



ABOVE: THE GATORS AFTER WINNING THEIR FIRST TITLE IN FRANCHISE HISTORY

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Gators Win in Convincing Fashion

After a postponed start to the 2020 playoffs the Gators, led by Ramy, picked up right where they left off and cruised through the first two rounds to find themselves in the finals against Primetime, the team who handed them their first regular season loss. The last time these two teams met the Gators went out with a two score lead only to fall behind a Primetime rally and ultimately lose in a nail biter. In a reversal of fates it was the Gators who would find themselves in the hole by a touchdown going into the second half against Primetime in the final game.

Only this time the Gators, who never lost sight of their goal, pulled out a gutsy win against a supremely talented Primetime team. The Gators defense collectively won the MVP award as they shutout Primetime in the second half and claimed the franchises' first title. However, with teams back in the swing of things and reloaded, will the Gators be able to repeat? Or will this championship prove to be one with an asterisk over it's head?



2021 Mysteries

With a cloud over the head of the 2020 season how will teams respond to the feeling of not having their best foot forward? Were the highflyers one hit wonders? Or are we seeing a shift in the power balance of the SAFL?

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You ever wonder how your squad would stack up on Madden?

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2021 Mysteries

by SAFL Admin

2020 was a year of drastic change. The COVID-19 pandemic left a cloud of mystery over the heads of so many. Our league and season was no different. As teams wondered whether a season would begin, leadership was scrambling to get things in place. From opt outs to injuries we saw powerhouse franchises take a step back in their usual dominance as newcomers took center stage. AK Santalli, a main

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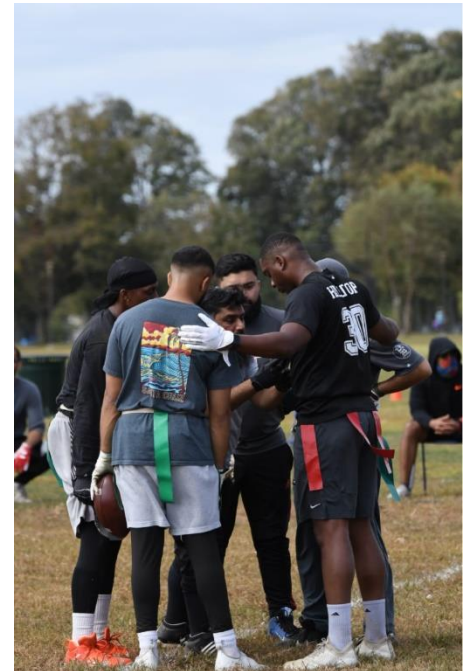


stay in our championship game saw an early exit in the playoffs while their fierce rivals, The Browns, suffered the same fate.

Not all teams saw a drop off in play however. Primetime seemed to take a leap in their pedigree as they powered their way to their first finals appearance led by the dynamic playmaking of DJ and Ricky. They felt short in their matchup against the Gators but this season will be a “prove it” one as teams come back hungrier than ever.

The league will also be welcoming back the Elites led by Anas. The dual threat quarterback will be bringing the reloaded Elites to center stage with a revamped offense ready to take advantage

of anything the defense gives him. Will the Elites take that next step? Or will they struggle break from the pack like the days of old?



SAFL Madden Team Ratings

	<p>94 – At their best we still think AK is the best. With impeccable man defense and an elective offense these guys would light up Madden scoreboards.</p>		<p>73– The group formerly known as Wolfpack have a lot to prove going into 2021. They are young with budding playmakers. SG are candidates for the most improved 2021 team</p>
	<p>84 – Shu keeps the Browns afloat as he continues to do more with less. Playmaking and defense will need to improve to bring the Browns into the 90’s club. Their offense keeps them up here though.</p>		<p>80 – The Elites have veteran savvy and young energy to boot. They need to prove they can hang with the big boys though. They will need someone along side Jesse to emerge as a superstar to push them higher.</p>
	<p>87 – A stellar 2020 campaign was cut short by an early playoff exit. CK has a potent offense and defense that’s just good enough to keep them in games. Big play making ability is lacking however.</p>		<p>77 – The Knights signature win came against Primetime in what was an eye catching performance. They will need to prove they have consistency in order to push higher</p>
	<p>92 – The defending champs break into the 90’s with a well-balanced attack. More home run hitting outside of Shady might push them to the top.</p>		<p>85 – The return of Anwar at quarterback heaps expectations on the Savages. Perhaps our most underrated squad this team is littered with athletes. Crunch time performances will push them higher.</p>
	<p>89 – The 2020 runner ups took a huge leap this past season. Playmaking and speed is the name of the game for them. However, bone headed inconsistency and predictable offensive tendencies keep them out of the 90’s club.</p>		