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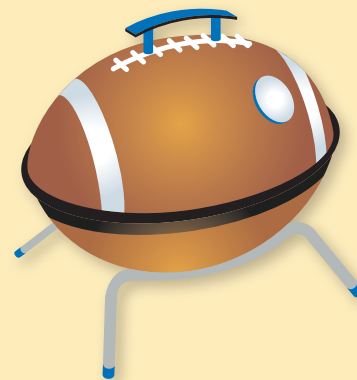


TRICKY FOOTING

Crimson Tide, Volunteers try to recapture championship momentum

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TAILGATE of the week RECIPE



Pizza Sloppy Joe Sliders

INGREDIENTS

- 1 16oz pack of ground Italian sausage
- 1 13-14oz jar of pizza sauce
- 1 cup mini pepperoni slices
- 1 12-18oz pack of dinner rolls
- 1 8oz pack of slice mozzarella cheese

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter melted
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt or
- 1 teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray baking sheet or 9 inch by 13 inch with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside. In a large skillet brown sausage until cooked thoroughly. Drain the excess grease. Mix pizza sauce and pepperoni. Split rolls in half - separate each individual roll. Place the bottom half of the rolls in the prepared pan. Spread sausage mixture over rolls. Top with mozzarella cheese slices, then cover the top half of the rolls. In a small bowl, whisk together the melted butter, Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning and garlic powder. Brush the butter mixture over the top of the rolls. Bake uncovered for 10 minutes, or until heated through and the cheese has melted. Serve and enjoy.



**This week's recipe submitted
by Reginald Walker,
Huntsville, AL**

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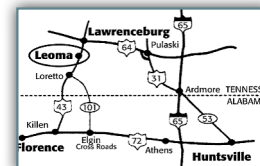
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THE LINE

(as of Tuesday)			
Thursday FAVORITE	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at MARSHALL	9½	51½	Georgia State
at VIRGINIA TECH	6½	49½	Boston College
Friday			
at DUKE	3½	42½	Florida State
Oregon	27½	59½	at PURDUE
at BYU	9½	53½	Oklahoma State
Fresno State	2½	50½	at NEVADA
Saturday			
at UCONN	1½	57½	Wake Forest
at ARMY	14½	51½	East Carolina
at INDIANA	6½	50½	Nebraska
Wisconsin	7½	41½	at NORTHWESTERN
at RUTGERS	4½	40½	UCLA
Louisiana	4½	56½	at COASTAL CAROLINA
at CINCINNATI	2½	53½	Arizona State
at CLEMSON	21½	57½	Virginia
Miami (Fla.)	4½	61½	at LOUISVILLE
at MISSOURI	5½	51½	Auburn
at OKLAHOMA	2½	40½	South Carolina
at EASTERN MICHIGAN	1½	56½	Central Michigan
at KANSAS	6½	47½	Houston
at WASHINGTON ST.	18½	55½	Hawaii
at CAL	9½	46½	NC State
at NORTHERN ILLINOIS	2½	43½	Toledo
at SOUTH FLORIDA	13½	57½	UAB
at UTSA	3½	54½	Florida Atlantic
Michigan	3½	43½	at ILLINOIS
at NAVY	16½	55½	Charlotte
at MIAMI (Ohio)	3½	44½	Ohio
Texas State	9½	61½	at OLD DOMINION
Notre Dame	11½	49½	at GEORGIA TECH
Alabama	2½	56½	at TENNESSEE
at TULANE	21½	53½	Rice
James Madison	9½	58½	at GA. SOUTHERN
at TEXAS TECH	6½	56½	Baylor
New Mexico	2½	78½	at UTAH STATE
at ARIZONA	3½	57½	Colorado
USC	7½	56½	at MARYLAND
Texas A&M	14½	56½	at MISS. STATE
at VANDERBILT	26½	58½	Ball State
LSU	2½	55½	at ARKANSAS
Arkansas State	6½	55½	at SOUTHERN MISS
at IOWA STATE	13½	48½	UCF
at MEMPHIS	10½	66½	North Texas
at TEXAS	3½	55½	Georgia
Kansas State	3½	54½	at WEST VIRGINIA
Iowa	5½	40½	at MICHIGAN STATE
Kentucky	1½	42½	at FLORIDA
Colorado State	7½	46½	at AIR FORCE
SMU	14½	54½	at STANFORD
UNLV	7½	61½	at OREGON STATE
at UTAH	4½	49½	TCU

GAMES ON TV

Thursday

Georgia State at Marshall, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Boston College at Virginia Tech, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Friday

Brown at Princeton, 6 p.m., ESPN
Florida State at Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Oregon at Purdue, 7 p.m., FOX
Oklahoma State at BYU, 9:15 p.m., ESPN
Fresno State at Nevada, 9:30 p.m., CBSSN

Saturday

Auburn at Missouri, 11 a.m., ESPN
East Carolina at Army, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Louisiana Lafayette at Coastal Carolina, 11 a.m., ESPN
Miami at Louisville, 11 a.m., ABC
Nebraska at Indiana, 11 a.m., FOX
UCLA at Rutgers, 11 a.m., FS1
Virginia at Clemson, 11 a.m., ACC Network
Wake Forest at UConn, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Wisconsin at Northwestern, 11 a.m., BTN
South Carolina at Oklahoma, 11:45 a.m., SEC Network
Alabama at Tennessee, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Charlotte at Navy, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN
Florida A&M at Jackson State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Hawaii at Washington State, 2:30 p.m., CWT
Michigan at Illinois, 2:30 p.m., CBS
NC State at California, 2:30 p.m., ACC Network
Notre Dame at Georgia Tech, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Baylor at Texas Tech, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Colorado at Arizona, 3 p.m., FOX
New Mexico at Utah State, 3 p.m., truTV
USC at Maryland, 3 p.m., FS1
Texas A&M at Mississippi State, 3:15 p.m., SEC Network
LSU at Arkansas, 6 p.m., ESPN
Georgia at Texas, 6:30 p.m., ABC
Iowa at Michigan State, 6:30 p.m., NBC
UCF at Iowa State, 6:30 p.m., FS1

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Friday

No. 2 Oregon (6-0) at Purdue (1-5), 7 p.m.
No. 13 BYU (6-0) vs. Okla. St. (3-3), 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19

No. 1 Texas (6-0) vs. No. 5 Georgia (5-1), 6:30 p.m.
No. 6 Miami (6-0) at Louisville (4-2), 11 a.m.
No. 7 Alabama (5-1) at No. 11 Tennessee (5-1), 2:30 p.m.



