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Spicy Slaw

INGREDIENTS

6 cups grated green cabbage
1/2 cup chopped green onion
1/4 cup hot sauce
1/4 cup ketchup

1/4 cup salad dressing
1/4 cup yellow mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, mix cabbage and onion. In a small bowl, mix remaining ingredients and pour over cabbage mixture; stir until well mixed, cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes or overnight. Makes 4 cups.

I like this slaw on my hot dogs. Slice weiners lengthwise, but not all the way through; place weiner in bun and fill with slaw.



This week's recipe submitted
by **Juanita Graham,**
Russellville, AL

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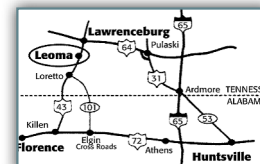
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Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy and the Cowboys face Arkansas this week. [MITCH ALCALA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

THE LINE

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at SMU	10½	55½	BYU
at NORTHWESTERN	2½	36½	Duke
Saturday FAVORITE	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Texas	7½	43½	at MICHIGAN
Georgia Tech	2½	61½	at SYRACUSE
at PENN STATE	34½	48½	Bowling Green
at RUTGERS	23½	39½	Akron
at MEMPHIS	18½	57½	Troy
at FLORIDA ATLANTIC	3½	42½	Army
at CINCINNATI	2½	62½	Pittsburgh
Kansas State	9½	48½	at TULANE
at OKLAHOMA STATE	7½	62½	Arkansas
at KENTUCKY	10½	42½	South Carolina
at NAVY	12½	42½	Temple
at UTAH	14½	54½	Baylor
at MARYLAND	8½	44½	Michigan State
at TOLEDO	19½	51½	UMass
at NORTH CAROLINA	22½	46½	Charlotte
at AUBURN	13½	53½	Cal
at LOUISVILLE	28½	58½	Jacksonville State
at WASHINGTON	25½	47½	Eastern Michigan
at NOTRE DAME	28½	45½	Northern Illinois
at IOWA	2½	35½	Iowa State
at TEXAS STATE	1½	63½	UTSA
at OLE MISS	41½	63½	Middle Tennessee
at VIRGINIA TECH	19½	52½	Marshall
East Carolina	2½	55½	at OLD DOMINION
South Alabama	2½	56½	at OHIO
Central Michigan	6½	51½	at FLORIDA INT'L
at UCF	21½	57½	Sam Houston
Louisiana	15½	47½	at KENNESAW STATE
Kansas	5½	55½	at ILLINOIS
at ALABAMA	30½	64½	South Florida
at MISSOURI	34½	51½	Buffalo
at AIR FORCE	6½	46½	San Jose State
at WAKE FOREST	2½	56½	Virginia
UAB	13½	52½	at UL MONROE
at ARKANSAS STATE	7½	65½	Tulsa
Georgia Southern	1½	57½	at NEVADA
at OHIO STATE	37½	53½	Western Michigan
Tennessee	7½	60½	at NC STATE
at NEBRASKA	7½	59½	Colorado
at OKLAHOMA	29½	49½	Houston
at CLEMSON	17½	52½	Appalachian State
at OREGON	18½	61½	Boise State
at WASHINGTON ST.	1½	65½	Texas Tech
Liberty	22½	56½	at NEW MEXICO ST.
at ARIZONA STATE	6½	59½	Mississippi State
Oregon State	5½	55½	at SAN DIEGO STATE
at USC	28½	63½	Utah State

GAMES ON TV

Friday
BYU at SMU, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Western Illinois at Indiana, 6 p.m., BTN
Duke at Northwestern, 8 p.m., FS1

Saturday
Akron at Rutgers, 11 a.m., BTN
Arkansas at Oklahoma State, 11 a.m., ABC
Army at Florida Atlantic, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Bowling Green at Penn State, 11 a.m., BTN
Georgia Tech at Syracuse, 11 a.m., ACC Network
Kansas State at Tulane, 11 a.m., ESPN
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Texas at Michigan, 11 a.m., FOX
Troy at Memphis, 11 a.m., ESPNU
McNeese at Texas A&M, 11:45 a.m., SEC Network
Baylor at Utah, 2:30 p.m., FOX
California at Auburn, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
Charlotte at North Carolina, 2:30 p.m., ACC Network
Eastern Michigan at Washington, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Idaho at Wyoming, 2:30 p.m., truTV
Iowa State at Iowa, 2:30 p.m., CBS
Michigan State at Maryland, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Northern Illinois at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m., NBC
South Carolina at Kentucky, 2:30 p.m., ABC
South Dakota at Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m., FS1
Temple at Navy, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN
UTSA at Texas State, 3 p.m., ESPNU
Middle Tennessee at Ole Miss, 3:15 p.m., SEC Network
Marshall at Virginia Tech, 3:30 p.m., CW
Georgia Southern at Nevada, 6 p.m., truTV
Kansas at Illinois, 6 p.m., FS1
San Jose State at Air Force, 6 p.m., CBSSN
South Florida at Alabama, 6 p.m., ESPN



Michigan fans will have the opportunity to welcome former Alabama coach Nick Saban and the ESPN GameDay crew to campus this week. [SAM CRAFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Virginia at Wake Forest, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Alcorn at Vanderbilt, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
Colorado at Nebraska, 6:30 p.m., NBC
NC State vs. Tennessee, 6:30 p.m., ABC
Western Michigan at Ohio State, 6:30 p.m., BTN
Houston at Oklahoma, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network
Appalachian State at Clemson, 7 p.m., ACC Network

Texas Tech at Washington State, 9 p.m., FOX
Liberty at New Mexico State, 9:15 p.m., ESPN2
Mississippi State at Arizona State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Oregon State at San Diego State, 9:30 p.m., CBSSN
Utah State at Southern California, 10 p.m., BTN

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Saturday
No. 1 Georgia (1-0) vs. Tennessee Tech (0-1), 1 p.m.
No. 2 Ohio St. (1-0) vs. W. Michigan (0-1), 6:30 p.m.
No. 3 Texas (1-0) at No. 10 Michigan (1-0), 11 a.m.
No. 4 Alabama (1-0) vs. South Florida (1-0), 6 p.m.
No. 5 Notre Dame (1-0) vs. N. Illinois (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 6 Mississippi (1-0) vs. Middle Tennessee (1-0), 3:15 p.m.
No. 7 Oregon (1-0) vs. Boise St. (1-0), 9 p.m.

No. 8 Penn St. (1-0) vs. Bowling Green (1-0), 11 a.m.
No. 9 Missouri (1-0) vs. Buffalo (1-0), 6 p.m.
No. 11 Utah (1-0) vs. Baylor (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 12 Miami (1-0) vs. Florida A&M (2-0), 5 p.m.
No. 13 Southern Cal (1-0) vs. Utah St. (1-0), 10 p.m.
No. 14 Tennessee (1-0) vs. No. 24 NC State (1-0) at Charlotte, N.C., 6:30 p.m.
No. 15 Oklahoma (1-0) vs. Houston (0-1), 6:45 p.m.
No. 16 Oklahoma St. (1-0) vs. Arkansas (1-0), 11 a.m.

No. 17 Kansas St. (1-0) at Tulane (1-0), 11 a.m.
No. 18 LSU (0-1) vs. Nicholls (0-1), 6:30 p.m.
No. 19 Kansas (1-0) at Illinois (1-0), 6 p.m.
No. 20 Arizona (1-0) vs. Northern Arizona (1-0), 9 p.m.
No. 21 Iowa (1-0) vs. Iowa St. (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 22 Louisville (1-0) vs. Jacksonville St. (0-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 23 Georgia Tech (2-0) at Syracuse (1-0), 11 a.m.
No. 25 Clemson (0-1) vs. Appalachian St. (1-0), 7 p.m.

