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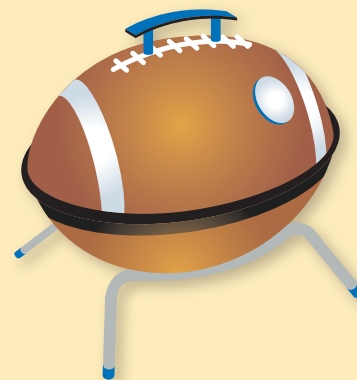


HANG YOUR HEAD

Embattled Crimson Tide readies for home opener vs. lowly Warhawks

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TAILGATE of the week RECIPE



Club Sandwich Dip

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. turkey, chopped
8 oz. cooked ham
8 oz. Swiss cheese
8 oz. American cheese, torn
8 oz. pkg cream cheese

1 cup light mayonnaise
2 tsp. dijon mustard
6 slices bacon, cooked crisp,
drained and crumbled
1/2 cup cherry or grape tomatoes

DIRECTIONS:

In a 3 or 3 1/2 quart slow cooker, combine turkey, ham, processed cheese, cream cheese, mayonnaise and mustard. Cover and cook on high heat setting 1 to 2 hours. Stir in half of bacon. Top with rest of bacon and tomatoes. Serve immediately or keep warm covered on warm setting. Makes 20 servings.



This week's recipe submitted
by **Kiwana Y. Southern,**
Florence, AL

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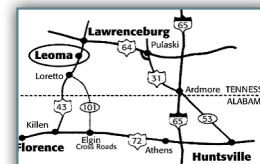
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Clemson fans may earn their stripes this week with the Tigers a large favorite over Troy. [JACOB KUPFERMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

THE LINE

(as of Tuesday)			
Thursday FAVORITE	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at LOUISVILLE	13½	57½	James Madison
at MARYLAND	17½	47½	Northern Illinois
Saturday			
at PENN STATE	41½	54½	Florida Int'l
Liberty	5½	49½	at JAX STATE
at TEXAS TECH	48½	58½	Kent State
at SMU	2½	65½	Baylor
at INDIANA	35½	51½	Kennesaw St.
at NC STATE	2½	55½	Virginia
Illinois	2½	49½	at DUKE
at PITTSBURGH	21½	52½	C. Michigan
at SYRACUSE	6½	58½	UConn
at TEXAS	36½	51½	San Jose State
at IOWA STATE	2½	41½	Iowa
at TEXAS A&M	31½	54½	Utah State
at COLORADO	23½	49½	Delaware
at CLEMSON	33½	51½	Troy
at UTSA	4½	66½	Texas State
at RUTGERS	14½	46½	Miami (OH)
Ole Miss	10½	50½	at KENTUCKY
North Texas	10½	60½	at WE. MICH.
at OREGON STATE	3½	47½	Fresno State
at MISSOURI	6½	50½	Kansas
at NAVY	21½	60½	UAB
at OREGON	28½	57½	Oklahoma St.
at CINCINNATI	21½	46½	Bowling Green
West Virginia	3½	60½	at OHIO
at WISCONSIN	28½	45½	Middle Tenn.
at FLORIDA	17½	55½	South Florida
at ARKANSAS	22½	63½	Arkansas State
at MARSHALL	9½	57½	Missouri State
Tulane	10½	51½	at S. ALABAMA
Memphis	13½	56½	at GEORGIA ST.
North Carolina	12½	49½	at CHARLOTTE
at KANSAS STATE	17½	46½	Army
at TOLEDO	6½	58½	Western Ky.
Houston	13½	39½	at RICE
at MICHIGAN ST.	3½	45½	Boston College
at VIRGINIA TECH	1½	47½	Vanderbilt
at OKLAHOMA	5½	45½	Michigan
at LSU	37½	51½	Louisiana Tech
at USC	28½	62½	Ga. Southern
Arizona State	6½	58½	at MISS. STATE
at NEBRASKA	34½	47½	Akron
at AUBURN	43½	52½	Ball State
at ALABAMA	36½	50½	UL Monroe
UCLA	2½	54½	at UNLV
Tulsa	4½	52½	at N.M. STATE
at BYU	18½	46½	Stanford
at WASH. STATE	1½	44½	San Diego St.
at HAWAII	6½	48½	Sam Houston

GAMES ON TV

Friday

James Madison at Louisville, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Northern Illinois at Maryland, 6:30 p.m., BTN
Western Illinois at Northwestern, 6:30 p.m., BTN
Eastern Washington at Boise State, 8 p.m., FS1

Saturday

Baylor at SMU, 11 a.m., CWTV
Central Michigan at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m., ESPN
East Texas A&M at Florida State, 11 a.m., ACC Network
FIU at Penn State, 11 a.m., BTN
Illinois at Duke, 11 a.m., ESPN
Iowa at Iowa State, 11 a.m., FOX
Kennesaw State at Indiana, 11 a.m., FS1
Kent State at Texas Tech, 11 a.m., TNT
Liberty at Jacksonville State, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Northwestern State at Minnesota, 11 a.m., BTN
San Jose State at Texas, 11 a.m., ABC
Virginia at NC State, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Utah State at Texas A&M, 11:45 a.m., SEC Network
Delaware at Colorado, 2:30 p.m., FOX
Fresno State at Oregon State, 2:30 p.m., CWTV
Grambling at Ohio State, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Kansas at Missouri, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
Oklahoma St. at Oregon, 2:30 p.m., CBS
Ole Miss at Kentucky, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Troy at Clemson, 2:30 p.m., ACC Network
UAB at Navy, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN
Middle Tennessee at Wisconsin, 3 p.m., FS1
Northern Iowa at Wyoming, 3 p.m., ALT
West Virginia at Ohio, 3 p.m., ESPN
South Florida at Florida, 3:15 p.m., SEC Network



Florida State fan Micah Ward and the Seminoles can take their time admiring their art this week when FSU hosts East Texas A&M. [PHELAN M. EBENHACK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Army at Kansas State, 6 p.m., ESPN
Akron at Nebraska, 6:30 p.m., BTN
Arizona State at Mississippi State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Ball State at Auburn, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Boston College at Michigan State, 6:30 p.m., NBC
Georgia Southern at USC, 6:30 p.m., FS1
Michigan at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., ABC
Southern Illinois at Purdue, 6:30 p.m.,

BTN
Vanderbilt at Virginia Tech, 6:30 p.m., ACC Network
Louisiana-Monroe at Alabama, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network
UCLA at UNLV, 7 p.m., CBSSN
San Diego State at Washington State, 9:15 p.m., CWTV
Stanford at BYU, 9:15 p.m., ESPN
UC Davis at Washington, 10 p.m., BTN

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Saturday
No. 1 Ohio St. (1-0) vs. Grambling St. (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 2 Penn St. (1-0) vs. FIU (1-0), 11 a.m.
No. 3 LSU (1-0) vs. Louisiana Tech (1-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 4 Georgia (1-0) vs. Austin Peay (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 5 Miami (1-0) vs. Bethune-Cookman (0-1), 6 p.m.
No. 6 Oregon (1-0) vs. Oklahoma St. (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 7 Texas (0-1) vs. San Jose St. (0-1), 11 a.m.

