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Cat Tails in the Swamp

Tigers and Gators tangle in Gainesville, Florida.

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Mizzou football (4–2, 1–1 SEC) looks to bounce back against Florida (3–2, 2–2) at 6 p.m.

Saturday in Gainesville on ESPN2.

A victory would be the Tigers' eighth consecutive win on the road dating back to 2013. It would also be Missouri's second consecutive victory against the Gators after a 36–17 win Oct. 19, 2013, at Memorial Stadium. Mizzou is 2–1 all time in the series, which includes a 20–18 win in the 1966 Sugar Bowl.



Here are some facts and figures to familiarize you with Saturday's SEC opponent.

— *Marcus Wilkins*

Founded: 1853 (public) (land-grant, space-grant and sea-grant institution)



Originally called Florida Stadium and built in 1930, the modern Ben Hill Griffin Stadium seats 88,548.

Enrollment: 50,095 (34,166 undergraduate)

President: Bernie Machen

Size: 900 buildings, 2,000 acres, main campus; 275-plus degree programs through 16 colleges; eight libraries; 150 research, service and education centers, bureaus and institutes; two museums; four campus galleries; and one cancer and one genetics research center

Pride: UF's Institute on Aging is home to one of only 10 Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Centers nationally and is the leader of a \$60 million study to determine whether physical activity can help older adults remain mobile.

Community: Gainesville, Florida; population 127,488; located on the I-75 corridor halfway between Atlanta and Miami; served as a major Confederate Commissary and was the site of two Civil War battles

Colors: Orange and blue

Mascots: Albert and Alberta

Nickname: Gators

Fun Fact: Gatorade, the well-known sports drink, was invented at UF in the 1960s



Florida's costumed mascots Albert and Alberta pose for the camera. Note Alberta's lovely red toenails.

in an attempt to refresh the football team.

Did You Know? UF is home to the Butterfly Rainforest, one of the world's largest butterfly and moth collections, with more than 9 million specimens.

Campus Treasures: UF has more than 30 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, including Century Tower, a 157-foot carillon tower in the center of UF's historic district.



Peabody Hall, named for influential investment banker and philanthropist George Peabody, houses the University of Florida's registrar and student services offices.

Traditions: At athletic events, the band plays the theme song from *Jaws* while Gator fans make the chomp motion with their arms.

During Homecoming, more than 500 student volunteers run the Gator Growl pep rally during Homecoming, which features guest entertainers and the UF cheerleaders, marching band and dance team.

Notable Alumni: John Atanasoff, inventor of the digital computer; Robert Cade, inventor of Gatorade

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