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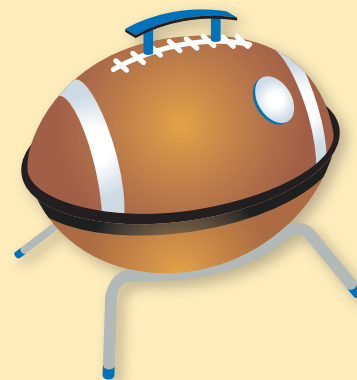


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TAILGATE of the week RECIPE



Gluten Free Peanut Butter Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a 9x13 inch cookie sheet with parchment paper. In a medium size bowl, stir together sugar, peanut butter, egg and vanilla, mix well. Scoop out a tablespoon of mixture and roll into a ball, using the palms of your hands; place on cookie sheet 1 inch apart. Flatten with a fork, make a criss-cross on cookies with fork prongs. Bake 10-13 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on wire rack. Makes 25.



This week's recipe submitted
by Elaine Christian,
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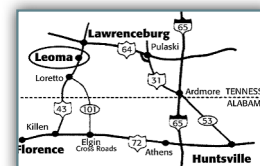
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Ohio State fans should be in a festive mood before, during and after Saturday's game at Wisconsin. [CRAIG PESSMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

THE LINE

(as of Tuesday)			
Thursday FAVORITE	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at EAST CAROLINA	17½	54½	Tulsa
Friday			
at MIAMI (Fla.)	13½	51½	Louisville
Nebraska	8½	46½	at MINNESOTA
at UTAH STATE	3½	64½	San Jose State
at CAL	9½	47½	North Carolina

Saturday			
at DUKE	1½	61½	Georgia Tech
at BOSTON COLLEGE	1½	58½	UConn
at TCU	2½	66½	Baylor
Arizona	1½	46½	at HOUSTON
at TULANE	9½	45½	Army
at VANDERBILT	2½	48½	LSU
at MICHIGAN	5½	50½	Washington
Oklahoma	5½	43½	at SOUTH CAROLINA
at UCF	7½	46½	West Virginia
at NORTHWESTERN	3½	47½	Purdue
Troy	5½	45½	at LA.-MONROE
Ohio State	26½	41½	at WISCONSIN
at BOISE STATE	12½	62½	UNLV
at JAMES MADISON	1½	47½	Old Dominion
at NORTH TEXAS	4½	67½	UTSA
at APPALACHIAN ST.	10½	50½	Coastal Carolina
Texas State	2½	65½	at MARSHALL
at INDIANA	27½	52½	Michigan State
Temple	11½	47½	at CHARLOTTE
at AIR FORCE	3½	58½	Wyoming
at GEORGIA	7½	53½	Ole Miss
at CLEMSON	8½	55½	SMU
Texas A&M	7½	61½	at ARKANSAS
Texas Tech	8½	50½	at ARIZONA STATE
Memphis	21½	64½	at UAB
at FLORIDA	8½	51½	Mississippi State
Southern Miss	3½	54½	at LA.-LAFAYETTE
Oregon	17½	60½	at RUTGERS
at VIRGINIA	17½	56½	Washington State
at UCLA	3½	52½	Maryland
Texas	12½	42½	at KENTUCKY
at GEORGIA SOUTHERN	6½	59½	Georgia State
at IOWA	2½	39½	Penn State
at COLORADO STATE	2½	53½	Hawaii
at SOUTH FLORIDA	21½	73½	Florida Atlantic
at ALABAMA	8½	58½	Tennessee
Pittsburgh	10½	54½	at SYRACUSE
at NOTRE DAME	9½	61½	USC
Missouri	1½	43½	at AUBURN
Cincinnati	21½	57½	at OKLAHOMA STATE
Utah	3½	48½	at BYU
at NEW MEXICO	11½	49½	Nevada
Florida State	17½	53½	at STANFORD



The undefeated Texas Tech Red Raiders will empty their holsters at Arizona State on Saturday afternoon. [KAREN WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

GAMES ON TV

Thursday

Tulsa at East Carolina, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Friday

Louisville at Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN
Nebraska at Minnesota, 7 p.m., FOX
San Jose State at Utah State, 8 p.m., CBSSN
North Carolina at California, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

Saturday

Arizona at Houston, 11 a.m., FS1
Army at Tulane, 11 a.m., ESPN
Baylor at TCU, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Central Michigan at Bowling Green, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Georgia Tech at Duke, 11 a.m., ESPN
LSU at Vanderbilt, 11 a.m., ABC

UConn at Boston College, 11 a.m., ACC Network
Washington at Michigan, 11 a.m., FOX
Oklahoma at South Carolina, 11:45 a.m., SEC Network
West Virginia at UCF, noon, TNT
Purdue at Northwestern, 2 p.m., BTN
Ohio State at Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m., CBS
Old Dominion at James Madison, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Ole Miss at Georgia, 2:30 p.m., ABC
SMU at Clemson, 2:30 p.m., ACC Network
Texas A&M at Arkansas, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
UNLV at Boise State, 2:30 p.m., FS1
Wyoming at Air Force, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN
Memphis at UAB, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Texas Tech at Arizona State, 3 p.m., FOX
Mississippi State at Florida, 3:15 p.m., SEC Network

Oregon at Rutgers, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Washington State at Virginia, 5:30 p.m., CW
Maryland at UCLA, 6 p.m., FS1
Texas at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN
Pittsburgh at Syracuse, 6:30 p.m., ACC Network
Florida Atlantic at South Florida, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Tennessee at Alabama, 6:30 p.m., ABC
USC at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., NBC
Missouri at Auburn, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network
Cincinnati at Oklahoma State, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Utah at BYU, 7 p.m., FOX
Nevada at New Mexico, 8:45 p.m., FS1
Lafayette at Oregon State, 9 p.m., CWTV
Florida State at Stanford, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Friday

No. 2 Miami (5-0) vs. Louisville (4-1), 6 p.m.
No. 25 Nebraska (5-1) at Minnesota (4-2), 7 p.m.

