



SEC FOOTBALL 2010



Week 1 - Games of Sept. 2 - 4
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EASTERN DIVISION

	SEC	Pct.	PF	PA	Overall	Pct.	PF	PA	2009	Home	Away	Neutral	vs. Div.	Top 25	Streak
Florida	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	13-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
Georgia	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	8-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
Kentucky	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	7-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
South Carolina	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	7-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
Tennessee	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	7-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	2-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...

WESTERN DIVISION

	SEC	Pct.	PF	PA	Overall	Pct.	PF	PA	2009	Home	Away	Neutral	vs. Div.	Top 25	Streak
Alabama	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	14-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
Arkansas	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	8-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
Auburn	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	8-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
LSU	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	9-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	9-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...
Mississippi State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	5-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	...

NOTES: 2009 - Record after same number of games in 2009 / vs. Top 25 - Record vs. teams in Top 25 when game was played; Teams listed in alphabetical order unless tie-breaker applicable

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

GAMES OF THURSDAY, SEPT. 2

(2009 RECORD)

Southern Miss (7-6) at South Carolina (7-6)
7:30 p.m. ET • ESPN / ESPN3.com
Columbia, S.C. • Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250)

GAMES OF SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

(2009 RECORD)

Miami (1-11) at Florida (13-1)
12 p.m. ET • ESPN / ESPN3.com
Gainesville, Fla. • Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field (88,548)
Louisiana-Lafayette (6-6) at Georgia (8-5)
12:21 p.m. ET • SEC Network / ESPN3.com
Athens, Ga. • Sanford Stadium (92,746)
Kentucky (7-6) at Louisville (4-8)
3:30 p.m. ET • ABC / ESPN3.com
Louisville, Ky. • Papa John's Cardinal Stadium (55,000)
Jacksonville State (8-3) at Ole Miss (9-4)
2:30 p.m. CT • CSS / ESPN3.com
Oxford, Miss. • Hollingsworth Field/ Vaught-Hemingway Stadium (60,580)
San Jose State (2-10) at Alabama (14-0)
6 p.m. CT • Alabama PPV / ESPN3.com
Tuscaloosa, Ala. • Bryant-Denny Stadium (101,000)
Tennessee Tech (6-5) at Arkansas (8-5)
6 p.m. CT • Arkansas PPV / ESPN3.com
Fayetteville, Ark. • Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium (72,000)

Tennessee-Martin (5-6) at Tennessee (7-6)
6 p.m. ET • Tennessee PPV / ESPN3.com
Knoxville, Tenn. • Shields-Watkins Field / Neyland Stadium (102,455)
Memphis (2-10) at Mississippi State (5-7)
6 p.m. CT • ESPNU
Starkville, Miss. • Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field (55,082)
Arkansas State (4-8) at Auburn (8-5)
6 p.m. CT • FSN / ESPN3.com
Auburn, Ala. • Pat Dye Field / Jordan-Hare Stadium (87,451)
Northwestern (8-5) at Vanderbilt (2-10)
6:30 p.m. CT • CSS / ESPN3.com
Nashville, Tenn. • Vanderbilt Stadium (39,773)
LSU (9-4) vs. North Carolina (8-5)
8 p.m. ET • ABC / ESPN3.com
Atlanta, Ga. • Georgia Dome (71,500)

2010 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Bryant-Denny (101,000)
 Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	SAN JOSE STATE [TV: 6-10-11]	6 p.m.
Sept. 11	PENN STATE [TV: 2-6]	6 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Duke [TV: 6-7-10]	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Arkansas	TBA
Oct. 2	FLORIDA	TBA
Oct. 9	at South Carolina	TBA
Oct. 16	OLE MISS [HC]	TBA
Oct. 23	at Tennessee	TBA
Nov. 6	at LSU	TBA
Nov. 13	MISSISSIPPI STATE	TBA
Nov. 18	GEORGIA STATE [TV: 4]	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	AUBURN	1:30 p.m.

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium(s): Reynolds Razorback (72,000); War Memorial (53,727)
 Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	TENNESSEE TECH [TV: 6-10-11]	6 p.m.
Sept. 11	*LOUISIANA-MONROE [TV: 6-9-10]	6 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Georgia [TV: 2 or 3-6]	11 a.m.
Sept. 25	ALABAMA	TBA
Oct. 9	#vs. Texas A&M	TBA
Oct. 16	at Auburn	TBA
Oct. 23	OLE MISS	TBA
Oct. 30	VANDERBILT [HC]	TBA
Nov. 6	at South Carolina	TBA
Nov. 13	UTEP	TBA
Nov. 20	at Mississippi State	TBA
Nov. 27	*LSU	TBA

* - Little Rock, Ark.

- Arlington, Texas

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

AUBURN TIGERS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Jordan-Hare (87,451)
 Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	ARKANSAS STATE [TV: 6-9-10]	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Mississippi State [TV: 2-6]	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	CLEMSON [TV: 2-6-13]	6 p.m.
Sept. 25	SOUTH CAROLINA	TBA
Oct. 2	LOUISIANA-MONROE	TBA
Oct. 9	at Kentucky	TBA
Oct. 16	ARKANSAS	TBA
Oct. 23	LSU	TBA
Oct. 30	at Ole Miss	TBA
Nov. 6	CHATTANOOGA [HC]	TBA
Nov. 13	GEORGIA	TBA
Nov. 26	at Alabama	1:30 p.m.

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FLORIDA GATORS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field (88,548)
 Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	MIAMI, OHIO [TV: 2-6]	12 p.m.
Sept. 11	SOUTH FLORIDA [TV: 5-6-10]	12:21 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Tennessee [TV: 1]	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	KENTUCKY	TBA
Oct. 2	at Alabama	TBA
Oct. 9	LSU	TBA
Oct. 16	MISSISSIPPI STATE [HC]	TBA
Oct. 30	*vs. Georgia [TV: 1]	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Vanderbilt	TBA
Nov. 13	SOUTH CAROLINA	TBA
Nov. 20	APPALACHIAN STATE	TBA
Nov. 27	at Florida State	TBA

* - Jacksonville, Fla.

ALL TIMES EASTERN

GEORGIA BULLDOGS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Sanford (92,746)
 Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE [TV: 5-6-10]	12:21 p.m.
Sept. 11	at South Carolina [TV: 2 or 3-6]	12 p.m.
Sept. 18	ARKANSAS [TV: 2 or 3-6]	12 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Mississippi State	TBA
Oct. 2	at Colorado [TV: 9]	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	TENNESSEE	TBA
Oct. 16	VANDERBILT [HC]	TBA
Oct. 23	at Kentucky	TBA
Oct. 30	*vs. Florida [TV: 1]	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	IDAHO STATE	TBA
Nov. 13	at Auburn	TBA
Nov. 27	GEORGIA TECH	TBA

* - Jacksonville, Fla.

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KENTUCKY WILDCATS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Commonwealth (67,942)
 Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	at Louisville [TV: 6-7-10]	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	WESTERN KENTUCKY [TV: 6-8-10]	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	AKRON [TV: 6-9-10]	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Florida	TBA
Oct. 2	at Ole Miss	TBA
Oct. 9	AUBURN	TBA
Oct. 16	SOUTH CAROLINA	TBA
Oct. 23	GEORGIA [HC]	TBA
Oct. 30	at Mississippi State	TBA
Nov. 6	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	TBA
Nov. 13	VANDERBILT	TBA
Nov. 27	at Tennessee	TBA

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Team's AP & USA Today Rankings Listed Before Opponent's Name & Opponents' Rankings Listed after its Name (at time of game) ● [HC] - Homecoming
 December 4 ● SEC Football Championship Game ● Atlanta ● Georgia Dome ● 4 p.m. ET ● CBS Sports
TV Key - (1) CBS; (2) ESPN; (3) ESPN2; (4) ESPNU; (5) SEC Network; (6) ESPN3.com; (7) ABC; (8) CSS; (9) FS South, Southwest and SUN Sports;
 (10) ESPN GamePlan; (11) Institutional PPV; (12) ESPN Classic; (13) ESPN 3-D; (14) CBS College Sports

2010 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

LSU TIGERS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Tiger Stadium (92,400)

Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	*vs. North Carolina [TV: 6-7]	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Vanderbilt [TV: 4]	6 p.m.
Sept. 18	MISSISSIPPI STATE [TV: 4]	6 p.m.
Sept. 25	WEST VIRGINIA	TBA
Oct. 2	TENNESSEE	TBA
Oct. 9	at Florida	TBA
Oct. 16	McNEESE STATE	TBA
Oct. 23	at Auburn	TBA
Nov. 6	ALABAMA	TBA
Nov. 13	LOUISIANA-MONROE [HC]	TBA
Nov. 20	OLE MISS	TBA
Nov. 27	#at Arkansas	TBA

* - Georgia Dome, Atlanta

- Little Rock

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OLE MISS REBELS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium(s): Vaught-Hemingway / Hollingsworth Field (60,580)

Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	JACKSONVILLE STATE [TV: 6-8-10]	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Tulane [TV: 3-6-12]	8 p.m.
Sept. 18	VANDERBILT [TV: 5-6-10]	11:21 a.m.
Sept. 25	FRESNO STATE	TBA
Oct. 2	KENTUCKY	TBA
Oct. 16	at Alabama	TBA
Oct. 23	ARKANSAS	TBA
Oct. 30	AUBURN	TBA
Nov. 6	LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE [HC]	TBA
Nov. 13	at Tennessee	TBA
Nov. 20	at LSU	TBA
Nov. 27	MISSISSIPPI STATE	TBA

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MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field (55,082)

Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	MEMPHIS [TV: 4]	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	AUBURN [TV: 2-6]	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at LSU [TV: 4]	6 p.m.
Sept. 25	GEORGIA	TBA
Oct. 2	ALCORN STATE	TBA
Oct. 9	at Houston [TV: 14]	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Florida	TBA
Oct. 23	UAB [HC]	TBA
Oct. 30	KENTUCKY	TBA
Nov. 13	at Alabama	TBA
Nov. 20	ARKANSAS	TBA
Nov. 27	at Ole Miss	TBA

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SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250)

Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 2	SOUTHERN MISS [TV: 2-6]	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	GEORGIA [TV: 2-or-3-6]	12 p.m.
Sept. 18	FURMAN [TV: 6-10-11]	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Auburn	TBA
Oct. 9	ALABAMA	TBA
Oct. 16	at Kentucky	TBA
Oct. 23	at Vanderbilt	TBA
Oct. 30	TENNESSEE	TBA
Nov. 6	ARKANSAS [HC]	TBA
Nov. 13	at Florida	TBA
Nov. 20	TROY	TBA
Nov. 27	at Clemson	TBA

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TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Neyland / Shield-Watkins Field (100,011)

Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	TENNESSEE-MARTIN [TV: 6-10-11]	6 p.m.
Sept. 11	OREGON [TV: 3-6]	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	FLORIDA [TV: 1]	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	UAB	TBA
Oct. 2	at LSU	TBA
Oct. 9	at Georgia	TBA
Oct. 23	ALABAMA	TBA
Oct. 30	at South Carolina	TBA
Nov. 6	at Memphis	TBA
Nov. 13	OLE MISS [HC]	TBA
Nov. 20	at Vanderbilt	TBA
Nov. 27	KENTUCKY	TBA

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VANDERBILT COMMODORES (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home Stadium: Vanderbilt (39,773)

Total Home Att.: Avg. Home Att.: Pct. of Capacity:

Sept. 4	NORTHWESTERN [TV: 6-8-10]	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	LSU [TV: 4]	6 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Ole Miss [TV: 5-6-10]	11:21 a.m.
Oct. 2	at Connecticut	TBA
Oct. 9	EASTERN MICHIGAN	TBA
Oct. 16	at Georgia	TBA
Oct. 23	SOUTH CAROLINA [HC]	TBA
Oct. 30	at Arkansas	TBA
Nov. 6	FLORIDA	TBA
Nov. 13	at Kentucky	TBA
Nov. 20	TENNESSEE	TBA
Nov. 27	WAKE FOREST	TBA

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

Team's AP & USA Today Rankings Listed Before Opponent's Name & Opponents' Rankings Listed after its Name (at time of game) ● [HC] - Homecoming
 December 4 ● SEC Football Championship Game ● Atlanta ● Georgia Dome ● 4 p.m. ET ● CBS Sports
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 (10) ESPN GamePlan; (11) Institutional PPV; (12) ESPN Classic; (13) ESPN 3D; (14) CBS College Sports

2010 SEC WEEK-BY-WEEK SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

(All Times Eastern and subject to change)

Sept. 2

Southern Miss at South Carolina [7:30 p.m.] [TV: 2-6]

Sept. 4

San Jose State at Alabama [7 p.m.] [TV: 6-10-11]

Tennessee Tech at Arkansas [7 p.m.] [TV: 6-10-11]

Arkansas State at Auburn [7 p.m.] [TV: 6-9-10]

Miami (Ohio) at Florida [12 p.m.] [TV: 2-6]

La.-Lafayette at Georgia [12:21 p.m.] [TV: 5-6-10]

Kentucky at Louisville [3:30 p.m.] [TV: 6-7-10]

LSU vs. North Carolina (Atlanta) [8 p.m.] [TV: 6-7]

Jacksonville State at Ole Miss [3:30 p.m.] [TV: 6-8-10]

Memphis at Mississippi State [7 p.m.] [TV: 4]

Tennessee-Martin at Tennessee [6 p.m.] [TV: 6-10-11]

Northwestern at Vanderbilt [7:30 p.m.] [TV: 6-8-10]

Sept. 9

Auburn at Mississippi State [7:30 p.m.] [TV: 2-6]

Sept. 11

Penn State at Alabama [7 p.m.] [TV: 2-6]

La.-Monroe at Arkansas (Little Rock) [7 p.m.]

[TV: 6-9-10]

South Florida at Florida [12:21 p.m.] [TV: 5-6-10]

Georgia at South Carolina [12 p.m.] [TV: 2 or 3-6]

Western Kentucky at Kentucky [7:30 p.m.] [TV: 6-8-10]

LSU at Vanderbilt [7 p.m.] [TV: 4]

Ole Miss at Tulane [9 p.m.] [TV: 3-6-12]

Oregon at Tennessee [7 p.m.] [TV: 3-6]

Sept. 18

Alabama at Duke [3:30 p.m.] [TV: 6-7-10]

Arkansas at Georgia [12 p.m.] [TV: 2 or 3-6]

Clemson at Auburn [7 p.m.] [TV: 2-6-13]

Florida at Tennessee [3:30 p.m.] [TV: 1]

Akron at Kentucky [7 p.m.] [TV: 6-9-10]

Mississippi State at LSU [7 p.m.] [TV: 4]

Vanderbilt at Ole Miss [12:21 p.m.] [TV: 5-6-10]

Furman at South Carolina [7 p.m.] [TV: 6-10-11]

Sept. 25

Alabama at Arkansas

South Carolina at Auburn

Kentucky at Florida

Georgia at Mississippi State

West Virginia at LSU

Fresno State at Ole Miss

UAB at Tennessee

OPEN: Vanderbilt

Oct. 2

Florida at Alabama

Louisiana-Monroe at Auburn

Georgia at Colorado

Kentucky at Ole Miss

Tennessee at LSU

Alcorn State at Mississippi State

Vanderbilt at Connecticut

OPEN: Arkansas, South Carolina

Oct. 9

Alabama at South Carolina

Arkansas vs. Texas A&M (Arlington, Texas)

Auburn at Kentucky

LSU at Florida

Tennessee at Georgia

Mississippi State at Houston [TV: 14]

Eastern Michigan at Vanderbilt

OPEN: Ole Miss

Oct. 16

Ole Miss at Alabama

Arkansas at Auburn

Mississippi State at Florida

Vanderbilt at Georgia

South Carolina at Kentucky

McNeese State at LSU

OPEN: Tennessee

Oct. 23

Alabama at Tennessee

Ole Miss at Arkansas

LSU at Auburn

Georgia at Kentucky

UAB at Mississippi State

South Carolina at Vanderbilt

OPEN: Florida

Oct. 30

Vanderbilt at Arkansas

Auburn at Ole Miss

Florida vs. Georgia (Jacksonville) [3:30 p.m.] [TV: 1]

Kentucky at Mississippi State

Tennessee at South Carolina

OPEN: Alabama, LSU

Nov. 6

Alabama at LSU

Arkansas at South Carolina

Chattanooga at Auburn

Florida at Vanderbilt

Idaho State at Georgia

Charleston Southern at Kentucky

Louisiana-Lafayette at Ole Miss

Tennessee at Memphis

OPEN: Mississippi State

Nov. 13

Mississippi State at Alabama

UTEP at Arkansas

Georgia at Auburn

South Carolina at Florida

Vanderbilt at Kentucky

Louisiana-Monroe at LSU

Ole Miss at Tennessee

Nov. 18

Georgia State at Alabama [7:30 p.m.] [TV: 4]

Nov. 20

Arkansas at Mississippi State

Appalachian State at Florida

Ole Miss at LSU

Troy at South Carolina

Tennessee at Vanderbilt

Nov. 26

Auburn at Alabama [2:30 p.m.]

