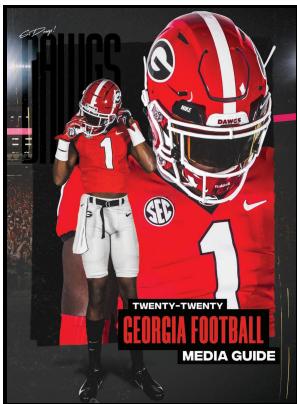


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The Historical Society: College football has changed over time. And it hasn't.

Authors Bob Boyles and Paul Guido watched thousands of hours of game films, and read through just about every book ever published on the game to bring this massive reference to fruition. I think it is about time we had playoffs. Boise State became the first and so far only BCS Buster to reach a BCS bowl game with an at-large selection.

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For instance, if the computers had ranked a team third, fifth, and twelfth, the poll which ranked the team twelfth would be adjusted to rank the team sixth. Many critics focused on the BCS methodology itself, which employed subjective voting assessments, while others noted the ability for undefeated teams to finish seasons without an opportunity to play in the national championship game. They claim 17 national championships, the first of which goes back to 1925, including a record 11 titles in the poll era.

Bowled Over : Big

What is the history that got us here? This is the game that tried to quantify abstract metrics like strength of schedule in order to explain the jockeying that happens in the various weekly polls. Brent Clark, et al Hardcover: ; Dimensions in inches : 0. Oriard then traces the subsequent history of the sport as it has tried to grapple with the fundamental contradiction of college football as both extracurricular activity and multi-billion-dollar mass entertainment.

Bowl Championship Series

The heart of the book examines a handful of decisions by the NCAA in the early seventies--to make freshmen eligible to play, to lower admission standards, and, most critically, to replace four-year athletic scholarships with one-year renewable scholarships--that helped transform student-athletes into athlete-students and turned the college game into a virtual farm league for professional football.

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Walsh's book, thus, provides readers with a slightly less impartial, and thus slightly more interesting, account of college football history. The Broncos in what many fans, pundits, and others consider to be one of the best Bowl games in history. The program has also delivered a remarkable 21 players to the , including halfback Dick Kazmaier, who became the only Tiger to win the Heisman Trophy in 1951.

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