Saturday

No. 1 Ohio St. (6-0) at Wisconsin (2-4), 2:30 p.m.
No. 3 Indiana (6-0) vs. Michigan St. (3-3), 2:30 p.m.
No. 4 Texas A&M (6-0) at Arkansas (2-4), 2:30 p.m.
No. 5 Ole Miss (6-0) at No. 9 Georgia (5-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 6 Alabama (5-1) vs. No. 11 Tennessee (5-1), 6:30 p.m.
No. 7 Texas Tech (6-0) at Arizona St. (4-2), 3 p.m.
No. 8 Oregon (5-1) at Rutgers (3-3), 5:30 p.m.
No. 10 LSU (5-1) at No. 17 Vanderbilt (5-1), 11 a.m.
No. 12 Georgia Tech (6-0) at Duke (4-2), 11 a.m.
No. 13 Notre Dame (4-2) vs. No. 20 Southern Cal (5-1), 6:30 p.m.
No. 14 Oklahoma (5-1) at South Carolina (3-3), 11:45 a.m.

No. 15 BYU (6-0) vs. No. 23 Utah (5-1), 7 p.m.
No. 16 Missouri (5-1) at Auburn (3-3), 6:45 p.m.
No. 18 Virginia (5-1) vs. Washington St. (3-3), 5:30 p.m.
No. 19 South Florida (5-1) vs. FAU (3-3), 6:30 p.m.
No. 21 Texas (4-2) at Kentucky (2-3), 6 p.m.
No. 22 Memphis (6-0) at UAB (2-4), 3 p.m.
No. 24 Cincinnati (5-1) at Oklahoma St. (1-5), 7 p.m.

Missouri at Auburn

When: 6:45 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: SEC/FM-94.9, FM 100.3

Records: No. 16 Missouri (5-1, 1-1 SEC), Auburn (3-3, 0-3)

The series: Auburn leads 3-2.

Four-down territory

1. Still the man: Jackson Arnold has had a rough go of it the past three games, passing for 482 yards with one touchdown and 15 sacks. Against Georgia, Arnold went 14-for-19 for 107 yards in the first half but was 5-of-12 for 20 yards in the second half. Despite the struggles, Auburn coach Hugh Freeze gave the Oklahoma transfer a vote of confidence this week and is sticking with him as the starter. Backups have not seen significant playing time. Freshman Deuce Knight has just five pass attempts and Stanford transfer Ashton Daniels has not played.

2. Dismissal: Auburn running back Damari Alston is no longer with the team, Freeze confirmed this week, saying Alston “failed to meet the expectations and standard of our program.” Alston, a team captain, played in four games with 32 carries for 128 yards and a touchdown. He was one of three Tigers with significant rushing attempts (Arnold 83, Jeremiah Cobb 70). Freeze said the backup options to Cobb will likely be Omar Mabson II, Justin Jones (combined 11 carries) and Alvin Henderson (no carries).

3. Battle ahead: Ahmad Hardy leads the SEC in rushing (782) and rushing touchdowns (9). But the entire Missouri run game is dangerous. Mizzou is No. 6 nationally in rushing offense with 1,623 yards and its 19 rushing scores is tied for third most in the nation. The Tigers average 270 yards per game. The good news is Auburn is No. 11 in the nation in run defense, allowing just 86 yards per game with a 106 average in three SEC games. Last week against Alabama, Hardy failed to top the 100-yard mark for the first time this season, finishing with 52.

4. Taking their time: Missouri is second in the nation in average time of possession (34:49) behind Army. Even scarier, the Tigers boast the nation’s No. 2 defense (224) and No. 7 offense (511) in yards per game, making Missouri the only team in the country to rank within



Omar Mabson II could see time in Auburn’s backfield with quarterback Jackson Arnold and running back Jeremiah Cobb after the Tigers dismissed Damari Alston from the team. [ALONZO ADAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

the top seven in both categories. With a methodical offense and a defense that holds opponents to 25% on third down conversions (19-of-77), Auburn could be in for a long day. Auburn is 36% on third down, including three straight three-and-outs in the second half against Georgia.

Key matchup

Auburn LB Elijah Melendez vs. Missouri LB Khalil Jacobs

Melendez, a true freshman, has steadily become a leader for the Tigers. He has 17 tackles, including six (two for a loss) last week. Jacobs is a mainstay for Mizzou with 20 tackles and three sacks.

Player of the week Cam Coleman, WR

Auburn is in a rut right now, and someone must step up and right the ship. Coleman appears to be up for the challenge. A 50-yard game last week and an 88-yard effort against Oklahoma shows he’s capable of taking over a game.

By the numbers

1: Eight weeks into the season, Missouri plays its first road game of the season Saturday.

12: Auburn is averaging just 12 points over the last three games.

102: The Tigers’ 102 points allowed through six games are the fewest since 2018 (86).

319: Jackson Arnold hasn’t thrown an interception in 319 attempts, ranking third in SEC history.

Prediction

Auburn 24, Missouri 17

At some point, the breaks have to go Auburn’s way. Several times this season the Tigers have been on the wrong end of on-the-field rulings, either wiping out a touchdown or giving one to an opponent. This is a critical game for Auburn in terms of how the rest of the season goes. A win against Mizzou puts Auburn in the right mindset. A loss, and Auburn might not recover.

— Edwin Stanton



Arch Manning and the Texas Longhorns again found their footing with last weekend's win over Oklahoma. [JEFFREY MCWHORTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Manning shrugs off critics with smile

By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — All smiles after the biggest victory of his career, Texas quarterback Arch Manning said Monday he wasn't bothered by the harsh criticism leveled at him the first half of the season.

Everyone, he said, is entitled to their opinion of him.

"Look, I wasn't playing well and I'm going to continue to get better. But you know, everyone has their own opinion. That's what's good about America, everyone gets freedom of speech. It doesn't bother me," Manning said Monday.

Manning struggled through his first five games as a starter while No. 21 Texas (4-2, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) fell all the way from preseason No. 1 to unranked for a week.

But a crisp and efficient effort in a 23-6 win over rival Oklahoma in the pressure cooker of the Cotton Bowl in Dallas was the kind of performance by a player and team that could turn a season around.

