



# GEORGIA BULLDOGS

SEC - East Division

## GEORGIA BIO

### National Championships - 4



SEC Championships: **14**  
(Last: **2022**)

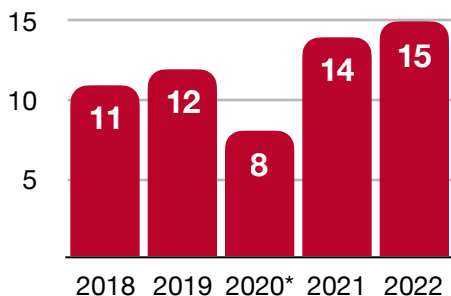
Location: **Athens, GA**

All-Time Record: **842-405-50**

2022 Results: **15-0**  
**Won SEC Championship**  
**Won CFP Championship**

Head Coach: **Kirby Smart**  
8th Year (81-15)

### 5-YEAR WIN TREND



Sanford Stadium (92,746)

## College Football's New Dynasty

Kirby Smart and Georgia have a chance to accomplish something that hasn't been done in the AP Poll era: three-peat. Oklahoma (1955-56), Texas (1969-70), Nebraska (1994-95), USC (2003-2004), and Alabama (1978-79, 2011-12) all had their chances and failed. It's an extraordinarily difficult task to win a third straight title but if there's any team that could do it, it's this Georgia team. Kirby Smart seemingly bewitched his players into thinking that the media and outsiders picked the Bulldogs to finish 8-4 or 7-5 heading into last season. While that couldn't be further from the truth, Smart's players took to proving the "doubters" wrong and played with a chip on their shoulder all season even though they had just wrapped up a convincing championship over Alabama to end the 2021 season.

If there were any questions about Georgia's motivation and preparedness heading into 2022, the answer took the form of an object closely resembling a freight train in the Bulldogs' 49-3 bludgeoning of Oregon. Despite massive turnover on defense and a NFL-record 15 Georgia players drafted in the 2022 NFL Draft, the historically good Bulldog defense simply reloaded and held opponents to just 10 combined points in the first three games. In case you're asking, no, Georgia isn't invincible. The Bulldogs found themselves down double digits to Missouri in the fourth quarter and Ohio State had a chance to shock the Bulldogs in Atlanta before the potential game-winning field goal was shanked wide left. However, Georgia is as near to invincible as any college football team can be and they also benefit from one of the most favorable schedules you will find in the SEC.

The Bulldogs will need to replace their leader and Heisman finalist Stetson Bennett. It's no small task to replace a quarterback who threw for over 4,000 yards and 27 touchdowns, but there are few situations that are better for a new quarterback to step into than this one. **Carson Beck** has waited behind Bennett for the past two seasons and it's now his time to shine. He played in mop up duty but did complete 74.3% of his passes for 310 yards, 4 touchdowns, and no interceptions (for what it's worth). Beck has the best tight end in college football to throw to in **Brock Bowers** who nearly had 1,000 yards on the season and will very likely be the Bulldogs' top receiver again in 2023. **Ladd McConkey** is another solid weapon who, despite his relatively small frame, finds ways to puncture the secondary and get open on a very regular basis. **Dominic Lovett** could be another top option for Beck after transferring from Missouri.


While Bennett and the passing game received most of the notoriety, the ground game was strong and Georgia dealt body blows with running backs Kenny McIntosh (829 yards), **Dijon Edwards** (769 yards), **Kendall Milton** (592 yards), and **Branson Robinson** (330 yards). The leader McIntosh is gone but the other three remain in what should be one of the deepest and talented running back rooms in the country. **Andrew Paul** is waiting in the wings and could be the next great Georgia running back. The offensive line remains almost fully in tact from last season and is one of the top candidates for the Joe Moore award. Center **Sedrick Van Pran** was an All-American and the right side of the line is especially strong with **Tate Ratledge** at guard and **Marius Mims** at tackle.

Somehow, allowing 14.3 points per game in 2022 was actually a four-point regression from 2021. This year seven starters are back including the top three tacklers. Linebackers **Small Mondon** and **Jason Dumas-Johnson** were the top two and safety **Malaki Starks** is #3. The monstrous Jalen Carter is gone from the line but **Nazir Stackhouse** is 6'3", 320 pounds and should be disruptive. **Mykel Williams** collected 4.5 sacks as a true freshman. The secondary is experienced, led by corner **Kamari Lassiter** although the losses of Kelly Ringo and Christopher Smith won't go unnoticed.













