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This week's recipe submitted
by Linda McElyea,
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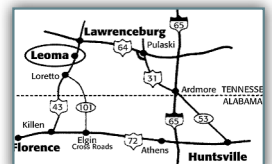
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THE LINE

Thursday	(as of Tuesday)		
FAVORITE	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Texas State	13½	57½	at TROY
Sam Houston	10½	50½	at UTEP

Friday			
Jacksonville State	15½	48½	at KENNESAW STATE
at TCU	15½	50½	Houston
at OREGON	24½	52½	Michigan State
at UNLV	6½	58½	Syracuse

Saturday			
at VIRGINIA	1½	52½	Boston College
at WISCONSIN	13½	46½	Purdue
Army	10½	50½	at TULSA
Navy	9½	34½	at AIR FORCE
at TEXAS A&M	1½	48½	Missouri
at NORTHERN ILL.	17½	44½	UMass
at NC STATE	5½	54½	Wake Forest
at LOUISVILLE	6½	57½	SMU
at PENN STATE	27½	46½	UCLA
Pittsburgh	2½	64½	at NORTH CAROLINA
Tulane	14½	55½	at UAB
Western Michigan	9½	56½	at BALL STATE
East Carolina	8½	46½	at CHARLOTTE
at OHIO STATE	19½	45½	Iowa
at TOLEDO	6½	43½	Miami (OH)
Bowling Green	14½	51½	at AKRON
at UCONN	16½	49½	Temple
at GEORGIA	24½	52½	Auburn
Ole Miss	9½	53½	at SOUTH CAROLINA
Virginia Tech	8½	49½	at STANFORD
Indiana	13½	41½	at NORTHWESTERN
at MARSHALL	3½	58½	Appalachian State
at OKLAHOMA STATE	3½	65½	West Virginia
at NEBRASKA	6½	41½	Rutgers
Alabama	23½	55½	at VANDERBILT
at OREGON STATE	10½	47½	Colorado State
James Madison	16½	48½	at UL MONROE
Louisiana	14½	57½	at SOUTHERN MISS
Clemson	14½	47½	at FLORIDA STATE
at COASTAL CAROLINA	5½	54½	Old Dominion
at BOISE STATE	26½	66½	Utah State
South Alabama	2½	60½	at ARKANSAS STATE
at SAN JOSE STATE	6½	49½	Nevada
at WASHINGTON	2½	40½	Michigan
Tennessee	13½	60½	at ARKANSAS
at IOWA STATE	12½	45½	Baylor
USC	8½	50½	at MINNESOTA
UCF	2½	61½	at FLORIDA
at ARIZONA STATE	3½	49½	Kansas
at SAN DIEGO STATE	2½	49½	Hawaii
at GEORGIA TECH	7½	54½	Duke
Miami (Fla.)	10½	54½	at CAL
at ARIZONA	5½	63½	Texas Tech



Washington hopes to ride high Saturday when the Huskies host Michigan. [LINDSEY WASSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

GAMES ON TV

Thursday
Texas State at Troy, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Sam Houston at UTEP, 8 p.m., CBSSN

Friday
Jacksonville State at Kennesaw State, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Houston at TCU, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Michigan State at Oregon, 8 p.m., FOX
Syracuse at UNLV, 8 p.m., FS1

Saturday
Army at Tulsa, 11 a.m., ESPNU
Missouri at Texas A&M, 11 a.m., ABC
Navy at Air Force, 11 a.m., CBS
Pittsburgh at N. Carolina, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Purdue at Wisconsin, 11 a.m., BTN
SMU at Louisville, 11 a.m., ESPN
UCLA at Penn State, 11 a.m., FOX
UMass at Northern Illinois, 11 a.m., CBSSN
Wake Forest at NC State, 11 a.m., CWTV
Penn at Dartmouth, 12 p.m., NESN
Auburn at Georgia, 2:30 p.m., ABC

E. Carolina at Charlotte, 2:30 p.m., ESPNU
Indiana at Northwestern, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Iowa at Ohio State, 2:30 p.m., CBS
Ole Miss at S. Carolina, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Rutgers at Nebraska, 2:30 p.m., FS1
Temple at UConn, 2:30 p.m., CBSSN
West Virginia at Oklahoma State, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Alabama at Vanderbilt, 3:15 p.m., SEC Network
Clemson at Florida State, 6 p.m., ESPN
James Madison at Louisiana-Monroe, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Utah State at Boise State, 6 p.m., FS2
Baylor at Iowa State, 6:30 p.m., FOX
Michigan at Washington, 6:30 p.m., NBC
Tennessee at Arkansas, 6:30 p.m., ABC
USC at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., BTN
UCF at Florida, 6:45 p.m., SEC Network
Duke at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m., ACC
Hawaii at San Diego State, 7 p.m., CBSSN
Kansas at Arizona State, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Miami at California, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Texas Tech at Arizona, 10 p.m., FOX

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Friday
No. 6 Oregon (4-0) vs. Michigan St. (3-2), 8 p.m.
No. 25 UNLV (4-0) vs. Syracuse (3-1), 8 p.m.
Saturday
No. 1 Alabama (4-0) at Vanderbilt (2-2), 3:15 p.m.
No. 3 Ohio St. (4-0) vs. Iowa (3-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 4 Tennessee (4-0) at Arkansas (3-2), 6:30 p.m.
No. 5 Georgia (3-1) vs. Auburn (2-3), 2:30 p.m.
No. 7 Penn St. (4-0) vs. UCLA (1-3), 11 a.m.
No. 8 Miami (5-0) at California (3-1), 9:30 p.m.
No. 9 Missouri (4-0) at No. 25 Texas A&M (4-1), 11 a.m.
No. 10 Michigan (4-1) at Washington (3-2), 6:30 p.m.
No. 11 Southern Cal (3-1) at Minnesota (2-3), 6:30 p.m.
No. 12 Mississippi (4-1) at South Carolina (3-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 15 Clemson (3-1) at Florida St. (1-4), 6 p.m.
No. 16 Iowa St. (4-0) vs. Baylor (2-3), 6:30 p.m.
No. 21 Boise St. (3-1) vs. Utah St. (1-3), 6 p.m.
No. 22 Louisville (3-1) vs. SMU (4-1), 11 a.m.
No. 23 Indiana (5-0) at Northwestern (2-2), 2:30 p.m.

Auburn at Georgia

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV/radio: ABC/FM-94.9

Records: Auburn (2-3, 0-2 SEC), No. 5 Georgia (3-1, 1-1)

The series: Georgia leads 64-56-8.

Four-down territory

1. Not adding up: Auburn coach Hugh Freeze spent the first eight minutes of his 30-minute Monday press conference hyping up the good things the Tigers did in last week's loss to Oklahoma, and the progress the team has made this season. It was hard for Freeze to comprehend how Auburn has a 2-3 record. "To sit here and tell you all that with what the results are is the complicated thing about taking ownership of it," Freeze said. "There are a lot of positives not matching up with the results."

2. Brutal stretch: Five straight home games to start the season seemed like a good situation for Auburn. Instead, the Tigers hit the road for the first time and it's the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry. Auburn is more than a 20-point underdog. Next week is another road game with Missouri, and then a matchup at Kentucky.