Manning completed 21 of 27 passes for 166 yards and threw the go-ahead 12-yard TD to DeAndre Moore Jr. on the opening drive of the second half for the Longhorns. He both managed the game and delivered the big plays in a confidence builder of a game.

But those moments have been the

exception rather than the rule for the player who was a preseason favorite for the Heisman Trophy.

Those kind of expectations opened him to intense criticism amid a rough start for the player and the team. The critics reached a fever pitch last week after a road loss at Florida left the Longhorns unranked.

And they'll be back if he has another poor game.

"I feel like I try to do my best to block out the noise, and then you get 100 text messages, 'Keep blocking out the noise,'" Manning said. "There must be a lot of noise. So yeah, I try my best."

Texas plays at Kentucky (2-3, 0-3) on Saturday night.

"Every single game is a national championship game is how we're looking at it," Moore said. "So every week needs our most and our best."

The Longhorns were staggered a week earlier with a loss at Florida that pushed them out of the national rankings.

"There's no such thing as a championship team without going through some adversity," Texas safety Michael Taaffe said after loss at Florida.

At that point, Taaffe also predicted the Longhorns were about to go on a "crazy run" to put the season back on track.

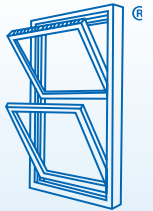
"The only ranking that matters is at the end of the year," Taaffe said.

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Tennessee at Alabama

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: ABC/FM-93.9, FM 97.7, AM-920

Records: No. 11 Tennessee (5-1, 2-1 SEC), No. 6 Alabama (5-1, 3-0)

The series: Alabama leads 60-39-8.

Four-down territory

1. Gamblin' man: Alabama coach Kalen DeBoer hasn't been shy about going for it on fourth down this season. It's paid off, too. Alabama is 10-of-16 on fourth-down conversions. Alabama has scored seven touchdowns on those possessions with three fourth-down scores (Missouri, Vanderbilt and Wisconsin). On fourth down, Alabama was 3-of-3 against Missouri, 2-of-3 vs. Vandy, but 2-of-5 against Florida State. Most of that was out of necessity, trailing by two touchdowns in the second half. Alabama was 7-of-13 overall on fourth down last season.

2. Swiss Army tackle: Kadyn Proctor is an All-SEC caliber tackle, but the 6-foot-7, 366-pounder has also lined up at receiver, running back, and was QB in the wildcat formation last week, picking up a first down. He also picked up a first down as a running back against Vanderbilt, and nearly scored on a pitch play against Georgia. "We're using it in big moments," DeBoer said. "It's something that we feel isn't just exhibition. It's something we feel like (Proctor) can do some things in a positive way where we can gain yards in critical moments."

3. Playing time push: Freshman defensive back Dijon Lee saw significant snaps last week in taking over for starter Domani Jackson. He even sealed the game with an interception. Fellow freshman lineman Michael Carroll also earned extra playing time, taking over for Wilkin Formby at right tackle. More game reps could be on tap this weekend. "You have to answer for the things that we put on tape and we liked what Dijon was doing in the game. As the game was going on, he was operating at a very efficient level and doing his job at an efficient level," Alabama defensive coordinator Kane Wommack said.

4. No Jam session: It's obvious the Alabama run game is better with Jam Miller in the backfield. In the two Power 5 games he didn't play due to injury, the Crimson Tide ran for 159 total yards. In



Alabama receiver Lotzeir Brooks, a true freshman who has shined this season, plays Tennessee in his first big rivalry game Saturday. [VASHA HUNT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

the three SEC games Miller played in, Alabama ran for 117, 146 and 125. Miller is questionable for Tennessee due to concussion protocol. The good news is backup Kevin Riley has found his groove (167 yards) and third-string back Daniel Hill performed well in Miller's late absence against Missouri, rushing for 16 yards with a nice touchdown catch.

Key matchup

Alabama K Connor Talty vs. Tennessee K Max Gilbert

Special teams are important in these rivalry games. Talty hasn't been consistent outside of 40 yards (2-of-5), but reliable inside 40 (5-of-5). Gilbert is solid for the Vols, 4-of-6 outside 40 yards (including two from beyond 50) and a perfect 6-for-6 inside of 40 yards.

Player of the week Lotzeir Brooks, WR

The true freshman (13 catches for 216 yards) has played well this season and stepped up his game against Missouri (four catches, 58 yards). Alabama will need him again against Tennessee.

By the numbers

7: Over the last five games, the Tide has allowed an average of seven points in the second half, including two second-half shutouts.

12: Alabama has punted just 12 times through six games, behind only Vanderbilt (10) for fewest in the SEC.

18: Kalen DeBoer has 18 wins as a coach against ranked opponents, including three this season.

2015: The Crimson Tide's 2015 national

title team (14-1) will be honored at halftime.

Prediction

Tennessee 38, Alabama 28

Alabama has turned the season around since the debacle in the opener against FSU. The Tide handled business in the first three SEC games, but Bama isn't going to waltz in and catch Tennessee off guard. The Vols are a scoring machine with the No. 1 scoring offense in the nation (48 points per game) and the defense is the best in the nation in sacks (26). Ty Simpson has to have time to make plays in the pocket with Jam Miller's status at running back in doubt.

— Edwin Stanton

Tennessee at Alabama

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

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

Records: No. 11 Tennessee (5-1, 2-1 SEC), No. 6 Alabama (5-1, 3-0)

The series: Alabama leads 60-39-8.

Four-down territory

1. Tying up Ty: Alabama quarterback Ty Simpson is having a remarkable season and is in the Heisman Trophy discussion. He leads the SEC in passing efficiency and touchdowns (16). He makes it tough on defenses with the ability to escape the pocket and run if he has to. "He is playing with a lot of confidence, is a good decision maker that is taking care of the football," Vols coach Josh Heupel said. The good news for UT is getting to the quarterback is the defense's specialty. The Vols lead the nation with 26 sacks.

2. Tide Takeaways: One key factor to Alabama's success this season is ball control. The offense has just three turnovers, two of which came last week with a Simpson interception and fumble. Tennessee has a knack for forcing turnovers — and scoring on them. Forcing a turnover or two could change the game in the Vols' favor. "Everyone at any time can make plays so it is fun being a part of a defense that can make plays," Tennessee defensive back Jalen McMur-ray said.

