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TEXANS TOAST

UNA Lions hope FCS No. 1 Tarleton State Texans buttered up for upset

TAILGATE RECIPE of the week

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Barbecue Spaghetti

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 16 oz. pkg spaghetti, cooked
- 1 1/2 cups red pasta sauce
- 18 ozs. Kraft original barbecue sauce
- 1 lb. pulled pork
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mild cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat over to 350 degrees. Spray a 13 x 9 inch baking dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl, stir together spaghetti, pasta sauce, barbecue sauce, and pork until well mixed. Spoon mixture into dish. Top with cheese. Bake until heated through and cheese is melted, about 15-20 minutes. Serves 10.

This week's recipe submitted by
Nigel Hubbard, Russellville, AL

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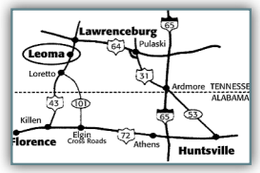

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Danny Beale III and the Arkansas Razorbacks will try to pull off another upset this week against Texas. [MICHAEL WOODS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

THE LINE

(as of Monday)

FAVORITE	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Thursday			
at OHIO STATE	12½	46½	Northwestern
at TEMPLE	3	50½	Rice
Friday			
at UCF	2½	52½	Iowa State
at DUKE	12½	40½	Clemson
Oregon	15½	45½	at MICHIGAN STATE
at AIR FORCE	22½	47½	UTEP
New Mexico	7½	37½	at WYOMING
Saturday			
BYU	5½	48½	at KANSAS
Memphis	3½	66½	at NAVY
at ARMY	5½	44½	East Carolina
Wisconsin	5½	46½	at PURDUE
Wake Forest	20½	56½	at GEORGIA TECH
Ohio State	3½	41½	at NEBRASKA
at CINCINNATI	3½	58½	Colorado
Syracuse	2½	50½	at BOSTON COLLEGE
North Texas	6½	57½	at TULANE
Northwestern	3	42½	at MINNESOTA
at FLORIDA	13½	47½	Vanderbilt
at VIRGINIA	1½	43½	North Carolina
Houston	7½	70½	at WEST VIRGINIA
at JAX STATE	11½	52½	Missouri State
Middle Tennessee	5½	48½	at SAM HOUSTON
at TULSA	22½	52½	Charlotte
at APP STATE	13½	49½	La.-Monroe
South Florida	1½	64½	at FLA. ATLANTIC
Iowa	8½	40½	at ILLINOIS
LSU	1½	45½	at TENNESSEE
at PENN STATE	24½	50½	Rutgers
at TEXAS	20½	47½	Arkansas
Indiana	8	43½	at WASHINGTON
Texas Tech	3½	57½	at BAYLOR
at FLORIDA STATE	9½	55½	N.C. State
UCLA	3½	38½	at MICHIGAN
at OKLAHOMA	7½	38½	Texas A&M
Georgia Southern	8½	48½	at TROY
South Alabama	4½	66½	at SOUTHERN MISS
at TEXAS STATE	11	61½	Washington State
at USC	17½	57½	Maryland
Arizona	7½	52½	at KANSAS ST.
at MIAMI (Fla.)	20½	61½	Virginia Tech
UNLV	7	46½	at SAN JOSE ST.
Georgia	16½	51½	at SOUTH CAROLINA
at LOUISVILLE	13½	49½	Pittsburgh
Stanford	2½	56½	at CAL
at NOTRE DAME	20½	56½	SMU
at MISSOURI	5½	48½	Kentucky
UTSA	6½	52½	at UAB
Utah	7	46½	at TCU
at BOISE STATE	16½	62½	San Diego St.
Oklahoma State	3	61½	at ARIZONA STATE
at NEVADA	3½	40½	Hawaii
at OREGON STATE	9½	51½	Utah State

GAMES ON TV

Thursday

Rice at Temple, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Friday

Iowa State at UCF, 5 p.m., FS1
Clemson at Duke, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Bowling Green at Toledo, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Oregon at Michigan State, 7 p.m., FOX
UTEP at Air Force, 7 p.m., CW
New Mexico at Wyoming, 8 p.m., FS1

Saturday

BYU at Kansas, 11 a.m., ABC
Vanderbilt at Florida, 11 a.m., SECN
Wake Forest at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m., ESPN
Ohio State at Nebraska, 11 a.m., FOX
Syracuse at Boston College, 11 a.m., ACCN
Northwestern at Minnesota, 11 a.m., FS1
Wisconsin at Purdue, 11 a.m., NBC
East Carolina at Army, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Memphis at Navy, 11 a.m., ESPN2
North Texas at Tulane, 11 a.m., ESPNU
North Carolina at Virginia, 11:30 a.m., CW
Houston at West Virginia, noon, TNT, TRUTV
Iowa at Illinois, 1:30 p.m., BTN
Yale at Harvard, 2:30 p.m., ESPNU
Samford at Auburn, 2:30 p.m., SECN
Arkansas at Texas, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
LSU at Tennessee, 2:30 p.m., ABC
N.C. State at Florida State, 2:30 p.m., ACCN
Texas Tech at Baylor, 2:30 p.m., FOX
Rutgers at Penn State, 2:30 p.m., FS1
UCLA at Michigan, 2:30 p.m., CBS
Old Dominion at UConn, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN
Texas A&M at Oklahoma, 2:45 p.m., ESPN2



Nebraska's Herbie Husker hopes to keep smiling wide after the Cornhuskers face Ohio State on Saturday on FOX. [REBECCA S. GRATZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Northern Illinois at North Dakota State, 3 p.m., CW
Washington State at Texas State, 5 p.m., USA
Maryland at Southern California, 5:15 p.m., BTN
Arizona at Kansas State, 6 p.m., FS1
UNLV at San Jose State, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Virginia Tech at Miami (Fla.), 6 p.m., ESPN
Georgia at South Carolina, 6:30 p.m., ABC
SMU at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., NBC
Kentucky at Missouri, 6:30 p.m., SECN
Pitt at Louisville, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Stanford at Cal, 6:30 p.m., ACCN
Colorado State at Fresno State, 6:30 p.m., CW
Texas-San Antonio at UAB, 7 p.m., ESPNU
Utah at TCU, 8 p.m., FOX
San Diego State at Boise State, 8:30 p.m., USA
Oklahoma State at Arizona State, 9:15 p.m., ESPN
Utah State at Oregon State, 9:30 p.m., CBSSN
Hawai'i at Nevada, 9:30 p.m., FS1

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Friday
No. 14 Oregon (7-3) at Michigan St. (3-7), 7 p.m.
Saturday
No. 1 Georgia (9-1) at South Carolina (6-4), 6:30 p.m.
No. 2 Utah (10-0) at TCU (5-5), 8 p.m.
No. 3 Notre Dame (9-1) vs. SMU (7-3), 6:30 p.m.
No. 4 UCLA (10-0) at Michigan (5-5), 2:30 p.m.
No. 5 Miami (9-1) vs. Virginia Tech (6-4), 6 p.m.
No. 6 Indiana (9-1) at Washington (6-4), 2:30 p.m.
No. 7 Alabama (8-2) vs. Chattanooga (7-4), 1 p.m.
No. 8 Texas (8-2) vs. Arkansas (4-6), 2:30 p.m.
No. 9 Tennessee (8-2) vs. LSU (6-4), 2:30 p.m.
No. 10 Wake Forest (9-1) at Georgia Tech (3-7), 11 a.m.
No. 11 Texas Tech (9-1) at Baylor (6-4), 2:30 p.m.
No. 12 BYU (8-2) at Kansas (4-6), 11 a.m.
No. 13 Iowa (8-2) at Illinois (6-4), 1:30 p.m.
No. 15 Boise St. (9-1) vs. San Diego St. (5-5), 8:30 p.m.
No. 16 Ohio St. (7-3) at Nebraska (6-4), 11 a.m.
No. 17 Kentucky (7-3) at Missouri (6-4), 6:30 p.m.
No. 18 Southern Cal (7-3) vs. Maryland (4-6), 5:15 p.m.
No. 19 Arizona (7-3) at Kansas St. (4-6), 6 p.m.
No. 20 Houston (7-3) at West Virginia (5-5), noon
No. 21 Louisville (7-3) vs. Pittsburgh (6-4), 6:30 p.m.
No. 22 Liberty (9-1) vs. Western Kentucky (4-6), noon
No. 23 Florida (6-4) vs. Vanderbilt (4-6), 11 a.m.
No. 24 Memphis (8-2) at Navy (3-6), 11 a.m.
No. 25 Ole Miss (6-4) vs. Wofford (5-6), 11 a.m.