California at Auburn

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: ESPN2/FM-94.9

Records: Cal (1-0), Auburn (1-0)

The series: Auburn leads 1-0.

Four-down territory

1. Eyes in the sky: The NFL has been using computer tablets and helmet communications during games for years. It's been implemented at the college level. There's been some adjustment, but it's a tool that keeps players and coaches connected to the game plan and they can be on the same page. "We got the iPads now to where, if there is a timeout, I can say (to quarterback Payton Thorne), 'Do you see what I see?'" Auburn coach Hugh Freeze said.

2. New plan: The Tigers' game at Cal last year resulted in a 14-10 win, which saw the offense struggle with just 12 first downs and 94 pass yards. Those numbers might improve dramatically this time. "Last year, they were basically saying, 'We're going to make you throw the football and win some one-on-ones, and we struggled to do that,'" Freeze said. "Auburn had six passing plays of over 30 yards last week in the opener, five of which went for touchdowns. 'Will they play us the same exact way? I don't know,'" Freeze said.

3. New plan II: The Cal offense Auburn will see is not the same as last year. The Golden Bears have a new coordinator in Mike Bloesch and the Tigers will see some spread and empty back formations and a quicker tempo. "You only have one game to go on, but we know where (Bloesch) came from," Freeze said. "We are going to have to get used to tempo. They go fast. That creates problems with communication. But they are a different offense."

4. Helping hand: Freeze and his wife, Jill, have a charity foundation that benefits foster children. Freeze said on Monday that Auburn players offered some of their name, image and likeness money to help with the foundation. "That's something I'm really, really proud of. Proud of our kids that said, 'Coach, I want to help and be a part of that,'" Freeze said. "That's something that I hope continues to grow throughout the year as we continue to meet needs in the state of Alabama for the orphan and foster-care systems."



Jalen McLeod and the Auburn Tigers will look to flex again this week when they host the Cal Golden Bears. [AUBURN ATHLETICS]

Key matchup

Auburn RB Jarquez Hunter vs. Cal RB Jaydn Ott

Hunter touched the ball just four times last week and ran for 53 yards with a touchdown. He'll see the bulk of carries against Cal. Ott was an ACC preseason second-team selection who rushed for 49 yards and two scores last week. He had 1,315 yards and 12 TDs last season.

Player of the week

Eugene Asante, LB

The senior went off last year against Cal with 12 tackles, including a sack, two QB hurries and a pass breakup. He was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week

for his efforts. Maybe the Golden Bears will inspire him again.

By the numbers

9: The 73-3 rout of Alabama A&M was the ninth time Auburn scored 70 or more points in program history and the first since a 77-0 win over Erskine in 1932.

55: In last year's matchup with Cal, the Auburn offense ran just 55 plays for 250 yards.

94: There were 94 Auburn players who saw playing time last week, including 47 for the first time.

800: The win against Alabama A&M last week gave Auburn its 800th in program history. The Tigers rank

13th among FBS teams.

Prediction

Auburn 35, Cal 21

Don't get used to seeing Auburn put up 73 points for quite a while. But do get used to seeing some offensive fireworks. There is certainly reason to be optimistic for what kind of numbers this Tiger offense can put up with the arsenal of weapons it has at receiver and with the talent at running back. Cal has to play inside Jordan-Hare Stadium with a crowd that's beyond excited about their football team in 2024. That's a recipe for disaster for Cal.

— Edwin Stanton

Texas gives Michigan unusual early showdown

By Larry Lage
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan has played in many marquee matchups in recent years.

Only the high-stakes games, including three straight trips to the College Football Playoff, did not happen early in the season.

Texas is coming to town this week and it doesn't get much bigger than that, or better for college football fans.

The third-ranked Longhorns will provide a tough test on Saturday for the 10th-ranked Wolverines, who had the luxury of tuning up for Big Ten Conference play with soft schedules the last two years.

Michigan will find out quickly if the relatively low expectations for a defending national champion were merited or simply underestimating Sherrone Moore's first team.

"It's exciting for our players, for the program, for the fans," Moore said Monday. "You want these type of games. You want these atmospheres. You want these building blocks to help you mold your team and really get where you need to be."

Texas found out how good it was in Week 2 last season when it beat then-No. 3 Alabama and went on to make the playoffs.

Longhorns coach Steve Sarkisian said 46 current players experienced the victory over the Crimson Tide, showing them what it takes to win away from home.

"You have to have great poise and composure when you are in these type of road environments," Sarkisian said.

The winner in front of more than 110,000 fans in the stands and millions of people watching on TV will get a boost for its bid to win a national championship while the loser still will have hope thanks to the expanded, 12-team playoff.

"Because of the new format, I like this matchup even more," Sarkisian said.

The victors also will earn some bragging rights for the Southeastern Conference or the Big Ten.

Texas was dominant in its opener, clicking on offense with quarterbacks Quinn Ewers and Arch Manning while swarming on defense in a 52-0 rout of Colorado State.

Michigan, meanwhile, turned a closely contested game into a 30-10 win over Fresno State with an entirely rebuilt offensive line that struggled until late in the game.

A decade go, both schools announced their traditionally powerful programs would have a home-and-home series for the first time.

The first game is this week and the return trip to Austin is scheduled for Sept. 4, 2027. The Vince Young-led Longhorns beat the Wolverines on Jan. 1, 2005, in their only meeting, at the Rose Bowl.

In college football history, Michigan is No. 1 in all-time wins with 1,005 and Texas is No. 4 with 949 victories.

And finally, they're facing off in the regular season.

"I'm super pumped," Sarkisian said. "I love college football. To think these two iconic programs, with those iconic uniforms and iconic helmets meeting for the first time in the Big House ... yeah, that's awesome."

The Wolverines kicked off their 2023 national championship season with mismatches against East Carolina, UNLV and Bowling Green one year after opening with Colorado State, Hawaii and Connecticut.

Oddmakers don't seem to think Michigan is ready for the challenge, making it an underdog by a touchdown, according to BetMGM Sportsbook.

The Wolverines, though, say they will be ready.

"It's going to be like Rose Bowls, Ohio State games," said Michigan's Will Johnson, a preseason All-America cornerback. "Those type of games, I feel like that's when we play our best football."



Texas coach Steve Sarkisian says, due to the new 12-team playoff format, he likes such a high-stakes matchup "even more." [ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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South Florida at Alabama

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

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

Records: South Florida (1-0), No. 4 Alabama (1-0)

The series: Alabama leads 2-0.

Four-down territory

1. Sparked by the Bulls: The Crimson Tide had one of its worst efforts last season in a road matchup with South Florida. Alabama came away with a 17-3 win, but the offense was flat. Jalen Milroe was benched for that game after having a poor showing in a loss to Texas the week prior. In hindsight, the benching may have been a blessing for Milroe, who took control of the offense since and hasn't looked back.

2. Short notice: Alabama star left tackle Kadyn Procter didn't play last week due to a shoulder injury. Elijah Pritchett, who plays right tackle, moved to the opposite side of the line to take Procter's place. The sophomore could start against USF if Procter still can't go. "Got to give Elijah a lot of credit because he only had a couple of practices at left tackle in camp," Alabama coach Kalen DeBoer said. "He took some pride in trying to have a great game and rise up to the adversity."

3. O Captain, My Captain: The tradition at Alabama is for the team to pick permanent captains at the end of the season. DeBoer changed that by naming the captains before the season. Captains Malachi Moore, Deontae Lawson, Tyler Booker and Milroe all had the letter 'C' sewn onto their jerseys for last week's opener. "That's something we've done in places where I've been," DeBoer said. "It's an honor to be a captain and to have the 'C' on the jersey, I think it's really cool for those guys to wear."

