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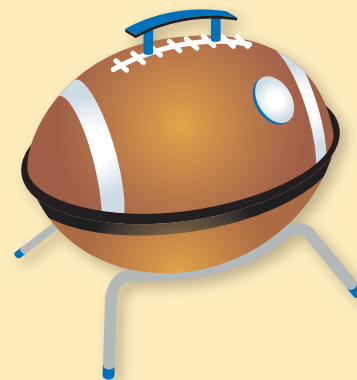


MAIN SQUEEZE

Alabama looks to continue momentum against Big Ten Badgers

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TAILGATE of the week RECIPE



Grilled Hot Honey Chicken Wings

INGREDIENTS

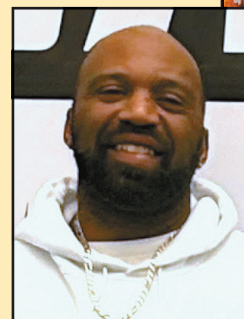
3 lb. chicken wings, drum and flats
Kosher salt & ground black pepper to taste
1 ½ tsp. garlic powder
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter

½ cup buffalo hot sauce
¼ cup plus 1 Tbsp. honey (can use hot
honey for extra heat, if desired)
Juice of ½ lime

DIRECTIONS:

Prepare a grill using Kingsford Charcoal or charcoal of your choice to medium-high heat, and set it up for direct and indirect cooking, with the coals pushed to one side to create a hot zone and a cooler zone. The temperature should be around 400 degrees. Grease the grate to prevent sticking.

Grill the wings over the direct heat side of the grill with the lid closed, for about 10-15 minutes, turning once, until nicely browned. Meanwhile place the butter, hot sauce, honey and lime juice in a small saucepan over medium heat. Stir slowly until combined and heat until it barely simmers, without boiling. Move the wings to the indirect side of the grill and cook with the lid closed for about 20 minutes more, until the chicken is cooked through and has an internal temperature of 1165 degrees, basting frequently with the hot honey sauce and turning occasionally. Remove from the grill, spoon on any leftover sauce and serve hot. DIP with Hidden Valley Ranch or dipping sauce of your choice.



**This week's recipe submitted
by T.J. Mayes,
Muscle Shoals, AL**

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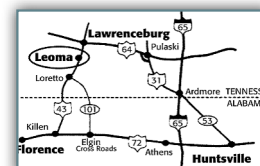
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Georgia Tech fans may scream for other reasons this week against Clemson. [MIKE STEWART/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

THE LINE

(as of Tuesday)			
Thursday			
FAVORITE	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
NC State	7½	51½	at WAKE FOREST
Friday			
at HOUSTON	4½	43½	Colorado
Kansas State	1½	55½	at ARIZONA
at UCLA	15½	52½	New Mexico
Saturday			
Memphis	4½	50½	at TROY
at MICHIGAN	27½	41½	C. Michigan
Oregon	27½	48½	at N'WESTERN
Buffalo	22½	48½	at KENT STATE
Oklahoma	23½	52½	at TEMPLE
Clemson	3½	53½	at GA. TECH
at ALABAMA	21½	46½	Wisconsin
at AUBURN	24½	54½	South Alabama
UConn	10½	52½	at DELAWARE
Pittsburgh	6½	57½	at W. VIRGINIA
Georgia	3½	49½	at TENNESSEE
at NORTH TEXAS	6½	59½	Wash. State
at TEXAS TECH	23½	62½	Oregon State
SMU	28½	61½	at MISSOURI ST.
USC	21½	58½	at PURDUE
at MISSOURI	27½	47½	Louisiana
Iowa State	20½	55½	at ARK. STATE
at TEXAS	41½	51½	UTEP
at MIAMI (FL)	17½	56½	South Florida
Liberty	6½	51½	at BWLG GREEN
at NEVADA	8½	47½	Middle Tenn.
at FLORIDA INT'L	2½	58½	Florida Atlantic
Appalachian State	2½	55½	at SO. MISS
at GA. SOUTHERN	3½	58½	Jacksonville St.
at VIRGINIA TECH	7½	50½	Old Dominion
at OHIO STATE	31½	52½	Ohio
at ILLINOIS	27½	50½	Western Mich.
at OLE MISS	7½	60½	Arkansas
East Carolina	7½	56½	at CSTL CARO.
at NOTRE DAME	6½	49½	Texas A&M
at KENTUCKY	23½	45½	Eastern Mich.
at LSU	7½	48½	Florida
at IOWA	35½	43½	UMass
at LA. TECH	9½	42½	N.M. State
at S. CAROLINA	5½	48½	Vanderbilt
Utah	23½	48½	at WYOMING
Duke	1½	54½	at TULANE
Navy	14½	53½	at TULSA
at UAB	11½	55½	Akron
Air Force	4½	50½	at UTAH STATE
at ARIZONA STATE	14½	58½	Texas State
Minnesota	1½	42½	at CAL
Boston College	12½	44½	at STANFORD

GAMES ON TV

Thursday

Fort Valley State at Clark Atlanta, 6 p.m., ESPN2
N.C. State at Wake Forest, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Friday

Indiana State at Indiana, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Colgate at Syracuse, 6 p.m., ACC Network
Colorado at Houston, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Kansas State at Arizona, 8 p.m., FOX
New Mexico at UCLA, 9 p.m., BTN

Saturday

Buffalo at Kent State, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Central Michigan at Michigan, 11 a.m., BTN
Clemson at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m., ESPN
Houston Christian at Nebraska, 11 a.m., FS1
Memphis at Troy, 11 a.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma at Temple, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Oregon at Northwestern, 11 a.m., FOX
William & Mary at Virginia, 11 a.m., ACC Network
Wisconsin at Alabama, 11 a.m., ABC
South Alabama at Auburn, 11:45 a.m., SEC Network
Georgia at Tennessee, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Norfolk State at Rutgers, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Oregon State at Texas Tech, 2:30 p.m., FOX
Pittsburgh at West Virginia, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Richmond at North Carolina, 2:30 p.m., ACC Network
SMU at Missouri State, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN
USC at Purdue, 2:30 p.m., CBS
Villanova at Penn State, 2:30 p.m., FS1
Washington State at North Texas, 2:30 p.m., ESPNU
Youngstown State at Michigan State, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Iowa State at Arkansas State, 3 p.m., ESPN2



Utah's Rayshawn Glover and the Utes will try to find more air time Saturday when they visit the Wyoming Cowboys. [TYLER TATE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

