

Penn State, Florida Match-up Special in Many Ways

As the 2011 Outback Bowl approaches there are obvious story lines that come to mind. A significant milestone has been reached with this bowl game that speaks to both its longevity and success as we celebrate its silver anniversary.

This year's Outback Bowl also has a match-up of two of the most highly successful programs in college football history in Penn State and Florida. A match-up of two programs from the two most successful conferences in the sport, and two programs who have only met twice before on the gridiron in more than 100 years of football.

And, of course, this game matches two highly successful coaches - one the winningest in Division I history, and one who is the most successful coach of the past decade.

Coach Joe Paterno is, well Joe Paterno... 401 wins, most bowl wins in history, seven undefeated seasons, two national championships, a five-time AFCA National Coach of the Year, member of the College Football Hall of Fame... in short - a college football icon.

Then there is Urban Meyer, who in just a decade as a head coach has won 103 games, two National Championships, is a three-time National Coach of the Year, and has posted at least 12 wins in four of the past seven years.

But let's not forget the teams themselves who will battle for respect and a chance to springboard into the off-season and 2011 with positive momentum. It worked for Florida in 2006 as they defeated a talented Iowa team and launched their run for a National Championship the following season.

Both Florida and Penn State had young teams this season, and had to overcome key injuries as well. But make no mistake these teams are loaded with talented players.

The Gators rank 10th nationally in total defense and near the top of the SEC in Interceptions and Pass Defense.

They're anchored by SS Ahmad Black who has 102 tackles, fifth best in the SEC, including 9 tackles for a loss, 3 forced fumbles and 3 interceptions. Red shirt freshman LB Jelana Jenkins added 73 tackles and 2 sacks, while DE Justin Trattou notched 56 tackles and a team-leading 10 tackles for a loss.

They will face a Penn State offense that has matured over the season with the development of sophomore QB Matt McGloin who took over the starting job for the final stretch of the season after an injury to true freshman Rob Bolden to complete

58% (101-174) of his attempts for 1,337 yards and 13 TDs.

WR Derek Moyer caught 48 passes for 806 yards and 7 TDs. WR Brett Brackett has 37 receptions for 495 yards and 5 TDs, while WR Justin Brown notched 31 catches.

Penn State's ground game is led by veteran and All-Big Ten RB Evan Royster who gained 916 yards and almost five yards per carry behind the blocking of All American guard Stefen Wisniewski. TB Silas Redd added 424 yards for a 6.1 average.

Like the Gators, the Nittany Lions strength lies in their defense, anchored by LB Chris Colasanti who leads the team with 102 tackles and has 8 tackles for a loss. LB Nate Stupar has 72 tackles and CB D'Anton Lynn compiled 71 tackles. Second team All-Big Ten DL Ollie Ogbu notched 46 tackles and 8.5 TFL.

They will try to give the Florida offense fits, but they won't be able to key on just one or two players. Florida's ground attack is by committee with no less than seven players rushing for at least 260 yards, led by RB Jeff Demps with 531 yards and a 6.0 average per carry. Trey Burton has 371 yards and 11 TDs while RB Mike Gillislee has 315 yards and RB Chris Rainey 300 yards in just seven games including a 6.7 average.

