



SEC FOOTBALL 2008



Week 1 - Games of Aug. 28 - Sept. 1
Southeastern Conference Media Relations

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FEW SECONDS ON THE SEC SEC FOOTBALL RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS

• The SEC has a nation-leading six teams ranked in the pre-season Associated Press poll [See page 7].

• All 12 SEC games will be carried on XM Satellite Radio [See page 7 for schedule].

• LSU and Georgia have the SEC's best records during the last five and 10 seasons, respectively [See page 8].

• Going into the 2008 season, Georgia's Matthew Stafford is the SEC's winningest active quarterback [See page 8].

• Eight of the SEC's 12 games in Week 1 will be televised either regionally or nationally [See page 10 for schedule].

• Florida is 38-1 in its last 39 season openers while Arkansas and Georgia have each won 11 straight lid-lifters [See page 11].

• The SEC has agreements to send nine teams to post-season bowls [See page 10 and page 12 for listings].

• LSU's Colt David and Mississippi State's Derek Pegues are in the SEC career records top 10 listing [See page 13-15].

• See what they're saying about the Southeastern Conference [Page 16].

• The SEC has had more Top 25 USA Today poll finishes since 2000 than any other conference [See page 17].

• The SEC has had 211 student-athletes earn CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America recognition in the last six years [See page 18].

• Game-by-game previews of this week's SEC football games [See pages 19-24].

EASTERN DIVISION

	SEC	Pct.	PF	PA	Overall	Pct.	PF	PA	2007	vs. Div.	Top 25	Streak
Florida	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	9-4	0-0	0-0	---
Georgia	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	11-2	0-0	0-0	---
Kentucky	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	8-5	0-0	0-0	---
South Carolina	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	6-6	0-0	0-0	---
Tennessee	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	10-4	0-0	0-0	---
Vanderbilt	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	5-7	0-0	0-0	---

WESTERN DIVISION

	SEC	Pct.	PF	PA	Overall	Pct.	PF	PA	2007	vs. Div.	Top 25	Streak
Alabama	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	7-6	0-0	0-0	---
Arkansas	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	8-5	0-0	0-0	---
Auburn	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	9-4	0-0	0-0	---
LSU	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	12-2	0-0	0-0	---
Ole Miss	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	3-9	0-0	0-0	---
Mississippi State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	8-5	0-0	0-0	---

NOTES: 2007 - Record after same number of games in 2007 / 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, AUGUST 28 (2007 RECORD)

Vanderbilt (5-7) at Miami, Ohio (6-7)

6:30 p.m. CT • ESPN

Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)

N.C. State (5-7) at South Carolina (6-6)

8 p.m. ET • ESPN

Columbia, S.C. • Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250)

GAMES OF SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 (2007 RECORD)

Hawaii (12-1) at Florida (9-4)

12:30 p.m. ET • Raycom

Gainesville, Fla. • Florida Field (88,548)

Georgia Southern (7-4) at Georgia (11-2)

12:30 p.m. ET • PPV

Athens, Ga. • Sanford Stadium (92,746)

Appalachian State (13-2) at LSU (12-2)

4 p.m. CT • ESPN

Baton Rouge, La. • Tiger Stadium (92,400)

Mississippi State (8-5) at Louisiana Tech (5-7)

5:45 p.m. CT • ESPN2

Ruston, La. • Joe Aillet Stadium (30,600)

Western Illinois (6-5) at Arkansas (8-5)

6 p.m. CT

Fayetteville, Ark. • Reynolds Razorback Stadium (72,000)

Louisiana-Monroe (6-6) at Auburn (9-4)

6 p.m. CT

Auburn, Ala. • Jordan-Hare Stadium (87,451)

Memphis (7-6) at Ole Miss (3-9)

6 p.m. CT

Oxford, Miss. • Vaught-Hemingway Stadium (60,580)

Alabama (7-6) vs. Clemson (9-4)

7 p.m. CT • ABC

Atlanta, Ga. • Georgia Dome (71,228)

GAMES OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 (2007 RECORD)

Kentucky (8-5) at Louisville (6-6)

3:30 p.m. ET • ESPN

Louisville, Ky. • Papa John's Cardinal Stadium (42,000)

GAMES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (2007 RECORD)

Tennessee (10-4) at UCLA (6-7)

8 p.m. ET • ESPN

Pasadena, Calif. • Rose Bowl (91,136)

2008 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

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

Home Stadium: Bryant-Denny (92,138)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 30	*vs. Clemson [ABC] (9/9)	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	TULANE	6:07 p.m.
Sept. 13	WESTERN KENTUCKY	6:07 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Arkansas	TBA
Sept. 27	at Georgia	TBA
Oct. 4	KENTUCKY	TBA
Oct. 18	OLE MISS	TBA
Oct. 25	at Tennessee	TBA
Nov. 1	ARKANSAS STATE	TBA
Nov. 8	at LSU	TBA
Nov. 15	MISSISSIPPI STATE	TBA
Nov. 29	AUBURN	TBA

* - at Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

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

Home Stadium(s): Reynolds Razorback (72,000); War Memorial (53,727)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 30	WESTERN ILLINOIS	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	*LOUISIANA-MONROE	6 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Texas [ABC]	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	ALABAMA	TBA
Oct. 4	FLORIDA	TBA
Oct. 11	at Auburn	TBA
Oct. 18	at Kentucky	TBA
Oct. 25	OLE MISS	TBA
Nov. 1	TULSA	1 p.m.
Nov. 8	at South Carolina	TBA
Nov. 22	at Mississippi State	TBA
Nov. 28	*LSU [CBS]	1:30 p.m.

* - Little Rock, Ark.

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

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

Home Stadium: Jordan-Hare (87,451)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 30	LOUISIANA-MONROE	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	SOUTHERN MISS [RAYCOM]	11:30 a.m.
Sept. 13	at Mississippi State [ESPN2]	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	LSU	TBA
Sept. 27	TENNESSEE	TBA
Oct. 4	at Vanderbilt	TBA
Oct. 11	ARKANSAS	TBA
Oct. 23	at West Virginia [ESPN]	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Ole Miss	TBA
Nov. 8	TENNESSEE-MARTIN (HC)	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	GEORGIA	TBA
Nov. 29	at Alabama	TBA

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

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

Home Stadium: Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field (88,548)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 30	HAWAII [RAYCOM]	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	MIAMI, FL. [ESPN]	8 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Tennessee	TBA
Sept. 27	OLE MISS	TBA
Oct. 4	at Arkansas	TBA
Oct. 11	LSU	TBA
Oct. 25	KENTUCKY	TBA
Nov. 1	*vs. Georgia	TBA
Nov. 8	at Vanderbilt	TBA
Nov. 15	SOUTH CAROLINA	TBA
Nov. 22	THE CITADEL	TBA
Nov. 29	at Florida State	TBA

* - Jacksonville, Fla.

ALL TIMES EASTERN

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

Home Stadium: Sanford (92,746)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 30	GEORGIA SOUTHERN [PPV]	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	CENTRAL MICHIGAN [FSNS]	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	at South Carolina [CBS]	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Arizona State [ABC]	8:13 p.m.
Sept. 27	ALABAMA	TBA
Oct. 11	TENNESSEE	TBA
Oct. 18	VANDERBILT (HC)	TBA
Oct. 25	at LSU	TBA
Nov. 1	*vs. Florida	TBA
Nov. 8	at Kentucky	TBA
Nov. 15	at Auburn	TBA
Nov. 29	GEORGIA TECH	TBA

* - Jacksonville, Fla.

ALL TIMES EASTERN

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

Home Stadium: Commonwealth (67,606)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 31	at Louisville [ESPN]	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	NORFOLK STATE	6 p.m.
Sept. 13	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	WESTERN KENTUCKY	TBA
Oct. 4	at Alabama	TBA
Oct. 11	SOUTH CAROLINA	TBA
Oct. 18	ARKANSAS (HC)	TBA
Oct. 25	at Florida	TBA
Nov. 1	at Mississippi State	TBA
Nov. 8	GEORGIA	TBA
Nov. 15	VANDERBILT	TBA
Nov. 29	at Tennessee	TBA

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Opponents' AP & USA Today/ESPN Rankings in Parenthesis at Time Game Was Played

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December 6 • SEC Football Championship Game • Atlanta • Georgia Dome • 4 p.m. ET • CBS Sports

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2008 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

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

Home Stadium: Tiger (92,400)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 30	APPALACHIAN STATE [ESPN]	4 p.m.
Sept. 6	TROY	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	NORTH TEXAS	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Auburn	TBA
Sept. 27	MISSISSIPPI STATE (HC)	TBA
Oct. 11	at Florida	TBA
Oct. 18	at South Carolina	TBA
Oct. 25	GEORGIA	TBA
Nov. 1	TULANE	7 p.m.
Nov. 8	ALABAMA	TBA
Nov. 22	OLE MISS	TBA
Nov. 28	at Arkansas (CBS)	1:30 p.m.

* - at Little Rock, Ark.

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

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

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

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 30	MEMPHIS	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Wake Forest [ABC]	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	SAMFORD	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	VANDERBILT	TBA
Sept. 27	at Florida	TBA
Oct. 4	SOUTH CAROLINA (HC)	TBA
Oct. 18	at Alabama	TBA
Oct. 25	at Arkansas	TBA
Nov. 1	AUBURN	TBA
Nov. 15	LOUISIANA-MONROE	TBA
Nov. 22	at LSU	TBA
Nov. 28	MISSISSIPPI STATE [RAYCOM]	11:30 a.m.

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

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

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

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 30	at Louisiana Tech [ESPN2]	5:45 p.m.
Sept. 6	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	6 p.m.
Sept. 13	AUBURN [ESPN2]	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Georgia Tech	TBA
Sept. 27	at LSU	TBA
Oct. 11	VANDERBILT	TBA
Oct. 18	at Tennessee	TBA
Oct. 25	MIDDLE TENNESSEE (HC)	TBA
Nov. 1	KENTUCKY	TBA
Nov. 15	at Alabama	TBA
Nov. 22	ARKANSAS	TBA
Nov. 28	at Ole Miss [RAYCOM]	11:30 a.m.

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

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

Home Stadium: Williams-Brice (80,250)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 28	N.C. STATE [ESPN]	8 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Vanderbilt [ESPN]	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	GEORGIA [CBS]	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	WOFFORD	TBA
Sept. 27	UAB	TBA
Oct. 4	at Ole Miss	TBA
Oct. 11	at Kentucky	TBA
Oct. 18	LSU	TBA
Nov. 1	TENNESSEE	TBA
Nov. 8	ARKANSAS	TBA
Nov. 15	at Florida	TBA
Nov. 29	at Clemson	TBA

ALL TIMES EASTERN

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

Home Stadium: Neyland / Shields-Watkins Field (102,038)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Sept. 1	at UCLA [ESPN]	8 p.m.
Sept. 13	UAB [RAYCOM]	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	FLORIDA	TBA
Sept. 27	at Auburn	TBA
Oct. 4	NORTHERN ILLINOIS [PPV]	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Georgia	TBA
Oct. 18	MISSISSIPPI STATE	TBA
Oct. 25	ALABAMA	TBA
Nov. 1	at South Carolina	TBA
Nov. 8	WYOMING [PPV] (HC)	1 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Vanderbilt	TBA
Nov. 29	KENTUCKY	TBA

ALL TIMES EASTERN

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

Home Stadium: Vanderbilt (39,773)

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 vs. Division: 0-0 vs. Top 25: 0-0

Total Home Attendance: 0 Average Home Attendance: 0

Aug. 28	at Miami (Ohio) [ESPNU]	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	SOUTH CAROLINA [ESPN]	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	RICE	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Ole Miss	TBA
Oct. 4	AUBURN	TBA
Oct. 11	at Mississippi State	TBA
Oct. 18	at Georgia	TBA
Oct. 25	DUKE	2 p.m.
Nov. 8	FLORIDA	TBA
Nov. 15	at Kentucky	TBA
Nov. 22	TENNESSEE	TBA
Nov. 29	at Wake Forest	TBA

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

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2008 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE WEEK-BY-WEEK SCHEDULES AND RESULTS
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Thu., Aug. 28

N.C. State at South Carolina (8 p.m. ET / ESPN)
 Vanderbilt at Miami (Ohio) (6:30 p.m. CT / ESPN2)

Sat., Aug. 30

Alabama vs. Clemson (at Atlanta) (7 p.m. CT / ABC)
 Western Illinois at Arkansas (6 p.m. CT)
 Louisiana-Monroe at Auburn (6 p.m. CT)
 Hawaii at Florida (12:30 p.m. ET / Raycom)
 Georgia Southern at Georgia (12:30 p.m. ET / PPV)
 Appalachian State at LSU (4 p.m. CT / ESPN)
 Memphis at Ole Miss (6 p.m. CT)
 Mississippi State at La. Tech (5:45 p.m. CT / ESPN2)

Sun., Aug. 31

Kentucky at Louisville (3:30 p.m. ET / ESPN)

Mon., Sept. 1

Tennessee at UCLA (8 p.m. ET / ESPN)

Thu., Sept. 4

South Carolina at Vanderbilt (7:30 p.m. CT / ESPN)

Sat., Sept. 6

Tulane at Alabama (6:07 p.m. CT / PPV)
 La.-Monroe at Arkansas (at Little Rock) (6 p.m. CT)
 Southern Miss at Auburn (11:30 a.m. CT / Raycom)
 Miami, Fla. at Florida (8 p.m. ET / ESPN)
 Central Michigan at Georgia (3:30 p.m. ET / FSNS)
 Norfolk State at Kentucky (6 p.m. ET)
 Troy at LSU (7 p.m. CT)
 Ole Miss at Wake Forest (2:30 p.m. CT / ABC)
 Southeastern Louisiana at Mississippi State (6 p.m. CT)

Sat., Sept. 13

Western Kentucky at Alabama (6:07 p.m. CT / PPV)
 Arkansas at Texas (2:30 p.m. CT / ABC)
 Auburn at Mississippi State (6 p.m. CT / ESPN2)
 Georgia at South Carolina (3:30 p.m. ET / CBS)
 Middle Tennessee at Kentucky (7 p.m. ET)
 North Texas at LSU (7 p.m. CT)
 Samford at Ole Miss (6 p.m. CT)
 UAB at Tennessee (12:30 p.m. ET / Raycom)
 Rice at Vanderbilt (6 p.m. CT)

Sat., Sept. 20

Alabama at Arkansas
 LSU at Auburn
 Florida at Tennessee
 Georgia at Arizona State (8:13 p.m. ET / ABC)
 Vanderbilt at Ole Miss
 Mississippi State at Georgia Tech
 Wofford at South Carolina

Sat., Sept. 27

Alabama at Georgia
 Tennessee at Auburn
 Ole Miss at Florida
 Western Kentucky at Kentucky
 Mississippi State at LSU
 UAB at South Carolina

Sat., Oct. 4

Kentucky at Alabama
 Florida at Arkansas
 Auburn at Vanderbilt
 South Carolina at Ole Miss
 Northern Illinois at Tennessee (7 p.m. ET / PPV)

Sat., Oct. 11

Arkansas at Auburn
 LSU at Florida
 Tennessee at Georgia
 South Carolina at Kentucky
 Vanderbilt at Mississippi State

Sat., Oct. 18

Ole Miss at Alabama
 Arkansas at Kentucky
 Vanderbilt at Georgia
 LSU at South Carolina
 Mississippi State at Tennessee

Thu., Oct. 23

Auburn at West Virginia (6:30 p.m. CT / ESPN)

Sat., Oct. 25

Alabama at Tennessee
 Ole Miss at Arkansas
 Kentucky at Florida
 Georgia at LSU
 Middle Tennessee at Mississippi State
 Duke at Vanderbilt (2 p.m. CT)

Sat., Nov. 1

Arkansas State at Alabama
 Tulsa at Arkansas (1 p.m. CT)
 Auburn at Ole Miss
 Florida vs. Georgia (at Jacksonville, Fla.)
 Kentucky at Mississippi State
 Tulane at LSU (7 p.m. CT)
 Tennessee at South Carolina

Sat., Nov. 8

Alabama at LSU
 Arkansas at South Carolina
 Tennessee-Martin at Auburn (1:30 p.m. CT)
 Florida at Vanderbilt
 Georgia at Kentucky
 Wyoming at Tennessee (1 p.m. / PPV)

Sat., Nov. 15

Mississippi State at Alabama
 Georgia at Auburn
 South Carolina at Florida
 Vanderbilt at Kentucky
 Louisiana-Monroe at Ole Miss

Sat., Nov. 22

Arkansas at Mississippi State
 The Citadel at Florida
 Ole Miss at LSU
 Tennessee at Vanderbilt

Fri., Nov. 28

LSU at Arkansas (at Little Rock) (1:30 p.m. / CBS)
 Mississippi State at Ole Miss (11:30 a.m. CT / Raycom)

Sat., Nov. 29

Auburn at Alabama
 Florida at Florida State
 Georgia Tech at Georgia
 Kentucky at Tennessee
 South Carolina at Clemson
 Vanderbilt at Wake Forest

Sat., Dec. 6

SEC Championship Game (4 p.m. ET / CBS)

* - denotes SEC game

2008 SEC FOOTBALL MEDIA SERVICES

SEC COACHES TELECONFERENCE

Dates: Every Wednesday (8/27 - 11/26)
Number: (877) 381-5694 (Confidential) [A passcode will be sent out via email on each Monday during the season.]
Replays: www.secsports.com

Order of Appearance (All Times Central)

10:00 a.m. Les Miles, LSU
 10:07 a.m. Steve Spurrier, South Carolina
 10:14 a.m. Urban Meyer, Florida
 10:21 a.m. Bobby Johnson, Vanderbilt
 10:28 a.m. Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee
 10:35 a.m. Nick Saban, Alabama
 10:42 a.m. Bobby Petrino, Arkansas
 10:49 a.m. Houston Nutt, Ole Miss
 10:56 a.m. Mark Richt, Georgia
 11:03 a.m. Sylvester Croom, Mississippi State
 11:10 a.m. Tommy Tuberville, Auburn
 11:17 a.m. Rich Brooks, Kentucky

SEC SCHOOL WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCES

(Check school's website for on-line availability and notes. Some schools may not have a press conference prior to open date weekend.)