South Dakota State's Amar Johnson and the Jackrabbits face North Dakota State on ESPN2 on Saturday in a showdown of the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked FCS teams. [MITCH ALCALA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Kansas State at West Virginia, 6:30 p.m., FOX
TCU at Utah, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

North Texas at Memphis, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Kentucky at Florida, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network

Colorado State at Air Force, 7 p.m., CBS
SMU at Stanford, 7 p.m., ACC Network
South Dakota State at North Dakota State, 7 p.m., ESPN2
UNLV at Oregon State, 9 p.m., CWT

Tuesday

Sam Houston at FIU, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
UTEP at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m., CBSSN

Wednesday

Liberty at Kennesaw State, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Middle Tennessee at Jacksonville State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

No. 8 LSU (5-1) at Arkansas (4-2), 6 p.m.
No. 9 Iowa St. (6-0) vs. Central Florida (3-3), 6:30 p.m.
No. 10 Clemson (5-1) vs. Virginia (4-2), 11 a.m.
No. 12 Notre Dame (5-1) vs. Georgia Tech (5-2) at Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.
No. 14 Texas A&M (5-1) at Mississippi St. (1-5), 3:15 p.m.
No. 16 Indiana (6-0) vs. Nebraska (5-1), 11 a.m.

No. 17 Kansas St. (5-1) at West Virginia (3-3), 6:30 p.m.
No. 19 Missouri (5-1) vs. Auburn (2-4), 11 a.m.
No. 21 SMU (5-1) at Stanford (2-4), 7 p.m.
No. 22 Illinois (5-1) vs. No. 24 Michigan (4-2), 2:30 p.m.
No. 23 Army (6-0) vs. East Carolina (3-3), 11 a.m.
No. 25 Navy (5-0) vs. Charlotte (3-3), 2:30 p.m.

ALABAMA VERSION

Alabama at Tennessee



Germie Bernard found Ryan Williams after scoring last week in Alabama's win over South Carolina. Bernard had his best game since transferring from Washington. [VASHA HUNT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

When: 2:45 p.m. Saturday

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

Records: No. 7 Alabama (5-1, 2-1 SEC),
No. 11 Tennessee (5-1, 2-1)

The series: Alabama leads 60-38-8.

Four-down territory

1. Can't stop it: Alabama's defense has been exploited several times, particularly with the shovel pass. Vanderbilt ran it twice and resulted in explosive plays.

South Carolina did the same last week. Alabama has no answer for it. "We're looking at the different ways they can do those plays and run those things so we can be prepared," Alabama defensive

coordinator Kane Wommack said. "Nobody is going to do it exactly the same way necessarily, but they're going

SEE ALABAMA, G5



Justice Haynes and the Alabama running game, since a 334-yard season opener, have struggled.
[PHOTOS BY VASHA HUNT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

ALABAMA

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to have their own nuance. It's a hard play that we've got to get prepared for."

2. Slow running: Except for the season opener (334 yards), the Tide's run game hasn't been very explosive. Alabama has 189 yards over the last two games and just once has the offense gone over 200 yards. The trio of Jalen Milroe, Jam Miller and Justice Haynes have combined for 167 attempts for 928 yards. The run game could take another hit against a Vols defense that gives up about 80 yards per game.

3. Scoring machines: It may not feel like it, but Alabama has one of the top scoring offenses in the country. The Crimson Tide is second in the SEC with 35 touchdowns, just one behind Ole Miss. Alabama is No. 10 in the nation in scoring offense, while Tennessee is one slot ahead at No. 9. The Vols have scored 31 touchdowns with 11 field goals. Alabama is 20-of-24 in red-zone scoring with 19 touchdowns while the Vols are 27-of-30 in the red zone with 14 TDs.

4. Streaky: The Alabama-Tennessee series is one of streaks. Four times in the rivalry Alabama has won seven straight or more games, including 15 in a row in the Nick Saban era. Tennessee has won four straight on four different occasions and had a seven-game win streak. "I've been told it's a big deal," first-year Alabama head coach Kalen DeBoer said. "I know it's a big deal. You see it from afar. I certainly understand the significance of the rivalry and the guys are going to be very

motivated to go out and do their best and prepare well and be great on Saturday."

Key matchup

Alabama TE CJ Dippre vs. Tennessee TE Miles Kitselman

It's the small things that the big men will do in this game that will make the difference. Dippre is a solid blocker and has 10 catches for 121 yards. The Vols have three solid tight ends, but Kitselman can make an impact. His six catches for 78 yards and two touchdowns lead the position group.

Player of the week

Germie Bernard, WR

The Washington transfer had his best game last week with four catches for 89 yards and a touchdown. He's become a solid No. 2 receiver and has come up with timely catches every week.

By the numbers

1: Miami of Ohio transfer and Lou Groza Award winner Graham Nicholson has attempted just two field goals this season with one make.

12: The Tide has forced 12 turnovers (six fumbles, six interceptions) in its first six games, the second-most in the SEC.

86: Alabama has an 86-80-1 all-time record against teams ranked in The Associated Press top 10 poll. Since Tennessee dropped from No. 8 to No. 11 due to needing overtime to beat Florida last week, that record faces no change this week.

1931: DeBoer is the first Alabama coach since Frank Thomas in 1931 to win five of his first six games in his inaugural season. Thomas' loss in that stretch was



Some Alabama fans will look to light up Saturday if the Crimson Tide beats Tennessee.

to Tennessee, and Alabama finished the season 9-1.

Prediction

Tennessee 24, Alabama 17

Alabama's expectations are always high, but it hasn't lived up to them this season. The offense is not consistent and

the defense has more holes than a fishing net. Facing a rival on the road is not the test you want given these team issues. If Alabama can't establish a run game, Tennessee will bring constant QB pressure and that doesn't bode well for Alabama.

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TENNESSEE VERSION

Alabama at Tennessee



Tennessee tight ends Ethan Davis and Miles Kitselman look for more touchdown celebrations this week against Alabama. [SCOTT KINSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

When: 2:45 p.m. Saturday

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

Records:No. 7 Alabama (5-1, 2-1 SEC),
No. 11 Tennessee (5-1, 2-1)

The series: Alabama leads 60-38-8.

Four-down territory

1. Flush it: The past two games have not been the best for Vols QB Nico Iamaleava. In a losing effort to Arkansas, he was 16-of-28 passing for 156

yards. In an overtime win against Florida, he was 16-of-26 for 169 yards and an interception. He's thrown one touchdown pass in his last three games. "You have to play the next

play independently. You have to play the next week independently," Tennessee coach Josh Heupel said. "He

SEE TENNESSEE, G7



Tennessee fans had a raucous celebration two years ago when the Vols ended a 15-game losing streak to Alabama. [WADE PAYNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

TENNESSEE

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hasn't played his best football the past few weeks. We have to prepare him to play the next play, the next game with an aggressive mentality."

2. It worked before: The Vols had lost 15 straight games to Alabama since 2007. Until 2022. That's the year Tennessee had an "Orange Out," with fans wearing all orange for the game. The Vols won with a field goal as time expired. The Vols are bringing back the "Orange Out" for this weekend's game. This will be the first "Orange Out" since the 2022 game with Alabama.