Nov. 27

LSU at Arkansas (Little Rock)

Florida at Florida State

Georgia Tech at Georgia

Kentucky at Tennessee

Mississippi State at Ole Miss

South Carolina at Clemson

Wake Forest at Vanderbilt

Dec. 4

SEC Championship Game (Atlanta)

[4 p.m.] (TV: 1)

TV Key - (1) CBS; (2) ESPN; (3) ESPN2; (4) ESPNU; (5) SEC Network; (6) ESPN3.com; (7) ABC; (8) CSS;

(9) FS South, Southwest and SUN Sports; (10) ESPN GamePlan; (11) Institutional PPV; (12) ESPN Classic; (13) ESPN 3D; (14) CBS College Sports

SEC IN THE THIS WEEK'S POLLS

Associated Press (Pre-season)

No.	Team	Record	Points
1.	ALABAMA (54)	0-0	1491
2.	Ohio State (3)	0-0	1400
3.	Boise State (1)	0-0	1336
4.	FLORIDA	0-0	1237
5.	Texas (1)	0-0	1223
6.	Texas Christian	0-0	1160
7.	Oklahoma (1)	0-0	1104
8.	Nebraska	0-0	1033
9.	Iowa	0-0	1007
10.	Virginia Tech	0-0	973
11.	Oregon	0-0	870
12.	Wisconsin	0-0	822
13.	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	785
14.	Southern California	0-0	590
15.	Pittsburgh	0-0	516
16.	Georgia Tech	0-0	511
17.	ARKANSAS	0-0	496
18.	North Carolina	0-0	397
19.	Penn State	0-0	382
20.	Florida State	0-0	379
21.	LSU	0-0	300
22.	AUBURN	0-0	296
23.	GEORGIA	0-0	206
24.	Oregon State	0-0	198
25.	West Virginia	0-0	184

Others (SEC Only): South Carolina (71), Ole Miss (6).

USA Today Coaches' Poll (Pre-Season)

No.	Team	Record	Points
1.	ALABAMA (55)	0-0	1469
2.	Ohio State (4)	0-0	1392
3.	FLORIDA	0-0	1245
4.	Texas	0-0	1240
5.	Boise State	0-0	1215
6.	Virginia Tech	0-0	1052
7.	Texas Christian	0-0	1051
8.	Oklahoma	0-0	1035
9.	Nebraska	0-0	1001
10.	Iowa	0-0	952
11.	Oregon	0-0	940
12.	Wisconsin	0-0	778
13.	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	728
14.	Penn State	0-0	508
15.	Pittsburgh	0-0	492
16.	LSU	0-0	476
17.	Georgia Tech	0-0	455
18.	North Carolina	0-0	445
19.	ARKANSAS	0-0	438
20.	Florida State	0-0	374
21.	GEORGIA	0-0	312
22.	Oregon State	0-0	263
23.	AUBURN	0-0	260
24.	Utah	0-0	169
	West Virginia	0-0	169

Others (SEC Only): Ole Miss (48), South Carolina (38), Mississippi State (1).

Harris Interactive Poll (First poll released on Sunday, Oct. 3)

No.	Team	Record	Points
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Bowl Championship Series Rankings (First poll released on Sunday, Oct. 10)

No.	Team	Record	Rating
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CONFERENCE RANKINGS (Pre-Season)

	AP	USA/ESPN	HI	BCS
SEC	6	6	0	0
ACC	5	5	0	0
Big Ten	4	4	0	0
Big 12	3	3	0	0
Pac-10	3	2	0	0
Big East	2	2	0	0
WAC	1	1	0	0
MWC	1	2	0	0

SEC NOTES

- The SEC is the first conference to claim four consecutive football national championships (2006-09).
- Since SEC expansion in 1992, the SEC has the most national championships (AP, USA Today) with eight. During that time, the SEC has had more teams with national titles than any other conference (4).
- The SEC has the most wins (14) and the highest winning percentage of any conference that has three-or-more appearances in BCS bowl games. The SEC is 14-5 in BCS bowls, including 6-0 in BCS National Championship Games.
- The schools that currently comprise the SEC have appeared in 379 bowl games, the most of any conference in the country. In hits history, the SEC is 196-170-13 in those games, a 53.4 winning percentage, also tops among all conferences.
- The SEC finished the 2009 season with a non-conference mark of 48-10 (.828), including bowl games. The 48 wins represent the most non-conference wins in a single-season by the SEC.
- The SEC had 13 first-team All-Americans and won nine individual national honors in 2009.
- For the 29th straight season, the SEC recorded the largest total attendance figure of any conference in the nation (6,560,738).
- Since 2000, the SEC has had more teams ranked in the final USA Today Coaches Poll than any other conference (47).

SATELLITE RADIO SCHEDULE

The following games are scheduled to be on XM satellite radio for the weekend of Sept. 2-4 (Best of XM Channel on Sirius in parenthesis):

Southern Miss at South Carolina	199 (220)
Miami (Ohio) at Florida	199 (220)
UL-Lafayette at Georgia	200 (219)
Jacksonville State at Ole Miss	199 (220)
UT-Martin at Tennessee	200 (219)
Arkansas State at Auburn	235
Tennessee Tech at Arkansas	199 (220)
San Jose State at Alabama	201 (218)
Memphis at Mississippi State	198 (217)
Northwestern at Vanderbilt	141 (121)
Kentucky at Louisville	201 (218)
LSU vs. North Carolina	197 (216)

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SEC INDIVIDUAL BESTS ON OPENING DAY

Rushing

- 290 - Bo Jackson, Auburn vs. SW Louisiana (9/7/85)
- 246 - Kevin Faulk, LSU vs. Houston (9/7/96)
- 246 - Bob Davis, Kentucky vs. Maryville (9/19/36)

Passing Yards

- 498 - Tim Couch, Kentucky vs. Louisville (9/5/98)
- 485 - Eric Zeier, Georgia vs. South Carolina (9/3/94)
- 446 - Dusty Bonner, Kentucky vs. Louisville (9/4/99)

Receiving Yards

- 263 - Alexander Wright, Auburn vs. Pacific (9/9/89)
- 248 - Taylor Jacobs, Florida vs. UAB (8/31/02)
- 223 - Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt vs. Richmond (9/1/07)

Receptions

- 13 - Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt vs. Richmond (9/1/07)
- 12 - Stanley Pritchett, South Carolina vs. Georgia (9/2/95)
- 11 - David Smith, Miss. State vs. Richmond (9/20/69)
- 11 - Johnny Mills, Tennessee vs. Auburn (9/24/66)
- 11 - Quincy Jackson, Alabama vs. BYU (9/5/98)

SEC COACHING RECORDS

Coach, Team	COLLEGIATE OVERALL RECORD		ALL GAMES AT SEC SCHOOLS		SEC vs. SEC# GAMES ONLY	
	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L-T	Pct.
Nick Saban, Alabama	124-50-1	.711	81-24 (21)	.771 (7)	51-17 (T14)	.750 (5)
Bobby Petrino, Arkansas	54-21	.720	13-12	.520	5-11	.313
Gene Chizik, Auburn	13-24	.351	8-5	.615	3-5	.375
Urban Meyer, Florida	96-18	.842	57-10	.851 (1)	35-9 (21)	.795 (1)
Mark Richt, Georgia	90-27	.769	90-27 (19)	.769 (8)	52-23 (13)	.693 (11)
Joker Phillips, Kentucky	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Les Miles, LSU	79-36	.687	51-15	.773 (6)	28-14 (T28)	.667 (13)
Houston Nutt, Ole Miss	129-78	.623	93-56 (18)	.624 (35)	51-47 (T14)	.520 (28)
Dan Mullen, Mississippi State	5-7	.417	5-7	.417	3-5	.375
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	177-68-2	.721	157-55-1 (7)	.739 (14)	105-36 (T3)	.745 (6)
Derek Dooley, Tennessee	17-20	.459	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Robbie Caldwell, Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000

W-L-T Ranking indicates number of wins; Pct. ranking indicates highest winning percentage (To be listed among career leaders, must have min. 5 years coaching)
 # - includes SEC Championship Game / () - Current SEC Coaches' Rankings among Career Leaders

STATE OF THE SEC

Florida has the SEC's best records during the last five and 10 seasons. Below is a look at how each SEC team has fared during the last five and ten seasons:

Record Last Five Seasons (2005-2009)						Record Last 10 Seasons (2000-2009)					
	W-L	Pct.	Bowls	SEC Champ	AP Top 25		W-L	Pct.	Bowls	SEC Champ	AP Top 25
Florida	57-10	.851	5	2	5	Florida	100-30	.769	10	3	9
LSU	51-15	.773	5	1	5	LSU	100-30	.769	10	3	9
Alabama	49-17	.742	5	1	4	Georgia	98-31	.760	10	2	9
Georgia	48-17	.738	5	1	4	Auburn	88-38	.698	9	1	6
Auburn	42-21	.667	4	0	3	Tennessee	83-44	.654	8	0	5
Tennessee	36-27	.571	3	0	2	Alabama	79-48	.622	7	1	5
Arkansas	35-28	.556	3	0	1	Arkansas	71-54	.568	7	0	1
South Carolina	35-28	.556	4	0	0	South Carolina	68-54	.557	6	0	2
Kentucky	33-30	.524	4	0	0	Ole Miss	63-58	.521	5	0	3
Ole Miss	28-33	.459	2	0	2	Kentucky	50-70	.417	4	0	0
Mississippi State	23-37	.383	1	0	0	Mississippi State	42-76	.356	2	0	1
Vanderbilt	23-37	.383	1	0	0	Vanderbilt	34-83	.291	1	0	0

STARTING QUARTERBACKS IN THE SEC

School	Quarterback(s)	Record	IN WINS -----				IN LOSSES -----			
			A-C-I	Yards	TD	Pct.	A-C-I	Yards	TD	Pct.
Alabama	Greg McElroy	14-0	325-198-4	2217	17	60.9	N/A			
Arkansas	Ryan Mallett	8-5	229-151-5	2351	21	65.9	174-74-2	1273	9	42.5
Auburn	Kodi Burns	3-5	34-17-0	203	1	50.0	135-72-6	841	2	53.3
*Florida										
*Georgia										
Kentucky	Mike Hartline	8-6	240-146-5	1476	10	60.8	174-89-9	816	5	51.1
	Randall Cobb	2-3	13-7-1	56	1	53.8	53-27-3	272	0	50.9
	Morgan Newton	4-3	59-36-2	381	5	61.0	63-34-1	286	1	54.0
LSU	Jarrett Lee	5-4	129-69-4	870	5	53.5	112-54-10	726	6	48.2
	Jordan Jefferson	9-5	226-145-4	1646	14	64.2	116-62-3	805	6	53.4
*Ole Miss										
*Miss. State										
South Carolina	Stephen Garcia	8-8	198-119-4	1532	14	60.1	297-152-11	1763	6	51.2
*Tennessee										
Vanderbilt	Larry Smith	3-7	76-43-1	542	1	56.6	169-74-6	705	3	43.1

* - Does not have a starting quarterback with a previous start.

SEC FOOTBALL VIDEO REPLAY

THE OBJECTIVE

To allow for specific types of officiating calls to be immediately reviewed during all games hosted by SEC teams.

THE COACHES' CHALLENGE

The head coach may challenge the ruling of any reviewable play. He retains a challenge if his initial challenge is successful and thus results in a reversal by the replay official. The head coach will then have a single challenge that he may use anytime during the game if his team has not used all its timeouts. Thus a team may have a total of two challenges in the game, but only if the first results in a reversal of the on-field ruling.

THE SOURCE

All reviewable video comes direct from either the television network broadcasting the game or other TV production facilities that meet established conference standards. The Southeastern Conference has used instant replay since 2005.

THE PLAYS

Reviewable

1. Plays governed by Sideline, Goal Line, End Zone, and End Line:
 - a. Scoring Plays, including the ball in possession of a runner breaking the plane of the goal line
 - b. Runner/receiver in or out of bounds
 - c. Recovery of loose ball in and out of bounds
2. Passing Plays:
 - a. Pass ruled complete/ incomplete/ intercepted in the field of play and end zones
 - b. Touching of a forward pass by a player or an official
 - c. Illegal forward pass or illegal handing off beyond the line of scrimmage
 - d. Illegal forward pass or illegal handing off after change of possession
 - e. Forward or backward pass thrown from behind the line of scrimmage
 - f. Quarterback (Passer) starts arm forward, ball comes loose and play is ruled incomplete (if ball is quickly recovered)
 - g. Quarterback (Passer) throws incomplete swing pass that is close to being forward or backward, and pass is ruled forward (if ball is quickly recovered)
3. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Runner ruled not down.
 - b. Runner ruled down (when ball carrier is judged down by rule and the ball is fumbled, play may be reviewed if recovery of ball occurs in the immediate action following fumble and is prior to any official signaling ball is dead. Also reviewable when runner is ruled out of bounds near goal line.)
 - c. Forward progress with respect to first down
 - d. Touching of a kick
 - e. Number of players on field
 - f. Clock adjustments (in conjunction with reviewed plays)
 - g. Fourth-down/try fumble plays
 - h. Field Goal Attempts (only when ball is ruled below or above the crossbar, inside or outside the uprights when it is lower than the top of the uprights.)
 - i. The game clock expires at the end of a half. If at the end of the game, the time may be restored to the clock only if the score is tied or the team that would next snap the ball trails by eight points or fewer.

Not Reviewable

1. Fighting participants
2. Off-sides/Encroachment
3. Pass interference
4. Roughing passer/kicker
5. Illegal formations
6. Taunting/Other unsportsmanlike conduct
7. Face mask
8. Taunting
9. Illegal blocks
10. Holding
11. Personal fouls

THE PROCESS

Each SEC football stadium has a secured replay booth equipped with the HD Instant Replay system provided by XOS Digital. Three individuals work in the booth for the duration of the game: 1. Replay Official, 2. Communicator, 3. Technician. The Replay Official and the Communicator are selected and assigned by the Conference Office.

A live HD video feed is sent directly to the replay booth from the TV truck. The Technician watches the feed on an input monitor while recording it into the XOS Digital Replay System. The Technician also marks the beginning of each play while the Communicator marks all incoming replays.

Each play and subsequent replay then appears on a touch screen in front of the Replay Technician. As the Technician and the Communicator mark the incoming video, each view will appear as a small picture on the computer touch screen. At any time, the Replay Technician can touch the thumbnail and immediately send that play or replay to the Replay Official.

With the Communicator's assistance, the Replay Official can quickly jump between replays while playing back the video. All replay video navigation is done via a jog shuttle remote controlled by the Replay Official. All video is viewed on an HD monitor that sits in front of the Replay Official. The touch screen is only used to select the replays and to log specific play data in the event a call is overturned.

While all plays are reviewed between the whistle and the beginning of the next play, the Replay Official can stop play on the field by using a pager system. Five onfield officials wear pagers. If play is stopped the Referee announces on the stadium PA microphone that play has been stopped so the previous play can be reviewed. The Referee then proceeds to the sideline headset, which provides direct communication to the Replay Official in the booth. Once the play has been reviewed, the Replay Official notifies the Referee, who then announces the decision on the stadium PA system.

THE EQUIPMENT

Each SEC member institution uses the HD Replay System developed by XOS Digital of Orlando, FL. The replay systems are maintained by the home institution with technical support from XOS Digital.