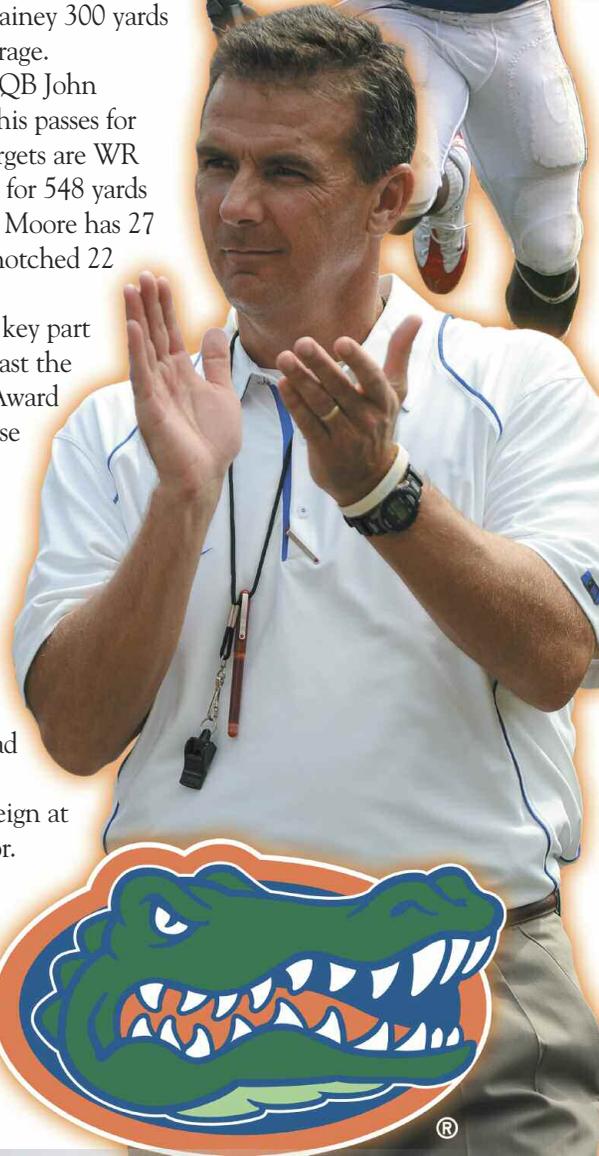
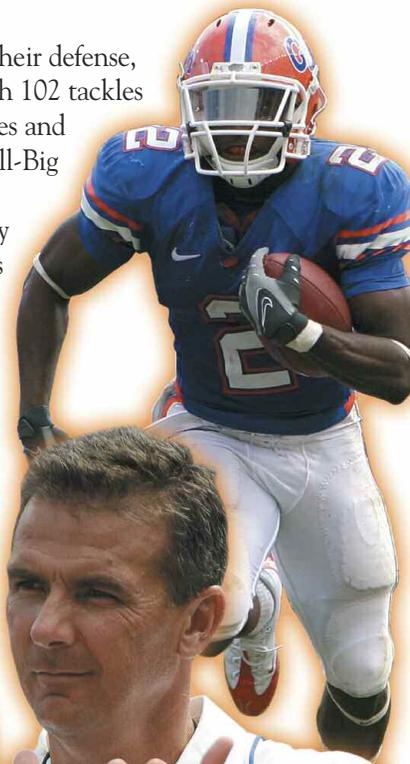
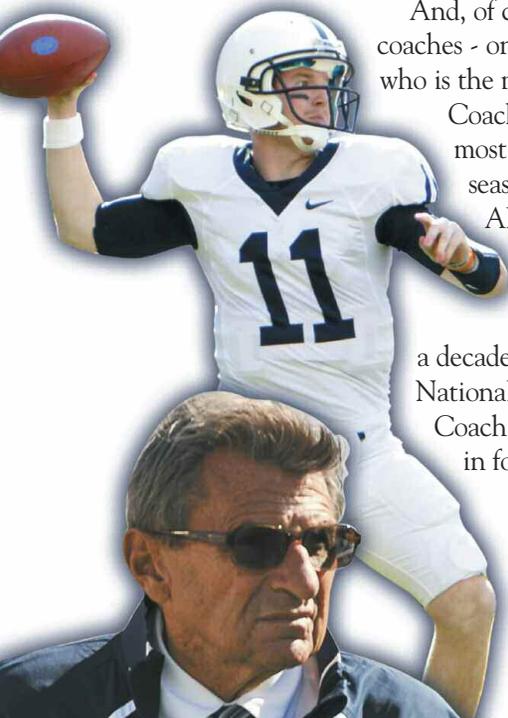
The Gators passing game is led by QB John Brantley who has completed 61.3% of his passes for 2,020 yards and 9 TDs. His favorite targets are WR Deonte Thompson who has 36 catches for 548 yards and Burton with 30 catches. WR Carl Moore has 27 receptions for 349 yards while Rainey notched 22 catches.

Of course special teams is always a key part of any teams success and the Gators boast the best punter in the nation in Ray Guy Award winner Chas Henry while Andre Debose leads the SEC, and ranks 8th in the nation, in Kickoff Returns with a 29.7 average.

Finally, if today's game needed any more hype Coach Meyer announced on December 7 that this will be his last game as coach of the Gators. Yes, the Outback Bowl will be the last time Gator Nation will see Coach Meyer lead the Gators onto the gridiron.