COLUMN

SEC cannibalizing its playoff field

By Doug Segrest
For GameDay



Texas running back Raleek Brown (0) and the Longhorns, after last week's dramatic win at LSU, host lowly Arkansas this week before facing rival Texas A&M. [GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Maybe the SEC critics are right.

After going 10-2 against fellow Power 4 teams early on, the league is a rather mediocre .500 since beginning conference play. Now, with a ninth game, half the league will pick up an extra SEC loss in the final two weeks of the regular season.

We're being facetious, of course. But the result of this rabid, in-house competition has led to our worst fear: cannibalization.

A week ago, it looked like five SEC teams would make the College Football Playoff field. Now, we're down to four in the latest rankings. And should anyone other than Georgia stumble, that number could be reduced to three.

Give the selection committee credit. While Hunter Yurachek gets blasted from coast to coast each week for trying to explain the committee's thinking, it's obvious the committee prioritizes strength of schedule.

But there are legitimate non-SEC contenders out there who deserve love. BYU owns a victory over Notre Dame. UCLA is perfect in the Big Ten despite flying cross-country for half its games. Wake Forest looks like the real deal. And, in the Big 12, Utah and Texas Tech are headed for a rematch that may water down SEC prospects regardless of the outcome.

In the SEC, the carnage was brutal before we ever got to a ninth SEC game.

Best games this week

Wofford at Ole Miss (11 a.m., SEC+): A once-promising season resumes in Oxford, but now at stake is a bowl bid half the team may opt out of. **TV rating:** 1 star.

Vanderbilt at Florida (11 a.m., SEC Network): The bigger story is the homestanding Gators, who can finish 8-4. When all is said and done, that's a major step forward under Jon Sumrall. **TV rating:** 3 stars.

Tennessee Tech at Mississippi State (11 a.m., SEC+): The Kamario Taylor Experiment was an incredible rush until it got shelved a month ago. Since then, State has lost six straight. That could mean danger ahead from a Tech team using a trip to Starkville as a tuneup for the FCS playoffs. **TV rating:** 2 stars.

Chattanooga at Alabama (1 p.m., SEC+): A cupcake game that only diminishes the Tide's CFP résumé. **TV rating:** 1 star.

Samford at Auburn (2:30 p.m., SEC+): Alex Golesh's motive is building momentum heading into the Iron Bowl. **TV rating:** 1 star.

Arkansas at Texas (2:30 p.m., ESPN): Yes, Texas is better. But is it physically and emotionally prepared when archrival Texas A&M is next on the agenda? **TV rating:** 4 stars.

LSU at Tennessee (2:30 p.m., ABC): If Lane Kiffin can rally the Tigers this week in Knoxville, it could change the course of the CFP. **TV rating:** 5 stars.

Texas A&M at Oklahoma (2:45 p.m., ESPN2): Mike Elko has troubles that will haunt him and the Aggies this offseason. But Oklahoma is in the midst of a resurgence that can salvage the season. **TV rating:** 4 stars.

Kentucky at Missouri (6:30 p.m., SEC Network): Maybe a road win could keep Kentucky as a dark-horse possibility if national chaos resumes. **TV rating:** 4 stars.

Georgia at South Carolina (6:30 p.m., ABC): With LaNorris Sellers at 100%, this could be interesting. Without him, this will be a mauling. **TV rating:** 4 stars.

Doug Segrest, who covered college football for 28 years for numerous newspapers in Alabama and Tennessee, is a freelance columnist.

Tarleton State at UNA

When: 3 p.m. Saturday
Records: No. 1 Tarleton State (11-0, 6-0 UAC), UNA (7-4, 4-2)
TV: ESPN+
The series: Tarleton State leads 5-1.



Tarleton State has already celebrated at least a share of the UAC championship and with it, the league's automatic playoff bid. [TARLETON STATE ATHLETICS]

Four-down territory:

1. Bubbling up: North Alabama is on the bubble of the FCS playoff picture but is widely considered on the outside looking in. The other bubble teams haven't helped UNA, especially 6-5 Abilene Christian beating Austin Peay last week, which is likely the best win in the United Athletic Conference this season. UNA's head-to-head loss against ACU will hurt the Lions if they end up in the same pod of teams. Finishing 7-5 will certainly send North Alabama home for an extended Thanksgiving break. Ending 8-4, on a four-game winning streak, with the final win coming against the No. 1 team in the country? It's hard to see the committee turning its nose up at that, especially considering UNA athletic director Josh Looney is the UAC's representative in the room. It's not necessarily a win-and-in situation for the Lions, but it's definitely a lose-and-out game.

2. Best on best: The numbers point to a heavyweight clash between the Texans offense and the Lions defense. TSU ranks first in the UAC in scoring, total, rushing and passing offense, averaging 39.5 points and 509, 218 and 291 yards in each respective category. North Alabama tops the league in scoring defense, allowing just 20 points per game. It also ranks second in total defense, allowing 339 yards per game, and rushing defense, allowing 109 yards per contest. Naturally, the Texans also have the conference's individual leaders in passing, rushing and receiving yards in quarterback Kaden Anderson, running back Tylan Hines, and receiver Marquis Willis. UNA has league leaders in sacks and passes defended, with edge rusher Avery Howard and cornerback Tae Martin.

3. Ruffin's record in reach: After a two-sack showing against West Georgia, Howard has drawn even with Reginald Ruffin's single-season sack record of 11 in 1994. With a sack Saturday, Howard will own the record outright. The only thing standing in his way, of course, is one of the nation's most efficient and calculating offenses. In UNA's other two games against the UAC's premier teams, Howard was held without a sack, facing double teams consistently. Tarleton is seemingly on another level, as one of eight teams in the country allowing less than one sack per game, giving up 10 total on the season. Howard will either need to find a way to the quarterback against two linemen, or defensive coordinator Clint Bowen will have to scheme his edge rusher a way to get home.

4. Room to ride: For as great as its offense has been, Tarleton State actually ranks 57th in the nation in red-zone offense, with a percentage of 81.6. It has scored 32 touchdowns on 49 red-zone attempts, settling for field goals on eight trips. On the season, the Texans have scored 59 total touchdowns, throwing for 32 of them. In other words, just under half of Tarleton State's touchdowns have come on plays of 20 yards or more, with 16 coming through the air and nine on the ground. For context, 65% of UNA's touchdowns come in the red zone. Defensively, the Lions rank 12th nationally in red-zone percentage at 71.8. The old "bend, don't break" mentality will be on full display Saturday.

Key matchup

UNA secondary vs. TSU passing attack

The UNA defensive backs took a step forward last week, allowing just 161 passing yards against West Georgia. But that was the worst team in the UAC. How the Lions hold up against the country's seventh-ranked passing offense will be a different story.

Player of the week

UNA edge rusher Avery Howard

He's on record watch and has the ability to break up the rhythm of a Texans offense that has been humming all season long. Keeping Tarleton from piling points on the scoreboard keeps the game in reach, and that task starts with Howard.

By the numbers

123: TSU running back Tylan Hines' average rushing yardage this season, more than UNA as a team.

24: Points per game scored by the UNA offense. A shootout would not favor the Lions.

