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Sweet Baby Rays Crock Pot Chicken

INGREDIENTS

6 boneless chicken breasts
1 bottle of Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce
1/4 cup cider vinegar

1 Tbls. red pepper flakes
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. garlic powder

DIRECTIONS:

Mix BBQ sauce, vinegar, red pepper flakes, brown sugar, and garlic powder. Place chicken breasts in crock pot & pour BBQ mixture over chicken. Bake on low for 5 hours.



This week's recipe submitted
by Marlene Belue,
Florence, AL

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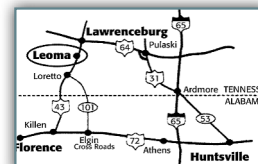
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Dabo Swinney and the Clemson Tigers need a few touchdowns to make gamblers happy. [GREGORY PAYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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Thursday	FAVORITE	TODAY	O/U
at APPALACHIAN ST.	7½	64½	UNDERDOG South Alabama
Friday			
at SYRACUSE	8½	57½	Stanford
at NEBRASKA	8½	43½	Illinois
at WASHINGTON ST.	11½	55½	San Jose State
Saturday			
at ARMY	5½	42½	Rice
Florida	6½	57½	at MISSISSIPPI ST.
at NORTH CAROLINA	10½	47½	James Madison
at INDIANA	28½	48½	Charlotte
at CINCINNATI	3½	47½	Houston
at OHIO STATE	39½	52½	Marshall
at MARYLAND	19½	43½	Villanova
at CLEMSON	20½	46½	NC State
at WEST VIRGINIA	2½	56½	Kansas
Tulane	3½	54½	at LOUISIANA
at KENTUCKY	19½	42½	Ohio
at IOWA STATE	21½	51½	Arkansas State
Virginia	3½	55½	at COASTAL CAROLINA
at JACKSONVILLE ST.	5½	60½	Southern Miss
at LOUISVILLE	10½	57½	Georgia Tech
at PENN STATE	48½	55½	Kent State
at LSU	24½	56½	UCLA
at VIRGINIA TECH	3½	44½	Rutgers
at AUBURN	3½	57½	Arkansas
at TEXAS TECH	3½	59½	Arizona State
at NORTHERN ILL.	13½	43½	Buffalo
at PITTSBURGH	24	59½	Youngstown State
at NOTRE DAME	27½	44½	Miami (Ohio)
USC	5½	46½	at MICHIGAN
Memphis	9½	50½	at NAVY
Utah	1½	54½	at OKLAHOMA ST.
Duke	14½	51½	at MIDDLE TENN.
at MISSOURI	21½	52½	Vanderbilt
TCU	2½	58½	at SMU
at COLORADO STATE	9½	50½	UTEP
at FLA. INTERNATIONAL	14	58½	Monmouth
at FLORIDA STATE	2½	44½	Cal
Miami (Fla.)	16½	65½	at SOUTH FLORIDA
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at UCONN	2½	46½	Florida Atlantic
at LOUISIANA TECH	3½	57½	Tulsa
at TROY	23½	49½	Florida A&M
at WASHINGTON	10½	42½	Northwestern
Toledo	2½	62½	at WESTERN KY.
at SAM HOUSTON	16½	44½	New Mexico State
Tennessee	6½	57½	at OKLAHOMA
at TEXAS A&M	22½	52½	Bowling Green
at SOUTH CAROLINA	27½	45½	Akron
Iowa	2½	36½	at MINNESOTA
at OLE MISS	35½	66½	Georgia Southern
at BOSTON COLLEGE	6½	45½	Michigan State
at COLORADO	1½	53½	Baylor
at TEXAS	44½	52½	Louisiana-Monroe
at OREGON STATE	5½	49½	Purdue
Fresno State	14½	60½	at NEW MEXICO
Kansas State	6½	47½	at BYU
at HAWAII	8½	48½	Northern Iowa

GAMES ON TV

Thursday
South Alabama at Appalachian State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Edward Waters at Benedict, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Friday
Stanford at Syracuse, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Illinois at Nebraska, 7 p.m., FOX
San Jose State at Washington State, 9 p.m., CW

Saturday
Charlotte at Indiana, 11 a.m., BTN
Florida at Mississippi State, 11 a.m., ESPN
Houston at Cincinnati, 11 a.m., FS1
James Madison at North Carolina, 11 a.m., ACC Network
Kansas at West Virginia, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Marshall at Ohio State, 11 a.m., FOX
NC State at Clemson, 11 a.m., ABC
Rice at Army, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Villanova at Maryland, 11 a.m., BTN
Ohio at Kentucky, 11:45 a.m., SEC Network
Arizona State at Texas Tech, 2:30 p.m., FS1
Arkansas at Auburn, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Georgia Tech at Louisville, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
Kent State at Penn State, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Memphis at Navy, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN
Miami (Ohio) at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m., NBC
Rutgers at Virginia Tech, 2:30 p.m., ACC Network
UCLA at LSU, 2:30 p.m., ABC
USC at Michigan, 2:30 p.m., CBS
Duke at Middle Tennessee, 3 p.m., ESPN
Utah at Oklahoma State, 3 p.m., FOX
Vanderbilt at Missouri, 3:15 p.m., SEC Network
TCU at SMU, 4 p.m., CW
UTEP at Colorado State, 4 p.m., truTV
California at Florida State, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Florida Atlantic at UConn, 6 p.m., CBSSN

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Friday
No. 22 Nebraska (3-0) vs. No. 24 Illinois (3-0), 7 p.m.
Saturday
No. 1 Texas (3-0) vs. Louisiana-Monroe (2-0), 7 p.m.
No. 3 Ohio St. (2-0) vs. Marshall (1-1), 11 a.m.
No. 5 Mississippi (3-0) vs. Georgia Southern (2-1), 6:45 p.m.
No. 6 Tennessee (3-0) at No. 15 Oklahoma (3-0), 6:30 p.m.



Sparky and the Arizona State Sun Devils will show off their pitchforks at Texas Tech on Saturday afternoon on FS1. [RICK SCUTERI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Miami at South Florida, 6 p.m., ESPN
Northwestern at Washington, 6 p.m., FS1
Akron at South Carolina, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
Iowa at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., NBC
Tennessee at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., ABC
Georgia Southern at Ole Miss, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network

Baylor at Colorado, 7 p.m., FOX
Michigan State at Boston College, 7 p.m., ACC Network
Fresno State at New Mexico, 7:30 p.m., truTV
Purdue at Oregon State, 7:30 p.m., CW
Portland State at Boise State, 9 p.m., FS1
Kansas State at BYU, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

No. 7 Missouri (3-0) vs. Vanderbilt (2-1), 3:15 p.m.
No. 8 Miami (3-0) at South Florida (2-1), 6 p.m.
No. 10 Penn State (2-0) vs. Kent State (0-3), 2:30 p.m.
No. 11 Southern Cal (2-0) at No. 18 Michigan (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 12 Utah (3-0) at No. 14 Oklahoma St. (3-0), 3 p.m.
No. 13 Kansas St. (3-0) at BYU (3-0), 9:30 p.m.
No. 16 LSU (2-1) vs. UCLA (1-1), 2:30 p.m.

No. 17 Notre Dame (2-1) vs. Miami (Ohio) (0-2), 2:30 p.m.
No. 19 Louisville (2-0) vs. Georgia Tech (3-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 20 Iowa St. (2-0) vs. Arkansas St. (2-1), 1 p.m.
No. 21 Clemson (1-1) vs. NC State (2-1), 11 a.m.
No. 23 N. Illinois (2-0) vs. Buffalo (2-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 25 Texas A&M (2-1) vs. Bowling Green (1-1), 6:30 p.m.