No. 8 Clemson (0-1) vs. Troy (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 10 South Carolina (1-0) vs. SC State (1-0), 6 p.m.
No. 11 Illinois (1-0) at Duke (1-0), 11 a.m.
No. 12 Arizona St. (1-0) at Mississippi St. (1-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 13 Florida (1-0) vs. South Florida (1-0), 3:15 p.m.
No. 14 Florida St. (1-0) vs. East Texas A&M (0-1), 11 a.m.
No. 15 Michigan (1-0) at No. 18 Oklahoma (1-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 16 Iowa St. (2-0) vs. Iowa (1-0), 11 a.m.

No. 17 SMU (1-0) vs. Baylor (0-1), 11 a.m.
No. 19 Texas A&M (1-0) vs. Utah St. (1-0), 11:45 a.m.
No. 20 Mississippi (1-0) at Kentucky (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 21 Alabama (0-1) vs. Louisiana-Monroe (1-0), 6:45 p.m.
No. 22 Tennessee (1-0) vs. ETSU (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 23 Indiana (1-0) vs. Kennesaw St. (0-1), 11 a.m.
No. 24 Texas Tech (1-0) vs. Kent St. (1-0), 11 a.m.
No. 25 Utah (1-0) vs. Cal Poly (1-0), 5 p.m.

Louisiana-Monroe at Alabama

When: 6:45 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: SEC/FM-93.9, AM-920

Records: Louisiana-Monroe (1-0), No. 21 Alabama (0-1)

The series: Alabama leads 3-1.

Four-down territory

1. Problematic pattern: Florida State quarterback Tony Castellanos had a big day against the Alabama defense — and not just passing. He led the team with 78 rushing yards. Alabama has not fared well against dual-threat quarterbacks under coach Kalen DeBoer. Whether it was Vanderbilt's Diego Pavia (56 yards), Tennessee's Nico Iamaleava (44 yards) or Oklahoma's Jackson Arnold (131 yards), containing them was an issue. Although ULM's Aidan Armenta isn't really a running QB, he did have 39 yards last week. "We weren't able to execute well enough on game day," Alabama defensive coordinator Kane Wommack said. "Schematically, I need to give our players the best chance to be successful based upon the body of work that we've put on the field."

2. That's an issue: Ryan Williams left the FSU game in the fourth quarter after taking a hit to the head and is listed as day-to-day for ULM. That's not the only issue. He was targeted 10 times last week but had five catches for 30 yards with three drops. The sophomore was moved to the slot position. Since starting his freshman season so well in 2024, his production has faded over the last six games. In that span, he has 18 catches for 193 yards with one touchdown.

3. On the mend: Alabama was without key players last week who won't be available Saturday, either. Defensive lineman Tim Keenan III (ankle), right guard Jaeden Roberts (concussion) running back Jam Miller (upper body) are still recovering from preseason injuries. A few players were banged up in the opener and are day-to-day, including defensive lineman Jah-Marien Latham (lower-body injury), receiver Isaiah Horton (lower body injury) and Williams (concussion protocol). "Isaiah Horton, really proud of the way he fought through a lower-body injury that he had," DeBoer said. "He just kept fighting through Saturday."

4. Welcome back: ULM coach Bryant Vincent is coming back to Alabama. The West Alabama graduate made several coaching stops in the state, including



Alabama receiver Germie Bernard, shown last year, and the Crimson Tide hope to find a measure of success Saturday against Louisiana-Monroe.

[BUTCH DILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

UAB and South Alabama, plus Spanish Fort, Greenville, Spain Park and Charles Henderson high schools. He led Spanish Fort to the 2010 Class 5A state championship. He served as interim head coach for UAB in 2022 and went 7-6. He's in his third year at ULM with a 13-13 overall record.

Key matchup

Alabama DL James Smith vs. ULM DL Kevontay Wells

James Smith has played in 23 games and had three tackles last week. Wells is a preseason All-Sun Belt Conference selection who had three tackles last week in the Warhawks' opener.

Player of the week

Germie Bernard, WR

The senior was one of the few bright spots for the Tide last week with eight catches for 146 yards.

By the numbers

1: Conor Talty's 40-yard field goal last week was the first in his career.

2: Germie Bernard finished with eight receptions and 146 yards last week, eclipsing 100-plus receiving yards for the second time at Alabama.

13: Alabama dropped 13 spots in The Associated Press Poll from No. 8 to No. 21.

2007: The Crimson Tide's lone loss to ULM was in 2007, Nick Saban's

first season.

Prediction

Alabama 42, ULM 13

The Crimson Tide endured enough bashing on sports talk shows and social media to last a lifetime after last week's season opener. The truth is they are right. Alabama was lethargic, looked lost at times and was bullied on both lines of scrimmage. You won't see that against ULM, and maybe all the harsh criticism will light a fire under the Tide. But FSU's Tony Castellanos was right, Nick Saban isn't around to save Alabama.

— Edwin Stanton

Ball State at Auburn

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: ESPNU/FM-94.9

Records: Ball State (0-1), Auburn (1-0)

The series: Auburn leads 3-0.

Four-down territory

1. Making his case: Auburn's Dar-rion Smith played just eight snaps in last week's win at Baylor, but the true freshman defensive lineman made the most of them with two QB hurries. "We probably should have played him more," coach Hugh Freeze said. "He was harassing the quarterback pretty well. I thought he made the most of his opportunities, which ultimately should lead to more opportunities now." Smith played mostly toward the end of the game.

