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Taco Bite Appetizer

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 1/2 tablespoons taco seasoning
- Tortilla chip (scoops)
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese shredded
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 cup lettuce shredded
- 1 cup tomatoes diced

DIRECTIONS:
Brown 1 lb ground beef then drain.
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This week's recipe submitted by Kiwana Southern

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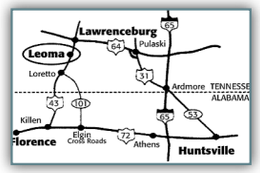
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Friday			
Miami (Fla.)	20½	55½	at WAKE FOREST
at TEXAS TECH	7½	53½	Houston
at OREGON	56½	66½	Portland State
Saturday			
at DELAWARE	5	57½	Coastal Carolina
at GEORGIA TECH	39½	60½	Mercer
at TEXAS STATE	3	63½	North Texas
Arizona State	5½	51½	at KANSAS
at OHIO STATE	52½	59½	Kent State
at CLEMSON	3½	44½	North Carolina
at PENN STATE	40½	48½	Buffalo
Georgia	25½	54½	at ARKANSAS
at IOWA STATE	23½	44½	Bowling Green
at KANSAS STATE	20½	49½	Tulane
at MINNESOTA	24½	49½	Akron
at WISCONSIN	24½	45½	Eastern Mich.
at VANDERBILT	3½	51½	NC State
at C. MICHIGAN	1½	39½	Wyoming
at BOSTON COL.	37½	52½	Maine
at ILLINOIS	39½	53½	Southern Ill.
at TOLEDO	5½	51½	Temple
at CINCINNATI	14½	50½	Miami (Ohio)
at UMASS	33½	48½	Stonehill
at WASH. STATE	35½	52½	Duquesne
at UTAH	27½	56½	Utah State
USC	23½	60½	at RUTGERS
at MICHIGAN	35½	48½	UTEP
at ALABAMA	19½	49½	Florida State
at LOUISVILLE	1½	59½	SMU
at TEXAS A&M	17	50½	Kentucky
at LIBERTY	14½	50½	Ball State
at INDIANA	44½	60½	Western Ky.
at IOWA	40½	48½	Northern Iowa
at BAYLOR	18½	53½	Louisiana Tech
at DUKE	9½	51½	Stanford
at SOUTH CAROLINA	4	59½	Miss. State
at LA.-MONROE	11½	47½	SE Louisiana
at OLD DOMINION	3	49½	East Carolina
at APP STATE	17½	51½	Charlotte
at FLA. ATLANTIC	6½	62½	Florida International
Marshall	3½	51½	at MISSOURI ST.
Florida	2½	53½	at AUBURN
at MISSOURI	26½	50½	Troy
Western Michigan	9½	43½	at RICE
at OKLAHOMA ST.	55½	69½	Murray State
at SOUTH ALABAMA	4½	51½	Ohio
at SOUTH FLORIDA	37½	62½	Delaware State
Nevada	3½	50½	at MIDDLE TENN.
at SAM HOUSTON	18½	50½	Nicholls State
at JAX STATE	3½	52½	Ga. Southern
at MEMPHIS	34½	56½	UT Martin
UConn	3	54½	at SO. MISS
at UCF	18½	51½	Georgia State
at WASHINGTON	42½	56½	Eastern Wash.
at NEBRASKA	24½	50½	North Dakota
at NORTHWESTERN	3½	49½	Colorado
LSU	3	59½	at OLE MISS
at NOTRE DAME	29½	52½	Michigan State
at VIRGINIA	10½	53½	West Virginia
Virginia Tech	3	53½	at MARYLAND
at OKLAHOMA	22½	46½	New Mexico
BYU	18	52½	at COLO. STATE
at TENNESSEE	35½	60½	Kennesaw St.
at LA.-LAFAYETTE	7½	56½	UAB
at TCU	20½	55½	Arkansas State
at TULSA	41½	57½	East Texas A&M
at TEXAS	30½	58½	UTSA
at BOISE STATE	24½	54½	South Dakota
at SAN DIEGO ST.	2½	46½	James Madison
N. Dakota State	27½	51½	at SAC ST.
at ARIZONA	34½	49½	Northern Ill.
at OREGON STATE	16½	53½	Montana
Fresno State	6½	50½	at SAN JOSE ST.
at UCLA	14½	52½	Purdue

GAMES ON TV

Thursday

Syracuse at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Friday

Miami at Wake Forest, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Houston at Texas Tech, 7 p.m., FOX
Portland State at Oregon, 9:30 p.m., BTN

Saturday

Coastal Carolina at Delaware, 10:30 a.m., CBSSN
Akron at Minnesota, 11 a.m., BTN
Arizona State at Kansas, 11 a.m., FS1
Buffalo at Penn State, 11 a.m., BTN
Georgia at Arkansas, 11 a.m., ABC
Kent State at Ohio State, 11 a.m., FOX
Mercer at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m., ACCN
North Carolina at Clemson, 11 a.m., ESPN
North Texas at Texas State, 11 a.m., USA
Tulane at Kansas State, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Maine at Boston College, 1 p.m., ACCN
Temple at Toledo, 2 p.m., CBSSN
Duquesne at Washington State, 2:30 p.m., USA
Florida State at Alabama, 2:30 p.m., ABC
USC at Rutgers, 2:30 p.m., CBS
Utah State at Utah, 2:30 p.m., FOX
UTEP at Michigan, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Wagner at California, 2:30 p.m., ACCN
Louisiana Tech at Baylor, 3 p.m., ESPNU
Northern Iowa at Iowa, 3 p.m., FS1
Stanford at Duke, 3 p.m., CW
Mississippi State at South Carolina, 3:15 p.m., SECN
Marshall at Missouri State, 5:30 p.m., CBSSN
Florida at Auburn, 6 p.m., ESPN
Eastern Washington at Washington, 6:15 p.m., BTN
North Dakota at Nebraska, 6:15 p.m., BTN
BYU at Colorado State, 6:30 p.m., CBS



Leonard Moore and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish line up against the Michigan State Spartans on Saturday night. [PAUL BARNICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

LSU at Ole Miss, 6:30 p.m., ABC
Michigan State at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m., NBC
New Mexico at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
West Virginia at Virginia, 6:30 p.m., ACCN
Kennesaw State at Tennessee, 6:45 p.m., SECN
Arkansas State at TCU, 7 p.m., ESPNU
UTSA at Texas, 7 p.m., SECN
James Madison at San Diego State, 9 p.m., CW
South Dakota at Boise State, 9 p.m., CBSSN
North Dakota State at Sacramento State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Northern Illinois at Arizona, 9:30 p.m., TNT
Fresno St. at San Jose St., 10 p.m., FS1
Montana at Oregon State, 10 p.m., USA
Purdue at UCLA, 10 p.m., BTN

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Friday
No. 5 Miami (2-0) at Wake Forest (2-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 13 Texas Tech (2-0) vs. No. 22 Houston (2-0), 7 p.m.
No. 21 Oregon (1-1) vs. Portland St. (0-3), 9:30 p.m.