6: Turnovers committed by UNA in the last three weeks.

61-0: The final score of last year's Tarleton State-UNA game, which marked the worst loss in school history for the Lions.

Prediction

Tarleton State 35, UNA 23

UNA has taken a big step forward this season, making one of the biggest improvements nationally in FCS wins. But Tarleton has seemingly found another level this season as well, standing as the only undefeated team in FCS — and for good reason.

— Matt St. Charles



LSU at Tennessee

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
Records: LSU (6-4, 3-4 SEC), No. 9 Tennessee (8-2, 5-2)
TV/radio: ABC/FM-97.9, AM-1340
The series: Tennessee leads 21-10-3.



First-year LSU coach Lane Kiffin is likely to again rouse emotions when he returns to Knoxville and leads the Tigers against Tennessee. [MATTHEW HINTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Four-down territory

1. No fly zone: Tennessee has not been airing the ball out the last three games, mostly because it doesn't have to. While the Vols have put up 399 passing yards over the last three games, the run game has produced 620 yards in that same span. For the season, the passing offense ranks 123rd out of 138 FBS teams while the run game is 13th. It's not a balanced offense but it gets results. The question is can Tennessee win games in the postseason with this style of play? "Our job is to put our players in the best position to play winning football," Tennessee coach Josh Heupel said. "You form an identity throughout the course of the year, and then you start playing to that identity a little bit, too."

2. That stings: Tennessee's leading receiver, Mike Mathews, went down with a knee injury last week against Texas A&M and it's been reported he's out for the season. Mathews was by far the top receiver with 608 yards and four touchdowns. The next leading receiver is Braylon Staley with 303 yards. "You hate it. It's the hard part, ugly part of this game," Heupel said. The Vols have lost five starters for the season due to injury. Along with Mathews, guard Wendell Moe Jr., tight end Ethan Davis, defensive end Tyree Weathersby and safety Edrees Farooq are all done for the season.

3. Sack fest: It's going to be a clash of defensive powers Saturday as the top two SEC leaders in sacks face off. LSU leads the league with 40 sacks with Tennessee right behind with 39. Tennessee is without its leading sack leader, Weathersby, and the Vols had no sacks last week. "Really good talent, length, explosiveness, power. Their guys have multiple ways to get to the quarterback, and then their pressure packages are a part of that as well," Heupel said. "The combination of all those things is why they've been good at getting to the quarterback."

4. Fore!: The last time Lane Kiffin was in Knoxville, he was almost hit by a golf ball launched by a fan from the stands. He was the Ole Miss coach then in 2021, and the Rebels won 31-26. Kiffin, who coached the Vols for just one season in 2009 and left on bad terms. He's back in Knoxville as the LSU coach and the Tigers are favored to win. Along with the golf ball, a mustard bottle and numerous water bottles and cups were sent flying from the stands onto the field following the Vols failing to get a favorable spot on a fourth-down play late in the game, sealing the Ole Miss win.

Key matchup

Tennessee RB DeSean Bishop vs. LSU RB Dilin Jones

All the talk is on the defenses, but controlling the ball on the ground is key. Bishop's 1,163 yards is second in the SEC and he's got 13 touchdowns. Jones' 838 rushing yards is tops for LSU, but he's also got 262 receiving yards.

Player of the week

WR Braylon Staley

With the loss of Mike Mathews, Staley will be "the man" for the Vols the rest of the season. He's second behind Mathews in receiving with 303 yards and has two touchdowns. Staley does lead the team in receptions with 41.

By the numbers

5: Defensive back Dejuan Lane is tied for second in the nation with five interceptions.

3: Tennessee is third in the country on fourth-down conversions, going 14-for-18.

100: The Vols are outscoring opponents 100-46 in the fourth quarter.

17: The Vols' defense has given up 17 touchdowns, which is seventh-best in the country.

Prediction

Tennessee 21, LSU 17

The Vols are having a special season and Lane Kiffin and the Tigers won't stop the momentum. LSU is reeling from back-to-back losses and elimination from the playoff in Kiffin's first year. Tennessee has some issues to work out in the passing game but the defense and the run game have stepped up to keep the Vols in the playoff hunt.

— Edwin Stanton

Chattanooga at Alabama

When: 1 p.m. Saturday
Records: Chattanooga (7-4), No. 7 Alabama (8-2)
TV/Radio: SEC/FM-93.9, FM 97.7, AM-920
The series: Alabama leads 14-0.



Alabama linebacker Jah-Marien Latham is one of two sixth-year players the Crimson Tide will honor this weekend. [VASHA HUNT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Four-down territory

1. Coming on strong: The Alabama defense has allowed just one touchdown the last 10 quarters, the lone TD coming against LSU. In that span, the Tide has given up five field goals and allowed just 139 rushing yards with four turnovers. Since losses to Georgia and Tennessee, the Alabama defense has played championship-caliber defense. "The challenge I've said to the team is that good football teams get better as the season goes on," Alabama defensive coordinator Kane Womack said. "That will create momentum for teams going into the postseason. That's something we need to continue to work on to be where we want to be."

2. Slow start: The big issue last week for Alabama was getting the offense on track. The first five possessions ended with three straight punts, a failed fourth down and an interception. The Tide scored three straight touchdowns on its next three possessions to break away from Vanderbilt for the win. There is concern for first-quarter ineffectiveness. The Tide's least productive quarter is the first (61 points). "It's a matter of everyone focusing on their small details. It's amazing what can happen," Alabama head coach Kalen DeBoer said. "Execution isn't just about the play, it's about pre-snap, the communication and those types of things."

3. Senior moment: Alabama will honor its seniors before kickoff, which includes 20 players. There are 14 fourth-year seniors that won't be spotlighted because they have eligibility left. Alabama will honor two sixth-year players in linebacker Jah-Marien Latham and defensive end Kedrick Bingley-Jones, as well as eight fifth-year players in defensive lineman Devan Thompkins, safety Keon Sabb, tight end Danny Lewis Jr., defensive end Fatutoa Henry, wide receiver MJ Chirgwin, long snapper Alex Rozier, long snapper Ethan Stangle and tight end Peyton Fox. Walk-on players Baker Hickman, Jake Ivie, Davis Peterson, Billy Roby Walter, Sansing, Mac Smith, Lane Whisenhunt and Adam Watford will also be honored.

4. No more cupcakes: This is Alabama's last FCS opponent in November before its traditional rivalry game with Auburn. SEC athletic directors voted that all conference programs must play league games on the weekend before Thanksgiving, officially ending the longtime tradition of late-season non-conference matchups. The move was made to better accommodate the nine-game SEC schedule. DeBoer knows how big these "cupcake" games are for FCS programs, having coached at Southern Illinois. "These are big moments for teams to go in and make a statement," DeBoer said. "You draw on those experiences, especially when you beat a power five team. There is a lot of momentum you can generate within your program."

Key matchup

Alabama RB Daniel Hill vs. Chattanooga RB Kevin Lalin

Hill leads Alabama with 436 yards on 90 carries with four touchdowns and also has 107 receiving yards. Lalin is the bell cow back for the Mocs, running for 1,046 yards (just 340 yards behind Alabama's total rushing total) on 208 carries with eight touchdowns.

Player of the week

TE Kaleb Edwards

The sophomore has been an important player with converting 12 of his 17 receptions into first downs or touchdowns (three).

By the numbers

5: Alabama has held five of its opponents this season to under 100 yards rushing.

10: Alabama has 67 kickoffs with opponents averaging 13.7 yards per return. Only 10 kicks have been returned.

27: The Crimson Tide defense has forced its opponents into 27 three-and-outs this season, including four last week.

55: The Crimson Tide has scored seven touchdowns and two field goal in the final three minutes of the second quarter for a total of 55 points.