4. Field of champions: Nick Saban will be honored at halftime Saturday. The field at Bryant-Denny Stadium will be named after the Crimson Tide's six-time national champion coach. He had a 206-29 record in 17 seasons at Alabama. "It's something that I know we have a lot of respect for and going to make sure that we do everything we can to make it our house and protect our field from here on out just like it's been in the 17 years that he was here," DeBoer said.

Key matchup

UA DB Keon Sabb vs. USF WR Sean Atkins

Sabb, the Michigan transfer, has



Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe and the Crimson Tide, after leaving fans all smiles last week, will try to do it again vs. South Florida. [VASHA HUNT/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

already made big contributions to the Tide with two interceptions in his first game. Atkins had 42 receiving yards in last week's blowout win over Bethune-Cookman. Atkins set program records with 92 receptions for 1,054 yards in 2023.

Player of the week

Ryan Williams, WR

Welcome to college football, Ryan Williams. The 17-year-old's first two career catches resulted in touchdowns last week. Obviously, that success rate won't continue, but there are big-play capabilities whenever he's on the field, and he will be targeted more for sure.

By the numbers

21: Alabama ran 21 offensive plays in the first half last week and scored six touchdowns. That's a rate of one touchdown every 3.5 plays.

1991: The Crimson Tide had two touchdown plays of 80-plus yards in the opener. It was the first time the Crimson Tide did that since Sept. 7, 1991, against Temple.

2: Alabama committed five penalties in the first quarter last week but had just two the rest of the game.

18: There were 18 true freshmen who played in the Crimson Tide opener with two scoring touchdowns (Ryan Williams, Daniel Hill).

Prediction

Alabama 49, South Florida 7

It's hard to gauge a team after one game, especially when it's against the likes of Western Kentucky. It's also hard to criticize the defense for pitching a shutout. But defensive coordinator Kane Wommack was a bit miffed about the defense failing to score on a couple of turnovers and not creating more turnovers. That may sound harsh considering WKU was bullied all night, but that's exactly what Bama fans want to hear.

— Edwin Stanton

Illinois State at UNA

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: ESPN+/FM-98.3, FM-103.5

Records: Illinois State (0-1), UNA (0-2)

The series: First meeting.

Four-down territory

1. Making sure things are level: Both UNA and Illinois State played FBS opponents last week. The Lions were at Memphis. The Redbirds at Iowa. Both went about as expected for money games. Each of the matchups ended 40-0 in favor of the bigger teams (the ones signing the checks). But this week means both UNA and Illinois State are back on more-even playing ground, so to speak. After all, they are both FCS schools.

2. Home sweet home? The Lions opened the season in Montgomery. They played in Memphis last week. Now, UNA is back in the posh confines of Braly Stadium, a place the program has won a little bit over the last few years. The Lions have won four games since the start of the 2022 season. Three have come at home compared to seven losses in that span. Road games have been a bit more challenging. In 14 games away from Braly, UNA is 1-13.

3. Unkind history: Illinois State is ranked 21st in the Stats FCS top 25 poll. That doesn't bode well for the Lions. UNA has never beaten a ranked Division I team — at either the FCS or FBS level. The Lions are 0-15 all-time against ranked FCS schools with just three games being 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. Turnover confidential: Ari Patu has started both of UNA's games at quarterback. It's already the most games he's started during his college career, which began at Stanford. But that isn't the problem. It's giving the ball away. Through two games, the Lions have turned the ball over seven times. Patu is responsible — according to the stat sheet — for six of them. He threw two interceptions and fumbled twice against Southeast Missouri and tossed another two picks at Memphis. It's no secret it's hard to win that way.

Key matchup

Illinois State RB Mason King vs. UNA DL

King was named to the Walter Payton



Safety Gregory Reddick is UNA's leading tackler through the first two weeks of the season. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

Award preseason watch list after rushing for 983 yards and 14 touchdowns last season. The curious part is he only got one carry against Iowa. UNA held Memphis to 64 yards on the ground, a tradeoff for the Tigers throwing for 300-plus yards. But if King does play this week, it should be interesting.

Player of the week

Takairee Kenebrew, WR

Kenebrew's stat line through the first two weeks? Four catches for 4 yards. Why does it matter? Pretty odd for UNA's all-time touchdown catch leader considering

he led the Lions with 669 yards and 10 touchdowns last season and 649 yards and eight scores in 2022. He did have some injuries during training camp, but maybe this will be the week he makes an impact.

By the numbers

19-42: UNA's all-time record against FCS opponents.

13-34: How the Lions have fared against FCS teams since making the move to Division I in 2018.

3: The number of Illinois State quarterbacks to throw a pass in its season opener. All three tossed at least seven

with Tommy Rittenhouse leading the way with 20 passes. He completed 10 of them.

19: The number of tackles UNA safety Gregory Reddick has through two games. It leads the team and is eight more than linebacker Jackson Bratton.

Prediction

Illinois State 38, UNA 20

As noted above, history is not on the Lions' side in this matchup. But maybe playing at home could change that? A tough ask, for sure.

— David Glovach

Tennessee vs. N.C. State

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: Charlotte, North Carolina

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

Records: No. 14 Tennessee (1-0), N.C. State (1-0)

The series: Tennessee leads 2-1

Four-down territory

1. Showing some love: The Heisman Trophy race is underway and the while there is a long way to go toward figuring out the finalists, there is no harm in early speculation. Nico Iamaleava's impressive debut earned him SEC Freshman of the Week honors and did enough to get some attention of Fan Duel's Heisman betting odds. Iamaleava's odds jumped from +1,500 to +1,400. It's not much of a jump, but he's on the radar.

2. Pick leaders: The N.C. State defense led the Atlantic Coast Conference with 17 interceptions last season. The Wolfpack lost some key players, but guys like Devan Boykin, Aydan White and Ohio State transfer Ja'Had Carter make N.C. State another solid group. "All three levels of their defense playing together is a big part of the picks. Their zone coverage and dropping out to make the windows tough and their pressure on the quarterback to make it uncomfortable for him," Tennessee coach Josh Heupel said.

3. Carolina on his mind: Tennessee sophomore defensive lineman Daevin Hobbs will have a homecoming of sorts against N.C. State. Hobbs is from Concord, North Carolina, just outside the city limits of Charlotte, site for the showdown with the Wolfpack. "I'm very excited about it," Dobbs said. "I have a lot of friends and coaches from high school who will be there. It's going to fun to be back home in stadium where I always went to with my dad to see Panther games."

4. Building trust: It's important for a quarterback and the receiver group to be familiar with each other. It was obvious in the opener that Nico Iamaleava and the receivers were on the same page to the tune of 314 yards and three touchdowns. "I played quarterback in high school and in college and played receiver at a high level," Tennessee receivers coach Kelsey Pope said. "I've seen a handful of guys receivers want to play for. You can see it and you can sense it. Our guys love playing for that guy. It's infectious in practice. As talented a



Dylan Sampson, after a big effort last week, will need to put up his dukes again this week when Tennessee takes on N.C. State. [WADE PAYNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

player as he is, he's a better teammate and a leader."

Key matchup

UT WR Dont'e Thornton Jr. vs. N.C. State WR Kevin "KC" Concepcion

Thornton caught three passes for 104 yards with two touchdowns last week. That's nearly double what he had all of last season (224). Concepcion is a preseason All-ACC player who led the Wolfpack with 121 yards in last week's win against Western Carolina.