ALABAMA – Game week Mondays at 11:30 a.m. CT in the Naylor Stone Media Room/Moore Athletic Bldg.

ARKANSAS - TBA

AUBURN – Game week Tuesdays at 1 p.m. CT in the Auburn Athletic Complex Auditorium

FLORIDA – Game week Mondays in the south endzone conference room of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (10:15 - Noon for student-athletes; Noon - 12:30 p.m. for Meyer)

GEORGIA – Game week Tuesdays from 11:15 a.m. ET to 1:15 p.m. ET in Stegeman Coliseum floor level concourse

KENTUCKY – Game week Mondays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. ET in the Wildcat Den at Commonwealth Stadium

LSU – Game week Mondays from 12:15 – 1 p.m. CT in the LSU Athletic Administration Building

OLE MISS - Game week Mondays at 2 p.m. CT in Team Meeting Room of Indoor Practice Facility

MISSISSIPPI STATE – Game week Tuesdays at 1 p.m. CT in the Bryan Athletic Administration Building

SOUTH CAROLINA – Game week Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. ET, Team Meeting Room, Crews Building (Exception - Sunday, Aug. 31)

TENNESSEE – Game week Tuesdays at Noon ET, Neyland Stadium Media Center

VANDERBILT – Game week Mondays at noon CT in the McGugin Center

SEC SCHOOL WEEKLY TELECONFERENCES

(Contact school's SID office for additional teleconference information. Phone numbers are confidential and for media use only. Some schools may not have a teleconference prior to open date weekend.)

Alabama - Coach Saban participates in the weekly SEC media teleconference.

Arkansas - TBA

Auburn - Sundays at 3 p.m. CT at (212) 812-4494, code 2884 4377 for Tuberville.

Florida - Sundays at 11 a.m. ET at (212) 812-4494, code 5262 7831 for Meyer.

Georgia - Sundays at 5:30 p.m. ET at (706) 645-9646. Contact UGA Sports Communications Office for passcode.

Kentucky - Sundays TBA.

LSU - Coach Miles participates in the weekly SEC media teleconference.

Ole Miss - Mondays at 2 p.m. CT at (800) 793-6775, code 7332 0717 for Nutt.

Mississippi State - Mondays at 10 a.m. CT at (212) 812-4494, code 1582 5546 for Croom.

South Carolina - Sundays 2 p.m. ET at (800) 793-6775, code 1767 9277 for Spurrier.

Tennessee - Sundays at 5:30 p.m. ET at (212) 812-4494, code 8934 8710 for Fulmer. Student-Athlete calls on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. ET at (212) 812-4494, code 8934 8710.

Vanderbilt - Coach Johnson participates in the weekly SEC media teleconference.

SEC SCHOOL SATELLITE FEEDS

(Contact school's SID office for copyright and usage information. Some schools may not have a feed prior to open date weekend.)

Alabama - Weekly feeds each Monday at 3:30 p.m. CT. Coordinates: Galaxy 17, Trans. 2.

Arkansas - Weekly feeds each Tuesday at 3-3:15 p.m. CT. Coordinates: ANALOG KU Band - Galaxy 17, Trans. 8, Uplink: 14120.0 H / Downlink Frequency: 11820.0 V; Location: 74.05 degrees West; Audio 6.2, 6.8.

Auburn - Weekly feeds TBA.

Florida - Weekly feeds each Monday from 2:45-3 p.m. ET. Coordinates: Galaxy 11 (KU-Band, Trans. 24, Slot C, Downlink 12184.5 H, Symbol Rate 3.9787, Data Rate 5.5, FEC 3/4).

Georgia - Weekly feeds each Tuesday from 3:30-3:45 p.m. ET. Coordinates: Horizon 2, Trans. K15 Lower, Downlink: 11900.00 V.

Kentucky - TBA.

LSU - Weekly feeds each Monday from 4-4:15 p.m. CT. Coordinates: Galaxy 26, Trans. 13 (C-Band); 93 degrees west; Downlink: 3960 V.

Ole Miss - Weekly feeds each Monday from 4-4:15 p.m. CT. Uplink information online at www.olemissatfeeds.com.

Mississippi State - Weekly feeds each Tuesday at 4:30-4:45 p.m. CT. Coordinates: Horizon 2, Trans. 15, KU/Analog; Downlink: 11.900.00 V (Exception: Week 2).

South Carolina - TBA

Tennessee - Weekly press conferences feeds each Tuesday at 12:30-1 p.m. ET.

Weekly highlight feeds each Tuesday at 4:15-4:30 p.m. ET. Coordinates: Galaxy 17 (Analog KU), Trans. 4. Uplink 14080.0 H, Downlink 11780.0 V.

Vanderbilt - Will conduct a post-game highlight feed for non-televised SEC games. Contact SID office for details.

STUDENT-ATHLETE GAME WEEK INTERVIEWS

Alabama - Other than the Monday press conference attendees, players will be available by request after practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Consult weekly media schedule for times and locales.

Arkansas - Players are available for interviews prior to afternoon meetings and after practices on Monday through Wednesday. Please go through UA SID office to arrange interviews and check player availability.

Auburn - Players are available for interviews after practice on Sunday and Tuesday. Tuesday's interviews will take place prior to Coach Tuberville's press conference.

Florida - Players are available for interviews after practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and before media luncheons on Mondays. Quarterbacks are available Mondays and Tuesdays. Have your interview requests to the Florida SID staff at least 30 minutes before the end of practice during game week. Only requested players will be available. All player interviews will conclude following the Wednesday session after practice.

Georgia - Players are available for interviews after practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Select players available at Tuesday noon press conference. These players will not be available after practice.

Kentucky - Players are available for interviews after practice on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

LSU - Players are available for interviews following coaches press conference on Monday and after practice on Monday and Tuesday.

Ole Miss - Players available for interviews following the coaches press conference on Monday, based on requests received by Ole Miss SID office by 3 p.m. CT on Sunday. Additional interviews will be conducted on Wednesday from 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. CT.

Mississippi State - Players are available for interviews before or after practice with prior request on Monday and Tuesday of game week. Quarterbacks available on Mondays. Selected players will attend Tuesday press conference.

South Carolina - Players are available for interviews following coaches press conference on Tuesday and after practice on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please go through USC SID office to arrange.

Tennessee - Players are available for interviews Sunday and Wednesdays after practice and Tuesdays at Weekly Coaches' Press Conference (11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Vanderbilt - Players are available for interviews Tuesday through Thursday prior to position meetings. Upon request, players are also available briefly following practice. Contact VU SID office to arrange interviews.

SEC MEDIA SERVICES

SCHOOL WEBSITES

Alabama - www.rolltide.com
Arkansas - www.arkansasrazorbacks.com
Auburn - www.auburntigers.com & www.sportssystem.com/auburn (for credential requests)
Florida - www.gatorzone.com/media (User Name: press/Password: 4g8rpress)
Georgia - www.georgiadogs.com ; www.georgiadogs.com/media (media only - contact karlene@sports.uga.edu for password)
Kentucky - www.ukathletics.com
LSU - www.lsusports.net/media (information); media.lsusports.net (photos)
Ole Miss - www.olemisssports.com
Miss. State - www.mstateathletics.com
South Carolina - www.gamecocksonline.com
Tennessee - www.utsports.com
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Media covering the Southeastern Conference have its own website to get the latest information on the league. The address for the official SEC media website is www.secsportsmedia.com. Through the services of Sports Systems, Inc., the site has the latest updated standings, results, schedules, statistics and notes and PDF versions of all SEC releases and media guides. On www.secsportsmedia.com, the SEC has a Digital Image Platform that gives you access to the SEC's latest photographs, images and logos, and links to all of the SEC school media websites and home pages.

SEC OFFICE MEDIA RELATIONS SCHEDULE

Sundays -- Standings, Statistics, Schedule & Results and Conference Notes available
 Mondays -- SEC Players of the Week selected and Team Notes available
 Tuesdays -- Entire SEC Weekly Release, including Game Previews, available
 Wednesdays -- Coaches Media Teleconference (10 - 11:30 a.m. CT) / Replays on www.secsports.com

NON-CONFERENCE RECORDS

2008 SEC NON-CONFERENCE RECORD [0-0 (.000)]

Conference	2008-----	W-L	Pct.	2007
ACC	App. 10	0-0	.000	6-3
<i>Clemson vs. Alabama; N.C. State at South Carolina; Miami (Fla.) at Florida; Ole Miss at Wake Forest; Mississippi State at Georgia Tech; Duke at Vanderbilt; Florida at Florida State; Georgia Tech at Georgia; South Carolina at Clemson; Vanderbilt at Wake Forest.</i>				
Big East	2	0-0	.000	1-2
<i>Kentucky at Louisville; Auburn at West Virginia;</i>				
Big 12	1	0-0	.000	3-2
<i>Arkansas at Texas;</i>				
C-USA	7	0-0	.000	7-0
<i>Memphis at Ole Miss; Tulane at Alabama; Southern Miss at Auburn; UAB at Tennessee; Rice at Vanderbilt; UAB at South Carolina; Tulane at LSU;</i>				
MAC	3	0-0	.000	3-0
<i>Vanderbilt at Miami (Ohio); Central Michigan at Georgia; Northern Illinois at Tennessee;</i>				
Mountain West	1	0-0	.000	0-0
<i>Wyoming at Tennessee;</i>				
Pac-10	2	0-0	.000	0-1
<i>Tennessee at UCLA; Georgia at Arizona State</i>				
Sun Belt	10	0-0	.000	11-1
<i>Louisiana Monroe at Auburn; Louisiana Monroe at Arkansas; Troy at LSU; Middle Tennessee at Kentucky; North Texas at LSU; Middle Tennessee at Mississippi State; Arkansas State at Alabama; Louisiana Monroe at Ole Miss; Western Kentucky at Alabama; Western Kentucky at Kentucky.</i>				
WAC	3	0-0	.000	4-0
<i>Hawaii at Florida; Mississippi State at Louisiana Tech; Tulsa at Arkansas;</i>				
I-AA Schools	9	0-0	.000	9-0
<i>Western Illinois at Arkansas; Georgia Southern at Georgia; Appalachian State at LSU; Norfolk State at Kentucky; Southeastern Louisiana at Mississippi State; Samford at Ole Miss; Wofford at South Carolina; Tennessee-Martin at Auburn; The Citadel at Florida;</i>				

OVERALL NON-CONFERENCE RECORDS (Includes Bowl Games)

Conference	2008-----	W-L	Pct.	2007
ACC	0-0	.000	35-21	
Big East	0-0	.000	32-13	
Big Ten	0-0	.000	38-14	
Big 12	0-0	.000	41-15	
Conference USA	0-0	.000	18-36	
MAC	0-0	.000	17-44	
Mountain West	0-0	.000	24-17	
Pac-10	0-0	.000	25-12	
SEC	0-0	.000	47-10	
Sun Belt	0-0	.000	10-31	
Western Athletic	0-0	.000	18-23	

SEC NON-CONFERENCE RECORD (Since 1992)

Year	Regular Season			Bowls
	App.	W-L	Pct.	
1992	36	27-9	.750	5-1
1993	36	28-7-1	.792	2-2
1994	36	27-8-1	.764	3-2
1995	36	29-7	.806	2-4
1996	36	27-9	.750	5-0
1997	36	32-4	.889	5-1
1998	36	27-9	.750	4-4
1999	36	28-8	.778	4-4
2000	36	27-9	.750	4-5
2001	36	29-7	.806	5-3
2002	49	37-12	.755	3-4
2003	46	31-15	.674	5-2
2004	36	25-11	.694	3-3
2005	36	27-9	.750	3-3
2006	48	41-7	.854	6-3
2006	48	41-7	.854	6-3
2007	48	40-8	.825	7-2
TOTALS	626	482-141-2	.772	66-43 (.606) 548-184-2 (.748)

SEC IN THE THIS WEEK'S POLLS

Associated Press (Pre-season)

No.	Team	Record	Points
1.	GEORGIA (22)	11-2	1,528
2.	Ohio State (21)	11-2	1,506
3.	Southern California (12)	11-2	1,490
4.	Oklahoma (4)	11-3	1,444
5.	FLORIDA (6)	9-4	1,415
6.	Missouri	12-2	1,266
7.	LSU	12-2	1,163
8.	West Virginia	11-2	1,116
9.	Clemson	9-4	1,105
10.	AUBURN	9-4	968
11.	Texas	10-3	966
12.	Texas Tech	9-4	786
13.	Wisconsin	9-4	771
14.	Kansas	12-1	707
15.	Arizona State	10-3	631
16.	Brigham Young	11-2	590
17.	Virginia Tech	11-3	578
18.	TENNESSEE	10-4	509
19.	South Florida	9-4	496
20.	Illinois	9-4	483
21.	Oregon	9-4	366
22.	Penn State	9-4	293
23.	Wake Forest	9-4	227
24.	ALABAMA	7-6	89
25.	Pittsburgh	5-7	85

Others (SEC Only): South Carolina (84), Arkansas (14), Mississippi State (4).

USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll (Pre-Season)

No.	Team	Record	Points
1.	GEORGIA (22)	11-2	1,438
2.	Southern California (14)	11-2	1,430
3.	Ohio State (14)	11-2	1,392
4.	Oklahoma (3)	11-3	1,329
5.	FLORIDA (5)	9-4	1,293
6.	LSU (3)	12-2	1,163
7.	Missouri	12-2	1,143
8.	West Virginia	11-2	1,008
9.	Clemson	9-4	999
10.	Texas	10-3	979
11.	AUBURN	9-4	888
12.	Wisconsin	9-4	747
13.	Kansas	12-1	714
14.	Texas Tech	9-4	644
15.	Virginia Tech	11-3	568
16.	Arizona State	10-3	560
17.	Brigham Young	11-2	547
18.	TENNESSEE	10-4	506
19.	Illinois	9-4	422
20.	Oregon	9-4	399
21.	South Florida	9-4	350
22.	Penn State	9-4	313
23.	Wake Forest	9-4	203
24.	Michigan	9-4	112
25.	Fresno State	9-4	91

Others (SEC Only): Alabama (83), South Carolina (64), Mississippi State (6), Kentucky (5).

FWAA Grantland Rice Super 16 Poll (Pre-Season)

No.	Team	Record	Points
1.	Southern California [5]	11-2	232
2.	GEORGIA [5]	11-2	229
3.	Ohio State [4]	11-2	219
4.	Oklahoma	11-3	204
5.	FLORIDA [1]	9-4	197
6.	Missouri	12-2	164
7.	West Virginia	11-2	138
8.	LSU	12-2	130
9.	AUBURN [1]	9-4	116
10.	Clemson	9-4	109
11.	Texas	10-3	70
12.	Wisconsin	9-4	52
13.	Kansas	12-1	51
14.	Texas Tech	9-4	50
15.	Illinois	9-4	29
16.	Arizona State	10-3	28
	Brigham Young	11-2	28

Others (SEC Only): Tennessee.

Bowl Championship Series Rankings (First poll released on Sunday, Oct. 12)

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

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

SATELLITE RADIO SCHEDULE

The following games are scheduled to be on XM satellite radio for the weekend of Aug. 28-Sept. 1:

Vanderbilt at Miami (Ohio)	199
N.C. State at South Carolina	200
Hawaii at Florida	200
Georgia Southern at Georgia	199
Appalachian State at LSU	200
Mississippi State at Louisiana Tech	199
Western Illinois at Arkansas	201
Louisiana-Monroe at Auburn	144
Memphis at Ole Miss	141
Alabama vs. Clemson	232
Kentucky at Louisville	199
Tennessee at UCLA	199

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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 COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The University of Florida football team will be featured this week as the SEC Community Service Team Player of the Week on this weekend's Raycom Sports telecast of the Hawaii at Florida contest.

The team held the inaugural Gator Charity Challenge on Friday night at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in front of approximately 1,800 people. The fundraiser featured the 2008 Gators challenging each other in a series of strength competitions.

