

GEORGIA BULLDOGS



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2014

QUARTERBACKS - While he never led the Bulldogs on a SEC Title, Aaron Murray broke nearly every career SEC passing record. LY Murray was a Heisman frontrunner. He was 1-5 career vs Top 10 tms but beat two LY (SC & LSU, both AP #6). However, injuries to his skill players led to B2B losses at midssn. He still broke the SEC record for career pass yds (UGA David Greene '01-'04) and td's (UF Danny Wuerffel '93-'96). Murray threw for 3,075 (64.8%, 26-9, 186 rush) becoming just the 4th QB in NCAA history (1st SEC) to notch 4 ssns w/at least 3,000 pass yds (Timmy Chang-Hawaii, Kellen Moore-Boise & Landry Jones-Okla). Unfortunately, in his schl-record breaking 52nd career start (Greene), he tore his ACL. As a true, 6'3" Hutson Mason (PS#43) became the 2nd QB in NCAA history to throw a td on his first career snap (9-17-102-1-0) and in '11 threw for 254 (60%, 2-0). In '12 he RS. LY Mason, who prefers a more up tempo offense threw for 968 (60.9%, 5-3) and led UGA to a 20 pt come-from-behind win over GT. He will be backed by VHT's rFr Brice Ramsey (PS#5) and true Jacob Park (PS#8 IFS) as well as Faton Bauta (PS#35). OC Mike Bobo, who also played QB here, called Murray (#5DC KC) the best QB ever to play here. Despite his loss I look for solid stats from the Bulldog QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Isaiah Crowell led in '11 with 850 (4.6) and many said that UGA was in trouble when he was lost prior to '12. I, however, pointed out that they were actually in BETTER shape as while the starting job would be held for a 2nd straight yr by a true frosh, they now had 2 VHT's in Keith Marshall (PS#2) & Todd Gurley (PS#19). They were so impressive that the term "Gurshall" was formed (last names and reminder of Herschel Walker). They were the most productive frosh duo in schl history and comb'd for 25 td's. Marshall had 759 (6.5) while Gurley became just the 2nd UGA true frosh RB (Walker '80) to top 1,000 (1385, 6.2). LY the RB's were ravaged by injury, like the rest of the tm. Gurley had 450 (6.3) in the 1st 4 before missing the next 3. Marshall (246, 4.4) ran for 96 (4.8) vs LSU but then was OFY vs Tenn. True frosh JJ Green had 129 (7.6) vs Tenn (gm 5) and finished #2 w/384 (5.6) while Brendan Douglas (5'11" 202 So, PS#143) was #3 w/345 (4.1). Gurley came back vs UF (gm #8) and ran for at least 75+ in each of the last 6 also picking up the slack for the inj'd rec corps (441, 11.9, 6 tkl). He finished #1 (989, 6.0, #4 rec). TY they add in PS#4 Sony Michel & PS#9 Nick Chubb! Not listed is AJ Turman (6'0" 198 rFr, PS#24) and Dominic Bryan (6'0" 236 So, PS#118). With a healthy Gurley and Marshall this could be the deepest and most talented RB corps in the country (pg 18).

RECEIVERS - In each of the L/2 yrs the UGA rec corps has been ravaged by injury. In '12 soph Malcolm Mitchell (PS#18,