Saturday
No. 1 Texas (2-0) vs. UTSA (2-0), 7 p.m.
No. 2 Georgia (2-0) at Arkansas (1-1), 11 a.m.
No. 3 Notre Dame (2-0) vs. Michigan St. (2-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 4 Indiana (2-0) vs. W. Kentucky (0-2), 3 p.m.
No. 6 Ohio St. (1-1) vs. Kent St. (1-1), 11 a.m.
No. 7 LSU (2-0) at No. 8 Ole Miss (2-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 9 Texas A&M (2-0) vs. Kentucky (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 10 Alabama (2-0) vs. Florida St. (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 11 BYU (2-0) at Colorado St. (2-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 12 Southern Cal (3-0) at Rutgers (0-2), 2:30 p.m.
No. 14 Penn St. (2-0) vs. Buffalo (1-1), 11 a.m.
No. 15 Tennessee (2-0) vs. Kennesaw St. (1-1), 6:45 p.m.
No. 16 SMU (2-0) at No. 23 Louisville (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 17 Utah (2-0) vs. Utah St. (0-2), 2:30 p.m.
No. 18 Iowa (2-0) vs. Northern Iowa (1-1), 3 p.m.
No. 19 Michigan (2-0) vs. Texas-El Paso (1-1), 2:30 p.m.
No. 20 Missouri (2-0) vs. Troy (2-0), 6 p.m.
No. 24 Oklahoma (1-1) vs. New Mexico (2-0), 6:30 p.m.
No. 25 Virginia (2-0) vs. West Virginia (2-0) at Charlotte, N.C., 6:30 p.m.

COLUMN

Texas comeback proves chaos has begun

By Doug Segrest
For GameDay



Texas' fourth-quarter rally against Ohio State set off a massive celebration and set up the Longhorns' leap to No. 1. [ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Down 23–3 entering the fourth quarter last Saturday night, then-No. 4 Texas reeled off 21 straight points, survived a potential game-clinching field-goal attempt and took down top-ranked Ohio State — stunning the TV audience and shuffling the rankings.

The comeback registered about an 8.0 on the Richter scale. Now Texas is your new No. 1. But don't take anything for granted.

We've already seen major shakeups two weeks into the season, reorganizing the power dynamic from Pasadena to Miami. Oregon just got exposed. Michigan underachieves one week and takes down Oklahoma the next.

And most realistic College Football Playoff contenders haven't played anyone yet.

While Notre Dame and Miami already look like CFP locks, the contenders from the Big Ten and SEC could change weekly — not because of a singular game, but because of the gauntlets ahead.

Case in point: Texas.

After hosting UTSA this week, the Longhorns travel to Tennessee, head to Dallas for the rival game with Oklahoma and welcome Florida and Ole Miss to Austin in consecutive weeks. Then, before you can exhale, Texas closes with three current Top 25 teams in the final month of the season.

That's only after a Halloween visit from resurgent Mississippi State.

The only thing certain: More chaos is coming.

Not just for the Longhorns, but for everyone. By the end of the regular season, 9–3 may look like perfection.

Best games this week

• **LSU at Ole Miss (6:30 p.m., ABC):** The villain is obvious in this Top 10 matchup. Lane Kiffin built Ole Miss into a national power, then bolted for Baton Rouge. LSU has been dominant thus far, but Ole Miss is looking for real blood. LSU fans enter The Grove at your own risk. Must-watch TV rating: 5 stars.

• **Florida at Auburn (6 p.m., ESPN):** Optimism abounds for both programs as they open SEC play on The Plains. Florida is a slight favorite, but Auburn has been battle tested a bit more. And we know the Tigers' defense is legit. Must-watch TV rating: 4 stars.

• **N.C. State at Vanderbilt (11:45 a.m., SEC Network):** Welcome to the Jared Curtis Era. The highest rated signee in school history came off the bench to lead the Commodores last week. Now he gets his first Power 4 action and his first start. Must-watch TV rating: 3 stars.

• **Florida State at Alabama (2:30 p.m., ABC):** Revenge is a dish best served on scorching turf. FSU is already counting down the end of Mike Norvell's tenure. Alabama's defense should accelerate the decision, but the Tide's very young offense could sputter and keep it close. Must-watch TV rating: 3 stars.

• **Kentucky at Texas A&M (2:30 p.m., ESPN):** Before giving up 32 unanswered points to Alabama, Kentucky looked like the real deal. The Aggies rolled past Arizona State thanks to a plus three turnover margin. This may be more compelling than the Vegas line suggests. Must-watch TV rating: 3 stars.

• **Mississippi State at South Carolina (3:15 p.m., ESPN):** Kamario Taylor continues to astound, and we're running out of superlatives. But South Carolina has a more veteran quarterback and a home crowd that brings the heat. Must-watch TV rating: 3 stars.

• **Georgia at Arkansas (11 a.m., ABC):** Need to run to the farmers market? Want to squeeze in a quick round of golf? If this isn't an immediate rout, something's very amiss in Fayetteville. Must-watch TV rating: 1 star.

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

Alcorn State at UNA

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
Records: North Alabama (1-2), Alcorn State (2-1)
TV: ESPN+
The series: First meeting.



Alcorn State quarterback Jaylon Tolbert has 869 yards passing and 10 touchdowns through three games. [I.C. MURRELL/ALCORN STATE ATHLETICS]

Four-down territory

1. Welcome home: If you can't get up for this one, you just don't love UNA football. The first game on campus will be played Saturday at Bank Independent Stadium. The new stadium, decades in the making, is now complete and North Alabama has to make the most of it. This will go down as one of the most monumental days in UNA history — up there with any of its Division II national titles from 1993-1995, its White House visit with Bill Clinton in 1996 and its first game in Division I in 2018. You can toss the stats out the window, because it is imperative that UNA comes out with a win Saturday, regardless of the opponent.

2. Atonement: While North Alabama is trending well compared to last season, it's still coming off a sloppy loss at Southeastern Louisiana. Up 11 in the second quarter, the Lions gave up 23 unanswered points to lose 30-25 through poor tackling, execution and key penalties. Quarterback Destin Wade didn't have his best outing, missing some receivers on critical downs. Throughout the week, the defense needs to emphasize tackling, and the offense has to look into getting Wade right, along with a few other tweaks on both sides. If North Alabama can go out and win this home opener — particularly in style — the SLU loss will be a distant memory.

3. Turn up the heat: Not only is the pressure high for UNA to win its stadium debut, but defensive coordinator Clint Bowen will be turning up the pressure on the Alcorn State offense. The Braves are throwing for an average of 306.67 yards and quarterback Jaylon Tolbert is completing 76% of his passes on the season. A huge part of that is the fact that nobody's really been able to get to him, as Alcorn has only allowed two sacks so far this season. Whether Tolbert's getting the ball out of his hands quickly, or has all day in the pocket to throw, the UNA defense will have to find ways to make him uncomfortable, and some of Bowen's exotic looks have the potential to do so.

4. Pound the rock: The Lions found themselves in too many third-and-longs at Southeastern Louisiana, asking Wade to make big plays, which, for any quarterback, is unsustainable. UNA was 3-of-11 on third-down conversions with the average third-down distance to go of 7 yards. Alcorn is allowing 206.3 rushing yards per game, providing the perfect opportunity for UNA to get the run game going — whether it be Chris McMillan, Jalen Fletcher, Roderick Taylor Jr. or Wade. As coach Brent Dearmon said Monday, "Sometimes, we just have to let our backs go get us 5 (yards)."

Key matchup

UNA RBs vs. Alcorn defensive front

Getting into good down-and-distance scenarios by running the ball will be pivotal for UNA. In tandem with the offensive line, the running backs will have to find a way to run the ball effectively.

Player of the week

QB Destin Wade

Wade's accuracy will be a focal point, especially in the intermediate passing game. He was 6-for-6 on short passes last week (under 5 yards) and 13-of-24 on throws of 5 yards or more.