Perhaps it's fitting he finishes his reign at the site of his first bowl game as a Gator. Even more fitting that he will face a friend, and perhaps the coach he most admires, on the other sideline.

This Outback Bowl has plenty of intrigue for any fan of college football. Not a bad 25th Anniversary party, indeed!



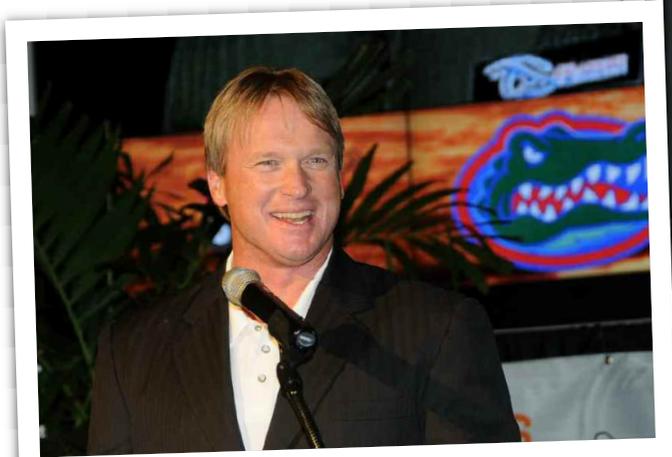
The Kids Charity of Tampa Bay Contract Signing Party

More than 1,000 Sponsors, Club Members and Media were on hand to greet Coach Paterno and Coach Meyer at the **Kids Charity of Tampa Bay Contract Signing** event on December 9th in the Club Lounge of Raymond James Stadium.

The evening featured remarks by both coaches, along with Penn State Athletic Director Tim Curley, Florida Athletic Director Jeremy Foley and even former Buccaneers Head Coach Jon Gruden. Gruden will team with Mike Tirico and Suzy Kolber for the Outback Bowl national telecast on ABC TV on New Year's Day.

Guests also enjoyed food from Outback Steakhouse.

Prior to the event, both coaches spent two hours doing interviews with numerous television stations, radio stations and newspapers, along with ESPN TV.



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Outback Bowl Fans To Flock To Clearwater Beach Day Activities

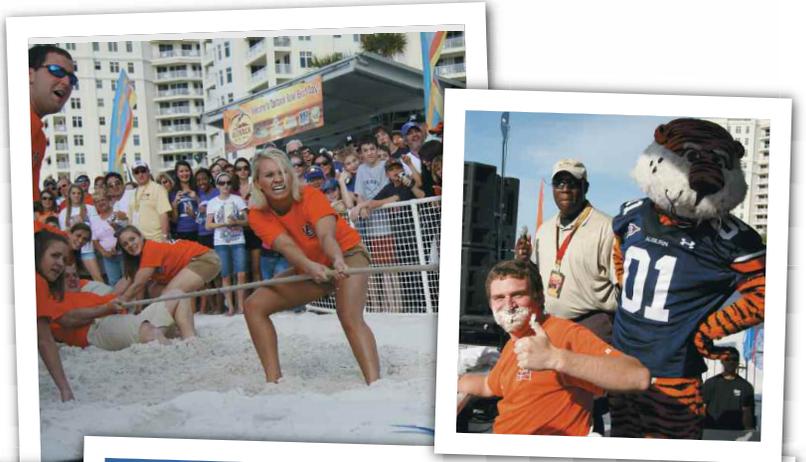
The Outback Bowl will bring thousands of visiting fans in town to take part in what has become one of the most popular annual traditions of Outback Bowl Week when they join the teams, college bands, cheerleaders and local residents for **Clearwater Beach Day** on December 30th. The event features performances by the Florida and Penn State marching bands and cheerleader squads. The day also includes live music on stage, the Budweiser skydiving team, a tug-of-war contest between the cheerleading squads, and even a pie eating contest. Fans will also be able to take their picture in front of a custom designed Outback Bowl sand sculpture.

More than 100 visiting and local media typically cover the event as well with TV footage of fans enjoying the beautiful beaches of Pinellas County.

All the festivities take place behind the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort (just north of Pier 60) and run from 11:30 AM to about 4:00 PM. Fans are encouraged to arrive early for the best parking. Food and drinks along with bowl merchandise will be available for purchase.

