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Florida Gators Team Scouting Report

The Florida Gators are currently playing an up-tempo, high-scoring brand of basketball, averaging 81.2 points per game through their first six contests. With a team pace of 17.37 seconds per possession, Florida emphasizes quick transitions and a balanced attack that features elite perimeter scoring paired with aggressive offensive rebounding.

Offensive Profile

Florida's offense is predicated on two pillars: the scoring gravity of Walter Clayton and an elite presence on the offensive glass. The Gators are currently securing 39.2% of their own misses, leading to frequent second-chance opportunities. As a unit, they shoot 35.3% from beyond the arc and 53.8% from inside, maintaining a high effective field goal percentage (53.4%). They are also highly disciplined at the charity stripe, shooting 77.1% as a team.

- Transition Emphasis: The Gators look to push the ball immediately, ranking high in transition attempts.
- Shooting Versatility: While they have dedicated snipers, their frontcourt players (like Thomas Haugh) are capable of stretching the floor.
- Ball Security: A team assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.34 suggests a controlled environment despite the high pace.

Defensive Profile

Defensively, the Gators have been stifling on the perimeter. They are holding opponents to just 27.5% from three-point range. They utilize their length well to disrupt passing lanes, evidenced by 56 total deflections and 30 steals over 6 games. Their defensive rebounding is solid (70.2%), preventing opponents from matching Florida's second-chance productivity. However, they can be prone to fouling, averaging 16 fouls per game.

Key Personnel



 $G \mid 6'2" \mid 22.3$ PPG The engine of the offense. Clayton is a high-volume, high-efficiency scorer (68.9% TS). He takes over 60% of his shots from deep, hitting at a 42.6% clip. He is also nearly

automatic at the line (91.3%).



#15 Alijah Martin $G \mid 13.8 \ PPG \mid 32.3 \ MPG$ A versatile secondary scorer who excels at getting to the rim (63.2% ATR). Martin provides stability in the backcourt and is a low-turnover threat (5.0% TO%).



#5 Will Richards

G | 12.0 PPG | 37.9% 3PT

The team's 3-and-D specialist.

Richards is a pest on defense with

11 deflections and 8 steals, while providing floor spacing on the offensive end.



#10 Thomas Haugh $F \mid 11.7 \ PPG \mid 78.6\% \ ATR$ An efficiency monster with a 1.70 VPS. Haugh is a primary target at the rim and a strong offensive rebounder (16 ORebs). He also leads the team in blocks with 7.



#21 Alex Condon $F \mid 7.2 \ PPG \mid 6.0 \ RPG$ A high-usage big man (24.5% Usage) who stays active on both ends. While he struggles with

turnovers (27.4% TO%), his ability to finish at the rim and assist from the post is valuable.

Strategic Matchup Notes

- **1. Neutralize Clayton:** Any defensive game plan must start with Walter Clayton. He is the only player with a usage rate above 30%. Forcing him into mid-range jumpers (where he is 0% on the season) rather than 3s or rim attempts is critical.
- **2. Box Out:** Florida thrives on second-chance points. Players like Rueben Chinyelu (21.4% Reb%) and Micah Handlogten (18.8% Reb%) are elite rebounders who do not need many touches to impact the game.
- **3. Test the Bench:** Florida relies heavily on its top 4-5 players. Forcing their starters into foul trouble could expose a drop-off in offensive production, particularly if Clayton or Martin are forced to the bench.

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