By the numbers

$65 million: The cost of Bank Independent Stadium, which opens on Saturday.

5: Yards per carry allowed by Alcorn State. UNA's offense averages 3.3.

82.67: Penalty yards per game against UNA. This mark is good for eighth most in FCS.

485: Yards passing for Alcorn State quarterback Jaylon Tolbert in last week's 53-51 double-overtime win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff. He was 32-of-45 with five touchdowns.

Prediction

UNA 31, Alcorn State 24

Alcorn State is much improved this season, but UNA has no choice but to win here. The offense has to hit its stride, and the defense needs to force some turnovers, but if ever there was truly a must-win for UNA, it's this one.

— Matt St. Charles



Florida at Auburn

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
Records: Florida (2-0, 0-0 SEC), Auburn (2-0, 0-0)
TV/radio: ESPN/FM-94.9, FM 100.3
The series: Auburn leads 43-39-2.

Four-down territory

1. Family over team loyalty: First-year Florida coach Jon Sumrall, a Huntsville native, has several connections to Auburn and turned down the Tiger head-coaching job to take over at Florida. His wife Ginny is also an Auburn graduate, and he has some family members tied to the Tigers. Sumrall made it clear who he expects family to be cheering for Saturday. "There are ties, but Florida pays my mortgage," Sumrall said. "Any family that's pulling against us, they aren't my family. I don't care what their last name is. I got a lot of respect for Auburn, great place and good people. I got a lot of friends and crossover there. But I'm a Florida Gator and everybody affiliated with me closely is a Florida Gator."

2. High praise: Auburn coach Alex Golesh has seen the film on Gators running back Jadan Baugh and he's impressed with what he saw. Baugh topped 100 yards in the last two games and is already near 300. That production was done against less-than stellar opponents, but his output is no fluke. Last year, he had 220 carries for 1,170 yards and eight touchdowns, and 185 receiving yards on 31 receptions and two touchdowns. The year before, Baugh rushed for 673 yards and seven touchdowns. "You've got one of the best running backs in the country, if not the best running back in the country. That's going to be a huge challenge for us," Golesh said.

3. Trending upward: The second game in the Byrum Brown era was significantly better than the first, particularly running the ball. After running for 27 yards against Baylor, the dual-threat QB ran for 88 yards last week on Southern Miss. He was also 18-of-29 passing for 226 yards and two touchdowns. He didn't play bad in Week 1, but there was a big jump in production and a lot less sacks (five in Week 1, one in Week 2). The real test comes Saturday in the first SEC game of the season against a much-improved Gator defense.

4. Big test: The offensive line had a bad first game when Baylor got five sacks. The effort was much better last week with just one sack. Florida comes to town with a defensive mindset to stop Byrum from doing damage and the offensive line will need to continue making strides. "There's still some stuff to clean up as there always will be in the protection world," Golesh said. "Those are technique and fundamental things that I was frustrated with. There were a handful of those, there were a handful on the perimeter, but to me, that's when you get out of position, your feet aren't right and then you feel like you have to lean, hold and grab. That's what I was frustrated about."



Auburn running back Omar Mabson II had 71 rushing yards last season and had 107 last week against Southern Miss. [BUTCH DILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Key matchup

Auburn RB Omar Mabson II vs. Florida RB Jadan Baugh

Expect some big plays from the run game with these two in the backfield. Mabson had a breakout performance last week with 108 yards and a touchdown. Baugh is the clear bell cow back for the Gators, running for 296 yards and five touchdowns already through two games.

Player of the week

DB Andre Jordan

The senior is gaining confidence in the secondary after two interceptions last week, both in the first quarter. His first was a pick-six on the game's first play, the fastest score in Auburn history.

By the numbers

1: QB Byrum Brown leads active FBS players with 10,555 career yards of total offense.

3: Auburn and Florida each have three Heisman Trophy winners. Auburn: Pat Sullivan, Bo Jackson and Cam Newton. Florida: Steve Spurrier, Danny Wuerffel and Tim Tebow.

4: Auburn is looking to start the season 3-0 for the 53rd time in program history, but just the fourth time in the last 12 seasons.

6: Auburn has won four of the last six meetings with Florida, including three straight at home.

Prediction

Auburn 21, Florida 17

This is a tough one. It's easy to see Auburn winning big or losing big. We will find out more about Auburn by late Saturday night. A win means this Auburn team is an SEC challenger poised to compete for an SEC title and playoffs. A loss won't be the end of the world, but it would be a major setback for a team trying to get the program back to respectability.

— Edwin Stanton

On road, Gators have experienced woes

By Mark Long
The Associated Press



Florida linebacker Myles Graham, though he says he enjoys playing on the road, and the Gators try to break a road losing streak at Auburn on Saturday.
[GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida linebacker Myles Graham welcomes playing on the road in the unrelenting Southeastern Conference. He likes the raucous crowds, the frosty receptions and even the potential of getting pelted by flying objects.

"It's thousands and thousands of people that want to see you fail," Graham said. "And there's nothing like just having that bond with your brothers and going in there and doing your thing. There's nothing like it."

If you win, anyway.

The Gators (2-0) have lost six consecutive games away from the friendly confines of Florida Field, better known as the Swamp. It's a skid they hope to end when they open SEC play at Auburn (2-0) on Saturday night.

It's a pivotal, early-season game for both programs, with Florida's Jon Sumrall and Auburn's Alex Golesh looking for a signature win. Florida is a 2 ½-point favorite.

Sumrall, though, is 0-4 against Auburn, including 0-2 at Jordan-Hare Stadium. He was on the wrong side of lopsided road losses as a Kentucky linebacker in 2004 and as a Kentucky assistant in 2020.

"They've had a great home-field advantage there for a long time," Sumrall said. "We have to handle that challenge."

It'll be the first road start for Florida quarterback Aaron Philo, who has been mostly efficient through the first two weeks. He's thrown for 517 yards, with five touchdowns and an interception. He also has two rushing scores. But how well will he command the huddle with 88,000 fans screaming around him?

"He's been really, really steady," Sumrall said. "He's made a lot of good decisions. Doesn't mean he's played perfect, but he's done a lot of things. If he plays like he's played through the first part of this year, he will give us a chance to win every week, and that's all you can ask."

There are several other subplots to the game:

• Sumrall was Auburn's top choice to replace Hugh Freeze last year, but Florida lured him away after Lane Kiffin chose LSU over the Gators. Had Sumrall ended up on the Plains, he likely would have brought offensive coordinator Buster Faulkner and Philo with him.

Plus, Sumrall's wife and some of her family members are Auburn grads. Does Sumrall have to worry about any of them rooting against the Gators?

"If I do, they're not family to me," Sumrall quipped. "There's ties, but Florida pays my mortgage, so any family that is pulling against us, they ain't my family. I don't care what their last name is. You know what I mean?"

• Golesh, quarterback Byrum Brown and about a dozen other current Auburn players won in the Swamp last year with South Florida, an 18-16 upset that was the beginning of the end for former Gators coach Billy Napier.

"We're not worried about that game," Graham said. "That game doesn't matter to this game now, but it definitely gives us the experience. ... It's the same kind of system, so we know what to expect going into it."

• Florida receiver Eric Singleton Jr. returns to Auburn for the first time since transferring to Gainesville in January. Singleton missed last week's game against lower-division Campbell after spraining his left ankle in the season opener and was wearing a walking boot through Saturday night.

He was "very, very, very limited" in practice Monday, Sumrall said, calling him questionable for the game.

"Is there a shot? Yes," he added.

