did that from the free throw line tonight."

SWAMP STUDS

WEEK II

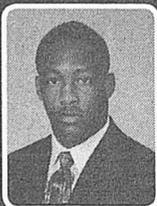
Each Monday the AlligatorSports staff will vote on the top three UF football performances of the week. The No. 1 player will receive five points, No. 2 player three points and No. 3 player one point. At the end of the season, the player with the most combined points will earn the title of AlligatorSports Player of the Year.



Chad Jackson, WR, Jr.

1 Jackson and quarterback Chris Leak were the only consistent offensive weapons on Saturday. With UF's rushing attack grounded, Leak looked to Jackson often and the junior receiver didn't disappoint. With nine receptions, Jackson is now just seven short of UF's record for receptions in a season, set by Carlos Alvarez in 1969 — he continues to lead the SEC in that category.

9 rec, 97 yds, 1 TD



Jarvis Herring, SS, Sr.

2 With FSU trying to do most of its damage on the ground, the Seminoles took to the air and UF's entire secondary stepped up — nobody helped the cause more than Herring. The senior led the Gators in tackles and was the only player to both record an interception and force a fumble.

9 tackles, 1 int, 1 FF



Avery Atkins, CB, Fr.

3 How about this for a breakout performance? Atkins, a talented true freshman cornerback that has seen little action all year, entered the game with just four tackles on the season and doubled it in a single game. He also recorded a key interception, recovered a fumble and credited the performance to the fallen Vernell Brown.

4 tackles, 1 int, 1 FR

Final Season Leader Board

1. Chad Jackson- 17pts 2. Chris Leak- 14pts 3. Deshawn Wynn- 9pts

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Brooks propels Gators to blowout

■ FRESHMAN SPARKS EASY WIN WITH FIVE 3-POINTERS.

By **NICK ZACCARDI**
Alligator Writer

Sha Brooks didn't have the green light on Sunday, but she shot the lights out anyway.

UF's star freshman guard drained five 3-pointers in the first nine minutes of the Gators' 85-56 blowout victory of Stetson at the O'Connell Center.

She looked well on her way to breaking the Gators' single-game record of eight threes set by Bridget Pettis, but a runaway win kept her on the bench for much of the second half.

Her spark led the Gators to a 49-23 halftime lead, and Brooks only attempted one 3-pointer in the second half of the home opener.

Brooks, who led the team with 19 points, didn't show the same accuracy from long range in practice, where the team goes through the "green light" drill.

To complete the exercise successfully, the player must make 25 3-pointers in two minutes from different spots on the court.

Brooks didn't make the "green light" club this week, fessing up in the post-game news conference.

"All of our guards have been in it," UF coach Carolyn Peck said. "It's a matter of having to keep doing it each week to stay in it."

Had Brooks practiced against Stetson's zone defense, maybe she would have stayed in the club

"All of our guards have been in it (the green-light club). It's a matter of having to keep doing it each week to stay in it."

Carolyn Peck
UF women's basketball coach

another week.

She scored 8 of the first 10 points for UF (3-1), including two threes in a span of 47 seconds to put the Gators up 10-1.

"They had confidence in me," Brooks said. "Overall we did pretty good finding me because I was open."

After Sarah Lowe hit a three, Brooks spotted up two more times from behind the arc in less than a minute to make the score 19-4.

Her final three of the game came with 11:36 left in the first half. After that Stetson finally cooled her down, and Brooks finished 5 of 7 on 3-point shooting in the game.

"Prior to the ball game we knew she was a solid player and she had the capability of knocking down threes," Stetson coach Dee Romine said. "She was just knocking them down from WNBA range."

Brooks got most of her looks because the Hatters focused on the inside presence of Brittany Davis and Dalila Eshe, who combined for nine assists.

"Sha did a very good job of knocking down open shots," Peck said. "Our team did a good job of finding her. When we execute our offense, Brittany and Dalila inside are going to attract two people. When that happened Sha did a good job of stepping into the open gaps against the zone."

