

TENNESSEE POSTGAME NOTES

Tennessee at Georgia ♦ Oct. 11, 2008 ♦ Sanford Stadium ♦ Athens, Ga.
"Vols Capitalize on UGA's Red-Zone Turnovers, But Penalties are Prevalent in Setback"

Noting Tennessee

- Tennessee falls to 2-4 (0-3 SEC); Georgia improves to 5-1 (2-1 SEC) on the year.
- The Vols entered the game unranked in both the Associated Press and *USA Today* polls; Georgia was ranked 10th in both polls.
- Tennessee returns to action Oct. 18 when it hosts Mississippi State at Neyland Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. ET, and the game will be available via VideoSeat Pay-Per-View.

Tennessee-Georgia Series

- Tennessee now leads the all-time series with Georgia 20-16-2, dating to 1899. That record includes a 10-8-1 mark against the Bulldogs in Athens.
- The Vols have won two of their last three games at Sanford Stadium.

Phillip Fulmer's Record

- Tennessee head coach Phillip Fulmer's record now stands at 149-49 (.753) in 17 seasons with the Vols.
- Fulmer now owns a 51-22 (.699) record in road games, a 93-33 (.738) regular-season SEC record and a 59-20 (.747) record against the SEC Eastern Division.



Phillip Fulmer
Career vs. Georgia

Stephens Makes First Career SEC Start

- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Nick Stephens made his second career start and his first SEC start today.
- The Flower Mound, Texas, native completed 13 of 30 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns. All were career-highs.
- Today's clash marked Stephens' first collegiate action away from Neyland Stadium. His second-quarter touchdown pass to Gerald Jones was Tennessee's first touchdown pass on the road since the season-opener at UCLA Sept 1.

Noting the Defense

- Senior linebacker Ellix Wilson led the Vols today with a career-high 16 tackles. He had 11 tackles at the half en route to third double-digit tackle performance of the year. His previous career-high was 12 tackles at UCLA.
- The following Vols established new career-highs for tackles today: Robert Ayers (9) and Dennis Rogan (9)
- Senior defensive end Robert Ayers stopped a UGA drive at the 5:31 mark of the second quarter when he picked off a Matthew Stafford pass inside the UT 20-yard line. It was Ayers' first career interception and the third by a Vols defensive end in the last two seasons.
- Sophomore strong safety Eric Berry stopped yet another red-zone drive for Georgia when he intercepted Stafford in the end zone at the 7:53 mark in the third quarter.
- Both of UT's red-zone interceptions resulted in touchdown drives.
- Tennessee has not allowed a rushing touchdown in 20 straight quarters.
- Tennessee's defense has allowed just one rushing play of 20 yards or longer this season (none today).

Year	Site	W/L	Score
1992	Athens	W	34-31
1993	Knoxville	W	38-6
1994	Athens	W	41-23
1995	Knoxville	W	30-27
1996	Athens	W	29-17
1997	Knoxville	W	38-13
1998	Athens	W	22-3
1999	Knoxville	W	37-20
2000	Athens	L	10-21
2001	Knoxville	L	24-26
2002	Athens	L	13-18
2003	Knoxville	L	14-41
2004	Athens	W	19-14
2005	Knoxville	L	14-27
2006	Athens	W	51-33
2007	Knoxville	W	35-14
2008	Athens	L	14-26

11-6 (.647)

Berry Breaks School Interception-Return Yardage Record

- Berry's third-quarter interception was his team-leading fourth of the season and the ninth of his young career. The 54-yard return broke Tennessee's career record for interception-return yardage by giving the Fairburn, Ga., native 325 total yards. The previous record of 305 yards was shared by Tim Priest (1968-70) and Mike Jones (1967-69).
- Berry also moved into third place on the Southeastern Conference's career interception-return yardage list. He needs just 55 more interception-return yards in his career to become the SEC's all-time leader. Mississippi's Bobby Wilson (379) holds the SEC record, and Kentucky's Darryl Bishop (376) sits in second place.

Colquitt Returns to Resume Punting Duties

- Senior punter Britton Colquitt saw his first action of the season today after serving a five-game suspension that was handed down by head coach Phillip Fulmer during the off-season. Colquitt averaged 48.0 yards on six punts in his first game action since the 2008 Outback Bowl.
- One of Colquitt's punts was downed inside the UGA 20-yard line, and his long was 55.

Freshman Vols Released After Surgeries

- Tennessee first-year footballers Aaron Douglas and Herman Lathers were released from the hospital Saturday after undergoing surgeries the day before, according to UT head athletic trainer Jason McVeigh.
- Douglas, a tight end from Maryville, Tenn., underwent successful left shoulder surgery at UT Medical Center performed by Drs. Greg Mathien and Russell Betcher of Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic. McVeigh expects the freshman to return for spring practice and make a full recovery heading into the 2009 season. Douglas has not appeared in a game this year.
- Lathers underwent a successful tonsillectomy. The Baton Rouge, La., native practiced as late as Wednesday before being stricken. McVeigh did not know when the linebacker, who appeared in Tennessee's Sept. 13 game against UAB, could return to action.

Miscellaneous Notes

- Today's attendance was a capacity crowd of 92,746.
- Tennessee's game captains today were seniors Robert Ayers, Anthony Parker, Ramon Foster and Ellix Wilson, junior Montario Hardesty and sophomore Eric Berry.
- Senior wide receiver Lucas Taylor caught his first touchdown pass of the season today. It was the sixth touchdown reception of his career.
- Senior tailback Foster made his 19th consecutive start today, extending his streak of the second-most consecutive starts by a UT tailback in the Fulmer era (1992-present). Jay Graham tops that chart with a string of 24 starts during the 1995 and 1996 seasons.