Prediction

Alabama 42, Chattanooga 13

The big issue here is not will Alabama win, but will it play Keelon Russell or opt for Austin Mack to take over at quarterback? Alabama will need Russell 100% healthy for the clash with Auburn next week. This is a perfect time to sit Russell and give Mack the reins. That should be the game plan with several other players who are banged up. Alabama will need to be full strength for the Iron Bowl.

— Edwin Stanton

Samford at Auburn

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
Records: Samford (4-7), Auburn (6-4)
TV/radio: SEC/FM-94.9, FM 100.3
The series: Auburn leads 29-0-1.



Champ Anthony is one of 29 senior Auburn players set to be honored before Saturday's game against Samford. [COLIN HUBBARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Four-down territory

1. Welcome addition: Freshman Shadarius Toodle made his debut against Arkansas and made a big splash with 11 tackles, including four for a loss and three sacks and a pass breakup. He followed at Mississippi State with 10 tackles, including two for a loss, a sack and a forced fumble. Both performances earned him SEC Freshman of the Week honors. He's played in every Auburn game, but finally earned the starting role and has run with it. "We put him out there when we felt he was ready," Golesh said. "He had a solid performance two weeks ago. You could see he had his chest out a little more, chin up a little more. He's got a quiet confidence about him.

2. Got the shanks: Punter Hudson Kaak didn't have a great day last week, averaging 33 yards per kick, including one of 10 yards and one of 24. He did have a 54-yarder, but it was still an off day. Haak had been consistent up until last week with a 41-yard average, including four of 50-plus yards and 18 kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Auburn has also not had a punt blocked this season. "He will flip the switch," Golesh said. "He's been really effective for us. He's done a phenomenal job. We've been high, high-end at that punt, which is the most important piece of it. He'll bounce right back."

3. Senior sendoff: Auburn will honor 29 players Saturday before kickoff for Senior Day. They are: Champ Anthony, Cade Barnett, Cole Best, Arlis Boardingham, Byrum Brown, Christian Burnette, Harrison Clemmer, Jeremiah Cobb, John Colvin, John Henry Flatt, Hunter Herring, Jake Johnson, Hudson Kaak, Jack Leyrer, Alex McPherson, Tae Meadows, Chris Murray, Chas Nimrod, Rayshawn Pleasant, Hudson Powell, Grey Reebals, Charley Schwinger, Cody Sigler, Jo Simmons, Sylvester Smith-Reed, Jacob Strand, Will Upton, Dallas Walker IV and Jake White.

4. Maintaining focus: Auburn isn't going to the playoffs, but a bowl game is in its future. That might not be enough for some fans, who are thinking about next season and the momentum Auburn has produced down the stretch. Golesh is still pushing to build something special this season with two regular-season games and a possible bowl left. "You are trying to build momentum to finish the season the right way," he said. "Yes (you build momentum through) the offseason and recruiting, but I'm talking about November and the postseason. You want to be playing your best football as you are going."

Key matchup

Auburn WR Keshaun Singleton vs. Samford WR Marquise Henderson

Keshaun Singleton has proven to be a valuable weapon with 594 yards and five touchdowns. Henderson's 598 receiving yards and three touchdowns leads the way for the Bulldogs.

Player of the week

TE Jake Johnson

The passing game needs to get better and tight ends are a strong weapon to get the offense rolling. Johnson has 13 catches for 112 yards to lead the Tigers' tight ends.

By the numbers

3: Auburn is 3-0 this season when scoring first.

4: Auburn's four SEC wins are its most since going 6-4 in SEC play in 2020.

33: Auburn is 33-3 since the start of the 2013 season in games when scoring a non-offensive touchdown.

41: Auburn's 41-9 win at Mississippi State marked the most points scored in a regulation SEC game since scoring 48 at Arkansas in 2023.

Prediction

Auburn 45, Samford 7

A win gives Auburn three straight, which it hasn't done since the start of last season. A win also gives Auburn its best record since 2019 (9-4), and there is optimism that it can match that nine-win season. There shouldn't be any worry about getting win No. 7 with Samford coming to town. Auburn can name its score in this one. The big worry is to get out of the game with no injuries and prepare for Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

— Edwin Stanton

Utah's Dampier states Heisman case

By John Marshall
The Associated Press



Utah quarterback Devon Dampier has the third-best chance of winning the Heisman Trophy, according to oddsmakers. [TYLER TATE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

TUCSON, Ariz. — Utah's season hung in the balance, yet Devon Dampier remained calm as he walked into the huddle.

His teammates were a little more hyped, knowing exactly what was going to happen next.

"I'm the very relaxed type out there," Dampier said. "I don't really say too much, but my teammates were coming to me, like, 'This is your Heisman moment.'"

They may be right.

Dampier started the season as an afterthought in the Heisman Trophy race. The way he's played this season, particularly the past two weeks, has put him among the favorites to have his named called in New York next month. Playing on an undefeated team has certainly helped.

Following successive clutch performances against No. 12 BYU and No. 22 Arizona, Dampier now has the third-best chance to win the Heisman by most oddsmakers, behind Ohio State receiver Jeremiah Smith and Miami quarterback Darian Mensah.

"His dedication and leadership have been a difference-maker for this team." Utah coach Morgan Scalley said.

Coming off an emotional win over rival BYU in the Holy War, the second-ranked Utes (10-0, 7-0 Big 12, No. 2 CFP) had the odds stacked against them in last Saturday's road game against No. 22 Arizona.

An FAA ground stop on Friday made it so the team couldn't get out of Salt Lake City until Saturday. The Utes arrived in Tucson a little after noon for a kickoff pushed back three hours until 8:30 p.m. local time.

Arizona had won seven straight home games and was coming off a midnight miracle against TCU. The Wildcats also have Noah Fifita, one of the nation's best quarterbacks.

Dampier and Fifita traded big plays from opposite sides of the field all night in a game that crossed over into the next day. Fifita appeared to have the knockout blow when he hit Isaiah Mizell on a 10-yard touchdown pass, putting the Wildcats up 39-33 with just over three minutes left.

Calm amid the chaos at Arizona Stadium, Dampier need two plays to keep Utah's undefeated season alive, hitting Creed Whittemore in stride for a 70-yard touchdown with 2:25 left in the fourth quarter.

The Utes won the game 40-39, extending their winning streak to 16 straight games over two seasons while strengthening their Big 12 championship and College Football Playoff hopes.

"Devon Dampier did Devon," Scalley said. "There was no one besides him who was going to have that ball on that last play."

Dampier has been one of the nation's best dual-threat quarterbacks all season. He's thrown for 2,257 yards and 22 touchdowns, rushed for 582 yards and nine more scores.

The past two weeks have moved him toward the top of the Heisman conversation.

In the win against BYU, Dampier accounted for four touchdowns and 266 yards of offense in the first Holy War between top-10 teams (BYU was No. 7 at the time).

Dampier had a couple of key turnovers against Arizona, but shook those off to rally the Utes to a win, accounting for four touchdowns and 304 yards. His touchdown pass to Whittemore not only was the winning play on a wild night, it solidified his status as a Heisman Trophy favorite.

"I didn't grow up with a lot of attention and now that I'm getting it, I've always prayed for this," Dampier said. "I guess I prayed for it so much, I kind of expected it at some point to happen."

Dampier's teammates have always known it. Now the rest of the country is getting to see it, too.

Pate key to Rivers reaching Wolfpack

By Chip Alexander
The News & Observer



Joe Pate, who was critical in Philip Rivers first coming to North Carolina State as a quarterback a quarter-century ago, was on hand to get a hug after the Wolfpack introduced Rivers as head coach Monday. [KARL DEBLAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Philip Rivers press conference had ended Monday, the new N.C. State football coach greeted and feted in a gala ceremony complete with the band, cheerleaders and a few hundred fans and well-wishers.

Many of the former Wolfpack players, many of them Rivers' teammates in the early 2000s, lingered to visit and talk. Finally, someone suggested a group photo up on the stage at the Close-King Practice Facility.