3. New tradition: A staple at the end of the third quarter in Neyland Stadium was the playing of Friends in Low Places by Garth Brooks. That changed last week against Florida with the introduction of "The Way I Talk" by Morgan Wallen. According to knoxnews.com, the plan was in the works since the summer. Wallen grew up near Knoxville and is a big Tennessee football fan.

4. Transplanted Southerners: Heupel and Alabama coach Kalen DeBoer share a common trait, other than being SEC coaches. Both are from South Dakota. Heupel was born in Aberdeen while DeBoer hails from Milbank. The two towns are about 100 miles apart. "There's not a lot of us from South Dakota," Heupel said. "Through his career, I've kept in contact with him and I have great respect for him and how he handles himself."

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Player of game

Squirrel White, WR

White was a big leader last week with five catches for 71 yards. In last year's game with Alabama, White led the Vols with 10 catches for 111 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown. He'll be needed for more big plays this time, too.

By the numbers

2: Opponents are averaging 2.24 yards per rush against Tennessee, which is second in the nation.

3: The Alabama series is the third-longest in Tennessee history (106 games) behind Kentucky (119) and Vanderbilt (117).

4: Tennessee has lost just four times at Neyland Stadium under Heupel (24-4). The Vols lost to Georgia last year, and to Pittsburgh, Ole Miss and Georgia in 2021.

64: Tennessee has allowed 64 points, the fewest point total through the first six games of a UT season since 64 in 1972. The Vols' sixth game that season was a 17-10 home loss to Alabama. Tennessee didn't lose again, using a six-game winning streak, capped by an Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl victory over LSU, to finish 10-2.



Tennessee quarterback Nico Iamaleava has struggled in his last two games. So have the Vols.

Prediction

Tennessee 24, Alabama 17

Tennessee and Alabama have mirrored each other the last two weeks. Both lost games they should have won and both rallied past another team it shouldn't have struggled against. Tennessee looks to be the more consistent

team when it comes to defense, which is what this game will come down to in the end. Tennessee has issues on offense, but can work out the kinks against an Alabama defense that has no identity.

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Auburn at Missouri

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV/radio: ESPN/FM-94.9

Records: Auburn (2-4, 0-3 SEC), No. 19 Missouri (5-1, 1-1)

The series: Auburn leads 3-1.

Four-down territory

1. A good bye: After three straight losses, the bye week was a welcome sight for Auburn. The Tigers used the extra week to try and patch the leaks of a ship that's taking on a lot of water. "We spent a lot of time last week looking at what we think needs to be done in order for us to (get better) because we've got a very difficult schedule ahead," coach Hugh Freeze said. "Two games on the road at two teams that are playing really, really good football. That starts at Missouri."

2. Failure to finish: In the last three games, Auburn averaged 16 points and was outscored 37-17 in the fourth quarter. That's hardly winning football. Overall, Auburn has been outscored 45-40 in the final quarter. Auburn was much better in nonconference play (28-13) but has been dreadful in league games. It might not get better against Missouri, which has given up just two touchdowns in the fourth quarter in six games.

3. Not friendly: The price of having to play five straight home games to open the season is playing three straight on the road. Auburn is in the middle of that brutal road stretch and faces a Missouri team that's unbeaten at home and has outscored opponents 146-48. Missouri is the fourth-best scoring defense in the SEC, allowing 15 points per game.

4. Give him the ball: Jarquez Hunter has 528 yards rushing with three touchdowns. He's averaging 88 yards per game, which is more than what he averaged last season (79). Still, Freeze sees a need to give Hunter more touches. He's got 78 carries but had just 13 against Georgia. "We need to get it to him more," Freeze said. "The frustrating thing is on our short-yardage plays, they were not executed to where he touches it. We have to get that corrected."

Key matchup

Auburn LB Jalen McLeod vs. Missouri LB Khalil Jacobs

Getting pressure on the QB has to



Auburn running back Jarquez Hunter, who averages 88 yards per game, needs more carries, coach Hugh Freeze says. [BUTCH DILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

be a priority for both teams. The more uncomfortable they are in the pocket, the better the chances of victory. McLeod leads Auburn with five sacks and has 25 tackles. Jacobs has a pair of sacks with 14 overall tackles and two QB hurries.

Player of the week

Keldric Faulk, DE

The sophomore is 14th in the nation with five sacks, is seventh in the SEC with seven tackles for loss and has 26 tackles overall. He's the player who kick-starts the Auburn defense and will

be called on early to ignite the Tigers.

By the numbers

1: Auburn leads the SEC and ranks fourth nationally in yards per completion (15.79).

10: Malcolm Simmons' 18 receptions for 260 yards ranks 10th among Auburn's all-time freshmen in receiving yardage.

13: Auburn is 13th nationally in red-zone defense (.700).

148: Auburn has scored in 148 consecutive games, the second-longest streak in school history. The record is 149.

Prediction

Missouri 28, Auburn 21

The Auburn program is not in a good space right now. It's so bad that the Tigers are down there with Mississippi State. A win goes a long way to stop the bleeding, but a fourth straight loss sends this team into a tailspin. There are no easy answers, and while the bye week was needed, it won't help Auburn fix most of the issues. Consistency has to be the norm for Auburn and silly miscues can't be tolerated anymore.

— Edwin Stanton

This week's SEC, state games

South Carolina at Oklahoma

When: 11:45 a.m. Saturday

TV: SECN

Records: South Carolina (3-3, 1-3 SEC), Oklahoma (4-2, 1-2)

The series: First meeting.

The lowdown: Carolina has lost three of its last four after last week's 27-25 loss at Alabama. ... The Sooners, after last week's 34-3 humbling at the hands of Texas, fell out of the AP Top 25 for the first time in 23 polls. ... OU, which lost its last home game 25-15 to Tennessee, has dropped consecutive home games just once over the last 25 years. In 2014. No. 14 Kansas State won 31-30 and No. 10 Baylor 48-14. ... Starting in 1999, Oklahoma is 24-1 in games immediately following their rivalry showdown with Texas. ... Though the Sooners have never met the Gamecocks, OU coach Brent Venables went 7-2 against them as Clemson's defensive coordinator. ... Carolina coach Shane Beamer was Oklahoma's assistant head coach 2018-20, helping the Sooners go 33-6 with three Big 12 titles and two playoff berths. ... However, this is the second time South Carolina has played in the state of Oklahoma. The Gamecocks won 27-7 at Tulsa in 1948.

UAB at South Florida

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: UAB (1-5, 0-3 American), South Florida (2-4, 0-2)

The series: UAB leads 2-1.