3. Fenced-in Dogs: One area where Auburn can pen in the Bulldogs is the running game. Georgia is 15th in the SEC with 129 rushing yards per game. Georgia combined for 182 yards in its two SEC games. Auburn isn't the best at defending the run (121 per game) but if the Tigers can bottle up Georgia on the ground, good things could happen. It doesn't help, though, that QB Carson Beck is highly accurate and is fourth in the league with 302 yards per game, including a 400-plus yard effort last week at Alabama.

4. He's the guy: After a few weeks of turmoil at the quarterback position, it appears Payton Thorne is the starter moving forward. He was benched for the Arkansas game but stepped in during the second half to finish the game. He took control in the Oklahoma game and passed for 338 yards and three touchdowns with his one big mistake being a pick-six in the fourth quarter. "I thought he was solid," Freeze said. "He wishes he had that one throw back, but I thought he really laid it on the line for us."

Key matchup

Auburn WR KeAndre Lambert-Smith vs. Georgia WR Arian Smith

Lambert-Smith is having a sensational



Cam Coleman will need another big game to boost Auburn's chances this week at Georgia. [STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

season and leads Auburn with 415 yards and six touchdowns. He's proven to be a weapon when it matters. Smith stepped up big last week with 132 yards a TD. He leads the team with 274 yards.

Player of the week

Cam Coleman, WR

The true freshman has made some big plays and came up clutch last week with 82 receiving yards. He seems to have found a rhythm and Auburn will need him to continue stepping up against the Bulldogs.

By the numbers

0: Number of games Auburn will play at Jordan-Hare Stadium in October. The Tigers also played zero October home games in 2019 and went 1-2 in that stretch.

13: The Tigers have thrown a TD pass in 13 straight games, the longest streak since 15 in 2018-19.

16: Auburn is ranked last in the SEC in time of possession.

2017: Auburn hasn't defeated the Bulldogs since 2017. The Tigers have lost seven straight.

Prediction

Georgia 35, Auburn 13

Auburn's got one heck of a first road game. The Tigers are catching the Bulldogs during the worst possible time — fresh off a close loss to Alabama. That doesn't sit well with them, so look for an aggressive Georgia performance in a loud and rough environment for the Tigers. This is not the ideal opponent for an Auburn team looking to turn the season around.

— Edwin Stanton

Kentucky's upset a testament to Stoops

By John Clay
Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader

The seeds for the Kentucky football team's 20-17 upset of No. 6 Ole Miss last weekend were not planted overnight. Nor during the week of practice. Nor the game before that. Nor the week of practice before that.

Kentucky's biggest win of this 2024 season — if not many seasons — was a direct result of the reaction to Kentucky's most embarrassing loss of the 2024 season — if not many seasons.

"(That loss was) a direct reflection on me," Mark Stoops said on Saturday. "And that hurt bad."

You know the hurt he's talking about. That 31-6 home embarrassment against South Carolina on Sept. 7. That wasn't just Kentucky's third straight loss to the Gamecocks, but a head-scratching, no-show performance that rocked not just the Cats themselves, but their coaches, as well.

There was some soul-searching after that. Long gazes into the mirror. Hours upon hours in the film room. As a coach, it's one thing to know what you think your team is going to look like, and quite another to be blindsided by something completely different. They had some stuff to figure out.

And so they did. One week later, Kentucky came within a break — not even a break or two — of upsetting a then-No. 1 Georgia that had won 27 consecutive regular-season SEC games. Then last week, the Cats took care of business against a solid MAC team in Ohio University.

For all the criticism the coaches rightfully received for laying the egg against South Carolina, and the heat Stoops took for playing it conservative against Georgia, the coaches deserve credit getting Lane Kiffin's Rebels to play UK's game on Saturday.

"We played it our way," Stoops said.

Offensive coordinator Bush Hamdan called a versatile and effective game. Kentucky controlled the first half with extended drives that kept Ole Miss' explosive offense off the field.

Then there was Stoops' decision to go for it on fourth-and-7 from UK's own 20-yard line with the Cats trailing 17-13 with three minutes to play. Hamdan responded by not just going for it, but going long for it. Brock Vandagriff and Barion Brown connected on a 63-yard



Dane Key, Barion Brown and the Kentucky Wildcats gave fans a reason to celebrate at Ole Miss. [RANDY J. WILLIAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

pass that was the play of the game.

Defensive coordinator Brad White devised a game plan that harassed Ole Miss quarterback Jaxson Dart just enough while corralling the Rebels' run game.

And UK was operating without its best cornerback. Playing the nation's top-ranked offense is not the best time to have your All-SEC defensive star Maxwell Hairston, who was hospitalized by an infection. An 18-point underdog, Kentucky won anyway.

"Next man up," UK corner JQ Hardaway said.

Stoops' best teams have always showed a certain kind of toughness. They're not going to dazzle you or overwhelm you or always win the day on style points. But they do play a gritty, physical brand that more often than not gives them a chance to win.

At Ole Miss, Kentucky took advantage of that chance. The plan was good. The players executed the plan. And after being humiliated after South Carolina and heartbroken after Georgia, the team was throwing its head coach into the air for some locker room bodysurfing.

"Stoops is in the air," Key said when asked to describe the postgame celebration. "When Stoops is in the air, it's a pretty good thing."

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Alabama at Vanderbilt

When: 3:15 p.m. Saturday

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

Records: No. 1 Alabama (4-0, 1-0 SEC), Vanderbilt (2-2, 0-1)

The series: Alabama leads 63-18-4.

Four-down territory

1. Fourth-down blues: It's no secret Alabama's defense has the edge on third down. Opponents have converted just 11 times in 64 chances (No. 2 in the country). Fourth down is where the Crimson Tide breaks down. Teams are 10-of-14 in those situations (No. 115 in the country), including five by Georgia last week. "Probably the thing that shows up the most was our lack of ability to get off the field on fourth down," Alabama defensive coordinator Kane Wommack said. "They were 3-of-15 on third down and then were able to execute on fourth down."

2. Top choice: What a difference a game makes. Last week, Jalen Milroe was No. 4 on the FanDuel Heisman Trophy odds list. After a big game against Georgia, Milroe is the favorite at +200. The team benefited from the win, too. Alabama jumped three spots to take the No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press poll. "You've got to earn it each and every week and so that's really the message and the focus for the players," offensive coordinator Nick Sheridan said. "We have to put a good plan in for the players, they've got to practice hard, we've got to prepare them, we've got to go execute on game day."

3. Elusive Commodore: Alabama will face one of the more mobile quarterbacks on the schedule in Diego Pavia. The New Mexico State transfer has 721 passing yards with six touchdowns and no interceptions. He leads the team with 239 rushing yards and two touchdowns. "You can tell there's a confidence from the rest of his teammates that I think he breathes into their football team. You see it on the sideline," Wommack said.

4. Could be trouble: Through its first three games, Alabama allowed 347 total passing yards and was among the top passing defenses in the SEC and the nation. That went out the window against Georgia (439 yards). The Bulldogs had 100 first-half passing yards but exploded for 239 and three touchdowns in the second.



Alabama defensive back Red Morgan and the Crimson Tide climbed to No. 1 in the national rankings this week after beating Georgia. [VASHA HUNT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Key matchup

Alabama QB Jalen Milroe vs. Vanderbilt QB Diego Pavia

The Crimson Tide is always in the hunt for a win as long as Milroe is on the field. He leads the team in rushing (273), rushing TDs (8) and his 10 passing TDs are third in the SEC. Diego Pavia is the most valuable player on the Vandy offense. He's also the team's leading rusher and keeps the team in the game until the end.