A player or two noticed Joe Pate, and motioned for the former Wolfpack assistant coach to come up and join the shot. Pate stood in the front row, in the middle, as the players beamed and many photos were taken.

Without Pate, there would have been no Rivers at N.C. State. Without Rivers, there would have been no press conference Monday, no outpouring from Wolfpack fans as one of their biggest heroes from the past came "home" to lead the football program.

Rivers acknowledged as much, saying, "Back in November of 1999 Coach Pate was keeping this thing together and he said, 'Philip, just hang on, just hang on and let's see how this thing goes.' I hung on and got here.

"But he believed in this 18-year-old kid some 17 years ago, and without that belief I certainly wouldn't be standing here."

Pate, now retired from coaching, isn't one to claim a lot of credit. But he did know Steve Rivers, Philip's father and a long-time high school coach at Athens and Decatur. He did first meet Philip at a young age, then recruited him to N.C. State. When Mike O'Cain was fired as head coach after the 1999 season, it was Pate who stayed on as a coaching liaison between the outgoing and incoming staffs.

The rest every Wolfpack fan knows about Rivers' football legacy: 34 wins in four seasons with the Pack, an 11-win season in 2002, four bowls and the MVP in all four, then 16 years in the NFL with the Chargers and another with the Indianapolis Colts.

Adding to the Rivers legend was his return last year, at 44, to play three games for the Colts. His career could one day lead to his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. No Super Bowl ring, but a Hall of Famer.

But the State connection started on a practice fields at Decatur and Athens.

"I knew his dad for a long time and at practice Steve (Rivers) would let me come out on the field," Pate said in an interview. "Philip was like a ninth-grader. Even then, the way Philip handled himself in the huddle, calling plays and talking to his teammates, that was the one thing that convinced me he was going to be a great player, his leadership back then.

"The way he communicated with his teammates, I thought that was something that would travel to college and he'd do a great job."

Pate said after O'Cain was fired, he never believed Rivers could change his mind and go elsewhere, that he might decide to stay in Alabama and play for Auburn, which had recruited him.

"Philip and his dad had been to Raleigh a couple of times and really liked Mike O'Cain, and I think they really felt like this was the place for them," Pate said.

Starting quarterback Jamie Barnette had finished up his eligibility. The Pack had Jatavis Sanders — now to be Rivers' general manager at NCSU — but new coach Chuck Amato came in ready to open up the competition at QB leading up to the 2000 season.

Rivers stayed put. Pate, who also had recruited wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery out of Birmingham, joined the Amato staff as a defensive coach.

"Sometimes, you visit a place and you say 'that's the place to be' and I think that's what happened," Pate said.

For Philip Rivers, again, N.C. State is the place to be.

COLUMN

Rivers makes quick first impression

Scott Fowler
The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer



Philip Rivers will try to turn around an N.C. State program that last won an ACC championship in 1979 and last had the ACC's player of the year in 2003, when Rivers won the award. [KARL DEBLAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

RALEIGH, N.C. — Philip Rivers got his first big win as a college coach Monday afternoon, scorching the earth in Raleigh in a press conference so pitch perfect it may be hard to follow.

The living N.C. State football legend was playing from ahead already because of his starry playing career. But Rivers still managed to strike exactly the right balance of humility, enthusiasm and "aw shucks" likability as he was officially introduced as the Wolfpack's next football coach.

Rivers quoted Latin in a Southern accent. He drew multiple standing ovations and spontaneous bursts of applause. He choked up several times, describing his love for teammates and family. It was all so engaging and wholesome I'm surprised they didn't serve apple pie and shoot off fireworks afterward.

I've seen dozens of these "Let's welcome the new head coach" press conferences by now. I'm struggling to remember if I've ever seen one quite that good. If the Panthers ever name Luke Kuechly as their head coach, or if Tennessee one day taps Peyton Manning, that would rival this. But there aren't a lot of other comparisons.

The 44-year-old Rivers in front of a microphone also turns out to be the anti-Bill Belichick. Rivers' sense of humor and natural command of the situation is going to bode well for both N.C. State's recruiting and its fundraising.

Now will any of that mean that N.C. State finally hits that elusive 10-win mark in 2027 in Rivers' first season?

Not in the least.

And to Rivers' credit, he seems to know that all of the Pro Bowls he made in the NFL and all of his N.C. State career records only go so far.

"The three most dangerous words are 'I got it,'" Rivers said. "I ain't got it, you know what I mean? And our players are going to know that they ain't got it, either."

The point Rivers was making is that there's a lot of work to do for a Wolfpack program that hasn't won an ACC championship since 1979 and hasn't boasted the ACC's Player of the Year since 2003 (and that was Rivers himself).

Former coach Dave Doeren was a good man who beat UNC a bunch, but he never had a 10-win season and never could get an ACC title (or even to the ACC title game). By this season, his program had been lapped by both Wake Forest and Duke. It was past time for a change.

And so the Wolfpack (currently 4-6 overall and 2-5 in the ACC during this lost season) plucked one of its most famous alums out of the high-school coaching ranks in Alabama and brought him home.

The Latin phrase that Rivers kept quoting repeatedly Monday was Nunc Coepi.

"That means 'Now I begin,'" Rivers said, "but it's a never-ending beginning. We always talk about finish, but we better dang sure start. And you get up, and you begin again and again and again, after that pursuit of victory."

Rivers also talked about "flooding the building" with coaches and players who love football. His son Gunner, a four-star recruit who will be part of the Wolfpack's Class of 2027 (and who had committed long before his father got the job), will be one of those people.

Athletic director Boo Corrigan just made the most popular hire possible. Corrigan also got off one of the best lines of the 45-minute event when he pinch-hit for Rivers, who was having trouble containing his emotions as he talked about his family and uprooting his wife Tiffany and everyone else from Alabama.

As Corrigan filibustered a little to help his new coach regain his composure, he talked about the Rivers family and noted: "You're in for one, you're in for a dozen." That reference to Rivers' famously large family drew the biggest laugh of the afternoon.

It won't all be laughs. There's going to be a learning curve.

We all know Rivers has never coached in college. That's going to be difficult. But he has a beautiful mind for football. The ins and outs of the college game: He's got to hire a lot of good people who can help him navigate that.

Overall, as I've said before, this was a hire well worth the risk.

And while Monday's press conference ultimately won't matter in the larger scheme of things, it gave Rivers one of those nice beginnings he likes to talk about.

Nunc Coepi, indeed. For a program that badly needs to start again, the future sure sounded bright on Monday.

Scuffling Clemson seeks path forward

By Chapel Fowler
The (Columbia, S.C.) State



Clemson coach Dabo Swinney is again facing naysayers after the Tigers lost last weekend to Georgia Tech and are 6-4 with two regular-season games remaining. [JACOB KUPFERMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson football plays at Duke on Friday, but that wasn't the focus on coach Dabo Swinney's weekly news conference on Tuesday.

After arguably the worst loss of his Clemson career at home to a 2-7 Georgia Tech team on Saturday, Swinney spent the majority of a memorable, 55-minute news conference defending the state of his program — and himself.

The Tigers are a 12.5-point betting underdog at Duke on Friday and are set to start third-string, former walk-on Trent Pearman at quarterback after freshman starting QB Tait Reynolds and top backup Christopher Vizzina were both hurt vs. GT.

Yes, the Tigers are 6-4 (4-3 ACC) and will make a postseason bowl games. But, among other issues, Clemson has one of the worst offenses in the country and is 2-9 in its last 11 home games vs. Power 4 teams at Memorial Stadium.

Still, Swinney said, there's been "a lot of growth" and Clemson has a lot of young talent and "good pieces" for the future. He said that goes back to the offseason.

"I made a decision in January to build this thing back to the top, and we're in process of doing that," Swinney said. "It's not always pretty. It's not always easy."

Swinney also remained confident in the talent on his roster, volunteering at multiple points that he thinks the Tigers should be 8-2 "at a minimum," adding that if Clemson had capitalized on some mid-game opportunities vs. then-No. 4 Miami, "maybe something different happens there."

