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BULLDOGS TO FACE BADGERS IN OUTBACK BOWL

Over the past eighteen years the Outback Bowl has had some great match-ups, hosted many storied programs and watched hundreds of players who have advanced to the NFL. However, even with this rich past the 2005 edition of the Outback Bowl, matching the Wisconsin Badgers against the Georgia Bulldogs, may well rank as one of the best games ever.

Not only is this a match-up of two Top 20 teams, but Georgia, at No. 7 in the ESPN/USA Today Poll and No. 8 in the AP Poll, comes into the game as the highest ranked team to play in this bowl. It's also the first time that two 9-2 teams have squared-off in the game. It's a match-up of two successful coaches who have both won conference or national "Coach of the Year" honors. And finally, it's a match-up of many of the top players, both on defense and offense, in the nation.

"This will be an incredible match-up," said Outback Bowl Chairman Chuck Johnson. "To have the winningest quarterback in Division I-A history, one of the top runners in Big Ten history and some of the very best defensive players in the country is more than we could have dreamed of before the season."

Georgia's only two losses on the season came at the hands of the two teams playing in the SEC Championship game (No. 3 Auburn and No. 15 Tennessee). The Bulldogs ranked in the top three in the SEC in eight different statistical categories, including boasting the second best passing offense. Of course, the reason

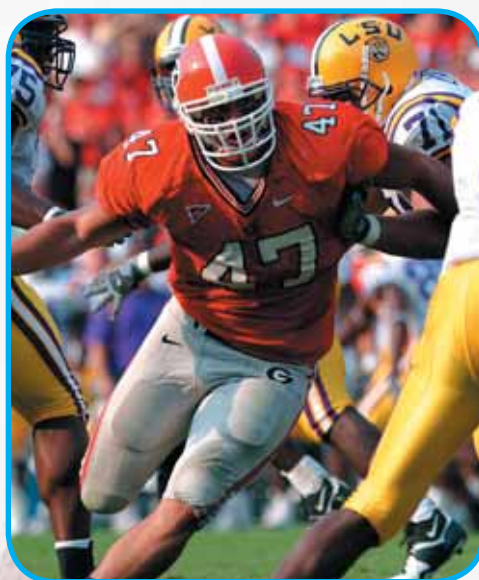
for that was primarily QB David Greene, who is the winningest All-time quarterback in Division I-A history and holds the SEC career mark for passing yards. He completed 59.8% of his passes (156-261) while throwing 18 TDs and just 2 interceptions. Those numbers have made him a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, and a semi-finalist for the Maxwell Award. His favorite targets are WR Reggie Brown, who is 2nd in the SEC with 50 catches for 821 yards and 6 TDs, and Fred Gibson, who has a 4th best 45 catches for 759 yards and 6 TDs of his own. But the passing game is just half of the one-two punch of the Bulldog offense, as the ground game features two of the top ten rushers in the SEC in true freshmen Thomas Brown and Danny Ware. Brown rushed



Anthony Davis

for 764 yards and 7 TDs while averaging 4.9 yards per carry, and Ware added 631 yards and 4 TDs while averaging 5.0 yards and notching four 100+ yard games.

They will be facing one of the top defenses in the country with the No. 16 Badgers, who led the Big Ten in seven statistical categories and ranked in the top ten in the nation in four of them, including Total Defense, Pass Defense, Scoring Defense and Sacks. It begins with DE Erasmus James, the "Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year," and a finalist for the Lombardi, Nagurski and Ted Hendricks Awards. James recorded 11.5 tackles-for-loss and 8 sacks in just ten games this season. And it doesn't stop there! Jim Thorpe Award semi-finalist All American DB Jim Leonhard compiled 65 tackles, 3 Interceptions and 10 passes broken up. LB Mark Zalewski notched 10.5 tackles-for-loss, 3.5 sacks and 49 tackles, and



Lombardi and Bednarik Award winner David Pollack



All American Erasmus James

His favorite targets have been WR Brandon Williams (39 catches, 461 yards), TE Owen Daniels (23-348 yds., 2 TDs) and WR Darrin Charles ((22-281 yds., 2 TDs).

Of course, these Badgers will have to face a tough Bulldogs defense that starts with three-time All-America and Lombardi and Bednarik winner David Pollack. The defensive end leads the SEC with 9.5 sacks and made 15 tackles for losses, blocked two punts, caused two fumbles and notched 32 quarterback hurries. Pollack is also a finalist for the Hendricks and Nagurski Awards. The defense also boasts one of the leagues' top tacklers in FS Thomas Davis, another Jim Thorpe Award semi-finalist, who has 73 tackles and two forced fumbles, one sack and one interception. Butkus Award semi-finalist Odell Thurman recorded 59 tackles, 9.5 tackles for losses and two sacks in just eight games at middle linebacker. DB Greg Blue contributed 68 tackles, one sack and forced three fumbles.

The coaching match-up will be just as interesting. Badger coach Barry Alvarez is in his 15th year at the helm of the Badger program, where he has become the school's winningest coach, compiling a record of 108-69-4. During his tenure his teams have won three Big Ten titles, three Rose Bowls and notched a 7-2 bowl record. He is a two-time Big Ten Coach of the Year and was named National Coach of the Year in 1993.