Singleton, who spent one season at Auburn after two years at Georgia Tech, caught 58 passes for 534 yards and three touchdowns in 2025. He said in April he "most definitely" circled the Auburn game on Florida's schedule.

"Every game is a big game for me because this is my last season," Singleton said.

• And Golesh hasn't forgotten his lone matchup against Sumrall as head coaches. Sumrall and Tulane smoked Golesh, Brown and the Bulls 45-10 two years ago in New Orleans.

"If you wanted to have a really, really rough morning, you could have sat with me and watched that (Sunday) again — for maybe the 200th time," Golesh said. "And, again, wanted to throw up."

Florida State at Alabama

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
Records: Florida State (1-1), No. 10 Alabama (2-0)
TV/radio: ABC/FM-93.9, FM 97.7, AM-920
The series: Alabama leads 3-2-1.

Four-down territory

1. Missing in action: It's just two games into the season, but the tight end position has just two of the Crimson Tide's 35 receptions. Marshall Pritchett has a catch for 27 yards — second-longest for the team — and Danny Lewis Jr. has one catch for 4 yards. In coach Kalen DeBoer's previous seasons, the tight end was a valuable pass-catching weapon. Last season, tight ends accounted for 500 yards. "The touches certainly haven't shown up yet," offensive coordinator Ryan Grubbs said. "I think there's a physical piece that they've added to the edge of the offense, outside the line, where that C and D gap. They take a lot of pride in what's going on out there."

2. FSU fiasco: The storyline entering the game with FSU was about the Tide seeking to avenge last's season's loss. The narrative has shifted since Monday, when Florida State fired athletic director Michael Alford. The speculation now is that head coach Mike Norvell is soon to follow. FSU went 10-3 and 13-1 the first two seasons with Alford as AD. The Noles slipped in 2024 with an abysmal 2-10 record, followed by last season's 5-7 mark, and this season's 1-1 showing with a big loss to SMU last week.

3. Learning curve: It's inevitable for a first-year starting QB to experience some difficulties. Keelon Russell had a rough start in his first road game, and first SEC game. Two interceptions and a fumble in the first half didn't help in putting the sophomore at ease. A headset communication malfunction in the second half didn't help either. "There's a bunch of plays he wished he could have back," Grubb said. "I think he's learning quickly that's not an option and he's going to have to play better earlier in football games." Grubb was happy with how Russell recovered in the second half and finished with 188 yards passing.

4. Something special: It's way too early to start touting the Crimson Tide as one of the best defenses in the nation, but there are signs that it could be a top-notch unit. Through two games, Alabama has given up just a field goal in the second half and is fourth in the nation in rushing yards allowed per game (32). That could easily change when the schedule gets to Georgia, Tennessee and LSU, but Alabama will take defensive prowess this early in the season as the offense finds its footing. "The older guys are setting a standard of what defensive football looks like at Alabama," defensive coordinator Kane Wommack said. "I think Caleb Woodson is leading the charge with that."



Running back Daniel Hill looks to find more running space Saturday when the Crimson Tide hosts Florida State. [TONY WAGNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Key matchup

Alabama RB Daniel Hill vs. FSU RB Ousmane Kromah

Alabama rotates running backs, but Hill gets the bulk of the carries. He has 151 yards and three touchdowns on 27 carries. Kromah has been a steady leader for the Seminoles, running for 231 yards with two touchdowns.

Player of the week

LB Caleb Woodson

Woodson stepped up last week with 12 tackles and two sacks, both career highs for the Virginia Tech transfer who was named co-defensive player of the week by the SEC. He had just two sacks in previous 35 games before last week.

By the numbers

1-7: Entering last week, Alabama was 0-7 when trailing at halftime in the DeBoer era. The Tide broke the streak against Kentucky.

1: Ryan Coleman-Williams wore No. 2 his first two seasons but wears No. 1 this season. It's the same number he wore at Saraland High School.

78: Since 2007, Alabama has allowed 178 rushing touchdowns, which is best in FBS, ahead of Iowa's 195 in that span.

1974: Saturday's game will be the first time since 1974 FSU has visited Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Prediction

Alabama 31, Florida State 14

What in the world happened to FSU? A few years ago, the Seminoles were on top of the world, and in three short years they seem dead and buried. Alabama can't worry about FSU's issues, though. The focus needs to be on the offense and getting better production from Keelon Russell and the offensive line. Too many miscues can't happen in big games. It's going to cost this team down the road if it's not cleaned up.

— Edwin Stanton

Kennesaw State at Tennessee

When: 6:45 p.m. Saturday
Records: Kennesaw State (1-1), No. 15 Tennessee (2-0)
TV/radio: SECN/FM-97.9, AM-1340
The series: First meeting.



Quarterback Faizon Brandon and receiver Mike Matthews have been major factors for Tennessee this season. [WADE PAYNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Four-down territory

1. That's an issue: No team is perfect and rarely does a game occur without a penalty or two. In the Vols' case, they are not close to perfect. Tennessee has been flagged 21 times for 202 yards in just two games. That's tied for 131st in FBS. "I addressed it, I went through all of them," Tennessee coach Josh Heupel said. "Our football team has got the ability to grow into a good football team if we make the choices to do the right things. And I presented the video of it, and our players got to make a choice to not hurt the football team."

2. Keep it up: Heupel likes what he sees in his freshman quarterback Faizon Brandon. He was named SEC freshman of the week for the second straight time after his performance against Georgia Tech. He passed for 148 yards with two touchdowns and rushed for 22 yards. He should put up more big numbers this week. "Continued growth and fundamentals," Heupel said of what he expects from Brandon. "I really like a lot of what he's done. I think he's going to get better every rep, every series, every game. He's continuing to grow and catalog information, and he's getting better from it."

3. No looking ahead: No matter if the opponent is ranked No. 1 or a cupcake, coaches preach focus and discipline to their team from game to game. Tennessee is a heavy favorite this weekend, but Heupel wants the Vols to understand this game is important and no one should be looking ahead to next week's clash against No. 1 Texas. "It's not a tune-up. You better show up every Saturday," he said. "You look at the scores, media, your family, your girlfriend, whoever, they might want to pigeonhole you as this, but you decide who you are collectively as a team and as a program."

4. Big loss: Tennessee will be without tight end Ethan Davis for the rest of the season after he went down with a torn ACL. That gives DaSaahn Brame, Trent Thomas and Luca Wolf a chance to step up and take control of the position. "Ethan's injury is something that we don't want, but we still have a great group of tight ends that's still here and guys that are going to have the opportunity to step up," running back Duane Morris said. "I feel like it shouldn't be a very much of a big drop off."

Key matchup

Tennessee WR Mike Matthews vs. Kennesaw WR Zion Booker

Matthews has made the most of his time on the field with seven catches for 148 yards and two touchdowns. Booker is one of the bright spots for the Owls' offense with 10 catches for 80 yards.

Player of the week

DL Xavier Gilliam

The defense looks solid up front with Gilliam leading the way. He's got five tackles for loss, including three sacks, a forced fumble and a blocked kick.

By the numbers

3: Three KSU assistants were previously on Heupel's staff at Tennessee, including Mitch Militello, Kyle Blocker and Aston Walter.

12: Dejuan Lane's interception return for a touchdown against Georgia Tech last week gave the Vols 12 pick-sixes in the Heupel era.

46: Tennessee has scored more than 30 points 46 times under Heupel, including both games this season.

$3,416: Arion Carter is donating $427 to a cancer charity for every tackle he makes. Last week, he tied for a team-high eight tackles, which comes out to $3,416.