Arkansas at Auburn

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: ESPN2/FM-94.9

Records: Arkansas (2-1, 0-0 SEC), Auburn (2-1, 0-0)

The series: Auburn leads 20-12-1

Four-down territory

1. New direction, for now: The Hank Brown era at quarterback began last week with positive results. The redshirt freshman is not the clear-cut starter moving forward. Despite Brown throwing four TDs last week, the expectations have been made clear by head coach Hugh Freeze. "I'm not much on (giving slack). He's got to get it done," Freeze said. "You have to execute at a high level at quarterback to win games or you have to find one that will."

2. Go bigger: The Tigers will be without tight end Brandon Frazier for quite some time. He had surgery on his foot this week. There are other tight ends in the rotation: Rivaldo Fairweather, Luke Deal and Micah Riley. They are used in a variety of different ways, but Auburn needs a big body to replace Frazier. "We are going to move someone else in that room," Freeze said. "We really want to go big at tight end. We need someone with build to put on the jersey that resembles a tight end."

3. Freeze is hot: One thing that can drive a head coach crazy is special teams miscues. Freeze is no different. Auburn had some penalties and a muffed punt last week. There have been a couple of instances with muffed punts this season. "The most important dadgum thing after a special teams play is that we have the ball. That's something that's becoming frustrating," Freeze said. Defensive back Keionte Scott has been the punt returner, but Freeze said he's looking to find someone who can "secure the ball."

4. Scary hogs: Arkansas' Ja'Quinden Jackson leads the SEC with 397 rushing yards while quarterback Taylen Green leads the league with 1,051 total yards (806 pass, 245 rush). Throw into the mix Andrew Armstrong, who is second in the SEC with 301 receiving yards. Sounds like typical numbers in a Bobby Petrino offense. "If you can line up in 12 personnel and be effective at running the ball and take (deep passing) shots out of it, that's a scary world to live in," Freeze said. The Auburn defense hasn't exactly been the



Receiver KeAndre Lambert-Smith leads Auburn with three touchdowns scored this season and is a big part in the Tigers averaging 17.37 yards per completion. [BUTCH DILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

best at stopping the pass. The Tigers have allowed the most yards (728) in the SEC.

Key matchup

Auburn LB Jalen McLeod vs. Arkansas LB Xavian Sorey

McLeod has been a nice transfer pickup for Auburn. The former Appalachian State player has one sack with 13 tackles and leads the team with 4.5 tackles for loss. Sorey is the top tackler for the Razorbacks with 23. He has one sack with three tackles for loss. Big plays by these linebackers will be the key to victory.

Player of the week

Towns McGough, K

In big games, special teams usually play a big part in the outcome. McGough has

hit just two field goals in three attempts so far, but Auburn hasn't needed had to utilize him in the nonconference schedule. The freshman will be asked to come through in clutch moments Saturday.

By the numbers

5: Auburn is back at home for the fourth straight week and will host Oklahoma next week. The Tigers opened with five straight home games in 1982, 2005, 2016, 2022 and this season.

9: Nine players have scored touchdowns for Auburn. KeAndre Lambert-Smith leads the team with three.

17.37: Auburn leads the SEC, and ranks fifth nationally, in yards per completion (17.37).

20: Auburn is 8-0 under Freeze when

scoring more than 20 points and 0-8 when scoring less than 20.

Prediction

Auburn 24, Arkansas 17

This series hasn't been too competitive in the past decade — Auburn leads 8-2 — but maybe this year's clash will be. It certainly should be considering Arkansas' explosive offense and better-than-normal defense. The X-factor is Auburn QB Hank Brown. This is his first true test as the leader. The rest of the Auburn offense has to help him or it could be a long day on the Plains. The home atmosphere helps. With five straight home games to start the season, it should.

— Edwin Stanton

TEXAS LONGHORNS

Longhorns enjoy return to No. 1

By Jim Vertuno

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Longhorns returned to class Monday as the No. 1 team in the country for the first time in 16 years and with college football buzzing about hotshot backup quarterback Arch Manning, who could very well be leading the team for another game or two.

And while several Longhorns noted that national championships are won in January and not September, the older players admit they like seeing that No. 1 next to the iconic Longhorn logo.

It was just four seasons ago Texas was 5-7.

“It’s huge for people who grew up Texas fans,” senior tight end Gunnar Helm said. “To be the team to bring us back to No. 1 is an honor.”

There have been some struggles getting there.

Texas (3-0) was last ranked No. 1 over a three-week stretch of the 2008 season. The Longhorns were No. 2 in 2009 after losing that season’s the national championship game. Those two years ended a decade-long stretch of 10-win seasons that included the 2005 national title.

Then came five losing seasons, and eight more with four or more losses. “Texas is back!” memes mocked the Longhorns on social media. Texas did not win another Big 12 title until 2023, its last season in the league.

And that 5-7 finish season in 2021, coach Steve Sarkisian’s first in Austin, is still raw for the many on the current roster.

Being No. 1 “means a good bit to me because I’ve been 5-7,” senior center Jake Majors said. “I’ve been through that hardship.”

Sarkisian has been an assistant at two programs that were No. 1 at USC and Alabama. He’ll take the No. 1 ranking, but immediately pointed Monday to the bigger picture in the new era of the College Football Playoff.

Texas earned its first berth in the CFP last season and lost to Washington in the national semifinals.

“Back in the day, the polls were huge because the polls dictated who got to play for, and also who won a national



Texas coach Steve Sarkisian and the Longhorns put their hooks into a No. 1 ranking this week. [ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

championship. Nowadays, you have to go earn it,” Sarkisian said. “I think it’s good to show what we’re capable of, but we’re going to have to go earn this thing. The mission is far, far from over.”

Junior safety Michael Taaffe insisted the Longhorns are focused on the finish, not the ranking in late September after three games. The goal is to be like the Texas undisputed national champions of 1963, 1969 and 2005.

“If we just settle right now, we’re not going to be legendary,” Taaffe said. “Our goal is to be legendary.”

The other buzz about Texas is all about Manning, who replaced starting quarterback Quinn Ewers last week against UTSA after Ewers suffered a non-contact abdominal strain. Manning delivered four passing touchdowns and a 67-yard TD run in a 56-7 rout.

Manning would seem likely to get his first career start this week against Louisiana-Monroe (2-0) but Sarkisian would only call Ewers “questionable” for the game.

“Arch is just another guy on our team,” Sarkisian said. “And the reason I’m able to do that is because that’s who Arch is every day. Arch is a selfless teammate. He cares about the guys on the team, cares about Quinn.”

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Tarleton State at UNA

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV/radio: ESPN+/FM-98.3, FM-103.5
Records: Tarleton State (2-1), UNA (0-4)
The series: Tarleton State leads 3-1.

Four-down territory

1. Hey, quarterback: The big question of the week (at the time of writing this): Who is going to start at QB for UNA with Ari Patu hurt? Could it be DC Tabscott or Ben Harris or TJ Smith? All three played to some varying degree in last week’s loss at UT Martin. Tabscott got the start and finished 6-of-13 passing for 149 and two touchdowns, but was benched in favor of Harris after turning the ball over three times in a four-drive span. Harris was 7-of-19 for 81 yards and a pick-6. Smith completed his one pass. So, decisions, decisions.

2. Conference call: The good news for UNA? Its nonconference schedule is officially over. The (potential) bad news? Things aren’t likely to get much easier now that United Athletic Conference play begins and will feature eight straight league matchups. The Lions went 1-5 against UAC opponents a season ago. That includes a 52-31 loss at Tarleton State, also both teams’ conference opener.