3. Big push: One area where Alabama is susceptible is in the run game and teams have ripped off big runs against the Tide. It all starts with strong offensive line play, which has led the Vols' No. 3 rushing offense in the SEC. Alabama's run defense is 13th in the league, giving up 156 yards per game. "We just have to do our assignments and do our jobs at a high level, play physical because they are going to be really good and play physical with good hands," UT lineman Jesse Perry said. "We just have to match that and more."

4. Ready to go: Speaking of the run game, Tennessee running back DeSean Bishop left last week's game against Arkansas with a lower body injury and didn't return. He ended the day with

146 yards and a touchdown. The team's leading rusher (481, 5 TDs) is recovering, and Heupel said, "I feel like DeSean will be ready to go in this one."

Key matchup

Tennessee K Max Gilbert vs. Alabama K Connor Talty

Special teams are important in these rivalry games. Gilbert is solid for the Vols, going 4-of-6 outside 40 yards (including two from beyond 50) and a perfect 6-for-6 inside of 40. Talty hasn't been consistent outside of 40 yards (2-of-5), but reliable inside 40 (5-of-5).

Player of the week

Tyre West, DL

One of the leaders on the defensive line, West can come up with the big play at the right time. He has 15 tackles, including four sacks.

By the numbers

3: Three of the top 12 sack leaders in the SEC are Vols (DE Joshua Josephs, DE Tyre West and DE Caleb Herring).

4: The Vols have three defensive touchdowns, which is second in the nation.

6: Tennessee has scored on its opening drive in all six games this season.

10: Tennessee has lost 10 straight games to Alabama in Bryant-Denny Stadium (4-12 overall).

Prediction

Tennessee 38, Alabama 28

The best thing Tennessee can do against Alabama is to not change anything. The style of play, score in bunches and lean on the defense, has worked well. The atmosphere will be rough, and Tennessee hasn't won in Tuscaloosa since 2003. Still, the Vols are playing sound football and have finished games strong, something that will combat the Crimson Tide's second-half surge (average of seven points allowed in second half).

— Edwin Stanton



Tennessee defensive lineman Tyre West will look for more big plays when the Vols visit Alabama.

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Eastern Kentucky at UNA

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: Eastern Kentucky (3-3, 1-1 UAC), UNA (1-5, 0-2)

The series: Eastern Kentucky leads 3-0.

Four-down territory

1. Perhaps a first? It's starting to — well, it is — sound like a broken record. UNA has not had the same quarterback start and finish a game this season. Maybe that will change Saturday. Destin Wade, who has been nursing a shoulder injury since the Sept. 20 game at Illinois State, played in the second half of last week's 49-21 blowout loss to Central Arkansas after receiving a pain-numbing shot. He finished 7-for-23 passing for 86 yards and a touchdown. Wade is completing just 49% of his throws for 391 yards and four scores in five appearances, but he has just to turn the ball over, a positive for a team that has only scored more than 30 points once in four matchups against FCS opponents.

2. Can it be close at halftime? This is directed at UNA's defense. In each of the last two games — a 52-23 loss at Abilene Christian and Central Arkansas (see above) — the Lions have surrendered 28 and 35 points (as well as 248 and 310 yards), respectively, in the first half. It resulted in the Lions being down 21 points each time. It seems like that would be some deficits to battle back from, right? If you said yes, you are correct. UNA is tied for 120th out of 126 FCS teams in scoring defense (40.8 points per game) and 116th in total defense (468.3 yards per game).

3. Another close matchup? This is the fourth matchup between UNA and Eastern Kentucky. Each of the previous three were relatively close with 10 points being the largest margin of victory. The Colonels won 56-53 in 2022 after then-quarterback Parker McKinney led an eight-play, 64-yard drive in the final minute. Eastern Kentucky claimed a 32-22 win in 2023 that was made closer after Lions receiver J.J. Evans caught a 3-yard touchdown with 1:44 remaining. Last year, the Colonels closed out the regular season — and clinched a playoff spot — with a 21-15 victory thanks to Matt Morrissey's 67-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Calwise Jr. with 8:10 left in the fourth quarter.

4. Learning to march? Eastern Kentucky



Perhaps Destin Wade can snap UNA's inability for a quarterback to start and finish a game this week. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

began the season by playing at Louisville and at Marshall in two of the first three weeks. Naturally, both were losses. The Colonels, however, are 3-1 against FCS opponents with the three wins — Houston Christian, Nicholls State and then-No.16 Austin Peay — being decided by 10 points or more. Eastern Kentucky enters Saturday on a two-game win streak. The loss came courtesy of then-No. 22 West Georgia. The Wolves won 33-12.

Key matchup

EKU DL Brad Gurley Jr. vs. UNA interior OL

Gurley leads the Colonels with four sacks, including two in each of the past two games, and six tackles for loss. His

four sacks are tied for third in the UAC. The Lions surrendered three sacks last week and there were plenty of times Wade was forced out of the pocket to scramble around for his life. Best not to have a repeat of that this week.

Player of the week

Fred Vili, DL

UNA has sacked opposing quarterbacks 11 times. Just 3 ½ have come from defensive ends. Vili recorded his first sack of the season last week and led the Lions with 1 ½ tackles for loss. It would be good for UNA to see him do that again.

By the numbers

25.3: UNA's points per game against four FCS opponents.

42.3: The points per game UNA is allowing to its four FCS foes.

8: Adam Watford's FCS ranking in punting average. The junior, perhaps the Lions' most consistent player, is getting almost 48.8 yards per kick.

12: The amount of second-half points Eastern Kentucky has given up to FCS teams. All 12 were in the Sept. 20 loss at West Georgia.

Prediction

Eastern Kentucky 34, UNA 24

Literally, a cut and paste from last week ... This is simple. The Lions have to show they can win — against a non-Division II team — to get picked here.

— David Glovach



Mr. Commodore and Vanderbilt felt pretty good the last time they were favored to win an SEC matchup. The Commodores beat Arkansas in 2018. [MICHAEL WOODS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

This week's SEC, state games

No. 10 LSU at No. 17 Vanderbilt

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: ABC

Records: LSU (5-1, 2-1 SEC), Vanderbilt (5-1, 1-1)

The series: LSU leads 25-7-1.

