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Clean, Old-Fashioned Hatred: The College Football Tribes of Florida The cultural importance of football in Florida, from the aftermath of the Civil War to the multi-million dollar machine which shapes higher education in the state. Why do so many of us care so much about a bunch of refrigerator-sized boys knocking into each other on a green field? In Florida, as in most of the South and Midwest, college football has never been “only a game.”

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Program Format:

- In-person
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Dream State

How each new wave of Florida settlers, from the mounds of the First Peoples to modern golf courses and artificial lakes, has reinvented the state to suit themselves. We live in a state of dreams, a paradise of sun and sea breezes. We pronounce it paradise then “improve” it: mermaids at Weeki Wachee or castles in Orange County or “islands” built on fill dirt dumped into our waters.

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