# EORGIA BULLDOGS



#### **POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2016**

**QUARTERBACKS** - Aaron Murray departed with SEC career records for passing yards (13,166), comp (921), and pass td's (121) in '13. Hutson Mason st'd 2 in '13 (968 (61%, 5-3) and had a fine '14 (2168, 68%, 21-4). Former OC Mike Bobo told rFr Brice Ramsey (PS#5) that his arm was the strongest here s/Matthew Stafford (DET Lions). Ramsey threw for 333 (62%, 3-2) in '14 (true frosh Faton Bauta PS#35, 4-5-48). After my mag came out in '15 they added Greyson Lambert (9 st 2Y at Virginia, 1972, 55.7%, 11-13, -61 rush). Lambert at 6'5" was the tallest Bulldog QB ever but missed all 7 pass att in the 1H vs Vandy. He did however set an NCAA record vs South Carolina, hitting 24-25, 96% (highest % 20+ passes in 1 game), topping Tee Martin and Geno Smith while also breaking the school record for consecutive comp's with 20 (Mike Bobo, 19 in '98 Outback Bowl). Lambert hit 9-10 vs Southern with Ramsey 11-14-125 in the 2H. Those two comb'd for just 11-30-106-0-3 vs Bama. Lambert st'd the next 2 but Bauta got the surprising ill fated start (0 snaps prior) vs Florida (15-33, 4 int). Lambert (10-2 as st'r) threw all but 8 passes after that (1959, 63.3%, 12-2). Ramsey had 35 pass att's and also punted 25 times. Bauta transferred but they bring in PS#1 Jacob Eason (IFS). This unit is much more exp'd and should improve on last year's

RUNNING BACKS - Georgia has had a history of great RB's and impact true frosh. In '12 Keith Marshall (PS#2, 759, 6.5) and Todd Gurley (PS#19, 1385, 6.2) became the schools most productive frosh due ever. In '13 Gurley missed 4 (989, 6.0) and Marshall suffered a torn ACL in Wk 5. In '14 they got another dynamic true frosh combo in the powerful Nick Chubb (PS#9) and the speedy Sony Michel (PS#4). Gurley was #1 in the Heisman race after 5 games but was susp, then inj'd & OFY (911 yds, 152 ypg, 7.4). Chubb (224 F/5) topped 100 in each of the last 8 incl 202 vs Ark and 266 (2nd most UGA history) vs L'ville (1547, 7.1, #5 rec). Michel (inj) played in just 8 (410, 6.4) and Marshall RS (#7DC WAS). LY Gurley left early (NFL Rookie POY) and Chubb was a Heisman frontrunner but was OFY vs Tenn (747, 8.1, 5 gm). Michel (most effective as a change of pace RB) became the feature back (3rd Tm SEC, 1161, 5.3, #3 rec). Shaquery Wilson (6'1" 190 So, PS#62) adds to their depth and they added PS#9 Elijah Holyfield (son of former heavyweight Champ Evander). If Chubb returns to 100% health, this will be one of the nation's top RB corps.

**RECEIVERS** - The UGA rec corps was ravaged by injury each ssn from '12-'14. LY they had to replace their top 2 (1061, 14.5) but Malcolm Mitchell (PS#18) finally stayed healthy and led with 865 (14.9). True frosh Terry Godwin not only ran the Wild

Dawg but also was #2 (379, 10.8). TY they lose Mitchell (#3 all time here in rec's, 13 st, #4DC NE) and TE Jay Rome (1 st, 8 rec, UFA PIT). They add in PS#10JC Javon Wims. Despite the

loss of their top guy, I look for increased production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bulldogs have gone against the grain of my exp rankings each of the last 5 yrs with 3 veteran units having weaker numbers and the 2 inexp'd units improving. In '14 they had to replace 3 st'rs (car st drop to 54) but improved (258, 6.0, 17 sk). LY they lost their 3Y C and 2 bkps. They had 4 st'rs back (78 car st) but dropped to 192 (5.1, 15 sk). Losing RB Chubb was a huge factor (747, 8.1 F/5 gm). TY they lose both solid OT's in 1st Tm SEC John Theus (13/45, #5DC SF) and Kolton Houston (13/32 st) plus C Hunter Long (2 st). They drop to 3 ret st'rs but add in Rhode Island grad transfer Tyler Catalina (33 car st, 2X All Conf). I expect the rush yards to improve (98 car st) with the unit's history and the return of Chubb. **DEFENSIVE LINE** - LY the Bulldogs lost a DE & two