2. Nice options: Jackson Arnold stole the show running the ball last week, but performance by running backs Damari Alston and Jeremiah Cobb were a welcome sight for a team searching for Jarquez Hunter's replacement. Alston's 84 yards and a score and Cobb's 74 yards with a score gave the Tigers two good options in the backfield. "They waited for their time and have developed," Freeze said. "It's good to see them have success in their first real outing. We will need them both."

3. Right attitude: Izavion Miller has been the starter at right tackle since he was a sophomore. Until the season opener. The senior had to sit on the bench for most of the game with Baylor. He did get into the rotation but played just 19 snaps. "If there's ever a reason to pout, he would be at the top of the line, but he doesn't," Freeze said. "When he came in, he gave us a spark. Those drives when he was in there, he was moving people."

4. Needs work: It wasn't perfect, but the Tigers' season opener was an emphatic success. The one area Freeze did address this week was Baylor's ability to move the ball through the air. Baylor totaled 419 passing yards, including 204 yards after catch. "We probably should have played more dime and bracketed (Baylor receiver Kole Wilson) some," Freeze said. "It's us that coached it and us that executed it. I know they can show me because they've done it right a bunch. We didn't do it right when it counted the most."



Auburn quarterback Jackson Arnold and the Tigers hope to stretch their legs even more Saturday against Ball State. [JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Key matchup

Auburn QB Jackson Arnold vs. Ball State QB Kiae Kelly

Arnold wasted little time settling in at Auburn, passing for 108 yards and running for 137 with two touchdowns last week. Like Arnold, Kelly is a running QB who rushed for 63 yards on 22 carries and passed for 87 yards last week.

Player of the week

Keldric Faulk, DE

Faulk made an impact to start the season, totaling four tackles with a sack, a QB hurry and one pass breakup.

By the numbers

2013: Jackson Arnold's 137 rushing yards last week were the most by an Auburn QB since Nick Marshall's 214 vs. Tennessee in 2013.

38: Auburn's 38 points against Baylor were the most in a road nonconference game since beating Florida State 42-41 in 1984.

6: The Tigers have a 6-2 record under Freeze in games played at night.

17: Auburn freshman center Kail Ellis entered the 2025 season as the youngest player in FBS. He turned 17 on April 29.

Prediction

Auburn 49, Ball State 9

The Tigers are off and running and have good reason to feel positive, although it's early in the season. Saturday's game should give Auburn players a chance to work on some issues that need addressing and should give some backups and less-experienced players some much-needed work. The Tigers still have another tune-up game before SEC play hits. By then, a confident and improved Auburn team could be bad news for the rest of the league.

— Edwin Stanton

East Tenn. State at Tennessee

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: SEC/FM-97.9/AM-1340

Records: East Tennessee State (1-0), No. 22 Tennessee (1-0)

The series: Tennessee leads 1-0.

Four-down territory

1. Last-second change: Tennessee guard Jesse Perry found out Saturday before the opener with Syracuse he was moving to tackle. Freshman David Sanders was injured in practice and was ruled out. “I got told in the morning, but I was ready for it,” he said. “I’ve taken enough reps at tackle. I felt confident to go out there. It sucked not having David out there, but as a unit, we’re ready. Next man up mentality. Just go out there and play for each other.”

2. Looking good: QB Joey Aguilar had a spectacular debut for the Vols, passing for 247 yards with three TDs. His teammates couldn’t be happier and aren’t surprised. “I’ve seen his poise at practice, even when we’re going up against the best defense in the nation in practice,” tight end Miles Kitselman said. “I don’t know if impressed is the right word, but just being able to go out there and do his job. It’s like this is the Joey I’ve seen in practice, and I was just really glad that he went out there and played how I know he can play.”

3. Business as usual: The Tennessee defense picked up where it left off last season, particularly dominating the line of scrimmage. The Vols recorded five sacks and held Syracuse to 103 rushing yards. But there is always room for improvement. “We gave up a good amount of touchdowns (three rushing). So, yeah, we just can’t let that happen in the next game. We’re just going to get better with that,” defensive lineman Tyree Weathersby said.

4. No letting up: After a big win and seeing ETSU ahead on the schedule, it could be understandable to coast this week. Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel wants to keep the foot on the gas pedal, especially with Georgia just over the horizon. “The standard is the standard,” he said. “We are chasing perfection, or as close to it as we can. We have to approach (ETSU) the right way.”

Key matchup

Tennessee RB Star Thomas vs. ETSU RB Devontae Houston

Thomas had a solid Vol debut,



Running back Star Thomas, after shining in his Tennessee debut last week, makes his Neyland Stadium debut Saturday. [MIKE STEWART/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

rushing for 92 yards on 12 carries against Syracuse. Houston is a pre-season All-Southern Conference selection who rushed for 128 yards and two TDs in the Bucs’ season opener.

Player of the week

Arion Carter, LB

One of the top Tennessee defensive players led the way last week with nine tackles with one sack, a good sign for the Vols.

By the numbers

0: Tennessee didn’t allow a sack last week against Syracuse.

21: Tennessee had 21 players make their debuts for the Volunteers last week, including 15 true freshmen.

246: The Vols have run for 200 yards 31 times under Heupel and have a 29-2 when doing so. The Vols rushed for 246 yards in the opener.

288: Joey Aguilar, in his career, is averaging 288.2 yards of total offense per game and is the active FBS career leader

in the category.

Prediction

Tennessee 45, ETSU 13

It’s not much of contest, but Tennessee can use the nonconference cupcake to make some improvements. The big issue is keeping everyone healthy. Georgia is next and we will find out where the Vols are in terms of making strides toward an SEC championship and beyond.

— Edwin Stanton

UNA at Southeast Missouri State

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: UNA (0-1), Southeast Missouri State (0-1)

The series: Tied 1-1.

Four-down territory

1. Back in the FCS: Both UNA and Southeast Missouri opened the season with money games — aka FBS bodybag games — last week. Both results went as expected. The Lions lost at Western Kentucky 55-6. Western Kentucky's highlight was quarterback Maverick McIvor tossing five touchdown passes. UNA's was kicker Ian Vachon providing two field goals. Southeast Missouri fell at Arkansas State 42-24 with the Red Wolves scoring three rushing and three passing touchdowns on the Redhawks. So, plenty of red all around.

