

Chimere Dike

#17, Sr., WR, 6-0, 195

Hometown: Waukesha, Wis. (Waukesha North HS)

Previous School: Wisconsin

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COLLEGIATE HONORS

- Team Captain (2024)
- NFL Combine Participant (2025)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Participant (2025)
- Hula Bowl Participant (2025)
- All-Big Ten Honorable Mention (2022)

ACADEMIC HONORS

- Earned his Bachelor's degree in Communications (Fall 2023)
- Three-time Academic All-Big Ten (2021-23)
- SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll (2024)

2024 SEASON: Transferred and joined the Gators in the spring semester... Started 11 of the last 12 games at wide receiver and has played in all 13 games both on offense and special teams, serving as the Gators primary punt returner... Led the team in catches (42), and ranked second with a career-high in receiving yards (783) and touchdown catches (2)... Returned 14 punts for 187 yards with a long of 35-yards and also downed two punts on the opponent's one-yard and three-yard line... In SEC play, averaging league-leading 16.50 yards per return... One of 23 players in the FBS to own four punt returns of 20-plus yards.

- vs. No. 19 Miami: Made his Florida debut at wide receiver and on special teams. Caught a pass for 11 yards and had two punt returns for a total of 28 yards with a long of 17. Also downed a punt on the Miami three-yard line.

- vs. Samford: Started his first game as a Gator and had a catch for 44 yards. Handled punt return duties and took one back for 31 yards.
- vs. Texas A&M: Caught a season-high six catches for 91 yards, including his first touchdown as a Gator and downed a punt on the Aggies' one-yard line.
- at Mississippi State: Tied his career-long with a 35-yard punt return, setting up a touchdown drive. Had three receptions for 43 yards and a long of 28-yards.
- vs. UCF: Led the receiver group with 88 yards receiving on four catches and a long of 37-yards.
- at No. 8 Tennessee: Back-to-back outings leading the team in receiving yards with 76 on four catches with the game-tying 27-yard touchdown reception from DJ Lagway with 34 seconds left in the game. Setup the game-tying score with a 27 yard punt return. Had two punt returns for a total of 57 yards, coming on consecutive drives in the fourth quarter.
- vs. Kentucky: Reeled in two catches for 67-yards with a long of 44-yards and totaling 28-yards after catch.
- vs. No. 2 Georgia: Had two catches for eight yards.
- at No. 5 Texas: Led the receiving core with five catches for 95-yards behind a long of 39-yards.
- vs. No. 21 LSU: Caught two passes for 47-yards with a long of 36-yards.
- vs. No. 9 Ole Miss: Posted three receptions for 54-yards and a long of 41-yards in the 4th quarter to UF at the Ole Miss 26-yard line, setting up the game-winning score. Returned a punt for 10-yards.
- at Florida State: Marked fourth-game leading the receivers in catches (3) and yards (63). All three catches were first downs (17, 21, 25) and returned three punts for 23 yards.
- Gasparilla Bowl vs. Tulane: Led the receivers in catches (6) and yards (96) for the fifth time this season. Had a long reception of 38-yards.

Prior to Florida

2023 at Wisconsin: Made 11 starts at wide receiver... Finished with 19 catches for 328 yards and one touchdown catch... Totaled 12 punt returns for 108 yards and 11 kick returns for 249 yards (22.6 per return)... Caught one pass for a 29-yard touchdown in the season

opener against Buffalo (Sept. 2)... Had four games of three-plus catches with a season-best, three receptions for 67 yards at Purdue (Sept. 22).

2022 at Wisconsin: Started all 13 games... Led the team with 47 catches, 689 receiving yards and six touchdown catches... His six scores ranked T-7th in the Big Ten and were the most for a Badger WR since Quintez Cephus in 2019... His 14.8 yards per catch ranked 4th in the Big Ten among players with at least 40 catches... Posted a 78.8 PFF grade out of the slot, the 9th-best in the Big Ten... Had 10 catches for 185 yards and three touchdowns at Northwestern (Oct. 8) to become the first Wisconsin WR to catch three touchdowns and go for 185+ yards since Lee Evans in 2003... His 185 yards were the T-4th most for any Big Ten player in a single game in 2022... Found the endzone on the ground in the regular season finale vs. Minnesota (Nov. 22)... Returned three kicks in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl vs. Oklahoma State (Dec. 27), breaking one for 53 yards

2021 at Wisconsin: Played in all 13 games while making one start... Ranked fourth on the team in both receptions (19) and receiving yards (272)... Had two catches for 54 yards and a TD vs. No. 14 Michigan (Oct. 2)... Had three receptions in four games... Tied his career-best with a 30-yard reception on 3rd-and-12 to help the Badgers run out the clock and seal the Las Vegas Bowl win over Arizona State (Dec. 30).

2020 at Wisconsin: Appeared in seven games with six stars... Had 12 catches for 189 yards and a touchdown... Recorded 6 carries for 48 yards... Made his collegiate debut against Illinois (Oct. 23)... Made first start in a 49-11 victory at Michigan (Nov. 14) and had two catches for 29 yards and one rush for 30 yards... Posted two catches for 52 yards, including his first career touchdown, against Northwestern (Nov. 21)... Had two catches for 35 yards in the Duke's Mayo Bowl win against Wake Forest (Dec. 30).

High School

Three-star recruit by 247 Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... two-time all-state selection at wide receiver and honorable mention selection as a safety in 2019... Al Toon Award winner as Wisconsin's top senior wide receiver in 2019... Two-time first-team Classic 8 all-conference selection... Recorded 206 receptions, 27 touchdowns and 3,033 receiving yards while playing for Waukesha North... Scored 14 total touchdowns his senior year and caught 59 passes for 962 yards while also rushing for 318 yards... Also totaled 93 tackles, 2 forced fumbles and 2 interceptions his senior year... Caught 12 touchdowns his junior year while collecting 79 receptions and 1,091 receiving yards... Hauled his 36 catches his sophomore year for 588 yards and added 6 touchdowns... His freshman year he scored 3 touchdowns and had 33 receptions and 392 receiving yards... Competed in basketball,

baseball and track and field at Waukesha North... Earned all-conference honors in both basketball and baseball ... earned four medals at the 2019 WIAA Division I State Track and Field Championships thanks to top-eight finishes in the 100 meters (sixth), 200 meters (fourth), 4x100 relay (fifth) and long jump (second)... Three-time scholar-athlete honoree... Coach was Matthew Harris.