DT's who were the units top 3 tkl'rs (25 st, 96 tkl, 3 sk). They added in 4 VHT frosh incl PS#1 Trenton Thompson (6'4" 307 and had 3 of the top 6 back. They allowed 149 ypg rush (4.0) with just 21 sks. Thompson was the #1 DL tkl'r but was banged up mid-ssn (6 st, 28 tkl, 2.5 tfl). TY they lose 323 lb NG Chris Mayes (11 st, 41 tkl, 1 tfl), DE Sterling Bailey (10 st, 46 tkl, 2.5 tfl, UFA IND), DT Josh Dawson (8 tkl, UFA ATL) and DT James DeLoach (4 st, 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl, UFA DET). They lose 4 of the top 9 and since '15's rush D numbers were not great (did face two

option teams), I expect them to be tougher vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - LY they lost a 1st and 2nd Tm SEC (#6 & #4 DC's). They ret'd their #3 tkl'r Jordan Jenkins, #5 Leonard Floyd, #7 Lorenzo Carter (PS#4, 41 tkl, 4.5 sk true) along with their #11 & #13 tkl'rs. They also brought in 2nd Tm CUSA Jake Ganus (#1 tkl'r UAB '13 & '14). My computer called for them to allow 312 ypg and they gave up 306. TY they lose Ganus (13 st, #1 tklr, 5 tfl, UFA MIN), Floyd (13 st, #2 tklr, 4.5 sk, #1DC CHI) and Jenkins (10 st, #4 tkl'r, 4 sk, #3DC NYJ). Those are some large shoes to fill but they did have 3 VHT true frosh (PS#5, #12. #18) get their feet wet while Tim Kimbrough (PS#22) was the #3 tklr. Lorenzo Carter (PS#4) and Reggie Carter (PS#47, inj '15)

should shine with more playing time (13 VHT's in unit). **DEFENSIVE BACKS**-UGAwas#12inmyPDR (53.8% 13-16) in '14. The longest pass UGA all'd all season was 38 yds (in '13 they all'd 6 td passes of 39+ yds). LY they lost a 2nd Tm\_SEC DB (#4 tkl'r, #5DC) and SS Corey Moore (6 st, 26 tkl). They ret'd their #6, #8 & #10 tkl'rs and allowed just 156 ypg (51.7%, 11-12 ratio). My PDR rankings take into account strength of opp faced and the only QB in the Top 75 they faced for a full game was Jake Coker so they were just #40. TY the only loss is CB Johnathan Abram (4 st, 25 tkl) allowing them to be one of the top secondaries in the SEC

SPECIAL TEAMS - Marshall Morgan (3Y K) hit 18-25 (long 47) in '15 (17 TB, 59 KO). True frosh Isaiah McKenzie had 3 TD's on returns in '14 (PR 12.1, KR 28.1). Georgia was #12 in '14 and slipped to #53 LY despite 2 more PRTD's by McKenzie (12.8), QB Brice Ramsey took over the punting duties late (41.9, tm net 35.7). TY they lose K Morgan (#3 all time scorer SEC, UFA BUF) and P Collin Barber but could return to the Top 25 if a K emerges.

**COACHES** - Kirby Smart was hired following his dominant run leading Alabama's defense to 7 Top 10 national rankings during his tenure ('08-'15) and NEVER allowing more than 18.4 ppg! Smart previously was on staffs at Fla St ('02-'03), LSU ('04) here ('05) then the NFL w/MIA ('06). Smart also played here ('95-'98, áll SEC DB). The new OC is SEC vet Jim Chaney who ran offenses at Tenn ('09-'12), Ark ('13-'14), Pitt ('15) and also served as an asst cch in the NFL w/STL ('06-'08). The new DC is long time NFL coor Mel Tucker, who ran defenses in CLE

('08), JAX ('09-'12) and CHI ('13-'14) and was S with Smart as asst HC/DB's at Bama 15. Shane Beamer, son of legendary former VT HC Frank Beamer, joins Smart as his ST coor/TE cch. For the past 5 ssns he was on his Dad's staff (also HC/RB's '11-'15).