Player of the week

Jam Miller, RB

The Crimson Tide running back hasn't dominated in a game so far. Vandy opponents average 122 per game. It has to

happen at some point, so Miller having a breakout performance against Vandy is as good a time as any.

By the numbers

22: Alabama has given up 22 points in the fourth quarter through four games. Georgia scored 19 in the fourth quarter last week.

23: Alabama has won 23 straight games against Vandy. The last loss was in 1984.

28: Ryan Williams is averaging 28 yards per catch, which leads the SEC. He averages 115 per game.

41: The 41 points Alabama scored against Georgia was the lowest total this season. Alabama averages 47 points per

game.

Prediction

Alabama 44, Vanderbilt 12

It's hard to imagine this game mimicking Alabama's thriller over Georgia last week, but if the Crimson Tide doesn't take this game seriously, it could be catastrophic. Bama's back in the No. 1 spot, and that comes a target on its back. The Crimson Tide will get every team's best shot and this isn't the Vandy doormat of the past. Look for Alabama to handle its business and quickly turn its attention to South Carolina.

— Edwin Stanton

Milroe, Williams bedeviling Tide foes

By John Zenor
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA — Jalen Milroe is a fourth-year junior who waited his turn to start. Ryan Williams is a 17-year-old freshman who has become an instant sensation.

Together they've rapidly forged one of the nation's most electric passing combinations for the now top-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide. Not even No. 5 Georgia could slow them down, much less stop them in the Tide's 41-34 win last weekend.

"That man's always making a play on the ball," Milroe said of Williams. "I just have so much trust in him. When he's out at receiver, he's going to do something special with the football."

They're both doing special things so far this season. Williams and Milroe each blend speed, talent and moves that most running backs would envy. And Milroe has emerged as one of college football's top passers.

Milroe had perhaps his best game — a career-high 374 passing yards and two touchdowns, 117 rushing yards and two TDs — against a team that came in with the nation's top pass defense and no touchdowns allowed. He became the first player in the AP poll era to reach 300 passing yards, 100 rushing yards and run for two touchdowns against a top-5 opponent.

Even his first interception of the season came when the ball was knocked out of a receiver's grasp by a Georgia defender.

Milroe emerged from that game as the Heisman Trophy favorite, according to BetMGM Sportsbook and won AP's national player of the week honors for the second time. Next up: A trip to Vanderbilt on Saturday.

Milroe's eight rushing touchdowns — two in each game — are tied with Navy's Blake Horvath for the most in the country by a quarterback this season.

"Man, he's a weapon out there," Alabama coach Kalen DeBoer said. "And he's doing it both through the air and with his feet. He's tough to game-plan against when you're on the other side."

Then there's Williams, DeBoer's most prized and needed recruit. He caught six catches for 177 yards and a touchdown against Georgia. He made a 75-yard, back-shoulder catch for the go-ahead



Freshman Ryan Williams has led Alabama in receiving all four games this season. [VASHA HUNT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

touchdown late in the game, with a spin move that sent two Bulldogs defenders running into each other.

That was highlight-reel play No. 2 for the freshman from Saraland.

Earlier, he bobbled the ball at least twice before turning and snagging it out of the air. Then Williams spun the other direction to complete a 54-yard gain.

Georgia coach Kirby Smart illustrated the seemingly unsolvable dilemma of trying to contain the Milroe-Williams duo when asked about it by ESPN before the game.

Milroe's running ability makes it hard to double team Williams.

"I said we can't do anything special for Ryan Williams," Smart said afterward. "They got a guy back there at quarterback that could be the best running back in the country, and he throws the ball. You can't put two people on Ryan Williams, you can't do it."

Williams has led Alabama in receiving in all four games. He has 16 catches for 462 yards and five touchdowns after reclassifying to enter college a year early.

Williams said the season so far has been like a dream he doesn't want to end. "I like the dream," he said.

Milroe, meanwhile, had to bide his time for two years at Alabama before

getting his shot last season. He wound up leading the Tide to the Southeastern Conference championship after an early benching and has returned better than ever.

Milroe's passer rating of 204.7 trails only No. 12 Mississippi's Jaxson Dart in the FBS.

"Guys don't always have to be wide open right now," DeBoer said. "You saw him throwing guys open and you saw receivers anticipate that and going, Hey, I'm going to get the ball. That's progress in our passing game. If we keep doing that, we're going to be tough to defend."

Tennessee at Arkansas

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday

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

Records: No. 4 Tennessee (4-0, 1-0 SEC), Arkansas (3-2, 1-1)

The series: Tennessee leads 13-6.

Four-down territory

1. One-two punch: Tennessee has the No. 1 scoring defense in the country. On the flip side, the Vols are the No. 2 scoring offense. That's a winning formula for sure. Tennessee isn't just beating opponents; it's annihilating them. The Vols have scored 26 touchdowns and average 54 points per game. Defensively, the Vols have given up just three touchdowns and three field goals to average seven points allowed per game. Tennessee has outscored opponents 216-27.

2. Get off the field: Arkansas doesn't do everything great on offense, but the Razorbacks do one thing better than any team in the SEC. The Hogs have converted 55% of third downs (41 of 74). The good news for Tennessee is the Vols' defense is No. 1 in the country (17%), holding opponents to nine conversions on 53 third-down attempts. Arkansas is also 5-of-10 converting on fourth down. But the Vols are pretty good in that department, too. Tennessee has allowed just one conversion in five attempts.

3. Taking it easy: For a college football coach, finding time off is tough, especially during the fall. Josh Heupel did his best to take advantage of the Vols' bye week. There was not travel destination for the Vols' coach, only his couch. "The weather didn't cooperate the way I would have liked, but I got a chance to spend some time with my family on Saturday, play some catch and watch a couple of games," Heupel said. "I had a really great weekend with them."

4. Running hog wild: Tennessee's offense is the best in the SEC, but Arkansas is not too far behind. Ja'Quinden Jackson is a big reason for that. He's third in the league with 509 yards and has nine touchdowns. QB Taylen Green can run, too. He's got 331 yards to go with four TDs. "You have to play gap integrity and assignment sound and go make a play," Heupel said. "(Green's) speed and how dynamic of a player he is makes that a difficult thing to do because he has the ability to outrun the defender."



Bru McCoy leads Tennessee in receptions, receiving yards and average yards per catch. [ALONZO ADAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Key matchup

Tennessee QB Nico Iamaleava vs. Arkansas QB Taylen Green

Iamaleava continues to improve each game, throwing for 892 yards with just two interceptions and a nearly 70% pass completion percentage. He's run for 117 yards and one TD. Green is the best player on the field for Arkansas. Along with his 1,236 passing yards, Green is second on the team with 331 rushing yards and four TDs.

Player of game

Bru McCoy, WR

Arkansas has a great run defense, so the Vols may have to rely heavily on the

passing game and the hands of McCoy. He's the leader in receptions (12), yards (200) and average yards per catch (17).

By the numbers

2: The Tennessee defense has allowed two plays of over 30 yards this season.

3: Tennessee has dropped three straight games to Arkansas. The last win was in 2007.

10: Tennessee's Dylan Sampson leads the SEC and ranks second in the nation with 10 rushing TDs.