Player of the week

Dylan Sampson, RB

The Sampson era at running back got off to a fast start. A 124-yard effort with three touchdowns is enough to give

anyone a confidence boost. The Vols will need another strong effort against N.C. State. If the Wolfpack secondary is as good as advertised and shuts down the passing game, it will be up to Sampson to deliver on the ground.

By the numbers

4: Tennessee is facing an ACC opponent for the fourth straight season. The Vols have beaten Pittsburgh, Clemson and Virginia. N.C. State is No. 4.

8: Tennessee has not allowed a touchdown in eight straight quarters, going back to the Citrus Bowl last season.

18: Tennessee has made at least one sack in 18 consecutive games dating to Missouri in 2022.

718: The 718 yards of total offense last

week tied for the second most in a single game in school history. The most was in 2022 against Missouri (724).

Prediction

Tennessee 28, N.C. State 13

The Tennessee offense is off and running but gets its first big test against the Wolfpack. Same with the defense. Tennessee wasn't faced with a challenge last week against Chattanooga, but the Vols will have to be ready for a good offense, led by quarterback Grayson McCall, receiver KC Concepcion and running back Jordan Walters. The atmosphere should be electric and a pro-N.C. State crowd.

— Edwin Stanton

This week's SEC, state games

Arkansas at Oklahoma State

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: ABC

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

The series: Arkansas leads 30-15-1.

The lowdown: Arkansas and Oklahoma State were never in the same conference, but their proximity to each other — they are three hours apart — meant they've played a few times. But this will be the first meeting since 1980. ... The Razorbacks won the last meeting 33-20, handing a loss to former quarterback and then-current Cowboys signal caller Houston Nutt, the program's future coach. ... Both teams opened the season against FCS foes with Oklahoma State snapping the 29-game win streak of South Dakota State, the two-time FCS champion.

Texas at Michigan

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: FOX

Records: Texas (1-0), Michigan (1-0)

The series: Texas leads 1-0.

The lowdown: This is a matchup of two of the top-five winningest programs with Michigan at No. 1 (1,005 victories) and Texas at No. 4 (949). ... The last time the programs played was the Rose Bowl in January 2005. The Longhorns won 38-37, kicking off their run to the national title the next year. ... The Wolverines are 26-12-1 all-time against SEC schools. ... Texas backup quarterback Arch Manning threw his first college touchdown on a 5-yard shovel pass in last week's 52-0 win over Colorado State.

Troy at Memphis

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: ESPNU

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

The series: Memphis leads 4-1.

The lowdown: Troy surrendered 214 yards rushing in a season-opening 28-26 home loss to Nevada. The Trojans scored twice in the final 6:12, the last with 21 seconds remaining. ... Damien Taylor ran for 103 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries, while Goose Crowder was 20-of-30 passing for 200 yards and a score. ... The Trojans, who finished with 190 yards rushing, snapped an 18-game win streak when they had reached 100. ... Memphis' 40-0 win over North Alabama last week



The last time Texas and Michigan played, it served as the precursor to Vince Young's run at the national title the next season. [CHRIS CARLSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

was its first shutout since 2022, 59-0 over UNA. ... Seth Henigan, who was 22-of-30 passing for 308 yards and two TDs, has 81 career passing touchdowns, which ties for second in school history.

McNeese at Texas A&M

When: 11:45 a.m. Saturday

TV: SECN

Records: McNeese (1-1) Texas A&M (0-1)

The series: Texas A&M leads 1-0.

The lowdown: The last time McNeese traveled to College Station was 2001. The

Aggies, still in the Big 12 at the time, won 38-24. ... This should be an easier game for Texas A&M after hosting then-No. 7 Notre Dame in its season opener. The Fighting Irish scored the game's final 10 points to win 23-13. ... Randy Bond ranks ninth all-time on the Aggies' career field goals list with 41 and is just three away from moving his way into the top five.

Tennessee Tech at Georgia

When: 1 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: Tennessee Tech (0-1), Georgia

(1-0)

The series: Georgia leads 2-0.

The lowdown: Tennessee Tech is collecting some paychecks early in the season. The Golden Eagles received \$300,000 from Middle Tennessee and will get \$550,000 from Georgia. Chaching. ... The Bulldogs embarrassed Dabo Swinney and Clemson 34-3 last week in Atlanta. ... Tennessee Tech has yet to score in its series against Georgia. The Bulldogs won 67-0 in 1943 and 38-0

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in 2009. ... Georgia has won 25 straight games at home. ... The Golden Eagles have not posted a winning season since 2011.

South Carolina at Kentucky

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ABC
Records: South Carolina (1-0, 0-0 SEC), Kentucky (1-0, 0-0)
The series: South Carolina leads 20-14-1.

The lowdown: Carolina last started a season 2-0 in 2021 and hasn't won its SEC opener since 2017. ... Kentucky beat Southern Miss 31-0 last week in an abbreviated game. Due to lightning, kickoff was delayed until 10:05 p.m. with another lightning delay at 11:51 p.m. The game was called at 12:25 a.m. with 9:56 left in the third quarter. ... Brock Vandagriff was 12-of-18 passing for 169 yards and three touchdowns in his first start for the Wildcats.

Jacksonville State at Louisville

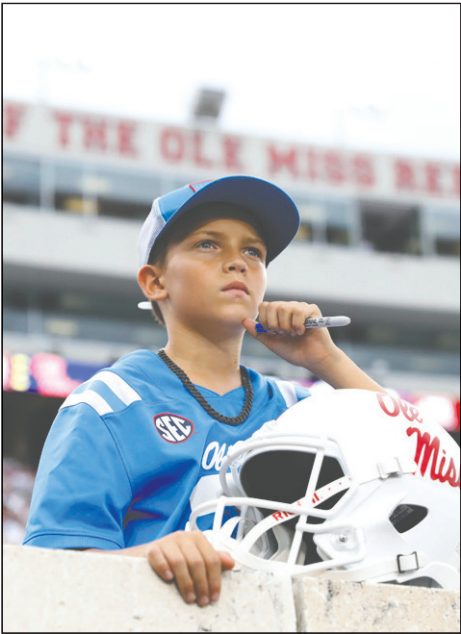
When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ACCN
Records: Jacksonville State (0-1), Louisville (0-1)

The series: First meeting.
The lowdown: Tyler Shough, in his Louisville debut, threw four touchdown passes, all in the first half, of last week's 62-0 win over Austin Peay. Shough finished 18-of-24 passing for 232 yards. ... Freshmen running backs Isaac Brown, Duke Watson and Keyjuan Brown combined for 274 yards rushing, averaging 13.7 yards per carry. ... Louisville finished with seven sacks and 14 tackles for loss vs. Austin Peay. ... The Cards blocked two kicks for the first time in 20 years.

Middle Tennessee at Ole Miss

When: 3:15 p.m. Saturday
TV: SECN
Records: Middle Tennessee (1-0), Ole Miss (1-0)
The series: Ole Miss leads 1-0.

The lowdown: The Rebels' 76-0 goring of Furman last week marked Ole Miss' most points since 1935. ... The Blue Raiders beat Tennessee Tech 32-25 last week in coach Derek Mason's debut. ... Ole Miss had 772 yards offense, which ranks second in school history and was the most by an SEC team since 2019. ... The Rebs set a school record with 529 yards passing. ... Freshman defensive end Kam Franklin had three of the 16 tackles for



Ole Miss fans will certainly be anticipating an encore performance to the 76-0 win in last week's season opener. [SARAH WARNOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

loss recorded by Ole Miss. ... The 16 TFLs were the most by the Rebs since they had 17 against Mississippi State in 2000. ... Offensive lineman Jeremy James, by making his 50th career start, set an Ole Miss school record.