INSTANT REPLAY STATISTICS

	Games Using SEC Replay	Play Stoppages	Plays Overturned	Average Length of Review
2005	77	66	17	1:53
2006	89	123	29	1:41
2007	87	139	38	1:36
2008	85	122	39	1:24
2009	85	115	28	1:26
TOTALS	423	565	151	1:32

2010 INSTANT REPLAY STATISTICS

	Games Using SEC Replay	Play Stoppages	Plays Overturned	Average Length of Review
Week 1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	0	0

SEC FOOTBALL ON TELEVISION

CBS SPORTS

CBS Sports continues to be the exclusive national network broadcaster of SEC home football games, including the SEC Championship Game. CBS Sports will showcase the top conference matchups each week of the package with the "SEC Game of the Week". The agreement also includes a prime time game and doubleheader opportunities. In addition, CBS Sports continues its coverage of SEC regular-season basketball. In addition to the broadcast rights on CBS Sports, this 15-year contract includes certain digital, internet, wireless, Video-on-Demand, data and enhanced highlight rights across all CBS platforms, including CBS College Sports Network and CBSsports.com. Also, simulcasts of CBS Sports games will be available for distribution by the CBS College Sports Network.



ESPN



ESPN has acquired rights to every SEC home football game (excluding those on the network broadcast package) and will serve as the exclusive national cable home and the syndication rightsholder for the conference.

ESPN and ESPN2: The networks will increase coverage by combining to televise a minimum of 20 SEC games annually, including Saturday night and two primetime Thursday

matchups.

ESPNU: The 24-hour college sports network, which launched in March 2005, will present a package of SEC football for the first time, with a Saturday game-of-the-week (generally in primetime and a minimum of 13 games annually).



SEC Network (ESPN Regional Television): The nation's largest syndicator of collegiate sports programming, becomes the official over-the-air syndication home for the SEC and will feature a game-of-the-week package (generally at 12:30 p.m. ET), with a minimum of 13 games each season throughout the SEC footprint and beyond. In addition, ERT will produce and distribute a studio show.



ESPN360.com: Simulcasts of SEC game telecasts will be offered on the broadband network.

ESPN Mobile TV: Live games will be simulcast on mobile phones.

ESPN International: The agreement includes global rights to present live games and encore presentations.

ESPN Deportes: ESPN has acquired domestic Spanish-language rights for SEC football on the 24-hour, U.S.-based network.

ESPN GamePlan: The out-of-market college football pay-per-view service, will offer SEC action.

ESPN Classic: The network may telecast select SEC live games as well as historic and immediate encore presentations.

ESPN.com: Extensive SEC content, including highlights, will be presented online.

COMCAST/ CHARTER SPORTS SOUTHEAST



Comcast / Charter Sports Southeast (CSS), the regional sports channel focusing on college sports in the southeast, has an agreement with ESPN to televise live Southeastern Conference (SEC) content including a minimum of six football games, twenty men's basketball games, and sixteen women's basketball games as well as fifty SEC Olympic sports each year. The agreement began with the 2009-10 academic year and goes for five years.

FOX SPORTS NET

Fox Sports Net's (FSN) regional sports networks serving the SEC territory – FOX Sports South, FOX Sports Carolinas, FOX Sports Tennessee, Sun Sports, FOX Sports Southwest and FOX Sports Houston – will be the outlets for a minimum of 92 SEC athletic events each year. Events will include eight live, exclusive football games, 20 men's basketball games, 24 women's basketball games (16 regular season, eight tournament), 16 baseball games (10 regular season, six tournament) and 24 additional Olympic sporting events (softball, volleyball, soccer, gymnastics). SEC athletic events on FSN will be distributed to more than 22 million cable and satellite households throughout the SEC territory.



INSTITUTIONAL MEDIA PACKAGES

As part of the SEC's television contracts, each conference institution was able to maintain a contractual television arrangement of its own. As part of this arrangement, each SEC institution has the ability to televise one pay-per-view football game per year as well as to host its own tape-delayed game package, coaches' TV shows as well as other sport packages.

SEC FOOTBALL SHOWS ON TELEVISION

SEC Weekly on ESPNU

SEC Weekly, a one-hour program will air Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. on ESPNU, throughout the academic year and will cover SEC sports, including sport-by-sport previews, reviews, specials and features on student-athletes. The show will be hosted by Cara Capuano, who will anchor, and analyst Matt Stinchcomb, a former University of Georgia All-America and NFL player. SEC Weekly is a product of ESPN's landmark 15-year agreement with the Southeastern Conference. ESPNU will complement the show with SEC game telecasts, including football, basketball, Olympic sports and select conference championships.

SEC Gridiron Live

SEC Gridiron LIVE, airing live every Wednesday at 10 p.m. ET, breaks down every SEC game with footage, interviews and analysis. Tim Couch, former Kentucky standout and top pick in the 1999 NFL Draft, joins the live, weekly one-hour show as an analyst, with host Charles Davis and analyst Randy Cross. Also new to the SEC Gridiron LIVE team is social media host Kristina Akra. SECGridironLIVE.com is the hub for the show's social networking component, allowing viewers to participate in the live show and interact instantaneously with the broadcast team and SEC fans across the country.

CBS College Sports SEC Tailgate

Beginning Sept. 18, CBS Sports will start SEC programming with its live pre-game show COLLEGE FOOTBALL TODAY followed by the "SEC Game of the Week" CBS College Sports Network will broadcast SEC TAILGATE on select Saturdays at 2:00 PM, ET, from the site of CBS Sports' SEC Game of the Week. The show brings fans a fast paced and authoritative look at football and life in the SEC. The show captures all the excitement, traditions and festivities from the various campuses and stadiums across the SEC, and features local SEC legends and celebrity alumni.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL NOTES

SEC - FOUR STRAIGHT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

● Alabama's 37-21 win over Texas in the 2010 BCS National Championship Game gave the Southeastern Conference its fourth straight BCS National Championship and its sixth BCS title overall. The SEC is now 6-0 in BCS National Championship Games (LSU 2-0, Florida 2-0, Alabama 1-0, Tennessee 1-0).

● Alabama is the fourth SEC team to win a BCS National Championship and the third different SEC team to win it during the last four seasons. Tennessee won the BCS' first national title in 1998, LSU won the crown in 2003, Florida's claimed the national championship in 2006 and 2008 while LSU took the title in 2007 and Alabama claimed the national title this past season. The Big 12 has two BCS national titles followed by the ACC, Big Ten, Pac-10 and Big East with one each.

● The SEC is the first conference to claim four consecutive Associated Press (first poll - 1936), National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (first poll - 1959), Football Writers Association of America (first poll - 1954) and USA Today or UPI Coaches Poll (first poll - 1950) national championships.

● Since SEC expansion in 1992, the SEC has the most national championships (AP, USA Today) with eight. During that time, the SEC has had more teams with national titles than any other conference (4). Here is a breakdown:

SEC - Florida (2008, 2006, 1996), LSU (2003, 2007), Tennessee (1998), Alabama (1992, 2009)

Big 12 - Texas (2005), Oklahoma (2000), Nebraska (1994, 1995, 1997)

Big Ten - Ohio State (2002), Michigan (1997)

Pac-10 - Southern California (2004, 2003)

ACC - Florida State (1999, 1993)

Big East - Miami, Fla. (2001)

SEC IN BOWL GAMES

● The SEC has the most wins (14) and the highest winning percentage of any conference that has three-or-more appearances in BCS bowl games. The SEC is 14-5 in BCS games (.737 percentage).

● The SEC finished 6-4 in bowl games this season. Since 2006, the SEC is 25-11 in post-season bowl games (.694). The league has posted a non-losing bowl record for seven straight seasons. The last time the league finished under .500 in bowl games was in 2002 (3-4).

● Since conference expansion in 1992, the SEC has won at least five bowl games in nine of 18 seasons. The SEC has won at least six bowl games during the last four seasons (6-3 in 2006; 7-2 in 2007; 6-2 in 2008; 6-4 in 2009). Those years are the only ones since 1992 the league has won six bowl games.

● The schools that currently comprise the SEC have appeared in 379 bowls (including 2009-10). That is by far the most of any conference in the nation. In its history, the SEC is 196-170-13 in post-season bowl games, a 53.4 winning percentage. The SEC has the nation's top bowl winning percentage surpassing the Pac-10 (120-107-6, 52.8 percentage). Below is a look at how the various conferences have fared in bowl games in its history (using 2009 conference alignments):

Conference	Bowls	W-L-T	Pct.
SEC	379	196-170-13	.534
Pacific-10	233	120-107-6	.528
Western Athletic	71	36-33-2	.521
Atlantic Coast	293	150-138-5	.520
Big East	117	57-58-2	.496
Big Ten	248	119-126-3	.486
Big 12	328	157-167-4	.485
Mountain West	132	60-68-4	.470
Conference USA	126	57-67-2	.460
Mid-American	59	23-36-0	.390
Sun Belt	15	5-10-0	.333

SEC vs. NON-CONFERENCE FOES

● The SEC finished the 2009 season with a non-conference mark of 48-10 (.828). Counting bowl games, the SEC bested its best-ever win total in non-conference games of 47 set in 2007 (40-8 regular season/7-2 bowl mark) and 2006 (41-7 regular season/6-3 bowl mark). Since conference expansion, the SEC's best non-conference winning percentage (counting bowl games) is 37-5 (.881), set in 1997 (32-4 regular season/5-1 bowl mark).

2009 SEC INDIVIDUAL HONORS

● SEC individual award winners from 2009 include:

Mark Ingram, Alabama (Heisman Trophy - nation's top player)

Rolando McClain, Alabama (Butkus Award - nation's top linebacker)

Tim Tebow, Florida (William V. Campbell Trophy - nation's top football scholar-athlete;

Lowe's Senior Class Award (nation's top football senior student-athlete)

Aaron Hernandez, Florida (John Mackey Award - nation's top tight end)

Drew Butler, Georgia (Ray Guy Award - nation's top punter)

Eric Berry, Tennessee (Jim Thorpe Award - nation's top defensive back)

Maurkice Pouncey, Florida (Rimington Trophy - nation's top center)

Kirby Smart, Alabama (Frank Broyles Award - nation's top assistant coach)

● The SEC had 13 first-team All-Americans (AP, Walter Camp, AFCA, FWA, Sports Illustrated, Sporting News). The list includes:

Alabama - OL Mike Johnson, RB, Mark Ingram, DL Terrence Cody, LB Rolando

McClain, DB Javier Arenas, PK Leigh Tiffin

Florida - TE Aaron Hernandez, DB Joe Haden, C Maurkice Pouncey, LB Brandon Spikes

Georgia - P Drew Butler

South Carolina - LB Eric Norwood

Tennessee - DB Eric Berry

SEC LEADS NATION IN ATTENDANCE AGAIN

● For the 29th straight season, the SEC recorded the largest total attendance figure of any conference in the nation. In 2009, a total of 6,560,738 fans attended 86 games, an average of 76,288 per contest, also tops in the nation. SEC stadiums were filled to 98.10 percent of capacity for each home game in 2009. The SEC had seven of the top 15 schools in total attendance in 2009 - Tennessee (3), Auburn (6), LSU (6), Alabama (7), Florida (8), Georgia (13) and South Carolina (15).

2009 ATTENDANCE

Conference	Games	Total Attendance	Average Attendance
SEC	86	6,560,738	76,288
Big Ten	77	5,526,237	71,769
Big 12	81	5,083,001	62,753
ACC	81	4,157,845	51,331
Pac-10	63	3,424,987	54,365
Big East	53	2,374,604	44,804
Mountain West	55	1,709,128	31,075

MISCELLANY

● Since 2000, the Southeastern Conference has had more teams ranked in the final USA Today Coaches Poll than any other conference. The SEC has had 43 teams ranked in the last nine final USA Today Coaches polls, an average of almost five per season. The Big 12 is second with 36 teams ranked since 2000. The SEC has led or tied for lead in most teams ranked in the final USA Today Coaches Polls in seven of the last nine seasons.

● Three SEC schools were among the top 10 in most players on 2009 opening weekend rosters. LSU and Miami (Fla.) led the nation with 41 each, while Georgia was sixth with 35 and Tennessee seventh with 30.

● The SEC had 49 players selected in the 2010 NFL Draft. The number represents the most SEC players ever taken in the NFL Draft. The SEC had the most players taken among conferences in the draft. Behind the SEC's 49 selections were the Big Ten (34), ACC (31), Big 12 (30) and Pac-10 (29).

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL NOTES

SEC IN PRESEASON AP RANKINGS

[1st number reflects preseason; second number reflects final poll]

- 2010 (6)** - Alabama (1), Florida (4), Arkansas (17), LSU (21), Auburn (22), Georgia (23).
- 2009 (5)** - Florida (1 - 3), Alabama (5 - 1), Ole Miss (8 - 20), LSU (11 - 17), Georgia (13 - NR).
- 2008 (6)** - Georgia (1 - 13), Florida (5 - 1), LSU (7 - NR), Auburn (10 - NR), Tennessee (18 - NR), Alabama (24 - 6), Ole Miss (NR - 14).
- 2007 (6)** - Arkansas (21 - 25), Auburn (18 - 15), Florida (6 - 13), Georgia (13 - 2), LSU (2 - 1), Tennessee (15 - 12)
- 2006 (5)** - Auburn (4 - 10), Florida (7 - 2), LSU (8 - 4), Georgia (15 - NR), Tennessee (23 - 17), Arkansas (NR - 12)
- 2005 (5)** - Alabama (NR - 13), Auburn (16 - 7); Georgia (13 - 8); LSU (5 - 10); Tennessee (3 - NR).
- 2004 (5)** - Georgia (3 - 7), LSU (4 - 16), Florida (11 - NR), Tennessee (14 - 13), Auburn (17 - 2).
- 2003 (4)** - Auburn (6th - NR), Georgia (11th - 7), Tennessee (12th - 15), LSU (14th - 2), Ole Miss (NR - 13), Florida (NR - 24)
- 2002 (5)** - Tennessee (5 - NR), Florida (6 - NR), Georgia (8 - 3), LSU (14 - NR), South Carolina (22 - NR), Alabama (NR - 11), Auburn (NR - 14).
- 2001 (6)** - Florida (1 - 3), Tennessee (8 - 4), LSU (14-7), Mississippi State (20 - NR), South Carolina (21 - 13), Alabama (25-NR), Georgia (NR - 22).
- 2000 (5)** - Alabama (3 - NR), Florida (9 - 10), Georgia (10 - 20), Tennessee (12 - NR), Ole Miss (18 - NR), Auburn (NR - 18), South Carolina (NR - 19), LSU (NR - 22), Mississippi State (NR - 24).
- 1999 (5)** - Tennessee (2 - 9), Florida (5 - 12), Georgia (14 - 16), Alabama (T20 - NR), Arkansas (22 - 17), Mississippi State (NR - 13), Ole Miss (NR - 22).
- 1998 (5)** - Florida (3 - 5), LSU (9 - NR), Tennessee (10 - 1), Georgia (19 - 14), Auburn (25 - NR), Arkansas (NR - 16).
- 1997 (5)** - Florida (2 - 4), Tennessee (5 - 7), LSU (10 - 13), Alabama (15 - NR), Auburn (16 - 11), Georgia (NR - 10), Ole Miss (NR - 22).
- 1996 (5)** - Tennessee (2 - 9), Florida (4 - 1), Alabama (15 - 11), Auburn (17 - NR), LSU (19 - 12).
- 1995 (4)** - Florida (5 - 2), Auburn (6 - 22), Tennessee (8 - 3), Alabama (10 - 21).
- 1994 (4)** - Florida (1 - 7), Alabama (10 - 5), Tennessee (12 - 22), Georgia (24 - NR), Auburn (NR - 9), Mississippi State (NR - 24).
- 1993 (5)** - Alabama (2 - 14), Florida (9 - 5), Tennessee (10 - 12), Georgia (13 - NR), Mississippi State (24 - NR), Auburn (NR - 4).

NOTES PRIOR TO 2010

- * - Of the 85 previous times that an SEC team has been ranked in an AP preseason poll since 1993, only 34 times has that team improved its position in the final poll.
- * - On 20 occasions, an SEC team that has been unranked in the preseason poll has finished in the Top 25 of the final poll. The highest ranked team at the end of the season, which was unranked at the beginning, was Auburn in 1993 (finished fourth). Arkansas was unranked at the start of the 2006 season.

SEC BOWL AGREEMENTS

The Southeastern Conference has agreements to send nine of its member institutions to postseason bowl games following the 2010 season.

The winner of the SEC Championship Game will automatically participate in the Bowl Championship Series comprised of the Sugar, Rose, Orange and Fiesta Bowls.

The Capital One Bowl has the second selection, making its pick following the BCS selections. The bowl must select the team with the next best overall record or a team that is within one win of the team with the next best overall record.

The AT&T Cotton and the Outback Bowls share the third and fourth selections from the SEC. The Cotton Bowl has the first preference of teams from the Western Division and the Outback Bowl has first preference of teams from the Eastern Division. The Cotton or Outback Bowl can select teams outside of its divisional preference, but must not select them before the opposite bowl selects from its divisional preference.

