



GATOR BOWL HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

QUICK FACTS

Gator Bowl Appearances: 7

Gator Bowl Record: 5-2

Last Gator Bowl Played: January 1, 1998

APPEARANCE HISTORY

19th Game: December 28, 1963

North Carolina Tarheels vs. Air Force Falcons

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Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 50,018

Coached By: Jim Hickey

Team MVP: Ken Willard, HB

27th Game: December 31, 1971

North Carolina Tarheels vs. Georgia Bulldogs

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Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 71,208

Coached By: Bill Dooley

Team MVP: Jimmy Webster, LB

35th Game: December 28, 1979

North Carolina Tarheels vs. Michigan Wolverines

17 15

Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 70,407

Coached By: Dick Crum J.

Team MVP: Amos Lawrence, RB

37th Game: December 28, 1981

North Carolina Tarheels vs. Arkansas Razorbacks

31 27

Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 71,009

Coached By: Dick Crum

Team MVP: Kelvin Bryant, TB / Ethan Horton, TB

49th Game: December 31, 1993

North Carolina Tarheels vs. Alabama Crimson Tide

10 24

Stadium: Gator Bowl Stadium

Attendance: 67,205

Coached By: Mack Brown

Team MVP: Corey Holliday, WR

52nd Game: January 1, 1997

North Carolina Tarheels vs. West Virginia Mountaineers

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Stadium: Alltel Stadium

Attendance: 52,103

Coached By: Mack Brown

Team MVP: Oscar Davenport, QB

53rd Game: January 1, 1998

North Carolina Tarheels vs. Virginia Tech Hokies

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Stadium: Alltel Stadium

Attendance: 54,116

Coached By: Carl Torbush

Team MVP: Chris Keldorf, QB



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ICONIC PLAYERS, COACHES & MOMENTS

- In the 1963 game, the Tarheels came up big with their defense shutting out the Falcons. They won 35-0 which is the largest margin of victory in Gator Bowl history.
- The Dooley brothers faced off in the 1971 Gator Bowl as they were the head coaches for the Tarheels and Bulldogs.



The Dooley Boys, 1971

- In the 1979 game, Mike Kupec and Amos Lawrence put in a one-two punch to create a lead of 17-9. UNC won 17-15.

- The 1981 Gator Bowl game's visibility was so low it was hard to make out the player's numbers on their jerseys.



Kelvin Bryant in the 1981 "Fog Bowl"

- The 1993 Gator Bowl entered a new era as Jacksonville was finally bringing an NFL team to the city.



Mack Brown and Gene Stallings, 1993

- In the 1997 game, Oscar Davenport threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns.
- The Tarheel's defense in the 1998 game held the Hokies to 185 yards. Chris Keldorf then threw for 290 yards and three touchdowns.

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