24: Tennessee is 24-2 in the Heupel era when rushing for more than 200 yards. The Vols have 200 rushing yards in three

games this season.

Prediction

Tennessee 42, Arkansas 17

There's no chance Arkansas extends its win streak against Tennessee. It stops at three games. Tennessee arguably has the best offense and defense in the country. That's a lethal combination and makes beating this team nearly impossible. The only thing that can take Tennessee down is Tennessee. That's happened too many times in the past to count. It won't happen this week.

— Edwin Stanton

Vols' stingy D complements dazzling O

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

Josh Heupel made his coaching reputation as a guru running offenses so fast that defenders were left gasping for air, unable to substitute fresh players.

Through three seasons, that was enough to get Tennessee back in the AP Top 25 rankings.

Now his Volunteers are much more balanced, with a stingy, pounding defense that has helped them climb to fourth in the poll and has them among the teams chasing a national title. As Heupel pointed out, Tennessee's history goes far beyond Peyton Manning, Willie Gault and Johnny Majors.

"The standard at Tennessee is to be elite on defense," Heupel said after his Vols routed then-No. 24 N.C. State in early September. "This is the home of Reggie White, Al Wilson, Eric Berry."

White was inducted posthumously into the Pro Football Hall of Fame for terrorizing quarterbacks in the NFL. Wilson is the linebacker who led Tennessee to its last national championship in 1998. Eric Berry was the 2008 Southeastern Conference defensive player of the year and a five-time Pro Bowler in the NFL.

Tennessee came into this season with only one preseason AP All-American in pass rusher James Pearce Jr., who is considered a possibility to be the No. 1 overall selection in the 2025 NFL draft.

Pearce and defensive coordinator Tim Banks, who's been with Heupel since he came to Knoxville, have lots of help.

The Vols (4-0, 1-0) have held five straight opponents under 250 yards total offense, a streak started with a shutout of Iowa in the Citrus Bowl in January. They also thumped N.C. State in Charlotte and held then-No. 15 Oklahoma to just 222 yards baptizing the Sooners into the SEC and notching the Vols' first road win over a top 15 team since 2006.

Oklahoma did snap Tennessee's streak at 19 consecutive quarters without giving up an offensive touchdown, Tennessee's longest since the Vols shut out 15 straight opponents between 1938 and 1939.

Even working through scholarship reductions as part of Tennessee's self-induced punishment for NCAA violations under former coach Jeremy Pruitt, the Vols have built enough depth



Josh Heupel and Tennessee benefit from having James Pearce Jr., who is a potential No. 1 overall pick in next year's NFL draft. [ALONZO ADAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

to allow Banks to play a bunch of linemen and keep pass rushers fresh. Against Oklahoma, five linemen had at least one tackle for loss as the Vols held the Sooners to a season-low 36 yards rushing.

The Vols lead the nation giving up just 176 yards per game and second both allowing just 7 points a game and 50.8 yards rushing a game.

Lineman Elijah Simmons helped set the tone on Oklahoma's opening offensive snap, breaking through for a 5-yard tackle for loss. That was the first of 11 tackles for loss in a defensive show that also included a safety and three sacks.

Heupel says Simmons played "violent and destructive" all game.

Simmons said the Vols are so deep on the defensive line that it doesn't really feel like there's a true group of starters. They certainly have instilled confidence in their teammates with how they've played to start this season.

"I believe, and I feel like everyone else believes, that they're the best in the nation," defensive back Christian Harrison said.

Tennessee has won 13 SEC championships but last played in the league title game in 2001. The Vols' last SEC

championship was in 1998 when they won the national title to kick off the BCS era. The Vols visit Arkansas (3-2, 1-1) on Saturday night and still have home games against Florida, No. 1 Alabama and Kentucky before a visit to No. 5 Georgia on Nov. 16.

Heupel sees his defense building a strong identity that means his offense doesn't have to score big every game to win.

"Then it's about tying all three phases in together to make sure that you end up on the right side of the scoreboard," Heupel said.

Utah Tech at UNA

When: 4 p.m. Saturday

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

Records: Utah Tech (0-5, 0-1 UAC),

UNA (1-5, 1-1)

The series: UNA leads 1-0.

Four-down territory

1. Two is better than one: UNA managed to snap an eight-game losing streak that dated to last season thanks to its 25-16 win at West Georgia last week. Now, the question is, can the Lions get a second? Since playing a full Division I schedule in 2019 — 2018 was a mixture of Division I and II opponents — UNA has only managed to win back-to-back games once. That was in 2021 when it beat Robert Morris in the seventh game of the season and followed by beating Charleston Southern.

2. Another reunion: The Lions honored the 30th anniversary of their 1993 Division II national championship team last year. On Saturday, the 1994 edition will get its turn. UNA went 13-1 that season that culminated with a 16-10 win over Texas A&M-Kingsville for the second of its three straight titles. The Lions became just the third school in DII history to win back-to-back national championships, joining Southwest Texas State (1981-82) and North Dakota State (1985-86). They're only loss was a 17-14 defeat to Youngstown State, which won the I-AA title that season. Overall, UNA held 12 of its 14 opponents to 21 points or less, including six to no more than seven. Five players from the defense were All-Americans.

3. Looks familiar: Speaking of a five-game losing streak, Utah Tech is in the same position UNA was last week. In desperate need of a win. Three of the Trailblazers' opponents were ranked in the Stats FCS top 25. They opened against then-No. 4 Montana State, played at No. 12 UC Davis and hosted No. 22 Abilene Christian last week. Utah Tech has also played Northern Arizona, which is now ranked 25th, and UNLV, the No. 25 team in the FBS. Overall, the Trailblazers have given up more than 30 points in each game and scored more than 17 once.

4. In need of 6, not 3: The good news for UNA was it won last week. The not-so-good news was it again struggled to capitalize in the red zone. The Lions reached the West Georgia 20-yard line six times. Four times, they had to settle for field goal opportunities — all from the



Dennis Moody, right, has been UNA's most effective tailback in terms of rushing yards lately. [DREW BARTON/NORTH ALABAMA ATHLETICS]

15 or closer — and made three. Of the 22 red-zone trips UNA has made this season, only nine have accounted for six points. It's part of the reason the Lions are averaging less than 17 points a game.

Key matchup

Utah Tech QBs vs. UNA defense

Ah, yes. A possible quarterback conundrum. The Trailblazers have played two this season — Deacon Hill and Reggie Graff. Hill has started four games but is completing just 48% of his passes for 412 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. Graff has started one and has been a bit more effective. He's completed 52% of his throws for 463 yards, three scores and a pick. Hill started last week against Abilene Christian, but Graff came on in

relief to throw for 231 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for 79 yards and a score. Should be interesting for a defense that allowed fewer than 250 yards at West Georgia.

Player of the week

Dennis Moody, RB

The sophomore has been UNA's most effective tailback in two of the last three games. He rushed for 53 yards on six carries at UT Martin and had 54 yards on 12 touches at West Georgia. Perhaps he gets a touchdown this week.

By the numbers

31-30: Last season's score that went in UNA's favor after Gregory Reddick broke up a 2-point pass.

10: The number of consecutive games Utah Tech has lost. It started with that 31-30 game.

0: The number of turnovers the Lions had last week. A first. They had 15 coming into that game, which is still the second most in the FCS behind Mississippi Valley State's 18.