The Chick-fil-A Bowl has the fifth selection of preference from the SEC. New to the SEC bowl rotation this year, the Gator Bowl has the sixth selection from the SEC.

The Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl has the seventh selection from the SEC.

In selections 8-9, the AutoZone Liberty and Birmingham Bowls share the selection over the four-year agreement.

The 2010-11 SEC Bowl Schedule is as follows (all times Eastern / listed in chronological order):

Dec. 30 / 6:40 pm	Franklin American Mortgage Music City	vs. ACC	ESPN
Dec. 31 / 3:30 pm	AutoZone Liberty	vs. C-USA	ESPN
Dec. 31 / 7:30 pm	Chick-fil-A	vs. ACC	ESPN
Jan. 1 / 1 pm	Outback	vs. Big Ten	ABC
Jan. 1 / 1 pm	Capital One	vs. Big TEn	ESPN
Jan. 1 / 1:30 pm	Gator	vs. Big Ten	ESPN2
Jan. 7 / 8 pm	AT&T Cotton	vs. Big 12	FOX
Jan. 8 / 12 pm	Birmingham	vs. Big East	ESPN

2010 BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SCHEDULE

Following the 2010 college football regular season, the Bowl Championship Series will determine the National Championship. The BCS National Championship Game, which will stand alone from the four traditional BCS bowls but will be hosted by each of the bowls once during a four-year cycle.

The BCS consists of the Discover Orange, Allstate Sugar, Rose Bowl Game, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and the Tostitos BCS National Championship Game. The conferences with automatic berths include the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conferences.

ESPN will televise all of the Bowl Championship Series games.

The Bowl Championship Series guarantees a matchup between college football's top two teams in a true national championship game.

The BCS uses regional consideration regarding team selection. Specifically, as a member of the BCS, the Rose Bowl will host the Big Ten and Pac-10 champions in those years in which either the Rose Bowl does not have the national championship game or the Big Ten and Pac-10 champion is not ranked No. 1 or No. 2. Other "regional consideration" tie-ins include the SEC champion in the Sugar Bowl, the ACC champion in the Orange Bowl and the Big 12 champion in the Fiesta Bowl.

The 2011 BCS schedule is as follows (all times Eastern / listed in chronological order):

Jan. 1 / 5 pm	Rose Bowl Game	Pasadena, Cal.	ESPN
Jan. 1 / 8:30 pm	Tostitos Fiesta	Glendale, Ariz.	ESPN
Jan. 3 / 8:30 pm	Discover Orange	Miami, Fla.	ESPN
Jan. 4 / 8:30 pm	Allstate Sugar	New Orleans, La.	ESPN
Jan. 10 / 8:30 pm	Tostitos BCS National Championship	Glendale, Ariz.	ESPN

SEC CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Total Offensive Yards Gained

1. 12,232—Tim Tebow, Florida (2,947 rushing, 9,285 passing)2006-09
2. 11,350—Chris Leak, Florida (137 rushing, 11,213 passing)2003-06
3. 11,270—David Greene, Georgia (-258 rushing, 11,528 passing).....2001-04
4. 11,020—Peyton Manning, Tennessee (-181 rushing, 11,201 passing).....1994-97
5. 10,841—Eric Zeier, Georgia (-312 rushing, 11,153 passing).....1991-94
6. 10,637—Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky (279 rushing, 10,354 passing)2000-03
7. 10,500—Danny Wuerffel, Florida (-375 rushing, 10,875 passing).....1993-96
8. 9,989—Eli Manning, Ole Miss (-130 rushing, 10,119 passing).....2000-03
9. 9,953—Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt (1,256 rushing, 8,697 passing)2002-05
10. 9,577—Casey Clausen, Tennessee (-130 rushing, 9,707 passing)2000-03

Highest 2010 Active Player

4,078—Stephen Garcia, South Carolina (384 rushing, 3,694 passing).....2008-

Touchdown Responsibility

1. 145— Tim Tebow, Florida (57 rushing, 88 passing)2006-09
2. 122— Danny Wuerffel, Florida (8 rushing, 114 passing).....1993-96
3. 101— Peyton Manning, Tennessee (12 rushing, 89 passing).....1994-97
- 101— Chris Leak, Florida (13 rushing, 88 passing).....2003-06
5. 90— Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky (12 rushing, 78 passing)2000-03
6. 86— Eli Manning, Ole Miss (5 rushing, 81 passing).....2000-03
7. 83— Rex Grossman, Florida (6 rushing, 77 passing).....2000-02
8. 82— Andre' Woodson, Kentucky (3 rushing, 79 passing).....2004-07
9. 81— Shane Matthews, Florida (7 rushing, 74 passing).....1989-92
- 81— Casey Clausen, Tennessee (6 rushing, 75 passing)2000-03

Highest 2010 Active Player

32—Ryan Mallett, Arkansas (2 rushing, 30 passing)2009-

Rushing Yards Gained

1. 5,259—Herschel Walker, Georgia (33 games).....1980-82
2. 4,589—Darren McFadden, Arkansas (38 games).....2005-07
3. 4,557—Kevin Faulk, LSU (41 games)1995-98
4. 4,303—Bo Jackson, Auburn (38 games)1982-85
5. 4,163—ErriC Rhett, Florida (48 games)1990-93
6. 4,050—Dalton Hilliard, LSU (44 games)1982-85
7. 4,035—Charles Alexander, LSU (44 games)1975-78
8. 3,994—Anthony Dixon, Mississippi State (47 games)2006-09
9. 3,928—Emmitt Smith, Florida (31 games)1987-89
10. 3,835—Sonny Collins, Kentucky (41 games)1972-75

Highest 2010 Active Player

2,386—Mark Ingram, Alabama (28 games)2009-

All-Purpose Rushing Yards

1. 6,833—Kevin Faulk, LSU1995-98
2. 5,856—Derek Abney, Kentucky2000-03
3. 5,831—Darren McFadden, Arkansas2005-07
4. 5,749—Herschel Walker, Georgia1980-82
5. 5,743—Domanick Davis, LSU1999-2002
6. 5,596—James Brooks, Auburn1977-80
7. 5,393—ErriC Rhett, Florida1990-93
8. 5,343—Rafael Little, Kentucky2004-07
9. 5,326—Dalton Hilliard, LSU1982-85
10. 5,084—Carnell Williams, Auburn2001-04

Highest 2010 Active Player

3,365—Derrick Locke, Kentucky2007-

Pass Completions

1. 895— Chris Leak, Florida (1,458 atts., 11,213 yards)2003-06
2. 863— Peyton Manning, Tennessee (1,402 atts., 11,201 yards).....1994-97
3. 862— Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky (1,514 atts., 10,354 yards).....2000-03
4. 849— David Greene, Georgia (1,440 atts., 11,528 yards).....2001-04
5. 838— Eric Zeier, Georgia (1,402 atts., 11,153 yards)1991-94
6. 829— Eli Manning, Ole Miss (1,363 atts., 10,119 yards).....2000-03
7. 795— Tim Couch, Kentucky (1,184 atts., 8,435 yards).....1996-98
8. 791— Andre' Woodson, Kentucky (1,278 atts., 9,360 yards)2004-07
9. 775— Casey Clausen, Tennessee (1,270 atts., 9,707 yards).....2000-03
10. 727— Steve Taneyhill, South Carolina (1,209 atts., 8,555 yards)1992-95

Highest Active Player

304—Stephen Garcia, South Carolina (554 atts., 3,694 yards).....2008-

Passing Yards

1. 11,528—David Greene, Georgia (849 of 1,440)2001-04
2. 11,213—Chris Leak, Florida (895 of 1,458)2003-06
3. 11,201—Peyton Manning, Tennessee (863 of 1,381)1994-97
4. 11,153—Eric Zeier, Georgia (838 of 1,402)1991-94
5. 10,875—Danny Wuerffel, Florida (708 of 1,170)1993-96
6. 10,354—Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky (862 of 1,514).....2000-03
7. 10,119—Eli Manning, Ole Miss (829 of 1,363)2000-03
8. 9,707—Casey Clausen, Tennessee (774 of 1,269).....2000-03
9. 9,360—Andre' Woodson, Kentucky (791 of 1,278).....2004-07
10. 9,287—Shane Matthews, Florida (722 of 1,202)1989-92

Highest 2010 Active Player

3,694—Stephen Garcia, South Carolina (304 of 554)2008-

Touchdown Passes

1. 114— Danny Wuerffel, Florida1993-96
2. 89— Peyton Manning, Tennessee1994-97
3. 88— Chris Leak, Florida2003-06
- 88— Tim Tebow, Florida2006-09
5. 81— Eli Manning, Ole Miss2000-03
6. 79— Andre' Woodson, Kentucky2004-07
7. 78— Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky2000-03
8. 77— Rex Grossman, Florida2000-02
9. 75— Casey Clausen, Tennessee2000-03
10. 74— Shane Matthews, Florida1989-92
- 74— Tim Couch, Kentucky1996-98

Highest Active 2010 Active Player

30—Ryan Mallett, Arkansas2009-

Receptions

1. 236— Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt (2,852 yards)2005-07
2. 208— Craig Yeast, Kentucky (2,899 yards)1995-98
3. 207— Kenny McKinley, South Carolina (2,781 yards)2005-09
4. 204— Terrence Edwards, Georgia (3,093 yards)1999-2002
5. 200— Keith Edwards, Vanderbilt (1,757 yards).....80,82-84
6. 198— Chris Collins, Ole Miss (2,621 yards)2000-03
7. 197— Derek Abney, Kentucky (2,339 yards)2000-03
8. 194— Anthony White, Kentucky (1,519 yards)1996-99
- 194— DJ Hall, Alabama (2,923 yards)2004-07
10. 189— Keenan Burton, Kentucky (2,376 yards)2003-07

Highest 2010 Active Player

109—A.J. Green, Georgia (1,771 yards).....2008-

Reception Yardage

1. 3,093—Terrence Edwards, Georgia (204 catches).....1999-2002
2. 3,001—Josh Reed, LSU (167 catches)1999-2001
3. 2,964—Boo Mitchell, Vanderbilt (188 catches).....1985-88
4. 2,923—DJ Hall, Alabama (194 catches).....2004-07
5. 2,899—Craig Yeast, Kentucky (208 catches)1995-98
6. 2,884—Fred Gibson, Georgia (161 catches)2001-04
7. 2,880—Dan Stricker, Vanderbilt (182 catches).....1999-2002
8. 2,879—Anthony Lucas, Arkansas (137 catches)1995-99
9. 2,852—Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt (236 catches).....2005-07
10. 2,814—Joey Kent, Tennessee (183 catches)1993-96

Highest 2010 Active Player

1,771—A.J. Green, Georgia (109 catches)2008-

Touchdown Receptions

1. 31— Chris Doering, Florida (40 games)1992-95
2. 30— Terrence Edwards, Georgia (45 games)1999-2002
3. 29— Ike Hilliard, Florida (32 games).....1994-96
- 29— Terry Beasley, Auburn (30 games)1969-71
- 29— Jack Jackson, Florida (38 games)1992-94
6. 28— Craig Yeast, Kentucky (43 games).....1995-98
7. 27— Jabar Gaffney, Florida (23 games).....2000-2001
- 27— Marcus Monk, Arkansas (40 games).....2004-07
9. 26— Reidel Anthony, Florida (33 games).....1994-96
10. 25— Joey Kent, Tennessee (44 games)1993-96
- 25— Dwayne Bowe, LSU (42 games).....2003-06
- 25— Keenan Burton, Kentucky (55 games)2003-07

Highest Active Player

14—A.J. Green, Georgia (23 games)2008-

SEC CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing Touchdowns

1. 57—	Tim Tebow, Florida	2006-09
2. 49—	Herschel Walker, Georgia	1980-82
3. 46—	Kevin Faulk, LSU	1995-98
4. 45—	Carnell Williams, Auburn	2001-04
5. 44—	Dalton Hilliard, LSU	1982-85
6. 43—	Bo Jackson, Auburn	1982-85
7. 42—	Anthony Dixon, Mississippi State	2006-09
8. 41—	Shaun Alexander, Alabama	1996-99
	41— Darren McFadden, Arkansas	2005-07
10. 40—	Charles Alexander, LSU	1975-78

Highest 2010 Active Player

29—	Mark Ingram, Alabama	2008-
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Points Scored

1. 409—	Billy Bennett, Georgia (148 PAT, 87 FGs, 50 games)	2000-03
2. 385—	Leigh Tiffin, Alabama (136 PATs, 83 FGs, 46 games)	2006-09
3. 371—	Jeff Hall, Tennessee (188 PAT, 61 FGs, 46 games)	1995-98
4. 369—	Colt David, LSU (201 PATs, 54 FGs, 1 TD, 52 games)	2005-09
5. 368—	Jeff Chandler, Florida (67 FGs, 167 PATs, 46 games)	1997-2001
6. 353—	Kevin Butler, Georgia (122 PAT, 77 FGs, 44 games)	1981-84
7. 345—	Philip Doyle, Alabama (105 PAT, 78 FGs, 1 TD, 43 games)	1987-90
8. 342—	Tim Tebow, Florida (57 TDs, 55 games)	2006-09
9. 326—	Michael Proctor, Alabama (131 PAT, 65 FGs, 47 games)	1992-95
10. 325—	James Wilhoit, Tennessee (148 PAT, 59 FG, 50 games)	2003-06

Highest 2010 Active Player

247—	Alex Tejada, Arkansas (136 PATs, 37 FGs, 36 games)	2007-
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Most Touchdowns Scored

1. 57—	Tim Tebow, Florida (55 games)	2006-09
2. 53—	Kevin Faulk, LSU (41 games)	1995-98
3. 52—	Herschel Walker, Georgia (33 games)	1980-82
4. 50—	Dalton Hilliard, LSU (44 games)	1982-85
5. 50—	Shaun Alexander, Alabama (41 games)	1996-99
6. 46—	Carnell Williams, Auburn (42 games)	2001-04
	46— Anthony Dixon, Mississippi State (47 games)	2006-09
8. 45—	Bo Jackson, Auburn (38 games)	1982-85
9. 44—	Darren McFadden, Arkansas (38 games)	2005-07
10. 42—	Charles Alexander, LSU (44 games)	1975-78

Highest 2010 Active Player

29—	Mark Ingram, Alabama (28 games)	2008-
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Field Goals Made

1. 87—	Billy Bennett, Georgia (110 atts.)	2000-03
2. 83—	Leigh Tiffin, Alabama (109 atts.)	2006-09
3. 78—	Philip Doyle, Alabama (105 atts.)	1987-90
4. 77—	Kevin Butler, Georgia (98 atts.)	1981-84
5. 71—	Fuad Reveiz, Tennessee (95 atts.)	1981-84
6. 67—	Jeff Chandler, Florida (80 atts.)	1997-2001
7. 65—	Michael Proctor, Alabama (91 atts.)	1992-95
8. 61—	Kanon Parkman, Georgia (85 atts.)	1991-95
	61— David Brownndyke, LSU (75 atts.)	1986-89
	61— Jeff Hall, Tennessee (89 atts.)	1995-98

Highest 2010 Active Player

43—	Wes Byrum, Auburn (58 atts.)	2007-
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PAT Kicks Made

1. 201—	Colt David, LSU (204 atts.)	2005-09
2. 188—	Jeff Hall, Tennessee (194 atts.)	1995-98
3. 167—	Jeff Chandler, Florida (180 atts.)	1997-2001
4. 162—	John Vaughn, Auburn (163 atts.)	2003-06
5. 161—	John Becksvoort, Tennessee (161 atts.)	1991-94
6. 160—	Bart Edmiston, Florida (164 atts.)	1992-96
7. 158—	Lones Seiber, Kentucky (165 atts.)	2006-09
8. 148—	Billy Bennett, Georgia (151 atts.)	2000-03
	148— James Wilhoit, Tennessee (151 atts.)	2003-06
10. 139—	Joshua Shene, Ole Miss (142 atts.)	2006-09

Highest 2010 Active Player

136—	Alex Tejada, Arkansas (140 atts.)	2007-
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Total Points Scored by Kicking