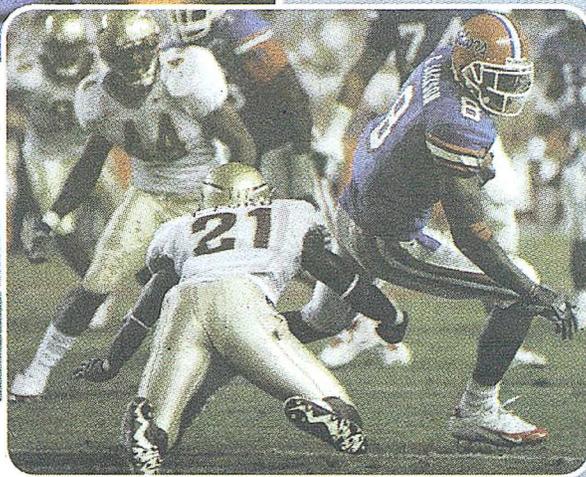
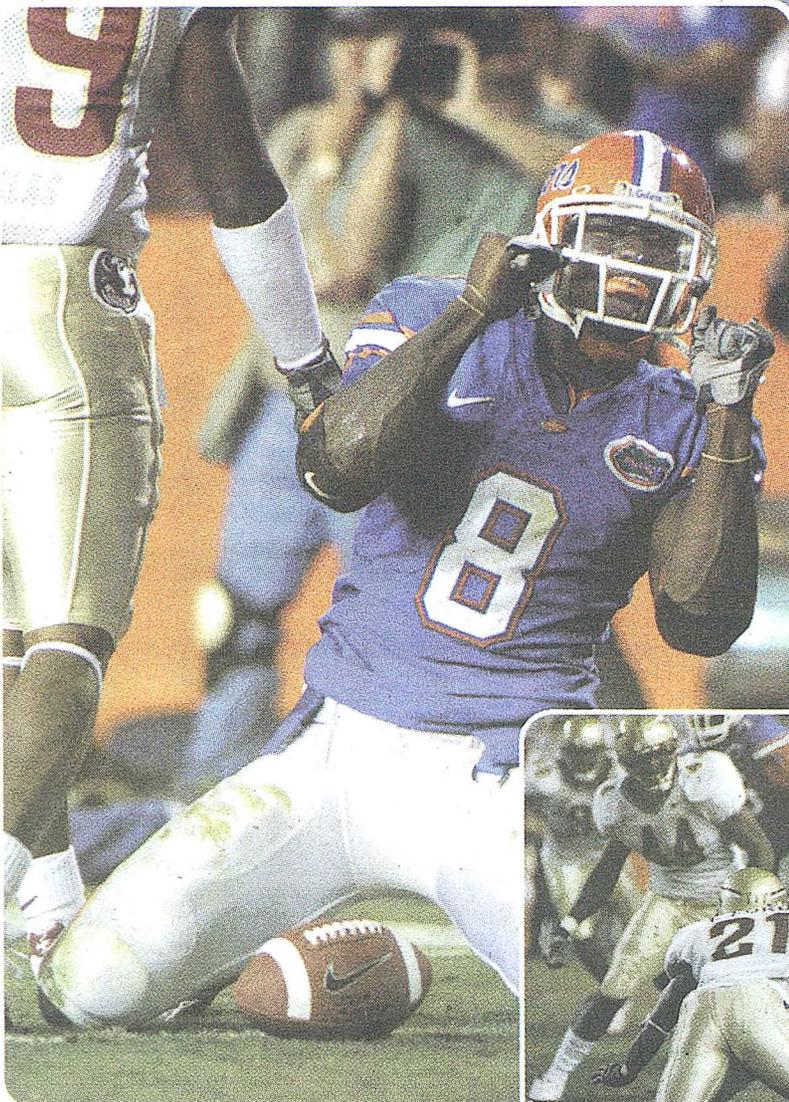
The win came after UF's first loss of the season, an 82-76 setback at Florida State on Wednesday where Brooks went 3 of 6 from behind the arc.