30: The number of points kicker Scott Payne has accounted for. UNA has scored 99 points this season.

Prediction

UNA 28, Utah Tech 20

Perhaps last week's win provided the Lions with a little bit of momentum. It helps that the Trailblazers are not good.

— David Glovach

This week's SEC, state games

Texas State at Troy

When: 6 p.m. Thursday

TV: ESPN

Records: Texas State (2-2, 0-0 Sun Belt), Troy (1-4, 0-1)

The series: Troy leads 13-1.

The lowdown: Troy lost its Sun Belt opener last week 13-9 against Louisiana-Monroe. It was the first time the Trojans had been held to single-digit points since falling 45-7 to App State in 2021. ... Texas State is looking to snap a two-game skid. The losses were by a combined four points. The Bobcats lost 31-28 to Arizona State on Sept. 12 and 40-39 at Sam Houston last week. ... Troy's Devonte Ross ranks seventh in the FBS in receiving yards with 529. He also has six touchdown catches, which ranks third. Zeria Beason is the Trojans' second-leading receiver with 118 yards. ... Texas State quarterback Jordan McCloud is completing 69% of his passes for 1,141 yards, 12 touchdowns and three interceptions.

Jacksonville State at Kennesaw State

When: 6 p.m. Friday

TV: CBSSN

Records: Jacksonville State (1-3, 0-0 CUSA), Kennesaw State (0-4, 0-0)

The series: Kennesaw State leads 3-1.

The lowdown: This is the conference opener for both teams and will be Kennesaw State's first as a member of Conference USA. ... Jacksonville State did not play last week but snapped a three-game losing streak by beating Southern Miss 44-7 on Sept. 21. The Gamecocks lost four games last season. ... The Owls lost 24-13 to UT Martin out of the FCS. ... Kennesaw State is averaging fewer than 13 points on offense. The 16 points it scored in its season opener has been the highest. The Owls are also averaging just 246 yards per game and 3.5 yards per play. ... Two of Jacksonville State's losses have come on the road.

No. 9 Missouri at No. 25 Texas A&M

When: 11 a.m. Saturday

TV: ABC

Records: Missouri (4-0, 1-0 SEC), Texas A&M (4-1, 2-0)

The series: Texas A&M leads 9-7.

The lowdown: The series will be played in College Station for the first time since 2014. ... Texas A&M is coming off a 21-17



Scott Taylor Renfroe accounted for all of Troy's points — all nine of them — in last week's loss to Louisiana-Monroe. [TROY ATHLETICS]

win over Arkansas. ... Missouri had a bye week after a 30-27 double-overtime win against Vanderbilt. It's the second straight season the Tigers have started 4-0. ... Missouri received a \$25 million donation towards its \$250 million stadium renovation project, which is set to be completed by 2026. The improvements will impact the north end zone concourse and bring in premium seating and suites. ... Freshman quarterback Marcel Reed has accounted for all eight of the Aggies' offensive touchdowns over the last three games.

Tulane at UAB

When: noon Saturday

Records: Tulane (3-2, 1-0 American), UAB (1-3, 0-1)

The series: Tied 6-6.

The lowdown: UAB has yet to beat an FBS opponent. The Blazers lost to



Anwar Lewis and Jacksonville State snapped a three-game losing streak two weeks ago. [JACKSONVILLE STATE ATHLETICS]



Jaxson Dart and Ole Miss waved goodbye to their undefeated season last week against Kentucky. [RANDY J. WILLIAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Jacob Zeno is completing plenty of passes, but UAB hasn't scored off many of them. [UAB ATHLETICS]

SEC

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Louisiana-Monroe, Arkansas and Navy after beating Alcorn State in their season opener. ... Both of Tulane's losses have come against ranked opponents. The Green Wave lost to then-No. 17 Kansas State 34-27 and then-No. 15 Oklahoma 34-19. ... Tulane has scored at least 40 points in its three wins. ... Green Wave defensive lineman Gerrod Henderson was named the American defensive player of the week after recording two sacks and a forced fumble against South Florida. Quarterback Darian Mensah was the freshman of the week after throwing for 326 yards and three touchdowns. ... UAB QB Jacob Zeno is completing almost 70% of his passes but has just six touchdowns to five interceptions.

No. 12 Ole Miss at South Carolina

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

TV: ESPN

Records: Ole Miss (4-1, 0-1 SEC), South Carolina (3-1, 1-1)

The series: Ole Miss leads 9-8.

The lowdown: South Carolina is coming off a bye week. ... Ole Miss was upset 20-17 last week against Kentucky. ... This is the teams' first meeting in Columbia since 2009. The Gamecocks won 16-10. ... The Rebels lead the FBS



SEE SEC, G13

Missouri is looking to significantly upgrade is stadium, which has housed football for nearly a century, according to the school. [MISSOURI ATHLETICS]



Alabama A&M running back Donovan Eaglin is nearing 2,000 career yards. [ALABAMA A&M ATHLETICS]



South Alabama quarterback Gio Lopez has thrown 114 passes this season. The other team has yet to catch one. [MATTHEW HINTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

SEC

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in total offense with 607 yards per game and rank seventh in scoring with a little more than 47 points. They also led the FBS in rushing defense (46.32 yards per game) and tackles for loss (53). ... Thirteen of the last 15 meetings between the two have been decided by seven points or less, including six decided by a field goal or less. ... Ole Miss coach Lane Kiffin is currently at 99 career wins.

Alabama A&M vs. Jackson State

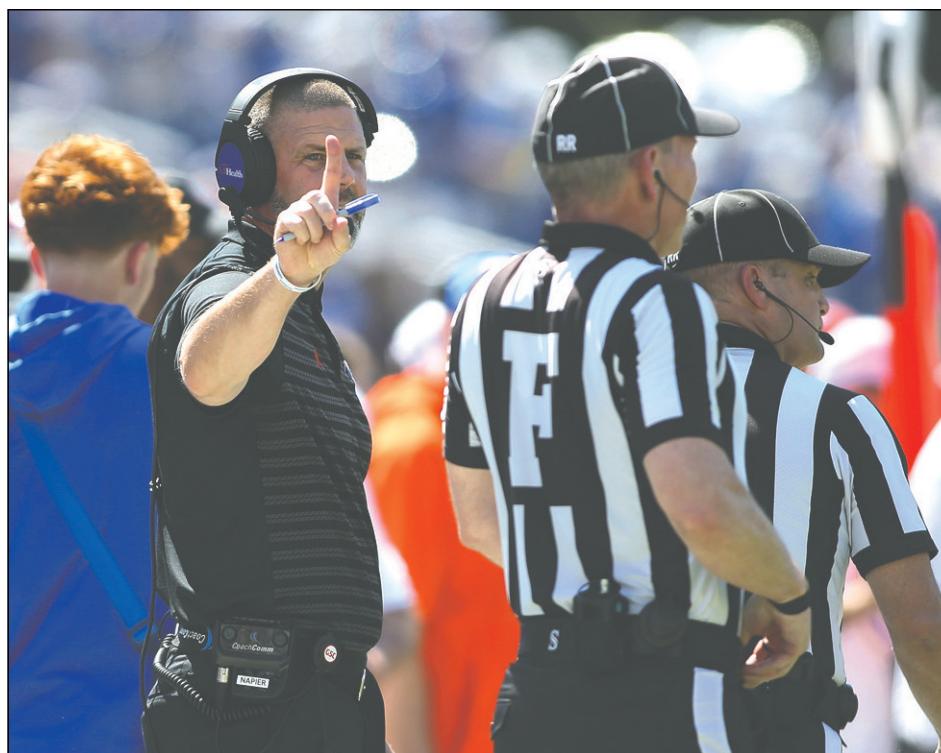
When: 4 p.m. Saturday

Where: Mobile

Records: Alabama A&M (2-2, 0-0 SWAC), Jackson State (3-2, 1-0)

The series: Jackson State leads 17-10.