The lowdown: Vanderbilt — yes, Vanderbilt — is favored to win an SEC matchup for the first time in 51 games. The Commodores are 2.5-point

favorites. ... The last time the Commodores were favored to win against an SEC foe was a matchup at Arkansas on Oct. 27, 2018. Vanderbilt was giving 1.5 points and won 45-31. Before that, the

Commodores were a 7-point favorite at Kentucky on Nov. 3, 2012. They won 40-0. ... LSU has not lost to Vanderbilt

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since 1990. ... Commodores coach Clark Lea worked under LSU coach Brian Kelly while both were at Notre Dame. Lea was the linebackers coach and then the defensive coordinator from 2017-20.

No. 14 Oklahoma at South Carolina

When: 11:45 a.m. Saturday
TV: SEC
Records: Oklahoma (5-1, 1-1 SEC), South Carolina (3-3, 1-3)
The series: South Carolina leads 1-0.
The lowdown: Since 1999, Oklahoma is 24-2 following the Red River Rivalry, which the Sooners lost to Texas 23-6 last week. The two losses were to Kansas State (31-30) in 2014 and South Carolina (35-9) in 2024. ... That win over Oklahoma began a six-game win streak to cap the regular season for the Gamecocks, who were 3-3 entering the contest like they are this year. ... South Carolina coach Shane Beamer was employed by the Sooners from 2018-20. He coached tight ends. ... The Gamecocks are one of four current SEC programs Oklahoma has yet to beat. The others are Ole Miss (0-2), Georgia (0-1) and Mississippi State (0-0). ... Oklahoma has surrendered just five touchdowns — four on defense and one on special teams.

Troy at Louisiana-Monroe

When: 2 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Troy (4-2, 2-0 Sun Belt), ULM (3-3, 1-1)
The series: Troy leads 12-9-1.
The lowdown: Both Troy coach Gerad Parker and ULM's Bryant Vincent have an 8-10 record and in their second season at their schools. ... Troy has won overtime games each of the last two weeks, the first time in school history the Trojans have played consecutive OT games. ... Troy's 48-41 win at Texas State last week came after the Trojans trailed 21-0 and 28-7 in the first quarter. ... The Trojans have twice rallied from at least a 17-point deficit to win this season. They won 21-17 at Buffalo after entering the fourth quarter down 17-0. ... Tucker Kilcrease was 30-of-39 passing for 415 yards and five touchdowns at Texas State. ... Kilcrease's five TD passes were one shy of the school record of six set by Kaleb Barker



LaNorris Sellers and South Carolina used their victory at Oklahoma last season to spark their win streak and will be looking to do the same this year. [SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS]



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in 2019, also against Texas State. ... DJ Epps' 148 yards receiving last week rank 10th in school history. He did it on 10 catches with two touchdowns, plus the game-tying two-point conversion with 2:42 left in regulation. ... Troy finished the game with just one of its original five starting linemen healthy. ... Texas State's 574 yards offense is the sixth most allowed by the Trojans in their FBS era and most since Arkansas State had 606 in 2017. ... With last week's 23-8 loss in rainy conditions at Coastal Carolina, ULM has lost two straight. ... Aiden Armenta was 14-of-28 passing for 176 yards, a touchdown and an interception for the Warhawks. ... ULM beat Troy 13-9 last year.

No. 4 Texas A&M at Arkansas

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN

Records: Texas A&M (6-0, 3-0 SEC), Arkansas (2-4, 0-2)

The series: Arkansas leads 42-36-3.

The lowdown: This will be just the second time Texas A&M will venture to Fayetteville since joining in the SEC in 2012. The Aggies played at Arkansas in 2013 when some quarterback named Johnny Manziel was leading the offense. Texas A&M won 45-33. ... Bobby Petrino is head coaching the Hogs in Arkansas' home stadium for the first time since a 49-7 win over Tennessee 2011. Overall, Petrino is 3-0 against Texas A&M while with the Razorbacks. ... Petrino is head coaching in Fayetteville for the first time since 2022 when he led Missouri State in a 38-27 loss to the Razorbacks. ... Arkansas lost in Petrino's second Hogs debut last week, 34-31 loss at Tennessee. ... Texas A&M is 6-0 for the first time since 2016. ... Arkansas' Mike Washington ranks third in the SEC in rushing yards with 524. ... Texas A&M's Mario Craver leads the SEC with 634 receiving yards.

No. 5 Ole Miss at No. 9 Georgia

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ABC

Records: Ole Miss (6-0, 3-0 SEC), Georgia (5-1, 3-1)

The series: Georgia leads 33-14-1.

The lowdown: Sanford Stadium is hosting its first matchup of top-10 teams since 2023 when No. 1 Georgia



Bobby Petrino has had some good results against Texas A&M while being the head coach at Arkansas, such as the 2011 matchup. [BRANDON WADE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Kewan Lacy and Ole Miss likely won't be jumping the hedges at Sanford Stadium should they win Saturday, but some Rebel fans might try if they're brave. [ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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beat No. 10 Ole Miss 52-17. ... The Rebels haven't trimmed the Sanford hedges since 1996, with Georgia winning the last six meetings in Athens. ... UGA is three wins shy of the 900th in school history and is in line to be the ninth member of the 900 club. ... Trinidad Chambliss is the first Ole Miss quarterback to throw for at least 250 yards in each of his first four starts since a chap named Eli Manning in 2001. ... Georgia's 245 yards offense in last year's 28-10 loss at Ole Miss was the fewest by the Bulldogs since 2017. ... The Rebs' win over then-No. 2 Georgia last year was their largest top-five victory since 1969. ... Kewan Lacy ran 24 times for a career-high 142 yards in Ole Miss' 24-21 home win over Washington State last week. ... With the close call, Ole Miss dropped a spot in the AP rankings. ... The Rebels are trying for their second 7-0 start in four years and just the fourth in school history. ... ESPN's GameDay will be on hand for its season debut in Athens and the second time for a UGA game this year (at Tennessee). The Bulldogs are 8-2 when the show is in Athens and 21-19 overall. ... The Rebels last saw GameDay in 2023 for their 52-17 loss at Georgia and are 3-2 all-time.

