- Tim Tebow (PS#3), who runs like a FB, mostly ran QB draws as a true frosh. Tebow had a record breaking 2007 becoming the first soph to win the Heisman and was the first player in NCAA history with over 20 rush and 20 pass TD's in the same season. He set the school record for total offense and an NCAA record for rushing TD's by a QB. Tebow played with injuries in both '07 (shoulder) and '08 (knee). HC Urban Meyer did his best to limit Tebow's carries in '08 but he was still the #1 rusher with 673 (3.8) while throwing for 2,746 (64%) with an outstanding 30-4 ratio. Last year Tebow became the first player ever to be invited to the Heisman ceremony 3 times. He leaves with many school, SEC and NCAA records including most TD's rushing (beat Herschel Walker). Tebow threw for 2,895 (67.8%) with a 21-5 ratio and was the #1 rusher (910, 4.2). John Brantley saw most of his action vs CS, Troy and FIU. He played 10 gms in '08 throwing for 235 (64%, 3-1), but only 7 last year. He hit 36-48 (75%) for 410 yds with a 7-0 ratio but does not have Tebow's mobility. With Tebow moving on to the NFL (#1DC DEN) Brantley's backups are two true frosh. While I expect Brantley to have a good year, he is replacing one of the greatest players in college football history.

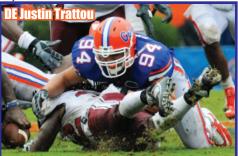
was very unhappy with the production of his RB's. In '07 Kestahn Moore led the RB's (#3 tm) with 580 (5.6). In '08 Meyer used 3 different RB's in USC transfer Emmanuel Moody (PS#6), true frosh track champ Jeff Demps (PS#28) and rFr Chris Rainey (PS#15). While individually the stats were not overwhelming, the combination was outstanding with Rainey having 652 (7.8), Demps 605 (7.8) and Moody (inj plagued) 417 (7.2). The 3 VHT's combined for 1,674 and 7.6 ypc and all 3 ret'd last yr. Demps was the #1 RB rusher with 745 (7.5) while Rainey added 575 (6.5) and Moody 378 (6.5) combining for 1,698 (6.9). All three return again and Mike Gillislee (PS#46), who beat Rainey in a 40 yd dash, had 267 (8.6) as a true. Rainey worked at the position (slot receiver) in spring. Not listed below are FB's TJ Pridemore (6'1" 247 So, PS#75) and Steven Wilks (6'1" 235 Jr, PS#236). It looks like the Gators will finally have a RB lead the team in rushing for the first time since '06

Fig. - In 2008 Percy Harvin (PS#1), who led in '07 with 858 (14.5) was #2 with 644 (16.1). Louis Murphy, who had 548 (14.8) in '07 was #1 with 655 (17.2). Last year both Harvin (MIN) and Murphy (OAK) were st'rs in the NFL and the Gators, who ret'd almost everyone from their '08 Title team had the biggest question marks in this unit. TE Aaron Hernandez (PS#1) won the Mackey Award and led in rec's with 68 (12.5). Riley Cooper (PS#15) led in yards (961, 18.8) and soph Deonte Thompson (PS#4) had 343 (14.3). David Nelson (PS#19) added 291 (11.6). This year they lose Hernandez (13 st, #4DC NE), Cooper (14 st, #5DC PHI), Nelson (9 st), Brandon James (4 st, 215 yd) but add 6'3" Carl Moore (PS#1JC, RS LY, 8 rec spg gm) and rFr Andre Debose (PS#2).