The lowdown: This matchup is known as the Gulf Coast Challenge. It will be played in Ladd-Peebles Stadium. ... Alabama A&M is winless in its last four neutral-site games. All four against either Jackson State or Alabama State. ... The Bulldogs had their original conference opener postponed due to Hurricane Helene. They were slated to play at Florida A&M last week. That game has been rescheduled to Nov. 29. ... Alabama A&M running back Donovan Eaglin needs 110 yards to reach 2,000 for his career. ... Defensive lineman Joshua Nobles leads Jackson State with 5 ½ sacks. That is tied



Billy Napier and Florida have already lost one game to an in-state foe. A second would not be a good look. [JAMES PUGH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

for 10th in the FCS.

South Alabama at Arkansas State

When: 6 p.m. Saturday

Records: South Alabama (2-3, 1-0 Sun Belt), Arkansas State (2-2, 0-0)

The series: Tied 6-6.

The lowdown: Both South Alabama and Arkansas State lost to ranked teams the last time they played. The Jaguars lost 42-10 at No. 14 LSU, the Red Wolves 52-7 at No. 20 Iowa State. ... South Alabama has won the last five meetings against Arkansas State and six of seven.

... Jaguars coach Major Applewhite and Red Wolves coach Butch Jones spent two seasons together on Nick Saban's Alabama staff from 2019-20. ... South Alabama freshman running back Fluff Bothwell was held to just 17 yards on 10 carries against LSU but is still averaging 8 yards per carry this season. ... Jaguars quarterback Gio Lopez has yet to throw an interception. He has 10 touchdown passes in 114 attempts.

Central Florida at Florida

When: 6:45 p.m. Saturday

TV: SECN

Records: UCF (3-1), Florida (2-2)

The series: Florida leads 2-1.

The lowdown: The last meeting, the 2021 Gasparilla Bowl, ended in a 29-17 win for Central Florida. ... Florida won the showdowns in Gainesville, 58-27 in 1999 and 42-0 in 2006. ... The Knights will be the second of three in-state opponents for Florida. The Gators already lost 41-17 to Miami in their season opener. They close the regular season at Florida State. ... UCF had its three-game win streak snapped last week courtesy of a 48-21 beatdown from Colorado. ... Florida is coming off a bye week after beating Mississippi State 45-28 on Sept. 21. ... Knights running back RJ Harvey is 10th in the FBS in rushing yards with 525. His eight rushing scores are tied for fifth.

— David Glovach

COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Sept. 28 games)

	Conference			All Games				
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Army	3	0	103	35	4	0	145	42
Navy	3	0	135	73	4	0	184	94
North Texas	1	0	52	20	4	1	204	161
East Carolina	1	0	30	20	3	2	135	93
Tulane	1	0	45	10	3	2	184	111
Charlotte	1	0	21	20	2	3	89	166
Memphis	0	1	44	56	4	1	166	92
FAU	0	1	7	24	2	3	110	118
South Florida	0	1	10	45	2	3	138	164
Tulsa	0	1	20	52	2	3	139	173
UTSA	0	1	20	30	2	3	110	158
UAB	0	1	18	41	1	3	92	113
Rice	0	2	34	58	1	4	124	132
Temple	0	2	25	80	1	4	93	188

Atlantic Coast Conference								
	Conference			All Games				
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Clemson	2	0	99	49	3	1	168	103
Duke	1	0	21	20	5	0	144	81
Miami	1	0	38	34	5	0	247	75
Boston College	1	0	28	13	4	1	149	79
SMU	1	0	42	16	4	1	211	107
Louisville	1	0	31	19	3	1	166	64
Virginia	1	0	31	30	3	1	121	94
Syracuse	1	1	55	54	3	1	135	90
Stanford	1	1	40	64	2	2	108	105
Georgia Tech	1	2	71	83	3	2	165	102
Florida St.	1	3	64	103	1	4	76	123
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	4	0	194	102
California	0	1	9	14	3	1	92	51
NC State	0	1	35	59	3	2	137	168
North Carolina	0	1	20	21	3	2	172	138
Virginia Tech	0	1	34	38	2	3	152	129
Wake Forest	0	1	30	31	1	3	119	125

Big 12 Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA
BYU	2	0	72 37	5	0	165 79
Colorado	2	0	86 52	4	1	155 115
Texas Tech	2	0	74 63	4	1	208 172
Iowa St.	1	0	20 0	4	0	113 29
Arizona	1	0	23 10	3	1	113 90
West Virginia	1	0	32 28	2	2	127 114
Kansas St.	1	1	51 58	4	1	157 98
Utah	1	1	32 42	4	1	142 75
UCF	1	1	56 82	3	1	158 99
Cincinnati	1	1	75 44	3	2	167 108
TCU	1	1	72 62	3	2	193 155
Arizona St.	0	1	22 30	3	1	131 88
Oklahoma St.	0	2	39 64	3	2	167 125
Baylor	0	2	59 72	2	3	147 101
Houston	0	2	0 54	1	4	52 104
Kansas	0	2	55 70	1	4	140 119

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	W	L	P
Montana St.	1	0	37	17	5	0
Montana	1	0	52	49	4	1
UC Davis	1	0	28	26	4	1
N. Arizona	1	0	34	16	3	2
Cal Poly	1	0	28	7	2	2
Weber St.	1	0	43	16	2	3
Idaho	0	1	26	28	3	2
Idaho St.	0	1	17	37	2	3
Sacramento St.	0	1	16	34	2	3
E. Washington	0	1	49	52	1	4
N. Colorado	0	1	7	28	0	5
Portland St.	0	1	16	43	0	4

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	P	W	L	P
SE Missouri	1	0	45	42	4	1
Tennessee Tech	2	0	76	35	2	2
L'wood (Mo.)	1	0	28	25	2	3
Tennessee St.	1	1	27	33	3	2
W. Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	3
UT Martin	0	1	42	45	2	3
Chas' Southern	0	1	9	13	1	3
E. Illinois	0	1	25	28	1	4
Gardner-Webb	0	1	21	52	1	4

	Conference			All Games				
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Indiana	2	0	84	41	5	0	244	65
Michigan	2	0	54	48	4	1	124	107
Ohio St.	1	0	38	7	4	0	195	27
Oregon	1	0	34	13	4	0	144	75
Penn St.	1	0	21	7	4	0	145	46
Rutgers	1	0	21	18	4	0	140	65
Iowa	1	0	31	14	3	1	128	55



Florida State and its fans face a long climb after the Seminoles already have three ACC losses. [LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Illinois	1	1	38	45	4	1	136	71
Nebraska	1	1	52	41	4	1	154	61
Southern Cal	1	1	62	48	3	1	137	68
Michigan St.	1	1	34	62	3	2	109	95
Washington	1	1	42	26	3	2	126	62
Northwestern	0	1	5	24	2	2	69	63
Wisconsin	0	1	21	38	2	2	86	107
Purdue	0	1	10	28	1	3	87	132
Maryland	0	2	52	69	3	2	167	109
Minnesota	0	2	38	58	2	3	130	77
UCLA	0	2	26	76	1	3	59	123