The lowdown: UAB, already with one of the most atrocious rushing defenses in the land, showed it in last week's 44-10 loss at Army. The Black Knights trampled the Blazers to the tune of 413 yards rushing with five touchdowns. ... The Blazers "fell" 18 yards short of a school record for rushing defense futility. It was the second time Army has rushed for 400 this season. ... USF is celebrating homecoming after moving last week's "home" game to Orlando due to Hurricane Milton. ... The Bulls lost 21-3 to Memphis, scoring on Nico Gramatica's 52-yard field goal to end the first half. ... USF is no Army. The Bulls ran for 24 yards against Memphis and had 258 yards offense. ... South Florida ranks 104th in the 133-team FBS in total offense. UAB has the No. 95 defense. ... The Blazers are down to 132nd in rushing defense. They



Sir Big Spur VII tries to cool down, the same direction South Carolina's season is going. [VASH HUNT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

allow 14 yards less than Kent State.

No. 14 Texas A&M at Mississippi State

When: 3:15 p.m. Saturday

TV: SECN

Records: Texas A&M (5-1, 3-0 SEC), Mississippi State (1-5, 0-3)

The series: Mississippi State leads 9-8.

The lowdown: Mississippi State is playing its third straight top-15 opponent. The Bulldogs have lost five straight, including to No. 1 Texas 35-13 and No. 5 Georgia 41-31 in its last two outings. ... Conner Weigman, after missing three games with a shoulder injury, was 18-of-22 passing for 276 yards in A&M's 41-10 roasting of Missouri two weeks ago. ... A&M kicker Randy Bond, after an 11-point day against Missouri, has scored 54 points this year, making 11 field goals. ... Mississippi State's 31 points at Georgia marked the first time since 2016 that Georgia had given up 30 at home. ... MSU true freshman Michael Van Buren, in his second career start, threw for 306 yards and three touchdowns at Georgia. ... The



SEE SEC, G10 Army's run game did plenty to embarrass UAB last week. [ARMY ATHLETICS]



Mississippi State might need some extra help when it gets ready to face its third top-15 opponent. [JASON ALLEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Will LSU be kindly handing an opponent a dramatic “L” for the second straight week? [MATTHEW HINTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

SEC
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Aggies beat Mississippi State 51-10 last year.

No. 8 LSU at Arkansas

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN
Records: LSU (5-1, 2-0 SEC), Arkansas (4-2, 2-1)
The series: LSU leads 44-23-2.

The lowdown: The last four LSU-Arkansas games were each decided by three points, including overtime in 2021. ... The Tigers have won seven of the last eight meetings, losing only in 2021. ... Arkansas, after beating then-No. 4 Tennessee 19-14 in its last game, is hosting a second straight top-10 foe for the first time in school history. ... With a win, the Razorbacks will have two top-10 wins for the first time since 1965 and just the third time in school history. They also did it in 1964. ... Hogs quarterback Taylen Green has averaged 199.5 total yards per game and has accounted for 20 of Arkansas’ 25 offensive touchdowns. ... Garrett Nussmeier was clutch in LSU’s 23-16 overtime win over Ole Miss last week. He finished 22-of-51 for 337 yards and three touchdowns. ... Nussmeier led a 13-play, 75-yard TD drive that ended with 27 seconds left in regulation. On a fourth-and-5 play, he threw a 23-yard TD pass to Aaron Anderson ... On LSU’s first overtime play, Nussmeier threw to Kyren Lacy for a walkoff 25-yard touchdown.



Diego Pavia and Vanderbilt had Kentucky fans feeling blue about the Wildcats last week. [VANDERBILT ATHLETICS]

Ball State at Vanderbilt

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Ball State (2-4), Vanderbilt (4-2)
The series: First meeting.

The lowdown: Vanderbilt’s 4-2 start is its best since winning five of its first six in 2008. ... The Commodores are seeking their first three-game win streak since 2017. They’re seeking their first three-game win streak vs. FBS competition since ending 2013 with five straight. ... The Commodores, in last week’s 20-13 win at Kentucky, opened with a

season-long 97-yard drive. ... Vandy’s 13 points allowed was the fewest allowed in an SEC game since 2018’s 38-13 win over Tennessee. ... Vandy quarterback Diego Pavia was 15-of-18 passing for 143 yards and two touchdowns. He has multiple TD passes in four straight games. ... Ball State snapped a four-game skid with last week’s 37-35 win at Kent State. ... The Cardinals are 0-14 all-time vs. current Southeastern Conference teams. Missouri and Auburn have taken three bites of the apple and Kentucky two. Most recently, they lost to Kentucky 44-14 and Georgia 45-3 to open 2023. ... Vandy

and Ball State agreed to a game after Army canceled on Ball State last year.

No. 5 Georgia at No. 1 Texas

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ABC
Records: Georgia (5-1, 3-1 SEC), Texas (6-0, 2-0)
The series: Texas leads 4-1.

The lowdown: UGA ventures to Austin for just the second time in school history. In 1958, the Longhorns beat the Bulldogs 13-8. ... Four of the previous five meetings were at neutral sites. They played in the January 1949 Orange Bowl, the January 1984 Cotton Bowl and the January 2019 Sugar Bowl. In September 1957, they played in Atlanta. ... Georgia’s only win over UT was 10-9 in the 1984 Cotton Bowl, spoiling the second-ranked Longhorns’ hopes of a perfect, national-championship season. ... This is the third top-5 matchup at Texas Memorial Stadium. In 1970, No. 1 Texas beat No. 4 Arkansas 42-7. In 2006, No. 1 Ohio State downed No. 2 Texas 24-7. ... The Longhorns, with last week’s 34-3 whipping of Oklahoma, are 6-0 for the first time since 2009. ... The Bulldogs squeezed past Mississippi State 41-31 last week with Carson Beck 36-of-48 passing for 459 yards and three touchdowns. The 459 yards were a career high. The 36 completions tied a Georgia school record.

Kentucky at Florida

When: 6:45 p.m. Saturday



The last time Texas started 6-0, Colt McCoy was the Longhorns' quarterback. That season ended with a national championship loss to Alabama. [MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Tre Stewart helped Jacksonville State run away from New Mexico State last week. [JACKSONVILLE STATE ATHLETICS]

SEC

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TV: SECN

Records: Kentucky (3-3, 1-3 SEC), Florida (3-3, 1-2)

The series: Florida leads 53-21.

The lowdown: Florida quarterback Graham Mertz will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury suffered in last week's 23-17 overtime loss at Tennessee. He's a sixth-year senior. ... Freshman DJ Lagway, who had shared time with Mertz, will have fulltime duties. Lagway was 9-of-17 passing for 98 yards, a touchdown and an interception against the Vols. ... His touchdown came with 29 seconds remaining, a 27-yard strike to Chimere Dike that forced overtime. ... The Wildcats, after notching a top-10 victory at Ole Miss the week before, fell 20-13 at home to Vanderbilt last weekend. ... UK's Dane Key has at least seven catches in three straight games. He's the first Wildcat to do that in three years. ... Key has 1,607 career receiving yards and is 55 yards shy of passing Randall Cobb for eighth on the school's all-time list. ... UK has won three straight vs. the Gators. The Wildcats have just one four-game win streak in the series. That was 1948-51. ... The Gators are 71-26-2 all-time in homecoming games, winning 29 of their last 34.