UTEP at Texas, 3:15 p.m., SEC Network
South Florida at Miami, 3:30 p.m., CWTW
Arkansas at Ole Miss, 6 p.m., ESPN
Old Dominion at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m., ACC Network
Western Michigan at Illinois, 6 p.m., FS1
Eastern Michigan at Kentucky, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
Florida at LSU, 6:30 p.m., ABC
Texas A&M at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., NBC
UMass at Iowa, 6:30 p.m., BTN
Vanderbilt at South Carolina, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network
Duke at Tulane, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Utah at Wyoming, 7 p.m., CBSSN
Air Force at Utah State, 8:45 p.m., FS1
Boston College at Stanford, 9:30 p.m., ACC Network
Minnesota at California, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Texas State at Arizona State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Friday

No. 22 Indiana (2-0) vs. Indiana St. (2-0), 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
No. 1 Ohio St. (2-0) vs. Ohio (1-1), 6 p.m.
No. 2 Penn St. (2-0) vs. Villanova (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
No. 3 LSU (2-0) vs. Florida (1-1), 6:30 p.m.
No. 4 Oregon (2-0) at Northwestern (1-1), 11 a.m.
No. 5 Miami (2-0) vs. No. 18 South Florida (2-0), 3:30 p.m.
No. 6 Georgia (2-0) at No. 15 Tennessee (2-0), 2:30 p.m.

No. 7 Texas (1-1) vs. UTEP (1-1), 3:15 p.m.
No. 8 Notre Dame (0-1) vs. No. 16 Texas A&M (2-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 9 Illinois (2-0) vs. W. Michigan (0-2), 6 p.m.
No. 11 South Carolina (2-0) vs. Vanderbilt (2-0), 6:45 p.m.
No. 12 Clemson (1-1) at Georgia Tech (2-0), 11 a.m.
No. 13 Oklahoma (2-0) at Temple (2-0), 11 a.m.
No. 14 Iowa St. (3-0) at Arkansas St. (1-1), 3 p.m.
No. 17 Ole Miss (2-0) vs. Arkansas (2-0), 6 p.m.

No. 19 Alabama (1-1) vs. Wisconsin (2-0), 11 a.m.
No. 20 Utah (2-0) at Wyoming (2-0), 7 p.m.
No. 21 Texas Tech (2-0) vs. Oregon St. (0-2), 2:30 p.m.
No. 23 Michigan (1-1) vs. Central Michigan (1-1), 11 a.m.
No. 24 Auburn (2-0) vs. South Alabama (1-1), 11:45 a.m.
No. 25 Missouri (2-0) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (1-1), 3 p.m.

Wisconsin at Alabama

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

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

Records: Wisconsin (2-0), No. 19 Alabama (1-1)

The series: Alabama leads 2-1.

Four-down territory

1. Still the one: No one should read anything into Kalen DeBoer substituting starting QB Ty Simpson with Austin Mack last week against Louisiana-Monroe in the first half. Simpson is still the starter. DeBoer wanted Mack to get some work in with the starters, and to give Simpson some incentive. "I thought Ty responded pretty well, too," DeBoer said. "I think competition is just going to bring out the best in everyone."

2. In or out? Alabama is still missing some key pieces, including DL Tim Keenan and RB Jam Miller. Both have not played due to injuries. Last week, WR Ryan Williams didn't play due to concussion protocol and Jah-Marien Latham was also out with an injury. Keenan likely won't play for a couple more weeks, and Williams is listed as day-to-day. Miller could be ready by game time, however. "He's chomping at the bit," DeBoer said. "We've just got to make sure we're making a smart decision. That will be left up to our training staff and our doctors and how Jam feels."

3. Getting Badgered: The Alabama run game was a dud against Florida State but rebounded against ULM. The Tide is back with another test against the Badgers, who have allowed 67 total rushing yards through two games. "There's going to be a little extra emphasis on (Wisconsin) stopping the run," Alabama offensive coordinator Ryan Grubb said. "(Watching the film) I just saw a group of guys that know what they're doing."

4. Bring the noise: Wisconsin expects a rowdy crowd Saturday, although it might take Bama fans some time to wake up with the early kickoff. The Badgers are prepping for the noise and working on in-game communication. "We will be going with some different cadences and put some more on the guys up front to make sure we are on the same page," Wisconsin coach Luke Fickell said. "Can we simulate how loud the noise is going to be on Saturday? I don't think we can, but we will surely try."



Josh Cuevas, Ty Simpson and the Alabama Crimson Tide will hope for another big day Saturday against Wisconsin. [PHELAN M. EBENHACK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Key matchup

Alabama TE Josh Cuevas vs. Wisconsin TE Lance Mason

Cuevas is third on the team in receptions with five, has 45 yards and is tied for the team lead with two TD receptions. Mason is a top target for the Badgers with seven catches with 102 yards, second on the team, with one TD.

Player of the week

Parker Brailsford, C

Wisconsin's defense, with nine sacks, will be up to the challenge against an Alabama line still finding its footing. Brailsford has to be the leader up front and get the Tide in the right alignment or it could be a long day.

By the numbers

5: Saturday's game will be just the fifth time a current Big Ten team has played Alabama in Tuscaloosa. The Tide won three of the previous four, beating UCLA in 2001, Rutgers in 1981 and Washington in 1975. Penn State spoiled Alabama's homecoming in 1990.

10: Wisconsin allowed 10 points through two games. The 5-point per game average is an improvement from the 13.5 through two games in 2024.

17: Ty Simpson was the third quarterback in SEC history with a perfect 100% completion percentage (minimum 10 attempts) after last week's 17-for-17 performance.

213: Germie Bernard's 213 receiving yards rank fourth in the SEC and 21st

among all FBS receivers.

Prediction

Alabama 24, Wisconsin 17

The good news is Alabama played extremely well last week. The bad news is the Tide is facing another unranked opponent, in which DeBoer has a 6-4 record at Alabama. At least the game is in Tuscaloosa; that should help. The fact is, Alabama has no margin for error and must play elite football from here on. That brutal loss to FSU will be a reminder that mediocrity doesn't get you to the playoffs, much less win championships. That was never an issue under Nick Saban, but we're in a different world with DeBoer.

— Edwin Stanton

South Alabama at Auburn

When: 11:45 a.m. Saturday

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

Records: South Alabama (1-1), No. 24
Auburn (2-0)

The series: First meeting.