Prediction

Tennessee 56, Kennesaw State 13

It's hard to evaluate this Tennessee team through two games, not because of the number of games but the quality of opponent. It won't be much different after this week. Tennessee can put up as many points as it wants against the Owls and won't be tested much, if at all. The real test comes next week against Texas. We will know so much more about this Vols team after that.

— *Edwin Stanton*

Rebs not making much of Kiffin's return

By Chris Burrows
The Associated Press



Ole Miss running back Kewan Lacy says he wants "to be focused" on Saturday's game, not with the Rebels facing their former coach. [ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

OXFORD, Miss. — Ole Miss running back Kewan Lacy listened intently as he was asked about how he's gotten along with Lane Kiffin since the former Rebels coach left for LSU.

He reflected silently for a moment, shrugged his shoulders and nonchalantly said, "I really don't have a relationship with him."

Lacy, the featured running back for the Rebels, said he has maintained contact with several former Ole Miss assistant coaches and teammates who followed Kiffin to LSU.

But Lacy "won't really talk to them until after the season," he said Tuesday. "I just want to be focused on the game plan and the game."

The on-field storylines surrounding Saturday night's tilt between the No. 8 Rebels and No. 7 Tigers have been overshadowed by Kiffin's return to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium for the first time since he accepted the LSU head coaching job last Nov. 30 — a week before the Ole Miss program he'd built during the previous five years received its first bid to the College Football Playoff.

Defensive coordinator Pete Golding was tapped to replace Kiffin and led Ole Miss to a pair of CFP wins, and nearly a third in the national semifinals against Miami at the Fiesta Bowl.

Kiffin's departure "was crazy," defensive tackle Will Echoles said. "I was planning on deer hunting in the woods that morning. … A team meeting got called to announce PG (Golding) as the head coach.

"It didn't really hit me until the next day when I went to the weight room and (strength) coach (Nick) Savage wasn't there. That's when I realized there were coaches that weren't there anymore."

Echoles acknowledged there was pressure for many Ole Miss players to follow Kiffin to LSU, but said, "Nah. Not me. I told my mom that I liked it here and this is where I was supposed to be."

Eight assistant coaches and four support staff, along with four players, chose to switch sides in the historic rivalry between public universities in neighboring states, including two defensive starters: end Princewell Umanmielen and linebacker T.J. Dottery. The duo have been key contributors to LSU's 2-0 start.

Echoles, along with Lacy and wide receiver Deuce Alexander, who spoke at a news conference Tuesday, said the players who switched sides have remained friends with some of their old teammates.

"I still see P-Will and T.J. They're my boys," Echoles said.

Speaking at LSU on Tuesday, Umanmielen downplayed his impending return to Ole Miss.

"Of course, there's excitement seeing those guys," Umanmielen said. "But it's another week. They're on the opposing side. So, there are no friends on the field, you know?"

Alexander emphasized that the significance and timing of the game are what have their attention this week. It's the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams and could carry weight in both the SEC standings and CFP rankings.

"There's no bad blood. After the game, we will be friends," said Alexander, who added that when Kiffin departed, "I never knew what happened. Those coaches treated me great here. I had the opportunity to go (to LSU), but I was home. I live in Oxford."

Alexander said he has not been surprised by LSU's success offensively during Kiffin's two games with the Tigers.

"I can see the same plays; yeah, I see the tweaks," Alexander said with a knowing grin. "And the defense is great. They've got great players in the secondary. It's going to be a great matchup with our receivers and their secondary."

The pregame hype and fan intensity in Oxford concerning Kiffin's return has been impossible to avoid, but has not been a distraction, the players said.

"We hear about it," Echoles said. "But for us, it's the game. I'm working hard to get back into my groove and get better."

Added Alexander, "We see students trash-talk it. We hear it outside. Every time people see me, it's the only game they want to talk about.

"But in our locker room," Alexander said, "we're about locking out all those things and keeping the main thing the main thing."

LSU's Kiffin expects 'hatred' at Ole Miss

By Brett Martel
The Associated Press



LSU coach Lane Kiffin brings his new team to face his old team Saturday when the Tigers take on Ole Miss. [GERALD HERBERT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

BATON ROUGE, La. — Lane Kiffin figures that if the attention of the college football world is going to be primarily on him this week, he might as well use that to his advantage.

Emotions are bound to run as high as ever in Ole Miss' Vaught-Hemingway Stadium on Saturday evening, when the No. 8 Rebels (2-0) host the coach who spurned them late last season and now has No. 7 LSU (2-0) off to a strong start.

"I guess there's real safety issues and stuff. So, there's people that have a plan for that. It is what it is," Kiffin said. "But I told the players today, man, like, 'You don't have anything to worry about as far as, like, attention on you all week. There's just going to be so much attention, hatred — everything — on me.'

"Really, the pressure is on them," Kiffin continued, alluding to Ole Miss' appearance in last year's national semifinals, and the fact that quarterback Trinidad Chambliss and running back Kewan Lacy — both viewed as 2026 Heisman Trophy candidates — are back with the Rebels.

"We won seven games last year; they won 13," Kiffin said. "They return two Heisman candidates. How often does that ever happen in the same backfield?"

It's rare, but Kiffin knew of at least once instance. That was back in 2005, when he was an assistant under Pete Carroll at Southern California. The Trojans had Matt Leinart at QB and Reggie Bush at running back.

By mentioning Chambliss and Lacy, Kiffin was in a sense touting his own legacy at Ole Miss, where he coached for the previous five years. And Kiffin seemed to wish that instead of spewing vitriol at him, Mississippi fans would reflect more on how much better off their program was when he left than when he arrived. Similarly, Kiffin mentioned that he was the one who sought out and hired his Ole Miss successor, Pete Golding, as defensive coordinator in 2023.

"There's not always a winner and a loser," Kiffin said while referring to his decision to leave for LSU last Nov. 30, when the Rebels were about to enter the College Football Playoff.

Kiffin pointed out that Saturday's Magnolia Bowl between LSU and Ole Miss will be the first since 1962 to take place when both teams were ranked in the top 10 of the AP poll.

"That says to me it's the most relevant matchup of these two teams in 64 years," Kiffin said. "So, I think that's a really neat thing that we were able to be part of building a program (in Mississippi) that Pete's doing a great job of continuing it as a top-10 program.

"When we got there, they had won four games (in 2019). And when we got here eight months ago, (the Tigers) were 7-6," Kiffin said. "So, I think it's a really good thing that I think a lot of people could look at it and say, 'Hey, both sides are doing really well, and both sides won.'"

There can be only one winner this weekend, and Kiffin acknowledged the novelty of a participating in a matchup featuring "one team that you built and now a new team that you're building — probably a really unusual situation that way."

And Kiffin figures paranoia is running high within each program because of how much each staff knows about the other.

"I'm sure both places are already worried about leaks within the building getting game plans out," Kiffin said, perhaps in reference to recent revelations that Ole Miss conducted a sweep of its facility for recording devices after Kiffin left Oxford.

"I know, obviously, a lot's going to be made about me," Kiffin said. "But this is about the players being prepared really well and playing really well. I'm not going to tackle anybody. I'm not going to throw any touchdowns."

Taylor a blossoming star at Miss. State

By Dave Campbell
The Associated Press



Mississippi State quarterback Kamario Taylor was a star last weekend when the Bulldogs won at Minnesota. [CRAIG LASSIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

MINNEAPOLIS — Mississippi State has found the perfect player to lead its push to reestablish a competitive program in the unrelenting Southeastern Conference.