Middle Tennessee at Jacksonville State

When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

TV: ESPN2



DJ Lagway will get the chance to be Florida's starting quarterback going forward. [JOHN RAOUX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Records: MTSU (2-5, 1-2 Conference USA), Jacksonville State (3-3, 2-0)

The series: Middle Tennessee leads 18-3-2.

The lowdown: Jacksonville State, among current FBS programs, has played Middle Tennessee more than anyone except Troy/Troy State. While the Gamecocks and Blue Raiders are meeting for the 24th time, JSU has 63 meetings with the Trojans, most

recently 2001. ... The Gamecocks are playing their third of this year's four midweek, nationally televised games. This is their third consecutive Wednesday game. ... On Oct. 9, Tre Stewart ran for 118 yards and two touchdowns, part of JSU's 334 yards rushing and five touchdowns in a 54-13 win over New Mexico State. ... The 41-point margin was the second largest of JSU's FBS era. ... Muscle Shoals' Logan

Smothers scored Jacksonville State's final touchdown on a 72-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter. ... The Gamecocks have won three straight. ... MTSU is playing a third straight midweek game. ... The Raiders snapped a five-game losing streak with Tuesday's 14-5 win over Kennesaw State.

— A. Stacy Long

Texas' dominant defense faces big test

By Jim Vertuno

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — By any measure, from the official statistics to the informal eye test, top-ranked Texas' defense has been dominant.

The Longhorns rank No. 1 in total defense and scoring defense. They are top 10 in first downs allowed, tackles for loss and passing yards. Much of that is built against opponents starting former walk-on quarterbacks (Michigan) and freshmen (Mississippi State and Oklahoma).

But the level of quarterback play Texas will face, in both talent and experience, is about to get much better over the second half of the season.

Texas hosts No. 5 Georgia on Saturday night in the first matchup of top-five teams in Austin since 2006, before playing the next week at Vanderbilt. Bulldogs senior Carson Beck was a preseason first-team Associated Press All-America pick, and standout Vanderbilt transfer Diego Pavia has carried the Commodores to a surprising 4-2 start, including a historic win over then-No. 1 Alabama.

Quite simply, Texas hasn't defended this caliber of quarterback all season.

Beck is a player on the doorstep of the NFL, Texas coach Steve Sarkisian said.

"There's nothing in the throw game (Beck) can't do," Sarkisian said. "He's played enough football now, too. It's kind of hard to confuse guys when they've played that much football."

Texas (6-0, 2-0 SEC) has allowed just one team to pass for more than 200 yards this season. Beck passed for 459 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions last week in a 41-31 win over Mississippi State. His 36 completions tied a Georgia record.

Even when Beck struggled early in Georgia's loss to Alabama, he rallied the Bulldogs to a late fourth-quarter lead. He finished with 439 yards in the loss where Georgia's rally ended with an Alabama interception in the end zone in the final minute.

Sarkisian recruited Beck when the Texas coach was an assistant at Alabama. Beck had initially committed to the Crimson Tide before switching to Georgia.

Beck is 18-2 in his career as a starter, and 6-2 against top-20 opponents.



Linebacker Anthony Hill Jr. is a major reason Texas has allowed just three touchdowns this season. [ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

The Bulldogs (5-1, 3-1) will need another exceptional game from him Saturday. A second SEC loss could threaten any chance of playing for the SEC championship and raise the alarms on the College Football Playoff as well.

Texas has all but overwhelmed opposing quarterbacks so far.

In last week's 34-3 thrashing of rival Oklahoma, the Longhorns sacked Sooners freshman quarterback Michael Hawkins Jr. five times and held him to 27 yards on 20 carries. Texas allowed just 225 total yards.

Hawkins was the first Sooners freshman to start at quarterback against the Longhorns in the 120-year history of the rivalry and was quickly swallowed up by a relentless pass rush.

By the numbers, the Longhorns

program is on pace for a historic season. Sarkisian has said his favorite stat is points allowed, which is not many.

Texas has surrendered only three touchdowns all season. Opponents have snatched four turnovers inside Texas territory, but none have produced points.

That ability to snuff momentum can drain an opponent, Sarkisian said.

"We're so composed as a defense," Texas safety Michael Taaffe said. "We're so confident, that no matter what happens, everything is going to be all right."

The only time Texas has trailed this season was a 3-0 early deficit against Oklahoma. Several Longhorns starters were still on the field when the Sooners' final drive stalled at the Texas 6-yard-line as the game ended.

The stars emerging for the Longhorns

have been second-year linebacker Anthony Hill Jr. and freshman edge rusher Colin Simmons.

Hill leads the team in total tackles (42), sacks (4 ½) and tackles for loss (8 ½). His sideline-to-sideline speed and move this season from the edge to the middle of the Texas defense has drawn comparisons to former Longhorns All-American Derrick Johnson 20 years ago.

Simmons has four sacks and 7 ½ tackles for loss, second on the team in both categories.

"Size, speed," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said in summing up the Texas defense.

"They're the complete package on defense," Smart said. "The consistency you watch them play with, it reminds me of some of our best teams here."

Longhorns focusing on bigger trophies

By Stephen Hawkins
The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Texas Longhorns are perfect halfway through their first season in the Southeastern Conference and have plans for that coveted trophy they got back with another rout over their Red River rival that switched leagues with them.

“Two years ago when we won the Golden Hat, you might have thought we won the Super Bowl,” fourth-year Longhorns coach Steve Sarkisian said after a 34-3 win Saturday over now-unranked Oklahoma.

“This year was like, OK, we got the Golden Hat back, but let’s put it in the trophy case and let’s keep grinding, let’s keep going. So I think that’s the mentality of our team.”

At 6-0 for the first time since 2009, when finishing as the national runner-up, No. 1 Texas has itself on track for even bigger trophies a year after making the College Football Playoff for the first time as the Big 12 champion.

These Longhorns already have a win this season at defending national champion Michigan. They went home from the State Fair of Texas for next Saturday’s game against No. 5 Georgia (5-1, 3-1 SEC), the back-to-back champs before the Wolverines took the crown.

“The journey is far from over,” said Sarkisian, whose teams have won 18 of 20 games since going 13-12 his first two seasons.

Receiving 56 of 62 first-place votes Sunday, Texas strengthened its hold on No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll. That was four more first-place votes than last week and their most since being the unanimous No. 1 in October 2008.

“The first half of the season, I don’t see a lot teams that have played as well in all three phases as they have,” Oklahoma coach Brent Venables said when asked about the Longhorns as a No. 1 team. He was part of national titles as defensive coordinator with the Sooners and Clemson.