South Alabama at Ohio

When: 5 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: South Alabama (0-1), Ohio (0-1)

The series: First meeting.
The lowdown: Ohio, which lost 38-22 at Syracuse last week, is trying for the 600th win in school history. The Bobcats are 599-621-48. ... South Alabama, after opening with a 52-38 home loss to North Texas, will try to win its road opener for the fourth time in five years. ... Jags QB Gio Lopez set school records with 432 yards passing and 494 total yards last week. He was 26-of-49 passing with three touchdowns. ... Jamaal Pritchett had 10 catches for 197 yards and a score. ... USA's 582 yards ranked sixth in school history. North Texas had 550, including 446 passing.

Samford at Florida

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Samford (0-1), Florida (0-1)
The series: Florida leads 3-0.

The lowdown: After last week's 41-17 loss to Miami, Florida coach Billy Napier is on an even-hotter seat. The Gators need to dominate or the Bull Gator



Damien Taylor's 103 rushing yards against Nevada weren't enough to keep Troy's streak with 100-yard runners intact. [TROY ATHLETICS]



Jordyn Potts and Tennessee Tech have a rather difficult stretch to open the season, but the school is certainly collecting on those games. [TENNESSEE TECH ATHLETICS]

boosters won't just nip at Napier's heels. They'll find another part of the anatomy. ... Florida's 70-52 win over Samford in 2021 remains the highest-scoring game played at The Swamp. ... It ranks second in Florida history for total points. The Gators' 144-0 win over Florida Southern in 1913 remains No. 1. ... Florida is 23-1 against FCS teams since 1981, losing to Georgia Southern in 2013.

Buffalo at Missouri

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Buffalo (1-0), Missouri (1-0)

The series: Mizzou leads 1-0.

The lowdown: Missouri's 41-0 win over Murray State last week was its 17th straight nonconference win, its first shutout since beating Vanderbilt 41-0 in 2020 and its first season-opening shutout since 37-0 over Bowling Green in 1998. ... The Tigers outgained the Racers 489-85. ... Mizzou last held a team under 100 yards in 2019 when Southeast Missouri mustered 94. ... Buffalo is 0-3 all-time vs. SEC schools. Most recently, the Bulls lost to Georgia in 2012.

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Kentucky State at Alabama A&M

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV: SWAC Digital

Records: Kentucky State (0-1), Alabama A&M (0-1)

The series: Kentucky State leads 3-2.

The lowdown: Alabama A&M is celebrating its 14th annual Louis Crews Classic. ... The Bulldogs are 9-4 all-time in the Louis Crews Classic, winning five of the last six. ... Both teams lost big in their openers: Alabama A&M 73-3 at Auburn and the Division II Thorobreds 69-7 at home to Virginia Union. ... Kentucky State, which scored in the first 1 ½ minutes following an interception return to the 2, gave up 694 yards offense.

UAB at Louisiana-Monroe

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: UAB (1-0), Louisiana-Monroe (1-0)

The series: Tied 1-1.

The lowdown: ULM coach Bryant Vincent was UAB's interim head coach in 2022 when the Blazers finished 7-6, beating Miami (Ohio) in the Bahamas Bowl. ... Kam Shanks finished with 171 all-purpose yards last week in the Blazers' 41-3 season-opening win over Alcorn State. He caught six passes for 73 yards and had three punt returns for 98 yards. ... Shanks' 57-yard punt-return TD was UAB's first punt-return score since 2013. ... ULM defensive back Wydett Williams Jr. made 10 tackles and an interception in the Warhawks' 30-14 win over Jackson State. He was named the Sun Belt's defensive player of the week, the first ULM player so honored since 2021. ... The Blazers, in Week 2 of the season since rekindling their program, are 1-6 with all seven games on the road.

Nicholls at LSU

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: Nicholls (0-1), LSU (0-1)

The series: First meeting.

The lowdown: LSU has won 36 consecutive games against teams from the state of Louisiana. The Tigers last lost in 1982, 31-28 to Tulane. ... LSU's 27-20 loss to Southern California on Sunday marked the fifth straight year the Tigers have dropped their season opener. ... Nicholls mustered 200 yards offense in last week's 25-17 loss to Louisiana Tech.



The chances of LSU coach Brian Kelly slamming his fist on the postgame press conference table are slim this week. [STEVE MARCUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Alcorn State at Vanderbilt

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPNU

Records: Alcorn State (0-1), Vanderbilt (1-0)

The series: First meeting.

The lowdown: The Commodores are trying to start 2-0 for the third straight season. ... Vandy is 2-0 against current SWAC members, having beaten Alabama A&M in 2017 and 2023. ... Vandy quarterback Diego Pavia was the SEC's offensive player of the week after the Commodores beat Virginia Tech 34-27 in overtime. He was 12-of-16 passing for 190 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 104 yards, including an overtime touchdown. Pavia was the 2023 Conference USA player of the year at New Mexico State. ... The 28,934 fans last week marked Vandy's first nonconference home sellout since 2017 vs. Kansas State.

Houston at Oklahoma

When: 6:45 p.m. Saturday

TV: SECN

Records: Houston (0-1), Oklahoma (1-0)

The series: Oklahoma leads 3-1.

The lowdown: Oklahoma will wear a throwback uniform inspired by the ones worn when Bud Wilkinson coached the Sooners in their FBS-record 47-game winning streak 1953-57. ... The Sooners converted six turnovers into 34 points in last week's 51-3 win over Temple. ... The six forced turnovers were OU's most since 2003. ... Deion Burks became the first Oklahoma player to have three touchdown catches in his Sooners debut. ... OU's 686 yards offense were the Sooners' most in a season opener. ... Houston is playing an SEC opponent for



Vanderbilt quarterback Diego Pavia will see if he can follow up last week's 190-yard passing, 100-yard rushing performance. [VANDERBILT ATHLETICS]



Oklahoma will be looking to circle the wagon against former Big 12 foe Houston on Saturday. [ALONZO ADAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

the first time since beating Auburn in the 2021 Birmingham Bowl.

Mississippi State at Arizona State

When: 9:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN

Records: Mississippi State (1-0), Arizona State (1-0)

The series: First meeting.

The lowdown: MSU had six players score touchdowns in its season-opening 56-7 win over Eastern Kentucky. ... The

Bulldogs have won 10 straight nonconference games and are 26-5 outside the SEC dating to the 2017 season. ... MSU's Mario Craver, on his first career catch, scored a 56-yard touchdown last week. His second career touchdown came when he recovered a blocked punt in the end zone. ... Arizona State, in its first game as a member of the Big 12, beat Wyoming 48-7 last week.

— A. Stacy Long and David Glovach

S.C.'s struggles loom entering SEC opener

By Pete Iacobelli

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina needs to get its offense going — and in a hurry.

The Gamecocks emphasized starting faster out of the gate on offense throughout the offseason and figured to have a few bumps minus playmakers like quarterback Spencer Rattler and receiver Xavier Legette.

But things were supposed to be better than what they showed last week in the opener, a 23-19 victory over Old Dominion where the Gamecocks' attack looked like it was playing in quicksand instead.

"No one's happy in this building with the offensive performance at all," coach Shane Beamer said Tuesday.

Especially not after the Monarchs of the Sun Belt Conference held South Carolina to 288 yards, just 114 passing. There were long drives stalled inside Old Dominion's 30 and missed connections between first-time starter LaNorris Sellers and his receivers.

"We all need to be better," Beamer said. "Starting with me."

And things won't get easier as the Gamecocks (1-0) start Southeastern Conference play at Kentucky (1-0) — it's the first league game of the season and the only one being played Saturday.