**HIS DECÁDE 56-24 (70.0%) #18**-In Mark Richt's 2nd ssn ('02) he led Georgia 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). Georgia was 98-31 from '00-'09. In '12 UGA finished #5 and entered the '13 Preseason Poll in the same spot. RB's Gurley & Marshall were both inj'd, they lost to Clemson, which had a great situational edge, gave up the "Immaculate Deflection" vs Aub and finished just 8-5 (NR). In 2014 UGA was #12 Preseason. They were 9-2 and fumbled twice inside the 1 of GT, failing to put them away. GT got a 53 yd fg on the final play and Georgia lost in OT. They dominated Louisville 37-14 to finish 10-3 and #9. LY they were 10-3 (unranked this time)

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again putting them at 56-24 70% this decade. **2015 ANALYSIS 10-3** - The Bulldogs had just 3 SEC AG's in '15. UGA, led by RB Chubb opened 4-0 and were the first team to be favored over Bama in 72 games. They trailed 24-3 at half, in the rain and lost by 28. They jumped out to a 24-3 lead over Tenn but RB Chubb was OFY on the first play of the game and Georgia allowed 2 TD's in the last 1:04 of the half. Tenn got a TD with 5:48 left to pull out the win. Georgia had a 19-6 FD edge vs Missouri but only won 9-6. Richt then let Faton Bauta start and play the whole game vs Florida in a 27-3 loss (4 int). Georgia was 5-3 but won their last 5, although their last 4 wins were by 7, 6, 6, and 7. Richt was let go after the regular season and they had an interim cch for the bowl. They were 10-3 again but this time finished unranked.

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<u>also on roster:</u>

### PHIL'S FORECAST

OFFENSE - The Bulldogs took a drastic drop on offense last year going from 41.3 ppg in 2014 to just 26.3. They averaged 37.1 ppg in games RB Nick Chubb started and just 17 ppg in those he did not. Chubb is back and with 8 starters returning on offense they should get back above the 400 ypg they dropped below in 2015 (377 ypg). **DEFENSE** - Kirby Smart was at Alabama for 8 years and

not once did they allow over 18.4 ppg. They do have some big losses in the defensive front 7 but also have plenty of VHT's to plug in there. With 6 starters back they should be at least as good as last year.

116 - Mark Richt is now back at Miami and Kirby Smart inherits a talented team with 14 ret st'rs. Georgia has won 10+ games 4 of the last 5 years. Georgia does have just 3 SEC home games this year (Florida at neutral site) but Alabama drops off the regular season schedule. Three of their SEC road games are vs teams that were 4-20 in the conf LY. Georgia did benefit from 4 net close wins in '15 (pg 24) and is going thru the coaching change. Three of my 9 sets of power ratings call for a double digit win season. The Bulldogs do get Tennessee at home and are a legitimate contender in the SEC East.

#### OFFENSE

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JERSEY # IN RED DEFENSE 6-4 251 PS#16. 7 gm, 4 tkl true. 94 Michael Barnett (6'4" 276 So) PS#43. 7 gm, 5 tkl