Four-down territory

1. Ready to run: Auburn might be without one of its top running backs, which means others, particularly Jeremiah Cobb, will have to step up. Damari Alston missed last week with a shoulder injury and is questionable for Saturday. Also, Durrell Robinson was injured against Ball State and could miss a few weeks. Cobb was highly productive against Ball State, rushing for 121 yards and two scores. The door is also open for freshmen Omar Mabson and Alvin Henderson. "It will probably be a game-time decision," coach Hugh Freeze said of Alston. "Until you put the pads on and take a hit, I'm not exactly sure how he feels."

2. Could be better: The Auburn offense has rolled up 80 points through two games and is averaging 455 yards. That's not too bad, but Freeze isn't doing a lot of celebrating. There is still much that needs improving. "It's hard to sit here and act like we weren't solid, but there are things on the film that I think we need to improve," Freeze said. "We'll go to work this week to try and improve that as we host what I think is a very good football team in South Alabama."

3. Hot start: One area where Freeze isn't finding much to complain about is the defensive pressure. Through two games the Tigers have 10 sacks and 19 tackles for loss. The production is coming from several players. With the Tigers rotating in different players throughout the games, the defense is fresher and faster. "So far, so good. Just hope that buy-in continues," Freeze said. "I do still believe that our strength there is because of numbers and playing a limited number of snaps with incredible technique and passion and fundamentals."

4. Tiger fight: South Alabama has never been one to back down from facing Power Four schools. The Jaguars have one win in seven games against the SEC (21-20 vs. Mississippi State in 2016). The Jaguars also have a win over Oklahoma State in 2023. "They're very multiple, motion, shifts, things that make you think and make you check," Freeze said of the Jags. "Before you know it, if you're not careful,



Cam Coleman may lead Auburn in receiving yards, but he's still searching for his first touchdown Saturday against South Alabama. [BUTCH DILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

you've made the wrong check and one of those guys (Devin Voisin and Anthony Eager) that can really run is hurting you."

Key matchup

Auburn RB Jeremiah Cobb vs. South Alabama RB Kentre Bullock

It's likely Cobb gets the start and that's not a bad thing. He's the team leader with 195 yards (7 yards per carry) and three touchdowns. Bullock is the workhorse for the Jaguars with 234 rushing yards (5 yards per carry) and three scores.

Player of the week

Cam Coleman, WR

It's about time for the sophomore to

have a breakout game. He leads the team with 100 yards on eight catches with no touchdowns.

By the numbers

4: Auburn has four sets of brothers on its roster, second most in the country (AnQuon and Antwon Fegans, Keldric and JJ Faulk, Antonio and Elijah Melendez, Duke and Erick Smith).

5: Auburn has converted all five of its red-zone possessions (four touchdowns, one field goal).

12: South Alabama will be the 12th in-state nonconference team Auburn has played. The Tigers are 63-4-1 against those teams.

86: Auburn has an 86-8-4 homecoming record and has won 33 straight.

Prediction

Auburn 45, South Alabama 13

This Auburn team continues to improve and has another tune-up game before a series stretch of road games with Oklahoma and Texas A&M and a home clash with Georgia. The Tigers need to play with purpose Saturday and shore up any flaws they have before then. The good news is they are playing with confidence and poise. That will continue against South Alabama.

— Edwin Stanton

Georgia at Tennessee

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

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

Records: No. 6 Georgia (2-0), No. 15 Tennessee (2-0)

The series: Georgia leads 29-23-2.

Four-down territory

1. Rising Star: Vols running back Star Thomas is tied for first in the SEC in scoring with three rushing TDs and one receiving score. He's also eighth in the league in rushing (161 yards). The Vols will be leaning on Thomas against Georgia, which has allowed just 123 yards through two games. "We try to keep the same approach every week — come out and be the same group that we are from day in and day out. We don't try to overthink things like we try let the game come to us," Thomas said.

2. The big Gun(ner): Georgia QB Gunner Stockton has been just what the Bulldogs wanted him to be so far — efficient and mistake-free. In two games he's 40-of-58 passing for 417 yards with two TDs and no interceptions. He can also run. Most important, he hasn't been sacked. Tennessee has to rattle his cage a bit if the Vols expect to have a chance. "You have got to do a great job of applying pressure but still bottling him up inside of the pocket, not letting him get outside of it," Vols coach Josh Heupel said. "If they choose, he certainly can be part of the quarterback run game as well and try to tilt the numbers. So, huge test for us defensively."

3. No average Joe: Vols QB Joey Aguilar is the FBS active career leader in total offense per game (288.2) and is also the FBS active career leader in passing yards per game (270.2). He's making his 27th FBS start in his 28th career FBS game and first SEC matchup. He's 15-11 as a starter. "You never see him like overthinking things," Thomas said. "He's always calm and when you got a quarterback like that, like it's destined for everybody around him to be the same way."

4. Welcome back: Tennessee and The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame will jointly honor 2025 College Football Hall of Fame electee John Henderson at halftime. Henderson was a two-time All-American at UT and winner of the Outland Trophy in 2000. "College football hall of famer and one of the greats to have ever played the position and



Tennessee punt returner Boo Carter will try to find room to roam Saturday against Georgia. [GEORGE WALKER IV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

certainly one of the greats here," Heupel said. "(It would) be great to have a bunch of his teammates back here as we get a chance to celebrate him, too."

Key matchup

Tennessee PR Boo Carter vs. Georgia PR Zachariah Branch

In big games, field position is a key, and punt returns play a big role in that. Carter has 94 return yards with a long of 40 on four opportunities. Branch has just 33 yards on four returns but has the ability to break one.

Player of the week

Joey Aguilar, QB

What Tennessee needs most against

Georgia is stability and patience. Aguilar brings that with his steadiness in the pocket and not getting rattled. He's got the home crowd behind him, too, so that helps.

By the numbers

23: The Vols are 23-1 at home since 2022. The loss came to Georgia in 2023.

14: Pass breakups for the Vols, who lead the SEC and are tied for the national lead.

15: Tennessee is a perfect 15-of-15 in the red zone (12 TDs, 3 FGs) and has been in the red zone more than any team in the nation.

2016: Tennessee has lost eight straight

games to rival Georgia. The Vols last win was in 2016.

Prediction

Georgia 21, Tennessee 17

The losing streak to Georgia has to end at some point. It won't be this year. The Vols match up well with the Bulldogs, but they are still just a bit behind in winning in big moments. Georgia's defense is loaded and will bring plenty of pressure on Joey Aguilar, who should handle it. It's the run game Tennessee needs to worry about. Georgia is tough to run on and if the Vols can't get that going, the streak continues.