665, 14.8 in '11) began at DB but moved back to WR in wk 5 and finished #2 w/572 (14.3). Tavarres King (PS#6) led with 950 (22.6!) while TE Arthur Lynch had 431 (18.0). Michael Bennett was #1 in rec after 5 but was OFY. Marlon Brown (PS#3) had 469 (17.4) when he was OFY after 8. LY they lost King and Brown. Mitchell was OFY in Wk 1. Vs Tenn (gm 5) they lost both Bennett (miss 2) and Justin Scott-Wesley (OFY 311, 19.4). Bennett finished #2 (538, 13.1) while Chris Conley led (651, 14.5, miss 2). True frosh speedster Reggie Davis (98 yd td vs NT longest schl hist) had 257 (23.4). Bkp TE Jay Rome (PS#3) was OFY after 8 (99 11.0). TY they lose Lynch (11 st, 459, 15.3, #5DC MIA), Rantavious Wooten (6 st, 424, 14.1) and Rhett McGowan (4 st, 233, 11.6). The top 2 return as well as LY's inj'd players, so I expect UGA to have one of the SEC's best rec corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UGA's OL's underachieved in '10 (155 car sts) and '11 (86 car sts) as they avg just 4.1 and 3.9 ypc. In '12 they had to replace a comb 125 sts incl a 4th Tm AA C (#4DC), a 3rd Tm AA LT (#2DC) and a #7DC RT. They ret'd just 31 car sts. John Theus (PS#3) became just the 3rd true frosh to start an opener here at OT s/73. Once again the Bulldogs surprised, this time in a good way (183 ypg) and their 4.9 ypc was best s/92. LY the line ret'd intact (101 car sts). Despite RB's Gurley & Marshall having 118 less carries than '12, the Bulldogs still avg'd 170 rush ypg (4.5) and only all'd 13 sks (3.4%) the F/1 before Murray's inj (9 sks L/2). TY they lose LT Kenarious Gates (13 st, 3Y str), LG Dallas Lee (12 st, 3Y str) & RG Chris Burnette (13 st, 3Y str). Their car sts drop to 54 but the OL stats won't drop as much as you would think with the unit loaded with VHT's and healthier RB's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Former DC Todd Grantham's system required a large NT and in '11 they had 351 and 350 lb NT's rotating. That helped them allow just 101 ypg rush (3.2, 35 sk). They had 5 of the top 6 back in '12. It was surprising they allowed 299 ypg (5.3) in their final 4 (did face 2 option tms) and yielded 182 ypg (4.1) rush, worst s/94. LY they had to replace a #6DC DE, a #3DC NT and 2 bkps (5 st). They did return Garrison Smith (PS#13), their top DL tkl'r (57). With an inexp'd D overall and replacing 2 st's, the DL did well at 148 ypg (3.7, 33 sk). TY they lose DT Smith (13 st, #4 tkl'r, 6 sk, 4 tfl, 12 qb) but have 5 of the top 6 back incl Ray Drew who finally lived up to his PS#3 billing w/6 sks. This group is more exp'd and stronger.

LINEBACKERS - In '12 UGA's LB corps ret'd intact and they all'd just 19.6 ppg (best s/06). LY the losses were heavy as they had to replace a 3rd Tm AA (#1DC), a 2x 1st Tm AA (#1DC) and their #7 and #11 tkl'r's. They did return Amaro Herrera (PS#27, #5 tkl'r) and Jordan Jenkins (PS#9, #13 tkl'r). UGA's entire D was young LY, then banded up and all'd 29.0 ppg. TY the unit returns intact (#1, #2, #7 and #8 tkl'r's) and LY's extremely young LB corps now becomes a veteran group incl 3rd Tm AA Ramik Wilson and 2nd Tm SEC Jenkins.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - LY UGA had to replace both CB's (#9 tkl'r, #5DC & #14 tkl'r, 9 st, 25 tkl), their SS (#2 tkl'r, #3DC) and 2nd Tm SEC FS Bacari Rambo (#4 tkl'r, #6DC) whose 16 career int's tied Jake Scott's schl record. With inexp throughout the D, UGA dropped to #90 (57.9%, 18-7) in my PDR. Inj's cost FS Tray Matthews (PS#14) & CB Brendan Langley (PS#27) each 5 sts. This unit is pretty easy to call. Nine DB's st'd LY incl 4 true frosh. Six return along with LY's #2 rusher JJ Green who moved in during the spg. They lose Josh Harvey-Clemons (11 st, #3 tkl'r, 6 pd), CB Shaq Wiggins (8 st, 19 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu as true, trans), Connor Norman (2 st, 24 tkl) and 2 bkps (3 tkl). After having their lowest finish in my PDR ever, the Bulldogs could have the most improved secondary in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After a shocking #81 finish in '11 (ret'd AA P & 1st Tm SEC K), UGA climbed to #30 in '12 despite having

