

Post Game Notes

Nov. 7, 2009 ♦ Neyland Stadium ♦ Knoxville, Tenn. ♦ Attendance: 94,636

Tonight's Result

- Tennessee defeats Memphis 56-28 to improve to 5-4 (2-3 SEC) on the season. The Tigers fall to 2-7 (1-4 CUSA). The Vols' win streak over Memphis is now at six games.
- Tennessee improves to 21-1 all-time vs. Memphis and 12-0 vs. the Tigers in Knoxville. Tennessee has a record of 190-42-10 (.805) vs. in-state opponents all-time.
- The Vols are now 5-2 at Neyland Stadium this season, assuring them a winning record at home for the fourth-consecutive year. Tennessee has not finished below .500 at home since 1988.
- Tennessee is now 8-4-2 all-time in its first game on a new network. Tonight's contest was UT's first ever to be televised on ESPNU.
- The Vols are now 66-11 in the month of November dating to the 1990 season and 13-3 all-time on November 7.
- Tennessee improves to 66-17-3 on Homecoming dating to 1916.
- Tonight's victory gives UT head coach Lane Kiffin consecutive wins for the first time in his tenure and gives the Vols a winning record for the first time since opening the season with a victory over Western Kentucky.

Berry Climbs Closer to NCAA Record for Interception Return Yards

- Junior strong safety Eric Berry picked up his 14th career interception and second of the season in the second quarter. Berry returned the pick seven yards to move his career interception return total to 494 yards, eight ticks shy of breaking the NCAA record of 501 yards held by Terrell Buckley of Florida State.
- Berry's pick moves him into a tie for the NCAA FBS active career lead with 14 interceptions. He also moves to into a tie for fifth in school history with Deon Grant (1997-99).
- Berry now has 30 career passes defensed, which ties for sixth in school history with Terry Fair (1994-97).
- The Fairburn, Ga., native also recovered his third fumble of the season and posted five tackles. For his career, Berry has 103 career fumble return yards to go with his 494 interception return yards.

Crompton Posts Career Passing Day in Three-Plus Quarters

- Senior quarterback Jonathan Crompton completed 21-of-27 passes for 331 yards and five touchdowns in addition to a rushing for a score. He threw for 305 yards and four touchdowns in the first half.
- His 331 passing yards are a career high, surpassing his 310 yards in the air vs. Georgia on Oct. 10. His five touchdown passes tied a career high set vs. Western Kentucky in the season opener.
- Crompton completed touchdown passes to five different receivers. He is leading the Southeastern Conference with 21 touchdown passes through nine games.
- Crompton has thrown 21 touchdown passes this season vs. just 10 interceptions. In his last five games, he has thrown 14 touchdowns vs. just two interceptions.

Noting the Tennessee Offense

- Tennessee posted 566 yards of total offense, which is its second-highest total of the season. The Vols tallied a season-high 42 points in the first half and scored touchdowns on six of seven first-half drives.
- Tennessee's 429 passing yards were a season high, surpassing UT's 310 yards through the air vs. Georgia. Junior Nick Stephens contributed 98 passing yards on five completions.

- Denarius Moore posted a career high for receptions with seven for 76 yards and two touchdowns. The TD receptions were his third and fourth of the season. It was his first career multiple-touchdown game.
- Gerald Jones caught four passes for 97 yards and a touchdown. The touchdown catch gives him a team-best four on the season and eight in his career.
- Senior tailback Montario Hardesty carried 13 times for 60 yards in two-plus quarters of action. His 60 yards give him 901 yards on the year and 1,947 career yards. He now ranks 14th in school history in career rushing yards.
- Freshman Nu'Keese Richardson caught his first career touchdown on a 14-yard strike from Jonathan Crompton in the second quarter. Richardson finished the game with three receptions for a career-high 54 yards and a score.
- Junior tight end Luke Stocker's second-quarter touchdown reception was his third of the season and fourth-career scoring catch. He has caught a pass in five-straight games and seven overall this season.
- Senior wide receiver Quintin Hancock returned to action vs. Memphis after missing the last two games with a foot injury. He finished the game with three catches for 45 yards and a touchdown.
- Freshman running back Bryce Brown scored his third rushing and fourth overall touchdown of the season on UT's opening offensive drive. It was Tennessee's third touchdown of the season on an opening drive and also its second in as many games. Brown finished with 55 yards on 11 carries.
- Freshman Rod Wilks posted his first career reception, a 33-yard grab, in the fourth quarter.
- Tennessee failed on a fourth-down attempt for the first time since the fourth quarter of the Florida game. The Vols also converted on three attempts in the game. Tennessee is 12 of 17 on fourth down this season.

Noting the Tennessee Defense/Special Teams

- Tennessee forced three Memphis turnovers and has forced seven turnovers in the last two games. The UT offense has turned those seven turnovers into 45 points.
- Tennessee allowed a 100-yard rusher for just the second time this season (Ben Tate - Auburn). Memphis' Curtis Steele carried 21 times for 144 yards.
- Redshirt freshman Herman Lathers led the team with a career high six tackles in his first career start. Fellow redshirt freshman Prentiss Waggner also earned his first career start at free safety in place of Janzen Jackson.
- Twelve other Vols set or tied career highs in tackles: Anthony Anderson - 4, Darren Myles Jr. - 4, Shane Reveiz - 4, Montori Hughes - 4, Willie Bohannon - 3, C.J. Fleming - 3, Stephaun Raines - 3, Jake Storey - 3, Mike Edwards - 3, Tyler Wolf - 3, Marlon Walls - 2, Stephen Fowlkes - 2. Myles Jr. posed his first career TFL as well.
- Sophomore linebacker Shane Reveiz forced the first fumble of his career in the second quarter on a kickoff. The fumble, recovered by sophomore Tauren Poole (first career), was UT's first special-teams forced turnover of the season.
- Freshman David Oku opened the game with a career-long 69-yard kickoff return. It was UT's longest kick return of the season and the longest kick return by a Volunteer since Dennis Rogan returned a kick 78 yards vs. Arkansas in 2007. Oku finished the game with three returns for a 40.7-yard average, his best-single game average of the season by more than 10 yards.
- Junior kicker Daniel Lincoln returned to action after missing the South Carolina game with a quadricep injury. He converted on 8-of-8 PATs. Lincoln ranks ninth in school history in scoring with 225 career points.