

Georgia Bulldogs Volleyball vs Texas A&M Recap

Texas A&M won the first set of the game. During the end of this set, Georgia's energy went down a bit but the first loss didn't stop them. Georgia won the second set without hesitation, pushing the gameplay to four sets. Although Georgia was working hard to try and get back on top, Texas A&M won the third set. There was still one more chance Georgia could turn the game around but unfortunately, the Aggies upped their game higher than the Dawgs, winning the final set. The whole match was very exciting to watch, especially if you play volleyball. It is easy to get lost in the game. Click [here](#) for specific game stats.

I enjoyed watching the team's warm-up, as well. Watching them pass the ball back and forth along with warming up their arms gave me some tips on my own gameplay. I highly recommend going to higher-level games for any other players, it's not only good for your own benefit, but it's fun!

The Dawgs had another chance to beat the Aggies the next day, Saturday, March 13. Back for revenge, the Bulldogs [won their second game against Texas A&M](#). With their season coming to a close soon, the Bulldogs are currently ranked number ten in the SEC. They have had better seasons in the past, but hopefully, these next few games can increase their ranking for the end of the 2020-2021 season.

Varsity Volleyball's Stinging Season Opener : October 14, 2021

Finally, the awaited Volleyball season is here, and the Hornets Varsity team started the season opener with a big win against North Cobb Christian School. They swept them in two sets, leaving the score at 2-1. So far, they have been going strong with a record of 7-7, with only a two-loss streak. They also won three straight sets against our region rivals, Milton! This year the team has acquired many new players on their road to victory. With nine new players, they are heading in the right direction with the new additions.

Last year the Hornets faced Alpharetta for the regional championship game and now they have faced them once again at the beginning of their season. On September 8, the girls finally faced the Raiders to attempt revenge after the regional loss. Although the game resulted in an unfortunate loss of 3-1, they put up a fight running the game into four sets. The first set started very strong with a win of 25-21, this was the Hornets' only win of the game, but it was well earned. The other three sets were losses, although the scores stayed very close to each other during each set, battling for the lead.

Watching the game against Alpharetta, the girls' attention towards the game was very impressive, and based on their gameplay, the rest of their season looks promising. Angelica Gonzalez (11) was my choice for the player of the match. As an outside hitter, her hits were unbelievably powerful, sending the Raiders into a fog defensively during gameplay. Whenever the Hornets felt uneasy about the score, they always turned to Angelica to keep it up! I talked with Bella Pinheiro (10), a setter on the team, to hear her point of view on the start of the season. She said, "This season has been great. I mean don't get me wrong, we started off kind of slow and unfocused, but after a little bit we got back into the game and now were killing it." Even after a rough start, Bella had a lot to say about her confidence in the team to continue this season strong.

There are 16 more games to go until the conclusion of the Hornets season. Hopefully, they can keep up the hard work, and we hope to see them headed off to the region championships!

Check out the Hornets Volleyball Instagram for updates on upcoming games, scores, honorable mentions, and more!

What the Georgia Bulldogs need to succeed : December 8, 2020

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Every year, the Georgia Bulldogs usually have a great season under Coach Kirby Smart. They have been known for their outstanding running backs as well as their offense and defensive lines. However, coming into their 2020 season, many of Georgia's greatest players are out of the game, causing the team some unfamiliar difficulties. One of Georgia's most recent games was against a huge rival, Florida. It was the first time Florida has won this rivalry game in four years! This has left many Georgia fans wondering what Georgia needs this season to get back into their old groove.

Currently, Georgia's quarterback situation needs some work. They have played two quarterbacks so far this season. D'Wan Mathis started game one but was quickly replaced by Stetson Bennett. Although neither are the best Georgia's had from Coach Smart's teams, Bennett got the job done against Arkansas, Auburn, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Bennett came into an issue against Florida on Nov 7, which is when Kirby brought in Mathis to try and support the game. Together, Bennett and Mathis only had 112 passing yards and threw three interceptions! This game was a huge embarrassment for Georgia, and it clearly showed the struggles they've had this season.

