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## The Home Teams

	TODAY	NEXT	UPCOMING
 <b>Braves</b>	San Francisco 7:10 p.m. SS/680-AM	Miami Thur, 7:10 p.m. SS/680-AM	Miami Fri, 7:35 p.m. SS/680-AM
 <b>G-Braves</b>	Rochester 6:35 p.m. 97.7-FM	Rochester Thur, 6:35 p.m. 97.7-FM	Buffalo Fri, 7:05 p.m. 97.7-FM

SS = SportSouth, FSS = Fox Sports South

## On TV

Today

### MLB

7 p.m. — San Francisco at Atlanta **SS**  
7 p.m. — Boston at New York Yankees **ESPN**

### SOCCER

Noon — Audi Cup, Third Place: Teams TBA. From Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany **ESPN2**  
2:30 p.m. — Audi Cup, Final: Teams TBA. From Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany **ESPN2**  
3 p.m. — International Champions Cup Soccer North America: Chelsea FC vs Fiorentina. From Stamford Bridge in London, England **FS1**  
10 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions League Soccer Vancouver Whitecaps vs Seattle Sounders **FS1**

## Sports Calendar

### BASEBALL

#### Ongoing through Aug. 31:

Registration is being accepted, though space is limited, for 19 Sports of Northwest Gwinnett and Hall County's fall programs for boys and girls ages 3 to 18. Sessions are held at E.E. Robinson Park. Play begins the week of Sept. 7. Registration and more information available at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com) or at 678-472-2142.

#### Ongoing through Dec. 31:

Whitner Hitting Clinics are being held at Jack City Sports Center. The clinics are ongoing and cost \$75 for five weeks. To sign up, email [jackcitybaseball@aol.com](mailto:jackcitybaseball@aol.com) or call 770-633-0948.

### FLAG FOOTBALL

#### Ongoing through Aug. 31:

Registration is being accepted, though space is limited, for 19 Sports of Northwest Gwinnett and Hall County's fall programs for boys and girls ages 3 to 18. Sessions are held at Gary Pirkle Park and Rhodes Jordan Park. Play begins the week of Sept. 7. Registration and more information available at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com) or at 678-472-2142.

### GOLF

#### Ongoing through Aug. 31:

Registration is being accepted, though space is limited, for 19 Sports of Northwest Gwinnett and Hall County's fall programs for boys and girls ages 3 to 18. Sessions are held at Sugar Hill Golf Club. Play begins the week of Sept. 7. Registration and more information available at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com) or at 678-472-2142.

### LACROSSE

#### Ongoing through Aug. 31:

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for boys and girls ages 3 to 18. Sessions are held at Gary Pirkle Park. Play begins the week of Sept. 7. Registration and more information available at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com) or at 678-472-2142.

### RUNNING

**Saturday:** The 18th annual Dennis McCormick Memorial 5K Road Race, the only fundraiser for the Collins Hill cross country and track and field teams, will be Aug. 8. The 5K begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by the one-mile fun run at 8:15 a.m. The race begins in front of the high school campus. Cost is \$25 for the 5K or \$10 for the fun run in advance, or \$30 for the 5K or \$15 for the fun run on race day. For more information, go to [www.collinshilltfx.com](http://www.collinshilltfx.com). Registration also is available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

### SOCCER

#### Ongoing through Aug. 31:

Registration is being accepted, though space is limited, for 19 Sports of Northwest Gwinnett and Hall County's fall programs for boys and girls ages 3 to 18. Sessions are held at Gary Pirkle Park, Rhodes Jordan Park and Maranatha Christian Academy. Play begins the week of Sept. 7. Registration and more information available at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com) or at 678-472-2142.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Ongoing through Aug. 31:

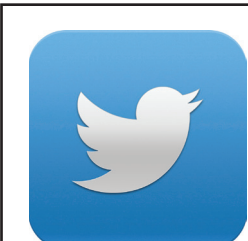
Registration is being accepted, though space is limited, for 19 Sports of Northwest Gwinnett and Hall County's fall programs for boys and girls ages 3 to 18. Sessions are held at the Atlanta Volleyball Academy. Play begins the week of Sept. 7. Registration and more information available at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com) or at 678-472-2142.