— Edwin Stanton

Stockton, UGA seek spark at Volunteers

By Charles Odum
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia's lackluster offense in a win over Austin Peay failed to generate momentum for quarterback Gunner Stockton as he now prepares for his first true road game in the No. 6 Bulldogs' visit to No. 15 Tennessee on Saturday.

Stockton appeared tentative on some throws as Georgia led by only 11 points at halftime in its 28-6 win over the FCS team. The Bulldogs (2-0) fell two spots in the AP Top 25 following the sluggish effort in their final warmup for their Southeastern Conference opener against the Volunteers.

"We've got to find ways to be explosive," UGA coach Kirby Smart said. "You've got to be able to throw the ball down the field and take shots and that's probably the toughest thing I'm most disappointed in."

Smart said Stockton has displayed the necessary ability to make explosive throws in practice but has been limited to shorter throws by the defensive schemes of Marshall and Austin Peay.

"It's more about how people are playing us right now," Smart said. "It's been two weeks in a row that there's just a ton of cushion. ... If they want to play like that, you've got to take what they give you."

Stockton recognized the offensive performance against Austin Peay "wasn't our standard of how we're supposed to play. We need to get back to work."

Added Stockton: "You definitely want to be explosive."

Asked what is the identity of the Georgia offense, Stockton said, "I think our identity is we can run the ball and taking our shots and being able to throw the ball."

The Bulldogs' chances for improved production would increase if right tackle Earnest Greene III (back) and right guard Juan Gaston (knee, ankle) return from injuries. Smart said Monday he was "hopeful to get them back."

Smart called Stockton "a warrior" after the junior passed for two touchdowns and ran for two scores in the Bulldogs' 45-7 win over Marshall to open the season. Even so, Smart said the next step for Stockton is to play with more confidence, and that will be needed against the Vols, who rolled to a



Georgia quarterback Gunner Stockton will make his first Southeastern Conference road start Saturday when the Bulldogs visit Tennessee. [COLIN HUBBARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

72-17 rout of East Tennessee State last week.

"That's what we came here for and that's why we enjoy playing in the SEC," Stockton said of the test against Tennessee. "We're excited to get started and grateful for the opportunity."

Stockton has completed 40 of 58 passes for 458 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. He had only one career start entering the season

after taking over in the College Football Playoff following Carson Beck's season-ending elbow surgery. Stockton won the full-time job following Beck's transfer to Miami.

"He's played really well," Tennessee coach Josh Heupel said of Stockton. "You look at him this year, he's taken great care of the football, he's been accurate with it, he's got the ability to be extremely mobile and extend and create

plays on his own."

Heupel said Stockton and a balanced running game led by Nate Frazier makes for a "huge test for us defensively."

"You have to do a great job of applying pressure but still bottling them up inside of the pocket, not letting them get outside of it," Heupel said. "If they choose, he certainly can be a part of the quarterback run game as well. ... We've got to be at our best."

Northeastern State at UNA

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: Northeastern State (Oklahoma) (1-1), UNA (0-2)

The series: First meeting.

Four-down territory

1. Wade-ing into the deep end: Two games into the season, UNA decided to make a switch at quarterback. Destin Wade, can you please stand up? Wade replaces a struggling Ari Patu after taking over in the second half of last week's 30-21 loss at Southeast Missouri State. Wade finished 8-for-18 passing for 103 yards and two touchdowns. Saturday will mark Wade's second college start. He was in the lineup for Kentucky's 21-0 loss to Iowa in the 2022 Music City Bowl. Wade completed 16 of 30 passes for 98 yards and two interceptions. He did not see a snap in 2023 and took just two for Colorado last season. But perhaps it's what the Lions need to help a team that's been held to 21 points or less in 15 of the last 24 games.

2. Handing over that check: UNA received \$300,000 for its season opener at Western Kentucky. Now, the Lions get the chance to be the ones to dole out some money. Northeastern State, a Division II team from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, will receive \$65,000 for Saturday's game. It was initially \$55,000, but UNA sweetened the deal when it needed to move the game up a week from its original date. It could be a good buy. The Lions have lost six straight dating to last season. Northeastern State left its conference two years ago to compete as an independent program because it was not winning enough. The RiverHawks have just three winning seasons since 2000.

3. Final first at Braly: This is scheduled to be UNA's last season opener at Braly Stadium with the school set to open its new stadium next year. The Lions will honor players from the 1940s through the 1980s. They will also wear a Florence State "F" emblem on their helmets. UNA has had some success in home openers since moving to Division I in 2018. The Lions are 4-3 in such games. But those outings have often come in pairs — two wins followed by two losses and so forth. UNA lost its first home game 24-17 to Illinois State last season.

4. The Longest Yard: This probably isn't relevant to Saturday's game, but it is



Destin Wade will make his first start for UNA on Saturday. [IVY ROSE BALL/TIMESDAILY]

something interesting to note if you're not a stickler. Northeastern State coach Darrin Chiaverini embarked on a very brief acting career before getting into coaching. He appeared as an extra in Adam Sandler's "The Longest Yard" in 2005. Chiaverini was a receiver, the position he played in college and the NFL, for the guards team. The Mean Machine (the cons) beat the guards 36-35. Not surprisingly, stats for that "game" are not available.

Key matchup

Northeastern State WR La'Vontae Shenault vs. UNA DB Davon Martin

Shenault is clearly the Riverhawks' go-to option in the passing game. Of Northeastern's 551 receiving yards, he has 243 of them (on 17 catches). The next closest is Cam Woods with six

receptions for 88 yards. It will be interesting to see how he matches up with Martin, who forced two fumbles at Southeast Missouri, and the Lions' other corners.

Player of the week

Destin Wade, QB

Seems like the obvious choice, right? The signal caller is making his first start for UNA and his first since 2022. A Division II team certainly appears like the right opportunity.

By the numbers

5-1: UNA's record against Division II opponents since moving to Division I. All six took place in Braly. Five of those games came in 2018, the Lions's first post-DII year, including the loss. West Florida left with a 24-19 win.

151-30: How much UNA has outscored schools from Oklahoma. The Lions beat Langston College 28-7 in 1979, 36-6 in 1981 and 56-7 in 2014. They also topped Central Oklahoma 31-10 in 2011.

18th: Where UNA ranks in the FCS in rushing offense (out of 118 teams) with 216.5 yards per game. The Lions are 95th in passing with 132.5 yards per game.

2: The number of times Northeastern State is traveling to Alabama this season. The RiverHawks cap their regular season at West Alabama.

Prediction

UNA 38, Northeastern State 10

The Lions' should come out with their first win. But how the offense performs — or doesn't — will be the real intrigue.