3. Rechecking history: Broke this out two weeks ago, so it’s worth mentioning again with some updated numbers and opponent. Tarleton State is ranked No. 16 in the Stats FCS top 25 poll. UNA has never beaten a ranked Division I team — FCS or FBS. The Lions are 0-16 all-time against ranked FCS schools with four games decided by a single score. They’re also 0-2 against top-25 FBS teams thanks to the BYU matchup in 2020 and the Florida State game last year.

4. White-Schultz is back: UNA safety Edwin White-Schultz was named the UAC preseason defensive player of the year. Saturday will be his first game after serving a four-game academic suspension. In his absence, the Lions have given up at least 37 points and 170 yards rushing to two of their three FCS opponents. Perhaps having him back will help quell some of those numbers.

Key matchup

Tarleton State RB Kayvon Britten vs. White-Schultz

Britten was named the UAC’s



Takairee Kenebrew currently ranks 10th in the FCS in receiving yards. [DREW BARTON/NORTH ALABAMA ATHLETICS]

preseason offensive player of the year and, so far, the tailback hasn’t disappointed. His 387 yards ranks second in the FCS behind Central Arkansas (and former UNA) running back ShunDerrick Powell, who has 475. Britten rushed for 164 yards in the Texans’ season opener against McNeese. He followed that with 68 yards on 13 carries at Baylor. He had 155 yards last week against Houston Christian.

Player of the week

Whoever is UNA’s starting QB
 Not a whole lot of choices here. Not

that there should be, either. Lions quarterbacks have combined for 12 of the team’s 13 turnovers this season. Seems pretty obvious not doing that would be a step in the right direction, especially for an offense averaging 15 points a game.

By the numbers

27-17: Tarleton State’s record as a Division I program in four-plus seasons that hasn’t included a losing record during that stretch. UNA is 18-44 in six-plus seasons at the FCS level.

306: The number of receiving yards Takairee Kenebrew has for UNA. That

ranks 10th in the FCS.

3:8: The touchdown-to-interception ratio for UNA’s quarterbacks.

3: The number of field goals Scott Payne has made for the Lions. They connected on four all of last season.

Prediction

Tarleton State 48, UNA 28
 Can UNA win? Sure. But you have to be able to show that first and that’s the part the Lions have struggled with the most.

— David Glovach

Tennessee at Oklahoma

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: ABC/FM-97.9, AM-1340

Records: No. 6 Tennessee (3-0, 0-0 SEC), No. 15 Oklahoma (3-0, 0-0)

The series: Tennessee leads 3-1.

Four-down territory

1. Stormin' Norman: Tennessee coach Josh Heupel returns to Norman, where he was a Heisman Trophy runner-up for the Sooners in 2000 and led the team to a national championship. It's going to be a unique experience for Heupel to stand on the other side of the field. "I have teammates and friends back there," he said. "They hit me up a little bit early. They were starting last week already. It will be unique going back into that stadium. It's going to be a (different) viewpoint. I am not sure I spent a day on the opposing sideline inside the stadium — not even for scrimmage."

2. Pressure situation: Vols quarterback Nico Iamaleava has looked very comfortable in the pocket through three games (698 yards, six TDs). Saturday at Oklahoma will be his first big test. "I think his personality will translate extremely well," Heupel said. "It wasn't a true road game, but being over in Charlotte and the crowd being divided in half is a part of preparing (not only) him but our entire football team for this, too."

3. Numbers game: The Sooners will be the best defense Tennessee has faced. The Sooners allow just over 11 points per game. The Vols haven't scored under 50 points through three games and lead the nation with 24 offensive touchdowns. Something has to give Saturday. "They play really assignment sound," Heupel said. "They understand where they're supposed to be and recognizing patterns and getting into windows. They tie all three phases, all three levels of

the defense in extremely well."

4. Stoops factor: Heupel played for the Sooners under Bob Stoops while current OU coach Brent Venables was Stoops' defensive coordinator for Stoops from 1999-2011. It made sense that Stoops was inundated with interview requests this week. He declined them, saying he wants the focus to be on the two coaches and not him. He did say, "I'm grateful for their great work here at OU; Brent as a coach here for 13 years including our national championship in 2000 and Josh as our 2000 national championship QB and coach for 10 years. I've often said he is the MVP of all my recruits because he was the catalyst that got us started in '99."

Key matchup

Tennessee QB Nico Iamaleava vs. Oklahoma QB Jackson Arnold

Iamaleava continues to prosper and actually prefers to play road games. The redshirt freshman was an efficient 10-of-16 last week for 173 yards and a touchdown and has nearly 700 passing yards this season. Arnold doesn't have as impressive numbers (484 yards), but he is dangerous out of the pocket with 159 rushing yards and two TDs.

Player of the week

Cooper Mays, C

Mays is a four-year starter and the undeniable leader on the offensive line. He's a big reason the offense has rolled up just over 1,000 yards. The anchor has also not allowed a sack in 17 straight games.

By the numbers

1: Thanks to a 71-point effort last week, the Vols leapfrogged Ole Miss for the No. 1 spot in the nation for scoring offense with 63.7 points per game.

10: Oklahoma's defense has forced 10 turnovers through



Tennessee coach Josh Heupel, who led Oklahoma to a national championship and was the Heisman Trophy runner-up in 2000, faces the Sooners on Saturday. (JERRY LAIZURE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

three games, which is tied for the top spot nationally.

15.8: The Vols' opponents have converted on 15.8% of third downs (6-of-38), which is second in the nation behind Miami (14.7%).

1,009: Tennessee has rushed for more than 2,000 yards in three seasons under Heupel. Tennessee has half that, 1,009, through

three games this season.

Prediction

Tennessee 35, Oklahoma 21

Everything changes once SEC play starts. The Vols have looked unstoppable, but it's early in the season and there's a long way to go. Still, this Tennessee team seems to have more balance than in year's

past and so many weapons on offense. There is no reason to think the Vols won't handle business on Saturday, even in a rough environment. OU will give Tennessee a good fight, but the Vols will leave with its first SEC win of the season.

— Edwin Stanton

This week's SEC, state games

South Alabama at Appalachian State

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday
TV: ESPN
Records: South Alabama (1-2, 0-0 Sun Belt), App State (2-1, 0-0)
The series: App State leads 4-1.
The lowdown: The Jags squeaked out an 87-10 win over Northwestern State last week. It was the most points scored by an FBS team since October 1991 when Fresno State nipped New Mexico 94-17. ... USA scored touchdowns on six runs, four passes, an interception return and a punt return. ... Fluff Bothwell ran for 143 yards on seven carries and Kentrel Bullock had 102 yards on eight runs. Both scored two touchdowns. ... South Alabama and Appalachian State rank 1-2 in the Sun Belt in passing offense. The Mountaineers average 321.3 yards and the Jaguars 305.

Florida at Mississippi State

When: 11 a.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN
Records: Florida (1-2, 0-1 SEC), Missis-
 sippi State (1-2, 0-0)
The series: Florida leads 34-19-2.
The lowdown: This is Mississippi State's 125th season of football. The Bulldogs made sure to give their fans something to remember last week when they paid \$1.2 million to get destroyed by Toledo 41-17. ... Florida plans to start Graham Mertz at quarterback after going with DJ Langway in last week's 33-20 loss against Texas A&M. Langway was 6-for-13 passing for 54 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. ... Mississippi State and Florida last played in Starkville in 2018. That game was a 13-6 high-scoring affair in favor of the Gators.

