

# GAMEDAY

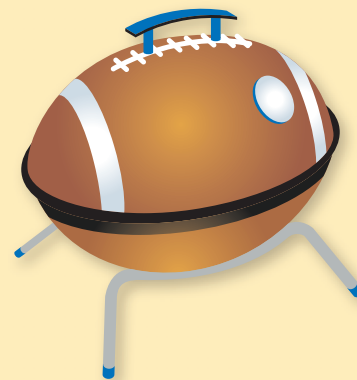


## STRUGGLE BUS

With Missouri coming to town, Crimson Tide teetering on abyss

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# TAILGATE of the week RECIPE



## Bean Burgers

### INGREDIENTS

1 pound ground chuck  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 cup Glory Goods brand seasoned southern-style great northern beans, completely drained & mashed with fork  
1/4 cup Rotel diced tomatoes, completely drained

1 large egg, slightly beaten  
1/2 cup Panko Japanese style bread crumbs  
4 slices American cheese slices  
4 hamburger buns

### DIRECTIONS:

Spray grill with cooking spray. Preheat grill to medium high heat. In a bowl, stir together beef, cumin, mashed beans, tomatoes, egg, and bread crumbs. Divide mixture into 4 portions and shape into patties. Let patties cook 5 minutes before trying to turn them over. Grill until a meat thermometer registers 160 degrees. Top each patty with one slice of cheese and remove from grill. Grill buns until toasted, 1-2 minutes per side. Yield: 4 servings.  
Note: Must use Glory Goods northern beans.  
Optional toppings: ranch dressing, lettuce, remaining Rotel tomatoes, onion, and pickles.



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by Beverly Bentley,  
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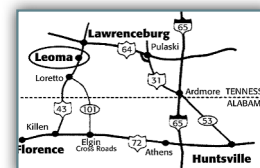
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at OLD DOMINION	2½	54½	Georgia Southern
at PITTSBURGH	5½	62½	Syracuse
Friday			
Louisville	7½	53½	at BOSTON COLLEGE
Boise State	3½	65½	at UNLV
at USC	13½	55½	Rutgers
Saturday			
at OLE MISS	20½	48½	Oklahoma
Tulane	7½	65½	at NORTH TEXAS
Notre Dame	12½	51½	at NAVY
at OHIO STATE	25½	48½	Nebraska
at VIRGINIA	4½	59½	North Carolina
at VIRGINIA TECH	10½	51½	Georgia Tech
at MEMPHIS	18½	57½	Charlotte
at OHIO	6½	44½	Buffalo
at INDIANA	6½	52½	Washington
Arkansas	6½	57½	at MISSISSIPPI ST.
at APPALACHIAN ST.	7½	63½	Georgia State
at EAST CAROLINA	6½	48½	Temple
at MIAMI (Ohio)	11½	46½	Central Michigan
at IOWA	13½	37½	Northwestern
Wake Forest	2½	54½	at STANFORD
at TOLEDO	2½	49½	Bowling Green
at MINNESOTA	4½	46½	Maryland
at TCU	6½	66½	Texas Tech
at OREGON	21½	54½	Illinois
at ALABAMA	13½	54½	Missouri
UTSA	7½	54½	at TULSA
at UCF	1½	55½	BYU
at UCONN	6½	46½	Rice
Eastern Michigan	2½	51½	at AKRON
at BAYLOR	6½	64½	Oklahoma State
at JAMES MADISON	24½	54½	Southern Miss
at CAL	9½	49½	Oregon State
Texas	18½	53½	at VANDERBILT
at COLORADO STATE	6½	65½	New Mexico
at SOUTH ALABAMA	7½	45½	Louisiana-Monroe
at WYOMING	2½	57½	Utah State
Utah	3½	36½	at HOUSTON
at MIAMI (Fla.)	20½	54½	Florida State
at ARIZONA	3½	54½	West Virginia
at ARKANSAS STATE	7½	51½	Troy
Penn State	6½	47½	at WISCONSIN
at MICHIGAN	4½	40½	Michigan State
at TEXAS A&M	2½	53½	LSU
at KENTUCKY	2½	42½	Auburn
at KANSAS STATE	10½	55½	Kansas
at FRESNO STATE	5½	54½	San Jose State
SMU	11½	48½	at DUKE
at COLORADO	5½	57½	Cincinnati
Washington State	14½	57½	at SAN DIEGO STATE
Nevada	1½	45½	at HAWAII

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., ESPNU  
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

Buffalo at Ohio, 11 a.m., CBSSN  
Charlotte at Memphis, 11 a.m., ESPNU  
Cornell at Brown, 11 a.m., NESN  
Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, 11 a.m., ACC Network  
Mercyhurst at Sacred Heart, 11 a.m., SNY  
Navy vs. Notre Dame, 11 a.m., ABC  
Nebraska at Ohio State, 11 a.m., FOX  
North Carolina at Virginia, 11 a.m., CW  
Oklahoma at Ole Miss, 11 a.m., ESPN  
Tulane at North Texas, 11 a.m., ESPN2  
Washington at Indiana, 11 a.m., BTN  
Arkansas at Mississippi State, 11:45 a.m., SEC Network  
Alabama State at Alabama A&M, 2:30 p.m., ESPNU  
BYU at UCF, 2:30 p.m., ESPN  
Illinois at Oregon, 2:30 p.m., CBS  
Maryland at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m., FS1  
Missouri at Alabama, 2:30 p.m., ABC  
Northwestern at Iowa, 2:30 p.m., BTN  
Rice at UConn, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN  
Texas Tech at TCU, 2:30 p.m., FOX  
Wake Forest at Stanford, 2:30 p.m., ACC Network  
Oregon State at California, 3 p.m., ESPN2  
Texas at Vanderbilt, 3:15 p.m., SEC Network  
Florida State at Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN  
Utah State at Wyoming, 6 p.m., CBSSN  
West Virginia at Arizona, 6 p.m., FS1  
LSU at Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m., ABC  
Michigan St. at Michigan, 6:30 p.m., BTN

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Thursday  
No. 19 Pittsburgh (6-0) vs. Syracuse (5-1), 6:30 p.m.  
Friday  
No. 17 Boise St. (5-1) at UNLV (6-1), 9:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
No. 1 Oregon (7-0) vs. No. 20 Illinois (6-1), 2:30 p.m.  
No. 3 Penn St. (6-0) at Wisconsin (5-2), 6:30 p.m.



Chief Osceola and the Florida State Seminoles will head down to Miami to take on the Hurricanes on ESPN on Saturday night. [LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Penn State at Wisconsin, 6:30 p.m., NBC  
South Dakota at South Dakota State, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU  
Auburn at Kentucky, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network  
Kansas at Kansas State, 7 p.m., ESPN2  
San Jose State at Fresno State, 7 p.m., truTV  
SMU at Duke, 7 p.m., ACC Network  
Cincinnati at Colorado, 9:15 p.m., ESPN  
Washington State at San Diego State, 9:30 p.m., CBSSN

Tuesday

New Mexico State at FIU, 6 p.m., CBSSN  
Louisiana-Lafayette at Texas State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2  
Louisiana Tech at Sam Houston, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Wednesday

Jacksonville State at Liberty, 6 p.m., CBSSN  
Kennesaw State at Western Kentucky, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

No. 4 Ohio St. (5-1) vs. Nebraska (5-2), 11 a.m.  
No. 5 Texas (6-1) at No. 25 Vanderbilt (5-2), 3:15 p.m.  
No. 6 Miami (7-0) vs. Florida St. (1-6), 6 p.m.  
No. 8 LSU (6-1) at No. 14 Texas A&M (6-1), 6:30 p.m.  
No. 11 BYU (7-0) at UCF (3-4), 2:30 p.m.  
No. 12 Notre Dame (6-1) vs. No. 24 Navy (6-0) at East Rutherford, N.J., 11 a.m.