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# Richt, Bulldogs excited to open camp

By **KAITLIN LONG**  
Staff Correspondent

Head coach Mark Richt, moments after entering the team meeting room Tuesday, expressed his confidence on where his University of Georgia football team stands at this point.

The Bulldogs started their first five days of acclimation Tuesday in order to get ready for full pads on Day 5, laying the groundwork for a season that begins at home Sept. 5 against Louisiana Monroe.

“We’re looking forward to this camp,” Richt said. “There’s been a lot of preparation between the end of the season and today to get us to this point. This is just another phase of preparation for Game 1, Louisiana Monroe. We’re looking forward to that.”

The Bulldogs have avoided injuries throughout the offseason leading up to camp, which heightens the team’s excitement. According to Richt, “everybody has the green light to practice,” and the 29 practice opportunities and plethora of meetings have been maximized to the highest advantage.

“I think we had a very good offseason,” Richt said. “I think you have to be prepared for camp, meaning you’ve got to be in great condition. You’ve got to be strong. You’ve got to be healthy. We’ve been very fortunate with our health.”

The new director of strength and conditioning, Mark Hocke, has attributed to the athletes’ healthy state and performance. His program, which has been executed efficiently, not only conditions the physical body, but also develops mental toughness, Richt said.

Defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt, another new addition to the coaching staff last year, also has made a visible impact to the UGA football team by developing the secondary.



**Georgia Bulldogs linebacker Lorenzo Carter (7), a Norcross grad, stretches to tackle Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets quarterback Justin Thomas (5) last season at Sanford Stadium in Athens. (Staff Photo: David Welker)**

Richt expressed how ideas from the coaching staff are encouraged and welcomed with a staff full of coaches who have managed to create colorful resumés.

“Any time you have people from different programs, you want to hear how they might have done this or that,” Richt said. “Coach Pruitt has input without a doubt. Coach (Tracy) Rucker being at Auburn, Coach Shotty (Brian Schottenheimer) being in the NFL — all those things. So we get a lot of ideas, and then we kind of nail down what we’re going to do and how we’re going to do it. But there have been a lot of things that Coach Pruitt and Coach (Kevin) Sherrer have brought from the places they’ve been.”

In addition to UGA’s football team remaining healthy and an effectual coaching staff, Richt also was pleased his players managed to avoid negative media attention, which contributed heavily to the top-notch offseason.

In previous seasons, trouble off the field created problems, so the scarcity of issues was welcome.

“I’m thankful our guys did a good job in that regard,” Richt said. “When you talk about a lot of things need to go right in the offseason, that’s one of them besides staying healthy. If you have a bunch of guys that didn’t do what they’re supposed

to do socially and off the field, it creates distractions. It also creates a lack of depth sometimes if you’re playing without some guys because of those two reasons. At this point, we haven’t had a lot of either one. So going into camp, we’re in a pretty good position.”

Despite an influx in the number of wide receivers and the return of healthy tailback Keith Marshall and star tailback Nick Chubb, there are still several questions posed on the field for the upcoming season. One lies in the replacement of former center David Andrews, a Wesleyan grad, although Brandon Kublanow has risen to the occasion in seeming to clinch the No. 1 spot.

Another question is the starting punter and kicker, which Richt answered quickly in saying that “whoever is the best will be the starter, whoever is the second best will be the backup” and that statement applied to all positions.

Although questions of the starting lineup are often the buzz in pre-season, this year Georgia’s quarterback competition took over. There are three potential players in the running between redshirt sophomore Brice Ramsey, junior Faton Bauta and junior Greysen Lambert.

“We’re going to rotate the top three guys, the three scholarship quarterbacks,” Richt said. “We’re going to rotate

them one guy with the first unit, one guy with the second unit, one guy with the third unit, rotating it around on a day-to-day basis until we think it should stop. It could go all the way to the first game. At some point, we may drop it to a two-man race. It’s just hard saying how it’s going to go, but that’s our starting point.”

Richt said a two-quarterback system may even be implemented into the offense, but he was not completely familiar with using it.

He has come close while working at Florida State and at UGA, but the situation has disadvantages, as well as advantages.