Ohio at Kentucky

When: 11:45 a.m. Saturday
TV: SEC Network
Records: Ohio (2-1), Kentucky (1-2)
The series: Kentucky leads 4-2.
The lowdown: Kentucky almost knocked off then-No. 1 Georgia last week but lost 13-12. It was the second straight game the Wildcats were held without a touchdown. ... Ohio comes in having won consecutive games after losing its opener at Syracuse. ... Of the six meetings between the programs, Kentucky has shut out the Bobcats twice — 1910



South Alabama was able to show off 10 different dance moves last week against Northwestern State. [SOUTH ALABAMA ATHLETICS]

and 1987. ... The Wildcats have won 17 straight nonconference games. ... Anthony Tyus III rushed for 203 yards the last time Ohio played a Power Four opponent.

Southern Miss at Jacksonville State

When: 2 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Southern Miss (1-2), Jackson-
 ville State (0-3)
The series: USM leads 2-0.
The lowdown: The Golden Eagles won the first two meetings with Jacksonville State by a combined 123-0. It was 58-0 in 1937 and 65-0 in 1946. ... In 1946, Bennie Ray Nobles had an 85-yard kickoff-return



Florida didn't have to look far to find its starting quarterback again in Graham Mertz. [JOHN RAOUX/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

SEC

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touchdown and an 88-yard touchdown run. ... Last week, Southern Miss finished with 397 yards passing in a 49-24 loss to South Florida. Ethan Crawford threw for 183, Tate Rodemaker 120 and John White 94. ... Ti Mims' six catches went for 129 yards, his second career 100-yard game. ... South Florida rolled up 369 yards rushing on the Golden Eagles.

UCLA at No. 16 LSU

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ABC

Records: UCLA (1-1), LSU (2-1)

The series: UCLA leads 1-0.

The lowdown: This is LSU's second game against a Big Ten opponent this season. ... The Tigers are likely hoping their game against the public university in Los Angeles goes better than its showing against the private one (a 27-20 loss to Southern Cal). ... UCLA senior defensive back Joshua Swift wears No. 36, which is given to a player to honor Nick Pasquale, who played for the Bruins in 2012-13 before dying in a car accident. ... LSU has held all three of its opponents to fewer than 35 points. ... This is the first of three straight games against ranked teams for UCLA. The Bruins host Oregon next week and play at Penn State on Oct. 5.

Vanderbilt at No. 7 Missouri

When: 3:15 p.m. Saturday

TV: SEC Network

Records: Vanderbilt (2-1, 0-0 SEC), Missouri (3-0, 0-0)

The series: Mizzou leads 11-4-1.

The lowdown: The Tigers own the longest winning streak in the FBS. They've won seven straight. ... Mizzou QB Brady Cook moved from sixth to fourth on the school's all-time passing yards list in last week's 27-21 home win over Boston College. He threw for 264 last week and now has 7,198 yards in his career. ... Boston College's first touchdown was the first scored off Mizzou in 14 quarters, the longest streak by the Tigers since 1941. ... Blake Craig was 4-of-4 on field goals, including a 56-yarder, last week for the Tigers. ... Vanderbilt gave up a touchdown with 15 seconds left to lose 36-32 last week at Georgia State. ... The Commodores had rallied from a 29-17 deficit with 2½ minutes to play, taking the lead with 1:14 remaining.

Florida A&M at Troy

When: 6 p.m. Saturday



Dashawn Spears and LSU are likely hoping their second matchup against a Los Angeles-based school doesn't go like the first. [STEVE MARCUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



South Carolina coach Shane Beamer likely won't have to worry about making frowny faces this week. [ARTIE WALKER JR./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

TV: ESPN+

Records: FAMU (2-1), Troy (0-3)

The series: Troy leads 4-2.

The lowdown: The Trojans are 25-5 against current members of the SWAC. ... The Rattlers ran Troy out of the FCS playoffs in both 1998 and 1999. ... The



Arch Manning could be the first quarterback to start for a top-ranked Texas team since 2008. [ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

teams last played in 2018, a 59-7 Troy victory. ... Devonte Ross' 77-yard punt-return touchdown in last week's 38-21 loss at Iowa was the first punt-return TD for Troy since 2018 at Nebraska. ... Ross also had five receptions for 142 yards and two touchdowns. ... The Trojans had

47 offensive snaps against the Hawkeyes, their fewest since also having 47 in November 2015 at Georgia Southern. ... Final scores aren't the only thing that keep going against the Trojans this

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year. They are 0-3 on the pregame coin toss.

Alabama A&M at Austin Peay

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: Alabama A&M (2-1), Austin Peay (0-3)

The series: Austin Peay leads 1-0.

The lowdown: Alabama A&M running back Donovan Eaglin is 138 yards from reaching 2,000 career rushing. ... Bulldogs quarterback Aveon Smith needs 36 yards rushing to reach 1,000. ... Smith ran for a touchdown and threw for one in last week's 24-16 win over Georgetown (Kentucky). ... The Bulldogs have played five quarterbacks in their first three games. ... Austin Peay has played back-to-back games against ranked FCS opponents, losing to No. 10 Southern Illinois 31-17 and No. 7 Central Arkansas 45-17. ... The Governors won 29-3 at Alabama A&M in 2022.

Bowling Green at No. 25 Texas A&M

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: Bowling Green (1-1), Texas A&M (2-1)

The series: First meeting.

The lowdown: The Aggies ran for 310 yards in last week's 33-20 win at Florida and had 333 yards the previous week vs. McNeese. A&M's last consecutive games with 300 yards rushing came in 2012 (352 at Auburn and 361 at Mississippi State). ... The Aggies, after three picks at Florida, are tied for the SEC lead with five interceptions. ... Bowling Green has seven sacks this season, including two in last week's 34-27 loss at Penn State, and 26 sacks in its last eight games. ... A&M has given up just two sacks in three games. ... The Falcons are playing their first game in the Lone Star State since 1988 at TCU.

Akron at South Carolina

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPNU

Records: Akron (1-2), South Carolina (2-1)

The series: Carolina leads 1-0.

The lowdown: Carolina is 9-3 all-time vs. schools in the Mid-American Conference and has won the last eight meetings. ... The Zips, after opening the season with losses at Ohio State 52-6 and Rutgers 49-17, beat FCS Colgate 31-20 last week. They trailed 17-0 in the first quarter. ...



Austin Peay wouldn't mind one win after an ugly start to its season. [AUSTIN PEAY ATHLETICS]

The teams previously met in 2018 after both teams had early-season games canceled due to weather. USC won 28-3. ... Akron's athletic teams were originally nicknamed the Zippers in 1926 after rubber boots manufactured by the B.F. Goodrich Company that was headquartered at the time in Akron. The name was shortened to Zips in 1950.

Georgia Southern at No. 5 Ole Miss

When: 6:45 p.m. Saturday

TV: SEC Network

Records: Georgia Southern (2-1), Ole Miss (3-0)

The series: Officially, 0-0.

The lowdown: Ole Miss vacated its 37-27 win over the Eagles in 2016 due to NCAA sanctions. ... The Rebels are one of three FBS teams to have not allowed a touchdown this season. The others are Georgia and Ohio State. ... Ole Miss' three-game stretch without allowing a touchdown is its longest since 1951. ... Jaxson Dart threw for 377 yards and accounted for three touchdowns in last week's 40-6 win at Wake Forest. ... Dart originally signed with Southern California in 2021 when current Georgia Southern coach Clay Helton was USC's coach. ... Helton was USC's interim coach after current Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin was fired at midseason 2013.