No. 13 Indiana (7-0) vs. Washington (4-3), 11 a.m.  
No. 15 Alabama (5-2) vs. No. 21 Missouri (6-1), 2:30 p.m.  
No. 16 Kansas State (6-1) vs. Kansas (2-5), 7 p.m.  
No. 18 Mississippi (5-2) vs. Oklahoma (4-3), 11 a.m.  
No. 22 SMU (6-1) at Duke (6-1), 7 p.m.



# Missouri at Alabama

**When:** 2:45 p.m. Saturday

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

**Records:** No. 21 Missouri (6-1, 2-1 SEC), No. 15 Alabama (5-2, 2-2)

**The series:** Alabama leads 5-2.

## Four-down territory

**1. Own worst enemy:** Penalties continue to be an issue. Alabama was flagged 15 times against Tennessee for 115 yards, including a 15-yard personal foul call on Kendrick Law that turned a makable fourth down in the closing minutes into a fourth-and-22, which failed. That's on par for the Crimson Tide, ranked 129th of 133 FBS teams in most penalties. Overall, Alabama has been hit with 62 penalties for a whopping 548 yards, which translates to about nine flags per game for 78 yards.

**2. Running to a standstill:** The running game has taken a step back of late. Through the last three games, Alabama has 257 yards, 200 of which are from running backs Jam Miller and Justice Haynes. There haven't been any explosive runs in that span. Once a staple of Alabama's offense, the run game has suddenly vanished. That was evident against Tennessee, which saw Jalen Milroe attempt 45 passes. His previous career high was 33.

**3. Comeback kid:** Missouri is coming off a wild win against Auburn. Quarterback Brady Cook left with a first-half injury and was taken to the hospital. He returned in the fourth quarter and led two touchdown drives, including the game-winner with under a minute to play. "The dude is an extremely tough player," Alabama defensive coordinator Kane Wommack said. "I thought it was really impressive coming off of an injury. We'll certainly have a tremendous challenge that we're working very hard to make sure we maximize our opportunities."

**4. That's concerning:** Alabama was abysmal on third down against Tennessee last week (3-of-14). That stands to reason since the Vols are No. 2 in the country on third-down defense. The big issue this week is Missouri is No. 9 (28%, 26 of 93). Something has to change this week if Alabama expects to win. Overall, the Crimson Tide has converted 40% on third down (35 of 83). That's not bad, but the offense can't afford three-and-outs, and has to sustain drives on a solid



Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe and running back Jam Miller haven't had much rushing success lately for the Crimson Tide. [WADE PAYNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Missouri defense.

## Key matchup

### Alabama QB Jalen Milroe vs. Missouri QB Brady Cook

Both of these players are the heart and soul of the offense. The success lives and dies with their performances. Milroe is coming off a rough game, where accuracy was a major problem and the result was a loss. On the flip side, a gutsy Cook led the Tigers to a comeback win while hampered with an injury.

## Player of the week

### Jam Miller, RB

The struggling run game has to hit the

reset button and needs Miller to break loose for some momentum-changing plays. He leads the team with 402 rushing yards but has struggled lately. He's got to get back on track to give the offense some balance.

## By the numbers

**19:** The Crimson Tide has scored 70 points and held opponents to just 19 points in the first quarter.

**37:** Despite its struggles, Alabama leads the SEC with 37 touchdowns.

**83:** Alabama is 88-13-1 all time in homecoming games. The last homecoming loss was to LSU in 2001.

**71:** Alabama has a 71% conversion rate

(4-of-7) on fourth down. Alabama opponents also have a 71% conversion rate (12-of-17) on fourth down.

## Prediction

### Alabama 28, Missouri 13

The grumbling from Alabama fans and talk shows is palpable. The joy and confidence from the Georgia win have been replaced with misery and despair. The road to the playoff doesn't get easier with Missouri up next and LSU down the road. Any slipups the rest of the way sends the Tide to an unwanted bowl destination like the Citrus Bowl or Liberty Bowl.

— Edwin Stanton



# Alabama on brink of playoff elimination

By John Zenor  
The Associated Press

Alabama looked every bit the Nick Saban-style juggernaut through the first 15 minutes against fellow Southeastern Conference power Georgia.

Kalen DeBoer's 15th-ranked Crimson Tide team has looked downright mortal, perhaps even mediocre, since then during a sputtering run that has included costly penalties, errant passes from quarterback Jalen Milroe and a too often vulnerable defense.

The latest blow was last weekend's 24-17 loss to No. 7 Tennessee. It leaves Alabama (5-2, 2-2 SEC) with multiple losses before November for the first time since Saban's debut season in 2007 — and No. 21 Missouri (6-1, 2-1) visits on Saturday.

The ranking is Alabama's lowest since 2010, the only season in a 16-year span the Tide has lost as many as three times. Another loss would almost certainly eliminate DeBoer's team from even the new 12-team playoff field.

"We've got to have a starving mindset," Milroe told reporters after Saturday's loss. "To want to get better, want to grind, want to be the best version of ourselves, want to be the best offense in the country. And a lot is still out there with the right mindset."

Alabama has been outscored 123-92 since racing to a 28-0 lead over No. 2 Georgia. The Tide went on to win that game 41-34 with a late 75-yard bomb to freshman wide receiver Ryan Williams, followed by an interception in the end zone from fellow freshman Zabien Brown.

That vaulted Alabama to No. 1, albeit only briefly. A 40-35 loss to Vanderbilt followed.

"You can't have the mistakes, you can't have the penalties, got to have better execution," DeBoer said on Monday. "All those things that put you behind the eight-ball throughout the course of the game. Here in the SEC there's such a fine line between winning and losing and that's how you get beat. That's on all of us."

Making matters tougher, cornerback Keon Sabb is hurt with what DeBoer described as "a lower extremity injury."



**In coach Kalen DeBoer's first season, Alabama's current No. 15 ranking is its lowest since 2010.**

[VASHA HUNT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

"We're still gathering information here, but we do expect him to be down for a while," he said. "That could be an extended amount of time, and we'll just continue to evaluate that."

A snapshot of the Tide's woes:

- Alabama committed 15 penalties for 115 yards against Tennessee. The backbreaker was Kendrick Law's 15-yard personal foul to force the Tide into a fourth-and-22 situation in the final minutes. It fell short.

- Milroe looked like a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate after the Georgia win. In the three games since, he has three touchdown passes and five interceptions while netting only 57 rushing yards after sacks.

- The Tide offense needs to get the ball to playmakers beyond Williams. He was targeted 18 times against Tennessee and had eight catches for 73 yards. Germi Bernard caught five passes for 72 yards on five targets. Law was the only other wide receiver credited with a target on a non-penalty play.