“They’ve got a good team and they’re good in the right places: quarterback, offensive line and they’ve got explosive playmakers. They’ve got a really good defense, and they’ve got good experience,” he said. “So a veteran team



Quarterback Quinn Ewers and the Texas Longhorns say last weekend's Golden Hat Trophy, spoils of a victory over Oklahoma, is hopefully their first of many honors. (JEFFREY MCWHORTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

that’s got good players.”

This is their fourth poll this season on top, the most for the Longhorns in a single season since 1977, when they were undefeated for the final six polls of the regular season before a loss to Joe Montana-led Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

Texas has allowed only 38 points, the fewest through six games since 30 during the 1964 season, when the only loss was to national champion Alabama in the Orange Bowl. Two of the three touchdowns against the Longhorns have come late in games that were already decided.

Quarterback Quinn Ewers was back

from an abdomen strain after standout redshirt freshman Arch Manning won both of his starts. After the Longhorns had 13 yards on 10 plays without a first down in the first quarter against Oklahoma, they finished with 406 total yards. Ewers threw for 199 yards with the go-ahead touchdown and had a 1-yard scoring run.

The Longhorns’ plus-221 points differential is their highest through six games since 1915. They have trailed only once this season, for less than four minutes before Ewers’ 7-yard TD to tight end Gunnar Helm on the drive after Oklahoma’s field goal for a 3-0 lead.

As for the defense, Sarkisian said it has “assumed a real kind of swagger” and confidence. And it’s a unit that doesn’t seem satisfied even when leading the nation, allowing only 6.3 points and 229.7 total yards per game.

“Our best ball is yet to come,” junior cornerback Michael Taaffe said confidently after the 120th Red River game. “Everybody around outside the locker room might say, ‘Wow, this is such a complete defense.’ But everybody in the locker room knows that the offense gets after our butt a lot during the week of practice. ... That gives us the confidence, the preparation.”

COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Oct. 12 games)									
American Athletic Conference									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Army		5	0	196	52	6	0	238	59
Navy		3	0	135	73	5	0	218	101
North Texas		2	0	93	57	5	1	245	198
Tulane		2	0	116	30	4	2	255	131
Charlotte		2	0	76	44	3	3	144	190
Memphis		1	1	65	59	5	1	187	95
East Carolina		1	1	54	75	3	3	159	148
Rice		1	2	63	85	2	4	153	159
FAU		0	2	44	65	2	4	147	159
South Florida		0	2	13	66	2	4	141	185
Tulsa		0	2	27	101	2	4	146	222
UTSA		0	2	47	59	2	4	137	187
Temple		0	2	25	80	1	5	113	217
UAB		0	3	48	156	1	5	122	228

Atlantic Coast Conference									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Clemson		4	0	177	76	5	1	246	130
Miami		2	0	77	72	6	0	286	113
Pittsburgh		2	0	51	39	6	0	245	141
SMU		2	0	76	43	5	1	245	134
Syracuse		2	1	79	71	5	1	203	148
Louisville		2	1	82	73	4	2	217	118
Virginia		2	1	75	68	4	2	165	132
Georgia Tech		3	2	136	131	5	2	230	150
Duke		1	1	35	44	5	1	158	105
Boston College		1	1	42	37	4	2	163	103
Virginia Tech		1	1	65	45	3	3	183	136
Stanford		1	2	47	95	2	4	122	185
Wake Forest		1	2	78	110	2	4	167	204
Florida St.		1	4	77	132	1	5	89	152
California		0	3	62	70	3	3	145	107
NC State		0	3	82	117	3	4	184	226
North Carolina		0	3	78	96	3	4	230	213

Big 12 Conference									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
BYU		3	0	113	56	6	0	206	98
Iowa St.		3	0	91	37	6	0	184	66
Texas Tech		3	0	102	85	5	1	236	194
Arizona St.		2	1	84	80	5	1	193	138
Kansas St.		2	1	82	86	5	1	188	126
Cincinnati		2	1	94	57	4	2	186	121
Colorado		2	1	114	83	4	2	183	146
West Virginia		2	1	86	70	3	3	181	156
Utah		1	2	51	69	4	2	161	102
Arizona		1	2	64	79	3	3	154	159
TCU		1	2	91	92	3	3	212	185
UCF		1	2	69	101	3	3	184	142
Houston		1	2	30	73	2	4	82	123
Oklahoma St.		0	3	53	102	3	3	181	163
Baylor		0	3	80	115	2	4	168	144
Kansas		0	3	86	105	1	5	171	154

Big Sky Conference									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Montana St.		3	0	130	41	7	0	289	116
UC Davis		3	0	111	62	6	1	216	150
Montana		2	1	131	124	5	2	289	212
Weber St.		2	1	115	85	3	4	199	165
E. Washington		1	1	84	80	2	4	198	219
Idaho		1	2	56	83	4	3	155	157
Idaho St.		1	2	96	117	3	4	227	245
N. Arizona		1	2	71	70	3	4	206	153
Cal Poly		1	2	76	104	2	4	135	186
Portland St.		1	2	84	108	1	5	158	279
N. Colorado		1	2	45	100	1	6	98	238
Sacramento St.		0	2	44	69	2	4	166	164

Big South-OVC Association									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
SE Missouri		3	0	117	72	6	1	227	131
Tennessee St.		3	1	92	70	5	2	177	171
UT Martin		2	1	122	79	4	3	219	192
L'wood (Mo.)		2	1	77	63	3	4	171	173
Tennessee Tech		2	1	79	69	2	4	127	171
W. Illinois		1	1	48	65	2	4	149	279
Gardner-Webb		0	2	38	87	1	5	132	169
Chas. Southern		0	3	43	73	1	5	88	153
E. Illinois		0	3	69	107	1	6	110	234

Big Ten Conference									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Indiana		3	0	125	65	6	0	285	89
Oregon		3	0	97	54	6	0	207	116
Penn St.		3	0	81	48	6	0	205	87
Illinois		2	1	88	94	5	1	186	120
Nebraska		2	1	66	48	5	1	168	68
Ohio St.		2	1	104	46	5	1	261	66
Iowa		2	1	78	65	4	2	175	106



Oklahoma fans endured a long day last weekend with a 34-3 loss to Texas. [JEFFREY MCWHORTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Michigan		2	1	71	75	4	2	141	134
Wisconsin		2	2	115	51	4	2	180	120
Minnesota		2	2	83	92	4	3	175	111
Washington		2	2	85	83	4	3	169	119
Rutgers		1	2	35	74	4	2	154	121
Michigan St.		1	2	44	93	3	3	119	126
Northwestern		1	2	66	75	3	3	130	114
Southern Cal		1	3	109	105	3	3	184	125
Maryland		0	3	62	106	3	3	177	146
Purdue		0	3	65	130	1	5	142	234
UCLA		0	4	54	124	1	5	87	171