2. Whoa, big man: Jax Leatherwood is Southeast Missouri's starting quarterback. He's listed at 6-foot-8. He completed 26 of 36 passes for 272 yards and two touchdowns at Arkansas State. The junior spent last season at San Diego Mesa College, a junior college, after redshirting at Nevada in 2023. Nevada, apparently, had a thing for very tall QBs. The year before Leatherwood's arrival, the Wolfpack played Nate Cox, who at 6-9 was the tallest signal caller in college football history. Jamar Graham tied that mark last season at Alabama A&M against Kentucky State. Graham is not listed on the Bulldogs' roster this year.

3. The road isn't where the heart is: For all of Braly's flaws — and there are many — UNA has been better in the ghastly stadium than away from it since its first Division I season in 2018. The Lions are 14-18 when playing in Florence. On the road? UNA is just 7-32, which includes the season opener at Western Kentucky. The Lions have just one season with a winning road record. That was in 2018 when they beat Southern Utah, Alabama A&M and Jackson State.

4. Close the curtain: Saturday will be Southeast Missouri's home opener, which is 7-4 in such games under coach Tom Matukewicz. The Redhawks are encouraging their fans to wear black for a "black out." How effective will it be? Dunno. Depends if UNA decides to wear its highly fashionable black alternate jerseys. One would think the Lions



UNA receiver Tanaka Scott exited the season opener with just one catch for 5 yards. [DREW BARTON/NORTH ALABAMA ATHLETICS]

ought to leave those at home.

Key matchup

SEMO offensive line vs. UNA defensive line

Yeah, we're going to avoid specific players for this one. It's better that way. The Lions need their D-line to be effective in this game. Western Kentucky rolled up 563 yards offense last week. Southeast Missouri had just 372 last season, but it totaled 176 of those yards — and four touchdowns — on the ground. UNA can't have a repeat of the "you get a touchdown, you get a touchdown, everybody gets a touchdown" outcome.

Player of the week

Tanaka Scott, WR

Scott is listed at 6-foot-5, making him one of the tallest targets for quarterback Ari Patu to throw to. He had just one catch for 5 yards against Western Kentucky. Finding a way to get him the ball, especially if the Lions get inside the red zone could be helpful.

By the numbers

37-15: The score of last year's meeting. Southeast Missouri won after scoring the final 24 points to tie the series on its way to an FCS playoff appearance. UNA won the initial matchup 61-13 — in 1956.

4-17: UNA's nonconference record as

a Division I program.

2029: The next time UNA and Southeast Missouri are slated to meet. It will be in Florence, according to fbschedules.com

100: Juice Allen's rushing yards the last time UNA played Southeast Missouri. It was his first, and only, career 100-yard game.

Prediction

Southeast Missouri 35, UNA 17

Please see above. Once again, UNA has to show it can win, especially on the road, before it gets the benefit of the double.

— David Glovach



Gavin Wimsatt and Jacksonville State weren't able to push UCF away last week. [JACKSONVILLE STATE ATHLETICS]

This week's SEC, state games

Liberty at Jacksonville State

When: 11 a.m. Saturday
TV: CBSSN
Records: Liberty (1-0), Jacksonville State (0-1)
The series: Jacksonville State leads 5-1.
The lowdown: The teams won each of the last two Conference USA championships. ... Liberty's win in the series was

31-13 in 2013 on its way to the league title. ... Ethan Vasko's debut as Liberty's quarterback included 197 yards passing and three touchdowns, a team-high 63 yards rushing and a score, and a 28-7 home win over Maine. Liberty scored the final three touchdowns over the final 12:01. ... JSU gave up two touchdowns in the final 10 minutes to lose 17-10 last week at Central

Florida in coach Charles Kelly's debut. ... The Gamecocks and Flames were two of the nation's top four rushing offenses last year. ... Both Jax State and Liberty are entering their third CUSA season and are both 13-3 in league play.

San Jose State at Texas

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: ABC
Records: San Jose State (0-1), Texas (0-1)
The series: Texas leads 1-0.
The lowdown: Texas broke out its checkbook to host San Jose State, although it likely won't put much of



Solomon Beebe and UAB racked up plenty of yards in their season opener. It was needed thanks to their defense. [UAB ATHLETICS]



Texas A&M will try to prove once again it's the best Aggie. [TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS]

SEC

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a dent in the Longhorns' coffers. The Spartans are set to make \$1.85 million, according to the Austin American-Statesman. ... Texas, the AP preseason No. 1 team, is coming off a 14-7 loss at Ohio State. Arch Manning threw for 170 yards and a touchdown. ... San Jose State lost 16-14 to Central Michigan. ... The Spartans' last road win over a ranked team was Nov. 1, 1980. It was a 30-22 win at No. 10 Baylor. ... San Jose State last beat an SEC school in 2019. Arkansas, which would seem to qualify as an SEC school, was the victim. The Spartans won 31-24.

Utah State at Texas A&M

When: 11:45 a.m. Saturday

TV: SEC

Records: Utah State (1-0), Texas A&M (1-0)

The series: A&M leads 1-0.

The lowdown: Texas A&M is paying Utah State \$1.65 million to visit Aggieland and lose, per the Austin American-Statesman. It's the most expensive nonconference game on Texas A&M's schedule. UTSA got \$1.5 million for the season opener, while Samford will receive \$500,000 for the Nov. 22 matchup. ... Utah State is 2-25 all-time against current members of the SEC. Its wins? A 35-6 victory at Kentucky in 1970 and an awarded 2-0 forfeit win against Oklahoma in 1972. ... Texas A&M holds



Neal Brown and Troy probably didn't leave Dabo Swinney and Clemson smiling much after the programs' 2016 meeting. [TROY ATHLETICS]

a three-game winning streak over other teams that feature the Aggies nickname. Sorry, New Mexico State (2016 and 2024) and Utah State (2009). ... Utah State is 6-70 all-time against AP-ranked teams.

UAB at Navy

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: CBSSN

Records: UAB (1-0), Navy (1-0)

The series: Navy leads 2-0.