"It's a confidence booster coming off of the loss the other night," said Eshe, who led the Gators with 21 points against FSU. "Our concentration was boxing out and we did out-rebound them. I think we just wanted to focus on improving what we were lacking in the previous game."

UF travels to Charlotte on Wednesday for a 6:00 p.m. matchup.

alligatorSports PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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CHAD JACKSON

Jackson's season began with an explosion, as the junior receiver became the first player in UF history to score four touchdowns in a single game. He used his versatility to catch three scores in the air and another on the ground. Urban Meyer's spread offense had made its debut in Gainesville and from the start it looked like Jackson would be the Spread 'n' Shred's poster boy. After the game Jackson received heavy praise.

"Chad Jackson for Heisman," linebacker Brandon Siler said.

"Everybody keeps asking me how I'm going to do this year," Jackson said. "It depends on how the season goes, but it's a good start for me right now."

"Since I've been here, he's been tremendous," Meyer said. "He's the hardest working of all the receivers. The best thing that Chad Jackson has provided is leadership."

Jackson, an Alabama native, would remain Chris Leak's go-to receiver heading into UF's huge showdown against the Crimson Tide. He couldn't escape the jeers at kickoff, but by the end of the game Alabama had the last laugh, crushing the Gators 31-3. Jackson was a non-factor in the game, and for the next several weeks he disappeared while Dallas Baker became Leak's favorite target.

"Every play, every down, he's got to be consistent blocking and running routes," Meyer said, "and he's not consistent."

But as UF's season headed into a downward spiral late in the season and UF's receiving corps was decimated with injuries, Jackson rediscovered his game and finished the year strong. He scored four touchdowns in the final three games of the season and was named one of the 15 finalists for the Biletnikoff award. Now, Jackson must ponder his future and decide whether to return to UF for a senior season or try his luck with the NFL Draft.

"When he takes care of all the little things," said Jackson's high school coach Rush Propst, "I don't think there's a better football player out there."

Season stats: 81 rec, 824 yds, 9 TD. 15 att, 87 yds, 2 TD.

alligatorSports DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR JARVIS HERRING

Jarvis Herring never expected to be the alligatorSports Defensive Player of the Year. In fact, he didn't even imagine playing football for the Gators this season.

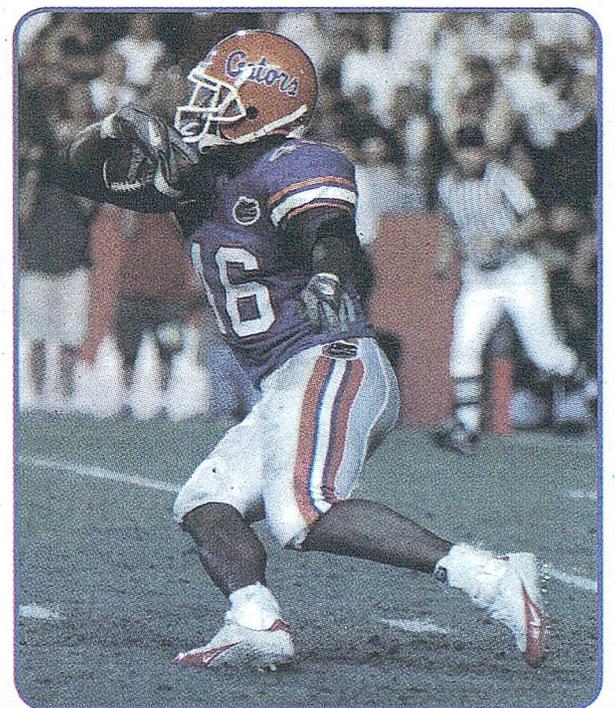
Last season, Herring struggled with off-the-field incidents and was distraught after former coach Ron Zook lost his job in mid-season, leading to an outburst of expletives at a media opportunity aimed at UF athletics director Jeremy Foley.