Coastal Athletic Association									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Delaware		3	0	128	69	6	0	254	108
Rhode Island		2	0	67	53	5	1	146	160
Villanova		2	0	56	37	5	1	152	105
New Hampshire		2	0	55	27	4	2	147	138
Richmond		2	0	47	34	4	2	155	118
Stony Brook		1	1	48	59	4	2	137	138
William & Mary		1	1	76	41	4	2	200	133
Albany (N.Y.)		1	1	44	51	3	3	129	172
Monmouth (N.J.)		1	1	86	64	3	3	256	209
Towson		1	1	47	41	3	3	133	152
Maine		1	2	77	115	3	3	144	185
Hampton		0	2	51	95	3	3	176	173
Bryant		0	2	34	62	2	4	136	205
Campbell		0	2	26	45	2	4	132	188
Elon		0	2	27	44	1	5	102	147
NC A&T		0	2	30	62	1	5	119	238

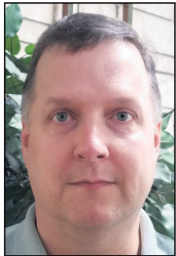
Conference USA									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Liberty		3	0	89	58	5	0	165	106
Sam Houston St.		2	0	72	32	5	1	191	143
W. Kentucky		2	0	93	38	4	2	170	143

Jacksonville St.		2	0	117	37	3	3	236	185
Louisiana Tech		1	1	58	38	2	3	123	108
FIU		1	1	41	41	2	4	162	171
Kennesaw St.		0	1	24	63	0	5	73	180
Middle Tenn.		0	2	42	97	1	5	101	243
New Mexico St.		0	3	48	115	1	5	111	229
UTEP		0	3	48	113	0	6	96	207

Ivy League									
		Conference			All Games				
		WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Dartmouth		2	0	64	60	4	0	125	87
Columbia		1	0	34	17	3	1	106	63
Brown		1	0	31	28	2	2	113	115
Harvard		1	1	66	51	3	1	129	74
Cornell		1	1	67	61	1	3	101	133
Penn		0	1	17	20	2	2	97	87
Princeton		0	1	17	34	1	3	74	116
Yale		0	2	66	91	2	2	127	144

Mid-American Conference									
East									
	Conference				All Games				
	WL	PF	PA		WL	PF	PA		
Buffalo	2	0	53	35	4	2	120	136	
Ohio	2	0	57	35	4	2	133	140	
Bowling Green	1	1	34	37	2	4	149	144	
Miami (Ohio)	1	1	58	44	2	4	106	132	
Kent St.	0	2	68	89	0	6	109	294	
Akron	0	3	54	91	1	6	115	262	
West									
W. Michigan	2	0	79	66	3	3	172	208	
E. Michigan	1	1	66	71	4	2	176	149	
N. Illinois	1	1	37	30	4	2	158	103	
Toledo	1	1	45	50	4	2	194	126	
Cent. Michigan	1	1	62	61	3	3	175	174	
Ball St.	1	2	113	117	2	4	162	276	

PICKS
PANEL



STACY
LONG

Alabama at Tennessee
Auburn at Missouri
Georgia at Texas
LSU at Arkansas
Kentucky at Florida
South Carolina at Oklahoma
Michigan at Illinois
Florida State at Duke
Colorado at Arizona
Oklahoma State at BYU

Last week

Season record

Alabama
Missouri
Texas
LSU
Kentucky
Oklahoma
Michigan
Duke
Arizona
BYU

6-4

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DAVID
GLOVACH

Alabama
Missouri
Texas
LSU
Kentucky
Oklahoma
Illinois
Duke
Arizona
BYU

7-3

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GREGG
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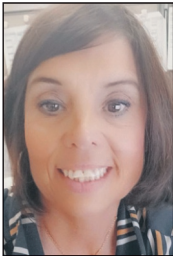


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MARA BETH
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Colorado
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RENITA
JIMMAR

Tennessee
Missouri
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Florida State
Arizona
BYU

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CALEB
SUGGS

Alabama
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Texas
LSU
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Oklahoma
Michigan
Duke
Colorado
Oklahoma State

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FBS LEADERS

RUSHING YARDS

	No.	Yards	TDs	YPC
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	126	1,248	17	9.9
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	118	937	12	7.9
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina	155	901	7	5.8
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	108	786	2	7.3
Cam Skattebo, Arizona St.	133	773	8	5.8
Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	135	739	7	5.5
Bryson Daily, Army West Point	107	738	14	6.9
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	118	699	15	5.9
RJ Harvey, UCF	108	694	9	6.4
Jonah Coleman, Washington	99	681	5	6.9
Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	124	679	7	5.5
Micah Bernard, Utah	103	676	2	6.6
Marquez Cooper, San Diego St.	151	670	6	4.4
Jordan James, Oregon	111	667	6	6.0
Anthony Hankerson, Oregon St.	129	639	12	5.0
Henry Parrish Jr., Ole Miss	105	612	9	5.8
Le'Veon Moss, Texas A&M	88	609	6	6.9
Bhayskul Tuten, Virginia Tech	107	605	9	5.7
Makhi Hughes, Tulane	109	604	7	5.5
Phil Mafah, Clemson	87	604	4	6.9
Anthony Tyus III, Ohio	104	595	4	5.7
Savion Red, Nevada	86	593	7	6.9
Kalel Mullings, Michigan	91	589	6	6.5
Rahsul Faison, Utah St.	108	587	3	5.4
Devin Neal, Kansas	100	584	5	5.8
Woody Marks, Southern California	101	579	4	5.7

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	C	A	I	Yds.	TDs	Effic.
Kurtis Rourke, Indiana	118	160	2	1,752	14	192.1
Jalen Milroe, Alabama	96	132	4	1,483	12	191.0
Cameron Ward, Miami (Fla.)	148	214	5	2,219	20	182.4
Jaxson Dart, Ole Miss	151	215	3	2,384	14	182.1
Thomas Castellanos, Boston Col.	67	100	4	983	12	181.2
Will Howard, Ohio St.	121	165	3	1,574	14	177.8
Drew Allar, Penn St.	103	146	4	1,492	11	175.8
Joe Fagnano, UConn	57	98	3	999	11	174.7
Darian Mensah, Tulane	84	127	2	1,256	10	172.1
Diego Pavia, Vanderbilt	85	123	1	1,116	10	170.5
Dillon McCloud, Texas St.	142	199	5	1,718	19	170.4
Dylan Gabriel, Oregon	153	201	3	1,790	13	169.3
Evan Bullock, Louisiana Tech	48	68	0	557	6	168.5
Luke Altmeyer, Illinois	111	164	1	1,426	14	167.7
Cade Klubnik, Clemson	123	184	2	1,528	17	164.9
Shedeur Sanders, Colorado	172	237	4	2,018	17	164.4
Graham Mertz, Florida	72	94	2	791	6	164.1
Will Rogers, Washington	153	212	2	1,820	13	162.6
Tyler Shough, Louisville	116	183	3	1,674	14	162.2
Gio Lopez, South Alabama	95	150	1	1,308	12	161.7
Caden Veltkamp, Western Ky.	94	135	5	1,147	11	160.5
Rocco Becht, Iowa St.	105	158	3	1,438	10	160.0
Carson Beck, Georgia	142	209	5	1,818	15	159.9