Each of the six charities represented at the Gator Charity Challenge were selected by the Gator football program and are affiliated with Shands, a University partner. The charities were the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Children's Miracle Network, March of Dimes and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Susan J. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, led by team captain and offensive lineman Jason Watkins (Lakeland, Fla.), outworked the competition and won the

inaugural Gator Charity Challenge with a total score of 27 points.

The Gator Charity Challenge was held in association with Uplifting Athletes to help raise the public awareness of rare diseases, which often receive less attention than others. Uplifting Athletes is a charitable organization leading an effort to align college football with rare diseases and raise them as a national priority. For more information, please visit www.upliftingathletes.org.

Each week during the SEC football season, Raycom Sports will highlight a representative of the 2008 SEC Football Good Works Team.

Student-Athletes earn SEC Community Service Team recognition for their community service and campus activities.

The SEC sponsors 16 Community Service Teams during the season, including one for each sport in the SEC, combining the indoor and outdoor track & field and cross country teams into one unit.

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	98-48-1	.670	55-22	.714 (T17)	34-16 (T20)	.680 (11)
Bobby Petrino, Arkansas	41-9	.820	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Tommy Tuberville, Auburn	105-53	.665	105-53 (T14)	.665 (27)	62-44 (T8)	.585 (T20)
Urban Meyer, Florida	70-16	.814	31-8	.795	18-7	.720
Mark Richt, Georgia	72-19	.791	72-19 (21)	.791 (5)	42-17 (T16)	.712 (7)
Rich Brooks, Kentucky	116-144-4	.447	25-35	.417	11-29	.275
Les Miles, LSU	62-27	.697	34-6	.850	20-6	.769
Houston Nutt, Ole Miss	111-70	.613	75-48 (T19)	.610	42-40 (T16)	.512
Sylvester Croom, Mississippi State	17-30	.362	17-30	.362	8-24	.250
Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	163-56-2	.742	143-43-1 (8)	.767 (6)	98-27 (T4)	.784 (2)
Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	147-45	.766	147-45 (7)	.766 (7)	95-32 (6)	.748 (5)
Bobby Johnson, Vanderbilt	80-86	.482	20-50	.286	8-41	.163

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

Georgia and LSU have the SEC's best records during the last five and 10 seasons. Since 2003, LSU has posted the league's best overall mark at 56-10 (.848). Since 1998, Georgia has had the league's best record at 97-30 (.764). Below is a look at how each SEC team has fared during the last five and ten seasons:

	Record Last Five Seasons (2003-2007)			SEC Champ	AP Top 25
	W-L	Pct.	Bowls		
LSU	56-10	.848	5	2	5
Georgia	51-14	.785	5	1	5
Auburn	50-14	.781	5	1	4
Florida	46-18	.719	5	1	4
Tennessee	44-20	.688	4	0	4
Arkansas	36-26	.581	3	0	1
South Carolina	32-28	.533	2	0	0
Alabama	33-30	.524	4	0	1
Kentucky	25-35	.417	2	0	0
Ole Miss	24-35	.407	1	0	1
Miss. State	19-40	.322	1	0	0
Vanderbilt	18-40	.310	0	0	0

Record Last 10 Seasons (1998-2007)

	W-L	Pct.	Bowls	SEC	AP
				Champ	Top 25
Georgia	97-30	.764	10	2	10
Florida	93-34	.732	10	2	8
Tennessee	93-34	.732	10	1	7
LSU	89-37	.706	8	3	7
Auburn	83-40	.675	8	1	6
Arkansas	76-48	.613	8	0	3
Alabama	70-54	.565	7	1	3
Ole Miss	60-59	.504	5	0	3
South Carolina	55-63	.466	4	0	2
Miss. State	51-68	.429	4	0	2
Kentucky	49-69	.415	4	0	0
Vanderbilt	32-82	.281	0	0	0

STARTING QUARTERBACKS IN THE SEC (Includes Bowl Games)

School	Quarterback(s)	Record	IN WINS -----				IN LOSSES -----			
			A-C-I	Yards	TD	Pct.	A-C-I	Yards	TD	Pct.
Alabama	John Parker Wilson	13-13	393-236-8	2875	21	60.1	448-235-14	2678	14	52.5
Arkansas	Casey Dick	12-10	210-130-6	1510	22	61.9	243-113-13	1310	8	46.5
Auburn	Kodi Burns	1-0	5-1-0	58	1	20.0				
Florida	Tim Tebow	9-4	242-171-4	2537	25	70.7	108-63-2	749	7	58.3
Georgia	Matthew Stafford	18-4	406-236-12	3105	22	58.1	138-64-7	768	3	46.4
	Joe Cox	1-0	10-4-0	24	0	40.0	N/A			
Kentucky	TBA									
LSU	TBA									
Ole Miss	TBA									
Miss. State	Wesley Carroll	6-3	115-60-3	556	3	52.2	119-65-4	793	6	54.6
South Carolina	Chris Smelley	4-2	107-63-3	808	8	58.9	29-17-3	194	0	58.6
Tennessee	Jonathan Crompton	0-1	N/A				34-16-1	174	2	47.1
Vanderbilt	Chris Nickson	7-11	165-97-7	1362	14	58.8	245-125-11	1486	7	51.0
	Mackenzi Adams	2-4	30-17-2	231	2	56.7	109-59-3	555	5	54.1

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

A new rule expands the ability of a head coach to challenge a reviewable play on the field. The head coach now retains a challenge if his initial challenge is successful and thus results in a reversal by the replay official. The 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 (CBS Sports, ESPN, ESPN2, Lincoln Financial) 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 a runner breaking the plane of the goal line
 - b. Pass complete/incomplete/intercepted at sideline, goal line and end line
 - c. Runner/receiver in or out of bounds
 - d. 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 an ineligible receiver
 - c. Touching of a forward pass by a defensive player
 - d. Quarterback (Passer) forward pass or fumble (if ruled incomplete, play is finalized)
 - e. Illegal forward pass or illegal handing off beyond the line of scrimmage
 - f. Illegal forward pass or illegal handing off after change of possession
 - g. Forward or backward pass thrown from behind the line of scrimmage
3. Other Detectable Infractions:
 - a. Runner ruled not down.
 - b. Runner ruled down (new in 2008 / 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 overturned plays)
 - g. Fourth-down/try fumble plays
 - h. Field Goal Attempts (new in 2008 / 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.)

Not Reviewable

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

THE PROCESS

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

A live video feed is sent directly to the replay booth. The Technician watches the feed on an input monitor while capturing/digitizing it into the DVSPORT Digital Replay System. The Technician also marks the beginning of each play as well as any replays as they occur in real time.

Each play and subsequent replay then appears on a touch screen in front of the Communicator. As the Technician marks the incoming video, each view (by mark) will appear as a small picture on the computer touch screen. At any time, the Communicator can touch/click on a thumbnail and immediately send that play/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 remote device controlled by the Replay Official. All replays/video are viewed on an output monitor. The touch screen is only used to select the replays.

While most 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 Digital Replay System developed by DVSPORT of Pittsburgh, Pa. The replay systems are maintained by the home institution with technical support from DVSPORT.

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
TOTALS	253	328	84	1:42

2008 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 ON TV THIS WEEK

Below is a schedule of Southeastern Conference athletic events on television for the upcoming week. The schedule includes live and taped events as well as weekly shows. For more information on the SEC's television partners, log onto www.secsports.com. All times are Eastern.

(Thu.) Aug. 28

6:30 p.m.	SEC-TV	SEC-TV Weekly (Live)
7:30 p.m.	ESPNU	Vanderbilt at Miami (Ohio) Football (Live)
8 p.m.	ESPN	N.C. State at South Carolina Football (Live)

(Sat.) Aug. 30

12 p.m.	RAYCOM	SEC Football Today (Live)
12:30 p.m.	RAYCOM	Hawaii at Florida Football (Live)
5 p.m.	ESPN	Appalachian State at LSU Football (Live)
6:45 p.m.	ESPN2	Mississippi State at Louisiana Tech Football (Live)
8 p.m.	ABC	Alabama vs. Clemson Football (Live from Atlanta, Ga.)

(Sun.) Aug. 31

3:30 p.m.	ESPN	Kentucky at Louisville Football (Live)
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(Mon.) Sept. 1

8 p.m.	ESPN	Tennessee at UCLA Football (Live)
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(Thu.) Sept. 4

6:30 p.m.	SEC-TV	SEC-TV Weekly (Live)
8:30 p.m.	ESPN	South Carolina at Vanderbilt Football (Live)

(Sat.) Sept. 6

12 p.m.	RAYCOM	SEC Football Today (Live)
12:30 p.m.	RAYCOM	Southern Mississippi at Auburn Football (Live)
3:30 p.m.	FSNS	Central Michigan at Georgia Football (Live)
3:30 p.m.	ABC	Ole Miss at Wake Forest Football (Live)
8 p.m.	ESPN	Miami, Fla. at Florida Football (Live)

(Thu.) Sept. 11

6:30 p.m.	SEC-TV	SEC-TV Weekly (Live)
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CBS SPORTS - The 2008 season marks the 12th year for CBS as the league's national network television partner. CBS will televise up to 15 games per year throughout the season. CBS will normally broadcast its SEC games in the late afternoon window beginning at 3:30 p.m. ET. CBS provides exclusive national network broadcasts of conference home games during the season. CBS will televise the SEC Football Championship Game, which will be on Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. ET. The SEC and CBS announced a 15-year extension agreement in August.

ESPN/ESPN2, the SEC's national cable provider, may televise up to 18 regular season games each year, with a minimum of nine on ESPN through the season. ESPN GamePlan offers fans extra college football games and is available on television or online. Viewers can order ESPN GamePlan on ESPN.com

(search "GamePlan"), or by contacting their cable or satellite Pay-Per-View provider.

RAYCOM SPORTS (Formerly Jefferson-Pilot/Lincoln Financial Sports) will continue its highly successful SEC Football Game of the Week this season. The Charlotte, N.C. company, holds the rights to televise 13 games annually throughout the nine-state SEC region on a syndicated basis. The games will be broadcast in the early afternoon at 12:30 p.m. ET.

FOX Sports Net South (FSNS), FOX Sports Net Southwest (FSNSW) and SUN Sports (SUN) together form **SEC-TV**, the league's regional cable package. SEC-TV Weekly airs Thursday nights and Saturday mornings during the season, highlighting all of the SEC's athletic teams and events.

SEC BOWL AGREEMENTS

The Southeastern Conference has agreements to send nine of its member institutions to postseason bowl games following the 2008 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 (2nd), will then make 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 Outback, Chick-fil-A and AT&T Cotton Bowls will work with the conference office to determine picks 3-5. 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 selection of preference following the Cotton and Outback Bowls.

In selections 6-7, the AutoZone Liberty and Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowls will make their selections, not in any specific order, but in consultation with the SEC Office. The Bowls will rank available qualified teams in order of preference. If there are no similarities in the order of selection, the bowls will be granted its selection. If the bowls rank the same teams in preference, the team involved in the process would get its preference of which bowl to participate.

The PetroSun Independence Bowl will receive the eighth selection and the Papajohns.com Bowl will have the ninth pick of available SEC teams.

2008 BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SCHEDULE

Following the 2008 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 FedEx Orange, Allstate Sugar, Rose presented by Citi, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and the Allstate BCS National Championship Game. The conferences with automatic berths include the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conferences.

FOX Sports will televise all of the Bowl Championship Series games, with the exception of the Rose Bowl, which will be televised by ABC Sports.

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

At the conclusion of the 2008 regular season, the FedEx BCS National Championship Game will be hosted in Miami on Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. EST. The FedEx BCS National Championship Game will have the top two teams ranked in the BCS final regular season standings.

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.

Other BCS games following the 2008 regular season include the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 at 4:30 p.m. EST, FedEx Orange Bowl on Jan. 1 at 8:30 p.m. EST, Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2 at 8 p.m. EST, and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. ET.



SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE TEAM NOTES



ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

Alabama is 89-21-3 (.801) in regular season openers winning its last five, including last season's 52-6 win over Western Carolina ... The Crimson Tide returns 49 lettermen and 17 starters from last year's squad ... Nick Saban is in his second season with the

Tide, leading Alabama to an Independence Bowl win last season ... QB John Parker Wilson is in his third season as UA's starting signal-caller ... Last season, Wilson set school records for total offense, passing yards, completions and TD passes ... OL Andre Smith has earned consensus pre-season All-America honors in 2008.

LSU TIGERS



The Tigers are 81-28-5 (.732) in opening day games ... LSU returns 44 lettermen and 13 starters from last year's SEC and national championship squad ... For the fifth straight season, LSU will start the season in the top 10 in the Associated Press poll as the Tigers are selected 7th in the pre-season AP Top 25 ... The Tigers have won three SEC titles since 2000, the most of any school in the league during that time ... DE Tyson Jackson has earned pre-season All-America mention this season ... He has 16.5 tackles for loss, including 14 sacks in his career ... OG Herman Johnson has also earned pre-season All-America recognition.

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

The Razorbacks have won 11 straight season openers with their last loss coming in 1996 to SMU. The Razorbacks return 43 lettermen and 11 starters from last year's 8-5 team ... Bobby Petrino is in his first season as the Hogs' coach, coming back to the college game after a year as head coach of the Atlanta Falcons ... The Razorbacks are the first SEC team to lead the league in rushing three straight season (2005-07) since Auburn in 1983-85 ... Alabama is the last SEC team to lead the league in rushing four straight seasons (1971-74) ... C Jonathan Luigs is a pre-season All-America and the 2007 recipient of the Rimington Trophy, given to the nation's top center.



OLE MISS REBELS



Ole Miss is 84-24-5 (.765) in season openers, including 11 of the last 12 ... The Rebels return 47 lettermen and 18 starters from last year's squad ... Houston Nutt is in his first season as head coach of the Rebels after 10 seasons at the helm in Arkansas ...

Senior OT Michael Oher has earned a multitude of pre-season All-America honors this season ... QB Jevan Snead, a transfer from Texas, will be Ole Miss' starting quarterback ... The Rebels have lost eight games during the last three seasons by less than a touchdown ... Junior DE Greg Hardy was a second-team All-America last season.

AUBURN TIGERS

The Tigers are 88-25-2 (.774) in season openers. The Tigers return 47 lettermen and 17 starters from last year's 9-4 squad ... Tommy Tuberville has directed the Tigers to eight straight bowl games, including five January games ... The Tigers are 9-3 in their last 12 games against teams ranked in the Top 10 ... Junior DE Sen'Derrick Marks has earned pre-season All-America mention this season after recording nine tackles for loss last season ... Fellow junior DE Antonio Coleman (18.5 TFLs) and senior OL Tyrone Green have also earned pre-season All-America recognition.



MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

The Bulldogs are 74-32-2 (.694) in season openers ... State returns 41 lettermen and 15 starters from last year's squad ... Sylvester Croom returns for his fifth season as MSU's head coach, leading the Bulldogs to a AutoZone Liberty Bowl win last season ... After just two seasons, junior RB Anthony Dixon is sixth in career rushing attempts, 15th in career rushing yardage and fifth in rushing TDs at State ... Senior DB Derek Pegues is a two-time All-SEC selection and is the SEC's leading returning interceptor (10) ... LB Jamar Chaney had 89 stops last season and was second-team All-SEC ... Sophomore QB Wesley Carroll threw for 1,392 yards and nine TDs last season.



FLORIDA GATORS

Florida is 78-24 (.765) in season opening games in its history, including 38-1 in its last 39 season openers. Gators return 52 lettermen and 17 starters from last year's 9-4 squad ... Florida is 100-12 (.893) at home since 1990, second best winning percentage in the nation during that time ... Florida has kicked off the season ranked among the top 25 teams in college football in each of the past 18 seasons ... QB Tim Tebow is the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, giving the SEC nine such winners in its history ... He enters 2008 with an NCAA record 14 straight games with at least one rushing and one passing TD in the same game.



SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

Carolina is 74-36-4 (.667) in opening day games, including the last eight in a row. Carolina returns 53 lettermen and 17 starters from last season's 6-6 squad ... Since 2000, Gamecocks are 26-11 in August-September games ... Carolina is vying for its fifth straight non-losing season for the first time since 1930-34 ... Steve Spurrier is in his fourth season at the helm of the Gamecocks ... Senior LB Jasper Brinkley returns for his final campaign after receiving a medical redshirt in 2007 ... He earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2006 with 107 total tackles ... Senior WR Kenny McKinley is the SEC's leading returning receiver with 153 catches for 2,139 yards and 15 TDs.



GEORGIA BULLDOGS

Georgia is 87-24-3 (.776) in opening day games ... The Bulldogs have won 11 straight season openers, by a combined score of 448-136 ... Bulldogs return 45 lettermen and 17 starters from last year's squad ... The Bulldogs are 25-4 in opposing stadiums under coach Mark Richt ... The Bulldogs have been voted pre-season #1 in the nation by AP and USA Today Coaches Poll ... TB Knowshon Moreno earned Freshman All-America honors last season rushing for 1,334 yards and 14 TDs ... QB Matthew Stafford has thrown for 4,272 yards and 26 TDs in his first two seasons.



TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

Tennessee is 82-23-6 (.766) in season opening games ... The Vols lost at California last season, snapping an 11 year season opening victory streak ... The Vols return 47 lettermen and 16 starters from last season's squad ... Phillip Fulmer is the longest serving active head coach in the SEC, having been at Tennessee since 1992 (147-45 overall) ... His .766 career win percentage is tops in the nation for coaches with at least 10 years of experience ... DB Eric Berry was named the Defensive Freshman of the Year last season by CollegeFootballNews.com with 86 tackles and five interceptions.



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

The Wildcats are 79-33-5 (.696) in opening day games ... Kentucky returns 57 lettermen including 15 starters from last year's Music City Bowl champion squad ... Coach Rich Brooks has led the Wildcats to back-to-back 8-win seasons for the first time since 1976-77 (9/10) ... Senior DE Jeremy Jarmon has 20 tackles for loss, including 13 sacks in his first two seasons ... Senior WR Dicky Lyons, Jr., has 108 career receptions for 1,488 yards and 16 TDs ... Since 2003, the Wildcats have had 13 SEC All-Freshman Team members and five Freshman All-Americans.



VANDERBILT COMMODORES

Vanderbilt is 65-35-4 (.644) in season openers ... The Commodores return 48 lettermen including 11 starters. Bobby Johnson is in his 7th season as Vandy's head coach - the fourth longest tenured coach at one institution in the SEC ... The Commodores last three games last season - all to bowl teams - by a combined margin of 11 points ... Junior DB D.J. Moore is a pre-season All-SEC selection ... Last season, he registered 83 total tackles and six interceptions ... Fellow defensive back Reshard Langford logged 65 stops and two "oskies" last season.



2007-08 POST-SEASON BOWL SCHEDULE

Bowl Game	Date/Time (ET)	Site	Matchup	Network
Congressional Bowl	Dec. 20 / 11 a.m.	Washington, D.C.	Army/Navy/At-Large vs. ACC	ESPN
New Mexico	Dec. 20 / 2:30 p.m.	Albuquerque, N.M.	Mountain West vs. WAC	ESPN
St. Petersburg Bowl	Dec. 20 / 6:30 p.m.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Big East vs. C-USA	ESPN2
Pioneer Las Vegas	Dec. 20 / 8 p.m.	Las Vegas, Nev.	Mountain West vs. Pac-10	ESPN
R&L Carriers New Orleans	Dec. 21 / 8 p.m.	New Orleans, La.	Sun Belt vs. C-USA	ESPN
San Diego Co. Credit Union Poinsettia	Dec. 23 / 8 p.m.	San Diego, Calif.	Mountain West vs. Pac-10	ESPN
Sheraton Hawaii	Dec. 24 / 8 p.m.	Honolulu, Hawaii	WAC vs. Pac-10	ESPN
Motor City	Dec. 26 / 7:30 p.m.	Detroit, Mich.	Big Ten vs. MAC	ESPN
Meineke Car Care	Dec. 27 / 1 p.m.	Charlotte, N.C.	ACC vs. Big East	ESPN
Champs Sports	Dec. 27 / 4:30 p.m.	Orlando, Fla.	ACC vs. Big Ten	ESPN
Emerald	Dec. 27 / 8 p.m.	San Francisco, Calif.	ACC vs. Pac-10	ESPN
PetroSun Independence	Dec. 28 / 8 p.m.	Shreveport, La.	Big 12 vs. SEC	ESPN
Papajohn's.com	Dec. 29 / 3 p.m.	Birmingham, Ala.	Big East vs. SEC	ESPN
Valero Alamo	Dec. 29 / 8 p.m.	San Antonio, Texas	Big Ten vs. Big 12	ESPN
Roady's Humanitarian	Dec. 30 / 4:30 p.m.	Boise, Idaho	ACC vs. WAC	ESPN
Pacific Life Holiday	Dec. 30 / 8 p.m.	San Diego, Calif.	Big 12 vs. Pac-10	ESPN
Texas	Dec. 30 / 8 p.m.	Houston, Texas	Big 12 vs. C-USA	NFL
Bell Helicopter Armed Forces	Dec. 31 / 12 p.m.	Fort Worth, Texas	Mountain West vs. C-USA	ESPN
Brut Sun	Dec. 31 / 2 p.m.	El Paso, Texas	Big 12/Big East/Notre Dame vs. Pac-10	CBS
Gaylord Hotels Music City	Dec. 31 / 3:30 p.m.	Nashville, Tenn.	ACC vs. SEC	ESPN
Insight	Dec. 31 / 6 p.m.	Tempe, Ariz.	Big Ten vs. Big 12	NFL
Chick-fil-A	Dec. 31 / 7:30 p.m.	Atlanta, Ga.	ACC vs. SEC	ESPN
Outback	Jan. 1 / 11 a.m.	Tampa, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC	ESPN
Konica Minolta Gator	Jan. 1 / 1 p.m.	Jacksonville, Fla.	ACC vs. Big 12/Big East/Notre Dame	CBS
Capital One	Jan. 1 / 1 p.m.	Orlando, Fla.	Big Ten vs. SEC	ABC
Rose presented by Citi	Jan. 1 / 5 p.m.	Pasadena, Calif.	*BCS vs. BCS	ABC
FedEx Orange	Jan. 1 / 8 p.m.	Miami, Fla.	*BCS vs. BCS	FOX
AT&T Cotton	Jan. 2 / 2 p.m.	Dallas, Texas	Big 12 vs. SEC	FOX
AutoZone Liberty	Jan. 2 / 5 p.m.	Memphis, Tenn.	C-USA vs. SEC	ESPN
Allstate Sugar	Jan. 2 / 8 p.m.	New Orleans, La.	*BCS vs. BCS	FOX
International	Jan. 3 / 12 p.m.	Toronto, Canada	Big East vs. MAC	ESPN2
Tostitos Fiesta	Jan. 5 / 8 p.m.	Phoenix, Ariz.	*BCS vs. BCS	FOX
GMAC	Jan. 6 / 8 p.m.	Mobile, Ala.	C-USA vs. MAC/WAC	ESPN
FedEx BCS National Championship	Jan. 8 / 8 p.m.	Miami, Fla.	*BCS #1 vs. BCS #2	FOX

All Times Eastern and Subject to Change

SEC IN PRESEASON AP RANKINGS

[1st number reflects preseason; second number reflects final poll]
2008 (6) - Georgia (1), Florida (5), LSU (7), Auburn (10), Tennessee (18), Alabama (24).
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 2008

* - Of the 74 previous times that an SEC team has been ranked in an AP preseason poll since 1993, only 31 times has that team improved its position in the final poll.
 * - On 19 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 CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Total Offensive Yards Gained

1. 11,350—Chris Leak, Florida (137 rushing, 11,213 passing)2003-06
2. 11,270—David Greene, Georgia (-258 rushing, 11,528 passing).....2001-04
3. 11,020—Peyton Manning, Tennessee (-181 rushing, 11,201 passing).....1994-97
4. 10,841—Eric Zeier, Georgia (-312 rushing, 11,153 passing).....1991-94
5. 10,637—Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky (279 rushing, 10,354 passing)2000-03
6. 10,500—Danny Wuerffel, Florida (-375 rushing, 10,875 passing).....1993-96
7. 9,989—Eli Manning, Ole Miss (-130 rushing, 10,119 passing).....2000-03
8. 9,953—Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt (1,256 rushing, 8,697 passing)2002-05
9. 9,577—Casey Clausen, Tennessee (-130 rushing, 9,707 passing)2000-03
10. 9,241—Shane Matthews, Florida (-46 rushing, 9,287 passing)1989-92

Highest Active Player

5,832—John Parker Wilson, Alabama (181 rushing, 5,651 passing).....2005-5,008—Tim Tebow, Florida (1,364 rushing, 3,644 passing)2006-4,445—Matthew Stafford, Georgia (173 rushing, 4,272 passing)2006-

Touchdown Responsibility

1. 122— Danny Wuerffel, Florida (8 rushing, 114 passing).....1993-96
2. 118— Eli Manning, Ole Miss (8 rushing, 110 passing)2000-03
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. 83— Rex Grossman, Florida (6 rushing, 77 passing).....2000-02
7. 82— Shane Matthews, Florida (7 rushing, 74 passing, 1 receiving).....1989-92
- 82— Andre' Woodson, Kentucky (3 rushing, 79 passing).....2004-07
9. 81— Casey Clausen, Tennessee (6 rushing, 75 passing)2000-03
10. 78— Tim Couch, Kentucky (4 rushing, 74 passing)1996-98

Highest Active Player

68—Tim Tebow, Florida (31 rushing, 37 passing).....2006-43—John Parker Wilson, Alabama (6 rushing, 37 passing)2005-34—Casey Dick, Arkansas (34 passing)2005-

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—Errict 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. 3,928—Emmitt Smith, Florida (31 games).....1987-89
9. 3,835—Sonny Collins, Kentucky (41 games).....1972-75
10. 3,831—Carnell Williams, Auburn (42 games)2001-04

Highest Active Player

2,394—Arian Foster, Tennessee (36 games)2005-1,734—Anthony Dixon, Mississippi State (25 games)2006-1,364—Tim Tebow, Florida (27 games).....2006-

All-Purpose Rushing Yards

1. 6,833—Kevin Faulk, LSU (4,557 rush, 600 rec., 832 PR, 844 KOR)1995-98
2. 5,856—Derek Abney, Kentucky (160 rush, 2,339 rec., 1,042 PR, 2,315 KOR).....2000-03
3. 5,831—Darren McFadden, Arkansas (4,589 rush, 365 rec., 877 KOR).....2005-07
4. 5,749—Herschel Walker, Georgia (5,249 rush, 243 rec., 247 KOR)1980-82
5. 5,743—Domanick Davis, LSU (2056 rush, 393 rec., 1126 PR, 2168 KOR).....1999-2002
6. 5,596—James Brooks, Auburn (3,523 rush, 347 rec., 1,726 KOR).....1977-80
7. 5,393—Errict Rhett, Florida (4,163 rush, 1,230 rec.).....1990-93
8. 5,343—Rafael Little, Kentucky (2996 rush, 1324 rec., 854 PR, 169 KOR).....2004-07
9. 5,326—Dalton Hilliard, LSU (4,050 rush, 1,133 rec., 143 KOR).....1982-85
10. 5,084—Carnell Williams, Auburn (3,831 rush, 342 rec., 302 PR, 609 KOR).....2001-04

Highest Active Player

3,144—Arian Foster, Tennessee (2,394 rush, 576 rec., 174 KOR)2005-2,628—Derek Pegues, Miss. State (1,790 KOR, 620 PR, 218 IR).....2005-2,477—Percy Harvin, Florida (1,192 rush, 1,285 rec.).....2006-

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

478—John Parker Wilson, Alabama (853 atts., 5,651 yards).....2005-329—Matthew Stafford, Georgia (604 atts., 4,272 yards)2006-268—Casey Dick, Arkansas (493 atts., 3,270 yards)2005-

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 Active Player

5,651—John Parker Wilson, Alabama (478 of 853).....2005-4,272—Matthew Stafford, Georgia (329 of 604).....2006-3,644—Tim Tebow, Florida (256 of 383).....2006-

Touchdown Passes

1. 114— Danny Wuerffel, Florida1993-96
2. 89— Peyton Manning, Tennessee1994-97
3. 88— Chris Leak, Florida2003-06
4. 81— Eli Manning, Ole Miss2000-03
5. 79— Andre' Woodson, Kentucky2004-07
6. 78— Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky2000-03
7. 77— Rex Grossman, Florida2000-02
8. 75— Casey Clausen, Tennessee2000-03
9. 74— Shane Matthews, Florida1989-92
- 74— Tim Couch, Kentucky1996-98

Highest Active Player

37—Tim Tebow, Florida2006-37—John Parker Wilson, Alabama2005-34—Casey Dick, Arkansas2005-

Receptions

1. 236— Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt (2,852 yards)2005-07
2. 208— Craig Yeast, Kentucky (2,899 yards)1995-98
3. 204— Terrence Edwards, Georgia (3,093 yards).....1999-2002
4. 200— Keith Edwards, Vanderbilt (1,757 yards).....80,82-84
5. 198— Chris Collins, Ole Miss (2,621 yards)2000-03
6. 197— Derek Abney, Kentucky (2,339 yards)2000-03
7. 194— Anthony White, Kentucky (1,519 yards)1996-99
- 194— DJ Hall, Alabama (2,923 yards)2004-07
9. 189— Keenan Burton, Kentucky (2,376 yards)2003-07
10. 188— Boo Mitchell, Vanderbilt (2,964 yards).....1985-88

Highest Active Player

153—Kenny McKinley, South Carolina (2,139 yards)2005-108—Dicky Lyons, Jr., Kentucky (1,488 yards)2004-93—Percy Harvin, Florida (1,285 yards).....2006-

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 Active Player

2,139—Kenny McKinley, South Carolina (153 catches)2005-1,488—Dicky Lyons, Jr., Kentucky (108 catches).....2004-1,285—Percy Harvin, Florida (93 catches)2006-

SEC CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

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

16—	Dicky Lyons, Jr., Kentucky (34 games)	2004-
15—	Kenny McKinley, South Carolina (37 games)	2005-
9—	Rodgerigus Smith, Auburn (32 games)	2005-

Points Scored

1. 409—	Billy Bennett, Georgia (148 PAT, 87 FGs, 50 games)	2000-03
2. 371—	Jeff Hall, Tennessee (188 PAT, 61 FGs, 46 games)	1995-98
3. 368—	Jeff Chandler, Florida (67 FGs, 167 PATs, 46 games)	1997-2001
4. 353—	Kevin Butler, Georgia (122 PAT, 77 FGs, 44 games)	1981-84
5. 345—	Philip Doyle, Alabama (105 PAT, 78 FGs, 1 TD, 43 games)	1987-90
6. 326—	Michael Proctor, Alabama (131 PAT, 65 FGs, 47 games)	1992-95
7. 325—	James Wilhoit, Tennessee (148 PAT, 59 FG, 50 games)	2003-06
8. 318—	Kevin Faulk, LSU (53 TDs, 41 games)	1995-98
9. 317—	John Becksvoort, Tennessee (161 PAT, 52 FGs, 41 games)	1991-94
10. 314—	Herschel Walker, Georgia (52 TDS, 1 two-point, 33 games)	1980-82
314—	Fuad Reveiz, Tennessee (101 PAT, 71 FGs, 44 games)	1981-84

Highest Active Player

278—	Colt David, LSU (158 PATs, 38 FGs, 40 games)	2005-
186—	Tim Tebow, Florida (31 TDs, 27 games)	2006-
186—	Bryant Hahnfeldt, Vanderbilt (87 PATs, 33 FGs, 35 games)	2005-

Most Touchdowns Scored

1. 53—	Kevin Faulk, LSU (41 games)	1995-98
2. 52—	Herschel Walker, Georgia (33 games)	1980-82
3. 50—	Dalton Hilliard, LSU (44 games)	1982-85
4. 50—	Shaun Alexander, Alabama (41 games)	1996-99
5. 46—	Carnell Williams, Auburn (42 games)	2001-04
6. 45—	Bo Jackson, Auburn (38 games)	1982-85
7. 44—	Darren McFadden, Arkansas (38 games)	2005-07
8. 42—	Charles Alexander, LSU (44 games)	1975-78
9. 41—	Deuce McAllister, Ole Miss (43 games)	1997-2000
10. 40—	Bobby Humphrey, Alabama (35 games)	1985-88

Highest Active Player

31—	Tim Tebow, Florida (27 games)	2006-
23—	Anthony Dixon, Mississippi State (25 games)	2006-
22—	Arian Foster, Tennessee (36 games)	2005-

Field Goals Made

1. 87—	Billy Bennett, Georgia (110 atts.)	2000-03
2. 78—	Philip Doyle, Alabama (105 atts.)	1987-90
3. 77—	Kevin Butler, Georgia (98 atts.)	1981-84
4. 71—	Fuad Reveiz, Tennessee (95 atts.)	1981-84
5. 67—	Jeff Chandler, Florida (80 atts.)	1997-2001
6. 65—	Michael Proctor, Alabama (91 atts.)	1992-95
7. 61—	Kanon Parkman, Georgia (85 atts.)	1991-95
61—	David Brownndyke, LSU (75 atts.)	1986-89
61—	Jeff Hall, Tennessee (89 atts.)	1995-98
10. 59—	Van Tiffin, Alabama (88 atts.)	1983-86
59—	James Wilhoit, Tennessee (82 atts.)	2003-06

Highest Active Player

38—	Colt David, LSU (51 atts.)	2005-
33—	Leigh Tiffin, Alabama (47 atts.)	2006-
33—	Bryant Hahnfeldt, Vanderbilt (54 atts.)	2005-

PAT Kicks Made

1. 188—	Jeff Hall, Tennessee (194 atts.)	1995-98
2. 167—	Jeff Chandler, Florida (180 atts.)	1997-2001
3. 162—	John Vaughn, Auburn (163 atts.)	2003-06