— David Glovach

This week's SEC, state games

Memphis at Troy

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: ESPNU

Records: Memphis (2-0), Troy (1-1)

The series: Memphis leads 5-1.

The lowdown: Memphis has scored at least 20 points in 42 straight games, the longest active streak in the nation. ... The Tigers own a six-game winning streak, which is tied for the longest in the FBS with Illinois and Ohio State. ... Troy's Tae Meadows is averaging 131 rushing yards per game to rank sixth in the nation. ... T.J. Thompson's interception-return touchdown in last week's 27-16 loss at Clemson was Troy's first vs. a Power Four team since 2011 at Arkansas. ... Troy's Justin Powe returned a fumble 53 yards at Clemson, the longest by the Trojans in 14 years. ... The school now known as Troy has not defeated the team now known as Memphis since 1937. Last year, the Tigers beat the Trojans 38-17 at Liberty Bowl.

No. 13 Oklahoma at Temple

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN2

Records: Oklahoma (2-0), Temple (2-0)

The series: Oklahoma leads 2-1.

The lowdown: Should the Sooners be quaking about a trip to Philadelphia? Oklahoma is 0-1 when visiting the City of Brotherly Love. Temple handed the Sooners that loss 14-7. It should be worth noting, however, Oklahoma has not graced Broad Street since 1942. That was during the early years of World War II for those in need of a history refresher. ... The Sooners won the 1940 matchup 9-6 and the 2024 version 51-3. ... It's the second straight year the Owls have hosted a Power Four opponent. Miami, ranked 20th at the time, was the visitor last season. ... Temple last beat a top-25 team in 2019. It did so twice that year, besting No. 21 Maryland 20-17 and No. 23 Memphis 30-28. ... The Owls are looking to start 3-0 for the first time since 2015. They finished 10-4 that season.

Louisiana-Lafayette at No. 25 Missouri

When: 3 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN+

Records: Louisiana-Lafayette (1-1), Missouri (2-0)

The series: First meeting.

The lowdown: The programs were



Roman Mothershed and Troy are hoping not to let another game bounce away from them this week. [JACOB KUPFERMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

initially going to play in 2020, but something known as COVID-19 happened. When they initially signed the contract to play, Missouri was to pay Louisiana-Lafayette \$1.3 million. ... The Ragin' Cajuns are on their second starting quarterback. They lost their season-opening starter, Walker Howard, for the year with a torn oblique that required surgery. Daniel Beale played against McNeese State. He was 14-of-22 passing for 86 yards and a touchdown in the 34-10 win. ... The Tigers are aiming to win their 21st straight nonconference game at home.

Texas-El Paso at No. 7 Texas

When: 3:15 p.m. Saturday

TV: SECN

Records: UTEP (1-1), Texas (1-1)

The series: Texas leads 6-0.

The lowdown: Arch Manning threw for 295 yards and four first-half touchdowns



Deion Burks and Oklahoma will be looking to put some distance between themselves and Temple in the all-time series. [OKLAHOMA ATHLETICS]



Hahsaun Wilson wouldn't mind helping UTEP not get boatraced by Texas. [UTEP ATHLETICS]

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in Texas' 38-7 win over San Jose State last week. ... Hahsaun Wilson's 94-yard touchdown run in UTEP's 42-17 win over UT-Martin last week was the longest play from scrimmage in school history. He finished with 117 yards rushing. ... The 32-point margin of victory was UTEP's largest since 2022. ... UTEP's last 50-point loss was 56-0 last year at Tennessee. ... The Miners last gave up 60 in a 63-16 home loss to Arizona in 2017. ... The Longhorns have won 17 straight home games vs. unranked opponents. ... The teams last met in 2020 when Texas scored 45 first-half points, racked up 689 yards offense and won 59-3. ... The Longhorns' six wins over the Miners have been by a combined 256-36.

Alabama A&M at Tennessee State

When: 3:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Alabama A&M (1-1), Tennessee State (1-1)
The series: Tennessee State leads 15-8.
The lowdown: Reggie Barlow is Tennessee State's first-year head coach, but he's familiar with Alabama A&M. Barlow was Alabama State's head coach 2007-14 and was 3-5 vs. the Bulldogs. Of A&M's five wins, three were by one point with another by four. ... Barlow, as a player 1991-95, was undefeated vs. A&M. ... The Tigers are coming off a 59-3 loss to FCS No. 1 North Dakota



Marquis Johnson and Missouri would like not to bobble away an opportunity for a 3-0 start after an important win over Kansas last week. [COLIN E. BRALEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

State. They avoided the shutout with a 45-yard field goal with 4:05 to play. All of TSU's four first downs came after North Dakota built a 52-0 lead. ... First-year A&M coach Sam Shade collected his first win with last week's 41-31 home victory over Alcorn State. ... Cornelious Brown IV threw for 260 yards, ran for 69 and accounted for five touchdowns. ... TSU and A&M last met in 2010.

Alcorn State at Mississippi State

When: 5 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Alcorn State (0-2), Mississippi State (2-0)



Myles Butler and Jacksonville State probably wouldn't mind if Georgia Southern still has some jetlag from its early-season trips to the West Coast. [JACKSONVILLE STATE ATHLETICS]



Cornelious Brown IV helped coach Sam Shade collect his first win at Alabama A&M after besting Alcorn State. [ALABAMA A&M ATHLETICS]

The series: Mississippi State leads 2-0.
The lowdown: Mississippi State knocked off Arizona State last week, scoring on a 58-yard pass with 30 seconds to play for a 24-20 victory. ... The Bulldogs blew a 17-0 first-half lead and faced their first deficit when the Sun Devils drove 95 yards on 17 plays to kick a field goal with 1:38 remaining. ... MSU's Blake Shapen has four touchdown passes this year, all of at least 47 yards. ... Alcorn is coming off a 41-31 loss at Alabama A&M in which it gave up 452 yards offense. ... Mississippi State is 88-31-7 all-time vs. current teams in the state of Mississippi, including 4-0 against its

SWAC teams. ... The Bulldogs beat the Braves 49-16 in 2010 and 51-7 in 2013.
Jacksonville State at Georgia Southern
When: 6 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Jacksonville State (1-1), Georgia Southern (0-2)
The series: Georgia Southern leads 4-0.
The lowdown: Georgia Southern is playing its first game of the season outside of California. The Eagles lost 42-14



Eastern Michigan's season really took a dive after losing to Long Island last week. [EASTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETICS]



Ole Miss is likely hoping Kewan Lacy won't get stopped by Arkansas on Saturday to keep building on his SEC-leading rushing stats. [TANNER PEARSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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at Fresno State two weeks ago and 59-20 at USC last week. ... JSU and GSU are meeting for the first time since 2002. Georgia Southern's four all-time wins over the Gamecocks were by a combined 153-49. ... The Eagles have lost two nonconference home games since the start of the 2007 season (BYU and Boise State). ... First-year Jacksonville State coach Charles Kelly collected his first win with last week's 34-24 home victory over Liberty. ... Cam Cook's 195 yards rushing last week were his career high by 114 yards. He had 81 vs. Stanford in 2024 while playing for TCU. ... Cook ranks fifth in the FBS at 131 rushing yards per game. ... Georgia Southern has the worst defense in the FBS, allowing 641 yards per game. ... The Eagles gave up 755 to USC, the most for the Trojans dating to at least 1972 when such records are available.