The lowdown: UAB and Navy were two of 20 FBS teams last week to post 500 yards total offense. The Blazers had 520 and the Midshipmen 556. ... UAB gave up 514, the most an FBS defense allowed an FCS team last week. ... The Blazers trailed 28-17 in the third quarter. ... UAB surrendered 202 yards rushing,

while Navy piled up 464 in a 52-7 win over VMI. ... The Blazers' worst game for rushing defense was in 1994 when Jacksonville State had 431 yards. For total defense, it's Tulsa's 695 in 2007. ... Last week, UAB's Jalen Kitna was 18-of-23 passing for 247 yards and two TDs, while Jevon Jackson ran 17 times for 166 yards and two scores. ... Alabama State's six touchdown drives were all at least 68 yards. The Hornets were 13-of-15 on third-down conversions.

Troy at Clemson

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ACCN

Records: Troy (1-0), Clemson (0-1)

The series: Clemson leads 2-0.

The lowdown: Clemson won a national



Steve Sarkisian and Texas probably won't be seeing many "Horns Down" for the San Jose State game. [SARA DIGGINS/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN]

championship the year the Tigers last faced the Trojans in 2016. The Tigers won 30-24, though Troy had a defensive touchdown wiped out after an apparent fumble by Clemson's Tyshon Dye. Officials ruled Dye's forward progress had been stopped before the fumble. The play was not reviewable. Clemson scored on the next play. ... Troy has five all-time wins over a Power Four opponent, most recently Nebraska (2018). ... Tae Meadows ran 23 times for 189 yards and a touchdown to lead the Trojans in last week's 38-20 home win over Nicholls. ... Troy scored the final 21 points in the last 8:13. ... Clemson OT Blake Miller, with 47 snaps Saturday, will become the



Instead of fighting over a state’s political future, Missouri and Kansas have learned to play for a large drum instead. [CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

SEC

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seventh player in school history to reach 3,000 for his career. All are offensive linemen. ... After losing 17-10 at home to LSU last week, the Tigers are looking to avoid consecutive home losses for the first time since 2008. That year, they fell to Maryland and Georgia Tech, the last of which was Dabo Swinney’s debut as head coach.

Kansas at Missouri

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN2
Records: Kansas (2-0), Missouri (1-0)
The series: Mizzou leads 56-55-9.
The lowdown: Bleeding Kansas, uh, the Border Showdown returns for the first time since 2011 when Missouri gave in to its sympathies and opted to join the South — eastern Conference. ... The on-field rivalry began in 1891. Off field, about 1856. ... It’s the Tigers, however, who have featured the most notable John Brown in the football series. The defensive end tallied 25 tackles for loss in his career between the 1970-71 seasons. Sacks were not an official NCAA stat until 2000. Basketball, too. A different John Brown played for the Tigers from 1970-73 and was drafted in the first round by the Atlanta Hawks in 1973.



Austin Simmons probably didn’t give Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin much stress last week. [ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

His No. 50 Missouri jersey is retired. ... The historical John Brown still belongs to Kansas. But the Jayhawks did have a linebacker last season named JB Brown. Not sure if that counts or not. ... Missouri won the last Border Showdown 24-10 and five of the last six matchups. Oh, those border ruffians.

Austin Peay at Georgia

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: SEC+
Records: Austin Peay (1-0), Georgia (1-0)
The series: Georgia leads 1-0.



Florida defensive linemen Jeramiah McCloud and George Gumbs Jr. certainly had more to celebrate than Long Island in the season opener after the Gators made mincemeat of the Sharks. [ALAN YOUNGBLOOD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Austin Peay would certainly like to perform a second Gatorade bath this week, but chances are the beverage will only be used to quench thirst at Georgia. [AUSTIN PEAY ATHLETICS]

The lowdown: Georgia is paying Austin Peay a sum of \$550,000 to be its chew toy, according to the Athens Banner-Herald. Although, it is \$50,000 more than the Governors received in 2018 and the Bulldogs won that matchup 45-0. ... Austin Peay beat Middle Tennessee State 34-14 in its season opener. It was the program’s first win over an FBS opponent since topping Kansas State 26-22 in the 1987 season opener. The FCS was established in 1978. ... Georgia quarterback Gunner Stockton threw for two touchdowns and rushed for two in the 45-7 season-opening rout of Marshall.

Ole Miss at Kentucky

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ABC
Records: Ole Miss (1-0), Kentucky (1-0)
The series: Ole Miss leads 30-15-1.
The lowdown: The Wildcats’ 20-17 win at then-No. 6 Ole Miss last September was a critical blow to the Rebels’ playoff hopes. ... The last four Ole Miss-Kentucky games have been decided by three points or less with 2020 going to overtime. ... UK is 51-217-5 in games against AP-ranked teams. ... Zach Calzada, in his



Rylen Sharpe, Kam Shanks and the Arkansas offense were feeling their connection against over-matched Alabama A&M last week. [ARKANSAS ATHLETICS]



Alabama A&M will try not to get manhandled for a second straight week. Although, the Bulldogs are facing another SWAC school this time. [ALABAMA A&M ATHLETICS]

SEC

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seventh college season that has taken him from Texas A&M to Auburn to Incarnate Word and now Kentucky, was 10-of-23 for 85 yards in his UK debut, a 24-16 win last week over Toledo. ... The Rebels snacked 63-7 on Georgia State last week, racking up 695 yards total offense. ... Austin Simmons debuted with a 20-of-31, 341-yard, three-TD effort.

South Florida at Florida

When: 3:15 p.m. Saturday

TV: SECN

Records: USF (1-0), Florida (1-0)

The series: Florida leads 3-0.

The lowdown: South Florida's 34-7 win over Boise State last week was its first over a ranked team since 2016. ... The Bulls are opening the season with three ranked teams. ... The Gators won the last meeting 31-28 in 2022. ... USF is 2-9 all-time vs. SEC teams with wins over Auburn (2007) and South Carolina (2016), both in the Birmingham Bowl. ... Florida's current five-game win streak is the longest in the SEC and is tied for the longest in the nation with Ohio State, Illinois, Memphis and Air Force. ... The Gators, in last week's 55-0 win over Long Island, set a school record with two first downs allowed. They committed no penalties for just the second time (2021 at LSU). ... Vernell Brown III was the first true freshman receiver to start the



Jake Retzlaff and Tulane made sure to remind Northwestern not to disrespect New Orleans last week. Now, the Green Wave will vie for Mardi Gras bragging rights when it travels to Mobile to face South Alabama. [TULANE ATHLETICS]

season opener and the 17th at any position since 1972. ... Brown's dad started as a redshirt freshman in Game 10 of 2002 and his granddad as a true freshman in Game 6 of 1982. ... Brown III finished with 79 yards receiving, 6 fewer than Long Island's total offense.