They are less exp'd but could be more productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2007 UF had to replace 2 OL st'rs and Maurkice Pouncey became the first true frosh OL to start an opener here since 1992. With Tebow and Harvin combining for 1,659 rush yds, the Gators averaged 200 ypg rush (5.3), their best ypg since '89 (13 sks, 3.6%). In '08 they had 3 st'rs back and added LT Phil Trautwein (2nd Tm SEC '06, inj '07). The team improved to 231 ypg (5.9) with 16 sks (4.9%). Last year they had to replace 2 st'rs and figured to have one of the top OL's in the NCAA. True frosh Xavier Nixon (PS#1) was called the most athletic lineman and started the final 5. The line paved the way for 222 ypg rush (5.6) but allowed 30 sks (8.2%). This year they lose 1st Tm AA C Maurkice Pouncey (14 st, 3Y st'r,

#1DC PIT) but his twin brother Mike (PS#44) moves to C from OG. Not in the PSL are Shawn Schmieder (6'4" 272 Jr), Gary Beemer (5'11" 265 Sr) and William Steinmann (6'5" 272 Jr) This group has 87 career starts (8 VHT's in the 2 deep) and while their rushing numbers will drop with a less mobile QB, they remain one of the NCAA's elite OL's.



F LINE - In the Gators' 2006 National Title year they had a veteran DL that yielded just 73 ypg rush (2.7) their best since 1997 (69, 2.1). In 2007 they had to replace 4 NFL DC's (#1, #3, #4, #4) but still allowed just 103 ypg rush (3.0). In '08 they had to replace 2 st'rs (#1DC) and then a ret st'r and a proj st'r missed most of '08. UF allowed 105 ypg (3.4) with 34 sks. Last year the entire 2 deep ret'd but they suffered through an inj and susp plagued year (no DL w/13 sts) with only 3 having more than 8 sts. UF still slightly improved to 100 ypg (3.1) with 39 sks. If you take away the SEC Title game debacle, they allowed just 88 ypg rush (2.9). This year they lose 1st Tm SEC DE Carlos Dunlap (12 st, 38 tkl, 9 sk, #2DC CIN), 1st Tm SEC DE Jermaine Cunningham (12 st, 34 tkl, 7 sk, #2DC NE) and DT Troy Epps (5 tkl). All 4 proj st'rs are VHT's and they get back DT Lawrence Marsh (13 sts '08). This is still one of the premier DL's (8 w/st exp) but is a little less exp'd. Not in the PSL are Glen Watson (6'2" 299 So), Brandon Antwine (6'0" 297 Sr, PS#73) and Kedric Johnson (6'4" 230 rFr, PS#172)

**188** - In 2007 and 2008 the Gator LB's had starts combined. All 77 starts ret'd in '09 and 10 of the top 11 LB's were VHT's. This year they lose Brandon Spikes who earned 1st Tm AA (12 st, #3 tkl'r, 6.5 tfl, #2DC NE), WLB Ryan Stamper (14 st, #1 tkl'r, 5.5 tfl) and Dustin Doe (2 st '09, #5 tkl'r, 16 st '06-'08). This is still a quality unit (9 VHT, 3 deep) including AJ Jones (29 car sts) and Brandon Hicks (9 car sts) but they were just the #9 and #11 tkl'rs last year.

The Gators had to replace 3 st'rs in '06 but moved up to #3 in my PDR. In '07 they had to replace 3 st'rs (1st and 2nd Tm AA). UF plummeted to #72. In '08 when picked the Gators #1 in my magazine, the most FAQ was "with that secondary?" I noted that they only had to replace 1.5 st'rs and I expected significant improvement and UF moved up to #5 (12-26 ratio). Last year the unit ret'd intact including the NCAA's top CB (Joe Haden). UF finished #7 (10-20 ratio). This year they lose 1st Tm AA CB Haden (14 st, 68 tkl, 4 int, 10 pbu, #1DC CLE) FS Major Wright (12 st, 32 tkl, 3 int, #3DC CHI) and CB Markine Anderson (1 st, 20 tkl, 1 sk). Taking over for Wright is Will Hill (PS#2) who is considered one of the team's best defensive players and should thrive with 1/2 of their super CB tandem returning in Janoris Jenkins. Four VHT true frosh were IFS. Despite the losses, this is still clearly one of the top secondaries again.