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# Auburn at Kentucky

**When:** 6:45 p.m. Saturday

**TV/radio:** SEC/FM-94.9

**Records:** Auburn (2-5, 0-4 SEC), Kentucky (3-4, 1-4)

**The series:** Auburn leads 27-6-1.

## Four-down territory

**1. Same old story:** Twice this season Auburn has given away the lead in the fourth quarter (Oklahoma and Missouri). It all comes down to finishing, something the Tigers haven't done this season. In SEC games, the Tigers have been out-scored 52-17. "It feels like a repeated topic," Auburn coach Hugh Freeze said. "We've got to figure out a way to finish. It's incredibly frustrating."

**2. Vote of confidence:** Freeze has been doing a lot of politicking this season, for himself, his staff and the players. It's been hard to spin the positives after four straight losses. Freeze remains resolute the Tigers can finish the season strong. "I've said it before: I remain confident in the staff and our players, and continue to trust the process," he said. "Hopefully the results will start to come sooner rather than later."

**3. Wildcat surprise:** You never know which Kentucky team will show up each week. Maybe Auburn gets the team that went toe-to-toe with Georgia in a one-point loss or handed Ole Miss its only loss. Auburn might see a Wildcat team that got scorched by South Carolina and Florida. The difference in the games with Ole Miss and Georgia was the run defense. Kentucky held Ole Miss to 92 yards and Georgia to 102. Florida ran for 197 in its romp of the Wildcats last week.

**4. Time to change:** Auburn made a switch at left tackle during last week's game with Missouri. Dillon Wade took over for Percy Lewis. Auburn ran for 110 yards last week. The move may not be permanent. "We'll continue to look at that this week," Freeze said. "The movement stuff that has started to happen against us because we were really good at getting into correct runs against fronts for several games. Everybody is trying to pattern what others have done, and Percy struggled with it in all reality."

## Key matchup

**Auburn LB Dorian Mausi vs. Kentucky LB D'Eryk Jackson**

The run defense for both teams will be a deciding factor. Mausi leads the Tigers



Jalen McLeod is tied for Auburn's team lead with five sacks this season. [MICHAEL WOODS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

with 40 tackles, including five for a loss and one sack. He's got to plug the gaps and prevent big runs. Jackson is Kentucky's leading tackler with 37 total with five tackles for loss and one sack. He's also got three pass breakups.

## Player of the game

**Jalen McLeod, LB**

The senior has become a big leader on defense. He had six tackles last week and is tied for the team lead with five sacks. He has to set the tone early and rally the defense when things get out of control.

## By the numbers

**1:** The number of losing seasons for Freeze in 13 seasons as a head coach.

**1:** The combined SEC win total of Auburn and Kentucky. The Wildcats have the one win.

**2:** Kentucky receiver Dane Key has two straight games with 100-plus yards.

**2015:** Auburn travels to Lexington for the first time since 2015, a 30-17 victory.

## Prediction

**Auburn 21, Kentucky 10**

The Tigers have to have the breaks

go their way at some point. Kentucky is an inconsistent team and there is hope for Auburn in catching the Wildcats at the right time. The Tigers' defense has played well during the four-game losing skid (except in the fourth quarter). It's the offense that needs to step up and make some explosive plays and take control of the game. Five straight losses would be unacceptable and Freeze has run out of excuses not to get the job done.

— Edwin Stanton



# UNA at Central Arkansas

**When:** 4 p.m. Saturday

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

**Records:** UNA (3-5, 3-1 UAC), Central Arkansas (5-2, 2-1)

**The series:** UNA leads 15-7.

## Four-down territory

**1. Back at it:** UNA should be well-enough rested for this matchup. After playing eight straight weeks, the Lions were able to take a break last week. It was the first of their two scheduled byes with the second one set to take place Nov. 16. The question is will it dampen any of their momentum after winning their last three games. Central Arkansas is also coming off a bye week.

**2. Going for another:** UNA finally snapped its 19-game losing streak against ranked Division I foes when it topped then-No. 10 Abilene Christian 47-34 two weeks ago. So, can the Lions do it again? Central Arkansas is ranked 12th in the Stats FCS top 25. The last time UNA beat two ranked opponents in the same season was 2016, the program's penultimate year in Division II. The Lions went 4-2 against ranked teams that season with one of the losses coming to a then-FCS No. 3 Jacksonville State. The last time UNA beat ranked opponents in consecutive games was 2013. The Lions beat Division II No. 11 Valdosta State 57-7 on Oct. 26 and topped No. 20 West Alabama 30-27 in overtime a week later.

**3. ShunDerrick, take two:** Central Arkansas (and former UNA) running back ShunDerrick Powell made his return to Braly Stadium last season. But Lions' single-season rushing yards leader was hampered by a foot injury and rushed for only 23 yards on seven carries. He'll get another shot at the Lions in Conway. And he appears healthy, too. Powell ranks second in the FCS with 1,107 rushing yards on 130 carries. His season low is 126 yards against Lindenwood. He also ranks first with 13 rushing touchdowns. Powell has 16 overall.

**4. How the turntables:** There have been some notable changes during UNA's win streak, and for the better. The Lions are scoring points. After averaging fewer than 15 points during its five-game losing streak, UNA has averaged 44 over its last three games. Perhaps just as notable? The Lions aren't giving the ball to the other team. After having 17 during its



Central Arkansas' ShunDerrick Powell ranks first in the FCS in rushing touchdowns and gets a shot at his former team, North Alabama, on Saturday.

[CENTRAL ARKANSAS ATHLETICS]

skid, UNA has only had one since. Points and not turning the ball over are certainly a decent recipe for success. Well, well, well ... who knew?

## Key matchup

### UCA DL David Walker vs. UNA OL

Walker was the conference's defensive player of the year last season and has played like one again. He leads the UAC in sacks with 6 ½, which is tied for ninth in the FCS. He also has 12 ½ tackles for loss, good for a tie for third in the FCS. It helps that teammate Samuel Horton has 4 ½ sacks to give Walker some breathing room.

## Player of the week

### ShunDerrick Powell, RB

Don't think much needs to be said here. He's likely going to be the most talented running back the Lions will see/have seen this season if he's healthy.

## By the numbers

**243:** The number of rushing yards Central Arkansas averages per game. That's good for first in the UAC. Outside of Powell, Darius Hale has 10 rushing TDs.

**165:** The number of rushing yards UNA allows per game. That's fourth in the conference. The Bears are No. 1 in this category, too. But the Lions are first in

overall defense, allowing fewer than 360 yards per game.

**2018:** The last time UNA won four straight games in a single season.

**6:** The number of catches Takairree Kenebrew needs to move into fifth place on the school's all-time receptions list. He's currently at 127. He still needs 589 receiving yards to move up that list.

## Prediction

### Central Arkansas 37, UNA 30

UNA will find out if its bye week was a good or bad thing.

— David Glovach



## MAGIC CITY CLASSIC

## Alabama State vs. Alabama A&amp;M

**When:** 2:30 p.m. Saturday**Where:** Legion Field, Birmingham**Records:** Alabama State (3-3, 1-1 SWAC), Alabama A&M (3-3, 1-1)**TV:** ESPNU**The series:** Alabama A&M leads 44-41-3.**Four-down territory****1. Capturing vs. sustaining the magic:**

The Magic City Classic has gone in Alabama State's favor as of late. Since 2000, the Hornets had only managed to win back-to-back games in the series once (2010-13). That was until last season. Alabama State won 31-16 to follow the 24-17 victory in 2022. Alabama A&M, however, holds a 16-8 advantage in the 21st century, which included a four-game win streak from 2018-2021.