to start a pair of true frosh at K/P. LY everyone ret'd but for the 3rd consec ssn, expectations were not met (#58). K Marshall Morgan was susp F/2 gms and they had snapping issues incl a costly one vs Clem in the opener. Morgan still finished as one of the best in the country hitting 22-24 (L56!). Collin Barber avg 44.1 & while he was inj'd Adam Erickson filled in admirably avg 40.5 (tm net 39.2, #17 FBS). UGA only avg'd 2.9 on PR and 18.6 on KR and were -3 in td/bk. TY everyone returns and they should be back to their usual Top 30 finish (10 of L14Y).

COACHES - Mark Richt is in his 14th ssn here (Fla St OC TY prior) and has taken the Bulldogs to 13 bowls reaching DD wins 8x's. Mike Bobo was a QB here and has been the QB cch s/01. He became the youngest coach (32) in the SEC when he was promoted in '07. The new DC is Jeremy Pruitt who spent 3Y as Bama's DB coach before taking over as Fla St's DC LY.

ALSO ON ROSTER:

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| RB Kyle Vagher 5'9" 206 Jr. | WR Cameron Faulkner 5'11" 240 Sr. | LB Ridge Underwood 6'2" 230 So |
| RB Kyle Karampulis 5'9" 180 Sr. | WR Clay Johnson 6'1" 171 So | LB Dillard Pinkston 6'3" 218 So |
| FB Taylor Maxey 5'10" 220 Sr. | TE Michael Erdman 5'10" 191 Sr. | S Javonte Nelson 5'11" 198 Jr. |
| FB Sam Kemm 5'10" 222 Fr. | TE Jack Loonam 6'0" 213 Jr. | S Jonah Gunn 6'0" 210 So |
| | TE Jared Chapple 6'4" 227 So | S Devin Gillespie 5'10" 189 So |

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Richt's 2nd ssn ('02) he led UGA to its first SEC Title in 20 yrs and set a schl record with 13 wins (#3 AP). Only UGA and USC finished in the Top 10 each year from '02-'05. UGA's D finished in the Top 20 for 7 str yrs ('01-'07). Richt became the then-5th SEC HC to win 10+ in 4 straight yrs (Bryant, Dooley, Fulmer, Spurrier and now also Saban). Richt started 7-4 vs top 10 teams but starting in '08 went 1-9 before splitting the last 6. In '07 UGA was the consensus pick for 3rd in the East and I picked them tied for the East Title and they were, finishing #2 AP. In '08 they were tagged #1 Preseason AP but I had UGA 2nd in the East due to a tough schedule and they slipped to 10-3 (#13). After surprising 8-5 and 6-7 seasons, in '11 UGA only had 12 ret st's but I called them one of my Most Improved Teams and they were my upset pick to win the East (no LSU, Bama, Ark on sked). UGA got to the SEC Title game. In '12 UGA was #6 to start and got to the SEC Title gm again, losing to Bama 32-28 running out of time inside the UA10 at the end. LY UGA had just 11 ret st's and my Stock Market Indicator had them at -4 and they were +11 in TO's in '12. They drew LSU from the West but got SC at home. They faced 3 top 10 tms in the first 4 wks. Clem had a great sked edge with only SCST on deck while UGA had SC. UGA had a 545-467 yd edge but lost 38-35 thanks in part to a bobbled fg snap. They beat SC 41-30 at home. Two wks later they got a td w/1:47 left to get past #6 LSU 44-41. RB's Gurley & Marshall were both inj'd vs Tenn and while UGA led 17-3 at half they needed a td w/0:5 left to force OT & escaped 34-31. UGA was missing its top 2 RB's and 3 of their top 4 WR's and their 15 gm home win streak was snapped by Mizz, 41-26. A still banged up UGA led 24-14 vs VU but a couple of key 4th down conv incl a ? targeting call all'd VU to pull the upset. They led Fla 23-3 at half and held on 23-20. They trailed Auburn 37-17 in the 4Q but took their only lead w/1:49 left. They then gave up the "Immaculate Deflection" for a tough 43-38 loss. In an Aub/GT sandwich they still crushed UK 59-17. In Mason's first start they trailed GT 20-7 at the half (279-152 yd deficit) but forced OT and won it in the 2nd OT and Richt moved to 12-1 vs the instate rival. Mason hit 21-39-320 in the bowl (UGA 416-307 yd edge). Trailing 24-19 they were SOD at the Neb 14 & 16. While UGA finished with 5 or more losses for the only the 3rd time in 17 yrs, they all came within the L5. While Murray departs their RB's & WR's are now healthy and 8 st's ret from a D that was very young LY that all'd 29 ppg which was 2nd highest in UGA history (1905, 31.3). UGA does have to play SC on the road and draws Aub and has just 3 SEC HG's. They are a +3.0 on the Stock Market, were -7 in TO's and had -4 net upsets LY all indicators pointing upward. UGA is a legitimate contender in the SEC East.