Georgia coach Mark Richt is in his 4th season as head coach of the Bulldogs. He is 41-10 during his tenure, which also includes four bowl appearances, an SEC title and Sugar Bowl win in 2002 and SEC runner-up in 2003. He was named SEC Coach of the Year in 2002 for his 13-1 record and no. 3 final ranking.

Hey, I'll bet even the mascots would be a good match-up. Bulldogs vs Badgers. UGA vs Bucky. This is going to be a really fun game!

All-Big Ten DL Anttaj Hawthorne recorded 39 tackles, 11 tackles-for-loss, 5 sacks and 1 interception, while LB Dontez Sanders had 75 tackles, 10 for losses, 5.5 sacks, 1 interception and 2 fumble recoveries.

On offense, second team All-Big Ten RB Anthony Davis led the Badger ground game with 894 yards on 180 carries (5.0 avg) and 11 TDs, despite playing just seven games due to injuries. The sixth leading rusher in Big Ten history with 4,597 yards, Davis has a 5.2 yard per carry average over his career. Booker Stanley added 346 yards on 114 carries. QB John Stocco directs the offense, completing 157 of 294 pass attempts for 1,829 yards and 8 TDs while tossing just 7 interceptions.



David Greene

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FANS, TEAMS HEAD TO CLEARWATER BEACH

When the fans and teams converge onto the Tampa Bay area for the Outback Bowl, one of the first things they want to do is see our world-famous Pinellas County beaches. One of the best ways to do that will be to head to “**Outback Bowl Beach Day**” on December 29 behind the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort.

Every bowl week, thousands of fans join the college teams and their marching bands and cheerleaders for a fun-filled day playing on these beautiful gulf beaches. Fans will meet the teams and enjoy a variety of activities including: performances by the college bands and cheerleaders, the **Budweiser skydiving team**, an aerial display by the **Red Baron Squadron** of Stearman Biplanes, a tug-of-war contest between the cheerleaders and a key lime pie eating contest. Fans will also be able to see a specially designed Outback Bowl Sand Sculpture.

Beach Day festivities run from 11:00 AM to about 4:00 PM and fans are encouraged to arrive early for the best parking. Food and drinks along with bowl merchandise will be available for purchase.

Outback Bowl Beach Day is co-sponsored by the **St Petersburg/Clearwater Area**



Convention & Visitor Bureau, the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort and 93.3 FLZ FM radio.

BEACH DAY ACTIVITIES

- College bands and Cheerleader performances
- Red Baron Squadron aerial performance
- Budweiser Skydivers
- Presentations to coaches
- Cheerleader Tug-O-War
- Key Lime Pie Eating Contest



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(As of December 1)

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NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFERS PLENTY OF FUN

New Year's Eve in Tampa will be bigger and better than ever this year for Outback Bowl fans. The evening kicks off with the annual **TECO Energy Parade** in historic Ybor City. The parade typically attracts tens-of-thousands of fans who will see more than twenty high school marching bands, the two college bands and various floats and other units as they march down Seventh Avenue. Immediately following the parade, spectators can join the Georgia and Wisconsin bands for a festive pep rally at the corner of 14th Street and 7th avenue. The pep rally is capped off by a fireworks show at around 8:15 PM.



After the pep rally fans can continue to party in Ybor or take a short trolley ride downtown to the **"Light Up Tampa Bay"** event at the **Channelside** complex. This exciting new entertainment spot along the downtown Tampa waterfront is host to numerous restaurants and night spots, and will feature special live entertainment throughout the night culminating with a spectacular midnight fireworks show to help ring in the new year. For something more exclusive the adjacent **Florida Aquarium** will offer a VIP party including entertainment and a midnight dinner catered by Outback Steakhouse.

The TECO Parade and Pep Rally is sponsored by **TECO Energy, Budweiser, 93.3 FLZ FM, Newsradio 970 WFLA** and the **City of Tampa**.

For more information on **"Light Up Tampa Bay"** at Channelside call (813) 223-4250; for information and tickets to the **Florida Aquarium VIP party** call 273-4568.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

- 5:30 P.M.** *TECO Energy Parade*
- 7:00 P.M.** *Pep Rally
(7th Ave. & 14th St.)*
- 8:00 P.M.** *Ybor Fireworks Show
"Light Up Tampa Bay"
at Channelside featuring live entertainment*
- VIP Party at Florida Aquarium*
- Midnight** *Waterfront Fireworks Show at Channelside*



BOWL WILL SALUTE U.S. MARINES

The 2005 Outback Bowl will continue its recent tradition of involving the military within its game day pageantry with a special salute to the U.S. Marine Corps. Bowl fans will see a variety of Marine Corps elements around the game.

Fans approaching the stadium will enjoy the sounds of the U.S. Marine Band as they enter the stadium. Once inside, they can visit a special



Marine Corps display in the south plaza including such items as humvees and the U.S. Marines Nascar. Fans can even test their strength in a chin-up competition.