Even with Rattler, who threw for 3,186 yards, and Legette, who had 1,255 yards to rank second among receivers, the Gamecocks were 12th out of 14 SEC teams in offense last season.

The inexperience showed. Coastal Carolina transfer receiver Jared Brown dropped a sure touchdown pass on a well-thrown ball by Sellers, the second-year freshman who tutored under Rattler last season.

Sellers, usually sure-handed, fumbled and was sacked four times.

Arkansas transfer Rocket Sanders, brought in to spark the running game, showed some glimpses of his time with the Razorbacks and finished with 88 yards on 24 carries as the offensive line played inconsistently.

It was South Carolina's defense that made the game-changing plays, forcing an Old Dominion fumble near the goal line that Sellers took 6 yards for the go-ahead score in the fourth quarter.

Georgia Tech transfer Kyle Kennard and South Carolina freshman defensive end Dylan Stewart were co-SEC linemen



South Carolina quarterback LaNorris Sellers and the Gamecocks struggled in last weekend's win over Old Dominion. They had 288 yards offense. [ARTIE WALKER JR./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

of the week. The two combined for four sacks against the Monarchs, and Stewart forced two fumbles, including the one in the fourth quarter that led to the Gamecocks' final touchdown.

"That's the hallmark of what our team's going to be," Kennard said. "There are going to be games where we need to pick it up and our offense is going to walk on ahead. We were able to do that for them this season."

Sellers acknowledged he may have gotten caught up in the moment of his first start in front of some 78,000 people. He felt the nerves, rushed some of his decisions and did not have the usually solid technique he had shown throughout

preseason camp.

"It wasn't the best," Sellers said. "I was tentative a little bit, kind of nervous, scared of making a mistake. I've just got to play like myself."

When the game ended, Beamer, offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains and offensive analyst Mike Shula all talked with Sellers about keeping positive and staying within himself.

Beamer told him before the game, "he didn't need to be Superman. We're better with the talent around him than were around Spencer last year."

Beamer was pleased with his offense line, which included starter Josiah Thompson, a 6-7, 300-pound freshman,

at left tackle.

"We played really, really hard on the offensive line," Beamer said.

The group will need to up its effort this week against Kentucky, whose defense is led by a 6-6, 345-pound disrupter in tackle Deone Walker.

Walker "can wreck your entire game-plan, not just mess up a play," Beamer said with admiration.

Sellers is confident he and the Gamecocks' offense will correct the issues and play like they know they can.

"I think it was just a first-game thing, with 80,000 people," Sellers said. "Now, that I got that out of the way, I think I'll be good from now on."



Miami, after offensive lineman Francis Mauigoa (61) and running back Mark Fletcher Jr. helped plant its flag at Florida, still has “a long way to go,” says receiver Xavier Restrepo. [JOHN RAOUX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

‘Rat poison’: Canes take lesson from Saban

By Tim Reynolds
The Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami coach Mario Cristobal worked at Alabama under Nick Saban, so he’s fully aware of what his former boss considers to be one of the biggest threats to a good football team.

Saban called it “rat poison” — his term for praise from the outside world, the type that is so highly heaped it can distract a team from doing its job.

And Cristobal knows it’s coming.

Miami (1-0) moved up seven spots to No. 12 in the AP Top 25 on Tuesday, voters obviously having been impressed by the Hurricanes’ 41-17 road romp over Florida in the season opener for both teams this past weekend. That win, combined with Florida State’s 0-2 start that sent the Seminoles from No. 10 to unranked, left

the Hurricanes as the only Top 25 team in the Sunshine State after one full week.

“Miami has gotten off to a good start this season,” said Cristobal, who spent four seasons — 2013 through 2016 — on Saban’s staff at Alabama. “We’re 1-0.”

He’d like to keep the narrative that simple. He knows that’s not going to happen, at least not from the outside world.

And to be fair, there’s a ton to like from the Miami perspective. Quarterback Cam Ward, who dazzled with 385 yards — the most by anyone in the country against a Power 4 opponent so far this season — and three touchdown passes in the opener, vaulted deeper into the way-too-early Heisman Trophy conversation. The Hurricanes’ biggest rivals in the state, Florida State and Florida, are now a combined 0-3. There were recruits at Florida Field making

“The U” with their hands as the Hurricanes were walking into the locker room once the 24-point win was in the books.

“We’re nowhere near what we’re capable of,” Miami receiver Xavier Restrepo said Tuesday. “We did have a decent day on Saturday and it just shows you a little bit of how dangerous we are as an offense. But we’re nowhere near where we need to be. ... We have a long way to go.”

That’s exactly what Cristobal wants the Hurricanes to be saying, thinking and believing.

It’s just one game, but the Hurricanes haven’t been ranked this highly in the AP poll since reaching No. 9 on Dec. 6, 2020. The trick is staying there: Miami hasn’t finished a season ranked 12th or better nationally since 2004.

And on that front, like Restrepo said, there’s a long way to go.

“They have an extremely athletic, big-time offensive line. Very, very good on the defensive line. Obviously very, very good at some of their skill positions,” said Florida A&M coach James Colzie, whose Rattlers (2-0) will visit the Hurricanes on Saturday in Miami’s home opener. “So, we have our work cut out for us.”

Saban’s approach and preaching about the perils of rat poison worked wonders for him at Alabama. Miami teams haven’t always listened to such talk, and Cristobal said he thinks this year’s group understands what he means when he talks about blocking out such noise.

“You go right at it. You don’t sugarcoat it,” Cristobal said. “The best part about this team is you can look them right in the eye and give it to them, like right between the teeth, man. No holding back and they appreciate that.”

COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Sept. 2 games)

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Army	0 0	0	0	1 0	42	7
East Carolina	0 0	0	0	1 0	42	3
Memphis	0 0	0	0	1 0	40	0
Navy	0 0	0	0	1 0	49	21
North Texas	0 0	0	0	1 0	52	38
South Florida	0 0	0	0	1 0	48	3
Tulane	0 0	0	0	1 0	52	0
Tulsa	0 0	0	0	1 0	62	28
UAB	0 0	0	0	1 0	41	3
UTSA	0 0	0	0	1 0	28	16
Charlotte	0 0	0	0	0 1	7	30
FAU	0 0	0	0	0 1	10	16
Rice	0 0	0	0	0 1	14	34
Temple	0 0	0	0	0 1	3	51

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Georgia Tech	1 0	24	21	2 0	59	33
Boston College	1 0	28	13	1 0	28	13
California	0 0	0	0	1 0	31	13
Duke	0 0	0	0	1 0	26	3
Louisville	0 0	0	0	1 0	62	0
Miami	0 0	0	0	1 0	41	17
NC State	0 0	0	0	1 0	38	21
North Carolina	0 0	0	0	1 0	19	17
Pittsburgh	0 0	0	0	1 0	55	24
SMU	0 0	0	0	2 0	88	31
Syracuse	0 0	0	0	1 0	38	22
Virginia	0 0	0	0	1 0	34	13
Wake Forest	0 0	0	0	1 0	45	13
Clemson	0 0	0	0	0 1	3	34
Stanford	0 0	0	0	0 1	27	34
Virginia Tech	0 0	0	0	0 1	27	34
Florida St.	0 2	34	52	0 2	34	52