**2. Mission Control, there is a QB:**

Repeat. There is a quarterback. The Bulldogs played five quarterbacks in its first five games with three getting the majority of the reps, but it appears to be Xavier Lankford's show now. The junior was 21-for-42 passing for 245 yards and three touchdowns against Jackson State and followed that with a 15-for-24 showing for 315 yards, one touchdown and an interception against Bethune-Cookman. Lankford was the starter for the Magic City Classic last season. He threw for 231 yards, a TD and INT in the loss.

**3. Trying to put a stop to it:**

Alabama State isn't wowing anyone with its offense. The Hornets are averaging fewer than 25 points per game. Their defense, on the other hand, is fairly stout. Alabama State is allowing a little more than 252 yards per game which ranks fourth in the FCS behind Dayton (222), Butler (237) and Mercer (250). It's allowing 18.7 points per game which ranks 12th in the FCS. Both categories are the best among SWAC schools. Alabama A&M is averaging 31 points per contest.

**4. A little prep time:**

Both Alabama A&M and Alabama State enter the annual matchup with an extra week of preparation. Both are also coming off rather lopsided wins. The Bulldogs beat Bethune-Cookman 56-12 and had a 300-yard passer, a 100-yard rusher (Donvan Eaglin, 125 yards) and a 100-yard receiver (Keenan Hambrick, 111 yards). The Hornets rolled through



Alabama State defensive end Tregwan Thomas has made it a habit to get to opposing quarterbacks this season. [ALABAMA STATE ATHLETICS]

Mississippi Valley State 54-17 thanks to Kareem Keye's 326 passing yards and four touchdowns.

**Key matchup****Alabama A&M QB Xavier Lankford vs. Alabama State DB James Burgess**

Lankford is now the guy for the Bulldogs. He just has to avoid turnovers, which should make an interesting matchup with Burgess. The senior leads the Hornets with three picks, two of which have come in back-to-back games. Perhaps he'll make it three straight?

**Player of the week****Alabama State DE Tregwan Thomas**

Thomas has put up some impressive numbers so far. He is tied for second in the FCS with 7 ½ sacks. His 10 ½ tackles for loss is tied for 10th. And he's gotten to opposing quarterbacks multiple times in three games.

**By the numbers**

**2:** The number of sponsors for the officially named McDonald's Magic City Classic presented by Coca-Cola.

**1924:** The inaugural meeting between Alabama A&M and Alabama State. The

Hornets won 30-0.

**1995:** The last time Alabama State had won three straight in the series. It capped a string of six wins in a row.

**Prediction****Alabama State 34, Alabama A&M 27**

The Bulldogs can score, but the Hornets' defense, especially with a premier pass rusher, will be quite the task to overcome. It looks like Alabama State might be able to party like it's the mid-1990s Saturday night.

— David Glovach



# This week's SEC, state games

## Oklahoma at No. 18 Ole Miss

**When:** 11 a.m. Saturday

**TV:** ESPN

**Records:** Oklahoma (4-3, 1-3 SEC), Ole Miss (5-2, 1-2)

**The series:** Ole Miss leads 1-0.

**The lowdown:** This rivalry has been boiling for a while. Their only meeting was in the 1999 Independence Bowl, a 27-25 victory by the Rebels in the final college football game of the 20th century. ... Ole Miss quarterback Jaxson Dart has 9,908 career yards of total offense. He's 76 yards shy of Eli Manning and 570 behind Bo Wallace on the all-time school list. ... The Rebels were off last week following a 29-26 overtime loss at LSU. ... The Sooners were not off last week but fell 35-9 at home to South Carolina. ... OU outgained the Gamecocks but surrendered two defensive touchdowns.

## Arkansas at Mississippi State

**When:** 11:45 a.m. Saturday

**TV:** SECN

**Records:** Arkansas (4-3, 2-2 SEC), Mississippi State (1-6, 0-4)

**The series:** Arkansas leads 20-6.

**The lowdown:** The Hogs, coming off an off week, dropped a 34-10 decision to LSU last week. ... The Pups have lost six in a row, the last three to ranked teams. ... Last year's matchup more closely resembled a food fight. The Bulldogs won 7-3 with the teams combining for 405 yards offense and 14 punts. ... Arkansas quarterback Taylen Green has 2,057 yards of total offense this year. ... The Razorbacks are fourth in the SEC and 22nd nationally in total offense, averaging over 455 yards per game.

## No. 5 Texas at No. 25 Vanderbilt

**When:** 3:15 p.m. Saturday

**TV:** SECN

**Records:** Texas (6-1, 2-1 SEC), Vanderbilt (5-2, 2-1)

**The series:** Vanderbilt leads 8-3-1.

**The lowdown:** Texas can end 96 years of shame at the hands of the Commodores. The Longhorns last beat Vandy in 1927. ... Vandy owns a one-game win streak over UT with a 13-12 victory in 1928. ... The last three meetings (1926-28) were all in Dallas. ... The Longhorns last visited Nashville in 1925 and lost 14-6. ... In four meetings in the Music City, the Commodores have outscored Texas 98-6. ... They've only met once



Ole Miss quarterback Jaxson Dart will need to stay on his feet if he wants to approach the school's all-time record for total offensive yards. [MATTHEW HINTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

in Austin, forging a 5-5 tie in 1903. ... Of the 26 teams Texas has played at least 10 times, only Notre Dame and Vandy have winning records against the Longhorns. The Fighting Irish are 9-3.

## Louisiana-Monroe at South Alabama

**When:** 4 p.m. Saturday

**TV:** ESPN+

**Records:** ULM (5-1, 3-0 Sun Belt), South Alabama (3-4, 2-1)

**The series:** Tied 5-5.

**The lowdown:** South Alabama ended a six-year losing streak to Troy with last week's 25-9 win over the Trojans. ... The Jags gave up just 172 yards total offense and forced three turnovers. ... South Alabama entered having given up an average of over 445 yards per game. ... ULM has



Kevin Coleman Jr. and Mississippi State haven't had much bite against SEC competition this season. [RANDY J. WILLIAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]





Gerard Parker's first season at Troy has not featured many good moments, but there was the win against Florida A&M. [TROY ATHLETICS]



After putting a stop to its six-year skid against Troy, South Alabama will be looking to put a dent in Louisiana-Monroe's best start since 1987. [SOUTH ALABAMA ATHLETICS]

## SEC

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won three straight, including a 38-21 win two weeks ago over Southern Miss. ... The Warhawks' 5-1 start is the best for the school since 1987. ... Billy Pullen has made four of ULM's 14 sacks.

### Troy at Arkansas State

**When:** 6 p.m. Saturday

**TV:** ESPN+

**Records:** Troy (1-6, 0-3 Sun Belt), Arkansas State (4-3, 2-1)

**The series:** Arkansas State leads 11-9.

**The lowdown:** Troy starting quarterback Goose Crowder will miss the rest of the season due to injury, the Trojans announced Tuesday. ... Troy ranks 118th in FBS in total offense at 309.3 yards per game. (Notably, Michigan is tied for 119th, Oklahoma 128th and Florida State 132nd.) ... The Trojans posted 14 tackles for loss in last week's 25-9 loss at South Alabama, a total that ranks sixth in the school's FBS history. ... Brendan Jackson made 10 tackles, of which 4 ½ were for loss, a half-TFL shy of the school record. ... Troy's win was over FCS Florida A&M. ... Arkansas State defensive end Jayden Jones had three tackles for loss, including two sacks, forced two turnovers and



Matthew McConaughey won't have to worry about getting angry in person if Texas has a subpar performance against Vanderbilt. This matchup will take place in Nashville.