Kamario Taylor is blossoming into a star, and the sophomore quarterback has given the Bulldogs a boost of confidence and energy as they embark on their daunting SEC schedule.

With a dominant performance at Minnesota last weekend in the first road start of his career on a national telecast on CBS, Taylor produced more evidence that he's one of the best quarterbacks in college football with a bright future in front of him. The sophomore had 227 yards and three first-half touchdowns on 16-for-22 passing and ran 13 times for 86 yards on the Gophers.

"The way he played in the first half was about as clean and good as you can possibly play," third-year Mississippi State coach Jeff Lebby said. "I'm proud of his presence, his command, his leadership."

The Bulldogs (2-0), who were pegged for 15th out of 16 teams in the SEC preseason media poll, went 1-15 in conference play over Lebby's first two years. After breezing by Louisiana-Monroe 62-13 in the opener and speeding past Minnesota 38-13, Mississippi State inched up the "others receiving votes" category in the latest Associated Press poll and landed at 32nd.

MSU plays at South Carolina (2-0) on Saturday.

The 6-foot-4, 230-pound Taylor was rarely pressured when he dropped back to pass and easily found room to run when he didn't like the picture in front of him. His poise in the pocket, accuracy with his throws and speed carrying the ball have put him on early watch lists for the 2028 NFL draft.

"He's an amazing player," Minnesota linebacker Maverick Baranowski said. "A lot of those throws out there were tight windows, great balls, double coverage. He was just putting them in there, and then obviously his ability to extend the play is unlike most people in the league."

The Bulldogs offense scored on the first 12 possessions of the season with Taylor on the field, until he took a sack in the end zone in the third quarter against Minnesota that resulted in a fumble and the only touchdown of the game for the Gophers. Taylor singled out his lack of awareness on that play afterward, revealing he apologized to the defense for giving up those points himself.

He raved about an offensive line that was a major question mark entering the season and the production by running back Fluff Bothwell and beamed when a reporter during the postgame news conference at Minnesota asked about the defense's performance.

Better yet for the Bulldogs is he's a uniting leader for the locker room and a lifelong "Hail State" fan who grew up in the tiny town of Macon, about 35 miles south of the campus in Starkville. But Taylor has managed to stay grounded in his faith, family and the football program with the accolades beginning to pile up.

"When I was in high school I used to look at everything that was said about me — good, bad, ugly, everything," Taylor said. "I kind of got used to it, just learning how to block all of it out, because I do know what I signed up for. I know what all comes with it, and I wouldn't change it for anything in the world."

Taylor is the first Mississippi State quarterback with at least seven passing touchdowns and a rushing touchdown in the opening two games of the season since Dak Prescott in 2014.

Taylor has thrown and ran for a touchdown in three straight games, and seven of his 11 career passing touchdowns have been for at least 20 yards.

He had seven plays of at least 20 yards against Minnesota.

No. 1 Texas focused on long season ahead

By Jim Vertuno
The Associated Press



Texas coach Steve Sarkisian and the Longhorns rose to No. 1 in the national rankings after knocking off Ohio State. [ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas has seen the view from No. 1 and the Longhorns know the fall from the college football summit can be hard.

The goal now is to make sure they get more than a fleeting glimpse from the top.

Texas (2-0) jumped to No. 1 after a wild 24-23 victory over Ohio State, which knocked the Buckeyes from No. 1 to No. 6. The Longhorns play UTSA this week before starting Southeastern Conference play Sept. 26 at No. 15 Tennessee.

"A week ago, the narrative was we can't win the big game," Texas coach Steve Sarkisian said Monday. "The opinion now is we're the best team in the country, allegedly, and so everybody is patting us on the back."

And he cautioned his team about getting carried away with it.

"This is the third straight year we've been ranked No. 1 at some part of the season," Sarkisian said. "I don't know how we handled it. And I don't know how worthy we were of those rankings, of the opinions of others."

The Longhorns look worthy of the top spot for now. How things shake out by season's end is yet to be seen.

In 2024, Texas rose to No. 1 for the first time since 2008. The Longhorns stayed there for a month before losing to Georgia. They wouldn't get back to No. 1, but made it all the way to the College Football Playoff semifinals before losing to eventual national champion Ohio State.

The fall last year was much farther and much harder.

Texas started the season No. 1 only to lose the first game at Ohio State. They were 3-2 a few weeks later and unranked. A 9-3 regular season left the Longhorns out of the playoff.

Senior linebacker Justin Cryer, a transfer from Florida State, seemed unimpressed with life at No. 1.

"It's cool to post on Instagram or whatever," Cryer said. "We have 10 more games to play."

That's where quarterback Arch Manning said the focus should be. He remembers the quick fall from No. 1 last season and getting left out of the postseason.

"The rankings don't really matter until the playoffs," Manning said. "We've got a lot to prove."

Manning was in the spotlight this week for making light of an AI video that showed Sarkisian striking ESPN reporter Holly Rowe after last week's win. Manning apologized Tuesday.

In a statement posted on X and Instagram, Rowe thanked Manning for his apology and said they discussed the matter.

"Thank you, Arch. I appreciate our conversation about this — which will remain private," Rowe posted. "Apology accepted. We move forward with respect and kindness for one another."

Manning's public misstep and ensuing apology are notable for one of college football's most prominent players. The nephew of Peyton and Eli Manning and grandson of family patriarch Archie Manning has endorsements with major brands such as Red Bull, Vuori athletic wear and Google Gemini artificial intelligence, to name a few.

And they come as issues about depictions of violence toward women have impacted other sports. Last month, Good Good Golf lost its partnership with Callaway and its title sponsorship of a PGA Tour event in the fallout over a video for a new driver that showed a man shoving to the ground a woman who was trying to touch the golf club.

The Association For Women in Sports Media offered its support to Rowe and called for more education to fight against depictions of violence against women.

"Holly Rowe exemplifies the professionalism and integrity that AWSM strives to support and celebrate," the group said. "In the aftermath of Arch Manning's apology, we encourage all teams to remind players and staff that women in sports media deserve respect, and the normalization of violence against women in any capacity is not acceptable."

The fake Texas video that Manning laughed about stemmed from a real postgame exchange between Sarkisian and Rowe. Earlier technical difficulties had caused delays for Sarkisian's halftime interview with reporter Laura Rutledge.

When Rowe tried to interview Sarkisian amid the loud postgame celebrations, the coach repeated "Texas fight!" and said "Hook 'em!" before walking away.

Vanderbilt pins its hopes on freshman QB

By Teresa M. Walker
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Vanderbilt coach Clark Lea said Tuesday freshman quarterback Jared Curtis gives the Commodores the best chance to win now and will start Saturday against N.C. State after coming off the bench the first two games.

Curtis split snaps with starter Blaze Berlowitz as the Commodores won their first two games. Lea said he isn't planning on playing two quarterbacks anymore with Curtis the quarterback Vanderbilt will lean on the rest of the season.

"With Jared, you understand the potential and the positive long-term kind of outlook," Lea said. "But what he showed on Saturday was that he's ready for this now. And so that both gives us peace of mind about we're not sacrificing wins now for wins later. He can do it now."

The 6-foot-3 Curtis got a lot of attention for flipping his commitment from Georgia to his hometown school, becoming the highest-ranked recruit ever to sign with Vanderbilt last December. He was the nation's No. 4 overall recruit in his class, according to the 247Sports Composite.