4. 161—	John Becksvoort, Tennessee (161 atts.)	1991-94
5. 160—	Bart Edmiston, Florida (164 atts.)	1992-96
6. 158—	Colt David, LSU (160 atts.)	2005-
7. 148—	Billy Bennett, Georgia (151 atts.)	2000-03
148—	James Wilhoit, Tennessee (151 atts.)	2003-06
9. 135—	Van Tiffin, Alabama (135 atts.)	1983-86
10. 133—	Bill Davis, Alabama (143 atts.)	1971-73
133—	Alex Walls, Tennessee (137 atts.)	1999-2002

Highest Active Player

87—	Bryant Hahnfeldt, Vanderbilt (91 atts.)	2005-
84—	Lones Seiber, Kentucky (88 atts.)	2006-

Total Points Scored by Kicking

1. 409—	Billy Bennett, Georgia (87 FGs, 148 PATs)	2000-03
2. 371—	Jeff Hall, Tennessee (61 FGs, 188 PATs)	1995-98
3. 368—	Jeff Chandler, Florida (67 FGs, 167 PATs)	1997-2001
4. 353—	Kevin Butler, Georgia (77 FGs, 122 PATs)	1981-84
5. 339—	Philip Doyle, Alabama (78 FGs, 105 PATs)	1987-90
6. 326—	Michael Proctor, Alabama (65 FGs, 131 PATs)	1992-95
7. 325—	James Wilhoit, Tennessee (148 PAT, 59 FG, 50 games)	2003-06
8. 317—	John Becksvoort, Tennessee (52 FGs, 161 PATs)	1991-94
9. 314—	Fuad Reveiz, Tennessee (71 FGs, 101 PATs)	1981-84
10. 312—	Van Tiffin, Alabama (59 FGs, 135 PATs)	1983-86
312—	John Vaughn, Auburn (162 PAT, 50 FG, 48 games)	2003-06

Highest Active Player

278—	Colt David, LSU (158 PATs, 38 FGs, 40 games)	2005-
186—	Bryant Hahnfeldt, Vanderbilt (87 PATs, 33 FGs, 35 games)	2005-
165—	Lones Seiber, Kentucky (84 PATs, 27 FGs, 24 games)	2006-

Punt Return Yards

1. *1,695—	Lee Nalley, Vanderbilt (109 returns)	1947-49
2. 1,332—	Tony James, Miss. State (121 returns)	1989-92
3. 1,253—	Damien Gary, Georgia (114 returns)	2000-03
4. 1,170—	Thomas Bailey, Auburn (125 returns)	1991-94
5. 1,163—	Bobby Majors, Tennessee (117 returns)	1969-71
6. 1,142—	Junie Hovious, Ole Miss (84 returns)	1938-41
7. 1,126—	Domanick Davis, LSU (94 returns)	1999-2002
8. 1,119—	Harry Gilmer, Alabama (83 returns)	1944-47
1,119—	Greg Richardson, Alabama (125 returns)	1983-86
10. 1,077—	Scott Woerner, Georgia (88 returns)	1977-80

Highest Active Player

620—	Derek Pegues, Miss. State (53 returns)	2005-
617—	Brandon James, Florida (47 returns)	2006-
609—	Javier Arenas, Alabama (52 returns)	2006-

Kickoff Return Yards

1. 2,315—	Derek Abney, Kentucky (95 returns)	2000-03
2. 2,263—	Mark Johnson, Vanderbilt (107 returns)	1986-88, 90
3. 2,168—	Domanick Davis, LSU (95 returns)	1999-2002
4. 2,004—	Tony Jackson, Vanderbilt (85 returns)	1989-93
5. 1,862—	Tony James, Miss. State (78 returns)	1989-92
6. 1,854—	Willie Gault, Tennessee (78 returns)	1979-82
7. 1,790—	Derek Pegues, Miss. State (81 returns)	2005-
8. 1,788—	Leonard Scott, Tennessee (77 returns)	1999-2002
9. 1,780—	Robert Dow, LSU (70 returns)	1973-76
10. 1,726—	James Brooks, Auburn (68 returns)	1977-80

Highest Active Player

1,224—	Brandon James, Florida (51 returns)	2006-
1,110—	Asher Allen, Georgia (47 returns)	2006-

SEC CAREER STATISTICAL LEADERS

Total Kick Return Yardage (Punt + Kickoff)

1.	3,357—Derek Abney, Kentucky (88/1,042 PR, 95/2,315 KOR).....	2000-03
2.	3,294—Domanick Davis, LSU (94/1126 PR, 95/2168 KOR).....	1999-2002
3.	3,194—Tony James, Miss. State (121/1,332 PR, 78/1,862 KOR).....	1989-92
4.	2,690—Thomas Bailey, Auburn (125/1,170 PR, 74/1,520 KOR).....	1991-94
5.	2,513—Willie Gault, Tennessee (78/659 PR, 78/1,854 KOR).....	1979-82
6.	2,410—Derek Pegues, Miss. State (179/81 KOR, 620/53 PR).....	2005-
7.	2,263—Mark Johnson, Vanderbilt (107/2,263 KOR).....	1986-88, 90
8.	2,253—Dicky Lyons, Kentucky (69/1,065 PR, 56/1,188 KOR).....	1966-68
9.	2,125—Eddie Kennison, LSU (947 PR, 1,178 KOR).....	1993-95
10.	2,088—Kurt Johnson, Kentucky (64/528 PR, 74/1,560 KOR).....	1989-92

Highest Active Player

1,841—Brandon James, Florida (51/1224 KOR, 47/617 PR).....	2006-
1,610—Javier Arenas, Alabama (45/1001 KOR, 52/609 PR).....	2006-

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 Active Player

10—Derek Pegues, Miss. State (218 yards).....	2005-
8—Rashard Langford, Vanderbilt (141 yards).....	2005-
7—D.J. Moore, Vanderbilt (53 yards).....	2006-

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 Active Player

205—Jamarcia Sanford, Ole Miss.....	2005-
186—Jamar Chaney, Mississippi State.....	2005-
170—Reshard Langford, Vanderbilt.....	2005-

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
8.	28.0 - Jimmy Payne, Georgia.....	1978-82
	28.0 - Leonard Little, Tennessee.....	1995-97
10.	27.5 - Mitch Davis, Georgia.....	1990-93

Highest Active Player

14.0—Tyson Jackson, LSU.....	2005-
13.0—Jeremy Jarmon, Kentucky.....	2006-
13.0—Greg Hardy, Ole Miss.....	2006-
13.0—Eric Norwood, South Carolina.....	2006-

PRE-SEASON ALL-SEC

SEC MEDIA DAYS PRE-SEASON ALL-SEC TEAM (# - Ties)

FIRST-TEAM ALL-SEC OFFENSE

TE	Cornelius Ingram, Florida
OL	Andre Smith, Alabama
OL	Michael Oher, Ole Miss
OL	Anthony Parker, Tennessee
OL	Herman Johnson, LSU
C	Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas
WR	Percy Harvin, Florida
WR	Kenny McKinley, South Carolina
QB	Tim Tebow, Florida
RB	Knowshon Moreno, Georgia
RB	Arian Foster, Tennessee

SECOND-TEAM ALL-SEC OFFENSE

Richard Dickson, LSU
Ciron Black, LSU
Tyrone Green, Auburn
Lee Ziemba, Auburn
Garry Williams, Kentucky
Antoine Caldwell, Alabama
Mohamed Massaquoi, Georgia
Demetrius Byrd, LSU
Matthew Stafford, Georgia
Anthony Dixon, Mississippi State
Ben Tate, Auburn

FIRST-TEAM ALL-SEC DEFENSE

DL	Greg Hardy, Ole Miss
DL	Tyson Jackson, LSU
DL	Sen'Derrick Marks, Auburn
LB	Brandon Spikes, Florida
LB	Rico McCoy, Tennessee
LB	Jasper Brinkley, South Carolina
LB	#D. Beckwith, LSU / D. Ellerbe, Georgia
DB	Derek Pegues, Mississippi State
DB	Eric Berry, Tennessee
DB	D.J. Moore, Vanderbilt
DB	Rashad Johnson, Alabama

SECOND-TEAM ALL-SEC DEFENSE

Ricky Jean-Francois, LSU
Antonio Coleman, Auburn
Jeremy Jarmon, Kentucky
Tray Blackmon, Auburn
Rolando McClain, Alabama
Eric Norwood, South Carolina
Jamar Chaney, Mississippi State
Captain Munnerlyn, South Carolina
Trevar Lindley, Kentucky
Asher Allen, Georgia
Jerraud Powers, Auburn

FIRST-TEAM ALL-SEC SPECIALISTS

PK	Colt David, LSU
P	Ryan Shoemaker, Auburn
RS	Brandon James, Florida

SECOND-TEAM ALL-SEC SPECIALISTS

Wes Byrum, Auburn
Ryan Succop, South Carolina
Javier Arenas, Alabama

SEC COACHES PRE-SEASON ALL-SEC TEAM (#-Ties)

FIRST-TEAM ALL-SEC OFFENSE

TE	Cornelius Ingram, Florida
OL	Andre Smith, Alabama
OL	Michael Oher, Ole Miss
OL	Anthony Parker, Tennessee
OL	Herman Johnson, LSU
C	Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas
WR	Percy Harvin, Florida
WR	Kenny McKinley, South Carolina
QB	Tim Tebow, Florida
RB	Knowshon Moreno, Georgia
RB	Arian Foster, Tennessee

SECOND-TEAM ALL-SEC OFFENSE

Richard Dickson, LSU
Ciron Black, LSU
Tyrone Green, Auburn
#L. Ziemba, Auburn / M. Petrus, Arkansas
#G. Williams, Kentucky / R. Foster, Tennessee
#A. Caldwell, Alabama / B. Helms, LSU
Mohamed Massaquoi, Georgia
Demetrius Byrd, LSU
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LB	Darry Beckwith, LSU
DB	Derek Pegues, Mississippi State
DB	Eric Berry, Tennessee
DB	#D.J. Moore, Vanderbilt
DB	#R. Johnson, Alabama / C. Munnerlyn, USC

SECOND-TEAM ALL-SEC DEFENSE

Ricky Jean-Francois, LSU
Geno Atkins, Georgia
#J. Jarmon, Kentucky / P. Jerry, Ole Miss
Jasper Brinkley, South Carolina
Rolando McClain, Alabama
Eric Norwood, South Carolina
#J. Chaney, Miss. State/ T. Blackmon, Auburn
Emanuel Cook, South Carolina
Trevar Lindley, Kentucky
Asher Allen, Georgia
Jerraud Powers, Auburn

FIRST-TEAM ALL-SEC SPECIALISTS

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SEC FOOTBALL ... WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

THE SPORTING NEWS**Ranking the Conferences – SEC #1**

"For its next trick, the SEC will get a team with three losses into the BCS national title game. Laugh all you want, but the reality is this: It's the SEC's world and we're all just living in it. The conference is so talented and plays so well in big games – 7-2 in its last nine BCS games – that it gets the benefit of the doubt when it comes to BCS number-crunching. Georgia and Florida look like locks for BCS games, and Auburn and LSU have the juice to get there, too."

LINDY'S MAGAZINE**Ranking the Conferences – SEC #1**

"If LSU coach Les Miles wanted to pop off about the strength of the SEC vs. everybody else this season, he'd get no argument here. That the SEC deserves to be number one is something you know instinctively, but if you're a numbers guy, this works too: The league has won three of the past five national championships and, probably should have had a shot at another when 13-0 Auburn was shut out of the BCS title game in 2004. More? The SEC has won all four of its BCS games in the past two years by a combined score of 161-62. There will be no shift in power this season."

ATHLON MAGAZINE**Ranking the Conferences - #1 SEC**

"Anyone who followed the week-to-week results in the SEC last season knows that the conference is almost too strong for its own good. There are no easy games, particularly on the road. Losing one game in conference play is akin to going undefeated in other conferences. The SEC may have had the best two teams in the nation last season – Georgia and LSU – and the league may have four top 10 teams this season. Bobby Petrino's return to college football won't make the conference any easier."

KIRK HERBSTREIT - ESPN

"My reaction to the initial AP poll is that Mike Slive, Commissioner of the SEC, is flexing his SEC bicep this morning because ... the depth of the SEC is obviously every year we talk about it ... the SEC is the strongest conference in the country. To see the 2008 pre-season poll, as many as four teams in the Top 10, it definitely makes gets you excited about what this conference has to offer. Each division, you can make an argument it's the strongest in the country, let alone when you put them into one conference."

STEWART MANDEL - SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

"At his conference's preseason media event last month, SEC commissioner Mike Slive stood before a room full of reporters and rattled off his league's impressive list of recent accomplishments -- three BCS championships in six years, an NCAA-record seven bowl wins in 2007 and the first 1-2 finish in the polls by a single conference (No. 1 LSU, No. 2 Georgia) since 1971.

"I think it's safe to say that the debate as to which is the best football conference in the country has been put to rest," proclaimed the commissioner.

... While Slive has no shortage of ammo when it comes to declaring his conference's superiority, can the debate ever really be "put to rest?" In a sport with such annual fluctuation, it stands to reason that the balance of power among conferences must be fluid as well.

... The SEC was by far the strongest conference over the past five years, accumulating 40 of a possible 42 points. It placed a staggering 41.7 percent of its teams in the final AP polls, went 6-1 in BCS games and its 11-point CPI margin over the second-place Pac-10 (29) was the biggest discrepancy during either time period."

MIKE ARESO - CBS SPORTS VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING

"The SEC is the gold standard for college athletics. It has been a great conference for 76 years and that will never change. We love the enthusiasm of the fans and the way they support the game."

USA TODAY

Story entitled, "SEC football best college has to offer" in November 21, 2007 edition)

"Top to bottom, the SEC has been that conference long term," says FOX and Big Ten Network football analyst Charles Davis, a former defensive back at Tennessee. "I think back to the late 1990s, when Florida was winning and Tennessee and Florida were already deciding the SEC East (Division) in September. Then Georgia re-emerged. Then LSU jumped in and then Auburn jumped in."

CHRIS LOW, ESPN.com

"What separates the SEC, even more so now than a decade ago, is that there are no easy outs.

The 2007 season was pure chaos. In a league that epitomizes balance, it bordered more on cannibalism a year ago.

LSU lost twice in triple overtime to Kentucky and Arkansas. The loss to the Hogs was at home and came on the final week of the regular season, but the Tigers recovered to win the SEC championship game over Tennessee and vaulted into the BCS title game after West Virginia was upset by Pittsburgh and Missouri lost in the Big 12 championship game.

Once on college football's center stage, the Tigers did what the SEC has made a habit of doing in bowl games. They torched Ohio State to win their second national title in five years."

CHRIS DUFRENSE - LOS ANGELES TIMES

"The SEC, without question, is the toughest league without a commissioner named Goodell. The SEC has won three Bowl Championship Series titles since 2003 and starts this season with four schools ranked in the top 10 of the first AP poll."

JON WILNER - SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

"I believe the Southeastern Conference has more good players and good teams than any league — and I'd believe that even if it hadn't won the past two BCS titles (Florida and LSU).

... Other leagues might rise up and challenge the SEC's supremacy here and there — as the Pac-10 did last season — but on the whole, the SEC is college football's kingpin because it annually has more good teams than anyone else."

MIKE BIANCHI - ORLANDO SENTINEL

"But there are so many cameras in here (SEC Football Media Days) because the nation can't get enough of imagery and pageantry of the SEC. This is the league that has the defending Heisman Trophy winner and the defending national champion. This is the league that draws the most fans and makes the most money. This is without question the No. 1 league in college football.

And there is no No. 2. If the SEC is the King of Hearts, everybody else is the 6 of Clubs."

URI BERLINER - NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

"College football is a game of regional rivalries, tradition and remarkable fan loyalty. All of which is evident in extreme form in the Southeastern Conference — which encompasses 12 teams, including the Florida Gators, Alabama's Crimson Tide, Ole Miss, LSU and the Georgia Bulldogs.

Any attempt to assess passion is, of course, subjective. But there's enough evidence to make a case that fans in the Southeast are the most college football-crazy people in the country. Attendance in the SEC is the highest of any conference, and has been for 26 consecutive seasons."

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL ... SECond to None

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Since the inception of the BCS in 1998, the SEC leads all conferences with four national champions. Tennessee won the BCS' first national title in 1998, LSU won the crown in 2003, Florida's claimed the national championship in 2006 and LSU took the title this season. The Big 12 has two BCS national titles followed by the ACC, Big Ten, Pac-10 and Big East with one each.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS SINCE 1992

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

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

TOP 25 FINISHES

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 39 teams ranked in the last eight final USA Today Coaches polls, an average of almost five per season. The Big 12 is second with 31 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 eight seasons.

FINAL USA TODAY COACHES POLLS SINCE 2000

(Using conference alignments during year played)

Conference	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
SEC	6	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	39
Big 12	5	4	4	4	3	4	2	5	31
Big Ten	3	2	4	5	4	3	4	5	30
ACC	3	2	4	3	4	5	3	3	27
Pac-10	3	4	2	2	3	4	3	3	24
Big East	2	4	4	1	1	2	3	2	19
MWC	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	18
WAC	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	7
C-USA	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
MAC	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
Independent	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	5

NON-CONFERENCE RECORD SINCE 2000

The Southeastern Conference has the nation's top non-conference winning percentage (including bowl games) since 2000. The SEC is 294-105 (.737) against non-conference foes during the last eight seasons. In the regular season, the Big 12 has the top winning percentage (.761) while the SEC is second (.752). In bowl games, the SEC is third in winning percentage (.558) behind the Big East (.618) and the Mountain West (.565).