Louisiana-Monroe at No. 1 Texas

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: ULM (2-0), Texas (3-0)

The series: Texas leads 2-0.



Quarterback Matthew Caldwell and Troy aim to land on the right side of the scoreboard this week. [CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Current Ole Miss quarterback Jaxson Dart played for current Georgia Southern coach Clay Helton at USC. [DARRYL WEBB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

The lowdown: The Longhorns are ranked No. 1 for the first time since October 2008. ... Quinn Ewers was 14-of-16 passing for two touchdowns before an injury in last week's 56-7 win over Texas-San Antonio. ... Backup Arch Manning was 9-of-12 with four touchdowns. ... UT finished with 614 total yards. ... The Texas school record for offensive yards is 715 in 2013 against New Mexico State.

... The Longhorns are tied for the SEC lead with five interceptions. They had 16 last season. ... Texas' 342.6-yard passing average ranks sixth nationally. ... The Longhorns have dropped 50 points in three straight home games. ... The Warhawks are seven-touchdown under dogs.

— A. Stacy Long and David Glovach

Before bye, Georgia was on defensive roll

By Gary B. Graves
The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Georgia knows an opponent inevitably will score a touchdown because that's football, and no defense is perfect despite the No. 2 Bulldogs looking impermeable right now.

Georgia (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) expects plenty of shots from No. 4 Alabama and dual-threat quarterback Jalen Milroe when it visits Tuscaloosa on Sept. 28 after a bye week.

The 'Dawgs entered their down time one spot lower in the AP Top 25 but feeling good about allowing just seven field goals over the past four games dating to last season.

"Our defense takes a lot of pride in how they play, our defensive staff does an incredible job," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said, noting his team's red-zone defense and limiting explosive plays as keys to their success.

"They work really hard on game planning for people. We're going to play better and better offenses, (so) we've got to get better and better. But it's pretty hard to do. I don't know if anybody in college football has been able to sustain it. It's just pretty hard to do."

Georgia's impressive run began with a 63-3 throttling of Florida State in last season's Orange Bowl, which spoke volumes about the Bulldogs' frustration over being excluded from the College Football Playoff and denying their quest for an unprecedented third consecutive national championship.

They held then-No. 14 Clemson to just 188 yards and a second-half field goal in a 34-3 opening-game rout. Georgia nearly shut out Tennessee Tech before the Golden Eagles made a last-second field goal in a 48-3 blowout.

Smart was especially proud of last weekend's 13-12 victory over Kentucky because of Georgia's resilience on both sides of the ball but particularly on defense. Linemen Mykel Williams, Jordan Hall and Warren Brinson were out and cornerback Daniel Harris did not play though dressed, two days after being arrested for allegedly driving 106 mph in Athens, Georgia. (Smart said not playing Harris was a coach's decision.)

That forced a lot of personnel shifts, but Georgia still limited the scoring-challenged Wildcats to four field goals, sacked ex-Bulldogs backup quarterback



Georgia coach Kirby Smart says the Bulldogs still have to get "better and better" on defense, "but it's pretty hard to do." [DARRON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Brock Vandagriff three times and forced him into five hurries. Linebacker Damon Wilson II also recovered a second-quarter fumble after Raylen Wilson stripped Vandagriff on a sack, setting up a game-tying field goal in the second quarter.

The effort kept Kentucky at bay long enough for Georgia's offense to snap out of its own fog and score the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter and hold on in the defensive slugfest.

"Some games, the defense is down and

the offense will pick us up, and sometimes the offense is down and the defense picks it up," defensive back Julian Humphrey said. "It's like vice versa. We've got their back."

None of this is surprising for a defense that has produced 23 NFL draft picks the past four seasons, with eight first-round selections. Georgia entered the season with seven starters back from a unit that allowed just 15.6 points per game last season.

The Bulldogs currently rank fourth in scoring defense (6.0 points per game) and eighth overall (202 yards), two signs that they're developing a meaner edge.

"It was unbelievable, especially with guys down," quarterback Carson Beck said. "You look at the D-line, there's freshmen stepping up, you got freshmen all over the field. Guys getting put in places, fighting through injuries and all of the above. Super proud of them and the way they were able to play."

Winless Seminoles kings of disappointment

By Bob Ferrante
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Few expected Florida State to run the table again in the Atlantic Coast Conference and coast into the expanded, 12-team College Football Playoff. Not after losing quarterback Jordan Travis, running back Trey Benson, receivers Keon Coleman and Johnny Wilson, and a handful of stand-out defenders.

However, no one could have seen this coming.

The Seminoles are winless after three games, the result of an erratic passing attack, a sluggish ground game and a defense that can't seem to stop the run and can't get consistent pressure on quarterbacks.

And now FSU, which was ranked No. 10 to start the season, is without question the most disappointing team in college football. And with all due respect to Clemson, Florida and Kansas, it's not even close.

"I know that it's a frustrating thing to sit there and look at, and it's frustrating for everybody involved, for those guys that are out there playing," Florida State coach Mike Norvell said Monday. "They want more. They want to be better. They're working hard at it. But it's some of those little things that we have to improve on and just the consistency of it."

The only thing Florida State has done consistently this season is lose — twice as a double-digit favorite (Georgia Tech and Boston College) and again as a 6 ½-point choice against Memphis. The Tigers got a victory against their former coach and a \$1.3 million payday.

How the 'Noles got here is as easier to explain than how they might get out.

Some wonder whether last year's CFP snub is having a greater impact on the team than anyone could have imagined. But those inside the building insist it's more about execution



Florida State, with last week's loss to Memphis, became the first team in college football history to start the season in the top 10 and lose its first three games to unranked teams. [COLIN HACKLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

and chemistry than psyche and history.

Florida State lost 10 players to the NFL draft, including five selected in the first 64 picks. Norvell turned to the transfer portal for help — a place that was so kind to him while building last year's team that went 13-0 in the regular season — but former Oregon State and Clemson starting quarterback DJ Uiagalelei has fallen well short of expectations.

Uiagalelei has been so inconsistent — he's completing 56.6% of his passes with one touchdown — that the FSU faithful have started chanting for backup

Brock Glenn.

And those preseason discussions about whether Florida State would make the playoff have turned to whether the Seminoles will become bowl eligible. Six wins are difficult to find on the schedule, which continues Saturday as California (3-0) travels cross-country for its ACC debut.

Florida State became the first team in college football history to start the season inside the top 10 and lose its first three games to unranked opponents. The slide has stirred speculation about Norvell's future in Tallahassee.

Norvell would be owed roughly \$65 million (85% of his remaining contract that runs through 2031) if FSU decided to fire him. It's an unlikely path, especially for a program already spending considerably resources in hopes of escaping the ACC and potentially joining a league that would provide more long-term financial stability.

So the Seminoles might have to power through a slumping season and hope for brighter days ahead and a reboot in 2025.

Florida State is 124th in scoring offense at 15.3 points a game. The run game, viewed as a strength going into 2024,

is downright dysfunctional at 2.2 yards a carry and 52 yards a game.

And the defense is allowing 24 points a game, which ranks 83rd in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Linebacker Justin Cryer admitted to feeling hurt after Saturday's latest loss but remains hopeful the team can get things turned around.

"I believe in us," Cryer said. "There's no doubt about it. I'm the biggest supporter of us that we have. I'm fully committed, I'm fully bought into what we have. ... Things aren't clicking right now. We're going to figure it out."

Miami's Ward approaching major milestone

By Tim Reynolds
The Associated Press

Miami quarterback Cam Ward spent some time in offensive coordinator Shannon Dawson's office this week, going over the Hurricanes' passing game and how things have worked through three games.