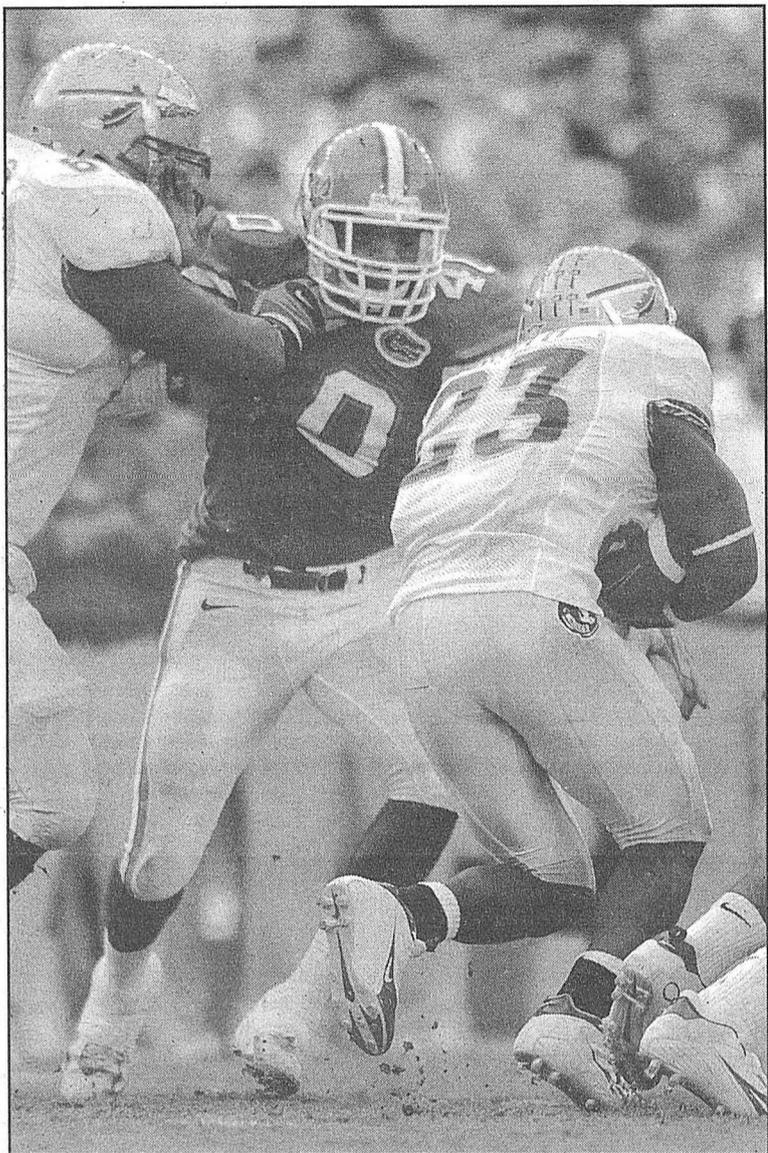
Then Herring met new coach Urban Meyer and it was a perfect match. Meyer refused to penalize Herring for his troubled past, instead giving the safety a fresh start. Meyer became so impressed with Herring's leadership qualities that he was named a captain. On more than one occasion, Meyer said he would be proud if his own son turned out to be like Herring.

But Herring didn't just excel in a leadership role. He finished the regular season fourth on the team in tackles and his overall stats were among the best on the team. And when free safety Kyle Jackson struggled, Herring picked up the slack.

"Since the day I was here, all [Herring] does is lead by example," Meyer said. "He's one of those guys that when he speaks people listen. I noticed that right away."

Season stats: 56 tackles, 2 sacks, 2 int, 1 fumble recovery, 1 forced fumble





Tim Casey / Alligator Staff

UF linebacker Brandon Siler attempts to tackle FSU tailback Antone Smith in UF's 34-7 victory against the Seminoles on Saturday.

FSU trash talk inspired UF

Defensive plays sealed win

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In the week leading up to the Florida State game, Coach Urban Meyer believed that his offense needed "big plays" in order for the Gators to win.

But it wasn't Meyer that necessarily motivated the Gators.