NON-CONFERENCE RECORDS SINCE 2000

Conference	W-L	Pct.	Bowls	Pct.	Total	Pct.
SEC	258-80	.763	36-25	.590	294-105	.737
Big 12	262-83	.759	31-31	.500	293-114	.720
Pac-10	188-77	.709	24-21	.533	212-98	.684
Big East	200-93	.683	24-15	.615	224-108	.675
Big Ten	228-90	.717	22-32	.407	250-122	.672
ACC	199-98	.670	28-26	.519	227-124	.647
Mountain West	139-144	.491	17-11	.607	156-155	.502
Conference USA	141-187	.430	15-25	.375	156-212	.424
Western Athletic	120-172	.411	12-15	.444	132-187	.414
Mid-American	135-247	.353	9-12	.429	144-259	.357
Sun Belt	57-216	.209	2-6	.250	59-222	.210

SEC LEADS NATION IN ATTENDANCE

For the 27th straight season, the SEC recorded the largest total attendance figure of any conference in the nation. In 2007, a total of 6,687,342 fans attended 89 games, an average of 75,139 per contest, also tops in the nation. SEC stadiums were filled to 97.69 percent of capacity for each home game in 2007. The SEC had six of the top 10 schools in total attendance in 2007 - Tennessee (4), Auburn (5), Georgia (6), LSU (7), Alabama (8) and Florida (9).

ATTENDANCE

Conference	Games	Total Attendance	Average Attendance
SEC	89	6,687,342	75,139
Big Ten	76	5,408,019	71,158
Big 12	77	4,652,267	60,419
Pac-10	65	3,764,179	57,910
ACC	77	4,137,463	53,733
Big East	53	2,197,136	41,455
Mountain West	54	1,817,481	33,657

BOWL GAME APPEARANCES

Using current conference alignments, the Southeastern Conference has more bowl game appearances and more bowl victories than any other conference. SEC teams have appeared in 353 bowl games and hold a 184-164-5 record in those games (52.8%).

ALL-TIME BOWL RECORDS (Using current conference alignments)

Conference	App.	W-L-T	Pct.
WAC	62	33-27-2	.548
SEC	353	184-164-5	.528
ACC	276	143-128-5	.527
Pac-10	220	112-102-6	.523
Conference USA	114	51-61-2	.495
Big Ten	234	114-117-3	.494
Big 12	312	149-159-4	.484
Big East	105	49-54-2	.476
Mountain West	122	53-65-4	.451
Mid-American	47	20-27-0	.426
Sun Belt	11	3-8-0	.273

Since 2000, the SEC has more bowl appearances (61) and bowl wins (36) than any other conference. (See Non-Conference Records Since 2000 chart on this page)

SEC LEADS NATION WITH 263 FORMER PLAYERS ON 2007 NFL OPENING DAY

ROSTERS

The Southeastern Conference had 263 players on the 2007 National Football League opening day active rosters, which led all conferences.

The Atlantic Coast Conference was second with 238 players, followed by the Big Ten with 234 players, Pac-10 with 183 players, Big 12 with 176 players and the Big East with 84 players.

Among SEC schools, Georgia was first with 37 former players on NFL rosters, followed by Tennessee with 36, LSU with 33, Florida with 31 and Auburn with 30. Alabama had 21 players on NFL rosters, while South Carolina had 19, Ole Miss and Mississippi State had 17 each, Arkansas had 12, Kentucky six and Vanderbilt with five.

The SEC had five of its schools with 30-or-more-players on NFL rosters. No other conference had two.

Nationally, Miami (Fla.) leads with 46 former players on NFL rosters, followed by Ohio State with 44, Florida State with 41, Tennessee with 36 and Georgia with 35.

The NFL Kickoff Weekend numbers were furnished by the National Football League and does not include any former SEC players that may have been activated after the opening weekend.

For a complete listing of former SEC student-athletes on NFL rosters, log on to www.sec-sports.com.

[NOTE: All tabulations done by SEC media relations staff.]

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- 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.
- The SEC's mission statement reflects the priorities of the league. "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."

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- During the last six years, the SEC has had more student-athletes honored as CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans than any other conference. The league has had 211 student-athletes named CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans, including 95 named to the first-team.
- During the last 12 years, the SEC has had 19 winners of the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award, which is given annually to eight outstanding senior student-athletes. Since 1997, no other conference has had as many student-athletes honored with this prestigious award.
- Kentucky's Jacob Tamme was named by the National Football Foundation as a National Scholar-Athlete. During the last six years, the SEC has had 12 student-athletes honored, the most of any conference. LSU's Rudy Niswanger won the Vincent dePaul Draddy Award given by the National Football Foundation in 2005 as the nation's top football scholar-athlete. Niswanger became the sixth SEC student-athlete to claim the "Academic Heisman" since the award was established in 1990.

FOR THE STUDENT-ATHLETE

- The 12 member institutions of the SEC provide nearly \$65 million in scholarships for the more than 4,200 student-athletes each year.
- The SEC distributed nearly \$675,000 during the 2006-2007 academic year from the NCAA Special Assistance Fund for Student-Athletes. This program was implemented to provide financial aid to student-athletes with specific needs such as clothing and shoes, medical or vision care, academic course supplies and family emergencies.
- During the 2008-09 academic year, the SEC will distribute more than \$1 million to directly benefit student-athletes from the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund.
- The SEC awards post-graduate scholarships totaling \$130,000 to 24 student-athletes each year. The top male and female nominee each receive the H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete Award, named for the league's fourth commissioner, and a \$10,000 scholarship. Last year, 22 additional student-athletes (11 female and 11 male) received \$5,000 to continue their education. Alabama golfer Joseph Sykora and Auburn swimmer Kristen Hastrup were named McWhorter Scholar-Athlete Award winners in 2007-08.
- The SEC has established a Community Service Award to honor a male and female student-athlete with a \$5,000 scholarship for outstanding service in the community. South Carolina football player William Brown and Vanderbilt lacrosse player Brooke Shinaberry were named recipients of this award in 2007-08.

A LEADER IN WOMEN'S SPORTS

- The SEC has developed a "Principles for Gender Equity," which, calls for each league school to provide equitable funding for women's sports, promotions and marketing and other support services. The SEC currently conducts championships in 11 women's sports and nine men's sports.
- The SEC had three sport winners of the Collegiate Woman of the Year Award sponsored by Honda. Tennessee's Candace Parker won for women's basketball, Katie Heenan of Georgia took top honors in gymnastics and Florida's Carolina Burckle was the top student-athlete in swimming & diving. Parker was the winner of the Honda National Collegiate Woman of the Year honor in 2007-08.
- Since 1987, SEC schools have won 69 NCAA women's national championships, an average of more than three per year in the 11 women's sports the SEC sponsors. Nine of the 12 SEC institutions have won a national women's team championship since 1987.

COMPLIANCE AND EDUCATION

- The SEC Task Force Committee on Compliance and Enforcement has issued a report of recommendations that represents an important initial step in a formal process of establishing a new standard of compliance excellence within the Southeastern Conference. Among the recommendations included in this report was how institutions will handle reports of allegations, strengthening the relationship between the league's institutions and the conference office, developing new orientation programs and establishing an annual review of compliance issues.
- The SEC also conducts a New Coaches Orientation Program four times a year, which supplements institutional orientation programs and enhance the professional development of coaches. Topics of discussion range from the role of the SEC and NCAA to the role of athletics in higher education.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- 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."

IN THE COMMUNITY

- The SEC launched its education initiative in 2002, utilizing the platform of intercollegiate athletics to provide elementary school teachers with relevant resources they can use to educate and prepare children for life. The SEC became the nation's first conference to develop customized educational software, providing a CD-ROM containing SEC-branded content correlating to national educational standards. Since the CD-ROM was produced, the SEC has initiated an online program for K-8 students on education content and character development.
- SECKids.com is a website uniquely designed for school-age students. Now fans of all ages can access exciting, interactive and educational information on the SEC and its universities. SECKids.com features exclusive behind-the-scenes access at championship events, profiles of student-athletes and coaches, along with games and video highlights. Teachers can also register online to utilize the SEC Kids's college software in their classroom. The SEC is the only conference in the country to develop a site of this kind.

OVERALL ATHLETICS SUCCESS

- In 2007-08, the SEC had 168 teams in 20 sports take part in NCAA post-season play, an average of almost eight teams per sport. Along with those numbers, the league also produced 457 first-team All-Americans, won five team and 46 individual national titles.
- Since 1990, the SEC has won 123 team and 851 individual national championships. Since that time, the SEC has had at least one team ranked in the top five nationally in 76.2 percent of the total sports win which the league has competed (281 of 369). Ten of the SEC's 12 schools have won at least one national championship since 1990.
- In the SEC's 20 sponsored sports since 2000, the SEC has won 55 team titles. The SEC has won team titles in 16 different sports since 2000, the most of any conference.

**VANDERBILT at MIAMI (OH)**

Aug. 28 - 6:30 p.m. CT
Oxford, Ohio
Yager Stadium (24,286)



Overall: 0-0
SEC: 0-0
XM: 199

LIVE TV: ESPN [Mike Gleason, play-by-play; John Congemi, color analyst; Melissa Knowles, sidelines]

Overall: 0-0

**N.C. STATE at S. CAROLINA**

Aug. 28 - 8:00 p.m. ET
Columbia, S.C.
Williams-Brice Stadium
(80,250)



Overall: 0-0

LIVE TV: ESPN [Chris Fowler, play-by-play; Craig James, analyst, Jessie Palmer, analyst; Erin Andrews, sidelines]

Overall: 0-0
SEC: 0-0
XM: 200

THE COACHES

Bobby Johnson is in his seventh season at Vanderbilt with a record of 20-50 (.286) and in his 15th season overall with a record of 80-86 (.482). The Commodores' offensive coordinator is Ted Cain and the defensive coordinator is Bruce Fowler.

Shane Montgomery is in his fourth season at Miami and overall with a record of 15-21 (.417). The RedHawks' offensive coordinator is Montgomery and the defensive coordinator is Jay Hood.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN VANDERBILT HAS THE BALL

Chris Nickson and Mackenzi Adams are back under center after sharing starting duties in 2007. Midway through the season, Adams became the starter, and directed the Commodores to two wins, including a victory at nationally ranked South Carolina, in his opening starts. A pair of 2007 WR starters, George Smith and Sean Walker, are back for the Commodores. Smith caught 32 passes, good for nearly 400 yards, last year. The speedy Walker contributed 20 catches and served as the team's primary deep threat.

Miami's team strength starts at linebacker where 2007 MAC Defensive Player of the Year Clayton Mullins, two-time all-league selection and captain Joey Hudson, and potential all-league player Caleb Bostic all return after ranking first, second, and third, respectively, in tackles a year ago. Three of Miami's four defensive line starters and three of the RedHawks' four secondary starters also return.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN MIAMI HAS THE BALL

Three-year starting strong safety Reshard Langford is back for his final year. Langford is an All-SEC caliber player who brings a hard-hitting style rarely seen in a Commodore uniform. Langford also gives the Commodores a superb field leader at the safety position. Junior Greg Billinger has the potential to be the next outstanding Commodore defensive tackle. Steven Stone developed into a productive performer last year in his first year as a starter. Stone set highs in every statistical category while playing the most minutes of his career.

The RedHawks return nine starters, including a second-year regular in junior quarterback Daniel Raudabaugh, who averaged 221 yards in passing last season ... the receiving corps returns five pass catchers from 2007, including four players who grabbed at least 25 receptions ... three of Miami's five offensive line starters return, including center Steve Meister and left tackle Charlie Norden.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Three-year starter Bryant Hahnfeldt returns for his final year as the Commodores' primary placekicker. His pressure placements have taken down the likes of Georgia on the road. Brett Upson is back after serving for the third straight year as the team's punter. D.J. Moore and Alex Washington are back after handling the team's kickoff and punt return duties, respectively. Moore was one of the SEC's most explosive kick returners, producing six returns of 40 yards or more. For much of the year, Washington also ranked among the league's best as a punt returner.

Lettermen come back to compete at every specialist position, including senior Jake Richardson at punter, senior Nathan Parseghian and junior Trevor Cook at placekicker, senior holder Kyle Decker, sophomore snapper Mike Rummler, sophomore Eugene Harris at punt returner, and sophomores Jamal Rogers and Chris Givens returning kick-offs.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: VU, 2-1 • **Last:** VU, 24-13 (2007 at Nashville)

This will mark the first time in series history the game will not take place at Vanderbilt...The game will be the first ever high-definition broadcast on ESPN...RedHawks return 17 of their 22 offensive and defensive starters in 2008 and will be trying to win their fifth Mid-American Conference East Division title in the last six years.

THE COACHES

Tom O'Brien is in his second season at N.C. State with a record of 5-7 (.417) and 11th overall with a record of 80-52 (.606). The Wolfpack's offensive coordinator is Dana Bible and Mike Archer serves as the defensive coordinator.

Steve Spurrier is in his fourth season at South Carolina with a record of 21-16 (.568) and in his 19th season overall with a record of 163-56-2 (.742). The Gamecocks' offensive coordinator is Spurrier and Spurrier Jr. and the defensive coordinator is Ellis Johnson.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN N.C. STATE HAS THE BALL

NC State will have quality depth at the halfback position, with two returning 1,000-yard rushers and three returning starters. Toney Baker entered last season with over 1,200 career yards and was the starter in the season opener. But he suffered a serious knee injury in that contest and had to undergo surgery, ending his season early. At that point, Andre Brown who entered his junior campaign with over 1,300 career yards, took over, but five games later went down with a fractured foot. So for the last six games, Janelle Eugene held down the position, posting three 100+ yard rushing games.

South Carolina returns 10 starters on defense. The Gamecocks were solid in the secondary a year ago, featuring the nation's fourth-best pass defense, but struggled stopping the run. The return of defensive tackle Nathan Pepper and linebacker Jasper Brinkley along with the Lindsey twins, Jordin and Dustin, will help shore up the run defense. Junior Eric Norwood, who was an all-conference performer at defensive end, transitioned to an outside linebacker position in the spring.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN SOUTH CAROLINA HAS THE BALL

Alan-Michael Cash started every game he played at tackle last year, leading all defensive linemen in tackles. Middle linebacker Ray Michel played in all 12 games last season and has played in more career games (24) than any other member of the linebacking corps. Jeremy Gray tied for the team lead in interceptions last season and will be back at the corner for 2008, while J.C. Neal will hold the strong safety spot.

The South Carolina offense features six returning starters, including four on the offensive line and both wide receivers, but must find a replacement for quarterback Blake Mitchell. Kenny McKinley caught a school record 77 passes for 968 yards and nine touchdowns and owns 153 career receptions for 2,139 yards and 15 scores. He should leave Carolina as the career recordholder in nearly all receiving categories.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Although he's never kicked in a college game, Josh Czajkowski will be the leader at placekicker heading into fall camp. Bradley Pierson was the Pack's starting punter in 2007 for 10 games. He will resume those duties for his senior campaign and may handle some of the kicking chores as well.

The Gamecocks have one of the nation's top returning placekickers in senior Ryan Succop. Succop was an honorable mention All-SEC pick in 2007 after earning second-team honors in 2006. A candidate for the Lou Groza Award, Succop is 16-for-17 in his career from inside 40 yards and owns two field goals of 50-plus yards. Succop also handled the punting chores a season ago and could again this season.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: N.C. State 26-25-4 • **Last:** N.C. State, 10-0 (1999 at Raleigh)

These two teams will meet for the first time in nearly a decade, the last of which was 1999 in Lou Holtz' first game as the South Carolina head coach...Carolina would go winless that season before winning the Outback Bowl a year later...South Carolina's first three games of 2008 will be televised nationally...The Gamecocks had seven national television exposures in 2007, appearing three times each on ESPN and on ESPN2 and once on CBS.

**HAWAII at FLORIDA**

12:30 p.m. ET

Gainesville, Fla.

Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at

Florida Field (88,548)

Overall: 0-0

LIVE TV: Raycom [Dave Neal, play-by-play; Dave Archer, color analyst; Dave Baker, sideline reporter]

**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 200**GEORGIA SOUTHERN at****GEORGIA**

12:30 p.m. ET

Athens, Ga.

Sanford Stadium (92,746)

Overall: 0-0**LIVE TV:** PPV**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 199**THE COACHES**

Greg McMackin is in his first season at Hawaii and overall. The Warriors' offensive coordinator is Ron Lee and the defensive coordinator is Cal Lee.

Urban Meyer is in his fourth season at Florida with a record of 31-8 (.795) and in his eighth season overall with a record of 70-16 (.814). The Gators' offensive coordinator is Dan Mullen and Charlie Strong serves as the defensive coordinator.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN HAWAII HAS THE BALL

UH's trio of receivers - senior Jason Rivers and juniors Davone Bess and Ryan Grice-Mullen - will go down as the best receiving corps in school and possibly NCAA history. Upon the completion of their careers, the trio ranked among the NCAA active career leaders in all receiving categories including touchdowns (Bess-41), yards (Rivers-3,814), and yards per game (Grice-Mullen-98.0). In addition, Bess ranked eighth all-time in career receptions (286) and tied for sixth in touchdowns (41).

