



# GATOR BOWL HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

## QUICK FACTS

**Gator Bowl Appearances:** 9

**Gator Bowl Record:** 7-2

**Last Gator Bowl Played:** January 2, 2012

## APPEARANCE HISTORY

**8th Game:** January 1, 1953

Florida Gators vs. Tulsa Golden Hurricane

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**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 28,340

**Coached By:** Bob Woodruff

**Team MVP:** J. "Papa" Hall, HB

**14th Game:** December 27, 1958

Florida Gators vs. Mississippi Rebels

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**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 41,312

**Coached By:** Bob Woodruff

**Team MVP:** David Hudson, RE

**16th Game:** December 31, 1960

Florida Gators vs. Baylor Bears

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**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 50,122

**Coached By:** Ray Graves

**Team MVP:** Larry Libertore, QB

**18th Game:** December 29, 1962

Florida Gators vs. Penn State Nittany Lions

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**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 50,026

**Coached By:** Ray Graves

**Team MVP:** Tom Shannon, QB

**25th Game:** December 27, 1969

Florida Gators vs. Tennessee Volunteers

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**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 72,248

**Coached By:** Ray Graves

**Team MVP:** Mike Kelley, LB

**31st Game:** December 29, 1975

Florida Gators vs. Maryland Terrapins

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**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 64,012

**Coached By:** Doug Dickey

**Team MVP:** Sammy Green, LB

**39th Game:** December 30, 1983

Florida Gators vs. Iowa Hawkeyes

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**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 81,293

**Coached By:** Charley Pell

**Team MVP:** Tony Lilly, DB

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**48th Game:** December 31, 1992

Florida Gators vs. N.C. State Wolfpack

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**Stadium:** Gator Bowl Stadium

**Attendance:** 65,202

**Coached By:** Steve Spurrier

**Team MVP:** Errict Rhett, RB

**67th Game:** December 31, 2012

Florida Gators vs. Ohio State Buckeyes

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**Stadium:** EverBank Stadium

**Attendance:** 61,312

**Coached By:** Will Muschamp

**Team MVP:** Andre Debose, WR



1958 Florida MVP, Dave Hudson, runs the ball.

## ICONIC PLAYERS, COACHES & MOMENTS

- LB, Mike Kelley had one of the best defensive performances in UF history against the Volunteers in 1969. With 17 tackles, a sack, an interception, a fumble recovery, and a return of a blocked punt for a touchdown, the Gators pulled a nail-biting win over the Vols.
- In the 1992 game, Errict Rhett carried the ball a record of 36 times for 182 yards and caught the ball seven times for 60 yards. Resulting in the Gators 6th Gator Bowl win, 27-10.
- Florida Gator's head coach, Steve Spurrier, was inducted into the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame in 2004.



Steve Spurrier at 1992 Gator Bowl Hall of Fame ceremony.