They talked about plenty. They didn't talk about 15,000 yards — a milestone Ward is on the brink of reaching.

"I'd be surprised if he even knew, to be honest with you," Dawson said.

Whether Ward is aware or not, he's on the verge of joining a very small club. The NCAA says only 12 players at any of its levels — FBS, FCS, Division II, Division III or any combination thereof — have passed for 15,000 yards in a career. Ward is 89 yards shy of that mark, and he could get there as early as Saturday when the eighth-ranked Hurricanes (3-0) visit South Florida (2-1).

"Offensively, the quarterback is making it really go," USF coach Alex Golesh said on Tuesday of Ward. "He's really special. I mean, man, can make every throw on the field. Moves around in the pocket extremely well. Really confident. You watch all three games and it's a really, really confident young man. Without knowing him, it looks like he has incredible command of the offense."

The numbers back that up.

Ward is the first Miami quarterback to throw for at least 300 yards in each of his first three games as a Hurricane. He's up to 1,035 so far this season and that's with taking most of the second half off in each of Miami's last two games. The only FBS quarterback with more yards so far this season is Ole Miss' Jaxson Dart, who has passed for 1,172.

Ward's 11 touchdown passes so far lead the nation and he's firmly among the frontrunners in the way-too-early Heisman Trophy prognostications.

"The guy is restless," Miami coach Mario Cristobal said. "If it doesn't have much to do with us winning and getting better, I don't think he has any interest in it, frankly. And it's the right mentality. It's the right thing to do. He's got this window to play college football, and he came to Miami for a lot of reasons. One of them is winning — and proving also that he can help a program be a winner."

So far, so good. Very good, in fact.

Miami has posted wins by scores of



Miami quarterback Cam Ward is on the verge of becoming the 13th player in NCAA history — at any level — to reach 15,000 career passing yards.

[LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

41-17 (Florida), 56-9 (Florida A&M) and 62-0 (Ball State). The 159 points through three games is a school record, and last weekend's 750 yards of offense against Ball State was another record.

Ward already has 24 completions of 20 yards or more this season — in just 89 attempts. And he's still demanding more, both from himself and his team.

"We have to be more consistent," Ward said. "We can't have hulls on one play. Every play has to be a statement."

He's made plenty of statements through these first three games, with the Hurricanes looking very much like

Atlantic Coast Conference favorites.

The only active quarterback with more than 15,000 passing yards is Oregon's Dillon Gabriel, whose career total is up to 15,779 in 53 games so far at three different schools. He spent parts of three seasons at UCF and the last two years at Oklahoma.

Ward has played in 47 games after spending his first two years at FCS Incarnate Word (throwing for 6,908 yards there) and the last two years at Washington State (throwing for 6,968 yards there). The 1,035 so far at Miami has pushed that career total to 14,911.

At their current paces, both Gabriel and Ward could end this season with more passing yards than almost anyone in college football history. They're still a long way from Houston's Case Keenum — he's recognized as the NCAA's all-time leader with 19,217 yards — but realistically could catch Hawaii's Timmy Chang, whose 17,072 yards is No. 2 on the NCAA list.

"He's got blinders on, and he thinks about the next play and thinks about the next game when that one's over with," Dawson said. "He's one of those guys that are resilient. He tends not to care about those things."

COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Sept. 15 games)

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Army	1 0	24	7	2 0	66	14
Navy	1 0	38	11	2 0	87	32
Memphis	0 0	0	0	3 0	98	29
East Carolina	0 0	0	0	2 1	81	38
North Texas	0 0	0	0	2 1	108	124
South Florida	0 0	0	0	2 1	113	69
Charlotte	0 0	0	0	1 2	54	94
Rice	0 0	0	0	1 2	90	74
Tulane	0 0	0	0	1 2	98	68
Tulsa	0 0	0	0	1 2	96	101
UAB	0 0	0	0	1 2	74	72
UTSA	0 0	0	0	1 2	45	121
FAU	0 1	7	24	1 2	55	60
Temple	0 1	11	38	0 3	34	117

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Syracuse	1 0	31	28	2 0	69	50
Boston College	1 0	28	13	2 1	105	40
Virginia	1 0	31	30	2 1	78	70
Georgia Tech	1 1	52	52	3 1	146	71
California	0 0	0	0	3 0	83	37
Duke	0 0	0	0	3 0	78	44
Louisville	0 0	0	0	2 0	111	14
Miami	0 0	0	0	3 0	159	26
North Carolina	0 0	0	0	3 0	102	47
Pittsburgh	0 0	0	0	3 0	121	85
NC State	0 0	0	0	2 1	78	92
SMU	0 0	0	0	2 1	103	49
Virginia Tech	0 0	0	0	2 1	95	65
Clemson	0 0	0	0	1 1	69	54
Stanford	0 0	0	0	1 1	68	41
Wake Forest	0 1	30	31	1 2	81	84
Florida St.	0 2	34	52	0 3	46	72

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
UCF	1 0	35	34	3 0	137	51
Arizona St.	0 0	0	0	3 0	109	58
BYU	0 0	0	0	3 0	93	42
Iowa St.	0 0	0	0	2 0	41	22
Kansas St.	0 0	0	0	3 0	106	40
Oklahoma St.	0 0	0	0	3 0	128	61
Utah	0 0	0	0	3 0	110	33
Arizona	0 0	0	0	2 1	90	80
Baylor	0 0	0	0	2 1	88	29
Cincinnati	0 0	0	0	2 1	92	64
Colorado	0 0	0	0	2 1	69	63
Texas Tech	0 0	0	0	2 1	134	109
Houston	0 0	0	0	1 2	52	50
Iowa St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	85	49
Kansas	0 0	0	0	1 2	95	86
West Virginia	0 0	0	0	1 2	95	86
TCU	0 1	34	35	2 1	113	62

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Weber St.	1 0	43	16	1 2	62	68
Montana St.	1 0	0	0	3 0	107	62
Idaho	0 0	0	0	2 1	72	50
Montana	0 0	0	0	2 1	112	53
N. Arizona	0 0	0	0	2 1	121	45
UC Davis	0 0	0	0	2 1	73	74
Cal Poly	0 0	0	0	1 2	59	82
E. Washington	0 0	0	0	1 2	98	90
Idaho St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	93	100
Sacramento St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	88	95
N. Colorado	0 0	0	0	0 3	46	90
Portland St.	0 1	16	43	0 2	46	113

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
SE Missouri	1 0	45	42	2 1	98	80
Tennessee St.	0 0	0	0	2 1	85	101
Chas. Southern E. Illinois	0 0	0	0	1 2	45	80
Gardner-Webb	0 0	0	0	0 3	52	61
L'wood (Mo.)	0 0	0	0	0 3	30	110
Tennessee Tech	0 0	0	0	0 2	28	80
W. Illinois	0 0	0	0	0 3	52	182
UT Martin	0 1	42	45	1 2	91	114

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Indiana	1 0	42	13	3 0	150	23
Michigan St.	1 0	27	24	3 0	83	34
Illinois	0 0	0	0	3 0	98	26
Nebraska	0 0	0	0	3 0	102	20
Ohio St.	0 0	0	0	2 0	108	6
Oregon	0 0	0	0	3 0	110	62
Penn St.	0 0	0	0	2 0	68	39