After UF's loss to South Carolina two weeks ago, FSU running back Lorenzo Booker said that the Gators did not even belong on the same field with FSU.

"It's personal when you talk trash to somebody and I took Booker's comments personally," Siler said. "I think half of the emotion we had out there was from the disrespect they showed us."

Booker finished with only four yards on six carries and had Siler to deal with after every carry.

"Whenever anybody talks trash before the game I remind them of the quote they said every time I hit them," Siler said.

"I'm not going to sit here and say that FSU had a great offense," Siler said. "For them to come and rip us apart before the game and for us to go out and whoop them, I'm not going to show them any respect all."

So in Saturday's 34-7 romp at

the Swamp, a motivated defense and special teams made big play after big play.

While Meyer wasn't completely satisfied with his offense's execution against the Seminoles, the defense made sure that FSU's offense could not get going.

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Brandon Siler
UF linebacker

The Gators recorded two interceptions, two fumble recoveries, a blocked field goal, five sacks and a turnover on downs in the lopsided victory. All came courtesy of the defense.

The game easily could have turned the Seminoles' way early, if not for extraordinary plays like the blocked field goal.

FSU was back in the game when quarterback Chris Leak had an interception returned to the Gators' 27-yard-line.

Kicker Gary Cismenia lined up for a 44-yard field goal that would have made it a 7-3 game.

Defensive tackle Marcus Thomas had other plans. Thomas

lifted himself over two Seminoles to block the attempt and cornerback Reggie Lewis returned it 52 yards to make it a 14-0 lead for the Gators.

"The blocked field goal that Reggie Lewis returned for a touchdown was the play of the day," Meyer said.

Suddenly, a 14-point lead seemed vast in a game where both offenses were held in check by the defenses.

"That would have been a big momentum change for Florida State if they had made the field goal," Lewis said. "Luckily, it went the opposite way, and I was able to come up with a big play for our team."

The Seminoles' offense finally began to threaten with about five minutes left in the third quarter. Quarterback Drew Weatherford had the ball at the UF 14 but forced a throw into double coverage in the end zone.

Safety Jarvis Herring picked off the pass and with it any hopes of a Seminoles victory.

Fellow secondary player Avery Atkins also contributed, despite the heated rivalry game being his first serious action of the entire season.

The freshman intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble caused by Herring and broke up two passes.

FSU 7 UF 34

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Florida State	0	0	0	7	7
Florida	0	14	3	17	34

Scoring summary

Second quarter

14:54 UF — Jackson, 8-yd pass from Leak (Hetland kick)
09:48 UF — Lewis, 52-yd blocked field goal return (Hetland kick)

Third quarter

07:27 UF — Hetland, 44-yd field goal

Fourth quarter

14:54 UF — Hetland, 34-yd field goal
14:22 UF — Baker, 15-yd pass from Leak (Hetland kick)
10:04 UF — Manson, 2-yd run (Hetland kick)
06:35 FSU — Fagg, 5-yd pass from Weatherford (Cismenia kick)

Team statistics

	FSU	UF
First downs	19	17
Rushing attempts	28	33
Net yards rushing	49	73
Passing yards	285	211
Total offensive yards	334	284
Fumbles: Number-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties: Number-yards	7-55	7-54
Possession time	26:34	31:25

► Seminoles

Rushing	NO	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	LG	AVG
Washington	11	50	4	46	0	11	4.2
Smith	3	14	0	14	0	9	4.7
Booker	6	9	5	4	0	8	0.7
Weatherford	8	16	31	-15	0	8	-1.9
Totals	28	89	40	49	0	11	1.8

Passing	Att-Comp	YDS	TD	INT
Weatherford	42-24	285	1	2

Receiving	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Reid	7	66	0	21
Fagg	5	68	1	22
Davis	5	58	0	21
Carr	1	45	0	45
Henshaw	1	16	0	16
Shaw	1	15	0	15
Carter	1	7	0	7
Coleman	1	6	0	6
Owens	1	3	0	3
Smith	1	1	0	1
Totals	24	285	1	45

Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG
Hall, C.	5	189	37.8	48

► Gators

Rushing	NO	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	LG	AVG
Manson	11	41	2	39	1	11	3.5
Wynn	12	37	10	27	0	13	2.2
Leak	7	32	12	20	0	11	2.9
Hand	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Moore	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0
Cornelius	1	0	9	-9	0	0	-9.0
Totals	33	111	38	73	1	13	2.2

Passing	Att-Comp	YDS	TD	INT
Leak	28-19	211	2	1

Receiving	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Jackson	9	97	1	29
Baker	3	38	1	15
Cornelius	2	32	0	23
Moore	2	4	0	6
Casey	1	33	0	33
Wynn	1	7	0	7
Manson	1	0	0	0
Totals	19	211	2	33

Punting	NO	YDS	AVG	LG
Wilbur	4	178	44.5	50

Making the grade

Running backs	C	Linebackers	B
Receivers	B+	Secondary	A
Quarterbacks	B+	Special teams	A
Offensive line	A	Coaching	A
Defensive line	A		

Quotable

"I have no fear in my heart."
— Freshman cornerback Avery Atkins

Win fueled by UF's stifling defense

RESERVES STEP UP IN BROWN'S ABSENCE.

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Vernell Brown couldn't make it on the field for the game against UF's most bitter

rival, so the Gators did the next best thing — they transformed their cornerbacks into replicas of Brown.

Brown, arguably one of UF's top defensive players this year who suffered a broken leg against Vanderbilt, was forced to watch UF's secondary give up huge plays in a 49-42 vic-

tory against the Commodores and a 28-21 loss to South Carolina a week later.

So for the next two weeks leading up to Saturday's game, Brown made it clear that kind of performance would lead to an embarrassing loss against the Seminoles.

His replacements listed. "Before the game, they had up clippings of Brown [and the other seniors] and I was in there crying because I knew how bad I wanted to [win for him] and how much I look up to him," freshman cornerback Avery Atkins said. "He's done everything for me and he's helped me out all season."

Atkins and Reggie Lewis came up with huge plays in the absence of Brown, and they held Florida State to just 7 points in the process.

"I knew we've got guys that can fill those shoes and they did it tonight," Brown said. "It feels great. All week, I tried to tell those two guys [to step it up] and they stepped up big. I knew they could."

Senior strong safety Jarvis Herring led the defensive charge with nine tackles and an interception, while free safety Reggie Nelson and linebacker Earl Everett added seven tackles apiece.

But UF couldn't have excelled on Saturday without such a strong effort by its cornerbacks.

Atkins — who hasn't seen much significant playing time

this year — finished with four tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery. He also made two key breakups that prevented the Seminoles from getting in the end zone.

"He played terrific," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "He was a guy that was forced into action against obviously a very talented FSU team."

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Avery Atkins
UF cornerback

"He made play after play after play. With the turnover he just covered well down the field, he played tremendous [as did] our defense all across the board."

Lewis, who started in place of Brown, became the first UF player in recorded history to return a blocked field goal for a touchdown.

He didn't know of the feat until reporters informed him after the game, and he paused for a few seconds to reflect on it before saying how special it was to earn a spot in the record books — especially after he

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Kiss your sister after this rout

Holy mother of Bobby Bowden, that was a dadgum spanking if I've ever seen one.

And that's how it ends folks, a memorable finale to a season full of mixed emotions. It almost leaves you with that strange "I just kissed my sister and I'm not sure if I liked it" feeling.



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Give the Gators due respect — they hadn't handled their bitter I-10 rivals

with that much tenacity since the national championship game nearly a decade ago.