For three seasons, Georgia had Jake Fromm as their starting quarterback. Since he left for the NFL, Georgia has had a hard time finding his replacement, even though they have had multiple 5-star quarterbacks on the roster. The Bulldogs have missed out on multiple good quarterbacks, which is concerning to many Georgia fans, especially considering that's where they need help the most. Two of these quarterbacks are now in the NFL, while another is training for the 2021 NFL draft. One major disappointment is that another is now starting for Ohio State. JT Daniels, a transfer from USC, is currently on the sidelines and has yet to play a needed snap for the Dawgs.

Freshman Mackenzie Wilson is a huge Georgia fan. She says "Georgia needs either a new quarterback or a better one. Our quarterbacks just throw the ball to someone when they aren't even ready. They need to watch who they are throwing it to so they can get touchdowns and things. They don't need to keep getting turnovers because they don't move down the field at all. The coaches need to communicate with the team more to get them to do it right."

Many of the Bulldog's star players are out, causing the team many other issues. George Pickens, has been out for a few weeks due to an upper-body injury. He sadly missed the Kentucky and Florida games and would have made a huge difference in the outcome of both. His offensive skills as a wide receiver play out extremely well in games and Georgia is struggling without his help on the offensive line. Coach Kirby Smart says, "We need [Pickens] to be at his best for us to be where we need to be offensively." With Bennett performing how he is as their quarterback, not having Pickens doesn't help the situation. Richard LeCounte should be out for the majority of the season due to a motorcycle crash on Halloween. This accident was extremely unfortunate for LeCounte and the team. LeCounte is Georgia's team captain and has had a huge impact on their playing. His skills as a safety on the team are incredible and without them, Georgia is also seeming to struggle. LeCountes' current replacement is freshman Major Burns. Burns is a defensive back and seems to be doing good things for the Dawgs so far. He's participated in three games this season, accomplishing several tackles against Arkansas and Tennessee. More information on Georgia player's injuries [here](#).

In order for Georgia to succeed this season, many changes need to occur. Whether a quarterback change is considered, preparing a 5-star to contribute from the bench or improving Stetson and Mathis. Multiple injury recoveries would be the best help with really boosting the team's confidence as well as their gameplay. Hopefully, this season isn't yet another 2020 disappointment but instead a 2020 miracle. Through all of this uncertainty, the Georgia fanatics are still "committed to the G" and supporting the team, pushing through the 2020 season, no matter what the outcome will look like.

What the GA Bulldogs need to succeed part 2:

desperately needed a change. They aren't known for starting off on the wrong foot, so Coach Kirby Smart knew he needed something that the team was missing, especially following Jake Fromm's departure to the NFL. The first six games were played mainly with quarterback Stetson Bennett which resulted in losses to Alabama and Florida. As the season went on, they finished 8-2 winning every other game in the season after their long-awaited change finally occurred!

[JT Daniels](#) was the USC Trojans quarterback for two seasons of his college football career. Fortunately, he transferred to Georgia in the midst of his second season to make his first appearance as a Bulldog on November 21st against Mississippi State. Since his solid win against Mississippi State, he started a huge streak for Georgia to finish the 2020 season. With a total of 28 completions, four TD passes, and 401 passing yards versus Mississippi State, everyone could finally tell that Georgia was back on track and headed down a successful path! Roswell freshman, Marley Smith says, "I'm so excited JT Daniels is our new quarterback. I think he can really help the team while he plays for us!"

[A Bulldogs Touchdown](#)

Celebration at Sanford Stadium after Georgia scored a touchdown against Mississippi State! This was JT Daniel's first appearance as a Georgia Bulldog.
Video Credit: Drew Maddox

It's not just JT's playing techniques that impress Georgia, he is also an outstanding leader on the offense. Tight end, Tre' McKitty, has formed a great bond with JT. During the game against South Carolina, he and JT hooked up twice resulting in the first reception going for 40-yards.

The second play led to Georgia's opening score of the game. "Right now, him as the starter he's just taken command of the offense and everyone is following his lead," McKitty said. "He's doing a really great job right now." Running back James Cook has also said that JT has confidence in what he's doing and does his job as a leader very well. "Just having confidence is everything," Cook says.

Not only did just Georgia's quarterback position improve, but many other areas on the offense stepped up their game as well. George Pickens, a sophomore wide receiver on the team has always been one of Georgia's star players, currently scoring the most receiving touchdowns on the team. Comparing [Pickens stats](#) before and after JT made an appearance on the team, shows he has tripled his production with JT running the offense. Tre' McKitty and James Cook have also connected on the field with JT which raised the bar for the Dawgs and made many game-changing plays.