During the **Red Baron Pregame Show** a Marine Corps color guard will present the American flag during the national anthem, sung by Major Shane Tomko, as Harrier jets out of Cherry Point, NC fly overhead. Then Brigadier General Walter Gaskin will perform the official coin toss at mid-field.

Finally, the **Raymond James Halftime Show**, featuring college and high school bands, will culminate with a special salute on the field of four U.S. Marines who have taken part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

It is a sight to behold and a great way to recognize the efforts of so many courageous Americans who help to provide the freedoms we all enjoy.



OFFICIAL GAME SPONSORS



BOWL WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 26 TEAM WELCOME CEREMONY & OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE TEAM DINNER

Bowl VIP's, city officials and media greet the participating teams as they enjoy a private welcome dinner from Outback Steakhouse at the Tampa Convention Center (Invitation only).

DECEMBER 27 FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES BREAKFAST**

This breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Tampa is open to the public and typically attended by players and coaches. Call the FCA at (813) 235-6219 for reservations.

REGIONS BANK GOLF CLASSIC

This popular golf scramble features local celebrities and officials from the participating colleges along with bowl supporters for some friendly competition. (sold out)

PLAYERS HOSPITAL VISIT

Players and coaches from both teams will brighten the day for children at the St. Joseph's Children's Hospital.

WIVES LUNCHEON

Spouses of both teams' coaches will enjoy a special luncheon hosted by Roy's Restaurant. (Private event)

DECEMBER 28 BUSCH GARDENS TEAM OUTING**

Both teams and their fans will enjoy the attractions and festivities at the world-famous Busch Gardens theme park. Admission tickets for the general public are available at the gate (the team dinner is by invitation only).

DECEMBER 29 OUTBACK BOWL BEACH DAY**

Join the teams, their marching bands and cheerleaders as they enjoy the sun and beaches at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort. The St Petersburg/Clearwater Area CVB, the Hilton and 93.3FLZ Radio sponsor this fun day which includes live music, skydivers, a tug-of-war and other contests from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.



DECEMBER 30 DEBARTOLO HOLDINGS TEAM LUNCHEON

This 1,100 person luncheon features both team's official travel parties and bowl supporters. The Hyatt Regency in Downtown Tampa will host the event. (By invitation only)

METLIFE/MERCEDES BENZ PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION

MetLife & Mercedes Benz Suncoast Dealers host this prestigious evening for bowl VIP's and the college presidents and administrators at A La Carte Pavilion. Carrabba's Italian Grill, Roys, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Lee Roy Selmon's, A La Carte Catering, Outback Catering, Bonefish Grill & Outback Steakhouse provide a delectable menu (By invitation only).

PLAYERS NIGHT AT GAMEWORKS**

Join the teams as they enjoy an array of fun and games at GameWorks in historic Ybor City. Watch the teams compete off the field with interactive video games. Doors open to fans at 7:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 31 TECO ENERGY PARADE & PEP RALLY**

Eclectic Ybor City is the site of this festive celebration featuring the TECO Energy Parade and a pep rally by the college marching bands & cheerleaders. The parade will feature floats and at least twenty marching bands! This free family event is sponsored by Budweiser, TECO Energy Co., 93.3FLZ Radio and the City of Tampa. Be there early. The Parade starts at 5:30 p.m. and runs along 7th Avenue.

LIGHT UP TAMPA BAY

Channelside and The Florida Aquarium host a midnight fireworks show and ball drop on the downtown waterfront. Enjoy live entertainment at Channelside or a VIP party at the Aquarium (813-273-4568 for tickets.)

JANUARY 1 LEXUS OF TAMPA BAY CORPORATE TENT VILLAGE

More than 5,000 Bowl sponsors and VIP's will enjoy a festive pregame warmup at the Outback Bowl Corporate Tent Village with a private brunch, entertainment and games across the street from Raymond James Stadium. (Invitation only)

PREGAME BOWL BASH**

Bowl fans can warm-up for the big game with live music and a pep rally, sponsored by Red Baron Pizza, French's Mustard, The Tampa Tribune, 98 Rock and Thunder 103.5 FM. Food & refreshments will be available for purchase from the Johnsonville Big Taste Grill. The fun begins at 8:00 a.m. (Located on S.E. corner of Himes Ave. & Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.)

RED BARON PIZZA PREGAME SHOW**

Enjoy a colorful pregame show sponsored by Red Baron Pizza and featuring the pageantry of high school and college bands along with numerous special activities including a U.S. Marines flyover, the Red Baron Stearman Squadron and military skydivers. Show time begins at 10:15 a.m.

OUTBACK BOWL 2005**

The first bowl game of New Year's Day — the 19th Annual Outback Bowl matches the Georgia Bulldogs against the Wisconsin Badgers. Kickoff is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. (Gates open 9:30 a.m.).

RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL HALFTIME SHOW

Wait until you see this colorful show featuring more than 4,000 performers!

** (indicates event open to general public — all others are invitation-only)

Note - All events, locations, dates and times are subject to change.



2004-2005 ALL-STAR TEAM

(as of December 1)

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