Arkansas at No. 17 Ole Miss

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN

Records: Arkansas (2-0, 0-0 SEC), Ole Miss (2-0, 1-0)

The series: Arkansas leads 37-33-1.

The lowdown: Ole Miss has the SEC's leading rusher (Kewan Lacy, 246 yards) and receiver (Harrison Wallace III, 247). ... Lacy ran for a career-high 138 yards on 28 carries with a touchdown in last

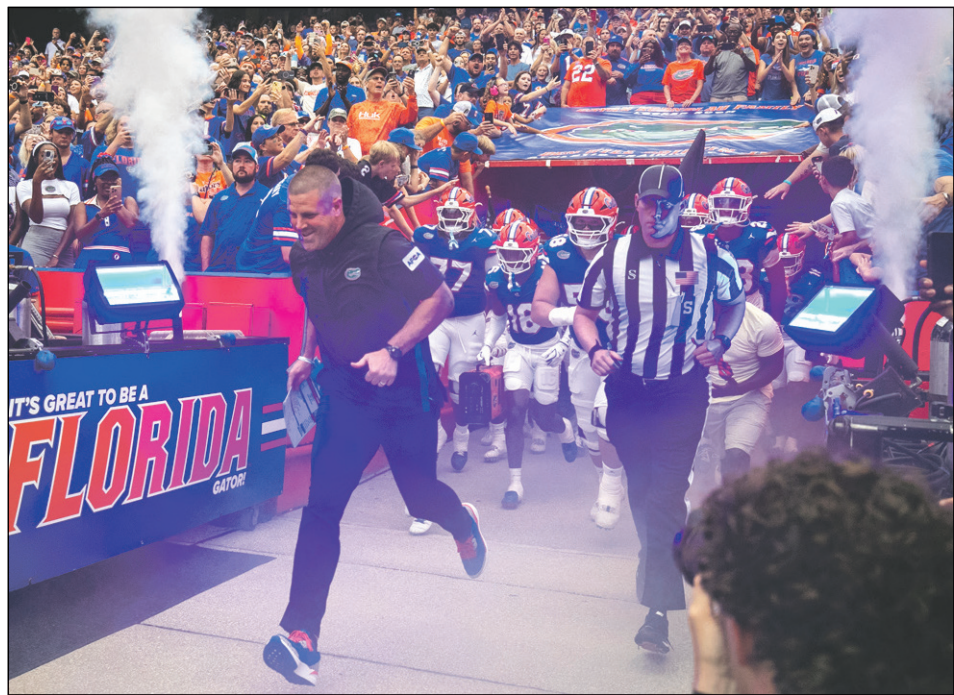


Mississippi State wouldn't mind celebrating another win over an in-state opponent. [ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

week's 30-23 win at Kentucky. ... Arkansas quarterback Taylen Green's 151 yards rushing in last week's 56-14 win over Arkansas State rank fourth by a QB in

school history. ... Rebs defensive tackle Zxavian Harris has six career blocked kicks, one shy of the SEC record. ... Razorbacks offensive lineman Fernando

Carmona Jr. has started 39 consecutive games. ... Arkansas has made 194



Billy Napier could soon find himself being run out of town if Florida can't keep its fanbase happy. [ALAN YOUNGBLOOD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Notre Dame fans will be looking to celebrate in South Bend this year after showing off their skills in College Station last season. [SAM CRAFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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consecutive extra points. ... Ole Miss' 63 points against the Hogs last year were the most scored by the Rebs against an SEC opponent. ...

Eastern Michigan at Kentucky

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPNU

Records: Eastern Michigan (0-2), Kentucky (1-1)

The series: Kentucky leads 2-0.

The lowdown: UK is facing its second MAC opponent of the season. The Wildcats beat preseason MAC favorite Toledo 24-16 in their season opener. ... Eastern Michigan is coming off a 28-23 home loss to Long Island, the team Florida beat 55-0 in the season opener. ... The Eagles are 0-10 all-time vs. SEC teams. ... Eastern's seven-game losing streak is the longest in the FBS. ... Las Vegas Raiders star pass rusher Maxx Crosby is Eastern Michigan's assistant general manager. ... The Wildcats and Eagles last met in 2019. They first met in 2017.

Florida at No. 3 LSU

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ABC

Records: Florida (1-1, 0-0), LSU (2-0, 0-0)

The series: Tied 34-34-3.

The lowdown: Florida coach Billy Napier returns to the state where he has



Diego Pavia and Vanderbilt will be aiming to avoid the program's past futility against South Carolina. [VANDERBILT ATHLETICS]

enjoyed much success. He was 40-12 in four seasons at Louisiana-Lafayette. Now in his fourth year with the Gators, he's 20-20. ... Napier's job security is

shaky, particularly following last week's 18-16 home loss to South Florida. ... USF capped an eight-play, 87-yard drive by kicking a walkoff 20-yard field goal. ...

LSU held Louisiana Tech to 154 yards offense in last week's 23-7 win. ... Tigers

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QB Garrett Nussmeier was 26-of-41 passing for 237 yards, a touchdown and an interception. ... Florida upset then-No. 21 LSU 27-16 last season. ... The last time an unranked Florida team played a top-5 LSU team in Death Valley was 1958.

No. 16 Texas A&M at
No. 8 Notre Dame

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: NBC
Records: Texas A&M (2-0), Notre Dame (0-1)
The series: Notre Dame leads 4-2.
The lowdown: The Aggies are visiting Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since the 2000 season opener, a 24-10 loss. ... This is the fifth time the teams have met with both ranked. ... Three of the previous matchups were in the Cotton Bowl. ... The Fighting Irish are 50-26 against current SEC teams, including 19-10 at home. ... The Aggies have 23 plays of at least 20 yards this year. ... A&M quarterback Marcel Reed was 19-of-28 passing for 220 yards and three touchdowns in last week's 44-22 win over Utah State. ... Notre Dame's seven wins over ranked teams last year were the most in school history. The Irish beat six such squads in 1989. ... Notre Dame is 0-1 vs. ranked teams this year,



Ben Finley and Akron might just need to say a Hail Mary to find the end zone this season. [AKRON ATHLETICS]

losing 27-24 at Miami on Aug. 31.