1. 409—	Billy Bennett, Georgia (87 FGs, 148 PATs)	2000-03
2. 385—	Leigh Tiffin, Alabama (136 PATs, 83 FGs, 46 games)	2006-09
3. 371—	Jeff Hall, Tennessee (61 FGs, 188 PATs)	1995-98
4. 368—	Jeff Chandler, Florida (67 FGs, 167 PATs)	1997-2001
5. 363—	Colt David, LSU (201 PATs, 54 FGs, 52 games)	2005-09
6. 353—	Kevin Butler, Georgia (77 FGs, 122 PATs)	1981-84
7. 339—	Philip Doyle, Alabama (78 FGs, 105 PATs)	1987-90
8. 326—	Michael Proctor, Alabama (65 FGs, 131 PATs)	1992-95
9. 325—	James Wilhoit, Tennessee (148 PAT, 59 FG, 50 games)	2003-06
10. 317—	John Becksvoort, Tennessee (52 FGs, 161 PATs)	1991-94

Highest 2010 Active Player

247—	Alex Tejada, Arkansas (136 PATs, 37 FGs, 36 games)	2007-
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Punt Return Yards

1. 1,752—	Javier Arenas, Alabama (125 returns)	2006-09
2. 1,695—	Lee Nalley, Vanderbilt (109 returns)	1947-49
3. 1,371—	Brandon James, Florida (117 returns)	2006-09
4. 1,332—	Tony James, Miss. State (121 returns)	1989-92
5. 1,253—	Damien Gary, Georgia (114 returns)	2000-03
6. 1,170—	Thomas Bailey, Auburn (125 returns)	1991-94
7. 1,163—	Bobby Majors, Tennessee (117 returns)	1969-71
8. 1,142—	Junie Hovious, Ole Miss (84 returns)	1938-41
9. 1,126—	Domanick Davis, LSU (94 returns)	1999-2002
10. 1,119—	Harry Gilmer, Alabama (83 returns)	1944-47
	1,119—Greg Richardson, Alabama (125 returns)	1983-86

Highest 2010 Active Player

400—	Randall Cobb, Kentucky (35 returns)	2008-
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Kickoff Return Yards

1. 2,718—	Brandon James, Florida (112 returns)	2006-09
2. 2,498—	Derek Pegues, Miss. State (112 returns)	2005-08
3. 2,315—	Derek Abney, Kentucky (95 returns)	2000-03
4. 2,263—	Mark Johnson, Vanderbilt (107 returns)	1986-88, 90
5. 2,215—	Chris Culliver, South Carolina (94 returns)	2007-
6. 2,168—	Domanick Davis, LSU (95 returns)	1999-2002
7. 2,116—	Javier Arenas, Alabama (88 returns)	2006-09
8. 2,004—	Tony Jackson, Vanderbilt (85 returns)	1989-93
9. 1,862—	Tony James, Miss. State (78 returns)	1989-92
10. 1,854—	Willie Gault, Tennessee (78 returns)	1979-82

Rushing Yards by Quarterbacks

1. 2,947—	Tim Tebow, Florida	2006-09
2. 2,535—	Matt Jones, Arkansas	2001-04
3. 2,280—	John Bond, Mississippi State	1980-83
4. 1,884—	Phil Gargis, Auburn	1973-76
5. 1,868—	Don Smith, Mississippi State	1983-86
6. 1,799—	Andy Johnson, Georgia	1971-73
7. 1,764—	Derrick Ramsey, Kentucky	1975-77
8. 1,759—	Harry Gilmer, Alabama	1944-47
9. 1,703—	Jimmy Sidle, Auburn	1962-64
10. 1,484—	Mike Fanuzzi, Kentucky	1971-74

Highest 2010 Active Player

384—	Stephen Garcia, South Carolina	2008-
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Yards Punted

1. 12,171—	Jim Arnold, Vanderbilt (277 punts)	1979-82
2. 11,562—	Blake McAdams, Mississippi State (293 punts-SEC Record)	2005-08
3. 11,549—	Jim Miller, Ole Miss (266 punts)	1976-79
4. 11,336—	Bill Marinangel, Vanderbilt (272 punts)	1993-96
5. 11,260—	Bill Smith, Ole Miss (254 punts)	1983-86
6. 10,937—	Brett Upson, Vanderbilt (271 punts)	2006-09
7. 10,216—	Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee (240 punts)	2001-04
8. 10,179—	Lewis Colbert, Auburn (244 punts)	1982-85
9. 10,177—	Matt Wait, Arkansas (251 punts)	1994-97
10. 10,021—	Cody Ridgeway, Ole Miss (238 punts)	2001-04

Highest 2010 Active Player

4,909—	Spencer Lanning, South Carolina (117 punts)	2007-
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SEC CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Total Kick Return Yardage (Punt + Kickoff)

1.	4,089—Brandon James, Florida (117-1371 PR / 112-2718 KOR).....	2006-09
2.	3,868—Javier Arenas, Alabama (125-1752 PR / 88-2116 KOR)	2006-09
3.	3,357—Derek Abney, Kentucky (88-1,042 PR / 95-2,315 KOR).....	2000-03
4.	3,294—Domanick Davis, LSU (94-1126 PR / 95-2168 KOR).....	1999-2002
5.	3,290—Derek Pegues, Miss. State (112-2498 KOR / 78-792 PR)	2005-08
6.	3,194—Tony James, Miss. State (121-1,332 PR / 78-1,862 KOR)	1989-92
7.	2,690—Thomas Bailey, Auburn (125-1,170 PR / 74-1,520 KOR)	1991-94
8.	2,513—Willie Gault, Tennessee (78-659 PR / 78-1,854 KOR)	1979-82
9.	2,263—Mark Johnson, Vanderbilt (107-2,263 KOR)	1986-88, 90
10.	2,253—Dicky Lyons, Kentucky (69-1,065 PR / 56-1,188 KOR).....	1966-68

Highest 2010 Active Player

2,233—Chris Culliver, South Carolina (2-18 PR / 94-2215 KOR)	2007-
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Punt Return Touchdowns

1.	7— Javier Arenas, Alabama.....	2006-09
2.	6— Derek Abney, Kentucky	2000-03
2.	5— Lee Nalley, Vanderbilt	1947-49
3.	4— Tom McWilliams, Miss. State	1944-47
4—	Bobby Majors, Tennessee	1969-71
4—	Steve Tannen, Florida	1967-69
4—	Buzy Rosenberg, Georgia	1970-72
4—	David Palmer, Alabama.....	1991-93
4—	Jacquez Green, Florida.....	1995-97
4—	Skyler Green, LSU	2002-05
4—	Brandon James, Florida	2006-09

Highest 2010 Active Player

1—Several players

Total Kick/Punt Return Touchdowns

1.	8— Derek Abney, Kentucky (6 PR, 2 KOR).....	2000-03
2.	7— Javier Arenas, Alabama (7 PR)	2006-09
3.	6— Lee Nalley, Vanderbilt (5 PR, 1 KOR)	1947-49
4.	5— Pinky Rohm, LSU (3 PR, 2 KOR)	1937
5—	Brandon James, Florida (4 PR, 1 KOR).....	2006-09
5—	Willie Gault, Tennessee (1 PR, 4 KOR).....	1979-82
5—	Tom McWilliams, Miss. State (4 PR, 1 KOR)	1944-48

Highest 2010 Active Player

3—Brandon Boykin, Georgia (3 KOR).....	2008-
3—Warren Norman, Vanderbilt (3 KOR)	2009-

Interceptions

1.	20— Bobby Wilson, Ole Miss (379 yards)	1946-49
	20— Chris Williams, LSU (91 yards).....	1977-80
3.	19— Glen Cannon, Ole Miss (180 yards).....	1967-69
	19— Antonio Langham, Alabama (229 yards).....	1990-93
5.	18— Buddy McClinton, Auburn (251 yards)	1967-69
	18— Tim Priest, Tennessee (305 yards).....	1968-70
7.	16— Harry Gilmer, Alabama (234 yards).....	1944-47
	16— Jake Scott, Georgia (315 yards).....	1967-68
	16— Mike Jones, Tennessee (305 yards).....	1967-69
	16— Harry Harrison, Ole Miss (242 yards).....	1971-73
	16— Jeremiah Castille, Alabama (186 yards).....	1979-82
	16— John Mangum, Alabama (95 yards).....	1986-89

Highest 2010 Active Player

7—Mark Barron, Alabama (125 yards)	2008-
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Tackles

1.	547 - Andy Spiva, Tennessee.....	1973-76
2.	528 - Freddie Smith, Auburn	1976-79
	528 - Jeff Herrod, Ole Miss	1984-87
4.	521 - Jim Kovach, Kentucky.....	1974-76, 1978
5.	482 - Chris Chenault, Kentucky.....	1985-88
6.	475 - David Little, Florida.....	1977-80
	475 - Jeff Kremer, Kentucky.....	1984-87
8.	472 - Kem Coleman, Ole Miss	1974-77
9.	470 - Marty Moore, Kentucky	1990-93
10.	467 - Scot Brantley, Florida	1976-79
	467 - Ben Zambiasi, Georgia	1974-77
	467 - Ray Costict, Mississippi State	1973-76

Highest 2010 Active Player

226 - Chris Marve, Vanderbilt	2008-
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Sacks

1.	52.0 - Derrick Thomas, Alabama	1985-88
2.	49.0 - Billy Jackson, Mississippi State.....	1980-83
3.	37.0 - Ben Williams, Ole Miss.....	1972-75
4.	36.0 - David Pollack, Georgia	2001-04
5.	33.0 - Alex Brown, Florida	1998-01
6.	32.0 - Reggie White, Tennessee	1980-83
7.	29.0 - Richard Tardits, Georgia	1985-88
	29.0 - Eric Norwood, South Carolina	2006-09
9.	28.0 - Jimmy Payne, Georgia	1978-82
	28.0 - Leonard Little, Tennessee	1995-97

Highest Active Player

10.0—Justin Houston, Georgia.....	2008-
10.0—Cliff Matthews, South Carolina	2007-

Tackles for Loss

1.	74.0 - Derrick Thomas, Alabama	1985-88
2.	59.0 - Kindal Moorehead, Alabama.....	1998-2002
3.	58.0 - Wilber Marshall, Florida	1980-83
	58.0 - David Pollack, Georgia	2001-04
5.	55.0 - Alonzo Johnson, Florida	1981-85
	55.0 - Anthony McFarland, LSU	1995-98
7.	54.5 - Eric Norwood, South Carolina	2006-09
8.	53.0 - Leonard Little, Tennessee	1995-97
9.	51.5 - Derrick Harvey, Florida	2005-07
10.	51.0 - Reggie White, Tennessee	1980-83
11.	50.5 - Huey Richardson, Florida	1987-90
12.	49.0 - Clifford Charlton, Florida.....	1984-87
	49.0 - Billy Jackson, Mississippi State.....	1980-83

Highest 2010 Active Player

19.5 - Justin Houston, Georgia	2008-
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Passes Deflected

1.	49 - Corey Webster, LSU.....	2001-04
2.	47 - John Mangum, Alabama.....	1985-88
3.	44 - Chevis Jackson, LSU	2004-07
4.	43 - Trevard Lindley, Kentucky.....	2006-09
5.	42 - Anthonie Lott, Florida	1993-96
6.	40 - LaRon Landry, LSU	2003-06
	40 - Carlos Rogers, Auburn	2001-04
8.	39 - Larry Kennedy, Florida	1991-94
9.	36 - Sheldon Brown, South Carolina	1998-2001
	36 - Robert Davis, Vanderbilt	1990-93

Highest 2010 Active Player

17 - Janoris Jenkins, Florida	2008-
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THIS IS THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

SEC MISSION STATEMENT

"The purpose of the Southeastern Conference is to assist its member institutions in the maintenance of programs of intercollegiate athletics which are compatible with the highest standards of education and competitive sports."

THE SEC

The Southeastern Conference sponsors championships in 20 sports – 11 women's sports and nine men's sports. They include baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, men's and women's golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

2009-10 ANOTHER BANNER ATHLETIC YEAR FOR THE SEC

The SEC claimed four national championships in the 2009-10 year. SEC teams have won at least four national titles every year since 1991. In eight of its 20 sponsored sports, the SEC had either the national champion or the national runners-up. The SEC had national championships in football (Alabama), men's indoor track & field (Florida), women's swimming & diving (Florida) and baseball (South Carolina).

In its 77 year history, the Southeastern Conference has won 183 team national championships, including 67 since 2000. In this decade, the SEC has won at least one national championship in 16 of its 20 sponsored sports with the exception of women's cross country, volleyball, soccer and softball.

SEC LEADS ALL CONFERENCES IN 2009-10 OVERALL SPORTS CONFERENCE VS. CONFERENCE SURVEY

In a statistical survey that is based on NCAA championship and rankings, the Southeastern Conference placed first in both men's and women's sports. The survey, compiled each year since 1986 by Bo Carter, takes into account final NCAA championship standings in 10 men's and 11 women's sports and poll rankings in football. Each conference gets 20 points for a team that wins a national championship, 19 for a second place finish and down to 1 point for a 20th place finish. Wrestling is included in the men's totals, but the sport is not sponsored by the Southeastern Conference.

In the 10 men's sports for the survey, the SEC had 398 points with the Pac-10 coming in second with 396 points, followed by the Big 12 with 395 points, Big Ten with 279.5 points, ACC with 238 points and the Big East with 83 points. In the 11 women's sports the SEC sponsors, the SEC led the way with 502.5 points followed by the Pac-10 with 480 points, the Big 12 with 382 points, ACC with 369 points, Big Ten with 221 points and the Big East with 164 points.

Combining the 21 sports in the survey, the SEC had 900.5 points to pace all conferences followed by the Pac-10 with 876 points, Big 12 with 777 points, ACC with 607 points, Big Ten with 500.5 points and the Big East with 247 points. The SEC has had the highest men's point total in 17 seasons since 1986-87, the first year this survey was done, and in 11 of the last 12 seasons. The SEC has had the highest women's point total five times since 1986-87, including three of the last six years.

SEC LEADS DIVISION I CONFERENCES IN MOST FIRST-TEAM ESPN THE MAGAZINE CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

The Southeastern Conference had 15 of its student-athletes earn first-team ESPN The Magazine / CoSIDA Academic All-America status in 2009-10, more than any other Division I conference in the nation. The Big 12 had 14 while the Big Ten and Pac-10 had 13 student-athletes each earn the honor.

The SEC had 36 total student-athletes earn either first, second or third team mention. That total is second overall to the Big 12 Conference, which had 39. The Big Ten was third with 34 total student-athletes earned first, second or third team mention.

The SEC's academic success of its student-athletes in 2009-10 was not just Academic All-Americans. The league honored 2,424 of its own student-athletes who made the SEC Academic Honor Roll. The league also honored Auburn swimmer Jordan Anderson and Tennessee track & field athlete Phoebe Wright with its McWhorter Scholar-Athletes of the Year as well as naming a scholar-athlete of the year in each of its sports.

Among honors given by the NCAA, SEC student-athletes also shined. Three student-athletes from the SEC – Florida's Tim Tebow (football), Georgia's Courtney Kupets (gymnastics) and Alabama's Brittany Rogers (softball) were honored this past year with the Today's Top VIII Award from the NCAA. Since 2004, the SEC has had 10 student-athletes awarded this honor, more than any other conference in the country. The SEC also had 13 student-athletes receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships in 2009-10, more than any other conference in the nation.

SEC SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

● The SEC has developed a sportsmanship statement for its institutions to follow. It states: "Coaches and student-athletes of a member institution, as well as individuals employed by or associated with that institution, including alumni, fans, patrons and boosters, shall conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their behavior shall at all times reflect the high standards of honor and dignity that characterize participation in the collegiate setting. For intercollegiate athletics to promote the character development of participants, to enhance the integrity of higher education and to promote civility in society, coaches, student-athletes and all others associated with these athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifested not only in athletics participation but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics program. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish policies for sportsmanship and ethical conduct in intercollegiate athletics consistent with the educational mission and goals of the institution. Furthermore, member institutions are responsible for educating on a continuing basis all constituencies about these policies."

SEC TOPS IN FAN SUPPORT

The Southeastern Conference has led the nation in total attendance in football every year since 1981 (29 straight years). Since 1988, the SEC has led the nation in average attendance. More than 6.5 million fans witnessed first-hand, the excitement of SEC football in 2009. The average capacity of the 12 SEC stadiums during the last 10 years has been 97 percent. Every year since 1988, the SEC has had at least four teams ranked in the top 10 in average attendance.

In men's basketball, the SEC has finished second in national average attendance for four straight seasons and has finished in the top three every year since 1994 (17 straight years). Kentucky has led the nation in 14 of the last 15 years in attendance. In 2009-10, five SEC schools finished in the top 30 in average attendance.