OFFENSE

JERSEY #
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2014 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

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DEFENSE

QB 14 Hutson Mason Sr. 6-3 202 PS#43. 8 gm, 356 (57%, 3-0) 2Y. RS '12. L/2 st, 5 gm, 968 (61%, 5-3) LY. 10 Faton Bauta (6'3" 216 So) PS#35. 3 gm rFr. **12 Brice Ramsey** (6'3" 205 rFr) **PS#5. 7 Jacob Park** (6'4" 210 Fr) **PS#8. IFS.**
RB 3 TODD GURLEY JR. 6-1 232 PS#19. 12 st, 1385 (6.2), 1st Tm SEC true. 10 st (inj), 989 (6.0), 441 rec (11.9), 2nd Tm SEC LY. **4 Keith Marshall** (5'11" 219 Jr) **PS#2. 1 st, 14 gm, 759 (6.5) true. 1 st, 5 gm (ACL), 246 (4.4) LY.**
WR 26 MALCOLM MITCHELL SR. 6-1 190 PS#18. 9 st, 665 (14.8) true. 6 st, 572 (14.3) '12. 1 st (inj) LY. **86 Justin Scott-Wesley** (5'11" 206 Jr) **PS#31. 135 (22.5) rFr. 4 st, 5 gm (inj), 311 (19.4) LY.** **43 Merritt Hall** (5'11" 226 Jr) 7 st 2Y.
WR 31 CHRIS CONLEY SR. 6-3 206 PS#41. 3 st, 25 gm, 630 (17.5) 2Y. 9 st, 11 gm, 651 (14.5) LY. **81 Reggie Davis** (6'0" 159 So) **PS#58. 11 gm, 257 (23.4) true. Rico Johnson** (6'2" 179 So) **PS#140. 2 rec rFr.**
WR 82 MICHAEL BENNETT SR. 6-3 205 PS#70. 7 st, 19 gm, 665 (11.9) 2Y. 9 st, 538 (13.1) LY. **18 Jonathon Rumph** (6'5" 208 Sr) **PS#8JC. 5 gm (inj), 121 (17.3) LY.** **9 Kenneth Thomas** (6'3" 201 So). Shakeneth Williams is **PS#48.**
TE 87 Jay Rome Jr. 6-6 254 PS#3. 2 st, 251 (12.6) 2Y. OFS (foot). **85 Jordan Davis** (6'4" 225 rFr) **PS#20.**
8 Quayvon Hicks (6'2" 257 Jr) **PS#70. 10 gm true. 6 st Fr, 67 rec (13.4) LY.** **Jeb Blazevich** (6'5" 230 Fr) **PS#3.**
C 61 DAVID ANDREWS SR. 6-2 195 PS#70. 10 gm true. 14 st, 12 gm, 13 gm Josh Cardelli (6'3" 299 Fr) **PS#60. 77 Glenn Welch** (6'3" 290 rFr). **LS 49 Nathan Theus** (6'3" 241 Jr, 25 gm 2Y). **69 Trent Frix** (6'0" 218 So).
RG 73 Greg Pyke So. 6-6 326 PS#87. 2 gm rFr. **66 Hunter Long** (6'4" 312 Jr) **PS#92. 5 gm 3Y.** Isaiah Wynn (6'2" 269 Fr) **PS#25.** US Army AA. **Jake Edwards** (6'4" 271 Fr) **PS#76. 74 Thomas Swilley** (6'3" 320 rFr).
LG 54 Brandon Kublanow So. 6-3 290 PS#28. 9 gm true. **76 Zach DeBell** (6'6" 273 Jr) **PS#34. 5 gm rFr. 1 gm LY.** Dyshon Sims (6'4" 278 Fr) **PS#39. 55 Billy Seward** (6'3" 270 rFr). **67 Michael Scullin** (6'2" 285 rFr).
RT 75 KOLTON HOUTSON SR. 6-5 280 PS#39. RS '10. Ineligible 2Y. 6 st, 13 gm LY. **78 Watts Dantzier** (6'7" 307 Sr) **PS#27. 9 gm 2Y.** 13 gm LY. **Kendall Baker** (6'6" 275 Fr) **PS#40. 65 Eddie McQuillen** (6'8" 300 Jr) **ACL SG '14.**
LT 71 John Theus Jr. 6-6 298 PS#3. 14 st, Fr AA true. 5 st RT, 13 gm LY. **Frank Beard** (6'3" 300 Sr).
PS#43JC. 2 st '12. 12 gm LY. **63 Xzavier Ward** (6'7" 278 Jr) **PS#60. 85 Aulden Bynum** (6'5" 261 Fr) **PS#81. 27 gm.**
K 13 MARSHALL MORGAN JR. 6-3 200 PS#9. 8-14 flg, 15 LG, 52-67 PAT true. 11 gm (susp), 22-24 flg, L/56, 46 spg.