**The Bottom Line:** It's certainly not impossible for Georgia to lose a game this season, but it's difficult to identify a potential loss on their relatively relaxed schedule outside of a trip to Neyland in the penultimate game of the season. Even if the offense is down a touch without Bennett at quarterback, I fully expect the Dawgs to run their regular season win streak from 27 to 39 games and if I had to pick a national champion for 2023, I'd pick Georgia.

### Projection: 12-0 (1st in SEC East)

#### 2022 Statistics

Points Scored	Rush Yards	Pass Yards	Turnover Margin
<b>41.1</b>	<b>205.3</b>	<b>295.9</b>	<b>+1</b>
4th in FBS	19th in FBS	15th in FBS	66th in FBS
Points Allowed	Rush YDS Allowed	Pass YDS Allowed	
<b>14.3</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>219.7</b>	
5th in FBS	1st in FBS	54th in FBS	

## 2023 Georgia Schedule

Week	Date	Team
1	Sat, Sept 2	 vs. UT-Martin
2	Sat, Sept 9	 vs. Ball State
3	Sat, Sept 16	 <b>vs. S. Carolina</b>
4	Sat, Sept 23	 vs. UAB
5	Sat, Sept 30	 <b>@ Auburn</b>
6	Sat, Oct 7	 <b>vs. Kentucky</b>
7	Sat, Oct 14	 <b>@ Vanderbilt</b>
8	Bye Week	
9	Sat, Oct 28	 <b>vs. Florida*</b>
10	Sat, Nov 4	 <b>vs. Missouri</b>
11	Sat, Nov 11	 <b>vs. Mississippi</b>
12	Sat, Nov 18	 <b>@ Tennessee</b>
13	Sat, Nov 25	 <b>@ Georgia Tech</b>

Conference Games in Bold

### KEY GAMES

**Sat, Sept 16: vs. South Carolina** - The Gamecocks haven't come close to beating the Bulldogs in the last three meetings (133-36 combined score) but they are the most recent team to defeat the Dawgs between the hedges (2019 in double OT) and coach Shane Beamer has overachieved in his first two seasons.

**Sat, Oct 28: vs. Florida** - Georgia extended their all-time series lead (54-44-2) with a beatdown of the Gators last season. They've won five of the last six and will be heavy favorites again in 2023.

**Sat, Nov 18: @ Tennessee** - Josh Heupel has momentum rolling in Rocky Top but the Vols defense have scored less than 20 points in four of the last five meetings against Georgia.

## KEY PLAYERS

### Brock Bowers - TE

If you a defense uses a linebacker to cover Bowers, he'll blow right past him. If the defense uses a cornerback or safety to guard him, he'll bully his way to a reception using his 6'4" frame. Bowers would have been the first tight end picked in the draft last year and is a virtual lock as a first round talent this year. He will likely lead the Bulldogs in receiving yet again after 63 catches, 942 yards, and 7 touchdowns last season and a second straight Mackey award is almost certainly coming his way.



### Jason Dumas-Johnson - LB

Nolan Smith's injury allowed a player like Jason Dumas-Johnson to shine, and shine he did. He recorded 70 tackles (second on team) and was frequently causing chaos in the backfield. He had two sacks against Kent State and added one apiece against Tennessee and Ohio State and also forced a fumble against rival Georgia Tech. Expect another productive season from the first-team All-SEC athlete.



## 2022 RESULTS (15-0)

Oregon (W 49-3)  
 Samford (W 33-0)  
 @ South Carolina (W 48-7)  
 Kent State (W 39-22)  
 @ Missouri (W 26-22)  
 Auburn (W 42-10)  
 Vanderbilt (W 55-0)  
 Florida (W 42-20)  
 Tennessee (W 27-13)  
 @ Mississippi St. (W 45-19)  
 @ Kentucky (W 16-6)  
 Georgia Tech (W 37-14)  
 LSU (W 50-30)  
 Ohio State (W 42-41)  
 TCU (W 65-7)

## RECRUITING

2023 Class Ranking

**2nd**

(Via 24/7 Sports)