Along with eight returning starters, nine of the top 12 tacklers back and the defensive players have combined for 103 starts; entering 2007, only two of the top 12 tacklers were back and the Gators had just 36 combined career starts. Junior middle linebacker Brandon Spikes was already in midseason form this spring and could be an All-American this fall. Sophomore Joe Haden leads a deep unit of seven cornerbacks who could all contribute.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN FLORIDA HAS THE BALL

Middle linebacker Solomon Elimimian was the "king" of the UH defense in 2007. The junior led the team with 141 tackles and was 14th nationally, averaging 10.9 per game. His 20 tackles against Utah State was three shy of tying the school record. Elimimian also led the team with 12.0 tackles for loss and finished with 1.5 sacks.

Tim Tebow had one of the most remarkable seasons in college football history from a statistics standpoint, and the sophomore was rewarded with the Heisman Trophy. He threw for 3,286 yards and 32 touchdowns, while rushing for 895 yards and 23 scores. Percy Harvin caught 59 passes for 858 yards and four scores a year ago, and it would not be surprising at all to see him lined up as a tailback.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Wide receiver Malcolm Lane had two returns for touchdowns in 21 chances - a 94 yarder against N. Colorado and 87-yarder against Utah State. His 29.2 average ranked 10th nationally. With Lane and leading returner Ryan Mouton (29.5 avg.), the Warriors ranked third in the WAC and 12th nationally in kickoff returns with a 24.3 average. Placekicker Dan Kelly became the team's secret weapon last season. The junior went 12-for-17 in field goal attempts and 70-for-74 in extra point attempts. His 45-yard field goal with 11.7 seconds left at Nevada gave UH a 28-26 victory.

The Gators have attempted just one field goal of 50 yards or longer in the past two seasons, and the longest make in that span is 43 yards. That will change with the arrival of freshman Caleb Sturgis, who boomed 60-yarders this spring. Return specialist Brandon James is one of the best in the business. He was second in the nation in punt returns (18.1-yard average) and second in the SEC in kickoff returns (28.0) last season. Sophomore punter Chas Henry improved his consistency this spring and launched the longest punt (64 yards) in Florida spring game history.

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

The game will be the first-ever between the two schools...Hawaii enjoyed a perfect regular season in 2007 and advanced to a BCS bowl game, meeting Georgia in the Allstate Sugar Bowl...McMackin, who served as defensive coordinator in 2007 as well as 1999, begins his first season as a Division I head coach.

THE COACHES

Chris Hatcher is in his second season at GSU with a record of 7-4 (.636) and eighth overall with a record of 83-16 (.838). The Eagles' offensive coordinator is Rance Gillespie and the defensive coordinator is Ashley Anders.

Mark Richt is in his eighth season at Georgia and overall with a record of 72-19 (.791). The Bulldogs' offensive coordinator is Mike Bobo and the defensive coordinator is Willie Martinez.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN GEORGIA SOUTHERN HAS THE BALL

Senior Raja Andrews started his career as a running back, then last year fell one reception shy of tying the season record. Andrews caught 38 passes for 388 yards and three touchdowns, including a key grab in the win at Appalachian State. Tim Camp averaged 11 yards per reception last year. The hard-hitting special teams standout has missed only one game in his three-year career. Michael McIntosh hauled in 14 receptions for 191 yards and two touchdowns.

Geno Atkins had a breakout season in 2007, rolling up 41 tackles, including 7.5 sacks, and a team-best 37 quarterback hurries. All-SEC performer Dannel Ellerbe had a team-best 93 tackles last season, including 12 for loss and 4.5 sacks, and will anchor the defense at Mike linebacker. At one cornerback slot, Asher Allen followed Ellerbe with 64 tackles and is the Bulldogs' leading returning interceptor after snatching three last year.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN GEORGIA HAS THE BALL

Larry Beard continues to make a name for himself as one of the top defensive ends in the Southern Conference. A first-team pick last year, he could contend for All-America honors with another solid year. Beard recorded three fumble recoveries, including one for a key touchdown in the South Dakota State win. He finished with 32 tackles, four sacks and four pass break-ups. Damon Suggs made 41 tackles, including 5.5 for a loss, and forced two fumbles. Nine of his tackles came during the win at Appalachian State, a career high total for the senior.

Matthew Stafford entrenched himself as Georgia's quarterback and as a team leader, triggering the powerful offense last season that averaged more than 375 yards and 32 points per game. Stafford hit on 194-of-348 passes for 2,523 yards and 19 touchdowns. Knowshon Moreno burst on the scene last year, rolling up 1,334 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns. His yardage figure was second-best among freshmen in school history (trailing only Herschel Walker's 1,616) and ranked fourth-best in SEC history.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Senior Jesse Hartley nailed a 54-yard field goal as time expired to beat South Dakota State. Hartley kicked a key 31-yard field goal as the first half ended in the Eagles' win at Appalachian State. His 44-yard kick in the fourth quarter at Wofford proved to be the game-winner. When it was all said and done, Hartley was named Honorable Mention All-America.

Brian Mimbs took over the punting duties last season and responded with a 42.4-yard average. Sixteen of his 57 punts pinned opponents inside the 20 and he had a long punt of 66 yards. Drew Butler (6-2, 205, RFr.), the son of ex-Bulldog and Hall of Fame kicker Kevin Butler, will challenge Mimbs.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** UG, 3-0 • **Last:** UG, 48-20 (2004 at Athens)

Georgia is the consensus No. 1 team in the nation after landing the top spot in both the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches' Poll...The No. 1 preseason rankings by the AP and coaches are Georgia's first by a major national poll... The Bulldogs' previous highest preseason rankings came in 1942 (No. 2 AP), 2004 (No. 2 AP, No. 4 coaches) and 1967 (No. 6 AP)...Georgia finished the 2007 season ranked No. 2 by the Associated Press and No. 3 in the final USA Today/Coaches poll.

**APPALACHIAN ST. at LSU**

4:00 p.m. CT
Baton Rouge, La.
Tiger Stadium (92,400)

**Overall:** 0-0

LIVE TV: ESPN [Sean McDonough, play-by-play; Chris Spielman, color analyst; Rob Stone, sidelines]

Overall: 0-0

SEC: 0-0
XM: 200

**MISSISSIPPI STATE at LOUISIANA TECH**

5:45 p.m. CT
Ruston, La.
Joe Aillet Stadium (30,600)

**Overall:** 0-0

LIVE TV: ESPN2 [Bob Wischusen, play-by-play; Brock Huard, color analyst]

Overall: 0-0

SEC: 0-0
XM: 199

THE COACHES

Jerry Moore is in his 20th season at ASU with a record of 167-70 (.705) and 27th overall with a record of 194-118-2 (.621). The Mountaineers' offensive coordinator is Moore and the defensive coordinator is John Wiley.

Les Miles is in his fourth season at LSU with a record of 34-6 (.850) and eighth overall with a record of 62-27 (.697). The Tigers' offensive coordinator is Gary Crowton and the defensive coordinators are Doug Mallory and Bradley Peveto.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN APPALACHIAN STATE HAS THE BALL

Armanti Edwards — 1,948 pass yds., 1,588 rush yds., 38 - TD responsible for as a sophomore, is as good a quarterback as there is in college football at any level, a point he made by out-playing a pair of early-round draft picks in Delaware's Joe Flacco and Michigan's Chad Henne last year. ASU has a legitimate eight-deep receiving rotation if it wants it.

Senior defensive end Tyson Jackson (36 tackles, 3.5 sacks in 2007) headlines the list of starters up front for the Tigers. The LSU linebacking corps will revolve around Darry Beckwith, who will occupy the middle for the Tigers. A second-team All-SEC pick in 2007, Beckwith had 65 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss last year.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN LSU HAS THE BALL

The line is strong for ASU as All-America RT Anthony Williams (11 TFL, 5 sacks in '07), LT Daniel Finnerty (9 TFL, 1.5 sacks) and LE Tony Robertson, who was an honorable-mention all-American and tied for the team lead with 5.5 sacks all return. All three starting linebackers from last season return and each of the three — Pierre Banks, Jacque Roman and D.J. Smith — had over 100 tackles a year ago.

LSU will return two of their top three receivers from a year ago in junior Brandon LaFell and senior Demetrius Byrd. The Tigers are loaded at tailback with the return of three juniors in Keiland Williams (478 yards, 6 TDs in 2007), Charles Scott (324 yards, 5 TDs in 2007) and speedster Trindon Holliday (364 yards, 2 TDs in 2007). The strength of the Tiger offense will be up front as LSU returns four starters, including All-SEC selection Herman Johnson at left guard.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter Neil Young, a hang-time specialist who returned from a season-ending knee injury in 2006 to have a solid campaign in '07 returns. Kicker would appear to be a concern, since no one has sniffed the job since Julian Rauch took over way back in 2004. Freshman Sam Martin and sophomore Jason Vitaris will compete for the job.

The LSU special teams has been one of the strengths of the team and that should continue in 2008 with the return of All-SEC place kicker Colt David and return specialist Trindon Holliday. David set both LSU and SEC records a year ago with 147 total points, which included kicking a school-record 26 field goals. Holliday will continue to return kickoffs for the Tigers after a 26.2 yards per return average a year ago.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: LSU leads 1-0 • **Last:** LSU 24-0 (2005 in Baton Rouge)

LSU begins 2008 as the defending SEC and national champion and the nation's only two-time BCS National Champion...Last season, Appalachian State began the season by upsetting Michigan at Ann Arbor... ASU has won three consecutive national championships...For the fourth consecutive year, LSU goes into the college football season having sold more season tickets than the year before as Tiger fans have purchased a school-record 68,650 season tickets.

THE COACHES

Derek Dooley is in his second season at Louisiana Tech and overall with a record of 5-7 (.417). The Bulldogs' offensive coordinator is Frank Scelfo and the defensive coordinator is Tommy Spangler.

Sylvester Croom is in his fifth season at Mississippi State and overall with a record of 17-30 (.362). The Bulldogs' offensive coordinator is Woody McCorvey and the defensive coordinator is Charlie Harbison.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN MISSISSIPPI STATE HAS THE BALL

Halfback Anthony Dixon highlights the backfield. His 456 career carries are the sixth most ever at State, his 1,734 yards are 15th on the school's all-time list, and his 23 rushing touchdowns are fifth on that State chart. QB Wesley Carroll played in all 13 games with nine starts as a true freshman a year ago. He posted a 6-3 record as the team's starting signal-caller, and was also on the field during the late-game deciding touchdown drive at Auburn. Jamayel Smith has made 53 catches for 845 yards, a 15.9-yard average, and five touchdowns during his career.

Quin Harris finished second on the team in tackles with 101. He had nine for loss, 3.5 sacks, intercepted one pass and defended 11 passes. Weldon Brown is back for his senior year at corner and both safeties Antonio Baker and Deon Young return as well. Baker led the team in tackles and earned first team All-WAC honors for his performance. He had 118 tackles, three for loss and half a sack. He intercepted three passes in three consecutive games and broke up seven more.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN LOUISIANA TECH HAS THE BALL

The Bulldogs return seven starters to a defense that held eight opponents to 17 points or less. Jamar Chaney has now seen action in all 36 games of his career, with 26 opening assignments to his credit. He has played both inside and outside linebacker during his career and has registered 186 tackles during that time, 11 for losses totaling 32 yards. The secondary will be highlighted by the return of one of the SEC's top all-around performers in Derek Pegues, who is suspended for the season opener.

Senior Patrick Jackson is back to continue his assault on Tech record books. Last season Jackson ran for 950 yards, which ranked 10th all-time in Tech history. Jackson needs less than 1,200 yards to become Tech's all-time leading ground gainer. The Bulldogs return all their major contributors to the wide receiver position from 2007. Philip Beck, the only receiver to catch a pass in every game for the Bulldogs, led the Tech wide receivers with 30 catches for 359 yards and one score.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Adam Carlson has now been State's regular place-kicker in 28 games and has made 18-of-29 field goal attempts. He currently owns a streak of seven consecutive made field goals. Blake McAdams returns as the team's punter for a fourth-straight season. He has averaged nearly 40 yards per punt on 214 career kicks. McAdams also returns as the team's primary holder for all placements.

Punter Chris Keagle is ready to defend his first team All-WAC punter award in his senior campaign. Keagle led the league in punting average (41.3) and was No. 25 in the nation in net punting (37.0). He placed 26 punts inside the 20-yard line and forced 21 fair catches.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: MSU leads 7-2 • **Last:** LT 38-23 (1996 in Starkville)

Mississippi State and Louisiana Tech meet for the first time since 1996, when Tech spoiled MSU's home opener in Starkville...The Bulldogs' trip to Ruston will be the first ever for both a SEC squad and a team from a BCS conference to Joe Aillet Stadium...A previous 'home' game versus Miami (Fla.) and was played in Independence Stadium in Shreveport.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS at****ARKANSAS**

6 p.m. CT

Fayetteville, Ark.

Reynolds Razorback Stadium
(72,000)**Overall:** 0-0**LIVE TV:** None**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 201**THE COACHES**

Don Patterson is in his 10th season at Western Illinois and overall with a record of 61-42 (.592). The Leathernecks' offensive coordinator is Mark Hendrickson and the defensive coordinator is Thomas Casey.

Bobby Petrino is in his first season at Arkansas and sixth overall with a record of 44-19 (.698). The Razorbacks' offensive coordinator is Paul Petrino and the defensive coordinator is Willie Robinson.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN WESTERN ILLINOIS HAS THE BALL

Herb Donaldson is on pace to become Western Illinois' all-time leading rusher, having accumulated 2,962 yards after two seasons as a starter. Currently in third place on the career rushing list, the 2007 all-American needs 1,228 yards to surpass current leader Travis Glasford (4,189 yards). Matt Barr, the first Leatherneck freshman to start at quarterback since 1990, returns for his sophomore season after earning a 5-5 record as a starter.

Junior cornerback Jerell Norton led the team with five interceptions last season. The Razorbacks had 20 picks for the season, which is the ninth-best season total in school history and the most for the program since the 1987 squad had 22. Senior linebacker Elston Forte is one of four returning linebackers from last year's two-deep depth chart. He was second among the returnees last year with 51 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss. Senior nose tackle Ernest Mitchell is one of seven returning lettermen on the defensive line. Of that group, he had the most tackles last year (66) and tied for the most tackles for loss (10.5).

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN ARKANSAS HAS THE BALL

All-America linebacker Jason Williams led the league in three categories as a junior and finished as runner-up for the conference's defensive player of the year award. All three starting linemen return - senior Clinton Barley and a pair of all-conference honorees in senior Josh Galloway and sophomore Victor Visoky. Junior all-America cornerback Patrick Stoudamire is back for his third year after leading the team in interceptions and landing a spot on the all-conference list.

Senior quarterback Casey Dick has made steady progress throughout his career. He started all 13 games in 2007 and has made 18 consecutive starts. As a junior, he was 150-of-262 (.573) for 1,695 yards with 18 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. For his career, he is 268-of-493 for 3,270 yards with 34 touchdowns with 20 interceptions and a .544 completion percentage. Senior Jonathan Luigs was recognized as the top center in the nation last year when he received the Rimington Trophy.

SPECIAL TEAMS

All-America kicker Taylor Rowan returns for his senior season after converting a nation-leading six field goals of at least 50 yards last year, including one of 56 yards that matched the longest in school history. Despite going 6-of-8 from beyond 50 yards and setting a school record of 1.73 field goals per game, he will be looking to improve his short-range accuracy in his final season, after hitting 11-of-19 from under 40 yards.

Alex Tejada had a huge impact as a freshman. Arkansas' place kicker converted 58-of-60 extra point attempts and was 17-of-23 on field goals, and led the team with 109 points scored. His .739 field goal was the ninth-best in school history while the 17 field goals made tie for sixth best. The 23 attempts also tie for sixth-best. Tejada's 17 field goals made are the most for a Razorback since Todd Latourette made 17-of-24 in 1998.

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

The will be both the first meeting between Arkansas and Western Illinois and the first game for Bobby Petrino as head coach at Arkansas...This will be Petrino's first college game since guiding Louisville to a victory in the 2007 Orange Bowl.

**LA-MONROE at AUBURN**

6 p.m. CT

Auburn, Ala.

Pat Dye Field at Jordan-Hare
Stadium (87,451)**Overall:** 0-0**LIVE TV:** PPV**Overall:** 0-0**SEC:** 0-0**XM:** 144**THE COACHES**

Charlie Weatherbie is in his sixth season at La.-Monroe with a record of 21-37 (.362) and in his 16th season overall with a record of 66-101 (.395). The Warhawks' offensive coordinator is Steve Farmer and the defensive coordinators are Phil Elmassian and Manny Michel.