[RODOLFO GONZALEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

grabbed his first career interception in last week's 44-28 win at Southern Miss.

### No. 8 LSU at No. 14 Texas A&M

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Saturday

**TV:** ABC

**Records:** LSU (6-1, 3-0 SEC), Texas A&M (6-1, 4-0)



LSU or Texas A&M might not get a cool trophy at the end of their matchup, but settling for a top-25 win might be OK. [MICHAEL WOODS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

**The series:** LSU leads 36-23-3.

**The lowdown:** The teams have alternated wins every year since A&M 74-72 five-overtime win in 2018 with each always winning at home. ... A&M running back Le'Veon Moss averages 96.3 rushing yards per game, which is second in the SEC and 25th nationally. ... The

Aggies downed Mississippi State 34-24 last week, marking their fourth game decided by 10 points or less. ... LSU's Damian Ramos was 4-for-4 on field goals, including a career-long 48-yarder, in last week's 34-10 win at Arkansas.

— A. Stacy Long



# Miami not taking 1-win FSU lightly

By Tim Reynolds  
The Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The way Miami wide receiver Xavier Restrepo was talking Tuesday, it would seem as if the sixth-ranked Hurricanes are getting ready for a Top 25 matchup this weekend against a fellow undefeated team.

He certainly didn't sound like Miami (7-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) was prepping for a Florida State team that — at 1-6 overall and 1-5 in ACC play — is already teetering on the brink of being assured of a losing season.

"You know, we have tons of respect for those guys, defending ACC champions, a really, really talented football team," Restrepo said. "You watch their defense, all five DBs can line up in your face and play man, they run around, have great ball skills. The D-line gets pressure, their linebackers play really solid and defend the pass very well as well. ... We have to be as prepared as we can be."

Translation: No, Miami is not taking Florida State lightly going into their Saturday night matchup at Miami Gardens. In this rivalry, that would be a bad idea.

Consider last season, when Miami was somewhere between a 14- and 17-point underdog when it went to Tallahassee to take on the then-undefeated Seminoles. The Hurricanes had the ball with a chance to tie in the final minutes, before losing 27-20 in a game that was much closer than oddsmakers expected.

This year, it's Miami that BetMGM Sportsbook has listed as a 21-point favorite.

With quarterback Cam Ward looking like a potential Heisman candidate, the Hurricanes are off to their first 7-0 start since 2017. He has thrown for at least 300 yards in every game and leads the nation with 2,538 passing yards. Ward threw for 319 yards and four touchdowns in a 52-45 win at Louisville last weekend.

Meanwhile, FSU has struggled. The Seminoles began the season ranked No. 10 and lost three straight. After beating Cal 14-9 at home, they've lost three more, including 23-16 last weekend at Duke.

"Obviously, this is a huge week for our football program," Florida State coach Mike Norvell said. "I mean, this game is a game that we have an emphasis on 365 days a year because we're fortunate to be at a place that you get two rivalry games



Cam Ward leads the nation in passing yards and has at least 300 yards in every game this year for Miami. [TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

every single year that mean a ton to our football program."

Florida State plays its other in-state rival, Florida, on Nov. 30 in its regular-season finale.

The last time there was something this close to a disparity among records between the teams going into a Florida

State-Miami game was 1974, when the Seminoles were 0-8 and the Hurricanes were 5-2. Florida State won 21-14 to snap a 20-game losing streak — doing so in Miami, on the Hurricanes' homecoming weekend.

It's a reminder of why records don't matter much in this rivalry.

"As a player, we never looked at the record of anyone we're playing against," Miami coach Mario Cristobal said. "Whatever the record of any team is in this rivalry, you're going to get the best version of them and they're going to get the best version of you. And that's what makes this game so incredibly intense."



# Clemson surging, has playoff hopes

By Pete Iacobelli

The Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — A year ago, Dabo Swinney was sparring with a radio caller asking why he's paid so much at Clemson for mid-level results.

Hardly anyone's questioning Swinney this season with the ninth-ranked Tigers surging back into contention for an Atlantic Coast Conference championship and a return to the College Football Playoffs. The Tigers (6-1, 5-0) have this week off before starting the final stretch at home against Louisville.

"We've got a long ways to go, but we do have an opportunity to earn it," Swinney said Monday. "And it is exciting."

The defending ACC champs had expectations in 2023, but were out of the race by late October. The Tigers lost their opener at unranked Duke, were beaten at home by eventual league winner Florida State and lost consecutive games to Miami and N.C. State to fall to 4-4.

Then came the infamous, at least to Clemson backers, words on Swinney's radio call-in show from "Tyler from Spartanburg," who pointedly challenged Swinney: "Why are we paying you \$11.5 million to go 4-4?"

Swinney got fiery, telling Tyler he'd never let outside narratives about his program change his approach.

"You ain't going to talk to me like I'm 12 years old," Swinney answered back.

The radio exchange lit a fire under Swinney — and his team.

The Tigers finished with five straight victories last season including wins over ranked opponents in Notre Dame and North Carolina. The good feelings fueled Clemson throughout the offseason and, even after a disappointing 34-3 loss to No. 2 Georgia in the opener, have continued this season.

The Tigers have gone 11-1 since Tyler's angry call, showing the brand of dominating offense and suffocating defense they displayed during Clemson's run of success from 2015-2020 when it won six ACC titles and national championship after the 2016 and 2018 seasons.

Clemson quarterback Cade Klubnik has made significant forward strides in his second season as a starter. Too frequently in the first eight games of 2023, Klubnik struggled with accuracy and decision making at critical times.



Quarterback Cade Klubnik has helped bolster Clemson's hopes of another playoff berth with coach Dabo Swinney. [CHUCK BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

That's changed dramatically this season. Klubnik has thrown 20 touchdowns, more than the 19 he had all last year. He's had just three interceptions in seven games this season, down from the nine he threw last year.

Klubnik has benefitted from a deep group of receivers. Wide out Antonio Williams, slowed by injuries last year, has come back in a big way with 28 catches and a team-leading five touchdowns.

Freshmen receivers Bryant Wesco Jr. and T.J. Moore helped stretch the field like the Tigers had not done since the CFP run ended four years ago. Westco leads the team with 23.8 yards per catch with Moore in second (16.8).

"Of course, we still have a long way to go," linebacker Barrett Carter said. "It's super exciting knowing we have all our goals in front of us and we still have a chance to fight for a spot to win this league. Whatever comes after that we'll see. But it's certainly exciting."

Swinney's not ready for a victory lap, not this soon anyway. He didn't enter coaching to be proven right, he said, but to lead players into success both on and off the field.

Swinney recalled the mistakes of early last season and never wavered about how close he felt the team was to a breakthrough while losing more games in a season than they had since 2010.

"I could see our quarterback getting better, I could see a lot of good things and a lot of areas that not everybody else sees," Swinney said. "I just really feel like we had a chance to be a really good team."

And maybe one that once more plays for a championship.

In order for that to happen, the Tigers must pay attention to the little things, Swinney said. In the joyful aftermath of Clemson's 31-23 win over Notre Dame, a smiling Swinney shouted it was time to buy stock in the rising Tigers.

His opinion hasn't changed in the year since. "Hey, I need to buy some more," he said.