In women's basketball, after finishing third in the nation for 10 straight seasons, the SEC was second in national average attendance in 2009-10. The SEC has had at least two schools in the top 25 in average attendance every year since 1999-2000. Tennessee has led the nation in attendance in 10 of the last 11 seasons. In 2009-10, the SEC had four schools finish in the top 25 in average attendance.

In baseball, the SEC and one of its institutions have led the NCAA in total and average attendance for the last 13 seasons, and 18 of the last 24 years. The SEC and its member institutions own virtually all regular season, conference tournament, NCAA Regional and Super Regional attendance records. The SEC has broken its own national record each of the last five seasons in total attendance, after having set a goal of 1.5 million fans in 2005 as part of the league's "Drive for 1.5 ... Pack the Parks" promotion.

2009-10 SEC INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

- SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athletes of the Year
 - Phoebe Wright (Track & Field/Cross Country, University of Tennessee)
 - Jordan Anderson (Swimming & Diving, Auburn University)
- Roy Kramer SEC Athletes of the Year
 - Mark Ingram (Football, University of Alabama)
 - Susan Jackson (Gymnastics, Louisiana State University)
- Brad Davis SEC Community Service Leader of the Year
 - John Egan (Track & Field, University of Georgia)
 - Krissy Voss (Gymnastics, Auburn University)
- SEC Sportsmanship Award
 - Rodney Scott (Football, University of Mississippi)
 - Sam Arbaugh (Softball, University of South Carolina)

**SO. MISS at SOUTH CAROLINA**

Sept. 2 - 7:30 p.m. ET

Columbia, S.C.

Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250)

**Overall:** 0-0

LIVE TV: ESPN [Rece Davis, play-by-play; Craig James, analyst; Jesse Palmer, analyst; Jenn Brown, sidelines]

Overall: 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 199**Sirius:** 220**MIAMI at FLORIDA**

Noon ET

Gainesville, Fla.

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at

Florida Field (88,548)

Overall: 0-0

LIVE TV: ESPN [Dave Pasch, play-by-play; Chris Spielman, analyst; Bob Griese, analyst; Quint Kessenich, sidelines]

**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 199**Sirius:** 220**THE COACHES**

Larry Fedora is in his third season at Southern Miss and overall with a record of 14-12 (.538). The Golden Eagles' offensive coordinator is Blake Anderson and the defensive coordinator is Todd Bradford.

Steve Spurrier is in his sixth season at South Carolina with a record of 35-28 (.556) and in his 26th season overall with a record of 224-109-2 (.672). Spurrier serves as the Gamecocks' offensive coordinator and the defensive coordinator is Lorenzo Ward.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN SOUTHERN MISS HAS THE BALL

Austin Davis, a junior from Meridian, Miss., returns as the expected starter for the Golden Eagles after missing the second half of the 2009 with a foot injury. In his five starts, Davis completed 69 percent of his passing attempts (108-of-156) for 1,165 yards and 10 touchdowns to go along with only two interceptions. DeAndre Brown leapt back into the spotlight by leading the team in receptions and yardage for the second consecutive year. Brown caught 47 passes for 785 yards and nine touchdowns in 2009 and is expected to eclipse these numbers as he is now a veteran on the team.

The Carolina defense, the team's strong suit over the past few seasons with back-to-back top-15 national rankings in total defense, figures to be very strong again in 2010. While seven of the 11 starters return, the Gamecocks have a couple huge holes to fill, most notably the shoes of the unit's top playmaker, All-American Eric Norwood. Cliff Matthews has accounted for 105 career tackles including 17.5 tackles for loss and 10.0 sacks. He will man one end of the line with sophomore Devin Taylor expected to start on the opposite side. Junior Shaq Wilson, the team's leading tackler a year ago, made the transition to the "Will" position in the spring after playing the "Mike" last season.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN SOUTH CAROLINA HAS THE BALL

Under the tutelage of Deke Adams, the defensive line accounted for 56 percent (50-of-88.5) of the team's total tackles for loss. They also improved from No. 93 in total sacks in 2008 to No. 18 a year ago in the same category. Returning for Southern Miss will be all three starting linebackers who combined for 317 tackles and were the top three tacklers on the team. Corey Williams (121 total tackles) returns as the defensive commander in the middle. Playing weak side, Ronnie Thornton (114 total tackles) returns while speedster Martez Smith (82 total tackles) is back at strong side.

Stephen Garcia is 8-8 in his career as a starter and has passed for 3,694 yards and 23 touchdowns in his career while completing 55 percent of his passes. Kenny Miles is the team's top returning rusher. He carried 117 times for 626 yards in 2009 as a red-shirt freshman, an average of 5.4 yards per carry. Alshon Jeffery was on everyone's Freshman All-America list last fall after leading the team with 46 catches for 763 yards and six touchdowns. Overall, the Gamecocks return 93 percent of their rushing yards, 99 percent of their passing yards and 83 percent of their receiving yards from a year ago.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Freshman sensation Tracy Lampley exploded onto the national scene as he became the primary handler of the punt return and kick return duties. The 5-foot-9 freshman handled the job as well as anyone in the country as he finished the season No. 6 nationally in punt return yardage. He also added a 50-yard return for a score against Memphis. At kickoff returns, Lampley and departed senior Freddie Parham led the way and each had one touchdown return on the year. Lampley finished No. 15 nationally as a kick returner.

Spencer Lanning, who has handled the punting chores in each of the past two seasons, took on the added responsibility of the placekicking duties and performed admirably in his first tour of duty. He connected on 17-of-20 field goals on the season, an 85 percent success rate, with a long of 47 yards. He also converted 28-of-29 extra points and led the team with 79 points overall. Chris Culliver is the school's all-time leader in kick-off returns (94) and in kickoff return yardage (2,215), which also ranks fifth all-time in the SEC.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** First Meeting

This will be the first meeting between the two schools. The Gamecocks lost just 12 letterwinners off last year's 7-6 squad, of which only seven saw significant playing time, giving head coach Steve Spurrier one of his more experienced squads as he begins his sixth season in Columbia. The Carolina offense officially returns eight starters, but can boast as many as 13 players that started five or more games during the 2009 campaign.

THE COACHES

Michael Haywood is in his second season at Miami and overall with a record of 1-11 (.083). The RedHawks' offensive coordinator is Morris Watts and Carl Reese serves as the defensive coordinator.

Urban Meyer is in his sixth season at Florida with a record of 57-10 (.851) and 10th overall with a record of 96-18 (.842). The Gators' offensive coordinator is Steve Addazio and the defensive coordinator is Teryl Austin.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN MIAMI (OH) HAS THE BALL

The RedHawks return every starter in 2010. In fact, 15 different returning offensive players were starters in at least one game last season, so there's an abundance of tested veterans. For a second consecutive season, the offense will be led by redshirt sophomore signal caller Zac Dysert who threw for 2,611 yards and 12 TD's in his first year under center. Proven receiver targets Armand Robinson, Chris Givens, Jamal Rogers and Andy Cruse will be joined by fellow wide receiver Nick Harwell who sparkled during Miami's spring drills. Miami's entire offensive line also returns intact.

Florida receives the services of three returning starters in the defensive backfield in Ahmad Black, Will Hill and Janoris Jenkins. Black was the second-leading tackler on the team with 70 in 2009. UF finished in the top 10 nationally in 10 categories, including four on defense last season: total defense (fourth - 252.6), scoring defense (fourth - 12.4), pass efficiency defense (sixth - 96.1) and pass defense (second - 152.8).

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN FLORIDA HAS THE BALL

Twenty-six experienced players return to Miami's defensive fold in 2010. Three-year lettermen include safety Jordan Gafford, cornerback Brandon Stephens and linebacker DeAndre Gilmore. A total of nine two-time letter winners also are back. That group of seasoned veterans includes linebackers Jerrell Wedge and Ryan Kennedy, safety Anthony Kokal and defensive end Morris Council. A talented incoming freshman class also is expected to yield immediate contributions.

UF returns four of five starters on an offensive line that helped power the Gators to the SEC's top-ranked offense (sixth nationally) with 457.9 yards per game in 2009. The Gators also bring back four running backs who combined for nearly 2,000 rushing yards last season, led by Jeff Demps, who totaled 745 in 2009. All eyes will be on John Brantley, who completed 36 of 48 passes (75.0 percent) for 410 yards and seven touchdowns with no interceptions in 2009, good for a 194.9 passer rating.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Fifth-year senior Trevor Cook enters his final season as the RedHawks' placekicker. He had a fairly solid performance in 2009, including a school-record 55-yard field goal vs. Toledo. Senior Jamal Rogers is Miami's all-time leading kick returner with 1,950 yards, so he's a leading candidate for this job. Sophomore Luke Swift ran back 17 kickoffs for a 14.1 average last season.

The Gators return punter Chas Henry and kicker Caleb Sturgis. Henry was a 2009 finalist for the Ray Guy Award and Sturgis a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award. Sturgis set a UF record for field goals attempted in a season (30) and had the second-highest total of field goals made (22) in school history. Henry punted 33 times for a 43.4 average. Only three punts were returned for positive yards (21 yards allowed), and 15 landed inside the 20. Henry booted eight of 50-plus yards. In 12 of 14 games, the Gators allowed zero punt return yards.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** UM, 1-0

Florida enters the 2010 season with half of its starters returning from the 2009 Sugar Bowl team, which went 13-1 and became the first Division I FBS team to win 13 games in consecutive seasons. The Gators finished 2009 ranked No. 3 nationally in both the AP and Coaches' Polls. The Gators, who have compiled a 26-2 record over the past two seasons, will head into the 2010 season with an active winning streak in home games (10), road games (nine) and SEC regular season games (14).

**LA-LAFAYETTE at GEORGIA**

12:21 p.m. ET

Athens, Ga.

Sanford Stadium (92,746)

**Overall:** 0-0

LIVE TV: SEC Network [Dave Neal, play-by-play; Andre Ware, color analyst; Cara Capuano, sidelines]

Overall: 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 200**Sirius:** 219**KENTUCKY at LOUISVILLE**

3:30 p.m. ET

Louisville, Ky.

Papa John's Cardinal Stadium
(42,000)**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 201**Sirius:** 218

LIVE TV: ABC Sports
[Dave Lamont, play-by-play;
JC Pearson, analyst]

Overall: 0-0**XM:** 203**Sirius:** 127**THE COACHES**

Rickey Bustle is in his ninth season at Louisiana-Lafayette and overall with a record of 338-56 (.404). The Ragin' Cajuns' offensive coordinator is Ron Hudson and the defensive coordinator is Kevin Fouquier.

Mark Richt is in his 10th season at Georgia and overall with a record of 90-27 (.769). The Bulldogs' offensive coordinator is Mike Bobo and Todd Grantham serves as the defensive coordinator.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE HAS THE BALL

The Cajuns won in 2009 when the offensive line was at its best. UL allowed a total of only three sacks in six victories. With an upright quarterback, the Cajuns were 112-of-182 passing (61.5%) with seven passing TD's to just one interception in the team's six victories. Junior Chris Masson will run the offense as the starting quarterback, with sophomore Blaine Gautier expected as backup. Gautier will get time on the field in the wildcat formation. Look for Marlin Miller to be the main target at wideout. He led UL in catches (37), yards (325) and touchdowns (2) in '09.

Despite losing three starters, the secondary has eight returning lettermen, many of whom played significant roles last season. Brandon Boykin (5-10, 183, Jr.) is the lone remaining starter at cornerback. A year ago, Boykin had 54 tackles and a team-best three interceptions. In addition, Boykin set the SEC record with three kickoff returns for touchdowns. Demarcus Dobbs led the way on the DL last season with 30 tackles, including 4.5 sacks, last season, plus he posted a team-high three caused fumbles. Justin Houston has the inside track at one of the inside LB positions. He led the Bulldogs a year ago with 15 tackles for loss (39 overall), including 7.5 sacks.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN GEORGIA HAS THE BALL

The Cajuns 16 interceptions last season were the most since 1994 (19). UL was 2nd in the SBC and 23rd in the NCAA in picks. The defense ranked 29th nationally in turnovers gained. UL was 6-2 in 2009 when the defense forced at least two turnovers. With most of the defense returning, the unit should be improved again in 2010. The linebackers enjoy a great mix of veteran leadership and upcoming young talent, while the secondary is loaded with veterans, plus two JUCO transfers.

The Bulldogs return last season's top rushers in Washaun Ealey and Caleb King. Ealey rolled up 717 yards and three touchdowns in 2009, followed by King with 594 yards and seven scores. Georgia has one of the country's premier receivers in A.J. Green (6-4, 205, Jr.) at flanker. An All-SEC pick in 2008 and 2009, Green had team-best totals of 53 catches for 808 yards and six touchdowns last season. With all five starters and eight overall lettermen returning, Georgia should be formidable in the trenches. A year ago, the linemen paved the way for 362 total yards and 29 points per game.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Since Coach Bustle's arrival, the Cajuns have blocked 41 kicks, ranking third in the nation over that span. Scoring on special team's blocks has been special for the Cajuns, accumulating seven touchdowns, one safety and one defensive extra point. Senior Tyler Albrecht returns as the starting kicker. He had a solid debut season, making 8-of-11 field goals in 2009. His first career attempt may be his most memorable – a 48-yarder in the closing seconds to help UL upset Kansas State.

Georgia may have the nation's top special teams tandem in punter Drew Butler and place-kicker Blair Walsh. Butler won the Ray Guy Award in 2009 as the country's best punter after he averaged 48.1 yards per attempt. Walsh, a Lou Groza Award finalist, connected on 20-of-22 field goals, including 4-of-5 beyond 50 yards, and all 42 of his extra points.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** First Meeting

Mark Richt embarks on his 10th season as Georgia's head coach focused on getting the Bulldogs back into the upper echelon of the SEC. Despite extending their streak of eight or more wins in a season to 13 years with an 8-5 record in 2009, the Bulldogs have grown accustomed to better. The Bulldogs will enter 2010 with three new defensive coaches, marking the largest single-year turnover under Richt. New defensive coordinator Todd Grantham is putting a 3-4 defense in place.

THE COACHES

Joker Phillips is in his first season at Kentucky and overall. The Wildcats' offensive coordinator is Randy Sanders and the defensive coordinator is Steve Brown.

Charlie Strong is in his first season at UL and overall. However, he is 0-1 overall as he served as the interim head coach of the Florida Gators in the 2004 Chick-fil-a Bowl. The Cardinals' offensive coordinator is Mike Sanford and the defensive coordinator is Vance Bedford.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN KENTUCKY HAS THE BALL

The most obvious question about the team is at quarterback. Hartline started the first five games last season before being sidelined by a knee injury. He has thrown for 2,502 yards and 15 touchdowns during his career, completing 56.7 percent of his passes. After Hartline's injury, Morgan Newton derailed an intended redshirt year and started the last eight games, five of which were victories. He completed 55.6 percent for 706 yards and six touchdowns, with only three interceptions. Junior wide receiver Randall Cobb was a first-team All-SEC honoree last year as an all-purpose player. He led the team in receiving with 39 catches for 447 yards and four touchdowns. Senior tailback Derrick Locke returns to lead the backfield.

The spring showed that the Cardinals are going to need a lot of different combinations of players to step up if the defense is going to be successful. The Cardinals do have some talented linebackers returning in seniors Brandon Heath and Antwone Canady, but it is a unit that does lack much-needed depth. Heath, who will play the weakside, recorded 48 tackles and a pair of interceptions, including one for a touchdown, while Canady, who will be in the middle, was credited with 34 stops. Johnny Patrick played all 12 games a year ago. He recorded 53 tackles and was tied for second on the team with a pair of interceptions.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN LOUISVILLE HAS THE BALL

In addition to improving on third down, a big task on defense will be to replace the contributions of six departed starters, four of whom earned All-SEC honors last season. Senior defensive end DeQuin Evans is a player who can fill a leadership role. He had 12.5 tackles for loss and six quarterback sacks last season, leading the team in both categories. At the other end, Taylor Wyndham earned second-team All-America honors last season by numbering 28 tackles, 6.5 for loss and two sacks.