Tommy Tuberville is in his 10th season at Auburn with a record of 80-33 (.708) and in his 14th season overall with a record of 105-53 (.665). The Tigers' offensive coordinator is Tony Franklin and the defensive coordinator is Paul Rhoads.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN LA-MONROE HAS THE BALL

Kinsmon Lancaster returns for his senior season and third as the full-time starter under center. He enters the season ranked sixth on the ULM career completions and passing yards lists. Marty Humphrey, Darrell McNeall and LaGregory Sapp all return after accounting for 91 percent of the receiving yards by ULM wide outs last season (1,158-of-1,276); the trio also accounted for eight of the nine touchdowns scored for ULM receivers.

There are two standouts along the defensive line for Auburn: Antonio Coleman and Sen'Derrick Marks. Coleman is the team's top pass rusher, and he managed 8.5 sacks a year ago. As for Marks, he has made the move from end to tackle this season, and the big man figures to apply some interior pressure. All three starting linebackers from 2007 are back in place in the persons of Craig Stevens, Tray Blackmon and Chris Evans.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN AUBURN HAS THE BALL

Alaric Coleman was the rock of the line starting all 12 games. He has played in 24 games throughout his two-year career. Coleman tied for the team lead with 11 tackles for loss. Josh Thomas started all 12 games last season and finished fourth on the team in tackles and seventh in tackles for a loss. He has over 100 career tackles in 23 games and a pair of interceptions. Cardia Jackson was a second team all-Sun Belt selection last season after leading the Warhawks in tackles.

All five offensive linemen as well as tailback Ben Tate are back in place. Tate ran for 903 yards and eight touchdowns on 202 carries a year ago, and he will share carries with the likes of Brad Lester, Mario Fannin and Tristan Davis. No matter who is under center, Rodgeriquis Smith will be the main target in the passing game. The talented wideout hauled in 52 balls for 705 yards and five scores a year ago.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Junior punter Scott Love and senior deep snapper Brandon Woodside return as the Warhawks have two-thirds of their special teams unit back. Only place kicker Cole Wilson is not back from last year. Love was an all-Sun Belt punter last season for the Warhawks and broke the school record for punts inside the 20-yard line as the Warhawks finished 19th in the nation in net punting.

As a true freshman in 2007, Wes Byrum showed all the poise that a coach can ask for in a kicker. He nailed 17 field goals and proved to be cool in the clutch, as he showed against Florida in Gainesville. He is joined by punter Ryan Shoemaker, who averaged over 42 yards on 49 punts last season.

SERIES/GAME NOTES**Record:** AU, 6-0 • **Last:** AU, 31-0 (2004 at Auburn)

This will be the first matchup between Auburn and Louisiana-Monroe since the opening game of the 2004 season, a 13-0 perfect season for Auburn...The Warhawks' last SEC game and trip to the state of Alabama came late last season, a 21-14 victory over Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

**MEMPHIS at OLE MISS**

6 p.m. CT
Oxford, Miss.
Hollingsworth Field/Vaught-
Hemingway Stadium (60,580)

Overall: 0-0**LIVE TV:** PPV

Overall: 0-0
SEC: 0-0
XM: 141

**ALABAMA vs. CLEMSON**

7 p.m. CT
Atlanta, Ga.
Georgia Dome (71,228)

Overall: 0-0
SEC: 0-0
XM: 232

LIVE TV: ABC [Brent
Musburger, play-by-play; Kirk
Herbstreit, color analyst; Lisa
Salters/Erin Andrews, sidelines]

**Overall:** 0-0**THE COACHES**

Tommy West is in his eighth season at Memphis with a record of 41-44 (.482) and 14th overall with a record of 76-79 (.490). The Tigers' offensive coordinator is Clay Helton and the defensive coordinator is Tim Walton.

Houston Nutt is in his first season at Ole Miss and in his 16th season overall with a record of 111-70 (.613). Kent Austin serves as the offensive coordinator and the defensive coordinator is Tyrone Nix.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN MEMPHIS HAS THE BALL

Offensive lineman Brandon Pearce and wide receiver Duke Calhoun were selected to the preseason All-Conference USA Team, as selected by the league coaches. Pearce is a return selection from 2007 and was part of a Tiger offensive line that led C-USA and ranked 10th nationally in sack denial. Calhoun, who was named to both the Coaches and Media All-C-USA teams in 2007, led the Tigers with 890 yards on 62 receptions. He enters the 2008 season with an active 24-game receiving streak. Both Pearce and Calhoun also received recognition during the

Ashlee Palmer led the Rebels in total tackles a year ago with 89 and pass interceptions with three, while Tony Fein was second in tackles with 84 and Jamarca Sanford third with 83. In fact, the Ole Miss defense returns 12 of its top 13 tacklers from last season. Greg Hardy is out 6-8 weeks due to injury.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN OLE MISS HAS THE BALL

The defensive line returns a veteran group for 2008 and is led by senior Clinton McDonald, who was selected by his teammates as one of the U of M's captains in '07 as a junior. McDonald started all 13 games and registered a team-high four sacks and 9.5 TFL. McDonald is joined in the middle of the line by senior Freddie Barnett, who totaled 33 tackles, including 8.5 TFL for minus 29 yards. Brandon Patterson, who started all 13 games, is the leading returning tackler for the Tigers and was tied last season with LeRico Mathis with three interceptions.

Mike Wallace led the Rebels with 716 yards and an average of 18.8 yards per catch last season. Shay Hodge finished with a team-high 43 catches and both receivers had six touchdowns. And Dexter McCluster is expected to be one of the biggest playmakers on the team after missing parts of two seasons with injuries. All-American candidate Michael Oher anchors the line and has started 34 straight games.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Michael Grandberry started returning kickoffs full time in 2006, and through 34 career games (only 22 of which include at least one KO return), holds the school record with 1,826 yards on 81 returns. He also holds the Tiger record for 100-yard KO return games with eight. Grandberry is only the fourth Tiger in school history to hit the 1,000-yard milestone for kickoff returns.

Junior place-kicker Joshua Shene and junior punter Justin Sparks also return to their starting roles. Shene led Ole Miss in scoring last year with 57 points, converting 11-of-17 field goal attempts and 24-of-25 extra point attempts. Sparks was the team's leading punter, averaging 39.7 yards on 51 punts. Junior Preston Powers returns for his third season as the long-snapper for special teams.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: UM, 45-10-2 • **Last:** UM, 23-21 (2007 at Memphis)

Ole Miss and Memphis will renew their competitive, season-opening rivalry as Houston Nutt coaches his first game for the Rebels...Highly-touted Texas transfer Jevan Snead will make his Ole Miss debut under center versus Memphis.

THE COACHES

Nick Saban is in his second season at Alabama with a record of 7-6 (.538) and 15th overall with a record of 113-65-1 (.534). The Crimson Tide's offensive coordinator is Jim McElwain and the defensive coordinator is Kirby Smart.

Tommy Bowden is in his ninth season at Clemson with a record of 60-38 (.612) and in his 11th season overall with a record of 78-42 (.650). The Tigers' offensive coordinator is Rob Spence and the defensive coordinator is Vic Koenning.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN ALABAMA HAS THE BALL

Alabama returns nine starters from last year's squad on offense. Anchoring the Crimson Tide offensively will be the three-year starting quarterback John Parker Wilson. Wilson broke his own single-season school records in total plays, pass attempts, completions, passing yards and touchdown passes last season. The Tide also returns needed experience on the offensive line in the form of junior All-SEC tackle Andre Smith and senior team captain Antoine Caldwell.

The strength of the defense may be in the secondary where all four starters return. Michael Hamlin is the leader of that unit and perhaps the entire defense. He had 97 tackles last season to rank second on the team. He has a nose for the football as evidenced by his 12 career takeaways, most among active players and tied for eighth in school history. Hamlin will be in his fourth season as a starter at safety and is a strong contender for the Jim Thorpe Award. Chris Clemons will join Hamlin as a starting safety for the third straight year.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN CLEMSON HAS THE BALL

On the defensive side of the ball the Crimson Tide brings back five starters. This group will be led by senior safety Rashad Johnson, who started all 13 games last season, was a First team All-SEC selection, team captain and led the SEC with six interceptions. His senior leadership will be vital to a young defensive backfield that consists of players such as sophomore corner Kareem Jackson, who was named to the All-SEC freshman First team by league coaches. At linebacker, one of the top young players in the league returns in sophomore Rolando McClain.

James Davis and C.J. Spiller are in their third season as the "Thunder & Lightning" rushing combination, perhaps the top running back duo in the nation. They have combined for 3,957 rushing yards on 691 carries, a 5.7 average, and scored 46 touchdowns, including 40 rushing, over the last two seasons. They also have a combined 71 career receptions for 647 yards and six scores. Both are ranked in the top 10 in Clemson history in all-purpose running.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Junior placekicker Leigh Tiffin returns to handle Alabama's placekicking and kick-off duties. Last season, Tiffin was tied for seventh nationally with 1.92 field goals per game and led the SEC with 10 field goals of over 40 yards. Junior punter P.J. Fitzgerald has started every game for the Crimson Tide over the last two years. Electrifying return man Javier Arenas is back as the deep man on kickoff and punt returns this season for Alabama.

Clemson returns two productive kickers in punter Jimmy Maners and placekicker Mark Buchholz. Both ranked in the top 20 in the nation at their respective areas of expertise. Maners had a 42.8 yard average to rank 20th in the nation. Maners had a streak of eight consecutive games with a punting average of at least 40 yards and finished the season with 16 punts inside the 20 and 13 of at least 50.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: UA, 11-3 • **Last:** UA, 56-0 (1975 at Tuscaloosa)

Alabama will kick off the season in primetime versus No. 9 Clemson at the Georgia Dome in what is regarded by many as college football's premiere game on opening weekend...ESPN Gameday will be on site as well...This will be Alabama's first game in the Dome since the 1999 SEC Championship Game victory versus Florida...The last time Alabama and Clemson met was nearly 33 years ago, a 56-0 Alabama victory in Tuscaloosa.

**KENTUCKY at LOUISVILLE**

Aug. 31 - 3:30 p.m. ET
Louisville, Ky.
Papa John's Cardinal Stadium
(42,000)

Overall: 0-0
SEC: 0-0
XM: 199

LIVE TV: ESPN [Joe Tessitore,
play-by-play; Rod Gilmore, color
analyst]



Overall: 0-0
Sirius: 119

**TENNESSEE at UCLA**

Sept. 1 - 8:00 p.m. ET
Pasadena, Calif.
Rose Bowl (91,136)

Overall: 0-0
SEC: 0-0
XM: 199

LIVE TV: ESPN [Mike Patrick,
play-by-play; Todd Blackledge,
color analyst; Holly Rowe, side-
lines]



Overall: 0-0

THE COACHES

Rich Brooks is in his sixth season at Kentucky with a record of 25-35 (.417) and 24th overall with a record of 116-144-4 (.447). The Wildcats' offensive coordinator is Joker Phillips and the defensive coordinator is Steve Brown.

Steve Kragthorpe is in his second season at Louisville with a record of 6-6 (.500) and sixth overall with a record of 35-28 (.556). The Cardinals' offensive coordinator is Jeff Brohm and the defensive coordinator is Ron English.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN KENTUCKY HAS THE BALL

Senior Dicky Lyons, who caught 56 passes for 655 yards and seven touchdowns last season, is an obvious target at one wide receiver spot. Senior Tony Dixon (958 career rushing yards, nine TDs), junior Alfonso Smith (399 career yards, four TDs), and sophomores Derrick Locke (521 yards, five TDs as a freshman) will carry the load at tailback. Garry Williams, the team's most experienced blocker with 28 career starts, was named second team Coaches All-SEC last season.

The line is the strength after key losses in the secondary and linebacker positions. Seniors Earl Heyman and Adrian Grady are the headliners of the defensive line. Heyman, who can play both tackle and end, posted a career high 40 tackles last season and had four sacks, while Grady played only five games because of injury. At defensive end, the Cardinals return senior Maurice Mitchell and junior L.D. Scott. Mitchell led the Cards' with nine tackles for loss, while Scott recorded 20 tackles.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN LOUISVILLE HAS THE BALL

Junior Jeremy Jarmon emerged as one of the league's best pass rushers last season, accounting for 62 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss and nine quarterback sacks. Trevard Lindley has blossomed as an outstanding cover cornerback, leading the team last season with three pass interceptions and 11 pass breakups. Micah Johnson, who made 58 tackles last season, moves up to the starting job in the middle.

Leading the group in the backfield is senior Brock Bolen, who is the team's top returning rusher. Last season, Bolen ran for 456 yards and seven scores and also caught 14 passes for 121 yards. Eric Wood has started 37 straight games at center and earned first team All-BIG EAST accolades last season. Wood has started every game since the 2005 season and will be considered one of the best in the country. Bussey, a second-team BIG EAST selection last year, has a string of 25 straight starts at offensive tackle.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicker Lones Seiber, who made 16 of 25 field goals last season, and punter Tim Masthay, who averaged a career-best 39.8 yards per boot, are returning starters at their positions. Both are challenged by redshirt freshman Ryan Tydlacka. Sophomore long snappers Brad Hart and J.J. Helton are back in their unsung, vital roles.

For the first time in four years, the Cardinals will have to audition for a new kicker. Louisville was spoiled the last four years with the NCAA's alltime leading scorer from that position in Art Carmody, who scored 433 points. Sophomore Tim Dougherty and red-shirt freshman Ryan Payne are the two leading candidates to replace Carmody.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: UK, 11-9 • **Last:** UK, 40-34 (2007 at Lexington)

Louisville and Kentucky will renew their early season rivalry on Sunday on ESPN...Kentucky broke the Cardinals' four game winning streak last season...This will be the 11th time that the game will be televised in the 15 years since the teams resumed playing in 1994. ESPN or ESPN2 has carried the game seven times, including 1996, 2002-06 and this season. Last year's 40-34 Kentucky win was carried on ESPN Classic. This will be the sixth time in seven seasons that the game will be played on a Sunday.

THE COACHES

Phillip Fulmer is in his 17th season at Tennessee and overall with a record of 147-45 (.766). The Volunteers' offensive coordinator is Dave Clawson and the defensive coordinator is John Chavis.

Rick Neuheisel is in his first season at UCLA and seventh season overall with a record of 66-30 (.688). The Bruins' offensive coordinator is Norm Chow, and the defensive coordinator is DeWayne Walker.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN TENNESSEE HAS THE BALL

As a member of UT's elite 1,000-yard club for rushing offense, Adrian Foster has not just the statistics but the style to propel the running game. Lucas Taylor was the top receiver last year with 73 catches, followed in the stats column by Austin Rogers' 53 and Josh Briscoe's 49. Center Josh McNeil in only two seasons reached a level of proficiency that earned him Associated Press honorable mention All-SEC status.

Reggie Carter made 62 tackles a year ago, including 12.0 for loss – third on the squad and first among returnees. He made a career-high 10 tackles in the opener at Stanford and made at least five tackles in eight of his 13 games. Alterraun Verner is now the leader of the secondary. A first-team Freshman All-American in 2006, he started 11 of 13 games a year ago, including the final nine. His 75 tackles ranked fourth on the squad and first among 2008 returnees.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN UCLA HAS THE BALL

Eric Berry was the Sporting News' national defensive freshman of the year. Berry reeled in a team-leading five interceptions, returning them for a total of 222 yards, enough to earn him second place in the NCAA all-time record book. Rico McCoy is a quickdarting, two-year letterman who ranked second on the team with 106 tackles. He had 4.5 tackles for loss and deflected five passes. Demonte Bolden had 26 tackles last year along with a slew of telling big plays that included five tackles for loss and a pair of sacks. He also deflected two passes and twice hurried the quarterback into rushing his throws.

Ben Olson has started 10 games over the last two seasons and passed for 1,040 yards and seven touchdowns in 2007. The Bruins averaged 151.0 yards rushing a year ago and four of the top five tailbacks return. Senior Kahlil Bell led the team with 795 yards and five touchdowns despite being sidelined for the balance of the year with a knee injury. Dominique Johnson ranked third on the team a year ago with 25 receptions and tied for the team lead with four receiving touchdowns.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Football Writers Association anointed Daniel Lincoln the best kicker in the land on the basis of his 21 field goals and 52 extra point conversions. Lincoln's total of 115 points was the most ever by a Tennessee kicker and Lincoln's 27-yard field goal provided the winning margin in an overtime duel with South Carolina. Dennis Rogan, a starting cornerback, will likely continue as the primary kick and punt return specialist.

Aaron Perez returns for his senior year as one of the better punters in the nation and in UCLA history. In 2007, he averaged 42.3 yards per kick, ranking second in the Pac-10 and 29th nationally. UCLA also ranked 16th in the nation in net punting 37.7 yards. His 91 punts tied UCLA's single-season record and his 3,853 yards were just 55 shy of another mark. Kai Forbath converted 25 of 30 field goal attempts, including 25 of 27 in one stretch.

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: UT, 7-4-2 • **Last:** UT, 30-24 (1997 at Pasadena)

This will be the first game for Tennessee and UCLA since 1997 since Peyton Manning and the No. 3 Vols defeated UCLA 30-24 in Pasadena...The Vols went 10-4 last season, lost to LSU in the SEC championship but beat Wisconsin at the Outback Bowl, their first bowl win since 2004. They have reached the SEC title game four times in the past decade under Coach Fulmer.