The Iowa Hawkeyes say hello to Big Ten play this week at Minnesota. [CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Rutgers	0 0	0	0	2 0	93	24
Southern Cal	0 0	0	0	2 0	75	20
Iowa	0 0	0	0	2 1	97	41
Michigan	0 0	0	0	2 1	70	59
Minnesota	0 0	0	0	2 1	92	19
Northwestern	0 0	0	0	2 1	64	39
Washington	0 0	0	0	2 1	84	36
Wisconsin	0 0	0	0	2 1	65	69
Purdue	0 0	0	0	1 1	56	66
Maryland	0 1	24	27	2 1	101	47
UCLA	0 1	13	42	1 1	29	55

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Delaware	1 0	42	13	2 0	90	30
Villanova	1 0	14	13	3 0	66	33
Rhode Island	1 0	21	9	2 1	41	74
Monmouth (N.J.)	1 0	51	22	1 2	113	104
Hampton	0 0	0	0	2 1	98	58
New Hampshire	0 0	0	0	2 1	69	83
Stony Brook	0 0	0	0	2 1	67	76
William & Mary	0 0	0	0	2 1	90	68
Albany (N.Y.)	0 0	0	0	1 2	54	111
Bryant	0 0	0	0	1 2	60	108
Elon	0 0	0	0	1 2	61	69
Richmond	0 0	0	0	1 2	70	60
Campbell	0 1	9	21	1 2	57	78
Maine	0 1	22	51	1 2	63	106
NC A&T	0 1	13	42	1 2	53	107
Towson	0 1	13	14	1 2	47	61

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Liberty	2 0	58	34	3 0	99	58
W. Kentucky	1 0	49	21	3 0	110	84
Sam Houston St.	0 0	0	0	2 1	79	72

Louisiana Tech	0 0	0	0	1 1	45	47
FIU	0 0	0	0	1 2	79	85
Jacksonville St.	0 0	0	0	0 3	75	141
Kennesaw St.	0 0	0	0	0 3	36	93
Middle Tenn.	0 1	21	49	1 2	56	126
New Mexico St.	0 1	24	30	1 2	47	94
UTEP	0 1	10	28	0 3	41	95

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Brown	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Columbia	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Cornell	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Dartmouth	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Harvard	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Penn	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Princeton	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Yale	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Buffalo	0 0	0	0	2 1	64	54
Ohio	0 0	0	0	2 1	70	64
Bowling Green	0 0	0	0	1 1	68	51
Akron	0 0	0	0	1 2	54	121
Kent St.	0 0	0	0	0 3	41	149
Miami (Ohio)	0 0	0	0	0 2	22	40

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
N. Illinois	0 0	0	0	2 0	70	29
Toledo	0 0	0	0	3 0	128	50
E. Michigan	0 0	0	0	2 1	74	78
Ball St.	0 0	0	0	1 1	42	96
Cent. Michigan	0 0	0	0	1 2	91	92
W. Michigan	0 0	0	0	1 2	73	115

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Howard	0 0	0	0	2 1	74	96
Delaware St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	38	80
Morgan St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	45	63
NC Central	0 0	0	0	1 2	60	110
SC State	0 0	0	0	1 2	55	84
Norfolk St.	0 0	0	0	1 3	61	126

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Illinois St.	0 0	0	0	2 1	75	91
N. Dakota St.	0 0	0	0	2 1	116	69
N. Iowa	0 0	0	0	2 1	55	51
North Dakota	0 0	0	0	2 1	82	73
S. Dakota St.	0 0	0	0	2 1	89	71
S. Illinois	0 0	0	0	2 1	79	86
South Dakota	0 0	0	0	1 1	58	30
Indiana St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	44	89
Missouri St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	86	85
Murray St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	76	78
Youngstown St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	101	77

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
San Jose St.	1 0	17	7	3 0	90	41
UNLV	0 0	0	0	3 0	122	41
Fresno St.	0 0	0	0	2 1	104	60
Boise St.	0 0	0	0	1 1	90	82
Colorado St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	47	97
Hawaii	0 0	0	0	1 2	61	61
San Diego St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	55	66
Utah St.	0 0	0	0	1 2	57	100
Nevada	0 0	0	0	1 3	69	102
New Mexico	0 0	0	0	0 3	89	141
Wyoming	0 0	0	0	0 3	34	99
Air Force	0 1	7	17	1 2	31	54

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
CCSU	1 0	27	20	2 1	70	89
Robert Morris	1 0	55	28	1 2	90	87
Wagner	0 0	0	0	2 1	89	63
Duquesne	0 0	0	0	1 2	38	130
LIU Brooklyn	0 0	0	0	0 3	38	92
Stonehill	0 0	0	0	0 2	16	82
St. Francis (Pa.)	0 1	20	27	1 2	53	62

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Washington St.	0 0	0	0	3 0	131	65
Oregon St.	0 0	0	0	2 1	73	64

Patriot League						
Georgetown	0 0	0	0	2 1	91	74
Lafayette	0 0	0	0	2 1	109	79
Lehigh	0 0	0	0	2 1	76	72
Bucknell	0 0	0	0	1 2	77	108
Holy Cross	0 0	0	0	1 2	80	63
Colgate	0 0	0	0	0 3	37	76
Fordham	0 0	0	0	0 3	41	101

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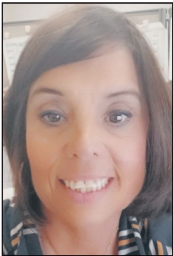
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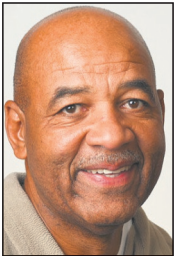
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Last week	9-1	8-2	9-1	7-3	6-4	4-6	7-3	5-5
Season record	21-9	20-10	20-10	19-11	18-12	18-12	18-12	16-14

FBS LEADERS

RUSHING YARDS

	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg.
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	61	479	6	7.9
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	45	459	9	10.2
RJ Harvey, UCF	59	448	8	7.6
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina	66	416	3	6.3
Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas	47	397	6	8.4
Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	46	373	4	8.1
Cam Skattebo, Arizona St.	68	373	3	5.5
Anthony Tyus III, Ohio	49	367	4	7.5
Marquez Cooper, San Diego St.	62	363	2	5.9
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	45	357	9	7.9
Henry Parrish Jr., Ole Miss	44	338	6	7.7
Devin Neal, Kansas	45	333	2	7.4
Corey Kiner, Cincinnati	48	326	1	6.8
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	49	324	1	6.6
Desmond Reid, Pittsburgh	44	319	1	7.3
John Mateer, Washington St.	39	314	4	8.1
Jonah Coleman, Washington	41	306	3	7.5
Raheim Sanders, South Carolina	56	285	4	5.1
Anthony Hankerson, Oregon St.	55	283	5	5.1
Jordan James, Oregon	44	283	3	6.4
Jeremiah Love, Notre Dame	35	279	3	8.0
Savion Red, Nevada	44	277	1	6.3
Jam Griffin, Oregon St.	45	276	3	6.1
Jarquez Hunter, Auburn	36	273	2	7.6
Kalel Mullings, Michigan	36	270	2	7.5
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech	52	269	4	5.2
Quinton Cooley, Liberty	34	266	3	7.8