Arkansas State vs. Arkansas

When: 4 p.m. Saturday

Where: Little Rock

TV: SEC+

Records: Arkansas State (1-0), Arkansas (1-0)

The series: First meeting.

The lowdown: The Red Wolves and Razorbacks announced they would play for the first time in February 2021. ... While Arkansas is a regular in Little Rock, Arkansas State is playing at War Memorial Stadium for the first time since 2006. ... The Razorbacks are 153-62-4 all-time



Vicari Swain helped end a long South Carolina drought in the win over Virginia Tech. [MIKE BUSCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

at War Memorial. ... Hogs QB Taylen Green threw six touchdown passes in last week's 52-7 win over Alabama A&M, a number that tied for second in school history. ... Green finished 24-of-31 passing for 322 yards. ... Arkansas's seven passing TDs tied a school record set in 2015 against Mississippi State. ... Ark State's Jaylen Raynor was 26-of-32



LSU was able to hoist the victory belt as the king of Death Valley thanks to its win at Clemson.
[JACOB KUPFERMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Miles Capers (29) and Khordae Sydnor will be looking to help Vanderbilt give Virginia Tech the thumbs down for a second straight year. [JOHN AMIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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passing for 345 yards and three scores in last week's 42-24 win over Southeast Missouri State.

Tulane at South Alabama

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Tulane (1-0), South Alabama (1-0)
The series: Tulane leads 2-1.
The lowdown: The Green Wave, after Northwestern denied Tulane's request to wear white uniforms last week for Hurricane Katrina's 20th anniversary, administered a 23-3 beating on the Wildcats. ... BYU transfer Jake Retzlaff was 18-of-31 passing for 152 yards and a touchdown, plus ran for 113 yards and a score, for Tulane. ... South Alabama's 38-21 win over Morgan State marked the Jags' first season-opening victory since 2022. ... USA recovered three fumbles vs. Morgan State, its most since 2017 vs. Troy. ... The Jags are 3-11 vs. current members of the American Conference.

Alcorn State at Alabama A&M

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: HBCU Go
Records: Alcorn (0-1), Alabama A&M (0-1)
The series: A&M leads 13-11.
The lowdown: The teams last "met" in the spring of 2021 with A&M winning via



Raleek Brown, left, Jimeto Obigbo and Ben Coleman will look to help Arizona State be the first ranked non-SEC school to post a win at Mississippi State since 2009. [ROSS D. FRNAKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

COVID forfeit when the Braves canceled their season. ... Their last on-the-field game was 2019, a 34-28 Alcorn victory. ... The Bulldogs opened the season with a 52-7 loss at Arkansas, who scored the final 45 points and racked up 552 yards offense. A&M quarterback Cornelious Brown was 9-of-19 passing for 130 yards. ... The Braves helped Northwestern State

snap a 20-game losing streak in their opener, falling 20-10 to the Demons. ... Jaylon Tolbert was 19-of-44 passing for 182 yards and two interceptions for Alcorn.

South Carolina State at South Carolina

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV: SEC+
Records: S.C. State (1-0), South Carolina (1-0)
The series: South Carolina leads 3-0.
The lowdown: The Gamecocks last met S.C. State in 2022, a 50-10 win. Their three meetings were decided by a combined 116-27. ... While the Gamecocks were beating Virginia Tech 24-11 last week in Atlanta, the Bulldogs were knocking off another in-state rival, Wofford, 16-15. ... S.C. State scored the winning touchdown with 1:29 remaining, capping a 10-play, 74-yard drive. ... Vicari Swain's 80-yard punt-return touchdown gave the Gamecocks a 17-8 lead over Virginia Tech. It was Carolina's first punt-return TD since Ace Sanders went 63 yards vs. Michigan in the 2013 Outback Bowl.

Louisiana Tech at LSU

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: SEC+
Records: La. Tech (1-0), LSU (1-0)
The series: LSU leads 19-1.
The lowdown: After winning 17-10 last week at Clemson's Death Valley, LSU hosts Louisiana Tech in its own Death Valley. ... Some fans have long memories, but it's quite unlikely any have first-hand memories of Louisiana Tech's last win over LSU. It was by a 6-0 tally on Oct. 23, 1904. ... The Tigers have won the last 16 meetings. ... LSU is hosting an in-state opponent for an eighth

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straight year. Last year, it was Nicholls. ... Last week at Clemson, LSU's Garrett Nussmeier was 28-of-38 passing for 232 yards and a touchdown. ... Kam Franklin's 80-yard fumble-return touchdown capped the Bulldogs' 24-0 win over Southeastern Louisiana last week.

Vanderbilt at Virginia Tech

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ACCN
Records: Vanderbilt (1-0), Virginia Tech (0-1)
The series: Virginia Tech leads 6-4.
The lowdown: Vanderbilt beat the Hokies 34-27 in overtime last year. ... The Commodores' 481 yards total offense in last week's 45-3 win over Charleston Southern were their most since marching off 601 yards against Hawaii in 2022. ... Diego Pavia matched his Vanderbilt single-game high with 275 passing yards. He was 20-of-25 for three touchdowns. ... Vandy scored on its first three drives for the first time since 2017 against Tennessee. ... Virginia Tech is facing two SEC opponents in a season for the first time since 2016. That year, they faced Tennessee at Bristol Motor Speedway and Arkansas in the Belk Bowl. ... John Love's 56-yard field goal was a Hokie highlight in Sunday's 24-11 loss to South Carolina.



Michigan running back Justice Haynes was able to shake hands in the end zone not once, but three times last week. [RYAN SUN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Arizona State at Mississippi State

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN2
Records: Arizona State (1-0), Mississippi State (1-0)
The series: Arizona State leads 1-0.
The lowdown: The Sun Devils are the first ranked, non-SEC opponent to travel to Mississippi State since 2009 when No. 25 Georgia Tech posted a 42-31 win. ... The Bulldogs haven't beaten a ranked, non-SEC foe at home since 1991. ... Kyle

Ferrie set an MSU record with a 55-yard field goal in last week's 34-17 win at Southern Miss. ... Blake Shapen has a 16-game streak with at least one touchdown pass, the second-longest active such streak in the nation. Iowa State's Rocco Becht has a 20-gamer. ... Arizona State's Sam Leavitt was 25-of-39 passing for 257 yards and two touchdowns, with Jordyn Tyson pulling in 12 passes for 141 yards and two scores, in the Sun Devils' 38-19 win over Northern Arizona.