No. 22 Memphis at UAB

When: 3 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN2
Records: Memphis (6-0, 2-0 American), UAB (2-4, 0-3)
The series: UAB leads 10-7.
The lowdown: UAB offensive coordinator Alex Mortensen makes his debut as interim head coach after the Blazers sent Trent Dilfer packing following last week's 53-33 loss at Florida Atlantic. ... Mortensen, 39, is the eighth head coach in UAB's history. ... The last three (Bill Clark, Bryant Vincent and Dilfer) debuted with wins. The last to lose was Garrick McGee, 39-29 to Troy in 2012. ... Mortensen is the son of the late Chris Mortensen, a former ESPN reporter who focused on the NFL. ... The Memphis-UAB rivalry is called the "Battle for the Bones" with the trophy a bronze rack of ribs. ... Since rekindling the rivalry two years ago, Memphis has been generous with the sauce, winning 45-21 and 53-18. ... The Blazers are 4-22 all-time against ranked teams, losing this year 56-24 at then-No. 15 Tennessee. Their last win was 31-28 over



Jake Slaughter, Florida's center, has been a bright spot for the Gators, which can't be said about many in Gainesville. [PETER JONELEIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

then-No. 13 BYU in the 2021 Independence Bowl. ... Memphis was off last week following a 45-7 home win over Tulsa. ... Memphis co-offensive coordinator Larry Smith was a UAB assistant for seven years under Clark, who was also his high school coach at Prattville. Smith was Alabama's Mr. Football in 2006 and played in college at Vanderbilt. ... Tigers quarterback Brendon Lewis averages over 282 yards total offense per game. ... UAB's Jalen Kitna averages almost 289.

Mississippi State at Florida

When: 3:15 p.m. Saturday
TV: SEC
Records: Mississippi State (4-2, 0-2 SEC), Florida (2-4, 1-2)
The series: Florida leads 35-19-2.
The lowdown: The Bulldogs are playing at Florida for the first time since 2010 when MSU won 10-7. The Gators



Alex Mortensen is trying to be the fourth straight UAB coach to win his debut. The Blazers, however, don't have a good track record against ranked opponents. [UAB ATHLETICS]



Quintrevion Wisner and Texas have some work to do if they want to have a 1,000-yard rusher on this year's squad. [SARA DIGGINS/AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN]

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have won the last two meetings, 13-6 in 2018 and 45-28 last year. ... With Florida celebrating homecoming, the Gators have ample opportunity to pass the hat on coach Billy Napier's buyout. Rumors again swirled after last week's 34-17 loss at No. 5 Texas A&M, as they seem to do after every loss. ... The Gators are ending a four-game streak in which they played top-10 teams. They went 1-3 in that stretch, beating then-No. 9 Texas 29-21 at home. The other three were on the road. ... Florida All-American center Jake Slaughter has allowed two quarterback pressures and no sacks in 369 snaps this season, a 99.5% block rate. ... Mississippi State, after a 4-0 start, has lost two straight, falling 41-34 in overtime at home two weeks ago to Tennessee and 31-9 last week at Texas A&M. ... Mississippi State's Blake Shapen has a 21-game streak with at least one touchdown pass, the longest such streak in the nation.

No. 21 Texas at Kentucky

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN
Records: Texas (4-2, 1-1 SEC), Kentucky (2-3, 0-3)
The series: Texas leads 2-0.
The lowdown: It's an interesting

choice for Kentucky to make this weekend its annual homecoming, but the Wildcats haven't had any homecoming success of late anyway. ... Missouri spoiled the festivities 38-21 in 2023 and Vanderbilt 20-13 last year. ... UK has hosted a homecoming every year since 1946 and is 56-23 in those games. ... Texas plays at Kentucky for the first time and inside the state of Kentucky for just the second time. In 1993, the Longhorns took a 41-10 loss at Louisville. ... UT and the Wildcats' two previous meetings were both in Austin and ended with a happy Bevo, 7-6 in 1951 and 31-14 in 2024. ... Arch Manning leads the Longhorns in rushing with 194 yards, while Quintrevion Wisner has 185. That leaves some work for Texas to have a 1,000-yard rusher for a 14th straight season. Wisner had 1,064 last year. ... The Longhorns made sure the Red River was filled with tears last week, scoring the final 23 points in a 23-6 win over Oklahoma. Mason Shipley kicked field goals of 22, 48 and 39 yards, while Ryan Niblett scored on a 75-yard punt return in the fourth quarter. ... Kentucky plays its first home game in over a month. The Wildcats, in the meantime, dropped road games at South Carolina 35-13 and Georgia 35-14. ... UK quarterback Cutter Boley came off the bench to go 10-of-18 passing for 160 yards last year at Texas.

— A. Stacy Long and David Glovach

PICKS
PANEL

- Tennessee at Alabama
- Missouri at Auburn
- Eastern Kentucky at UNA
- Ole Miss at Georgia
- LSU at Vanderbilt
- Oklahoma at South Carolina
- Mississippi State at Florida
- Utah at BYU
- Georgia Tech at Duke
- Penn State at Iowa

Last week
Season record



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- Alabama
- Missouri
- Eastern Kentucky
- Georgia
- Vanderbilt
- Oklahoma
- Florida
- Utah
- Duke
- Iowa

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GLOVACH

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- Georgia
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- Oklahoma
- Florida
- BYU
- Georgia Tech
- Iowa

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- Missouri
- Eastern Kentucky
- Georgia
- Vanderbilt
- South Carolina
- Florida
- Utah
- Duke
- Iowa

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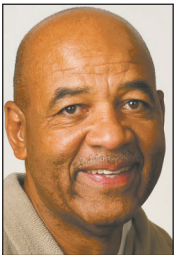
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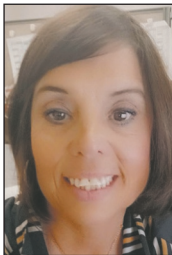
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COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Oct. 11 games)