Coastal Athletic Association								
	Conference			All Games				
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Delaware	1	0	42	13	4	0	168	52
Stony Brook	1	0	24	17	4	1	113	96
Villanova	1	0	14	13	4	1	110	81
William & Mary	1	0	49	7	4	1	173	99
New Hampshire	1	0	38	17	3	1	107	100
Rhode Island	1	0	21	9	3	1	69	95
Monmouth (N.J.)	1	0	51	22	3	2	221	167
Richmond	1	0	27	17	3	2	135	101
Maine	1	1	56	71	3	2	123	141
Hampton	0	1	7	49	3	2	132	127
Albany (N.Y.)	0	1	20	34	1	3	74	145
Bryant	0	1	17	38	1	3	77	146
Towson	0	1	13	14	1	3	71	102
Elon	0	1	17	27	1	4	92	130
NC A&T	0	1	13	42	1	4	102	218
Campbell	0	2	26	45	2	3	118	143

Conference USA								
	Conference				All Games			
Liberty	2	0	58	34	4	0	134	82
Sam Houston St.	1	0	31	11	4	1	150	122
W. Kentucky	1	0	49	21	3	2	126	126

FIU	1	0	17	10	2	3	138	140
Jacksonville St.	0	0	0	0	1	3	119	148
Kennesaw St.	0	0	0	0	0	4	49	117
Louisiana Tech	0	1	10	17	1	3	75	87
Middle Tenn.	0	1	21	49	1	4	80	195
UTEP	0	1	10	28	0	4	58	122
New Mexico St.	0	2	35	61	1	4	98	175

Ivy League

	Conference			All Games				
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
Brown	1	0	31	28	2	0	57	42
Cornell	1	0	47	23	1	1	71	64
Dartmouth	0	0	0	0	2	0	61	27
Columbia	0	0	0	0	1	1	48	40
Penn	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	46
Princeton	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	48
Harvard	0	1	28	31	1	1	63	31
Yale	0	1	23	47	1	1	61	78

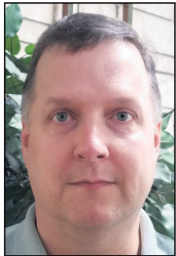
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East	Conference			All Games			
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA	
Buffalo	1	0	23	20	3	2	90 121
Ohio	1	0	30	10	3	2	106 115
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	1	3	115 107
Miami (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	1	3	48 88
Akron	0	1	10	30	1	4	71 201
Kent St.	0	1	33	52	0	5	74 257
West							
E. Michigan	1	0	52	33	4	1	162 111
Cent. Michigan	1	0	37	34	3	2	150 147
Toledo	0	0	0	0	3	1	149 76
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	3	93 142
N. Illinois	0	1	20	23	2	2	107 76
Ball St.	0	1	34	37	1	3	83 196

	Conference			All Games				
	WL	PF	PA	WL	PF	PA		
NC Central	1	0	37	10	3	2	163	144
SC State	0	0	0	0	2	2	100	109
Howard	0	0	0	0	2	3	107	153
Morgan St.	0	0	0	0	2	3	104	92
Delaware St.	0	0	0	0	1	4	103	162
Norfolk St.	0	1	10	37	2	4	103	173

Missouri Valley Conference								
N. Dakota St.	1	0	42	10	4	1	199	103
North Dakota	1	0	72	35	4	1	195	132
South Dakota	1	0	42	13	3	1	142	46
Missouri St.	1	0	38	31	3	2	155	140
S. Dakota St.	0	0	0	0	3	1	130	71
N. Iowa	0	0	0	0	2	2	62	87
Indiana St.	0	0	0	0	1	3	68	116
Illinois St.	0	1	10	42	3	2	116	140
S. Illinois	0	1	13	42	2	3	113	166
Murray St.	0	1	35	72	1	3	111	150
Youngstown St.	0	1	31	38	1	4	149	188

Mountain West Conference								
UNLV	1	0	59	14	4	0	181	55
San Jose St.	1	0	17	7	3	1	142	95
Wyoming	1	0	31	19	1	4	82	162
Fresno St.	1	1	52	80	3	2	156	140
Boise St.	0	0	0	0	3	1	191	120
Colorado St.	0	0	0	0	2	2	74	114
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	2	2	97	68
Nevada	0	0	0	0	2	3	118	118
San Diego St.	0	0	0	0	1	3	76	88
Utah St.	0	0	0	0	1	3	86	145
New Mexico	0	1	21	38	1	4	160	219
Air Force	0	2	26	48	1	3	50	85

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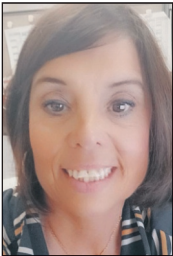
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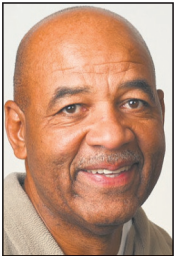
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Last week
Season record

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30-20

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27-23

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FBS LEADERS

RUSHING YARDS

	No.	Yards	TDs	YPC
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	82	845	13	10.3
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	82	685	9	8.4
Omarion Hampton, North Carolina	114	658	6	5.8
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	83	604	2	7.3
Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	97	589	6	6.1
Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	103	551	4	5.3
Micah Bernard, Utah	82	547	1	6.7
Kalel Mullings, Michigan	77	540	6	7.0
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech	86	532	8	6.2
RJ Harvey, UCF	75	525	8	7.0
Jonah Coleman, Washington	72	521	4	7.2
Devin Neal, Kansas	86	513	4	6.0
Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas	79	509	9	6.4
Brashard Smith, SMU	70	509	7	7.3
Anthony Tyus III, Ohio	87	500	4	5.7
Bryson Daily, Army West Point	82	492	8	6.0
Henry Parrish Jr., Ole Miss	70	489	8	7.0
Makhi Hughes, Tulane	94	485	5	5.2
Star Thomas, Duke	99	480	3	4.8
Marquez Cooper, San Diego St.	96	474	3	4.9
Le'Veon Moss, Texas A&M	76	471	3	6.2
John Mateer, Washington St.	77	453	5	5.9
Blake Horvath, Navy	47	450	8	9.6
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	69	449	10	6.5
Nate Noel, Missouri	69	441	2	6.4
Mario Anderson Jr., Memphis	76	438	8	5.8
Jarquez Hunter, Auburn	65	437	2	6.7
Cam Skattebo, Arizona St.	86	433	5	5.0
Jam Griffin, Oregon St.	67	413	4	6.2
Corey Kiner, Cincinnati	67	413	2	6.2