Fortunately, Georgia had the opportunity to play in the Chick-fil-a Peach Bowl game this year even though they didn't play their best at the beginning of the season. The competition was against the Cincinnati Bearcats. Cincinnati was a tough team to beat, especially on their defensive side which is one of the top 10 in the country. As a result, many people had doubts about Georgia's offense. This was a good matchup for JT to further prove himself. Many star senior players opted out of the bowl game in order to prepare for the NFL draft; they didn't want to risk getting hurt. This also put Georgia fans on the edge not having some of their best players. Throughout the entire game, Cincinnati had the lead and Georgia played a bit scrappy; it was extremely stressful and had me on the edge of my seat. Georgia's kicker, Jack Podlensky, hit a 53-yard field goal at the end of the game to bring the score up to 24-21! This was Podlensky's longest kick of his career. Georgia survived the Cincinnati Bearcats by only three points! This win was a huge success for Georgia, made them feel extremely accomplished, and set them up for a promising 2021 season.

Coach Smart has entrusted Daniels with the leadership of this team, and thankfully JT has now announced that he will be returning to the team next season, and hopefully for many more to come! The Dawgs are currently ranked number nine in the country, but Georgia fans are hoping JT's phenomenal work with the offense will continue next season and possibly bring the Bulldogs ranking up even higher in future seasons, maybe even a national championship win!

Make sure to check out What the Georgia Bulldogs need to succeed in part 1 to connect some information about the beginning of the season.

Georgia Wins National Champions against Alabama : January 16, 2021

2021 National Champions: Georgia Bulldogs

In 1980, the Georgia Bulldogs defeated Notre Dame, gaining the national champion title in college football. For 42 years, the Bulldogs have been fighting to regain that title once again. Led by coach Kirby Smart, the Bulldogs are finally championing again in 2021.

Alabama Crimson Tide, known as one of the best college football teams, has always been a brick wall in Georgia's way, but not this year. In the regular season, Georgia took their only loss to Alabama. This unfortunate game did not let Georgia down; instead, it made the team stronger. With their hard work in the regular season, the Bulldogs were given a second chance against Alabama in the national championship game. Although Alabama already beat up Georgia this season, the dawgs were the favored team; this did not stop them. The game was suspenseful, and most of the action happened only in the fourth quarter when the game started to feel real. The final score, 33-18, was shocking; Georgia's defense did not allow Alabama to score over twenty points. The Bulldogs made history over the Alabama and Georgia rivalry.

The set-up for Georgia's national championship celebration that was held in Sanford stadium.
(credit: Drew Maddox)

Sophomore Mackenzie Wilson has been a Georgia fan since she can remember. I talked to her about how the win affected her, "Georgia's national championship win impacted my life in so many ways. I have been waiting my entire life for it to happen, and it finally did." Since she could remember, she has been a Georgia fan, and with the Dawgs finally winning, "I finally felt the joy from years of cheering them on," she said.

On Saturday, January 15th, downtown Athens was full of dawgs fans.

At the parade, roads in downtown Athens were covered with people and red was the only color you could see. (credit: Drew Maddox)

Sanford Stadium was open, inviting around 90,000 fans to help congratulate the winning team. Free tickets were handed out, and a ceremony was held to honor the Bulldogs, and it brought together Georgia fans that had not yet been able to celebrate the big win. Hosted by former UGA quarterback DJ Shockley, familiar alumni figures were all around during the commemoration; former UGA running back D'Andre Swift opened the ceremony by calling the dawgs onto the field, a tradition on Sundays in Athens. The whole day was full of celebration and joy in Athens as everyone showed their love and appreciation for the team.

Former UGA alumni Matthew Maddox graduated in 2002. At UGA, he spent many hours on the field with the team and coaches as a quarterback manager and the lead engineer for Georgia's main athletic website, Georgiadogs.com.

He was only a year old when the dawgs last won and has devoted an enormous part of his life to the team, and now they have gained the title again. "The ups and downs as watching the Dawgs over the last few decades have been a wild ride; I wouldn't trade it for any other fan base journey if I'm honest. The delight and joy of winning it all makes it that much sweeter and getting to enjoy that experience with my family makes it even better," he states.