Michigan at Oklahoma

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ABC
Records: Michigan (1-0), Oklahoma (1-0)
The series: Oklahoma leads 1-0.
The lowdown: The Sooners last met the Wolverines in January 1976, winning 14-6 in the Orange Bowl to take a national championship. ... The Sooners were No. 3, but No. 1 Ohio State lost to UCLA in the Rose Bowl and No. 2 Texas A&M had lost 20-0 to Southern California in the pre-Christmas Liberty Bowl. ... Michigan ranks second in college football with a .7327 all-time winning percentage behind Ohio State's .736. ... OU is sixth at .723. For those curious, Alabama is third (.7325), Notre Dame fourth (.731) and Boise State fifth (.725). ... Sooners QB John Mateer was 30-of-37 passing for 392 yards and three touchdowns in last week's 35-3 win over Illinois State. Mateer set a school record for passing yards in his OU debut, eclipsing the 388 yards Baker Mayfield tossed on Akron in 2015. ... Michigan downed New Mexico State 34-17 behind Alabama transfer Justice Haynes' 159 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Freshman QB Bryce Underwood was 21-of-31 passing for 251 yards and a score.

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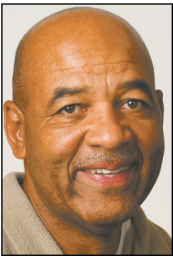
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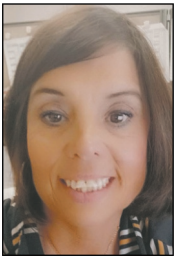
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Ball State at Auburn	
North Alabama at SE Missouri State	
Kansas at Missouri	
Michigan at Oklahoma	
Arizona State at Mississippi State	
Vanderbilt at Virginia Tech	
Liberty at Jacksonville State	
Tulane at South Alabama	
Stanford at BYU	
Last week	7-3
Season record	7-3

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COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Monday's games)

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Memphis	0	0	0	1	45	10
Navy	0	0	0	1	52	7
North Texas	0	0	0	1	51	0
Rice	0	0	0	1	14	12
South Florida	0	0	0	1	34	7
Temple	0	0	0	1	42	10
Tulane	0	0	0	1	23	3
Tulsa	0	0	0	1	35	7
UAB	0	0	0	1	52	42
Army	0	0	0	0	1	27
Charlotte	0	0	0	0	1	11
East Carolina	0	0	0	0	1	17
FAU	0	0	0	0	1	7
UTSA	0	0	0	0	1	24

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Boston College	0	0	0	0	1	66
California	0	0	0	0	1	34
Duke	0	0	0	0	1	45
Florida St.	0	0	0	0	1	31
Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	1	27
Louisville	0	0	0	0	1	51
Miami	0	0	0	0	1	27
NC State	0	0	0	0	1	24
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	1	61
SMU	0	0	0	0	1	42
Virginia	0	0	0	0	1	48
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	1	10
Clemson	0	0	0	0	1	10
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	1	14
Stanford	0	0	0	0	1	20
Syracuse	0	0	0	0	1	26
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	1	11

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Iowa St.	1	0	24	21	2	79
Arizona	0	0	0	0	1	40
Arizona St.	0	0	0	0	1	38
BYU	0	0	0	0	1	69
Houston	0	0	0	0	1	27
Kansas	0	0	0	0	2	77
Oklahoma St.	0	0	0	0	1	27
TCU	0	0	0	0	1	48
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0	1	67
UCF	0	0	0	0	1	17
Utah	0	0	0	0	1	43
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	1	45
Kansas St.	0	1	21	24	1	59
Baylor	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	1
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Cal Poly	0	0	0	0	1	41
N. Colorado	0	0	0	0	1	17
UC Davis	0	0	0	0	1	31
E. Washington	0	0	0	0	1	21
Idaho	0	0	0	0	1	10
Idaho St.	0	0	0	0	2	55
Montana	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana St.	0	0	0	0	1	13
N. Arizona	0	0	0	0	1	19
Portland St.	0	0	0	0	2	0
Sacramento St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Weber St.	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
E. Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	24
Gardner-Webb	0	0	0	0	1	52
Tennessee St.	0	0	0	0	1	24
Tennessee Tech	0	0	0	0	1	65
Chas. Southern	0	0	0	0	1	3
L'wood (Mo.)	0	0	0	0	1	13
SE Missouri	0	0	0	0	1	24
UT Martin	0	0	0	0	1	7
W. Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	52
Indiana	0	0	0	0	1	27
Iowa	0	0	0	0	1	34
Maryland	0	0	0	0	1	39
Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	34
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0	1	23
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	1	23



Demond Williams and the Washington Huskies helped the Big Ten go 16-2 last week. [LINDSEY WASSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Nebraska	0	0	0	0	1	20	17
Ohio St.	0	0	0	0	1	14	7
Oregon	0	0	0	0	1	59	13
Penn St.	0	0	0	0	1	46	11
Purdue	0	0	0	0	1	31	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	1	34	31
Southern Cal	0	0	0	0	1	73	13
Washington	0	0	0	0	1	38	21
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	1	17	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
UCLA	0	0	0	0	0	1	10

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Rhode Island	1	0	31	20	1	31
Delaware	0	0	0	0	1	35
Monmouth (N.J.)	0	0	0	0	1	42
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	1	27
Towson	0	0	0	0	1	27
Albany (N.Y.)	0	0	0	0	1	7
Bryant	0	0	0	0	1	3
Campbell	0	1	20	31	0	1
Elon	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hampton	0	0	0	0	0	1
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	1
NC A&T	0	0	0	0	0	1
Richmond	0	1	14	21	0	1
Stony Brook	0	0	0	0	0	1
Villanova	0	0	0	0	0	0
William & Mary	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
W. Kentucky	1	0	41	24	2	0
FIU	0	0	0	0	1	0