L TEAMS - Urban Meyer coaches the ST unit himself. In his first 4 years ('05-'08) the Gators were #26, #55, #20 and #13 in my ST rankings. He uses a lot of st'rs on the units.

KR Brandon James avg 23.1 on KR's (13.8 PR) in '08 and last year got the first UF KRTD since 1999 (123 gm streak). He had 4 career PRTD's. K Caleb Sturgis (PS#6) hit 22-30 FG's (long 56, 3 miss 50+). Sturgis had 10 TB's on 99 KO's. Punter Chas Henry improved to 43.4 with an amazing 41.0 net. After 8 games they had allowed zero PR yards. UF finished #9 in my ST rankings. This year they lose James but have plenty of speed to fill in on returns and have one of the nation's best P/K combos.

🌃 - Urban Meyer became a HC in 2001 and was 17-6 at Bowling Green ('01-'02). He moved on to Utah (22-2) and coached a 13-0 season with a BCS bowl win (#4 AP). Meyer has 2 Nat'l Titles in 5 yrs here. He took a leave of absence after the bowl for health reasons but was back for the spring. OC Steve Addazio was the interim HC while Meyer was gone and was the TE/OL coach here since '05 before his promotion to OC in '09. Charlie Strong was the DC here for 7 yrs but takes over as Louisville's HC. George Edwards was hired as the new DC in Jan but he left (now DC of BUF Bills) and Teryl Austin (DB coach Arizona NFL L3Y) is the main DC with promoted safeties coach Chuck Heater (on Meyer's staff since '04) as co-DC

In 2005 Urban Meyer inherited 15 st'rs. He was 6-0 at home and swept Fla St, Tenn and Georgia for just the 4th time in school history. They finished 9-3 (#12). Everything went their way in the magical 2006 National Title year with many close and fortuitous wins. They narrowly got to the Title game in the BCS vote but dominated Ohio St allowing just 82 yards. In 2007 the Gators were the favorite to win SEC (#6 AP). I was beat up pretty good by Gator fans over the summer as I had UF tied at 3rd in the SEC East and #14 in my Top 25 which was lower than any other source documented by stassen.com. The Gators finished just 9-4 and #13 after their Capital One Bowl loss. In '08 Georgia was the AP #1 but numerous factors had me calling for the Gators to not only top them in the SEC East but to finish #1 in the country. The Gators were a stronger team in '08 than they were in their 2006 National Title year. In 2006 they outgained SEC foes by 42.5 ypg and in '08 they were #1 (+133.4 ypg). In '06 their average win was only 29.7-13.5. In '08 it was a dominating 43.6-12.9. The Gators' only loss in '08 was vs Ole Miss, a game in which UF had a 443-325 yd edge and was SOD on a late 4th & 1 passing up a long FG. Unlike '06 which featured weekly escapes, '08 did not have a single win by less than 10. Everyone always asks me which team is my favorite and I reply, "the team I pick #1" so I was clearly a Gator fan in the BCS Title game when they beat Okla 24-14 (480-363 yd edge). Florida benefitted from +22 TO's in '08 and only had 3 SEC HG's in '09 but had all 11 st'rs back on defense and 7 on offense including Tim Tebow. All 9 sets of my power ratings called for Florida to go 12-0. The Gators received 58 of 60 1st place votes in the preseason AP poll, the highest ever (USC 95.4% in '07). The Gators did indeed go 12-0 even surviving a Tebow concussion. Tebow was questionable prior to their trip to #4 LSU in Death Valley at night but UF still prevailed with 327-162 yd edge ending LSU'ś streǎk of 32 straight Sat night home wins. They had a couple of narrow escapes as they got some fortunate ref calls in their 3 pt home win over Ark and only led SC by 3 in the 4Q. They still were favored in the SEC Title game and 1 step from reaching the National Title game but Alabama dominated (outgained 490-335). Prior to the bowl, Urban Meyer announced he was quitting then said he would take a leave of absence instead. Undefeated #4 Cincy was without HC Brian Kelly. The Gators played with passion in Tebow's final game and routed the Bearcats 51-24 with a 659-246 yd edge. UF was a league best +140.4 ypg in SEC play. This year they have just 11 ret st'rs and must replace Tebow. They also must travel to Alabama in SEC play. This year's team is not as deep or exp'd as the '09 version but has my #1 rated D in the SEC and they are still legitimate National Title contenders