# Backup gets his chance with Hoosiers

By Michael Marot  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana quarterback Tayven Jackson seemingly spent his entire life preparing for Saturday — leading his home state team onto the field for one of the biggest games in program history.

All he has to do now is help the 13th-ranked Hoosiers beat Washington.

Indiana coach Curt Cignetti named Jackson the starter Monday, two days after Kurtis Rourke injured his right thumb during the first half of last weekend's 56-7 rout over Nebraska that will keep him on the sideline indefinitely.

"Kurtis Rourke will not play this week. We do expect him to return during the regular season with a thumb injury, that's all I'll say about the injury," Cignetti said during his weekly news conference. "We have 100% confidence, the team has 100% confidence, I have confidence, the staff has confidence in Tayven Jackson. I thought he played really well in the second half."

Cignetti provided no additional details about Rourke's injury, which appeared to occur when his throwing hand inadvertently struck the helmet of a Cornhuskers pass rusher late in the first half. He threw for 189 yards and one score as the Hoosiers (7-0, 4-0 Big Ten) built a 28-7 halftime lead, but he spent the second half watching from the sideline in street clothes.

Jackson looked good in another relief appearance, going 7-of-8 with 91 yards, two scores and a quarterback rating of 99.9 — even better than Rourke's rating of 89.8.

Jackson also rushed twice for 21 yards while leading to another 28 points over the final 30 minutes and has grown accustomed to living life in the limelight.

His father, Ray, played on Washington State's 1998 Rose Bowl team and three years in the NFL. His older brother, Trayce Jackson-Davis, was an All-American basketball player with the Hoosiers. And the third-year quarterback led prep powerhouse Center Grove High School to 28 consecutive wins during his junior and senior seasons before initially starting his college career at Tennessee.

So when Jackson opted to transfer to Indiana following the 2022 season, many Hoosiers fans expected him to earn the starting job almost by acclamation.



Tayven Jackson will step in as Indiana's quarterback after starter Kurtis Rourke's injury. [A.J. MAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Instead, Jackson found himself locked into a season-long battle for playing time with Brendan Sorsby.

But when the Hoosiers fired coach Tom Allen, Sorsby entered the transfer portal. Jackson opted to stick around even after Cignetti got the commitment from Rourke, the 2022 Mid-American Conference MVP.

Cignetti has no doubt Jackson will be ready to face the Huskies (4-3, 2-2), last season's national runner-up who had a bye last week, or beyond.

"I thought he (Jackson) came in, did a nice job in the second half. Now he'll get more repetitions, which will help him prepare for the game on Saturday," Cignetti said. "He's a guy that's extremely capable, extremely capable. I'm sure he'll rise to the occasion."

Still, it won't be easy replacing Rourke, whose leads the Big Ten with a quarterback rating of 188.7, shares the league lead with 15 TD passes and is second among conference quarterbacks in completion percentage (74.6%).

Rourke has played so well, he's in the discussion for Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and even a potential Heisman Trophy contender.

Now, though, Jackson needs to be more than Indiana's quarterback of the future. He's being asked to keep the Hoosiers' magical season on track, now.

"Everybody's here for a reason, right?" Cignetti said. "In this sport, you're going to have injuries at every single position. It's a lot different when you're the starter, right? I'm sure he's excited about it."



COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Oct. 19 games)

American Athletic Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
Army	6	0	241	80	7	0	283	87	
Navy	4	0	186	90	6	0	269	118	
Tulane	3	0	140	40	5	2	279	141	
Memphis	2	1	117	103	6	1	239	139	
North Texas	2	1	137	109	5	2	289	250	
Charlotte	2	1	93	95	3	4	161	241	
East Carolina	1	2	82	120	3	4	187	193	
South Florida	1	2	48	91	3	4	176	210	
UTSA	1	2	85	83	3	4	175	211	
Temple	1	2	45	90	2	5	133	227	
Rice	1	3	73	109	2	5	163	183	
FAU	0	3	68	103	2	5	171	197	
Tulsa	0	3	37	121	2	5	156	242	
UAB	0	4	73	191	1	6	147	263	

Atlantic Coast Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
Clemson	5	0	225	107	6	1	294	161	
Miami	3	0	129	117	7	0	338	158	
SMU	3	0	116	53	6	1	285	144	
Pittsburgh	2	0	51	39	6	0	245	141	
Duke	2	1	58	60	6	1	181	121	
Syracuse	2	1	79	71	5	1	203	148	
Virginia Tech	2	1	107	66	4	3	225	157	
Georgia Tech	3	2	136	131	5	3	243	181	
Louisville	2	2	127	125	4	3	262	170	
Virginia	2	2	106	116	4	3	196	180	
Boston College	1	2	63	79	4	3	184	145	
Wake Forest	1	2	78	110	3	4	190	224	
NC State	1	3	106	140	4	4	208	249	
Stanford	1	3	57	135	2	5	132	225	
Florida St.	1	5	93	155	1	6	105	175	
North Carolina	0	3	78	96	3	4	230	213	
California	0	4	85	94	3	4	168	131	

Big 12 Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
BYU	4	0	151	91	7	0	244	133	
Iowa St.	4	0	129	72	7	0	222	101	
Kansas St.	3	1	127	104	6	1	233	144	
Cincinnati	3	1	118	71	5	2	210	135	
Colorado	3	1	148	90	5	2	217	153	
Texas Tech	3	1	137	144	5	2	271	253	
Arizona St.	2	2	98	104	5	2	207	162	
TCU	2	2	104	99	4	3	225	192	
West Virginia	2	2	104	115	3	4	199	201	
Utah	1	3	58	82	4	3	168	115	
Arizona	1	3	71	113	3	4	161	193	
Baylor	1	3	139	150	3	4	227	179	
UCF	1	3	104	139	3	4	219	180	
Houston	1	3	44	115	2	5	96	165	
Kansas	1	3	128	119	2	5	213	168	
Oklahoma St.	0	4	88	140	3	4	216	201	

Big Sky Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
Montana St.	4	0	174	55	8	0	333	130	
UC Davis	4	0	159	100	7	1	264	188	
Montana	2	1	131	124	5	2	289	212	
Idaho	2	2	90	112	5	3	189	186	
N. Arizona	2	2	101	96	4	4	236	179	
Weber St.	2	2	163	136	3	5	247	216	
Sacramento St.	1	2	95	117	3	4	217	212	
E. Washington	1	2	122	128	2	5	236	267	
N. Colorado	1	2	45	100	1	6	98	238	
Idaho St.	1	3	122	147	3	5	253	275	
Cal Poly	1	3	105	138	2	5	164	220	
Portland St.	1	3	98	152	1	6	172	323	

Big South-OVC Association									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
SE Missouri	4	0	143	85	7	1	253	144	
Tennessee St.	3	1	92	70	6	2	204	185	
UT Martin	2	1	122	79	4	3	219	192	
W. Illinois	2	1	85	86	3	4	186	300	
L'wood (Mo.)	2	2	112	105	3	5	206	215	
Tennessee Tech	2	2	100	106	2	5	148	208	
Gardner-Webb	1	2	80	122	2	5	174	204	
E. Illinois	0	3	69	107	1	6	110	234	
Chas. Southern	0	4	56	99	1	6	101	179	