The biggest uncertainty on offense is the quarterback position, as the Cardinals had three different starters in 2009. Victor Anderson, Bilal Powell and Jeremy Wright give the Cardinals one of the deepest and most talented backfields in the league. Anderson was the Cardinals' leading rusher despite missing most of the season due to injury. Senior Doug Beaumont is the premier receiver of the group, having caught over 100 passes for 1,265 yards in his career. With basically five starters returning, the offensive line could be the strength of the team.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Exciting possibilities are available in kick returns with Cobb and Locke. Cobb averaged 12.8 yards per punt return last season, including a 73-yard jaunt for a touchdown, and also averaged 26.5 yards on kickoff returns. Locke averaged 27.8 yards on kickoff returns and has 100-yard runbacks for touchdowns in each of the last two seasons. Junior Ryan Tydlacka is a solid punter, averaging 40 yards per boot last season, and is adept at landing the ball near the goal line.

The placekicking duties are in the capable hands of junior Chris Philpott. The native of Atlanta, Ga., was a perfect 5-for-5 last year on field-goal attempts and is coming off a great spring. He was consistent, but also showed an ability to hit field goals of 50 or more yards.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** UK, 13-9

This will be the first game for Joker Phillips as head coach of Kentucky. With Phillips serving as coordinator of record-setting offenses under previous head coach Rich Brooks, the Wildcats made school history with four-consecutive bowl games and three-straight bowl victories.

**JACKSONVILLE ST. at OLE MISS**

2:30 p.m. CT

Oxford, Miss.

Hollingsworth Field/Vaught-Hemingway Stadium (60,580)

Overall: 0-0**LIVE TV:** CSS[Doug Bell, play-by-play;
Brian Jordan, analyst]**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 199**Sirius:** 220**SAN JOSE ST. at ALABAMA**

6 p.m. CT

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Bryant-Denny Stadium
(101,000)**Overall:** 0-0**LIVE TV:** PPV / ESPN3**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 201**Sirius:** 218**THE COACHES**

Jack Crowe is in his 10th season at JSU with a record of (65-45) (.591) and 12th overall with a record of 79-75 (.513). The Gamecocks' offensive coordinator is Ronnie Letson and the defensive coordinator is Darrin Greg Stewart.

Houston Nutt is in his third season at Ole Miss with a record of 18-8 (.692) and 18th overall with a record of 129-78 (.623). The Rebels' co-offensive coordinators are Mike Markuson and Dave Rader and the defensive coordinator is Tyrone Nix.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN JACKSONVILLE STATE HAS THE BALL

JSU returns seven starters on offense, including four up front on the line. Leading rusher Calvin Middleton returns (629 yds, 6 TDs), as does Jamal Young (523 yds, 4 TDs). Fullback Alphonso Freeney paves the way. Marques Ivory takes over under center for the Gamecocks. James Shaw and LaRay Williams take over the receiving corp, both of whom played in 10 games in 2009. RB Darius Barksdale, a former Mr. Football for the state of Mississippi and Ole Miss signee, has joined the Jacksonville State team recently.

Preseason All-SEC honorees Jerrell Powe and Kentrell Lockett highlight the defensive line, which will once again be a major strength for Ole Miss. Powe also earned preseason All-America accolades from several media outlets. Powe helped the Rebels top the SEC and rank 11th nationally in TFLs (7.38) and 14th in sacks (2.77). Lockett ranked third on the team in both TFLs (10) and sacks (5.0). Johnny Brown's return at strong safety is a plus.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN OLE MISS HAS THE BALL

T.J. Heath, an All-American pick by three outlets last season (Associated Press, College Sporting News and Sports Network) led the OVC in passes defended and led the Gamecocks with six interceptions, including returning two for touchdowns against UT Martin early in the season. The junior also led the team with 10 pass break-ups and also forced a fumble and blocked a kick. He recorded 34 total tackles on the season, including 20 solo stops. Kevin Dix is back, who had 49 tackles, 5.5 TFLs and five sacks a year ago.

Ole Miss looks to replace eight starters on offense. The addition of Oregon transfer QB Jeremiah Masoli looks to give the Rebels more options than previously thought on that side of the ball. Sophomore Nathan Stanley passed for two TDs in the Grove Bowl and finished the spring as the No. 1 QB on the depth chart. Junior Bradley Sowell and sophomore Bobby Massie provide a wealth of talent at the tackle positions and will anchor the Rebels' offensive line in 2010. Brandon Boldon finished second on the team in rushing last season with 614 yards and four TDs.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Alan Bonner, an OVC All-Newcomer selection in 2009, led the Ohio Valley Conference and ranked ninth nationally in punt return average at 13.9 yards. He also hauled in 14 passes for 300 yards and four touchdowns, an average of 27.3 yards per game and 21.4 yards per catch.

Replacing All-SEC place-kicker Joshua Shene, who became only the second Rebel all-time to lead the team in scoring all four years, remains a major focal point heading into this season. Tyler Campbell finished second in the conference a year ago with a 44.0 punting average and earned SEC All-Freshman honors. Jesse Grandy is expected to get the nod for kickoff returns and punt returns after posting the second-highest kickoff return average in school history a year ago.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** First Meeting

Nutt's first two years have produced consecutive nine-win seasons for the first time since 1961-62 and back-to-back January bowl victories for the first time since 1960-61. Those milestones came when Vaught's teams were marching to what was then a national-record 15 consecutive bowl games.

THE COACHES

Mike MacIntyre is in his first season at San Jose State and overall. The Spartans' offensive coordinator is Kinji Green and the defensive coordinator is Kent Baer.

Nick Saban is in his fourth season at Alabama with a record of 33-8 (.805) and 17th overall with a record of 139-67-1 (.674). The Crimson Tide's offensive coordinator is Jim McElwain and the defensive coordinator is Kirby Smart.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN SAN JOSE STATE HAS THE BALL

Lamon Muldrow topped the 2009 team with 592 yards, a disappointing total to him, and a 4.5 yards per carry average. Throughout the spring, quarterbacks Jordan La Secla, Matt Faulkner and Dasmien Stewart waged an even battle for the number-one job. La Secla made a quantum leap as a quarterback in 2009. A starter eight times, he threw for 1,926 yards and 10 TDs. Whoever is under center will have a young pass receiving corps of wide receivers and tight ends. Jalal Beauchman and Josh Harrison each caught 35 passes a year ago and are the top returning pass catchers.

The Crimson Tide defense anchored Alabama's run to the 2009 national championship, but the familiar names are gone and the 2010 defense must forge its own identity. The Tide defense, led by defensive coordinator Kirby Smart, returns just two starters from a unit that finished second nationally in total defense, scoring defense, rush defense, pass efficiency defense and was 10th in pass defense. The lone returnees are third-team All-American safety Mark Barron and the combination of Dont'a Hightower and Nico Johnson at middle linebacker. Hightower started 12 games in 2008 and the first eight games of 2010 before a knee injury derailed his season.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN ALABAMA HAS THE BALL

The Spartans return three of their six busiest tacklers and their co-leader in sacks from the 2009 team. Safety Duke Ihenacho (6-1, 210, SR, 3V) is a two-time, first-team All-Western Athletic Conference player. As a safety in 2009, his 89 tackles were second best on the team. Linebacker Pompey Festejo earned a starting role early in the season and was right behind Ihenacho with 83 tackles. Festejo tops the opening fall depth chart at middle linebacker in the Spartans' new defensive scheme. Peyton Thompson was second among WAC defensive players in passes defended last season.

Alabama could feature one of the most dangerous and well-balanced offenses in school history in 2010. The Crimson Tide only needs to replace three starters from a 2009 unit that featured two All-Americans and the Heisman Trophy winner. Mark Ingram returns to head the Crimson Tide attack along with McElroy, Julio Jones and sophomore running back Trent Richardson. All McElroy did in his first year as the starting quarterback was lead the Crimson Tide to a national championship; throwing for 2,508 yards with 17 touchdowns with only four interceptions. Ingram rushed for a school record 1,658 yards with 20 total touchdowns as he etched his name into Alabama lore.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Harrison Waid is the Spartans' number-one kicker. He is in line to handle all of the kicking responsibilities. Ben Zorn was the top long snapper in the spring.

The all-important special teams units from last season must be completely overhauled with the loss of record-setting placekicker Leigh Tiffin, four-year starting punter P.J. Fitzgerald and long snapper Brian Selman. Jones and a returning cast must replace All-America return specialist Javier Arenas, who was a mainstay returning kicks and punts during his career. Jones averaged 15 yards per punt return last season and has a 12.3 yards per return average in his career.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** First Meeting

For two consecutive seasons, Alabama has gone undefeated during the regular season. The Tide hasn't lost a regular season game since falling to Auburn in November of 2007. In his debut as a head coach at any level, Mike MacIntyre inherits a team with 39 returning letterwinners, 14 of them starters from the 2009 Spartans that finished with a 2-10 overall win-loss record and a 1-7 mark in the WAC.



**TENNESSEE TECH at
ARKANSAS**

6 p.m. CT
Fayetteville, Ark.

Donald W. Reynolds

Overall: 0-0

Razorback Stadium (72,000)

LIVE TV: PPV / ESPN3



Overall: 0-0

SEC: 0-0

XM: 199

Sirius: 220

THE COACHES

Watson Brown is in his fourth season at Tennessee Tech with a record of 13-21 (.382) and 26th overall with a record of 107-172-1 (.384). The Golden Eagles' offensive coordinator is Brown and the defensive coordinator is Billy Taylor.

Bobby Petrino is in his third season at Arkansas with a record of 13-12 (.520) and eighth overall with a record of 57-31 (.648). The Razorbacks' offensive coordinator is Garrick McGee and the defensive coordinator is Willie Robinson.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN TENNESSEE TECH HAS THE BALL

The Golden Eagles appear to be three-deep at all three backs, including leading rusher Dontey Gay. Junior Tim Benford, a two-time all-OVC selection, headlines the receivers with an ability to dominate games. In just two seasons he ranks ninth in career receptions with 98 and he's knocking on the door of the school's Top 10 list for career receiving yards, coming into the season with 1,362. Sophomore Tre Lamb was on the field quite a bit last year and came into fall camp as the projected starter at QB. Senior Cass Barnes has been a starter and provides another fleet-footed option with experience.

The Razorback defense returns five of its top seven tacklers from last season. Jerry Franklin returns after leading the squad in tackles each of the last two seasons. In records dating back to 1960, only Mick Thomas has led the team in tackles three-straight seasons. Jake Bequette and Zach Stadther return after starting on the defensive line last season. Bequette was the team leader in 2009 in sacks (5.5) and quarterback hurries (8). Arkansas returns players who accounted for nine of its 13 interceptions in 2009 including Franklin and Trmain Thomas who each had three to lead the team.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN ARKANSAS HAS THE BALL

The defensive line could be Tech's deepest area according to Brown, where his squad could be three-deep. There are six returning veterans listed atop the depth chart at the three positions, plus a handful of new names prepared to bolster the attack. At the Bear defensive end spot, Charlie Seivers is the starter and could be an all-OVC performer. Jake McIntosh has been among the team's leaders the past two seasons and is another playmaker who just finds ways to make a difference. Dustin Dillehay is back at rover where he led the team in tackles and ranked among team leaders last season.

Arkansas returns players who accounted for 100 percent of its passing yards in 2010, 85 percent of its receiving yards and 75 percent of its rushing yards. Ryan Mallett is the only quarterback from a BCS conference returning to college football this year who finished in the top 10 in pass efficiency in 2009 (152.46). Mallett set or matched 16 different school records during his sophomore season completing 225-of-403 passes for 3,624 yards and 30 touchdowns with just seven interceptions. D.J. Williams was named second-team All-SEC by the league coaches in 2009. All five Arkansas players that had a 100-yard receiving game for the Razorbacks last season are projected to return to the squad.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Tech's kicking game is in capable hands, beginning with sophomore long snapper Jordan Adams and holder Nick Campbell, who is Tech's leading candidate at punter. Jason Lennartz is also an experienced punter. Like punter, the Golden Eagles have two placekickers who can get the job done. Returnee Tim Donegan handled the duties last year as a freshman, and he's joined by Oregon State transfer Matt Baker.

Arkansas returns Alex Tejada, who handled field goal duties the last two seasons and split time kicking off for the Razorbacks in 2009. Tejada set the school record for career PATs in 2009 and his career total currently stands at 136. Tejada also set the school record for PATs made in a season last year with 58. Dylan Breeding who handled nearly all of the punting duties last season also returns. Kick returner Dennis Johnson returns after setting the career (1,936) and single-season (1,031) records for kickoff return yardage a year ago.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: First Meeting

Arkansas opens the 116th year of Razorback football on Sept. 4 against Tennessee Tech in Fayetteville, Ark. Arkansas has won 20 of its last 25 season-opening contests. The Hogs are 90-22-4 all time in season openers. Arkansas' schedule includes games against teams that have won two of the last three national championships (LSU 2007, Alabama 2009). Including this year's meeting with Alabama, Arkansas has played the defending national champ nine times in the last 14 years. Overall, the Razorbacks are 7-13 against defending national title winners. In 2008, Bobby Petrino became the only first-year head coach in school history to lead Arkansas to an on the field victory over the national title winner from the previous season (LSU).



**TENNESSEE-MARTIN at
TENNESSEE**

6 p.m. ET

Knoxville, Tenn.

Shields-Watkins Field/

Neyland Stadium (102,455)

Overall: 0-0

LIVE TV: PPV / ESPN3



Overall: 0-0

SEC: 0-0

XM: 200

Sirius: 219

THE COACHES

Jason Simpson is in his fourth season at UT-Martin and overall with a record of 26-20 (.565). The Skyhawks' offensive coordinator is Mac Bryan and the defensive coordinator is Chris Boone.

Derek Dooley is in his first season at Tennessee and in his fourth season overall with a record of 17-20 (.459). The Volunteers' offensive coordinator is Jim Chaney and the defensive coordinator is Justin Wilcox.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN TENNESSEE-MARTIN HAS THE BALL

The starting quarterback will be junior Derek Carr. Carr played in seven games this past season. He completed 10-of-21 passes for 127 yards. Jason McNair will be the featured running back in the Skyhawk offense. The Mount Olive, Miss. native and the nephew of the late Steve McNair rushed for 292 yards and four touchdowns in limited playing time in 2009. Senior Bryant Milligan and Stephen Shiver will emerge as the starters. Milligan had 18 catches for 222 yards and a touchdown. He played in nine games. Shiver played in all 11 games and was second on the team in receiving in 2009 with 33 catches for 479 yards and three touchdowns. The most consistent offensive lineman is Taz Tillery, one of two returning starters. The other is left tackle Rodney Irvin.

Ben Martin and Chris Walker are two of the Vols' six returning starters on the defensive side. The two ends combined for 80 tackles and 9.5 sacks in 2009, with Walker leading the squad with six sacks. Senior middle linebacker Nick Reveiz is back from a season-ending injury last year. When he got hurt, he was among the team leaders in tackles and regarded as one of the primary emotional leaders of the team. Art Evans returns as a starter and will hold the right side of the defensive backfield for Tennessee. His 39 tackles last year was the most among returning players in the entire secondary.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN TENNESSEE HAS THE BALL

Senior Josh Bey, the 2010 Preseason Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year, will move from the middle linebacker position to the weak-side linebacker. Jonathan Utley will now play middle linebacker and Jett Howard will get the starting assignment at the strong-side linebacker. The defensive tackles include Ray Teamer, Darrin Nalls, Karlos Jones, Anthony Kelly and DJ Roberts.

The departure of Jonathan Crompton to the NFL and also the loss of Nick Stephens by transfer left the quarterback position wide open during spring drills. Those departures placed transfer Matt Simms in the spotlight early. Gerald Jones comes back as one of Tennessee's senior leaders. Playing in 12 of the 13 games last season, he led the Vols with 46 catches and 680 yards (an average of 14.8 yards per catch). Denarius Moore caught 40 balls for 540 yards last year. He gained 13.5 yards each catch. It all adds up to more than 100 yards per game returning at the starting receiver positions. Luke Stocker showed his nimbleness last season with 29 catches for 389 yards – third on the team among those returning – and five touchdowns.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Simpson signed two freshmen kickers, James Satterfield and Tucker Nelson to challenge sophomore Cody Sandlin. Clay Sheley and Joe Hook return to handle the snapping and punting duties. Milligan, McNair and Harris will handle the punt return chores, while McNair, Taylor and Barfield return kicks.

Chad Cunningham and Daniel Lincoln have one more go at it for the Vols and are in search of consistent senior seasons. Cunningham averaged 42.1 yards per punt and improved his kickoff distances last year. Lincoln struggled some as the placekicker late in the season due to a nagging leg injury that prevented him from getting height on his kicks. He was 10-of-16 on field goals, and five of his misses were from 40 yards or more.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: First Meeting

The Derek Dooley era begins at Tennessee after a three-year stint at Louisiana Tech. This will be the third straight season opener with a different head coach on the sidelines for UT.