6-3 218 **PS#4**. 10 gm, 235 (64%), 3-1 ratio as rFr. 7 QB 12 John Brantley Jr. am. 410 (75%), 7-0, 67 rush (5.2) LY. 13 Trey Burton PS#26. IFS. Tyler Murphy PS#246. RB 2 JEFF DEMPS JR. 5-8 184 **PS#28**. 17 st, 1350 (7.6) 2Y, 3rd Tm SEC LY. 21 Emmanuel Moody (5'11" 212 Sr) PS#6. 2 st, 795 (6.9) 2Y at UF. Mike Gillislee (5'11" 191 So) PS#46. SL 3 Chris Rainey Jr. 5-9 176 PS#15.3st RB, 1227 rush, 198 rec 2Y.4 And Debose (5'11" 183 rFr) PS#2. 83 Solomon Patton PS#37. IFS. Chris Dunkley is PS#11. 5-9 176 PS#15.3st RB. 1227 rush, 198 rec 2Y.4 Andre WR 6 DEONTE THOMPSON JR. 5-11 203 **PS#4**. 12 st, 612 (14.6) 2Y. 82 Omarius Hines (6'0 219 So) PS#30. 172 (12.3). Stephen Alli (6'5" 214 rFr) PS#55. TJ Lawrence (6'1" 193 So) PS#37. WR 9 Carl Moore Sr. 6-3 222 PS#1JC.1 st, 184 (13.1) '08. RS (inj) LY. 85 Frankie Hammond (5'11" 178 So) PS#53. 4 rec rFr. 7 Justin Williams (6'0" 205 Sr) PS#22. 24 tkl, 6 rec 3Y. TE 11 Jordan Reed rFr. 6-3 240 PS#25QB.TE/Wildcat QB.32 Gerald Christian PS#2. IFS. 80 Desmond Parks (6'4" 238 rFr) PS#45. Michael McFarland PS#26. C 55 MIKE POUNCEY SR. 6-4 310 PS#44.4 st DT true. 14 st RG '08.14 st OG, 2nd 295 rFr) PS#11, LS 59 Christopher Guido (6'2" 223 rFr). Tm AA LY. 58 Nick Alaiaijan (6'4" RG 66 James Wilson Jr. 6-3 315 PS#3. 10 gm rFr. 4 st LG, 14 gm LY. 78 David Young (6'4" 304 So) PS#167. 13 gm rFr. 50 Sam Robey (6'4" 293 So) PS#82DL. 13 gm rFr.

74 Maurice Hurt (6'3" 320 Sr) PS#104 6 st at OG 3Y Jonotthan Harrison (6'3" 305 rFr) PS#65 RT 76 MARCUS GILBERT SR. 6-5 322 PS#30.3st OG, 26 gm 2Y.14st RT, 4th Tm SEC LY. 77 Ian Silberman PS#24. IFS. Chaz Green is PS#5. 63 Cole Gilliam (6'4" 311 rFr). LT 73 XAVIER NIXON SO. 6-5 300 PS#1. 5 st LT, 10 gm, SEC Fr Tm true. 71 Matt

6-5 360 PS#2. 11 gm rFr. 8 st LG '08. 14 st (9 LT, 5 LG) LY.