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Arizona	0 0	0	0	1 0	61	39
Arizona St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	48	7
BYU	0 0	0	0	1 0	41	13
Baylor	0 0	0	0	1 0	45	3
Cincinnati	0 0	0	0	1 0	38	20
Colorado	0 0	0	0	1 0	31	26
Iowa St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	21	3
Kansas	0 0	0	0	1 0	48	3
Kansas St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	41	6
Oklahoma St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	44	20
TCU	0 0	0	0	1 0	34	27
Texas Tech	0 0	0	0	1 0	52	51
UCF	0 0	0	0	1 0	57	3
Utah	0 0	0	0	1 0	49	0
Houston	0 0	0	0	0 1	7	27
West Virginia	0 0	0	0	0 1	12	34

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
E. Washington	0 0	0	0	1 0	42	27
Montana	0 0	0	0	1 0	29	24
Montana St.	0 0	0	0	2 0	66	38
N. Arizona	0 0	0	0	1 0	66	6
Cal Poly	0 0	0	0	0 1	21	27
Idaho	0 0	0	0	0 1	14	24
Idaho St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	15	38
N. Colorado	0 0	0	0	0 1	7	28
Portland St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	30	70
Sacramento St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	24	42
UC Davis	0 0	0	0	0 1	13	31
Weber St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	3	35

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Tennessee St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	41	21
SE Missouri	0 0	0	0	1 1	53	38
Chas. Southern	0 0	0	0	0 1	21	22
E. Illinois	0 0	0	0	0 1	0	45
Gardner-Webb	0 0	0	0	0 1	20	21
L'wood (Mo.)	0 0	0	0	0 1	3	48
Tennessee Tech	0 0	0	0	0 1	25	32
UT Martin	0 0	0	0	0 1	6	41
W. Illinois	0 0	0	0	0 1	15	54

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Illinois	0 0	0	0	1 0	45	0
Indiana	0 0	0	0	1 0	31	7
Iowa	0 0	0	0	1 0	40	0
Maryland	0 0	0	0	1 0	50	7
Michigan	0 0	0	0	1 0	30	10
Michigan St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	16	10
Nebraska	0 0	0	0	1 0	40	7



Ralphie and the rest of the Colorado Buffaloes will look to get after the Nebraska Cornhuskers this week. [DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Northwestern	0 0	0	0	1 0	13	6
Ohio St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	52	6
Oregon	0 0	0	0	1 0	24	14
Penn St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	34	12
Purdue	0 0	0	0	1 0	49	0
Rutgers	0 0	0	0	1 0	44	7
Southern Cal	0 0	0	0	1 0	27	20
UCLA	0 0	0	0	1 0	16	13
Washington	0 0	0	0	1 0	35	3
Wisconsin	0 0	0	0	1 0	28	14
Minnesota	0 0	0	0	0 1	17	19

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Albany (N.Y.)	0 0	0	0	1 0	27	21
Delaware	0 0	0	0	1 0	48	17
Maine	0 0	0	0	1 0	17	14
Rhode Island	0 0	0	0	1 0	20	17
Villanova	0 0	0	0	1 0	24	17
William & Mary	0 0	0	0	1 0	41	7
Bryant	0 0	0	0	0 1	17	48
Campbell	0 0	0	0	0 1	24	41
Elon	0 0	0	0	0 1	3	26
Hampton	0 0	0	0	0 1	28	30
Monmouth (N.J.)	0 0	0	0	0 1	27	42
NC A&T	0 0	0	0	0 1	13	45
New Hampshire	0 0	0	0	0 1	3	57
Richmond	0 0	0	0	0 1	13	34
Stony Brook	0 0	0	0	0 1	3	45
Towson	0 0	0	0	0 1	20	38

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Liberty	0 0	0	0	1 0	41	24
Louisiana Tech	0 0	0	0	1 0	25	17
Middle Tenn.	0 0	0	0	1 0	32	25

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
New Mexico St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	23	16
Sam Houston St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	34	14
FIU	0 0	0	0	0 1	7	31
Jacksonville St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	27	55
Kennesaw St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	16	28
UTEP	0 0	0	0	0 1	7	40
W. Kentucky	0 0	0	0	0 1	0	63

	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
Bowling Green	0 0	0	0	1 0	41	17
Buffalo	0 0	0	0	1 0	30	13
Akron	0 0	0	0	0 1	6	52
Kent St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	24	55
Miami (Ohio)	0 0	0	0	0 1	6	13
Ohio	0 0	0	0	0 1	22	38
West Cent. Michigan	0 0	0	0	1 0	66	10
E. Michigan	0 0	0	0	1 0	28	14
N. Illinois	0 0	0	0	1 0	54	15
Toledo	0 0	0	0	1 0	49	10
Ball St.	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
W. Michigan	0 0	0	0	0 1	14	28

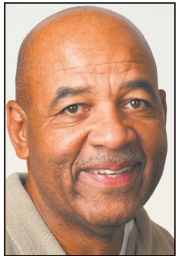
	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
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Delaware St.	0 0	0	0	1 1	31	50
Howard	0 0	0	0	0 1	7	44
NC Central	0 0	0	0	1 0	31	24
Norfolk St.	0 0	0	0	2 2	26	66
SC State	0 0	0	0	0 1	18	22

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
N. Iowa	0 0	0	0	1 0	35	7
South Dakota	0 0	0	0	1 0	45	3
Illinois St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	0	40
Indiana St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	0	49
Missouri St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	24	29
Murray St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	0	51
N. Dakota St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	26	31
North Dakota	0 0	0	0	0 1	3	21
S. Dakota St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	20	44
S. Illinois	0 0	0	0	0 1	13	41
Youngstown St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	17	24

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Air Force	0 0	0	0	1 0	21	6
Boise St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	56	45
San Diego St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	45	14
San Jose St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	42	24
UNLV	0 0	0	0	1 0	27	7
Utah St.	0 0	0	0	1 0	36	14
Hawaii	0 0	0	0	1 1	48	30
Nevada	0 0	0	0	1 1	52	55
Colorado St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	0	52
Fresno St.	0 0	0	0	0 1	10	30
New Mexico	0 0	0	0	2 2	70	96
Wyoming	0 0	0	0	0 1	7	48

Northeast Conference								
	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Wagner	0	0	0	0	1	0	46	7
CCSU	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	66
Duquesne	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	49
LIU Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	27
Robert Morris	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	36
St. Francis (Pa.)	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	18
Stonehill	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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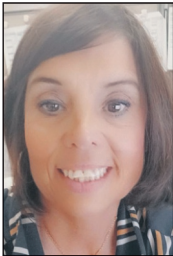
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RUSHING YARDS