**MEMPHIS at MISS. STATE**

6 p.m. CT

Starkville, Miss.

Davis Wade Stadium

at Scott Field (55,082)

LIVE TV: ESPNU

[Clay Matvick, play-by-play;

Herm Edwards, analyst; Elizabeth

Moreau, sidelines]

Overall: 0-0**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 198**Sirius:** 217**THE COACHES**

Larry Porter is in his first season at Memphis and overall. The Tigers' offensive coordinator is Eric Price and the defensive coordinator is Jay Hopson.

Dan Mullen is in his second season at MSU and overall with a record of 5-7 (.417). Les Koenning serves as the offensive coordinator and the co-defensive coordinators are Manny Diaz and Chris Wilson.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN MEMPHIS HAS THE BALL

Greg Ray saw action in four games last season at tailback, while Lance Smith, who transferred from Wisconsin, is Memphis' top returning rusher with 149 yards and one TD on 46 carries in eight games in 2009. Memphis returns their entire starting offensive line from 2009. Marcus Rucker and Cam Baker are the leading returnees from last season as Rucker logged 241 yards and two TDs and Baker tallied 149 yards on 20 catches.

An All-SEC performer a year ago, Pernel McPhee led the team with 12.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 quarterback sacks. Chris White recorded 75 tackles a year ago and could better that number from his new position in the middle. Joining White as a familiar face in the middle of the defense will be senior K.J. Wright. Wright finished with 82 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss in 2010. Corey Broomfield tied for the SEC lead with six interceptions last year, and Charles Mitchell and Johnthan Banks each picked off four.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN MISSISSIPPI STATE HAS THE BALL

The linebacker unit returns several key players from last season, including senior Jamon Hughes, who led the Tiger defense with 87 tackles. Hughes is a transfer from Mississippi State, where he was the fourth-leading tackler on the Bulldogs 2007 Liberty Bowl Champion squad. Marcus Ball and Bryan White led the secondary in interceptions last season with two each, while D.A. Griffin was second on the team with six pass breakups. Frank Trotter is the leading returning on the defensive line, posting 36 tackles, including 3.5 TFLs.

Last season the Bulldogs led the SEC in rushing yards per game, averaging an astounding 228 yards per game on the ground. The offense also increased scoring by more than 10 points per game from the year prior and total offensive yards increased by nearly 100 per contest. Far and away the most experienced position on the field for the Bulldogs, the offensive line will look to pave the way for the 2010 team. Junior Robert Elliott will likely get the first chance to replace Anthony Dixon at tailback. The team's leading receiver with 32 catches a year ago as a true freshman, Chad Bumphis led the squad with four touchdown receptions as well. Expect to see both Chris Relf and redshirt freshman Tyler Russell under center for the Bulldogs.

SPECIAL TEAMS

A huge void must be filled in replacing Matt Reagan, who handed all kicking duties for UM and finished his career as one of the best kickers in school history. Memphis averages just three yards per punt return in 2009. Three players return who handled kickoff return duties, including Marcus Hightower, Curtis Johnson and Lance Smith. All averaged over 20 yards per return, with Hightower leading the way with 535 yards on 24 returns.

Senior Sean Brauchle began the year as the kicker, but a midyear injury allowed junior Derek DePasquale to step in and do an admirable job. Brauchle made six consecutive field goals in the first half of the season, and DePasquale hit 10-of-12 down the stretch. Senior Heath Hutchins handled every punt a year ago and forced 22 to be fair caught. He also placed 11 inside the opponent's 20 yard line. Leon Berry became the first Mississippi State player to record 1,000 yards in kickoff returns in a single season a year ago.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** MSU, 31-11

Last season in Starkville saw the Bulldogs improve in virtually all areas on the field and topple attendance records in the stands as MSU navigated its way through the nation's toughest schedule. This season, they play the last four national champions, all on the road. Former SEC Coach of the Year and Alabama head coach Mike DuBose is the defensive line coach for Memphis.

ARKANSAS ST. at AUBURN

6 p.m. CT

Auburn, Ala.

Pat Dye Field /

Jordan-Hare Stadium (87,451)

LIVE TV: FSN [Bob Rathbun,

play-by-play; Tim Couch, ana-

lyst; Jen Hildreth, sidelines]

**Overall:** 0-0**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 235**Sirius:** N/A**THE COACHES**

Steve Roberts is in his ninth season at Arkansas State with a record of 41-55 (.427) and 17th overall with a record of 90-88-1 (.506). The Red Wolves' offensive coordinator is Hugh Freeze and the defensive coordinator is Kevin Corless .

Gene Chizik is in his second season at Auburn with a record of 8-5 (.615) and in his fourth season overall with a record of 13-24 (.351). The Tigers' offensive coordinator is Gus Malzahn and the defensive coordinator is Ted Roof.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN ARKANSAS STATE HAS THE BALL

Ryan Aplin, who set the ASU single-season record for highest completion percentage, played in nine games last season, including three of the last four as a starter. He led A-State to victories in its last two games and set a school record with the most total yards of offense ever by a freshman during the North Texas game. Derek Lawson recorded close to 1,000 yards in his first two seasons in a back-up role and could fill the starting position nicely. Statistically, the Red Wolves lost their top three players at wide receiver.

Senior LB Josh Byrnes led Auburn and was seventh in the SEC with 104 total tackles in 2009, 61 of which were solo. He registered a season-best 12 tackles and an interception versus West Virginia. Antoine Carter and Michael Goggans will take over as the primary pass rushers to replace the departed Antonio Coleman. Zac Etheridge has been given medical clearance in the secondary after suffering a neck injury last season.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN AUBURN HAS THE BALL

Led by marquee players like Bryan Hall and Dorvus Woods, ASU has a great amount of depth along the defensive line. A-State brings back all but one player at the linebacker position, including its top three producers in Demario Davis, Javon McKinnon and Nathan Herrold. ASU lost both its starting corners, but brings back every player at safety. Junior Kelcie McCray, who recorded a team-high four interceptions last year, and M.D. Jennings, who was the team's second leading tackler, are all-conference candidates at the position.

Highly touted JUCO transfer Cam Newton is set to take over as Auburn's quarterback in 2010. Senior RB Mario Fannin ranked third on the team with 990 all-purpose yards last season. He was second on the team in receptions (42) and third in rushing yards (285). Michael Dyer, one of the nation's top recruits a year ago, will look to see action on the backfield. Senior OT Lee Ziemba has started every game (38 starts) since his first game as a true freshman. Darvin Adams and Terrell Zachery highlight the wide receiver group.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Brandon Thompkins and Josh Arauco ended their careers last season as A-State's all-time leaders in kickoff return yards and points by kicking, respectively. ASU also said goodbye to its kickoff specialist and punter, as well as its leading punt return man. Those departures leave the door open for a large number of players that could fill those roles. Neely Sullivant handled first-team punting duties and spring, but the Red Wolves signed a pair of highly touted kickers in its latest recruiting class that will compete for kicking honors.

Wes Byrum was 15-16 on field goals and hit all 54 PAT attempts last season. He was second in the SEC in field goal percentage kicks over 40 yards (83.3%/5 of 6). He led all SEC kickers in field goal percentage (93.8).

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** AU, 1-0

Auburn begins year two of the Gene Chizik era with a renewed feeling excitement in the football program. Gus Malzahn's offense put up huge numbers in 2009, as the Tigers improved by three wins over its 2008 season and won the Outback Bowl over Northwestern in overtime. Former JUCO national-champion quarterback (and former backup to Tim Tebow at Florida) Cam Newton takes over as the Auburn QB in 2010.

**NORTHWESTERN at****VANDERBILT**

6:30 p.m. CT

Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt Stadium (39,773)

LIVE TV: CSS[Matt Stewart, play-by-play;
Chris Doering, analyst; Allison
Stewart, sidelines]**Overall:** 0-0**XM:** 196**Sirius:** 90**Overall:** 0-0**XM:** 141**Sirius:** 121**LSU vs. NORTH CAROLINA**

8 p.m. ET

Atlanta, Ga.

Georgia Dome (71,500)

**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 197**Sirius:** 216**LIVE TV: ABC Sports**[Brent Musburger, play-by-play;
Kirk Herbstreit, analyst; Erin
Andrews, sidelines]**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 191**Sirius:** 213**THE COACHES**

Pat Fitzgerald is in his fifth season at Northwestern and overall with a record of 27-23 (.540). The Wildcats' offensive coordinator is Mick McCall and the defensive coordinator is Mike Hankwitz.

Robbie Caldwell is in his first season at Vanderbilt and overall. The Commodores' offensive coordinator is Jimmy Kiser and the defensive coordinator is Jamie Bryant.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN NORTHWESTERN HAS THE BALL

Northwestern has 16 starters returning, including eight on the offensive unit, which produced 621 yards vs. Auburn in the Outback Bowl and averaged 404.1 yards per game. The Wildcats have their five starters on the offensive line back, along with their top two super-backs, several regular receivers and their entire corps of running backs. Offensive tackle Al Netter, an honorable mention All-Big Ten honoree in 2009, leads the returnees up front, while superback Drake Dunsmore and wide receiver Sidney Stewart are some of NU's top returning skill players. Sophomore Arby Fields, NU's top rusher from a year ago, leads the list of candidates at running back.

The depth of Vanderbilt's tackle position might depend on the health of senior defensive co-captain Adam Smotherman, who entered preseason camp recuperating from a leg injury early in spring drills. A 23-game starter, Smotherman is coming off his finest season: 31 tackles and three tackles for loss. Chris Marve, the first SEC linebacker in a decade to surpass the 100-tackle plateau as a freshman and sophomore, earned All-SEC status in 2009 as the league's second leading tackler. The Butkus Award candidate also has the versatility to play either the middle or weakside linebacking positions. Casey Hayward, who ranked fifth on the team in total tackles and contributed 8.5 tackles for loss and a pair of interceptions, has lock-down cover ability and All-SEC potential.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN VANDERBILT HAS THE BALL

Defensively, all three linebackers return and represent three of NU's six returning defensive starters. Outside linebacker Quentin Davie and middle linebacker Nate Williams lead that group. Up front, tackle Corbin Bryant and end Vince Browne return at their positions, while cornerback Jordan Mabin is the lone returning starter in the secondary. Safety Brian Peters, who has logged considerable time over the past two years and started five games, could easily be considered the team's seventh returning starter on defense.

No position will get closer scrutiny in the weeks leading to the opener against Northwestern than the quarterback role. In his first full year as a starter, Larry Smith threw for 1,126 yards in nine games, but completed less than 50 percent of his passes before his season ended due to injury. In 2009, Warren Norman and Zac Stacy rushed for 783 and 478 yards, respectively. Norman's total ranks No. 2 all-time among Commodore freshmen. Some long-time observers of the Commodores believe Norman and Stacy rank among the best tailback duos in team history.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Northwestern will return one of its special teams weapons in place-kicker Stefan Demos, who was named a second-team All-Big Ten kicker and one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award, which honors the nation's top place-kicker. Demos also was named an ESPN The Magazine second-team Academic All-American in 2009. Demos converted 18-of-25 field goal attempts last year and led the team in scoring with 88 points.

As a first-year starter in 2009, Ryan Fowler gave the Commodores accuracy and consistency in their kicking game, gaining confidence with each game played. Fowler finished the campaign as a freshman All-America and freshman All-SEC recipient, tying the team single-season record with 16 field goals. The Commodores return an All-America candidate at returning kicks in Norman, who had three returns for touchdowns and a 26.2-yard average on returns a year ago.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** VU, 1-0-1

This Vanderbilt preseason camp hardly resembled the 2009 one when Bobby Johnson greeted a Commodore squad coming off a 7-6 campaign capped by victory in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl. In early August, a new leader – interim head coach Robbie Caldwell – guided the squad arriving for camp. The veteran Vanderbilt assistant took over in mid-July when Johnson unexpectedly announced his retirement. When camp opened in early August, Caldwell and his staff greeted more than 12 starters and 44 letterwinners from a 2009 Commodore squad that ended a disappointing 2-10 season with eight straight losses.

THE COACHES

Les Miles is in his sixth season at LSU with a record of 51-15 (.773) and 10th overall with a record of 79-36 (.687). The Tigers' offensive coordinator is Gary Crowton and the defensive coordinator is John Chavis.

Butch Davis is in his fourth season at UNC with a record of 20-18 (.526) and 10th season overall with a record of 71-38 (.651). The Tar Heels' offensive coordinator is John Shoop and the defensive coordinator is Everett Withers.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN LSU HAS THE BALL

LSU returns six starters and 21 letterwinners on offense from a unit that averaged 24.8 points and 304.5 total yards (122.8 rushing, 181.8 passing) a game last year. Jordan Jefferson is back as LSU's starting quarterback after leading the Tigers the Capital One Bowl a year ago in his first season as a starter. Jefferson passed for 2,166 yards and 17 TDs a year ago. LSU returns two starters – senior Terrence Toliver and sophomore Rueben Randle – at wide receiver in 2010. Perhaps the most talented position on the team, LSU also moved former quarterback Russell Shepard to wide receiver on a full-time basis during the spring.

Carolina's only two losses on the starting defense came along the defensive line with the graduation of tackle Cam Thomas and end E.J. Wilson. Fortunately, the Tar Heels have two standout defensive linemen returning, including ACC Defensive Player of the Year candidates Robert Quinn at end and Marvin Austin at tackle. Quinn earned first-team All-ACC honors after leading the ACC in tackles for losses and finishing second in sacks. Austin was a second-team honoree after posting 42 tackles and four sacks. Quan Sturdivant played both middle and outside linebacker last year and led the team with 79 tackles. Bruce Carter played on the other side of Sturdivant and had 65 tackles. All four starters return in 2010, including first-team All-ACC performers and Thorpe Award nominees Kendrick Burney and Deunta Williams.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN NORTH CAROLINA HAS THE BALL

Chavis returns only four starters from last year's defense that allowed just 16.2 points per game and 327.6 total yards (133.4 rushing, 194.2 passing). However, of the four starters that LSU returns in 2010, two of them are among the best at their position in college football – cornerback Patrick Peterson and middle linebacker Kelvin Sheppard. Sheppard led the Tigers in tackles a year ago with 110 stops. Peterson ranked among the SEC leaders last year in passes defended with 15 (2 interceptions, 13 PBU's). The Tigers return senior Drake Nevis (50 tackles, 11.0 TFL, 4.0 sacks) and sophomore Josh Downs (9 tackles, 3.5 TFL). Brandon Taylor returns as LSU's strong safety after starting 10 games there a year ago.

Three-year starter T.J. Yates returns as the starting quarterback, along with tailbacks Shaun Draughn (nine starts) and Ryan Houston (four starts). Highly touted redshirt freshman Bryn Renner opens the season as the No. 2 quarterback. Yates ranks second in nearly every Carolina career passing category, including yards, completions, attempts and touchdown passes. Every Carolina receiver or tight end who caught at least one pass returns in 2010, including versatile performer Greg Little (1,112 all-purpose yards), speedy Jheranie Boyd (four TDs) and reliable Erik Highsmith (37 receptions).

SPECIAL TEAMS

Special teams has been a difference maker for LSU under Les Miles and things shouldn't be any different in 2010 as the Tigers return two key components – placekicker Josh Jasper and punter Derek Helton – from a unit that ranked among the best in the SEC last year. Last year, Jasper connected on 17-of-20 field goals and all 34 of his point-after-touchdown conversions to lead the Tigers with 85 total points. Helton, a junior college transfer, averaged 40.0 on 46 punts a year ago.

Casey Barth led the ACC with 21 field goals in 2009, tying the single-season school record, and earned second-team All-ACC honors. Barth made 16 field goals in a row at one point during the season and made 34 of 35 PATs.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** LSU, 5-1-0

The Tigers, behind fourth-year offensive coordinator Gary Crowton, feature a multiple attack – in attempt to take advantage of its speed. Crowton is joined on the offensive staff by three new coaches – Billy Gonzales (passing game coordinator/wide receivers), Frank Wilson (running backs), and Steve Ensinger (tight ends). In his first year with the Tigers, John Chavis turned around an LSU defense that ranked near the bottom of the SEC in every significant category. Following back-to-back eight win seasons, North Carolina has higher goals in 2010 as it welcomes back 39 lettermen and an ACC-high 21 starters. The Tar Heels return 10 starters on offense, nine starters on defense and both their place-kicker and punter.