Lea named Berlowitz the starter for the opener and made clear Aug. 27 that he had not decided on a starting quarterback for the season. Curtis came off the bench against Austin Peay and gave Lea every reason to make the switch now with his performance in Vanderbilt's win over Delaware.

Curtis ran for two touchdowns, and he was 14-of-22 passing for 210 yards.

Making the change now allows offensive coordinator Tim Beck to better focus on preparing one quarterback, not two. Curtis also can spend time further developing chemistry with his wide receivers after splitting the practice snaps with Berlowitz.

The timing works well with Vanderbilt wrapping up a three-game home stand Saturday against N.C. State (1-1). The schedule only gets tougher for the Commodores, who start a two-game swing through the Southeastern Conference at Auburn on Sept. 26 followed by a trip to No. 2 Georgia on Oct. 3.

"There's no limit on what this kid is capable of," Lea said. "It's just growing him up in the system, growing him up in offense, preparing him to play against the best of the best."



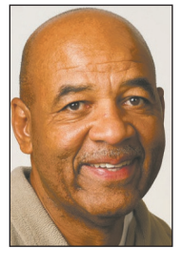
Vanderbilt quarterback Jared Curtis was the highest-ranked recruit to sign with the Commodores when he flipped from a Georgia commitment. [GEORGE WALKER IV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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Florida at Auburn	Florida	Florida	Florida	Auburn	Florida	Auburn	Florida	Florida
Florida State at Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Florida State	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
Alcorn State at North Alabama	North Alabama	North Alabama	Alcorn State	North Alabama	North Alabama	North Alabama	North Alabama	North Alabama
LSU at Ole Miss	LSU	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Mississippi State at South Carolina	South Carolina	Mississippi State	South Carolina	Mississippi State	South Carolina	South Carolina	Mississippi State	South Carolina
SMU at Louisville	Louisville	SMU	SMU	Louisville	SMU	Louisville	Louisville	SMU
North Carolina at Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	North Carolina	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Georgia Southern at Jacksonville State	Jacksonville State	Jacksonville State	Georgia Southern	Jacksonville State	Jacksonville State	Jacksonville State	Jacksonville State	Georgia Southern
Virginia Tech at Maryland	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Maryland	Virginia Tech	Maryland
Arizona State at Kansas	Arizona State	Arizona State	Arizona State	Arizona State	Arizona State	Arizona State	Arizona State	Kansas
Last week	**9-1**	**9-1**	**8-2**	**9-1**	**6-4**	**7-3**	**6-4**	**4-6**
Season record	**18-2**	**18-2**	**17-3**	**16-4**	**15-5**	**14-6**	**14-6**	**12-8**

COLLEGE STANDINGS

(Through Sept. 12 games)

American Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
South Florida	1	0	28	24	2	0	47	33
FAU	1	0	38	30	1	1	59	96
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	2	0	47	27
UTSA	0	0	0	0	2	0	76	42
Memphis	0	0	0	0	2	1	89	83
Army	0	1	24	28	1	1	83	31
Navy	0	1	30	38	1	1	72	53
North Texas	0	0	0	0	1	1	60	58
Rice	0	0	0	0	1	1	31	55
Temple	0	0	0	0	1	1	47	41
Tulane	0	0	0	0	1	1	31	41
UAB	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	62
Charlotte	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	84
East Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	75

Atlantic Coast Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	45	6	2	0	122	13
SMU	1	0	27	24	2	0	83	34
Virginia	1	0	34	8	2	0	93	11
California	1	0	21	18	1	1	45	63
Duke	0	0	0	0	2	0	48	30
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	13
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	2	0	71	21
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	2	0	117	24
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	2	0	76	52
Boston College	0	0	0	0	1	1	43	55
Clemson	0	0	0	0	1	1	32	58
Florida St.	0	1	24	27	1	1	58	44
Louisville	0	0	0	0	1	1	97	54
NC State	0	1	8	34	1	1	81	34
Stanford	0	1	6	45	1	1	43	72
Syracuse	0	1	18	21	1	1	84	24
Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	2	37	59

Big 12 Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	1	0	28	17	2	0	91	24
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	2	0	96	25
Colorado	0	0	0	0	2	0	66	34
Houston	0	0	0	0	2	0	110	26
Kansas St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	105	10
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0	2	0	68	34
Utah	0	0	0	0	2	0	109	24
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	2	0	83	31
Arizona	0	1	17	28	1	1	52	35
Arizona St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	90	55
Baylor	0	0	0	0	1	1	60	20
Iowa St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	51	26
Kansas	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	44
Oklahoma St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	55
TCU	0	0	0	0	1	1	73	22
UCF	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	18

Big Sky Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Montana	2	0	63	35	3	0	108	45
Montana St.	1	0	54	0	3	0	125	31
Cal Poly	1	0	38	34	2	1	82	81
N. Arizona	1	0	34	27	2	1	79	90
UC Davis	1	0	31	24	2	1	90	97
S. Utah	1	1	68	70	1	2	92	128
Weber St.	1	1	72	76	1	2	93	128
Idaho St.	0	0	0	0	3	0	126	44
E. Washington	0	1	27	34	1	2	84	99
Idaho	0	1	34	38	0	3	65	127
N. Colorado	0	1	29	30	0	3	65	89
Portland St.	0	1	24	31	0	3	67	131
Utah Tech	0	2	14	89	0	3	21	152

Big Ten Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Indiana	0	0	0	0	2	0	107	16
Iowa	0	0	0	0	2	0	56	13
Maryland	0	0	0	0	2	0	100	14
Michigan	0	0	0	0	2	0	30	22
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	65	27
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	2	0	105	28
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	1	0	34	18
Penn St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	72	9
Southern Cal	0	0	0	0	3	0	130	56
UCLA	0	0	0	0	2	0	73	34
Washington	0	0	0	0	2	0	40	24
Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	1	69	54
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	45
Ohio St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	79	27
Oregon	0	0	0	0	1	1	65	66
Purdue	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	57
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	50
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	65



The Oregon Ducks hope to get quacking again this week against Portland State. [LYDIA ELY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Coastal Athletic Association

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Albany (N.Y.)	1	0	28	14	2	1	80	48
Bryant	1	0	31	3	2	1	58	68
Rhode Island	1	0	31	10	2	1	79	55
Maine	1	0	21	18	1	2	38	96
Monmouth (N.J.)	1	0	31	24	1	2	59	111
Campbell	0	0	0	0	2	1	80	108
Elon	0	1	10	31	2	1	90	38
Hampton	0	1	3	31	1	2	48	93
New Hampshire	0	1	14	28	1	2	59	129
Stony Brook	0	0	0	0	1	2	87	114
NC A&T	0	0	0	0	0	3	39	106
Sacred Heart	0	1	24	31	0	2	34	68
Towson	0	1	18	21	0	3	42	108

Conference USA

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Delaware	0	0	0	0	1	1	68	42
FIU	0	0	0	0	1	1	42	39
Kennesaw St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	64	31
Liberty	0	0	0	0	1	1	37	43
Middle Tenn.	0	0	0	0	1	1	64	42
Missouri St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	48	64
Jacksonville St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	83	69
New Mexico St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	87	77
Sam Houston St.	0	0	0	0	0	2	38	47
W. Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	119

Ivy League

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	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	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
E. Michigan	1	0	28	17	1	2	56	79
UMass	0	0	0	0	2	0	74	31
Akron	0	0	0	0	1	1	61	48
Ball St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	44	73
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	1	1	41	50
Cent. Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	48
Kent St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	36	72
Miami (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	1	1	59	66
Ohio	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	76
Toledo	0	0	0	0	1	1	83	40
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0	1	1	61	27
Sacramento St.	0	1	17	28	1	2	72	77
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	0	2	20	76