DE 58 Sterling Bailey Jr. 6-3 282 PS#19. 3 gm, 1 tkl rFr. 8 st, 13 gm, 34 tkl, 1 sk, 8 qb LY. **97 John Atkins** (6'4" 322 rFr) **PS#72. 91 Josh Dawson** (6'4" 275 Jr) **PS#46. 13 gm, 5 tkl true. 1 st, 12 gm, 8 tkl, 1 sk LY.**
NOSE 94 JON TAYLOR SO. 6-4 336 PS#14. 10 gm, 9 tkl, 1 sk rFr. **93 Chris Mayes** (6'4" 321 Jr) **PS#79JC.**
8 st, (1 NT, 7 DE), 31 tkl, 1 sk LY. **96 Mike Thornton** (6'1" 290 Sr) **PS#53. 21 gm, 2 tkl, 2Y, 11 gm, 5 tkl, 1 sk LY.**
DE 47 RAY DREW SR. 6-5 276 PS#31. 31 tkl 2Y. 7 st, 13 gm, 43 tkl, 6 sk, 12 tkl LY. **89 James DeLoach** (6'3" 265 Jr) **PS#100. 18 gm, 8 tkl, 2Y.** **88 Toby Johnson** (6'4" 305 Sr) **PS#7JC. 10 gm, 7 tkl LY.** Lamont Gaillard is **PS#17.**
LB 59 JORDAN JENKINS JR. 6-3 246 PS#9. 6 st, 31 gm, 5 sk, 3 tfl, 23 qb true. 13 st, 45 tkl, 5 sk, 7 tfl, 23 qb, 2nd Tm SEC LY. **50 Johnny O'Neal** (6'2" 225 So) **PS#19. 8 gm, 4 tkl true.** **17 Davin Bellamy** (6'5" 235 rFr) **PS#69.**
MLB 51 RAMIK WILSON SR. 6-2 232 PS#54. 18 gm, 10 tkl, 2Y, 12 st, 133 tkl, 4 sk, 7 tfl, 3rd Tm AA, led SEC in tkl LY. **45 Reggie Carter** (6'1" 229 So) **PS#47. 1 st, 8 tkl true.** **38 Ryne Rankin** (6'1" 222 So) **PS#55. 5 tkl true.**
WLB 52 AMARLO HERRERA SR. 6-2 244 PS#27. 17 st, 107 tkl, 2Y, 13 st, 112 tkl, 5 tfl, 3rd Tm SEC LY. **42 Tim Kimbrough** (6'0" 228 So) **PS#22. 11 gm, 5 tkl true.** **30 Kosta Vavlas** (6'0" 214 Sr). 39 tkl 3Y. AJ McDonald (6'0" 226 Sr).