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Patchan (6'6" 273 Jr) PS#8. 1 st D7 true. 4 gm (ACL) LY. 67 Jon Halapio (6'3" 305 rFr) PS#116. K 19 CALEB STURGIS JR. 5-10 192 PS#6. 2-2 PAT, 90 KO, 12 TB true. 22-30 FG,

6-3 252 PS#11. 14 st, 47 tkl, 5 sk 2Y. 4 st, 17 tkl, 4.5 tfl DE 94 Justin Trattou Sr. IY Ronald Powell PS#1 34 Lerentee McCray (6'2" 240 Jr) PS#17, 10 tkl 2Y Neiron Ball IFS NT 99 OMAR HUNTER SO. 6-0 307 PS#8, 3 gm true, 11 st. 17 tkl, 3rd Tm Fr AA LY rsh (6'5" 288 Sr) PS#85. 13 st, 33 tkl, 2Y. 8 tkl, 9 gm (inj) LY. Sharrif Floyd PS#3. 90 Lawren DT 6 JAYE HOWARD JR. 6-3 295 PS#23. 8 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 4 st, 29 tkl, 3 tfl LY.

2 Terron Sanders (6'1" 312 Sr S#69. 12 st, 25 tkl, 2Y. 8 st, 19 tkl LY. Dominique Easley PS#6. DE 96 William Green Jr. 6-3 250 PS#5.7 tkl true. 1 st. 3 tfl LY. 44 Duke Lemmens (6'3 253 Sr) PS#50. 13 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 10 tkl LY. Lynden Trail PS#41. 91 Earl Okine (6'6" 280 So) PS#65. SLB 16 AJ JONES SR. 6-1 226 PS#41.18 st, 71 tkl, 2Y.11 st, 37 tkl LY.26 Lorenzo Edwards (6'1" 246 Sr) **PS#16**. 30 tkl 2Y. 13 tkl LY. **13** Dee Finley (6'2" 208 So) **PS#20**. 7 tkl true. MLB **52** Jonathan Bostic So. 6-1 236 **PS#14**. 18 tkl, 12 gm as true. **54** Brendan Beal Michael Taylor PS#31. 46 Michael Ross (5'11" 222 So). (6'3" 246 So) PS#3. Out L2Y (inj).

WLB 43 Jelani Jenkins rFr. 6-0 220 PS#2. 2 gm, 2 tkl, MedRS LY. 40 Brandon Hicks (6'2" 228 Sr) PS#19. 6 st. 47 tkl. 2Y. 3 st. 32 tkl. 4 sk LY. 32 Scott Peek (6'1" 216 So) PS#405 CB 1 JANORIS JENKINS JR. 5-11 186 PS#10, 12 st, 39 tkl true, 13 st, 38 tkl LY, 14 Jaylen Watkins PS#11. IFS. Cody Riggs PS#28. 27 Adrian Bushell (5'9" 183 So) PS#43. 14 tkl rFr.

CB 29 Joshua Shaw Fr. 6-0 189 PS#7. IFS. Jeremy Brown (5'10" 182 So) PS#48 Moses Jenkins (6'2" 188 Sr) 22 tkl 3Y. **34** Tim Clark (5'9" 193 rFr). Ćorey Henderson (6'0" 170 Jr). SS 35 AHMAD BLACK SR. 5-9 189 **PS#59**. 7 tkl true, 14 st, 59 tkl, 7 int '08, 12 st, 70 tkl, 4th Tm SEC LY. 22 Matt Elam PS#1. IFS. 24 Josh Evans (6'1" 191 So) PS#54. 6 tkl true. FS 10 Will Hill Jr. 6-1 204 PS#2. 48 tkl, 2 int true. 5 st, 14 gm, 42 tkl LY. 39 Jordan Haden PS#20. IFS. P 17 CHAS HENDY CO. an Dowling PS#18. Miguel Carodine (5'10" 210 Sr). 1 tkl 3Y.

6-3 222 PS#20.37 punts (39.3),13 gm true. 44 (43.4) '08. L/56, 99 KO, 10 TB LY. 86 Eric Strack (510" 167 rFr) PS#84. John Crofoot (5'11" 147 rFr). 41.0 net '09. 2nd Tm SEC 4Y. 40 David Lerner (5'11" 209 So). 98 Zachary Brust (6'1' 168 Sr).

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