"The reason we're not is we haven't gotten it done on offense," Swinney said. "It's really that simple. Defense has been plenty good enough."

Swinney, an Alabama native, has an impressive résumé at Clemson. He made sure to remind people of that on Tuesday while acknowledging the Tigers have had two "tough seasons."

"People get mad when I defend who we are around here because they want to look at just two years, and I own that," Swinney said. "That's completely fair game. I've also coached 250 games here. That's fair game, too. They all count."

At 193-57 (.772), Swinney is the winningest coach in Clemson history and also has the most ACC regular-season wins and overall wins all-time. He's won nine ACC championships, reached seven College Football Playoffs and won two national titles in four appearances. Clemson's last title was in 2018.

"We've won two national championships in the last 10 years," Swinney said. "We won one in 100 years (prior). We're averaging one every five years (now), so by 2031, we're gonna win another one. That's all I can tell you. That's how I believe."

Swinney, 56, added that he has a "long way to go" as a college football coach. He described himself as "far from perfect" but someone who's a "winner and a leader."

"Coach Swinney's gonna win another national championship," he said. "... Little rough patch right here, but I'll work through it. Don't believe me? That's fine. Got 18 years of reasons why to believe. ... I've got a lot of fun ahead."

One of the top criticisms of Swinney's 2026 roster management centers around his lack of transfer portal activity on offense.

The Tigers did an impressive job replacing tons of NFL talent on defense, with transfers like Corey Myrick (Southern Miss), Jerome Carter III (Old Dominion) and London Merritt (Colorado) starting and playing key roles for Tom Allen's unit.

But Swinney's decisions to roll with Christopher Vizzina and Tait Reynolds at quarterback and not heavily pursue any transfer offensive linemen have

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Clemson quarterback Christopher Vizzina suffered a concussion last weekend, but the Tigers were already struggling on offense. [PHOTOS BY JACOB KUPFERMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Clemson quarterback Tait Reynolds is out for the season after a knee injury suffered last week.

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been talking points all season as Chad Morris' offense flounders.

Reynolds (season-ending knee injury) and Vizzina (concussion) were both hurt against Georgia Tech, leaving Pearman, freshman Brock Bradley and Chris Denson (a former QB who moved to receiver this season) as the team's quarterback options vs. Duke.

Swinney doubled down on his approach Tuesday, saying Clemson uses the transfer portal it to supplement a high school recruiting-based roster when they have someone transfer out, decommit or move on.

"The portal is to fill gaps and to replace," Swinney said.

Despite reporting that Clemson's offensive staff showed interest in pursuing a transfer QB and transfer linemen, Swinney said Clemson's coaches are "on the same page" with roster decisions and assistants have always been empowered to speak up if they disagree with a decision he's making.

"Wherever our gaps are, we've gotta fill them," Swinney said. "And we showed last year we'll fill them well."

A lingering issue there: Many, including former Tigers O-lineman Eric Mac Lain, see Swinney's program as having an "evaluation problem." They (or Swinney) may think they have sufficient talent at a position, but on-field results say otherwise.

Swinney has talked often about "alignment" between a school's football team and other key figures including its athletic director and president. But he wouldn't say if Tigers athletic director Graham Neff and other leaders were on board with his plan.

"I don't know," Swinney said. "You'd have to ask them."

Swinney said on his Monday night radio show that everyone at Clemson needs to be "all in" if they want the team to succeed, in "good times" and "bad times." He said Tuesday he was talking to "everybody" when he made that comment.

He also made a point of mentioning how the late Terry Don Phillips, the Clemson AD who promoted Swinney to interim coach in 2008 and hired him full-time later that year, was "all in" on him after a losing season in 2010.

"He didn't have any evidence other than what we believed," Swinney said.

Swinney said he talks with Neff, his boss, "all the time." He wouldn't elaborate.

"I'm worried about Duke, guys," Swinney said.

Clemson has been building out a centralized athletics front office to manage contracts and roster spending. Swinney has publicly said that he's not interested in an external general manager telling him who's on his roster.

Neff is in his fifth year as Clemson athletic director after replacing Dan Radakovich in 2021. Clemson welcomed a new university president in August: Ben Ayers, who was previously at Georgia and had a close relationship with UGA coach Kirby Smart.

The Clemson board of trustees, chaired by Kim Wilkerson, also plays a key role in university decision-making.

Does Swinney feel like he and those groups are aligned?

"I don't have any reason not to think that," Swinney said. "I'm just doing my job. You can talk to the administration about that. I can't speak for them. ... I'm still here."

After defending himself and his program for nearly an hour, Swinney attempted to walk out his regular exit door at Clemson football's media entrance, but there was a snag: The regular passcode he typed in on the door wasn't working.

As he walked to another entrance at the back of the room, Swinney laughed.

"Well, maybe I won't be here," he said. "Some of y'all might get your wish."

Gophers, after change, seek late spark

By Dave Campbell
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — After another struggle to move the ball and a third consecutive loss, Minnesota coach P.J. Fleck fired offensive coordinator Greg Harbaugh with only two more games guaranteed for the Gophers.

With the final home game for the seniors this week against Northwestern, the last regular-season game against rival Wisconsin to maintain possession of Paul Bunyan's Axe, and one more win needed for bowl game eligibility and the player development time that comes with the extra practices, Fleck decided the Gophers could still reap some benefits from such a late and jarring change.

"You want it to get better now," Fleck said on Monday. "Coach Harbaugh is an amazing coach, a really good person. Great father, great husband, one of the smarter coaches I've ever been around. We've been together nine years — four years with him being a coordinator of our offense. He knows our team. He knows what we do, how we do it, how we win games. We've won a lot of games with him being our offensive coordinator."



Minnesota coach P.J. Fleck and the Gophers rank 129th in total yards in the 136-team FBS. [BAILEY HILLESHEIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

The Gophers (5-5, 3-4), who rank 129th out of 136 teams in the FBS in total yards, are averaging 17.6 points over seven Big Ten games. After losing 42-14 at Penn State, they host Northwestern on Saturday.

"I'm not a big stats guy. It's all feel, and you've got to validate that feeling with true result and data, and then you get more results," Fleck said. "Ultimately, you feel like you can either wait, or I've got to make the decision now with a lot of season left. That's why we decided to make it."

Harbaugh was in his third stint on Minnesota's staff, in his fourth season as the play-caller. He was a quality control assistant in 2017 and again in 2019. After returning in 2022 as tight ends coach, Harbaugh was elevated to quarterbacks coach and co-offensive coordinator in 2023. He became the sole offensive coordinator in 2025.

Fleck declined to divulge who would call the plays or coach the quarterbacks in Harbaugh's absence. First-year wide receivers coach Isaac Fruechte and assistant Mike Shula, a former Alabama head coach and longtime NFL assistant, are possibilities.

Fruechte played for the Gophers from 2012-14 and spent parts of two seasons in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings, was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at North Dakota over the previous two years at the FCS level. Fruechte also called plays at the NCAA Division II level at Winona State and Northern State.

Shula also joined Fleck's staff this season as an offensive assistant.

"We'll keep that internal of how we're going to structurally go about doing that. But it's a group effort, for sure," Fleck said.