SLB 84 LEONARD FLOYD SO. 6-4 220 PS#25. 8 st, 13 gm, 55 tkl, 6.5 tfl, SEC All-Fr true. Lorenzo Carter (6'6" 230 Fr) **PS#4. 8 Shaun McGee** (6'3" 233 rFr) **PS#61. 41 Brandon Burrows** (6'3" 235 Sr) **PS#92. 43 Tommy Long** (6'2" 218 So).
CB 5 DAMIAN SWANN SR. 5-11 178 PS#5. 1 st, 5 tkl true. 14 st, 53 tkl, 9 pd '12. 13 st, 57 tkl, 8 pbu LY. **10 Kennar Johnson** (6'2" 185 Jr) **PS#107JC.** RS LY. **24 Tristan Askew** (5'11" 177 Sr). E Wash trans '13. **18 Jesse Jones** (6'0" 194 Jr).
CB 2 Sheldon Dawson Jr. 5-11 190 PS#63. 13 gm, 12 tkl true. 1 st, 12 gm, 13 tkl LY. **37 Devin Bowman** (6'0" 180 Jr) **PS#71. 9 tkl 2Y.** Reggie Wilkerson (5'11" 171 rFr) **PS#43. Aaron Davis** (6'1" 190 Fr). James Davis (5'11" 205 Jr).
SS 39 Corey Moore Sr. 6-2 214 PS#17. 1 st, 26 gm, 15 tkl 2Y. 7 st, 12 gm, 35 tkl, 3 tfl, 2 pd LY. **15 JJ Green** (6'0" 183 So) **PS#94. 2 st RB, 384 (5.6) true.** Shattell Fenteng (6'2" 200 Jr) **PS#19JC. 1 Tramel Terry** (6'0" 184 rFr) **PS#14.**
FS 28 TRAY MATTHEWS SO. 6-0 196 PS#14. 6 st, 8 gm (inj), 36 tkl, 5 pd true. **20 Quincy Mauger** (6'0" 200 So) **PS#126. 7 st, 13 gm, 57 tkl true.** **4 Brendan Langley** (6'1" 181 So) **PS#27. 4 st, 12 tkl true.** **24 Lucas Reed** (6'1" 207 Sr).
P 32 COLLIN BARBER JR. 6-2 200 PS#28. 60 punts (41.5), L/60, 19 In20, tm net 36.9 true. 29 punts (44.1), L/61, 9 In20, tm net 39.2 LY. **97 Adam Erickson** (5'10" 171 Sr) 8 punts (37.0), L/46, 5 In20 '12. 13 punts (40.5), L/52 LY.

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