American Athletic Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
Navy	4	0	133	91	6	0	219	129	
Memphis	2	0	100	33	6	0	243	97	
South Florida	2	0	117	62	5	1	244	148	
Tulane	2	0	57	33	5	1	157	139	
FAU	2	1	106	109	3	3	197	200	
North Texas	1	1	81	101	5	1	260	163	
Army	2	2	99	93	3	3	150	144	
East Carolina	1	1	47	32	3	3	171	93	
Temple	1	1	58	53	3	3	182	157	
UTSA	1	1	82	40	3	3	207	161	
Rice	1	3	75	126	3	4	136	190	
Tulsa	0	3	44	118	2	4	112	158	
UAB	0	3	70	122	2	4	177	248	
Charlotte	0	3	50	106	1	5	106	195	

Atlantic Coast Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
Georgia Tech	3	0	89	70	6	0	220	126	
Virginia	3	0	124	85	5	1	258	143	
Duke	3	0	128	57	4	2	219	153	
SMU	2	0	65	28	4	2	204	134	
Miami	1	0	28	22	5	0	175	68	
Pittsburgh	2	1	109	72	4	2	239	129	
Louisville	1	1	61	57	4	1	180	105	
California	1	1	49	69	4	2	145	135	
Clemson	2	2	121	78	3	3	158	111	
Wake Forest	1	2	83	87	4	2	174	120	
NC State	1	2	88	92	4	3	210	186	
Syracuse	1	2	55	90	3	3	174	179	
Stanford	1	2	60	102	2	4	113	181	
Virginia Tech	1	2	66	86	2	5	161	205	
North Carolina	0	1	10	38	2	3	94	129	
Florida St.	0	3	91	108	3	3	265	138	
Boston College	0	4	61	147	1	5	167	199	

Big 12 Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
BYU	3	0	95	72	6	0	225	88	
Texas Tech	3	0	111	38	6	0	285	73	
Cincinnati	3	0	95	75	5	1	216	115	
Houston	2	1	86	72	5	1	175	105	
Utah	2	1	100	58	5	1	237	83	
Arizona St.	2	1	64	90	4	2	156	148	
Baylor	2	1	104	88	4	2	218	178	
Iowa St.	2	2	110	97	5	2	205	133	
Kansas	2	2	119	109	4	3	227	165	
Kansas St.	2	2	130	107	3	4	206	189	
Arizona	1	2	82	85	4	2	193	111	
TCU	1	2	87	89	4	2	212	148	
Colorado	1	3	86	112	3	4	174	166	
UCF	0	3	51	81	3	3	170	107	
West Virginia	0	3	48	127	2	4	134	171	
Oklahoma St.	0	3	57	125	1	5	99	220	

Big Sky Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
Montana	3	0	111	77	6	0	240	137	
UC Davis	3	0	113	63	5	1	204	191	
Montana St.	3	0	139	27	5	2	234	123	
N. Colorado	1	1	67	59	3	3	144	130	
Sacramento St.	1	1	79	59	3	3	193	143	
E. Washington	1	1	38	84	2	4	139	214	
N. Arizona	1	2	65	96	4	3	205	237	
Cal Poly	1	2	68	86	3	4	191	208	
Idaho St.	1	2	78	108	2	5	245	224	
Idaho	0	2	63	90	2	4	158	170	
Weber St.	0	2	39	89	2	4	132	247	
Portland St.	0	2	44	66	0	6	67	250	

Big South-OVC Association									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
Tennessee Tech	3	0	128	41	6	0	310	72	
Gardner-Webb	2	0	51	37	4	2	173	206	
L'wood (Mo.)	2	0	65	42	3	3	121	162	
E. Illinois	2	1	72	51	3	3	140	145	
UT Martin	2	1	80	71	2	5	124	219	
SE Missouri	1	1	38	46	2	4	137	209	
Tennessee St.	0	3	27	94	1	5	75	197	
Chas. Southern	0	3	68	92	1	6	109	208	
W. Illinois	0	3	74	129	1	6	166	305	

Big Ten Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
Indiana	3	0	113	45	6	0	269	68	
Ohio St.	3	0	100	25	6	0	221	41	
South. Southern Cal	3	1	141	95	5	1	273	128	
Nebraska	2	1	99	88	5	1	246	112	
Oregon	2	1	84	68	5	1	253	91	
Washington	2	1	68	63	5	1	235	118	
Iowa	2	1	90	48	4	2	184	78	



The SMU Mustangs can toot their own horns as one of five teams still unbeaten in Atlantic Coast Conference play. [TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Michigan	2	1	67	68	4	2	177	112	
Minnesota	2	1	61	90	4	2	164	127	
Northwestern	2	1	53	69	4	2	140	106	
UCLA	2	1	94	67	2	4	137	175	
Illinois	2	2	103	156	5	2	238	178	
Maryland	1	2	78	68	4	2	181	101	
Michigan St.	0	3	71	121	3	3	177	191	
Penn St.	0	3	82	94	3	3	214	111	
Rutgers	0	3	75	107	3	3	214	165	
Purdue	0	3	64	103	2	4	159	176	
Wisconsin	0	3	20	88	2	4	93	136	

Coastal Athletic Association									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
Rhode Island	3	0	100	64	5	2	172	153	
Monmouth (N.J.)	2	0	93	64	5	1	268	211	
Villanova	3	1	130	103	4	2	160	172	
Elon	2	1	79	52	4	3	204	161	
William & Mary	2	1	90	92	3	3	161	177	
Maine	2	1	98	72	3	4	152	171	
Campbell	2	1	108	100	2	5	180	282	
Stony Brook	1	1	64	43	3	3	167	143	
New Hampshire	1	2	58	81	3	4	153	168	
Towson	1	2	60	83	3	4	159	187	
NC A&T	1	2	97	105	1	6	161	281	
Albany (N.Y.)	0	2	18	71	1	5	87	176	
Bryant	0	3	86	110	2	5	177	190	
Hampton	0	3	71	112	2	5	160	228	

Conference USA									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
W. Kentucky	3	0	95	70	5	1	202	137	
Kennesaw St.	2	0	59	23	4	2	132	123	
Jacksonville St.	2	0	63	51	3	3	177	161	
Louisiana Tech	2	1	86	60	4	2	147	103	