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Tarleton State at North Alabama	Tarleton State	Tarleton State	UNA	Tarleton State	Tarleton State	Tarleton State	UNA	Tarleton State
LSU at Tennessee	LSU	LSU	Tennessee	Tennessee	LSU	Tennessee	LSU	Tennessee
Yale at Harvard	Harvard	Harvard	Yale	Harvard	Harvard	Harvard	Harvard	Harvard
Chattanooga at Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Samford at Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn
Kentucky at Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Kentucky	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri
Stanford at Cal	Cal	Stanford	Cal	Stanford	Cal	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
North Carolina at Virginia	North Carolina	Virginia	Virginia	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	Virginia
Texas Tech at Baylor	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Baylor
UCLA at Michigan	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	Michigan	UCLA	Michigan
Last week	**9-1**	**6-4**	**5-5**	**6-4**	**8-2**	**7-3**	**4-6**	**6-4**
Season record	**76-34**	**74-36**	**72-38**	**70-40**	**69-41**	**68-42**	**66-44**	**65-45**

COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Nov. 14 games)



Auburn fans tipped their hats to the Tigers after they became bowl eligible last weekend. [JAMES PUGH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

American Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Memphis	5	1	256	149	8	2	390	253
UTSA	5	1	191	167	8	2	332	284
North Texas	5	1	260	192	7	3	418	313
East Carolina	4	2	133	125	6	4	229	226
UAB	4	2	136	127	6	4	232	224
Army	4	2	181	170	5	4	290	228
FAU	3	3	235	250	6	4	383	353
Tulsa	3	3	241	165	6	4	336	226
Tulane	3	3	135	187	5	5	210	280
South Florida	2	4	153	154	6	4	274	188
Navy	2	4	199	210	3	6	263	274
Temple	1	5	119	167	2	8	234	291
Charlotte	1	5	115	218	1	9	193	362
Rice	0	6	132	205	1	9	208	326

Atlantic Coast Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	7	0	288	157	9	1	441	198
Wake Forest	6	1	286	98	9	1	439	150
Louisville	6	2	286	193	7	3	383	247
SMU	5	3	250	221	7	3	340	255
Duke	4	3	212	116	7	3	322	153
Clemson	4	3	141	148	6	4	210	206
Pittsburgh	3	4	167	173	6	4	297	194
Virginia Tech	3	4	178	205	6	4	330	255
Florida St.	3	4	188	191	5	5	292	265
Stanford	3	4	145	266	5	5	223	358
Virginia	3	4	141	171	5	5	269	215
Syracuse	3	5	190	216	5	5	298	260
North Carolina	2	4	144	150	5	5	258	221
Boston College	2	4	132	172	4	6	204	284
NC State	2	5	146	216	4	6	291	282
California	2	5	100	229	3	7	204	320
Georgia Tech	2	5	154	226	3	7	235	296

Big 12 Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Utah	7	0	237	162	10	0	379	186
Texas Tech	6	1	273	196	9	1	390	244
BYU	5	2	175	131	8	2	307	185
Arizona	4	3	236	171	7	3	347	219
Houston	4	3	199	180	7	3	351	234
Arizona St.	4	3	162	192	6	4	282	259
Baylor	4	3	198	142	6	4	294	181
Oklahoma St.	4	3	314	242	6	4	422	297
Iowa St.	3	4	198	240	5	5	304	273
TCU	3	4	130	123	5	5	234	152
UCF	3	4	160	212	5	5	284	260
Cincinnati	2	5	179	250	5	5	310	306
West Virginia	2	5	228	290	5	5	349	348
Colorado	2	5	147	212	4	6	220	287
Kansas	2	5	175	193	4	6	302	237
Kansas St.	1	6	156	231	4	6	292	261

Big Sky Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Montana St.	7	1	330	156	10	1	436	217
Montana	6	2	342	235	8	3	439	311
N. Arizona	6	2	266	217	8	3	346	303
Weber St.	6	2	274	227	7	4	386	346
UC Davis	5	3	218	247	7	4	322	327
Idaho	5	3	293	246	5	6	363	376
S. Utah	4	4	238	216	5	6	335	344
Idaho St.	3	5	231	215	6	5	357	259
Cal Poly	3	5	189	297	4	7	268	382
E. Washington	2	6	238	324	3	8	311	437
N. Colorado	2	6	181	223	3	8	240	299
Portland St.	2	6	190	280	2	9	233	464
Utah Tech	1	7	175	282	1	10	219	415

Big Ten Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
UCLA	7	0	224	107	10	0	324	141
Indiana	6	1	174	109	9	1	319	125
Iowa	5	2	167	104	8	2	278	117
Ohio St.	5	2	211	154	7	3	349	184
Oregon	5	2	189	140	7	3	338	206
Southern Cal	4	3	175	189	7	3	305	245
Illinois	4	3	153	165	6	4	270	229
Wisconsin	4	3	138	111	6	4	241	171
Nebraska	3	4	164	114	6	4	303	149
Northwestern	3	4	178	163	6	4	298	202
Penn St.	3	4	175	166	6	4	302	188
Washington	3	4	170	171	6	4	258	211
Minnesota	3	4	123	188	5	5	236	240
Michigan	2	5	101	138	5	5	183	177
Maryland	2	5	147	254	4	6	273	303
Purdue	2	5	182	213	3	7	272	319
Michigan St.	1	6	113	179	3	7	188	233
Rutgers	1	6	132	251	2	8	232	323

Coastal Athletic Association

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Monmouth (N.J.)	7	0	246	156	8	3	333	300
Campbell	5	2	252	168	8	3	370	307
Albany (N.Y.)	5	2	223	163	7	4	303	222
Bryant	5	2	179	138	7	4	240	245
Elon	4	3	162	142	6	5	249	199
N.C. A&T	4	3	167	163	5	6	233	281
Sacred Heart	4	4	219	210	4	6	236	275
Stony Brook	3	4	228	213	5	6	346	343
New Hampshire	3	4	149	181	4	7	218	337
Towson	3	4	208	186	3	8	286	347
Rhode Island	2	5	145	182	5	6	247	260
Maine	1	6	90	188	1	9	123	288
Hampton	0	7	90	268	1	10	169	399

Conference USA

Liberty	6	0	206	70	9	1	328	145
Jacksonville St.	5	1	172	111	7	3	286	207
Delaware	3	3	204	180	5	5	297	278
Middle Tenne.	3	3	174	190	5	5	265	307
Kennesaw St.	3	3	165	160	4	6	252	250
Missouri St.	3	3	146	163	4	6	242	291
W. Kentucky	3	3	160	160	4	6	246	324
FIU	2	4	118	149	4	6	190	207
New Mexico St.	2	4	102	140	3	7	207	259
Sam Houston St.	0	6	54	178	1	9	165	274

Ivy League

Harvard	5	1	179	94	8	1	260	125
Brown	4	2	146	118	6	3	201	154
Princeton	4	2	100	114	6	3	164	148
Yale	3	3	148	101	5	4	250	194
Dartmouth	3	3	111	111	4	5	186	187
Cornell	2	4	151	153	4	5	241	225
Penn	2	4	116	150	4	5	167	197
Columbia	1	5	81	191	4	5	182	270

Mid-American Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Toledo	5	1	170	116	8	2	343	220
Buffalo	5	1	158	108	7	3	243	241
Ohio	5	1	161	105	7	3	282	229
W. Michigan	5	1	182	107	7	3	278	187
Miami (Ohio)	4	2	167	135	6	4	281	257
Cent. Michigan	3	3	159	111	5	5	206	221
E. Michigan	3	3	132	147	4	6	199	266
Bowling Green	3	3	160	144	3	7	193	289
UMass	2	4	117	143	5	5	243	223
Ball St.	2	4	140	172	3	7	213	341
Kent St.	2	4	116	148	3	7	157	308
Sacramento St.	1	7	112	241	2	9	177	321
Akron	0	6	108	205	1	9	186	332

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S.C. State	4	0	146	69	9	2	451	203
N.C. Central	3	1	118	78	5	6	279	289
Delaware St.	2	2	96	108	6	5	260	285
Howard	2	2	84	113	5	6	221	332
Morgan St.	1	3	61	108	6	5	263	298
Norfolk St.	0	4	75	104	4	7	322	268

Missouri Valley

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S. Dakota St.	6	1	234	116	9	2	421	178
Youngstown St.	6	2	313	214	8	3	439	282
South Dakota	5	2	239	175	8	3	401	279
Illinois St.	4	3	177	179	8	3	371	226
North Dakota	4	3	235	175	7	4	393	279
S. Illinois	3	4	159	189	5	6	256	309
N. Iowa	3	4	181	198	4	6	261	301
Murray St.	1	6	156	302	2	9	211	445
Indiana St.	0	7	140	286	2	9	261	404