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S.C. State	0	0	0	0	3	0	184	13
Delaware St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	77	62
Morgan St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	79	77
N.C. Central	0	0	0	0	2	1	87	70
Howard	0	0	0	0	1	2	52	107
Norfolk St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	69	90

Missouri Valley

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Illinois St.	0	0	0	0	3	0	145	34
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	3	0	151	70
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	3	0	138	66
S. Dakota St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	145	55
S. Illinois	0	0	0	0	2	1	87	72
Youngstown St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	126	68
N. Iowa	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	48
Indiana St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	82	102
Murray St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	55	84

Mountain West Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
N. Dakota St.	1	0	38	32	3	0	109	39
UNLV	1	0	21	6	1	2	48	77
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	2	0	108	14
San Jose St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	83	83
Air Force	0	1	32	38	1	1	66	38
Nevada	0	0	0	0	1	1	56	34
UTEP	0	0	0	0	1	1	51	61
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	48
Hawaii	0	1	6	21	1	2	62	77
N. Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	68

Northeast Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Robert Morris	1	0	28	7	2	1	67	61
Stonehill	1	0	21	3	1	2	62	69
New Haven	0	1	3	21	1	2	39	99
Wagner	0	1	7	28	1	2	41	122
CCSU	0	0	0	0	0	2	30	122
Duquesne	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	104
LIU Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	3	40	128
Mercyhurst	0	0	0	0	0	3	31	164

Ohio Valley Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
L'wood (Mo.)	1	0	20	17	1	2	66	101
Chas. Southern	0	1	17	20	1	2	43	71
E. Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	2	70	115
SE Missouri	0	0	0	0	1	2	53	93
UT Martin	0	0	0	0	1	2	73	95
W. Illinois	0	0	0	0	1	2	84	91
Gardner-Webb	0	0	0	0	0	3	53	76
Tennessee St.	0	0	0	0	0	3	30	119

Pac-12 Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	93	37
Boise St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	65	54
Fresno St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	42
San Diego St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	63	48
Oregon St.	0	0	0	0	0	2	44	68
Texas State	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	90
Utah St.	0	0	0	0	0	2	31	45
Washington St.	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	58

Patriot League

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Lehigh	3	0	124	44	3	0	124	44
Colgate	2	0	59	24	2	1	69	37
Richmond	1	0	35	14	2	1	63	108
William & Mary	1	1	55	76	2	1	77	91
Villanova	1	1	49	51	1	2	62	110
Lafayette	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	65
Bucknell	0	2	30	52	1	2	44	55
Fordham	0	1	14	24	0	3	21	107
Georgetown	0	1	14	45	0	1	14	45
Holy Cross	0	2	20	70	0	3	27	115

Pioneer League

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Dayton	0	0	0	0	2	0	73	27
Butler	0	0	0	0	2	1	103	74
St. Thomas (Minn.)	0	0	0	0	2	1	97	85
Presbyterian	0	0	0	0	1	1	50	99
Valparaiso	0	0	0	0	1	1	77	40
Davidson	0	0	0	0	1	2	63	93
Marist	0	0	0	0	1	2	57	53
Morehead St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	122	129
Stetson	0	0	0	0	1	2	70	123
Drake	0	0	0	0	0	3	59	139
San Diego	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	108

Southeastern Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama	1	0	45	17	2	0	93	27
Auburn	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	24
Florida	0	0	0	0	2	0	118	24
Georgia	0	0	0	0	2	0	133	23
LSU	0	0	0	0	2	0	96	24
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	2	0	82	47
Mississippi St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	100	26
Missouri	0	0	0	0	2	0	92	35
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	2	0	102	9
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	2	0	101	33
Texas	0	0	0	0	2	0	83	30
Texas A&M	0	0	0	0	2	0	98	20
Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	2	0	63	35
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	1	1	41	57
Kentucky	0	1	17	45	1	1	62	58
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	1	1	61	17

Southern Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Tennessee Tech	2	0	69	28	3	0	107	42
Furman	1	0	20	13	2	1	49	72
Wofford	1	0	42	14	2	1	74	63
Mercer	0	1	13	20	2	1	98	38
Chattanooga	0	1	9	24	1	2	50	56
ETSU	0	0	0	0	1	2	88	98
The Citadel	0	1	14	42	1	2	77	109
W. Carolina	0	0	0	0	1	2	74	111
Samford	0	1	19	45	0	3	47	89
VMI	0	0	0	0	0	3	16	125

Southland Conference

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S.F. Austin	2	0	82	34	3	0	108	41
Houston Chr.	1	0	34	28	2	1	125	59
Nicholls	1	0	31	28	2	1	78	109
East Texas A&M	1	1	45	58	1	2	60	81
Lamar	0	0	0	0	2	1	51	69
Incarnate Word	0	0	0	0	1	1	104	52
McNeese St.	0	1	27	38	1	2	103	65
SE Louisiana	0	1	28	34	1	2	72	98
UT RGV	0	1	28	31	1	2	88	76
Northwestern St.	0	1	14	38	0	3	57	160

Southwestern Athletic

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
East								
Alabama St.	1	0	30	17	2	1	81	51
Jackson St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	92	38
Alabama A&M	0	0	0	0	2	1	92	57
B.-Cookman	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	91
Florida A&M	0	0	0	0	1	2	40	115
MVSU	0	0	0	0	1	2	41	116
West								
Alcorn St.	1	0	53	51	2	1	112	107
Prairie View	1	0	52	14	1	2	85	107
Grambling St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	104	96
Ark.-Pine Bluff	0	1	51	53	1	2	100	122
Southern U.	0	1	17	30	1	2	57	122
Texas Southern	0	1	14	52	1	2	66	133

Sun Belt Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
East								
Appalachian St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	82	27
Georgia St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	90	27
James Madison	0	0	0	0	2	0	107	16
Coastal Carolina	0	0	0	0	1	1	69	38
Ga. Southern	0	0	0	0	1	1	38	22
Marshall	0	0	0	0	1	1	28	71
Old Dominion	0	0	0	0	1	1	52	54
West								
Troy	0	0	0	0	2	0	58	38
Arkansas St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	76	49
Louisiana Tech	0	0	0	0	1	1	94	51
La.-Lafayette	0	0	0	0	1	1	68	56
South Alabama	0	0	0	0	1	1	63	42
Southern Miss.	0	0	0	0	1	1	57	46
La.-Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	88

United Athletic Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
West Florida	1	0	42	14	2	0	76	45
Tarleton St.	0	0	0	0	3	0	96	67
Austin Peay	0	0	0	0	2	1	107	52
Cent. Arkansas	0	1	14	42	2	1	109	86
E. Kentucky	0	0	0	0	1	2	50	111
North Alabama	0	0	0	0	1	2	61	71
Abilene Chr.	0	0	0	0	0	3	31	80
West Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	3	17	123

Independents

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	2	0	93	13
UConn	0	0	0	0	1	1	70	45
Chicago State	0	0	0	0	1	2	113	93
Merrimack	0	0	0	0	1	2	37	90



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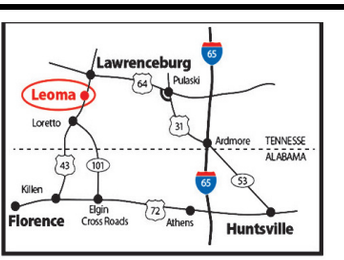
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