	No.	Yards	TDs	Avg.
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	20	267	6	13.4
Marquez Cooper, San Diego St.	27	223	2	8.3
Anthony Tyus III, Ohio	16	203	2	12.7
Brashard Smith, SMU	21	178	3	8.5
Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	19	165	1	8.7
Savion Red, Nevada	23	165	1	7.2
Devon Dampier, New Mexico	18	164	3	9.1
Terion Stewart, Bowling Green	14	161	3	11.5
Jam Griffin, Oregon St.	20	160	2	8.0
Jamal Haynes, Georgia Tech	28	159	3	5.7
Ismail Mahdi, Texas St.	28	156	1	5.6
Anthony Hankerson, Oregon St.	24	155	2	6.5
Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	27	153	1	5.7
Desmond Reid, Pittsburgh	14	145	1	10.4
RJ Harvey, UCF	11	142	2	12.9
Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest	17	135	1	7.9
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina	30	129	0	4.3
Jonah Coleman, Washington	16	127	3	7.9
Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma St.	28	126	3	4.5
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	13	124	0	9.5
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	12	124	3	10.3
Jordan Waters, NC State	20	124	2	6.2
Isaac Brown, Louisville	5	123	1	24.6
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	11	119	2	10.8
A.J. Turner, Marshall	8	119	1	14.9
Eli Sanders, New Mexico	33	117	0	3.5
Nicholas Singleton, Penn St.	13	114	1	8.8
Devin Neal, Kansas	8	112	2	14.0
Brendon Lewis, Nevada	26	111	0	4.3
Quinton Cooley, Liberty	16	110	1	6.9
Sire Gaines, Boise St.	12	110	1	9.2
Kaden Feagin, Illinois	16	108	1	6.8
Jacory Croskey-Merritt, Arizona	13	106	1	8.2
Montrell Johnson Jr., Florida	11	106	1	9.6
Justin Marshall, Colorado St.	25	106	0	4.2
Evan Pryor, Cincinnati	4	105	1	26.3
Diego Pavia, Vanderbilt	26	104	1	4.0
Ahmad Hardy, ULM	19	103	1	5.4
Damien Taylor, Troy	11	103	1	9.4
Justice Haynes, Alabama	4	102	1	25.5
Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas	8	101	2	12.6
Kay/Ron Lynch-Adams, Michigan St.	9	101	1	11.2
Jacquez Barksdale, Buffalo	14	99	1	7.1
LeQuint Allen, Syracuse	15	98	0	6.5
Wayshawn Parker, Washington St.	8	96	1	12.0
Jordan James, Oregon	15	95	1	6.3
Kobe Pace, Virginia	11	93	1	8.5
Kalel Mullings, Michigan	15	92	0	6.1
Haynes King, Georgia Tech	19	91	1	4.8
Jeremiah Love, Notre Dame	14	91	1	6.5
Quali Conley, Arizona	10	90	3	9.0
Alonza Barnett III, James Madison	9	89	0	9.9



Boise State's Ashton Jeanty [PETER JONEFELT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	C	A	I	Yds.	TDs	Effic.
John Mateer, Washington St.	11	17	0	352	5	335.7
Cameron Rising, Utah	10	15	0	254	5	318.9
Ethan Hampton, NIU	18	20	0	328	5	310.3
Jaxson Dart, Ole Miss	22	27	0	418	5	272.6
Payton Thorne, Auburn	13	21	0	322	4	253.6
Hudson Card, Purdue	24	25	0	273	4	240.5
Joe Labas, Central Mich.	18	24	0	342	3	236.0
Drew Allar, Penn St.	11	17	0	216	3	229.7
Blake Shapen, Mississippi St.	15	20	0	247	3	228.2
Shedeur Sanders, Colorado	26	34	1	445	4	219.4
Diego Pavia, Vanderbilt	12	16	0	190	2	216.0
Noah Fifita, Arizona	19	31	1	422	4	211.8
Tyler Shough, Louisville	18	24	0	232	4	211.2
Anthony Colandrea, Virginia	17	23	0	297	2	211.1
Luke Altmyer, Illinois	19	24	0	213	4	208.7
Nico Iamaleava, Tennessee	22	28	0	314	3	208.1
Sam Leavitt, Arizona St.	23	30	0	299	4	204.4
Ethan Vasko, Coastal Carolina	12	19	1	249	2	197.5
Jake Retzlaff, BYU	20	30	0	348	3	197.1
Brendan Sorsby, Cincinnati	22	31	0	383	2	196.0
Billy Edwards Jr., Maryland	20	27	0	311	2	195.3
Sam Leavitt, Arizona St.	14	22	0	258	2	192.2
Brock Vandagriff, Kentucky	12	18	1	169	3	189.4



Arizona's Tetairoa McMillan [DARRYL WEBB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

RECEIVING YARDS

	Rec.	Yards	TDs	Avg.
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	10	304	4	
Damon Ward Jr., North Texas	12	230	2	
Luke Wysong, New Mexico	14	224	1	
Jimmy Horn Jr., Colorado	7	198	1	
Jamaal Pritchett, South Alabama	10	197	1	
Malik Rutherford, Georgia Tech	11	197	1	
Pofele Ashlock, Hawaii	14	193	1	
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	8	179	2	
Corey Rucker, Arkansas St.	9	179	1	
Skyler Bell, UConn	7	178	2	
Kyle Williams, Washington St.	4	141	2	
Jack Bech, TCU	6	139	1	
Ryan Williams, Alabama	2	139	2	
Coleman Owen, Ohio	10	137	0	
Jaylin Noel, Iowa St.	8	135	1	
Travis Hunter, Colorado	7	132	3	
Kyrese White, Utah St.	3	131	2	
Mario Williams, Tulane	4	124	0	

SCORING

	TDs	XP	2-pt.	FG	Def.	Pts
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	6	0	0	0	0	36
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	4	0	0	0	0	24
Deion Burks, Oklahoma	3	0	0	0	0	18
Jonah Coleman, Washington	3	0	0	0	0	18
Kevin "KC" Concepcion, NC State	3	0	0	0	0	18
Quali Conley, Arizona	3	0	0	0	0	18
Ollie Gordon II, Oklahoma St.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Travis Hunter, Colorado	3	0	0	0	0	18
Brant Kuithe, Utah	3	0	0	0	0	18
Trebor Pena, Syracuse	3	0	0	0	0	18
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	3	0	0	0	0	18
Terion Stewart, Bowling Green	3	0	0	0	0	18
Jalen White, Ga. Southern	3	0	0	0	0	18
(A receiver scores on a touchdown pass, not the passer.)						

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

	Rush	Rec	Punt	KO	INT	Misc.	Total
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	0	304	0	0	0	0	304
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	267	4	0	0	0	0	271
Desmond Reid, Pittsburgh	145	11	78	0	0	0	234
Marquez Cooper, San Diego St.	223	10	0	0	0	0	233
Damon Ward Jr., North Texas	0	230	0	0	0	0	230
Taylor Morin, Wake Forest	0	100	87	30	0	0	217
(While receiving is an all-purpose yard, passing is not.)							

TACKLES

	Solo	Asst	Total	TPG
Dorian Hopkins, UTEP	6	10	16	16.0
Trey Rucker, Oklahoma St.	9	6	15	15.0
Nick Andersen, Wake Forest	9	5	14	14.0
Dariel Djabome, Rutgers	5	9	14	14.0
Jacob Rodriguez, Texas Tech	9	4	13	13.0
James Djonkam, Eastern Mich.	3	10	13	13.0
Austin Brawley, Ohio	9	3	12	12.0
Angelo Grose, Michigan St.	9	3	12	12.0
Kevin Winston, Penn St.	7	5	12	12.0
Kolbe Fields, Louisiana Tech	6	6	12	12.0
Aiden Fisher, Indiana	4	8	12	12.0
Blayne Myrick, South Alabama	3	9	12	12.0
Patrick Taylor, Jacksonville St.	1	11	12	12.0
Kyle Efford, Georgia Tech	6	17	23	11.5
Justin Abraham, Georgia St.	9	2	11	11.0
Jackson Woodard, UNLV	7	4	11	11.0
Shaun Dolac, Buffalo	6	5	11	11.0
Jojo Evans, FIU	6	5	11	11.0
Maurion Horn, Texas Tech	6	5	11	11.0
Jamel Johnson, TCU	6	5	11	11.0
Jontez Williams, Iowa St.	6	5	11	11.0
Isaac Smith, Mississippi St.	5	6	11	11.0
Cody Lindenberg, Minnesota	4	7	11	11.0
Jordan Cobbs, San Jose St.	3	8	11	11.0



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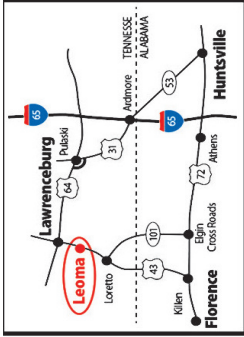
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