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After 4 seasons of mundane offense, the bar has been lowered for new coach Jim McElwain, who hopes to point the Gators in the right direction this season.

McElwain can easily surpass expectations



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GAINESVILLE — At this point, Gator Nation would settle for an average offense. Actually, after enduring four years of Will Muschamp dreadfulness, they would settle for an offense that is slightly below average. If the late, great Al Davis were alive today and cheering for the Gators, he'd amend his famous decree whenever UF's offense took the field. *"Just don't be terrible, baby!"* This is the edict for Jim McElwain in Year 1 as the new head coach/offensive messiah of the University of Florida. Gator fans don't expect an awesome offense in McElwain's inaugural season; they just don't

want another awful one. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Muschamp's greatest achievement at UF is that he successfully lowered the perennially lofty expectations of Gator Nation. He bludgeoned the spirit of UF fans with four consecutive years of tedious, tiring, drab, drudging, colorless, characterless offense. Because of this, Muschamp will go down as one of the worst coaches in the modern history of Florida football, and McElwain has one of the easiest jobs in the modern history of Florida football. "It doesn't happen overnight," McElwain says of building a power-

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