Big Ten Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
Indiana	4	0	181	72	7	0	341	96	
Oregon	4	0	132	54	7	0	242	116	
Penn St.	3	0	81	48	6	0	205	87	
Illinois	3	1	109	101	6	1	207	127	
Wisconsin	3	1	138	54	5	2	203	123	
Ohio St.	2	1	104	46	5	1	261	166	
Nebraska	2	2	73	104	5	2	175	124	



The Navy Midshipmen are one of two American Athletic Conference unbeaten teams. [NICK WASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Coastal Athletic Association									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
Rhode Island	3	0	93	62	6	1	172	169	
Richmond	3	0	75	43	5	2	183	127	
Delaware	3	1	137	97	6	1	263	136	
Stony Brook	2	1	100	83	5	2	189	162	
Villanova	2	1	63	72	5	2	159	140	
William & Mary	2	1	111	69	5	2	235	161	
Monmouth (NJ)	2	1	141	81	4	3	311	226	
New Hampshire	2	1	64	53	4	3	156	164	
Maine	2	2	112	122	4	3	179	192	
Hampton	1	2	110	112	4	3	235	190	
Albany (NY)	1	2	58	81	3	4	143	202	
Towson	1	2	71	93	3	4	157	204	
Elon	1	2	57	58	2	5	132	161	
Bryant	0	3	51	117	2	5	153	260	
Campbell	0	3	54	80	2	5	160	223	
NC A&T	0	3	47	121	1	6	136	297	

Conference USA									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
Liberty	3	0	89	58	5	0	165	106	
W. Kentucky	3	0	124	52	5	2	201	157	
Jacksonville St.	2	0	117	37	3	3	236	185	

Ivy League									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
Dartmouth	2	0	64	60	5	0	145	103	
Columbia	2	0	57	34	4	1	129	80	
Harvard	1	1	66	51	4	1	164	108	
Brown	1	1	48	57	2	3	130	144	
Cornell	1	1	67	61	2	3	135	154	
Princeton	1	1	46	51	2	3	103	133	
Yale	0	2	66	91	3	2	165	167	
Penn	0	2	34	43	2	3	114	110	

Mid-American Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
Buffalo	2	1	94	83	4	3	161	184	
Ohio	2	1	77	65	4	3	153	170	
Bowling Green	2	1	61	43	3	4	176	150	
Miami (Ohio)	2	1	88	64	3	4	136	152	
Akron	0	3	54	91	1	6	115	262	
Kent St.	0	3	74	116	0	7	115	321	

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference									
	Conference			All Games					
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA			
NC Central	1	0	37	10	5	2	276	158	
SC State	0	0	0	0	4	2	152	132	
Howard	0	0	0	0	3	4	142	194	
Morgan St.	0	0	0	0	3	4	169	124	
Delaware St.	0	0	0	0	1	6	120	213	
Norfolk St.	0	1	10	37	2	6	129	211	

Ivy League

	Conference			All Games				
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Dartmouth	2	0	64	5	0	145	103	
Columbia	2	0	57	30	4	1	129	80
Harvard	1	1	66	51	4	1	164	108
Brown	1	1	48	57	2	3	130	144
Cornell	1	1	67	61	2	3	135	154
Princeton	1	1	46	51	2	3	103	133
Yale	0	2	66	91	2	3	165	167
Penn	0	2	34	43	2	3	114	110



# PICKS PANEL



**DAVID  
GLOVACH**

**Missouri at Alabama**  
**Auburn at Kentucky**  
**North Alabama at Central Arkansas**  
**LSU at Texas A&M**  
**Arkansas at Mississippi State**  
**Boise State at UNLV**  
**BYU at UCF**  
**Wake Forest at Stanford**  
**North Carolina at Virginia**  
**Nevada at Hawaii**

**Last week**  
**Season record**

Alabama  
Kentucky  
Central Arkansas  
LSU  
Arkansas  
Boise State  
BYU  
Wake Forest  
Virginia  
Nevada

**5-5**  
**52-28**



**STACY  
LONG**

Alabama  
Kentucky  
Central Arkansas  
Texas A&M  
Arkansas  
Boise State  
UCF  
Wake Forest  
Virginia  
Nevada

**4-6**  
**52-28**



**GREGG  
DEWALT**

Alabama  
Auburn  
Central Arkansas  
Texas A&M  
Mississippi State  
Boise State  
BYU  
Stanford  
Virginia  
Hawaii

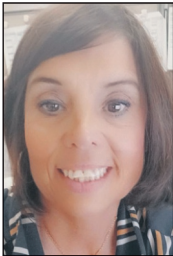
**6-4**  
**51-29**



**SIRVELL  
CARTER**

Alabama  
Kentucky  
Central Arkansas  
Texas A&M  
Arkansas  
Boise State  
BYU  
Wake Forest  
Virginia  
Nevada

**7-3**  
**49-31**



**MARA BETH  
CRAVENS**

Alabama  
Auburn  
UNA  
LSU  
Mississippi State  
Boise State  
BYU  
Stanford  
North Carolina  
Hawaii

**6-4**  
**48-32**



**DEANGELO  
MCDANIEL**

Missouri  
Kentucky  
Central Arkansas  
LSU  
Arkansas  
UNLV  
UCF  
Wake Forest  
North Carolina  
Hawaii

**6-4**  
**48-32**



**RENITA  
JIMMAR**

Alabama  
Auburn  
Central Arkansas  
Texas A&M  
Mississippi State  
Boise State  
BYU  
Wake Forest  
Virginia  
Hawaii

**5-5**  
**42-38**



**CALEB  
SUGGS**

Alabama  
Auburn  
UNA  
LSU  
Arkansas  
UNLV  
UCF  
Stanford  
North Carolina  
Hawaii

**4-6**  
**40-40**

## FBS LEADERS

### RUSHING YARDS

	No.	Yards	TDs	YPC
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	126	1,248	17	9.9
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	132	1,035	13	7.8
Bryson Daily, Army	138	909	19	6.6
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina	155	901	7	5.8
RJ Harvey, UCF	133	890	11	6.7
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech	125	871	12	7.0
Cam Skattebo, Arizona St.	150	848	10	5.7
Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	154	845	10	5.5
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	127	843	4	6.6
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	144	838	17	5.8
Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	149	804	8	5.4
Makhi Hughes, Tulane	136	744	8	5.5
Micah Bernard, Utah	116	731	2	6.3
Jordan James, Oregon	121	717	8	5.9
A.J. Turner, Marshall	71	717	5	10.1
Anthony Hankerson, Oregon St.	146	700	13	4.8
Devin Neal, Kansas	117	692	7	5.9
Phil Mafah, Clemson	105	682	6	6.5
Jonah Coleman, Washington	99	681	5	6.9
Kalel Mullings, Michigan	110	676	7	6.1
Le'Veon Moss, Texas A&M	105	674	8	6.4
Marquez Cooper, San Diego St.	151	670	6	4.4
Rahsul Faison, Utah St.	132	666	5	5.0
Woody Marks, Southern California	118	661	5	5.6
Savion Red, Nevada	99	649	8	6.6
Ismail Mahdi, Texas St.	122	646	2	5.3
Mario Anderson Jr., Memphis	104	639	12	6.1