“I think the greatest advantage to a two-quarterback system would be if you had two really dramatic differences in style as a player,” Richt said. “If a team has to prepare for this guy and it’s totally different than preparing for the other guy, I think that can cause issues for defenses in how they prepare. If you have two guys that are very similar in style, it could be an advantage in that it may just take a little pressure off one guy or the other. If you think one guy is hot, use him. It’s just hard getting the rhythm and staying in a rhythm as a quarterback. I found that it’s better to have one guy doing it, but, you know, we’ll just see how it goes.”

Richt and his coaching staff are not the only ones looking forward to the upcoming season because of the preparation that has been put into the Georgia football team thus far — the players are hopeful for a positive finish as well.

Norcross product and outside linebacker Lorenzo Carter believed finishing last season with a win provided the team with a positive mentality for the upcoming season.

“We’re ready to just keep winning games,” Carter said. “It’s coming, but not fast enough for us.”

# Tennessee’s Pearson remains suspended

## THE SPORTS XCHANGE

During the investigation into allegations of sexual assault, Tennessee starting wide receiver Von Pearson remains suspended from the university.

Coach Butch Jones said there was no change in Pearson’s status as fall camp begins.

Pearson was suspended April 24 when the university was informed he was named as a suspect in a sexual assault.

Jones would not comment on the potential reinstatement of Pearson should the case clear Pearson.

“Right now, again, nothing has changed, and we’ll continue to address the situation as there are changes,” Jones said.

## Cincinnati favored in AAC

Cincinnati was named a decisive favorite in a preseason media poll to win the American Athletic Conference championship this season.

The Bearcats received 22 of 30 first-place votes from 30 beat writers who cover the conference. Memphis was a distant second with five votes, followed by Houston with two and UCF with one.

Cincinnati also was made the overwhelming favorite to win the AAC East Division, receiving 29 of 30 first-place votes and 179 points. UCF was the runner-up with the other first-place vote and 135 points. Temple came in third with 116 and East Carolina was fourth with 105.

In the West Division, Memphis edged Houston

and safety Thomas Brown for the opener against Elon. Wake also announced that defensive back Deven Gaulden joined the team after graduating from Wisconsin.

Anderson was suspended for a violation of unspecified team rules. He was projected as a starting center this season but now will miss games against Elon, Syracuse, Army, Indiana and Florida State before becoming eligible again for a Oct. 10 game at Boston College.

Anderson’s absence opens a door at center for A’lique Terry, who was a part-time starter last year as a freshman.

Brown played in 23 games and started one the past two seasons. The junior is expected to be one of Wake’s starting safeties this year.

Wake Forest suspends two players, adds transfer

With preseason camp about to open, Wake Forest announced Tuesday the suspensions of two potential starters and the addition of a graduate transfer to the program.

The Demon Deacons suspended redshirt offensive lineman Ryan Anderson for the first five games of 2015

school coaching staff. Reynolds has 12 years of coaching experience, including extended time at Cherokee High School and with Hotlanta Club Lacrosse.

He will serve as a community coach with the varsity team, working alongside head coach Lindsey Dalton, who is in her sixth season with the Bulldogs.

They are part of a coaching staff that also includes head JV coach Melody Ussery and JV community coach Kylee Thurman.

North finished the year 16-3 last season.

## Peachtree Ridge names Phillips interim AD

Peachtree Ridge has named Mike Phillips as the high school’s interim athletic director as a replacement for Jon Weyher.

Weyher was promoted to director of athletics, activities and community schools for Gwinnett County Public Schools, taking over for the retired Mike Emery.

Phillips will serve at Peachtree Ridge until October as the search for a full-time AD is finished.

Phillips, who heads up the GCPS Adapted Sports program, began his GCPS career at Brookwood and was the longtime AD at Grayson.

He also recently served as the interim AD at Lanier as it transitioned from Billy Wells to Chad Longe.

## North Gwinnett girls lacrosse adds Reynolds to coaching staff

North Gwinnett girls lacrosse has added Roy Reynolds to the high

## Grier, Blanton among winners on Athens tour

Alex Grier of Buford and Annika Blanton of Dacula were among the champions at the Athens Area Junior Golf Tour’s Summer Classic this past weekend at Chateau Elan.

Grier shot 73 to win the boys 15- to 18-year-old division, while Blanton won the girls 15-18 competition with an 86.

Lawrenceville’s Aiden Cohl won the boys 9-10 division and Suwanee’s Anvitha Mandli won the girls 8-10 division.

## IN BRIEF