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	C	A	I	Yds.	TDs	Effic.
Ethan Hampton, Northern Illinois	28	39	0	526	6	235.9
Jaxson Dart, Ole Miss	73	88	1	1,172	8	222.6
Jalen Milroe, Alabama	35	52	0	590	8	213.4
Cameron Ward, Miami (Fla.)	65	89	1	1,035	11	209.3
Thomas Castellanos, Boston Col.	35	54	2	589	9	204.0
Drew Allar, Penn St.	24	37	1	420	5	199.4
Kurtis Rourke, Indiana	55	74	0	755	7	191.2
Tyler Shough, Louisville	39	57	0	581	6	188.8
Dillon Gabriel, Oregon	79	94	0	914	6	186.8
Will Rogers, Washington	64	83	0	825	6	184.5
KJ Jefferson, UCF	32	51	1	563	5	183.9
Nico Iamaleava, Tennessee	48	67	2	698	6	182.7
Cade Klubnik, Clemson	42	55	1	520	5	182.2
Ben Wooldridge, Louisiana	40	52	1	497	4	178.8
Quinn Ewers, Texas	58	79	2	691	8	175.3
Tucker Gleason, Toledo	46	75	0	662	9	175.1
Blake Shapen, Mississippi St.	61	87	1	834	7	174.9
Kyle McCord, Syracuse	59	85	1	735	8	170.8
Will Howard, Ohio St.	35	54	0	520	4	170.2
Haynes King, Georgia Tech	81	106	1	962	6	169.4
Eli Holstein, Pittsburgh	71	105	2	939	9	167.2
Athan Kaliakmanis, Rutgers	29	47	1	377	6	167.0



Northern Illinois' Ethan Hampton [MICHAEL CATERINA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

RECEIVING YARDS

	Rec.	Yards	TDs	Avg.
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	34	485	6	14.3
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	23	453	4	19.7
Tai Felton, Maryland	27	447	4	16.6
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	27	403	2	14.9
Mac Dalena, Fresno St.	15	384	3	25.6
Jack Bech, TCU	17	350	2	20.6
Travis Hunter, Colorado	30	342	5	11.4
Treon Sibley, Liberty	14	341	1	24.4
Giles Jackson, Washington	24	326	1	13.6
Kobe Hudson, UCF	13	310	2	23.8
Jordan Moore, Duke	23	306	2	13.3
Skyler Bell, UConn	14	304	1	21.7
Andrew Armstrong, Arkansas	18	301	0	16.7
De'Zhaun Stribling, Oklahoma St.	17	295	2	17.4
Xzavier Henderson, Cincinnati	23	292	1	12.7
Kamdyn Benjamin, Tulsa	17	290	2	17.1
Kaedyn Robinson, App State	18	290	0	16.1
Mario Williams, Tulane	13	288	0	22.2
Josh Kelly, Texas Tech	21	287	2	13.7
Jamaal Pritchett, South Alabama	20	287	3	14.4
Omari Kelly, Middle Tenn.	14	285	3	20.4
Malik Rutherford, Georgia Tech	22	285	2	13.0
Ryan Williams, Alabama	10	285	4	28.5
Malachi Fields, Virginia	20	284	0	14.2



Buffalo's Shaun Dolac [COLIN E. BRALEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

SCORING

	TDs	XP	2-pt.	FG	Def.	Pts.
RJ Harvey, UCF	9	0	1	0	0	56
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	9	0	0	0	0	54
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	9	0	0	0	0	54
Max Gilbert, Tennessee	0	22	0	7	0	43
Blake Craig, Missouri	0	12	0	8	0	36
Caden Davis, Ole Miss	0	21	0	5	0	36
Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas	6	0	0	0	0	36
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	6	0	0	0	0	36
Jalen Milroe, Alabama	6	0	0	0	0	36
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	6	0	0	0	0	36
Henry Parrish Jr., Ole Miss	6	0	0	0	0	36
Caden Chittenden, UNLV	0	11	0	8	0	35
Logan Ward, Oklahoma St.	0	13	0	7	0	34
Kade Hensley, Coastal Carolina	0	15	0	6	0	33
Ian Hershey, Arizona St.	0	13	0	6	0	31
Ben Sauls, Pittsburgh	0	13	0	6	0	31
Trebor Pena, Syracuse	5	0	0	0	0	30
Andres Borregales, Miami (Fla.)	0	15	0	5	0	30
Dean Connors, Rice	5	0	0	0	0	30
Jesus Gomez, Eastern Mich.	0	6	0	8	0	30
Anthony Hankerson, Oregon St.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Travis Hunter, Colorado	5	0	0	0	0	30
Kyren Lacy, LSU	5	0	0	0	0	30

(A receiver scores on a touchdown pass, not the passer.)

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

	Rush	Rec	Punt	Retns	KO	INT	Misc.	Total
Desmond Reid, Pittsburgh	319	167	78	0	0	0	0	564
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	479	27	0	0	0	0	0	506
RJ Harvey, UCF	448	37	0	0	0	0	0	485
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	0	485	0	0	0	0	0	485
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	459	12	0	0	0	0	0	471
Tai Felton, Maryland	23	447	0	0	0	0	0	470
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	0	453	0	0	0	0	0	453
Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas	397	49	0	0	0	0	0	446
Cam Skattebo, Arizona St.	373	73	0	0	0	0	0	446
Omarion Hampton, N. Carolina	416	23	0	0	0	0	0	439
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	357	70	0	0	0	0	0	427
Jamaal Pritchett, South Alabama	0	287	129	0	0	0	0	416
Anthony Tyus III, Ohio	367	41	0	0	0	0	0	408
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	0	403	0	0	0	0	0	403
Mac Dalena, Fresno St.	18	384	0	0	0	0	0	402
Kevin Coleman Jr., Mississippi St.	9	268	117	0	0	0	0	394
Marquez Cooper, San Diego St.	363	30	0	0	0	0	0	393
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	324	69	0	0	0	0	0	393
Jack Bech, TCU	7	350	34	0	0	0	0	391
Kenny Johnson, Pittsburgh	-4	184	8	199	0	0	0	387
Henry Parrish Jr., Ole Miss	338	49	0	0	0	0	0	387
Brashard Smith, SMU	253	47	-2	89	0	0	0	387
Kamdyn Benjamin, Tulsa	13	290	82	0	0	0	0	385
Taylor Morin, Wake Forest	0	268	86	30	0	0	0	384
Travis Hunter, Colorado	0	342	0	0	38	0	0	380
Kam Thomas, UTEP	-1	238	47	96	0	0	0	380

(While receiving is an all-purpose yard, passing is not.)

TACKLES

	Solo	Asst	Total	TPG
Shaun Dolac, Buffalo	19	24	43	14.3
Isaac Smith, Mississippi St.	17	26	43	14.3
Trey Rucker, Oklahoma St.	24	15	39	13.0
Jordan Pollard, San Jose St.	17	20	37	12.3
Nick Andersen, Wake Forest	21	15	36	12.0
Nick Martin, Oklahoma St.	18	16	34	11.3
Antonio Carter II, Jacksonville St.	16	18	34	11.3
Kory Chapman, UTEP	16	18	34	11.3
Dorian Hopkins, UTEP	11	23	34	11.3
Danny Stutman, Oklahoma	21	12	33	11.0
Antonio Clary, Virginia	12	21	33	11.0
Donovan McMillon, Pittsburgh	16	16	32	10.7
Koa Naotala, Old Dominion	7	25	32	10.7
Travion Barnes, FIU	19	12	31	10.3
Teddy Buchanan, California	15	16	31	10.3
Emmanuel McNeil-Warren, Toledo	14	17	31	10.3
Matt Jones, Baylor	14	16	30	10.0
Aiden Fisher, Indiana	11	19	30	10.0
Zakye Barker, East Carolina	9	21	30	10.0
Noah Avinger, New Mexico	18	11	29	9.7
Jonas Sanker, Virginia	16	13	29	9.7



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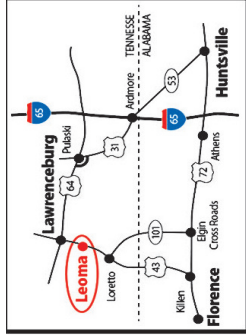
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