Delaware	1	1	62	43	3	2	148	132	
New Mexico St.	1	1	51	59	3	2	111	114	
Missouri St.	1	1	44	47	3	3	130	178	
Liberty	1	1	43	42	2	4	104	124	
FIU	0	1	16	38	2	3	106	160	
Middle Tenn.	0	2	36	46	1	5	102	177	
UTEP	0	2	19	49	1	5	112	152	
Sam Houston St.	0	3	61	107	0	6	102	237	

Ivy League									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
Harvard	2	0	75	17	4	0	193	48	
Penn	1	0	36	24	3	1	118	98	
Princeton	1	0	17	10	2	2	104	118	
Dartmouth	1	1	41	52	3	1	103	100	
Yale	1	1	57	41	2	2	98	82	
Brown	0	1	7	41	3	1	110	81	
Columbia	0	1	10	17	1	3	50	96	
Cornell	0	2	34	75	0	4	65	129	

Mid-American Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	W	L	P	W	L	P			
W. Michigan	3	0	77	16	4	3	160	124	
Buffalo	2	0	62	58	3	3	151	128	
Miami (Ohio)	2	0	45	21	3	3	138	124	
Bowling Green	1	1	48	58	3	3	134	152	
Cent. Michigan	1	1	46	41	3	3	131	173	
Ohio	1	1	49	40	3	3	158	156	
Ball St.	1	1	20	56	2	4	82	189	
Kent St.	1	1	70	37	2	4	115	226	
Toledo	1	2	81	45	3	3	202	90	
Akron	1	2	38	87	2	5	117	207	
E. Michigan	1	2	59	65	2	5	166	222	
N. Illinois	0	2	24	41	1	5	65	121	

COLUMN

8 SEC teams remain in hunt for CFP bid

By Doug Segrest
For GameDay

For once, maybe for the first time this season, an SEC Saturday played out as you'd expect.

Alabama survived on the road, Texas A&M flexed some muscle, Tennessee survived the Bobby Petrino experience and Auburn saw another golden opportunity slip away — in part, due to controversial officiating.

Oh, there was an upset. Texas played up to expectations to slay Oklahoma. And no one could have thought Washington State would give Ole Miss a challenge, yet the Rebels survived.

Nationally, is another story. Indiana stunned the world by beating Oregon. Complain all you want about the schedule, but the Hoosiers are the real deal and seem like a CFP lock.

Meanwhile, Florida State and Penn State dropped their third straight, falling from Top 10 rankings to oblivion. Things are so bad that James Franklin went from preseason favorite to well-compensated unemployed.

Right now, your possibilities for the CFP are narrowing by the week. We're still seeing projections of four or five SEC teams in the field, but that's frankly off the mark because of the roads ahead. For the SEC to dominate the field, you need a lot of collapses elsewhere.

Let's take a minute to look at the latest contenders and how the metrics compare:

• **Big Ten (4 contenders):** No. 1 Ohio State (6-0, ranked 1st in the Sagarin ratings with a strength of schedule of 17); No. 8 Oregon (5-1, 3rd in Sagarin, 33rd SOS). No. 3 Indiana (6-0, 4th in Sagarin, 30th SOS); No. 20 Southern Cal (5-1, 13th in Sagarin, 57th SOS).

• **SEC (8):** No. 6 Alabama (5-1, 5th Sagarin, 2nd SOS); No. 4 Texas A&M (6-0, 7th Sagarin, 15th SOS); No. 9 Georgia (5-1, 8th Sagarin, 10th SOS); No. 21 Texas (4-2, 9th Sagarin, 42nd SOS); No. 10 LSU (5-1, 10th Sagarin, 9th SOS); No. 5 Ole Miss (6-0, 12th Sagarin, 47th SOS); No. 11 Tennessee (5-1, 15th Sagarin, 46th SOS); No. 17 Vanderbilt (5-1, 19th Sagarin, 67th SOS).

• **ACC (3):** No. 2 Miami (5-0, 6th Sagarin, 8th SOS); Louisville (4-1, 25th Sagarin, 59th SOS); No. 12 Georgia Tech (6-0, 32nd Sagarin, 56th SOS).



Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin and the Rebels will see their playoff chances soar if they can win at Georgia this week. [ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

• **Big 12 (4):** No. 7 Texas Tech (6-0, 11th Sagarin, 101st SOS); No. 23 Utah (5-1, 14th Sagarin, 39th SOS); No. 15 BYU (6-0, 33rd Sagarin, 66th SOS); No. 24 Cincinnati (5-1, 40th Sagarin, 55th SOS).

• **Others (3):** No. 13 Notre Dame (4-2, 2nd Sagarin, 5th SOS); No. 22 Memphis (6-0, 36th Sagarin, 134th SOS); No. 19 USF (5-1, 41st Sagarin, 34th SOS).

Looking ahead

• **LSU at Vanderbilt** (11 a.m. on ABC): Who has the scarier offense? Right now, it's the brainiacs from Nashville. But

LSU's defense is championship worthy.

• **Oklahoma at South Carolina** (11:45 a.m. on SEC Network): John Mateer is back, but the Sooners got smoked last week. This isn't the guaranteed rebound you need to get back on track.

• **Ole Miss at Georgia** (2:30 p.m. on ABC): Break out the caffeine. Two notorious slow starters face-off between the hedges. This is Ole Miss' biggest remaining challenge.

• **Tennessee at Alabama** (6:30 p.m. on ABC): Another week another Top 16 foe for Bama as the Tide continues

its revenge tour. The Third Saturday in October gets prime-time treatment. Now, if they'd both only wear their home colors, like in the days of yore.

• **Missouri at Auburn** (6:45 p.m. on ESPN): Another big one down on the Plains and another chance for Hugh Freeze to grasp that elusive Top 25 victory.

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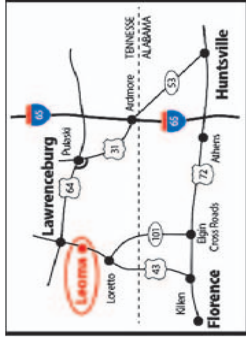
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