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

	C	A	I	Yds.	TDs	Effic.
Kurtis Rourke, Indiana	135	181	3	1,941	15	188.7
Cameron Ward, Miami (Fla.)	169	246	5	2,538	24	183.5
Jaxson Dart, Ole Miss	151	215	3	2,384	14	182.1
Will Howard, Ohio St.	121	165	3	1,574	14	177.8
Thomas Castellanos, Boston Col.	84	126	4	1,188	14	176.2
Drew Allar, Penn St.	103	146	4	1,492	11	175.8
Joe Fagnano, UConn	57	98	3	999	11	174.7
Dillon Gabriel, Oregon	174	226	4	2,098	15	173.3
Jalen Milroe, Alabama	121	177	6	1,722	13	167.5
Caden Veltkamp, Western Ky.	114	164	5	1,428	14	164.7
Cade Klubnik, Clemson	146	219	3	1,836	20	164.5
Diego Pavia, Vanderbilt	102	154	1	1,391	11	164.4
Ben Wooldridge, Louisiana	142	204	4	1,785	15	163.5
Will Rogers, Washington	153	212	2	1,820	13	162.6
Darian Mensah, Tulane	96	152	2	1,408	11	162.2
Shedeur Sanders, Colorado	195	270	6	2,268	19	161.6
Luke Altmeyer, Illinois	120	182	1	1,506	15	161.5
Gio Lopez, South Alabama	111	171	1	1,466	13	160.8
Hayden Wolff, Western Mich.	113	165	2	1,378	12	160.2
Kevin Jennings, SMU	97	147	2	1,336	9	159.8
Jordan McCloud, Texas St.	159	232	7	1,891	20	159.4
Tyler Shough, Louisville	147	234	3	2,016	18	158.0



**San Jose State's Nick Nash** [YOUNG KWAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### RECEIVING YARDS

	Rec.	Yards	TDs	YPC
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	59	987	6	16.7
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	72	904	11	12.6
Harold Fannin Jr., Bowling Green	60	873	5	14.6
Jalen Royals, Utah St.	55	834	6	15.2
Tai Felton, Maryland	64	803	6	12.5
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	47	780	4	16.6
Jack Bech, TCU	42	748	7	17.8
Xavier Restrepo, Miami (Fla.)	39	686	6	17.6
Jaylin Noel, Iowa St.	37	681	3	18.4
Ja'Corey Brooks, Louisville	36	679	8	18.9
Luke Wysong, New Mexico	50	663	1	13.3
Omari Kelly, Middle Tenn.	38	651	3	17.1
Ryan Williams, Alabama	31	649	7	20.9
Andrew Armstrong, Arkansas	45	646	1	14.4
Devonte Ross, Troy	38	625	8	16.4
Ricky White III, UNLV	46	614	9	13.3
Mac Dalena, Fresno St.	30	607	4	20.2
Malachi Fields, Virginia	40	606	4	15.2
Travis Hunter, Colorado	51	604	6	11.8
Josh Kelly, Texas Tech	53	590	3	11.1
Jerjuan Newton, Toledo	34	581	8	17.1
Elijah Sarratt, Indiana	32	578	3	18.1
Jamaal Pritchett, South Alabama	39	574	6	14.7



**UNLV's Caden Chittenden** [MARK YLEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### SCORING

	TDs	XP	2-pt.	FG	Def.	Pts.
Bryson Daily, Army	19	0	0	0	0	114
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	18	0	0	0	0	108
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	17	0	0	0	0	102
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	14	0	0	0	0	84
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech	14	0	0	0	0	84
Caden Chittenden, UNLV	0	32	0	17	0	83
RJ Harvey, UCF	13	0	1	0	0	80
Mario Anderson Jr., Memphis	13	0	0	0	0	78
Anthony Hankerson, Oregon St.	13	0	0	0	0	78
Caden Davis, Ole Miss	0	35	0	13	0	74
Nolan Hauser, Clemson	0	36	0	12	0	72
Collin Rogers, SMU	0	27	0	14	0	69
Kenneth Almedares, Louisiana	0	26	0	14	0	68
Blake Craig, Missouri	0	23	0	15	0	68
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	11	0	1	0	0	68
Max Gilbert, Tennessee	0	31	0	12	0	67
Tre Stewart, Jacksonville St.	11	0	0	0	0	66
Jesus Gomez, Eastern Mich.	0	21	0	15	0	66
Jalen Milroe, Alabama	11	0	0	0	0	66
Brock Taylor, Vanderbilt	0	24	0	14	0	66
Randy Bond, Texas A&M	0	25	0	13	0	64
Will Ferrin, BYU	0	29	0	11	0	62

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

### ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

	Rush	Rec	Punt	KO INT	Misc.	Total
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	1,248	39	0	0	0	1,287
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	1,035	102	0	0	0	1,137
Cam Skattebo, Arizona St.	848	283	0	0	0	1,131
RJ Harvey, UCF	890	195	0	37	0	1,122
Omarion Hampton, N. Carolina	901	135	0	0	0	1,036
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	843	182	0	0	0	1,025
Jalen Royals, Utah St.	3	834	0	184	0	1,021
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech	871	51	0	71	0	993
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	0	987	0	0	0	987
Brashard Smith, SMU	628	147	-2	196	0	969
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	838	88	0	0	0	926
DT Sheffield, North Texas	82	565	141	127	0	915
Desmond Reid, Pittsburgh	494	341	78	0	0	913
Harold Fannin Jr., Bowling Green	37	873	0	0	0	910
Bryson Daily, Army	909	0	0	0	0	909
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	0	904	0	0	0	904
Devonte Ross, Troy	11	625	148	111	0	895
Ismail Mahdi, Texas St.	646	102	0	140	0	888
Jaden Nixon, Western Mich.	617	53	0	218	0	888
Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	845	35	0	0	0	880
Jaylin Noel, Iowa St.	16	681	127	40	0	864
Woody Marks, Southern Cal	661	186	0	0	0	847
Makhi Hughes, Tulane	744	102	0	0	0	846
Tai Felton, Maryland	23	803	17	0	0	843
Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	804	37	0	0	0	841
Winston Wright Jr., East Carolina	68	337	0	434	0	839
Luke Wysong, New Mexico	52	663	79	45	0	839

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

### TACKLES

	Solo	Asst	Total	TPG
Shaun Dolac, Buffalo	50	48	98	14.0
Travion Barnes, FIU	41	44	85	12.1
Red Murdock, Buffalo	39	43	82	11.7
Nick Andersen, Wake Forest	38	38	76	10.9
Jay Higgins, Iowa	27	49	76	10.9
Carson Schwesinger, UCLA	45	27	72	10.3
Teddy Buchanan, California	29	42	71	10.1
Trey Rucker, Oklahoma St.	40	29	69	11.5
Marques Watson-Trent, Ga. Southern	29	40	69	9.9
Isaac Smith, Mississippi St.	29	39	68	11.3
Colin Ramos, Navy	26	42	68	11.3
Whit Weeks, LSU	37	31	68	9.7
Jordan Pollard, San Jose St.	34	33	67	9.6
Dariel Djabome, Rutgers	26	41	67	9.6
Jacob Rodriguez, Texas Tech	38	28	66	9.4
Aiden Fisher, Indiana	25	41	66	9.4
Jordan Vincent, Utah St.	31	34	65	9.3
Bryan McCoy, Akron	26	39	65	9.3
Jaden Yates, Marshall	20	45	65	9.3
Cade Uluave, California	26	38	64	9.1





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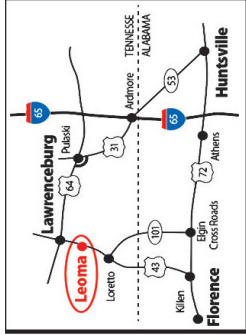
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