Vanderbilt at No. 11 South Carolina

When: 6:45 p.m. Saturday
TV: SECN
Records: Vanderbilt (2-0, 0-0 SEC), South Carolina (2-0, 0-0)
The series: South Carolina leads 30-4.

The lowdown: The Gamecocks have won 16 straight meetings with Vandy and 23 of the last 25. ... Of the previous 34 matchups, the Commodores have scored over 17 points just eight times. ... Vandy's four wins in the series have been by a combined 22 points. ... Carolina quarterback Lanorris Sellers is

43 yards shy of reaching 3,000 for his career. ... The Gamecocks scored three non-offensive touchdowns in last week's 38-10 win over South Carolina State. They last did that against Arkansas in 2017. ... Vandy's 44-20 win at Virginia Tech last week was its first nonconference road win over a Power Four team since beating Wake Forest in 2011. ... The Commodores outscored the Hokies 34-0 in the second half. ... Quarterback Diego Pavia has 25 passing touchdowns to rank 10th in school history.

Akron at UAB

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
TV: ESPN+
Records: Akron (0-2), UAB (1-1)
The series: UAB leads 1-0.
The lowdown: UAB's defense may have found an offense to its liking. The Zips have scored zip this year, losing 10-0 to Wyoming and 68-0 at Nebraska. ... Akron is the only remaining scoreless FBS team. ... The Blazers gave up 295 yards rushing in last week's 38-24 loss at Navy. ... UAB's defense ranks 129th in the 134-team FBS. ... UAB's Solomon Beebe recorded his second straight game with at least 100 all-purpose yards at Navy. ... The Zips were 1-of-14 on third-down conversions at Nebraska and mustered 175 yards offense. ... Akron, through two games, is 0-for-2 in the red zone. ... UAB and Akron met in 2019, a 31-20 road victory for the Blazers.

— A. Stacy Long and David Glovach

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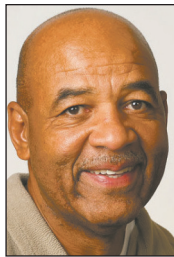
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COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Sept. 6 games)

	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	W	L	P		
	PF	PA	PA	PF	PA	PA		
Navy	1	0	38	24	2	0	90	31
Memphis	0	0	0	0	2	0	83	26
North Texas	0	0	0	0	2	0	84	30
South Florida	0	0	0	0	2	0	52	23
Temple	0	0	0	0	2	0	97	17
Tulane	0	0	0	0	2	0	56	34
Army	0	0	0	0	1	1	51	51
East Carolina	0	0	0	0	1	1	73	27
FAU	0	0	0	0	1	1	63	53
Rice	0	0	0	0	1	1	23	47
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	28
Charlotte	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	54
UTSA	0	0	0	0	0	2	60	85
UAB	0	1	24	38	1	1	76	80

Atlantic Coast Conference								
	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	W	L	P		
California	0	0	0	0	2	0	69	18
Florida St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	108	20
Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	2	0	86	32
Louisville	0	0	0	0	2	0	79	31
Miami	0	0	0	0	2	0	72	27
NC State	0	0	0	0	2	0	59	48
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	2	0	106	26
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	2	0	52	19
Boston College	0	0	0	0	1	1	106	52
Clemson	0	0	0	0	1	1	37	33
Duke	0	0	0	0	1	1	64	62
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	51
SMU	0	0	0	0	1	1	87	61
Syracuse	0	0	0	0	1	1	53	65
Virginia	0	0	0	0	1	1	79	42
Stanford	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	50
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	2	31	68

Big 12 Conference

	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	W	L	P		
Iowa St.	1	0	24	21	3	0	95	41
Arizona	0	0	0	0	2	0	88	9
BYU	0	0	0	0	2	0	96	3
Houston	0	0	0	0	2	0	62	9
TCU	0	0	0	0	1	0	48	14
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0	2	0	129	21
UCF	0	0	0	0	2	0	85	17
Utah	0	0	0	0	2	0	106	19
Kansas	0	0	0	0	2	1	108	56
Arizona St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	58	43
Baylor	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	83
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	1	1	51	40
Colorado	0	0	0	0	1	1	51	34
Oklahoma St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	30	76
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	1	1	55	20
Kansas St.	0	1	21	24	1	2	80	83

	Big Sky Conference							
	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	W	L	P		
Montana	0	0	0	1	0	42	17	
Cal Poly	0	0	0	1	1	50	80	
Idaho	0	0	0	1	1	47	43	
N. Arizona	0	0	0	1	1	57	69	
N. Colorado	0	0	0	1	1	34	24	
UC Davis	0	0	0	1	1	41	94	
E. Washington	0	0	0	2	35	82		
Idaho St.	0	0	0	0	3	77	116	
Montana St.	0	0	0	0	2	3	77	89
Portland St.	0	0	0	0	3	20	161	
Sacramento St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	40
Weber St.	0	0	0	0	2	13	93	

	Big South-OVC Association						
	Conference			All Games			
	W	L	P	W	L	P	
Tennessee Tech	0	0	0	2	0	110	17
E. Illinois	0	0	0	1	1	38	52
Gardner-Webb	0	0	0	1	1	64	104
SE Missouri	0	0	0	1	1	54	63
Tennessee St.	0	0	0	1	1	27	80
Chas. Southern	0	0	0	0	2	3	58
L'wood (Mo.)	0	0	0	0	2	26	55
UT Martin	0	0	0	0	2	24	69
W. Illinois	0	0	0	0	2	10	94

	Big Ten Conference							
	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	W	L	P		
Illinois	0	0	0	0	2	0	97	22
Indiana	0	0	0	0	2	0	83	23
Maryland	0	0	0	0	2	0	59	16
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	65	46
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	2	0	89	10
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	2	0	88	17
Ohio St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	84	7



Oklahoma State's Pistol Pete was left with an upset stomach after the Cowboys' 69-3 loss at Oregon. [LYDIA ELY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Oregon	0	0	0	0	2	0	128	16
Penn St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	11
Purdue	0	0	0	0	2	0	65	17
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	2	0	79	48
Southern Cal	0	0	0	0	2	0	132	33
Washington	0	0	0	0	2	0	108	31
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	2	0	59	10
Iowa	0	0	0	0	1	1	47	23
Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	1	47	41
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	30
UCLA	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	73