Indiana's Kurtis Rourke [KYUSUNG GONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

RECEIVING YARDS

	Rec.	Yards	TDs	YPC
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	59	987	6	16.7
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	62	806	10	13.0
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	42	742	4	17.7
Tai Felton, Maryland	55	719	5	13.1
Jack Bech, TCU	39	702	7	18.0
Harold Fannin Jr., Bowling Green	50	702	5	14.0
Jalen Royals, Utah St.	44	646	5	14.7
Travis Hunter, Colorado	49	587	6	12.0
Xavier Restrepo, Miami (Fla.)	32	585	5	18.3
Ryan Williams, Alabama	23	576	6	25.0
Omari Kelly, Middle Tenn.	32	574	3	17.9
Ja'Corey Brooks, Louisville	30	572	6	19.1
Kaedin Robinson, App State	39	565	0	14.5
Mac Dalena, Fresno St.	26	562	4	21.6
De'Zhaun Stribling, Oklahoma St.	29	556	4	19.2
Devonte Ross, Troy	31	555	7	17.9
Jeremiah Smith, Ohio St.	32	553	7	17.3
Andrew Armstrong, Arkansas	38	552	0	14.5
Giles Jackson, Washington	47	542	2	11.5
Jakobie Keeney-James, UMass	29	542	3	18.7
Malachi Fields, Virginia	37	541	3	14.6
Adrian Norton, Akron	28	541	3	19.3
Denzel Boston, Washington	40	540	9	13.5



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SCORING

	TDs	XP	2-pt.	FG	Def.	Pts.
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	18	0	0	0	0	108
Bryson Daily, Tennessee	15	0	0	0	0	90
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	14	0	0	0	0	84
Anthony Hankerson, Oregon St.	10	0	0	0	0	72
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	13	0	0	0	0	78
Caden Davis, Ole Miss	0	35	0	13	0	74
Max Gilbert, Tennessee	12	0	0	0	0	72
Caden Chittenden, UNLV	0	29	0	13	0	68
RJ Harvey, UCF	11	0	1	0	0	68
Jalen Milroe, Alabama	11	0	0	0	0	66
Tre Stewart, Jacksonville St.	11	0	0	0	0	66
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	10	0	1	0	0	62
Blake Craig, Missouri	0	22	0	13	0	61
Blake Horvath, Navy	0	28	0	11	0	61
Collin Rogers, SMU	0	22	0	13	0	61
Blake Horvath, Navy	10	0	0	0	0	60
Nolan Hauser, Clemson	0	30	0	10	0	60
Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas	10	0	0	0	0	60
Bhayskul Tuten, Virginia Tech	10	0	0	0	0	60
Kenneth Almendares, Louisiana	0	22	0	12	0	58
Ben Sauls, Pittsburgh	0	28	0	10	0	58
Tyler Loop, Arizona	0	14	0	14	0	56
Brock Taylor, Vanderbilt	0	23	0	11	0	56

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

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

	Rush	Rec	Punt	Ret	KO	INT	Misc.	Total
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	1,248	39	0	0	0	0	0	1,287
Omarion Hampton, N. Carolina	901	135	0	0	0	0	0	1,036
Cam Skattebo, Arizona St.	773	250	0	0	0	0	0	1,023
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	937	53	0	0	0	0	0	990
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	0	987	0	0	0	0	0	987
RJ Harvey, UCF	694	195	0	37	0	0	0	926
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	786	129	0	0	0	0	0	915
Desmond Reid, Pittsburgh	494	341	78	0	0	0	0	913
Brashard Smith, SMU	561	138	-2	128	0	0	0	825
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	0	806	0	0	0	0	0	806
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	699	88	0	0	0	0	0	787
Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	739	31	0	0	0	0	0	770
Woody Marks, Southern Cal	579	189	0	0	0	0	0	768
Jalen Royals, Utah St.	3	646	0	116	0	0	0	765
Devonte Ross, Troy	11	555	108	80	0	0	0	754
Jaden Nixon, Western Mich.	505	53	0	191	0	0	0	749
Isaac Brown, Louisville	508	92	9	136	0	0	0	745
Jack Bech, TCU	7	702	34	0	0	0	0	743
Micah Bernard, Utah	676	67	0	0	0	0	0	743
Tai Felton, Maryland	23	719	0	0	0	0	0	742
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	0	742	0	0	0	0	0	742
Harold Fannin Jr., Bowling Green	37	702	0	0	0	0	0	739
Bryson Daily, Army	738	0	0	0	0	0	0	738
Ismail Mahdi, Texas St.	507	90	0	140	0	0	0	737
Jordan James, Oregon	667	67	0	0	0	0	0	734
Marquez Cooper, San Diego St.	670	58	0	0	0	0	0	728
Jamaal Pritchett, South Alabama	0	532	196	0	0	0	0	728

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

TACKLES

	Solo	Asst	Total	TPG
Shaun Dolac, Buffalo	47	40	87	14.5
Travion Barnes, FIU	39	31	70	11.7
Trey Rucker, Oklahoma St.	40	29	69	11.5
Nick Andersen, Wake Forest	34	35	69	11.5
Red Murdock, Buffalo	33	33	66	11.0
Bryan McCoy, Akron	26	39	65	9.3
Carson Schwesinger, UCLA	41	21	62	10.3
Jay Higgins, Iowa	23	39	62	10.3
Jordan Pollard, San Jose St.	31	29	60	10.0
Whit Weeks, LSU	32	27	59	9.8
Dan Jackson Woodard, UNLV	29	28	57	9.5
Donovan McMillon, Pittsburgh	29	27	56	9.3
Teddy Buchanan, California	25	31	56	9.3
Daniel Djabome, Rutgers	23	33	56	9.3
Jaden Yates, Marshall	17	39	56	9.3
Isaac Smith, Mississippi St.	24	32	56	11.2
Colin Ramos, Navy	22	34	56	11.2
D.J. Woodbury, Temple	33	22	55	9.2
Marques Watson-Trent, Ga. Southern	25	30	55	9.2
Cade Uluave, California	23	32	55	9.2



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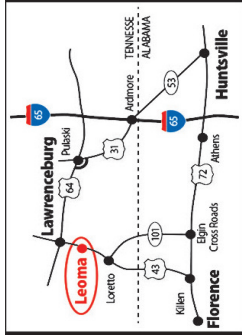
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