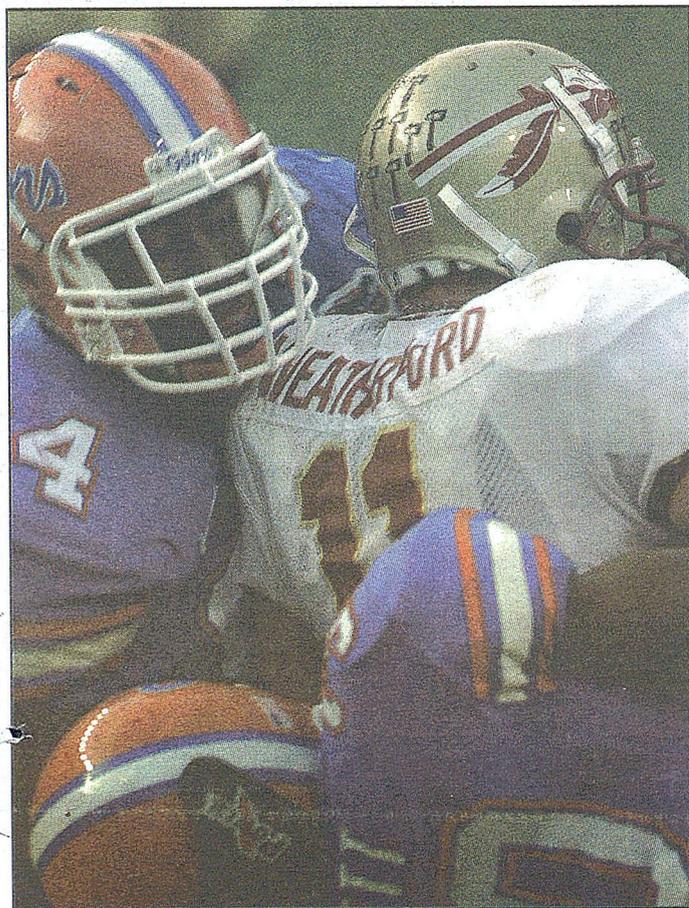
Yet somehow, somehow, UF defeated Tennessee, Georgia and Florida State in a regular single season for the first time since 1995, and all it bought the program was a likely December trip to Shreveport, La. (for the record, that's closer to Texas than New Orleans, and there's bound to be more mechanical-bull action than Mardi Gras-like celebration).

It also bought Urban Meyer about three months of restful sleep and some peace of mind, because the leeches — the media (I plead no contest), the fans, the Spurriers — were ready to crucify Meyer if he lost a fourth game. It turns out Meyer wasn't the Messiah, but he's still a promising young coach that finished a respectable 8-3 in a grueling conference.

In a decade that hasn't been kind to the Gators, they finished with their best regular season record in four years.

The problem? They chose the wrong year to merely im-

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UF's Avery Atkins helps Earl Everett sack FSU quarterback Drew Weatherford during the Gators' 34-7 win against FSU.

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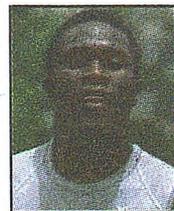
Top recruits commit to UF after FSU win

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The old saying "To the winner goes the spoils" could not have been more evident following UF's victory against rival Florida State as the Gators received three verbal commitments for the 2006 recruiting class immediately following the game.

Jarred Fayson, Jacques Rickerson and Bryan Thomas made their decisions public after visiting Gainesville for the weekend

and attending the game along with some of the country's top prospects.



Rickerson

"Jarred, Jacques, Brandon James and I — they call us the 'fantastic four' because

Receiver Jamar Hornsby, considered one of the most highly touted recruits in the country, committed earlier in the month and was excited to see that his friends were joining him.

we're always together," Hornsby said.

Brandon James, Rickerson's brother and teammate, is expected to make his decision in the next couple days.

Fayson, a 6-foot-2, 195-pound prospect and the top receiver in the southeast, said after the game he felt like the time was right.

"Everything was great," Fayson said. "I've been up to the campus several times and decided it was time to make a commitment. I would say that the deciding factor

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■ 1994: A 31-3 fourth quarter lead wasn't safe for the Gators as FSU scored 28 unanswered points. After the 'Noles final touchdown, they chose to go for the extra point instead of the 2-point conversion and the game ended in a 31-31 tie.

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UF vs. Alabama State
O'Connell Center, 7 p.m.

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