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	C	A	I	Yds.	TDs	Effic.
Jaxson Dart, Ole Miss	113	146	2	1,815	13	208.47
Jalen Milroe, Alabama	62	85	1	964	10	204.68
Arch Manning, Texas	55	78	2	900	9	200.38
Cameron Ward, Miami (Fla.)	113	161	4	1,782	18	195.09
Drew Allar, Penn St.	56	79	1	864	8	193.64
Thomas Castellanos, Boston Col.	45	70	2	729	10	193.19
Kurtis Rourke, Indiana	93	127	2	1,372	11	189.41
Alonza Barnett III, J. Madison	66	102	1	1,022	12	185.73
Dillon Gabriel, Oregon	110	135	1	1,192	9	176.17
Nico Iamaleava, Tennessee	61	88	2	892	7	176.17
Will Rogers, Washington	110	147	0	1,354	10	174.65
Tyler Shough, Louisville	76	117	1	1,114	11	174.25
Cade Klubnik, Clemson	73	110	2	984	12	173.87
Will Howard, Ohio St.	72	105	2	1,039	8	173.02
Eli Holstein, Pittsburgh	87	129	2	1,186	12	172.27
Darrian Mensah, Tulane	72	112	2	1,122	9	171.38
Goose Crowder, Troy	43	62	0	542	5	169.4
Gio Lopez, South Alabama	73	114	0	1,014	10	167.7
Blake Shapen, Mississippi St.	74	108	1	974	8	166.87



Ole Miss' Tre Harris [RANDY J. WILLIAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

RECEIVING YARDS

	Rec.	Yards	TDs	YPC
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	49	804	5	16.4
Jack Bech, TCU	35	647	6	18.5
Tai Felton, Maryland	46	642	5	14.0
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	50	637	8	12.7
Travis Hunter, Colorado	46	561	6	12.2
Harold Fannin Jr., Bowling Green	37	537	4	14.5
Devonte Ross, Troy	29	529	6	18.2
Tetairoa McMillan, Arizona	29	503	4	17.3
De'Zhaun Stribling, Oklahoma St.	27	502	3	18.6
Mac Dalena, Fresno St.	22	501	4	22.8
Skyler Bell, UConn	21	500	4	23.8
Josh Kelly, Texas Tech	39	487	3	12.5
Omari Kelly, Middle Tenn.	24	471	3	19.6
Coleman Owen, Ohio	31	466	2	15.0
Kyle Williams, Washington St.	25	464	5	18.6
Ryan Williams, Alabama	16	462	5	28.9
Luke Wysong, New Mexico	35	454	1	13.0
Xzavier Henderson, Cincinnati	32	453	4	14.2
Dante Wright, Temple	34	450	4	13.2
Kamdyn Benjamin, Tulsa	32	427	2	13.3
Xavier Restrepo, Miami (Fla.)	25	422	5	16.9
Andrew Armstrong, Arkansas	29	420	0	14.5



Boise State's Ashton Jeanty [STEVE CONNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

SCORING

	TDs	XP	2-pt.	FG	Def.	Pts.
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	13	0	0	0	0	78
RJ Harvey, UCF	10	0	1	0	0	62
Dylan Sampson, Tennessee	10	0	0	0	0	60
Max Gilbert, Tennessee	0	24	0	10	0	54
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	9	0	0	0	0	54
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	8	0	1	0	0	50
Blake Craig, Missouri	0	15	0	11	0	48
Bryson Daily, Army West Point	8	0	0	0	0	48
Blake Horvath, Navy	8	0	0	0	0	48
Jalen Milroe, Alabama	8	0	0	0	0	48
Caden Chittenden, UNLV	0	19	0	9	0	46
Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas	9	0	0	0	0	54
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech	9	0	0	0	0	54
Ben Sauls, Pittsburgh	0	22	0	7	0	43
Anthony Hankerson, Oregon St.	7	0	0	0	0	42
Jesus Gomez, Eastern Mich.	0	16	0	12	0	52
Caden Davis, Ole Miss	0	30	0	7	0	51
Collin Rogers, SMU	0	18	0	11	0	51
Desmond Reid, Pittsburgh	5	0	0	0	0	30
Brashard Smith, SMU	8	0	1	0	0	50
Kade Hensley, Coastal Carolina	0	18	0	7	0	39

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

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

	Rush	Rec	Punt	KO	INT	Misc.	Total
Ashton Jeanty, Boise St.	845	19	0	0	0	0	864
Tre Harris, Ole Miss	0	804	0	0	0	0	804
Omarion Hampton, N. Carolina	658	107	0	0	0	0	765
Brashard Smith, SMU	509	121	-2	128	0	0	756
Kaleb Johnson, Iowa	685	26	0	0	0	0	711
Devonte Ross, Troy	11	529	108	61	0	0	709
DJ Giddens, Kansas St.	604	91	0	0	0	0	695
Jack Bech, TCU	7	647	34	0	0	0	688
Tai Felton, Maryland	23	642	0	0	0	0	665
RJ Harvey, UCF	525	129	0	0	0	0	654
Nick Nash, San Jose St.	0	637	0	0	0	0	637
Bhayshul Tuten, Virginia Tech	532	31	0	71	0	0	634
Jonah Coleman, Washington	521	106	0	0	0	0	627
Cam Skattebo, Arizona St.	433	190	0	0	0	0	623
Kalel Mullings, Michigan	540	2	0	74	0	0	616
Travis Hunter, Colorado	0	561	0	0	38	0	599
Kyle Monangai, Rutgers	589	8	0	0	0	0	597
Ja'Quinden Jackson, Arkansas	509	85	0	0	0	0	594
Jamaal Pritchett, South Alabama	0	395	196	0	0	0	591
Mario Anderson Jr., Memphis	438	125	0	14	0	0	577
Tahj Brooks, Texas Tech	551	17	0	0	0	0	568
Star Thomas, Duke	480	86	0	0	0	0	566

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

TACKLES

	Solo	Asst	Total	TPG
Shaun Dolac, Buffalo	37	35	72	14.4
Trey Rucker, Oklahoma St.	35	28	63	12.6
Red Murock, Buffalo	30	25	55	11.0
Travion Barnes, FIU	32	22	54	10.8
Colin Ramos, Navy	20	31	51	12.8
Isaac Smith, Mississippi St.	19	32	51	12.8
Aiden Fisher, Indiana	17	33	50	10.0
Nick Andersen, Wake Forest	26	23	49	12.2
D.J. Woodbury, Temple	30	18	48	9.6
Jordan Pollard, San Jose St.	23	24	47	11.8
Nick Martin, Oklahoma St.	28	19	47	9.4
Dorian Hopkins, UTEP	16	29	45	11.2
Tuasivi Nomura, Fresno St.	27	18	45	9.0
Matt Jones, Baylor	24	21	45	9.0
Bryan McCoy, Akron	19	26	45	9.0
Rocco Nicholl, Kent St.	19	26	45	9.0
Jordan Vincent, Utah St.	23	20	43	10.8
Jordan Kwiatkowski, Central Mich.	27	16	43	8.6
Keaton Thomas, Baylor	27	16	43	8.6
Marques Watson-Trent, Ga. Southern	21	22	43	8.6
Stone Blanton, Mississippi St.	10	32	42	8.4
Buom Jock, Colorado St.	16	25	41	10.2
Antonio Clary, Virginia	13	28	41	10.2
Koa Naotala, Old Dominion	10	31	41	10.2
Jacob Rodriguez, Texas Tech	26	15	41	8.2



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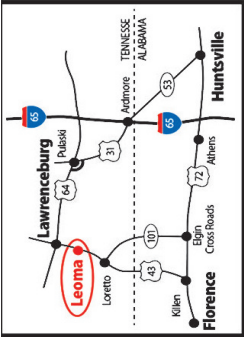
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