

TallahasseeVoices
Seminoles and Gators in the top 10
USC wins it all

Florida State will go 9 and 2 and finish 9th in the country according to *TallahasseeVoices** internet panel.

Optimistic fans had this to say about the ‘Noles:

- ?? If FSU beats Miami, they’ll run the table.
- ?? The defense will not let them lose.
- ?? There’s still enough magic and swagger.
- ?? The defense and the running backs will save Jeff’s _____.

Fans who are not convinced the Seminoles are top ten material primarily blamed Jeff Bowden:

- ?? As long as Jeff Bowden is offensive coordinator, FSU will not break the top ten.
- ?? Bobby’s boy is still here. FSU will continue to slide downhill – dadgum it!
- ?? Fire Jeff Bowden. Retire Bobby Bowden.
- ?? With a good offensive coordinator, FSU could get back in the race. Sadly, that’s not the case.
- ?? T.K. will encourage Bobby to fire Jeff, and then Bobby will hang it up.
- ?? It’s way past time for Bobby to retire and for Jeffrey to go back to coaching powder puff football.
- ?? First in 21 years that I am not getting FSU tickets. Sick of the nepotism.

On the nickname/mascot controversy, local residents had mixed reactions:

- ?? Change the Seminoles to the Garnets & Golds.
- ?? I only following cycling and think FSU should drop the Seminoles as a mascot.
- ?? FSU needs to keep using the approved Seminole name and Renegade and Chief Osceola. Our Seminoles approve – pooh on the NCAA.
- ?? If the real Seminoles like it, so should everybody else.
- ?? How about we keep the Seminole name and get rid of the insensitive idiots on the Board of Trustees.
- ?? Gainesville must be having fun renaming the Seminoles.

The *TallahasseeVoices* panel says the **Florida Gators** will win 8, lose 3, and finish 10th, one step below FSU. Nearly all comments about the Gators were positive and most comments included reference to Coach Urban Meyer:

- ?? I love the Gators. Can’t wait to see Urban and the guys in action.
- ?? Urban Meyer will reconstruct Florida football and in ten years the Old Ball Coach will be a dimly remembered legend who couldn’t beat Bowden in Tallahassee and has a tendency to throw his visor.

- ?? I think the University of Florida will surprise many people under Urban Meyer's new leadership. Watch them closely.
- ?? Florida will be a serious contender this year with their new coach and superstar quarterback.
- ?? Steve who? Urban's the man.
- ?? If we get by Tennessee, watch out.

Florida A&M was picked to go 6 and 5 and finish unranked by the *TallahasseeVoices* panel. Most comments focused on new coach, Rubin Carter:

- ?? FAMU is destined for good things under a coach who is new in more ways than meets the eye. He will build a nation of believers.
- ?? The Rattlers are going all the way.
- ?? I think Coach Carter will do very well at FAMU. I am impressed with his demeanor, professionalism, candor, and attitude. Go Rattlers.
- ?? In a few years, we'll be back to the glory days of Jake Gaither.

The **National Champion** will be **Southern California** according to the *TallahasseeVoices* panel. The Trojans received more than 3 times as many votes for national champion than any other team. The final poll according to *TallahasseeVoices* will be as follows:

Southern California
Miami
Oklahoma
Texas
Auburn
Ohio State
Georgia
Tennessee
Florida State
Florida

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