Coastal Athletic Association								
	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	W	L	P		
Rhode Island	2	0	62	37	2	0	62	37
William & Mary	1	0	28	27	1	1	49	50
Monmouth (N.J.)	0	0	0	0	2	0	91	67
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	2	0	46	26
Towson	0	0	0	0	2	0	54	29
Villanova	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	17
Bryant	0	0	0	0	1	1	30	45
Delaware	0	0	0	0	1	1	42	48
Elon	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	52
Hampton	0	0	0	0	1	1	41	48
Albany (N.Y.)	0	0	0	0	0	2	39	71
NC A&T	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	92
Campbell	0	1	20	31	0	2	23	87
Maine	0	1	27	28	0	2	34	56
Stony Brook	0	1	17	31	0	2	17	73

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
W. Kentucky	1	0	41	24	2	1	117	75
Jacksonville St.	1	0	34	24	1	1	44	41

New Mexico St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	40	17
FIU	0	0	0	0	1	1	42	43
Louisiana Tech	0	0	0	0	1	1	31	23
UTEP	0	0	0	0	1	1	58	45
Kennesaw St.	0	0	0	0	0	2	18	66
Middle Tenn.	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	76
Liberty	0	1	24	34	1	1	52	41
Sam Houston St.	0	1	24	41	0	3	65	116

Ivy League

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
Brown	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Columbia	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Cornell	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Dartmouth	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Harvard	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Penn	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Princeton	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0
Yale	0 0	0	0	0 0	0	0

	Mid-American Conference							
	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	W	L	P		
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	1	1	46	41
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	1	1	55	29
Cent. Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	1	33	59
Kent St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	35	79
N. Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	1	28	37
Ohio	0	0	0	0	1	1	48	44
Toledo	0	0	0	0	1	1	61	45
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	78
Ball St.	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	73
E. Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	80
Miami (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	62
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	2	36	56

	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference							
	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	P	W	L	P		
Delaware St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	54	67
Howard	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	64
Norfolk St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	41	58
SC State	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	53
NC Central	0	0	0	0	1	2	47	95
Morgan St.	0	0	0	0	0	2	43	65

Missouri Valley Conference							
Indiana St.	0	0	0	2	0	79	38
N. Dakota St.	0	0	0	2	0	97	3
S. Dakota St.	0	0	0	2	0	50	27
Youngstown St.	0	0	0	2	0	80	32
Illinois St.	0	0	0	1	1	44	48
Missouri St.	0	0	0	1	1	34	93
N. Iowa	0	0	0	1	1	45	45
North Dakota	0	0	0	1	1	85	58
S. Illinois	0	0	0	1	1	66	37
Murray St.	0	0	0	0	2	41	90
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	2	20	75

Mountain West Conference								
Air Force	0	0	0	0	1	0	49	13
UNLV	0	0	0	0	3	0	106	75
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	2	0	41	7
Fresno St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	85	72
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	2	1	66	80
Boise St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	58	48
Colorado St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	42	55
Nevada	0	0	0	0	1	1	31	63
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	56
San Diego St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	55	36
Utah St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	60
San Jose St.	0	0	0	0	2	2	21	54

COLUMN

Oklahoma, Vandy help SEC rise again

By Doug Segrest
For GameDay

Week 2 brought us recovery and redemption in the SEC.

Alabama and Texas rolled mismatched foes for their first wins, Auburn flexed its way into the AP Top 25 for the first time since 2021, and LSU, Georgia and South Carolina took care of business.

But three games stood out as image changers.

Boomer is back

We've been hesitant to jump on the Oklahoma hype train, but Never Fear John Mateer and the reworked Sooners offense made us believers Saturday. OU dominated Michigan 24-13, and the transfer quarterback was the biggest difference.

OU has just two weeks before its next test, when Auburn comes to town. The winner of their Sept. 20 showdown becomes a serious CFP contender.

Vandy's dandy again

The Commodores stunned Virginia Tech in overtime last season, an early sign that the program had become competitive under Clark Lea. Eventually, Alabama and Auburn would fall under Vandy's spell as the Commodores rode the wave to a winning record and rare bowl victory.

Saturday night, Vanderbilt went to Blacksburg and stunned the Hokies again, scoring 34 unanswered points to win 44-20 behind Diego Pavia. This program still may not yet be a legitimate contender; but trust me, the NIL has changed the landscape. Vandy has the alumni base to make it work in Nashville long term.

Bully! Bully!

No game changed perception more than Mississippi State's last-minute 24-20 win against Arizona State. The Bulldogs were competitive last season in Tempe against a team that made it to the quarterfinal round of the inaugural 14-team playoff.

Back in Starkville for the 2025 rematch, State stayed within striking distance before striking fatally and finally on a 58-yard bomb from Blake Shapen to Brene Thompson with 30 seconds left.



Oklahoma quarterback John Mateer may get more camera time if the Sooners build on last week's win over Michigan. [ALONZO ADAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Jeff Lebby's second edition may still bring up the bottom of the rankings, but this program is capable of at least two more upsets.

Meanwhile in Gator Land

South Florida opened the season with an upset of another '24 CFP team, Boise State. Saturday, the Bulls edged No. 13 Florida 18-16 on Nico Gramatica's field goal at the buzzer.

The Billy Napier Hot Seat Meter just went to Defcon 2. Never mind that USF is the first team to open the season with

back-to-back Top 25 wins in memory, all the focus is on the underwhelming Gators. Making matters worse for Napier: AD Scott Stricklin shared a suite with ex-ball coaches Steve Spurrier and Urban Meyer, and none of the three looked pleased with the outcome.

Looking ahead

Week 3 brings us a bevy of showdown games. None is bigger than Georgia at Tennessee in the traditional 2:30 p.m. ABC slot. But you've got two other SEC

barometer games: Florida at LSU (6:30 p.m. ABC), and Vanderbilt at South Carolina (6:45 p.m. SEC Network) that shouldn't be missed.

And the nation's top intersectional matchup takes us to South Bend, where Texas A&M tries to avenge last season's loss against Notre Dame (6:30 p.m. on NBC).

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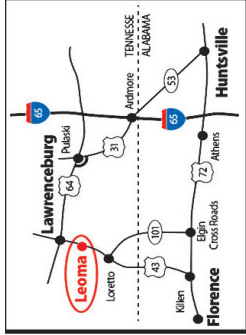
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