Mountain West Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Wyoming	6	1	180	138	7	3	224	210
New Mexico	5	1	172	73	8	2	328	119
N. Dakota St.	5	2	172	103	8	2	274	120
Air Force	4	2	175	140	8	2	282	196
UNLV	4	2	152	136	6	4	256	248
Nevada	3	3	139	131	4	6	215	219
San Jose St.	3	4	119	135	5	6	212	244
Hawaii	2	5	128	145	3	7	196	231
UTEP	0	6	67	190	1	9	142	336
N. Illinois	0	6	101	214	0	10	156	359

Northeast Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
CCSU	5	1	224	115	6	4	335	286
Robert Morris	4	2	112	109	6	5	239	253
Duquesne	4	2	151	82	5	5	224	234
LIU Brooklyn	4	2	102	96	4	7	161	264
Stonehill	3	3	90	104	4	7	180	248
New Haven	2	4	90	143	3	8	163	297
Wagner	2	4	98	177	3	8	166	367
Mercyhurst	0	6	144	185	1	10	231	421

Ohio Valley Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
SE Missouri	5	1	184	132	7	4	281	254
W. Illinois	5	1	244	150	7	4	407	266
L'wood (Mo.)	4	2	159	127	5	5	252	249
UT Martin	4	2	157	175	5	6	263	350
E. Illinois	2	4	124	120	3	8	214	326
Gardner-Webb	2	4	87	137	3	8	219	269
Chas. Southern	1	5	109	144	4	7	249	271
Tennessee St.	1	5	83	162	3	8	167	323

Pac-12 Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Boise St.	6	0	262	183	9	1	397	268
Texas State	4	2	239	177	6	4	384	312
San Diego St.	4	2	176	207	5	5	268	322
Oregon St.	3	3	254	196	5	5	383	288
Utah St.	3	3	113	127	4	6	165	215
Fresno St.	2	4	163	146	5	5	276	222
Colorado St.	1	5	168	339	3	7	329	476
Washington St.	1	5	155	155	2	8	244	254

Patriot League

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Lehigh	7	1	261	119	9	2	343	194
Holy Cross	6	2	223	182	6	5	265	295
Colgate	5	3	173	125	6	5	220	165
Villanova	5	3	233	165	6	5	301	278
Richmond	4	4	154	176	6	5	195	279
Fordham	4	4	195	196	4	7	218	310
Lafayette	3	4	159	179	4	6	213	284
Georgetown	3	4	150	191	3	6	181	246
William & Mary	2	6	178	277	4	7	224	368
Bucknell	0	8	121	237	1	10	142	319

Pioneer League

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Dayton	6	1	243	156	9	1	333	197
Butler	6	1	212	102	9	2	362	196
St. Thomas (Minn.)	5	2	274	189	8	3	399	300
San Diego	4	3	241	212	5	5	313	355
Valparaiso	4	3	177	156	5	5	270	235
Marist	4	3	164	160	5	6	249	254
Presbyterian	3	4	189	206	4	6	253	363
Drake	3	5	234	265	3	8	293	404
Davidson	2	5	144	266	4	7	234	383
Morehead St.	2	5	176	242	3	8	300	430
Stetson	0	7	188	288	1	10	265	456

Southeastern Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Georgia	7	1	285	124	9	1	418	147
Alabama	6	2	260	143	8	2	358	189
Tennessee	5	2	171	101	8	2	314	143
Texas	5	2	189	142	8	2	302	178
Kentucky	5	3	193	219	7	3	283	253
Ole Miss	4	3	222	187	6	3	304	234
Auburn	4	4	200	222	6	4	260	246
Florida	4	4	195	238	6	4	313	262
South Carolina	4	4	216	236	6	4	318	245
Oklahoma	3	3	124	150	5	4	199	173
LSU	3	4	196	143	6	4	355	181
Missouri	3	4	174	177	6	4	293	229
Arkansas	2	5	139	190	4	6	214	253
Mississippi St.	2	6	145	265	4	6	245	291
Texas A&M	1	6	103	170	4	6	242	190
Vanderbilt	1	6	115	220	4	6	213	286

Southern Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Mercer	6	1	195	115	9	2	325	194
Tennessee Tech	7	2	300	207	9	2	387	241
ETSU	5	2	216	128	7	4	339	253
Chattanooga	6	3	188	108	7	4	229	140
W. Carolina	4	3	177	184	6	5	309	309
Samford	4	4	160	169	4	7	202	246
Wofford	3	5	196	192	5	6	244	241
Furman	2	5	126	136	3	8	181	228
The Citadel	1	6	108	204	3	8	205	343
VMI	0	7	69	292	0	11	109	444

Southland Conference

S.F. Austin	7	1	324	135	10	1	444	166
Lamar	7	1	337	188	9	2	388	257
Incarnate Word	6	2	313	165	7	4	427	280
Houston Chr.	4	4	160	187	5	6	265	281
McNeese St.	4	4	137	172	5	6	227	262
SE Louisiana	3	5	185	206	5	6	267	305
UT RGV	3	5	176	212	5	6	266	284
Nicholls	3	5	141	265	4	7	188	405
East Texas A&M	3	5	180	229	3	8	214	324
Northwestern St.	0	8	139	333	0	11	202	504

Southwestern Athletic

East								
Alabama A&M	5	2	260	165	8	3	397	225
Alabama St.	5	3	211	166	6	4	262	200
Jackson St.	4	3	203	158	7	3	336	203
Beth.-Cookman	3	4	150	240	5	6	282	365
Florida A&M	2	5	144	218	3	8	210	362
MVSU	2	5	132	242	3	8	179	379
West								
Prairie View	5	2	199	142	6	5	272	285
Ark.-Pine Bluff	4	3	246	178	6	4	336	282
Alcorn St.	4	3	311	273	6	5	453	374
Southern U.	4	4	221	203	6	5	311	326
Grambling St.	3	4	237	258	5	5	341	354
Texas Southern	2	5	172	243	3	7	234	390

Sun Belt Conference

East								
Ga. Southern	5	1	180	99	6	4	273	194
James Madison	5	2	273	164	8	3	428	239
Appalachian St.	3	3	118	147	6	4	257	236
Coastal Carolina	3	3	150	149	4	6	250	243
Georgia St.	2	4	172	185	5	5	327	270
Marshall	2	4	123	177	5	5	217	307
Old Dominion	2	5	99	184	3	7	168	258
West								
Louisiana Tech	6	0	221	99	8	2	365	215
La.-Lafayette	4	2	188	140	7	3	311	217
South Alabama	3	3	194	181	5	5	319	304
Arkansas St.	2	4	168	171	4	6	268	265
Troy	2	4	130	177	4	6	215	263
Southern Miss	2	4	171	247	3	7	269	365
La.-Monroe	2	4	117	184	2	8	202	355

United Athletic Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Tarleton St.	6	0	237	141	11	0	434	249
Abilene Christian	5	1	206	120	6	5	295	273
Austin Peay	4	2	207	152	8	3	391	233
North Alabama	4	2	139	111	7	4	261	222
Cent. Arkansas	2	4	145	174	4	7	283	309
E. Kentucky	2	4	152	174	3	8	236	351
West Florida	1	5	116	162	4	5	207	213
West Georgia	0	6	57	225	1	10	150	390

Independents

	All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	9	1	395	138
UConn	5	5	342	262
Merrimack	5	6	191	349
Chicago State	3	7	320	327



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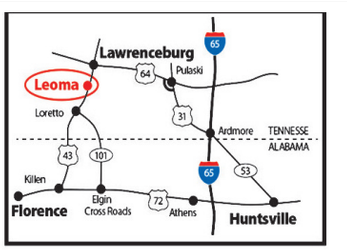

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