QB NA JACOB EASON FR. 6-5 211 PS#1.IFS. 11 Greyson Lambert (6'5" 220 Sr) PS#20.12 st, 1959 (63%, 12-2) LY. Brice Ramsey (6'3" 213 PS#5. 8 gm, 333 (62%, 3-2) '14. 249 (60%, 1-2) LY. Sam Vaughn (6'3" 189 So). RB 27 NICK CHUBÉ JR. 5-10 220 PS#9. L/8 st, 1547 (7.1), 213 rec (11.8), 1st Tm SEC true. 6 st, 747 (8.1) Jr) PS#4. 8 gm, 410 (6.4) '14.6 st, 1161 (5.3) LY. Brendan Douglas (5'11" 215 Sr). 5-11 174 PS#3. 9 st, 379 (10.8) LY. 16 Isaiah McKenzie (5'8" 170 Jr) PS#66. 3 st, 67 OFY LY. 1 Sony Michel (5'11' WR 5 TERRY GODWIN SO. (11.2), 309 KR (28.1), 230 PR (12.1 4 st, 123 (12.3), 217 PR (12.8) LY. FB Christian Payne (6'1" 232 Jr) 15 gm, 57 (14.2) 2Y. WR 81 REGGIE DAVIS SR. 6-0 170 PS#58. 11 gm, 257 (23.4) '13.1 st, 13 gm, 63 (10.5) '14.7 st, 187 (15.6), 394 KR (23.2), 110 PR (13.8) LY. 82 M Chigbu (6'2" 216 Sr) PS#44. 23 Shakenneth Williams (6'1" 199 Jr) PS#48. 13 gm 2Y. WR 2 Jayson Stanley So. 6-2 204 PS#40. 3 gm, 23 (11.5) LY. Javon Wims (64\* 220 Jr) PS#10JC. Tyler MLB 6 Natrez Patrick So. Simmons is PS#84. 80 Charlie Hegedus (6'2" 202 Sr) PS#199. 1 st, 13 gm, 116 (12.9) '12. 6 gm '13. RS '14. DNP LY. 8 gm, 8 tkl '13. 12 gm, 28 tkl '14. TE 83 JEB BLAZEVICH JR. 6-5 248 PS#3. 10 st, 13 gm, 269 (14.9) '14. 12 st, 144 (9.6) LY. 88 Jackson WLB 42 TIM KIMBROUGH SR. Harris (6'6" 247 So) PS#8. 1 st, 12 gm, 50 (12.5) true LY. 85 Jordan Davis (6'4" 235 Jr) PS#20. 10 gm, 90 (22.5) 2Y. C 54 BRANDON KUBLANOW SR. 6-3 296 PS#28. 9 gm true. 13 st '14. 13 st (11C, 2RG) LY. 74 Thomas Swilley (6'3" 295 Jr) DNP '14.1 gm LY. 76 Carson Hall (6'5" 295 Sr). DNP LY. LS 69 Trent Frix (6'0" 211 Sr) PS#129. 10 gm LY. So PS#24.38 Ryne Rankin (6'1" 218 S RG 73 GREG PYKE SR. 6-6 313 PS#87. 13 st, 2nd Tm SEC '14. 10 st LY. 53 Lamont Gaillard (6'2" 298 CB 14 MALKOM PARRISH JR. So) **PS#17**. 2 gm LY. Sean Fogarty (6'4" 300 Jr). **LS 56** John Courson (5'11" 190 So). **74** Matt Herzwurm (6'0" 233 Jr). LG 55 Dyshon Sims Jr. 6-4 293 PS#39.8 gm bkp OG as true. 1 st, 8 gm LY. Ben Cleveland (6'6" 345 CB 12 JUWUAN BRISCOE SO. Fr) PS#6. IFS. 58 Billy Sev ırd (6'3" 260 Jr) 1 gm LY. Chris Barnes is **PS#69**. Daniel Gothard (6'6" 280 Fr). RT 77 ISAIAH WYNN JR. 6-2 278 PS#25. 1 st, 11 gm 14. 13 st LY. 70 Aulden Bynum (6'5' 268 Jr) PS#81. 1 st, 5 gm LY. 67 Sam Madden (6'6" 346 rFr) PS#65. 63 Sage Hardin (6'6" 281 rFr) PS#71. Solomon Kindley is PS#128. RT 77 ISAIAH WYNN JR. LT NA Tyler Catalina Sr. 6-5 303 33 st 3Y @Rhode Island. Grad trans '16. 65 Kendall Baker (6'6" 310 So) PS#40. 3 gm LY. 58 Patrick Allen (6'4" 297 rFr) PS#36. 60 Mirko Jurkovic (6'5" 275 rFr) PS#104. Allen Williams (6'8" 335 Fr). K 98 Rodrigo Blankenship rFr. 6-1 185 PS#14. RS LY. 94 Thomas Pritchard (5'10" 163 Sr)RS '12. DNP '13. DNP P '14. 1 gm LY. Tanner Stumpe (5'8" 166 So) PS#151. Mitchell Wasson (5'11" 165 Fr) PS#48. Williams Ham (6'3" 168 rFr).