The event is cosponsored by the **Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, the City of Clearwater, the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort, Hospice Suncoast and the National Hospice Foundation, Allegiant Airlines, 95.7 The Beat and 93.3 FLZ FM** radio.

This year following Beach Day the Sunsets at Pier 60 will kick in with artisans, music and a fireworks show after sunset. For more information on the Outback Bowl and Clearwater Beach Day go to www.OutbackBowl.com or call the Bowl office at 813-874-BOWL.



The Forte Group Feast On The Fifty

More than 1,200 Outback Bowl supporters celebrated the 2010 football season in October at the **The Forte Group Feast on the Fifty** event in Raymond James Stadium. The evening featured a barbecue on the field and spectacular fireworks show!



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Ring In The New Year With The Outback Bowl!



Tens-of-thousands of Outback Bowl fans will continue the tradition of ringing in the New Year in Tampa's Ybor City historic district and at Channelside Bay Plaza on December 31st. The Outback Bowl **UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation Parade** kicks off the evening festivities at 5:30 PM. as fifteen high school marching bands from around the country will join the Penn State and Florida bands, as well as, numerous floats and other units as they travel along famed 7th avenue.

Immediately following the Parade both college marching bands and their cheerleading squads will then participate in a pep rally at the stage on the corner of 14th St. and 7th avenue where the groups will take turns firing up their fans.

from right there in Ybor, or they can take a trolley ride or short drive to the downtown waterfront for the **"Light Up Tampa Bay"** celebration at Channelside Bay Plaza. This dynamic entertainment complex on the downtown waterfront is home to numerous restaurants and night clubs and will feature live entertainment throughout the night followed by a spectacular midnight fireworks show.

Fans can also make it a special evening at the **Florida Aquarium New Year's Aqua Eve Party** from 9:00 PM – 1:00 AM featuring food buffets, complimentary beer & wine, live entertainment and a great view of the fireworks, all for one inclusive price.

The Parade & Pep Rally is sponsored by **UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation, 970 WFLA, 620 WDAE, 93.3 FLZ FM and Bud Light.** For more information on "Light Up Tampa Bay" at Channelside Bay Plaza call (813) 223-4250, and to purchase tickets to the Florida Aquarium New Year's Aqua Eve Party call (813) 273-4030 or go online to ww.FLAquarium.org.



At the conclusion of the pep rally bowl fans who want to continue the party have plenty of restaurants and other nightlife options to choose



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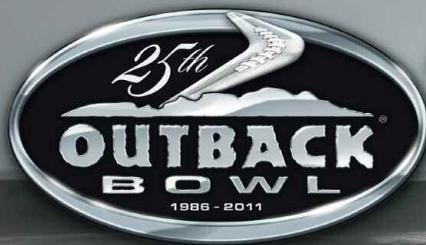


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2010-2011 Bowl Week Calendar

DECEMBER 26 TEAM WELCOME CEREMONY & OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE TEAM DINNER

Bowl officials, city officials and media greet the participating teams as they enjoy a private welcome dinner from Outback Steakhouse at A La Carte Pavilion. (Invitation only)

DECEMBER 27 PLAYERS HOSPITAL VISITS

Players and coaches from both teams will brighten the day for children at the St Joseph Children's Hospital in Tampa (no fans please).

LADIES LUNCHEON

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

DECEMBER 28 OUTBACK BOWL YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC - BENEFITTING THE DEBARTOLO FAMILY FOUNDATION

This interactive, experienced based program will give youth ages 7-14 the chance to learn football fundamentals and sportsmanship from current and former NFL stars and expert trainers. Proceeds benefit the DeBartolo Family Foundation which donates more than \$300,000 each year to local charities. Register online at www.DeBartoloFootballAcademy.com



BUSCH GARDENS TEAM OUTING**

Both teams and their fans will enjoy the unique blend of thrilling rides, live shows and a premier zoo. Admission tickets are available at buschgardens.com or at the front gate.

