

New Home Video: Border War!

by Max Marbut

One of the best things any true sports fan could have found under the tree last weekend was a copy of Raycom's new home video, "Border War!" -- the complete story and visual history of one of college football's greatest rivalries: The Florida Gators and the Georgia Bulldogs.

It's a first-class production with some of the most amazing football footage you will ever see. They really dug into the archives for this one.

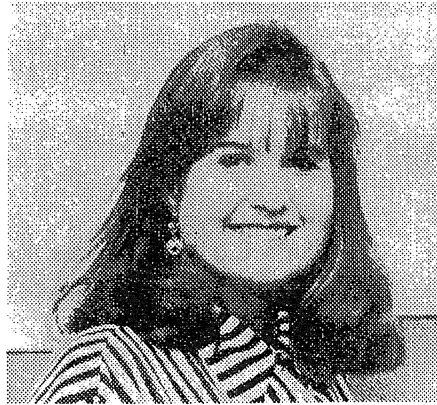
It's got the great games, the great plays, the great players, coaches and others that have been a part of "Florida/Georgia" over the years. Great newsreel footage and even some ancient newspaper headlines tell the story of the rivalry's early days -- 1904 - before videotape and the instant replay through the modern era.

Mixon Robinson tells about smuggling liquor into the stadium back in the thirties and an excerpt from a November, 1939 Atlanta Constitution states, "You can't get a taxi or a hotel room -- the city is taken over by football."

The Goff years, the Dooley years, the Dickey years, the Spurrier years (both as a player and as a coach) - it's all here and sure to please any college football fan.

The hour-long tape also features interviews with some of the greatest players from both sides of the ball. Kim Braswell tells about the 1972 match, when Vince Dooley sent him in to kick the game-winning field goal. After two time-outs, he finally got to kick the ball through the uprights. "Even after 22 years, I still get chills thinking about it," says Braswell. So do the Gators.

I wanted to get the viewpoint of some really hard-core Gators and Bulldogs, so I asked Ralph Terreault from the Jaguars Booster Club (the most dedicated Gator fans I know) and Andrea Frost-Snyder, who works for the Jaguars (and is a second-generation Georgia fan) to look at the tape from their highly partisan viewpoints.

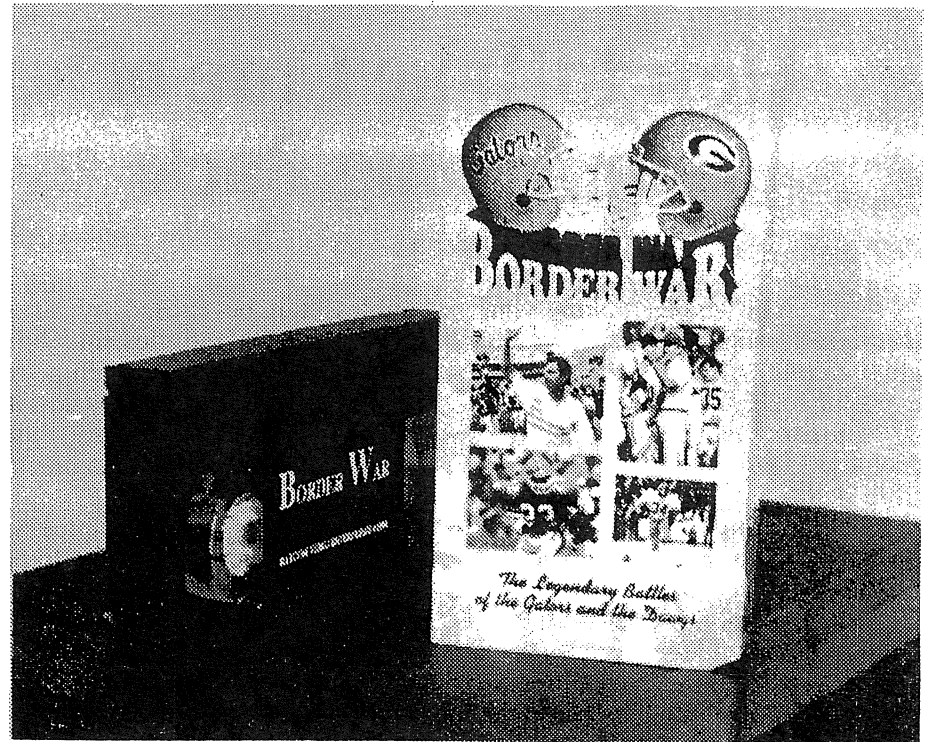


Andrea

Andrea said, "I thought the coverage seemed fair. It projected an impartial view into the history of the rivalry. Being a young Bulldog supporter, I liked the insight of the early years of the game when Georgia dominated the series."

Ralph thought Border War! was slanted in favor of the Georgia Bulldogs, but added, "It was sharp. It brought back a lot of memories -- great games and great plays I had forgotten about. It would be a ball at a party. I kept backing it up to watch parts again."

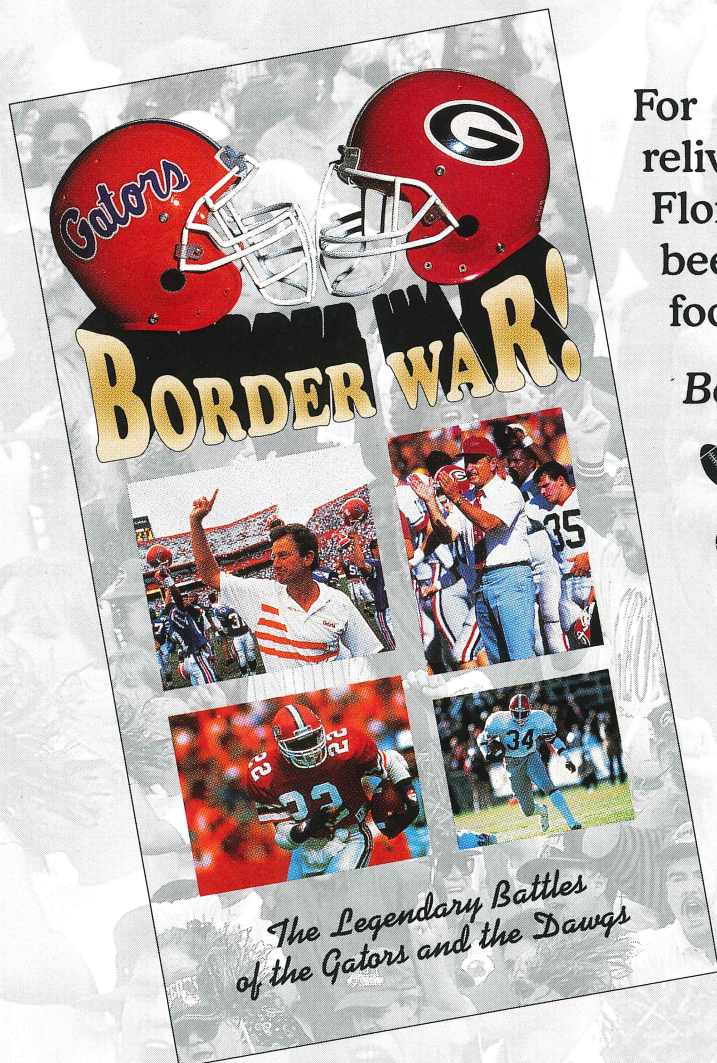
Border War! has a suggested retail price of \$19.95 and is available at local video stores. If you can't find a copy, you can order it direct from Raycom by calling 1-800-272-9266.





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