Liberty	0	0	0	0	1	28	7
Louisiana Tech	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
New Mexico St.	0	0	0	0	1	19	3
Jacksonville St.	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Kennesaw St.	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Middle Tenn.	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
Sam Houston St.	0	1	24	41	0	2	45
UTEP	0	0	0	0	0	1	16

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cornell	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dartmouth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harvard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Princeton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yale	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	1	26
Cent. Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	16
Kent St.	0	0	0	0	1	21
N. Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	19
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ball St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	1
E. Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	1
Miami (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0	1
Toledo	0	0	0	0	0	1
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Howard	0	0	0	0	1	10
SC State	0	0	0	0	1	16
NC Central	0	0	0	0	1	41
Delaware St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Morgan St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Norfolk St.	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Indiana St.	0	0	0	0	1	41
N. Dakota St.	0	0	0	0	1	38
N. Iowa	0	0	0	0	1	38
S. Dakota St.	0	0	0	0	1	20
S. Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	49
Youngstown St.	0	0	0	0	1	24
Illinois St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Missouri St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Murray St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	1
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Air Force	0	0	0	0	1	49
San Diego St.	0	0	0	0	1	42
UNLV	0	0	0	0	2	76
Utah St.	0	0	0	0	1	28
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	1	10
Fresno St.	0	0	0	0	1	49
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	1	29
Boise St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Colorado St.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	1
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	1
San Jose St.	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
CCSU	0	0	0	0	1	13
Duquesne	0	0	0	0	0	1
LIU Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robert Morris	0	0	0	0	0	1
St. Francis (Pa.)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stonehill	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wagner	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Washington St.	0	0	0	0	1	13
Oregon St.	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Lehigh	1	0	21	14	1	0
Georgetown	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bucknell	0	0	0	0	0	1
Colgate	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fordham	0	0	0	0	0	1
Holy Cross	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lafayette	0	0	0	0	0	1

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	A	W	P
Drake	0	0	0	0	1	0
Marist	0	0	0	0	1	0
Morehead St.	0	0	0	0	1	0
Presbyterian	0	0	0	0	1	0
St. Thomas (Minn.)	0	0	0	0	1	0
Valparaiso	0	0	0	0	1	0
Butler	0	0	0	0	0	1
Davidson	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dayton	0	0	0	0	0	1
San Diego	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stetson	0	0	0	0	0	1

Southeastern Conference								
	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	A	W	L	P	A
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	1	0	52	7
Auburn	0	0	0	0	1	0	38	24
Florida	0	0	0	0	1	0	55	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	1	0	45	7
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	16
LSU	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	10
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	1	0	63	7
Mississippi St.	0	0	0	0	1	0	34	17
Missouri	0	0	0	0	1	0	61	6
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	3
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	11
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	1	0	45	26
Texas A&M	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	24
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	1	0	45	3
Alabama	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	31
Texas	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	14

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Quick judgments often overreactions

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First glances grab our attention. Especially when everything changes in the course of a holiday weekend.

In just less than 24 hours, we saw Auburn look like a contender and Alabama look like a phony, flopping narratives from this space just the week before.

But our initial feels are often overreactions. Let's take a look at what we gleaned and where we're headed after the SEC's opening weekend.

Texas, Arch Manning are frauds

The hype over quarterback Arch Manning has been off the charts since he arrived at Texas all because of his DNA. In his first start of the 2025 season, he failed to impress, throwing for just 170 yards and a touchdown in a 14-7 loss to defending national champion Ohio State.

By the rankings, this was an upset. According to oddsmakers, this played out close to form.

Clearly, neither Manning nor Texas were ready for the spotlight. But let's be honest, you're talking about opening on the road against the nation's most dominant program, yet the Longhorns still had a shot down the stretch.

The verdict: Overreaction. Texas won't face a team like this until November, so there's plenty of time to build confidence and a résumé before back-to-back ranked opponents in October. In fact, the schedule sets up nicely for the Longhorns again with the two biggest challenges remaining near the end (at Georgia on Nov. 15, home vs. Texas A&M on Nov. 28).

Auburn is back, baby

The Tigers went on the road and pulled away from a Baylor team that finished 2024 on fire and may be a darkhorse Big 12 contender. The most encouraging sign was the offense, led by Oklahoma transfer Jackson Arnold (137 rushing yards, 245 total).

This was as good as we've seen a Hugh Freeze offense look since arriving on The Plains and Arnold is a good fit for the success we saw from Freeze's teams at Ole Miss and Liberty.



LSU defensive end Jack Pyburn and mascot Mike the Tiger made an impressive showing at Clemson last weekend. [JACOB KUPFERMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

The verdict: Overreaction. Auburn looked very good, indeed. But Baylor's Sawyer Robertson riddled the Tigers for 419 yards and receivers ran wild after the catch.

DeBoer in over his head

Alabama laid the biggest egg, losing by two scores to a Florida State team that went 2-10 a year ago. The Tide defense, projected to be one of the nation's best, had few answers for Gus Malzahn's offense, which Thomas Castellanos ran flawlessly. Meanwhile, the offense sputtered under new QB Ty Simpson.

In Alabama's five losses during coach Kalen DeBoer's 15-game tenure, four have come as heavy favorites (13 ½-point

lines or more). Adding to the concern: all four losses came away from Bryant-Denny Stadium.

The verdict: Trending in that direction. DeBoer owns Top 10 matchups. That's not the argument. It's the inability to have his team ready when the light isn't so bright. The program has slipped, but beating Alabama remains a field-storming big deal. Further complicating this trend: Alabama must travel to Georgia, Missouri, South Carolina and Auburn this season. At least the SEC will get rich off fines.

CFP-bound LSU, S. Carolina

LSU and South Carolina recorded the most impressive season-opening wins. They have veteran quarterbacks — two

of the best in the nation — in common. The biggest step forward came from the LSU defense, which looked salty against Clemson.

The verdict: Minefields ahead. LSU must face Florida and Ole Miss before the end of the month. If week one wasn't a mirage, the schedule is spaced out for a potential 10-2 run. But things get much more difficult for South Carolina, which faces five current Top 25 programs (including LSU) in a space of six weeks once October rolls around.

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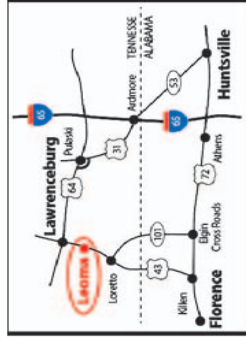
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