DECEMBER 29 DEBARTOLO TEAM LUNCHEON

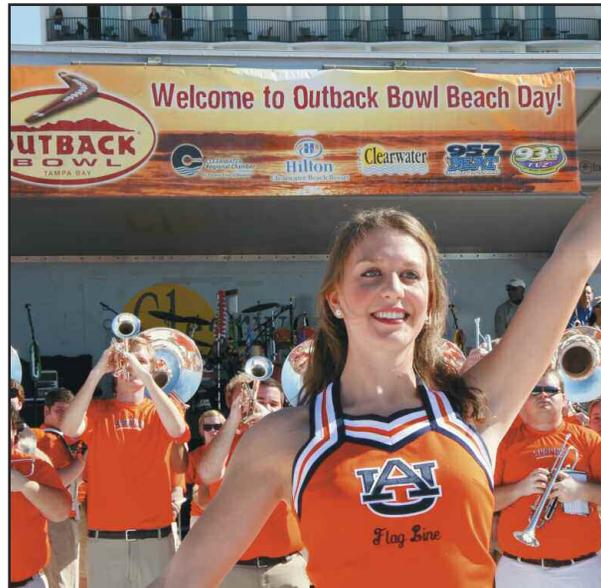
This luncheon features both teams' official travel parties and bowl supporters at the Tampa Convention Center in Downtown Tampa. (Invitation only)

PLAYERS NIGHT AT GAMETIME**

Join the teams as they enjoy an array of fun and games at GameTime in historic Ybor City. Watch the teams compete off the field with interactive video games. Teams only from 6:00-7:15 P.M. Doors open to public at 7:15P.M.

DECEMBER 30 FCA BREAKFAST**

This breakfast is at 7:00 A.M. and is open to the public and attended by some players and coaches. Call the FCA at (813) 579-1993 in advance to purchase tickets.



CLEARWATER BEACH DAY**

Join the school marching bands and cheerleaders as they enjoy the sun and beaches at the Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort. Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Hilton, Suncoast Hospice, Allegiant Airlines, St Pete/Clearwater Airport, 95.7 the Beat and 93.3FLZ Radio sponsor this fun day which includes live music, skydivers, a tug-of-war and other contests from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 p.m.

METLIFE/MERCEDES BENZ GRIDIRON GALA

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

TEAM NIGHT AT TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING**

Both teams will attend the 2004 Stanley Cup Champion Tampa Bay Lightning NHL hockey game vs. Canadiens at the St Petersburg Times Forum in downtown Tampa. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster or the Forum box office.

DECEMBER 31 UNITEDHEALTHCARE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION NEW YEAR'S EVE PARADE & PEP RALLY**

Eclectic Ybor City is the site of this festive celebration featuring the Outback Bowl New Year's Eve Parade and a pep rally by the college marching bands & cheerleaders. The parade will feature floats and at least seventeen marching bands! This free family event is sponsored by our friends at UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation, Bud Light, 970 WFLA, 620 WDAE, 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 & AQUA EVE"***

Channelside will "Light Up Tampa Bay" on New Year's Eve with live entertainment and a midnight Fireworks Show and Ball Drop along the downtown Tampa waterfront. Enjoy the numerous restaurants and night spots at Channelside. For more information call Channelside at (813) 223-4250. Watch the show from the Florida Aquarium New Year's "Aqua Eve" party featuring food buffet, drinks and live entertainment for one price. Call (813) 273-4030 for tickets.

JANUARY I CORPORATE TENT VILLAGE

More than 4,000 Bowl sponsors and VIP's will enjoy a festive pregame warm-up at the Outback Bowl Corporate Tent Village with a private brunch, and entertainment near Raymond James Stadium (Invitation only)

PREGAME BOWL BASH**

Bowl fans can warm-up for the big game with live music and a pep rally, sSponsored by Bright House Networks, Coca-Cola Zero, Kia Motors, The Tampa Tribune, ATM Solutions, 970 WFLA and 620 WDAE Radio. Food & refreshments will be available for purchase. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m. on the south plaza between gates C & D, so come out early.

SPARTAN STAFFING PREGAME SHOW**

Enjoy a colorful pregame show featuring the pageantry of high school and college bands along with numerous special activities including a military flyover and military skydivers. A popular Outback Bowl tradition you won't want to miss. Show time begins at 12:15 p.m.

OUTBACK BOWL 2011**

New Year's Day brings the 25th Anniversary Outback Bowl matching the Florida Gators vs the Penn State Nittany Lions. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:00 PM (Gates open at 11:30AM)



OUTBACK BOWL 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)
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