



Horn Top 20 presented by Altstadt: No. 3 Georgia Bulldogs



If the defending champions can get past Oregon in week one, it might be another cakewalk to a perfect regular season and playoff berth under Kirby Smart. Georgia should be able to reload despite losing 15 players to the NFL draft with Stetson Bennett returning at quarterback. Anything can happen but it’s hard not to think we’re getting another Georgia-Alabama duel in the SEC Championship once again.

No. 3 in our Horn Top 20 presented by Altstadt is the defending National Champion Georgia Bulldogs.

After seeing a record 15 players selected in the NFL Draft, Kirby Smart has reloaded. But can they get past Bama?

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What You Need to Know

AP Poll Ranking: #3

2021 Record: 14-1 (8-0) SEC East Champion/Lost to Alabama in SEC Championship

2021 Bowl Result: National Champions (Defeated No. 1 Alabama 33-18)

NCAA Championship Winner Odds: +400

SEC Champion Odds: +155

Regular Season Win Total: O/U 10.5

To Make CFB Playoff: Yes -115/ No -115

2022 Schedule

- Sep. 3 – vs Oregon (Atlanta, GA)
- Sep. 10 – Samford
- Sep. 17 – at South Carolina
- Sep. 24 – Kent State
- Oct. 1 – at Missouri
- Oct. 8 – Auburn
- Oct. 15 – Vanderbilt
- Oct. 29 – vs Florida (Jacksonville, FL)
- Nov. 5 – Tennessee
- Nov. 12 – at Mississippi State
- Nov. 19 – at Kentucky
- Nov. 26 – Georgia Tech

Kelee Ringo, DB

Quite possibly the most exciting defensive player outside Will Anderson Jr., Ringo showcased his talent in last year’s National Championship game with a game-sealing Pick Six. With eight defensive players gone from last year’s roster, Ringo leads a young but hungry defense. Kirby Smart returns key starters on offense but Georgia will rely heavily on the defense once again, with potential 1st rounder Ringo leading the way.

Breakdown Marcus Spears

After winning the National Championship for the first time in 40 years, the Georgia Bulldogs have to adjust to not being the threat but the team with the target on its back. Head Coach Kirby Smart aims to keep his team in order and continue the path of success.

With that type of success, there came necessary changes due to Defensive Coordinator Dan Lanning taking the Oregon Ducks HC job. The Bulldogs had to bring in an experienced SEC coach to run its defense. They brought long-time SEC coach Will Muschamp to Co-DC along with Glenn Schumann. Muschamp has head coached for Florida and South Carolina and ran the defense for Auburn on two separate occasions.

Muschamp is known for his aggressive style of defense, which last season’s team had many players getting to opposing teams’ quarterbacks. The Bulldogs had 16 different players tagging sacks and six players landing at least five or more. Last year the defense led college football by allowing the least amount of points with 10.2 and landing second in yards per game with 268.9 yards per game. Two

Offensively not much has changed except experience. Senior QB Stetson Bennett will revise his role as the signal caller. He had a successful year last year, throwing for 2862 yards and 29 touchdowns. He'll have the same receiving core as Ladd McConkey and Adonai Mitchell, who were vital in crucial situations last year. Also, out of the slot, Kearis Jackson will get more touches with Jermaine Burton leaving to go to Alabama. McConkey, Mitchell and Jackson combined for 76 catches, 1067 yards and 10 TDs last year. The most unstoppable force catching passes was Tight End Brock Bowers, after catching 56 passes for 882 yards and finishing drives with 13 TDs.

The running game will be solidified with Kenny McIntosh and Kendall Milton sharing carries. The hope is they will have the same type of production their predecessors Zamir White and James Cook had with 1584 yards and 18TDs. The offense will go as far as their offensive line takes them. The overhauled line has only two returning starters, Center Sedrick Van Pran and Right Tackle Warren McClendon. The rest of the line is the next man up, with three sophomores taking the helm.

As usual, the SEC will be challenging. The Bulldogs had to defeat six ranked teams last year to win to become champions. That battled tested toughness will impact the team's hopes of repeating.

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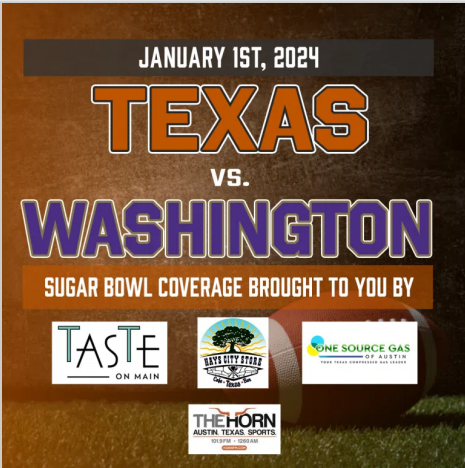
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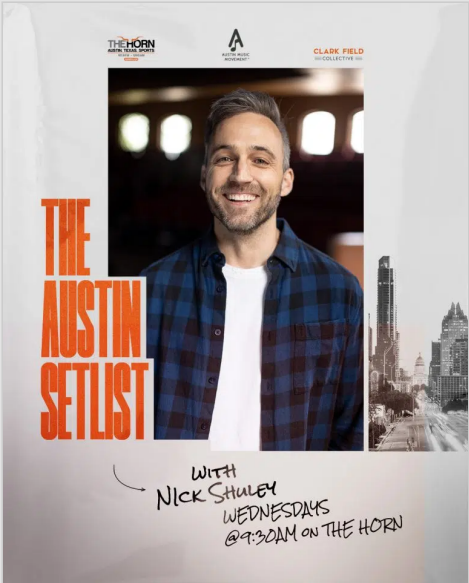
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