true. 90 Chauncey Rivers (6'3" 272 So) PS#33. 4 gm, 4 tkl true. Chauncey Manac is PS#17. 88 Joseph Ledbetter (6'4" 240 Jr). NG 97 John Atkins Jr. 6-4 300 PS#72. 10 gm, 9 tkl '14. 3 st, 10 gm, 12 tkl LY. 56 Julian Rochester is PS#8. IFS. 92 Justin Young (6'4" 265 rFr). Davis Marshall (6'3" 270 Fr) PS#75. Tyler Clark (6'4" 309 Fr) PS#61. DT 78 TRENTON THOMPSON SO. 6-4 307 PS#1. 6 st, 25 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 3 qbh LY. 96 DaQuan Hawkins (6'4" 302 So) PS#166. 2 st, 3 tkl LY. Michail Carter is PS#26. 57 Alex Essex (6'5" 276 So). Outstanding spring. JLB 7 Lorenzo Carter Jr. 6-6 242 **PS#4.** L/5 st, 41 tkl, 4.5 sk, 2.5 tfl, 15 qbh '14. 2 st (1DE, 1OLB), 13 gm, 19 tkl LY. 15 D'Andre Walker MLB 6 Natrez Patrick So. (6'3" 224 So) PS#18. 13 gm, 9 tkl as true. 8 Shaun McGee (6'3" 232 Jr) PS#61. 6-3 248 PS#12. L/2 st, 22 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. 45 Reggie Carter (6'1" 228 Jr) PS#47. 1 st, m then OFY LY. 50 Johnny O'Neal (6'2" 231 Sr) PS#19. Tommy Long (6'2" 231 Sr). 8 gm, 8 tkl '13. 12 gm, 28 tkl '14. 1 6-0 226 PS#22. 11 gm, 5 tkl true. 13 gm, 32 tkl '14. 7 st, 12 gm, 67 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. 3 Roquan Smith (6'1" 217 So) PS#5. 12 gm, 20 tkl as true. 44 Juwan Taylor (6'1" 199 So) PS#71. 9 gm, 7 tkl true LY. SLB 17 Davin Bellamy Jr. 6-5 241 PS#69. 10 gm, 17 tkl '14. 2 st, '10 gm, 33 tkl, 5.5 tfl IV. 11 Keyon Brown (6'3' 249 So) PS#24. 38 Ryne Rankin (61' 218 Sr) PS#55. 31 gm, 20 tkl L3Y. 41 Chuks Amaechi (6'3' 230 Sr) PS#147JC. 1 st, 13 gm, 5 tkl LY. 5-10 188 PS#18. 11 gm, 17 tkl true. 13 st, 42 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 2 pbu, 2 int LY. 36 Rico McGraw (6'0" 192 So) PS#24. 5 st, 20 tkl, 4 pbu true LY. 18 Deandre Baker (5'11" 174 So) PS#103. 11 gm, 1 tkl as true. 5-11 193 **PS#65.** 2 st, 9 gm, 6 tkl LY. **35** Aaron Davis (6'1" 190 Jr) 10 st, 40 tfl, 3 pbu, 1 int LY. Mecole Hardman is **PS#2**. Kirby Choates (6'0" 198 So). tkl, 5 pbu, 1 int '14. 9 st, 47 tkl, 3.5 SS 20 QUINCY MAUGER SR. 6-0 200 PS#126.7 st, 13 gm, 57 tkl true. 7 st, 51 tkl, 4 pbu, 4 int '14.12 st, 58 tkl, 3.5 tll, 5 pbu LY. 33 Rashad Roundtree (61\* 205 So) PS#12. 12 gm, 6 tkl true. Reggie Wilkerson (5'11\* 176 Jr) PS#43. 13 gm, 11 tkl 2Y. FS 24 DOMINICK SANDERS JR. 6-0 189 PS#192. 13 st, 34 tkl, 5 pbu, 3 int true. 12 st, 48 tkl, 5 tfl, 6 pbu, 6 int, 2nd Tm SEC LY. 31 Shattle Fenteng (62" 185 Sr) PS#19JC. 2 gm 2Y. 29 Tim Hill (511" 170 Sr). Jarvis Wilson (6'2" 190 So).

P NA Marshall Long Fr. 6-2 223 PS#33. 46.5 ypp as HS Sr. 12 Brice Ramsey (6'3" 213 Jr) PS#5. No punts

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