



SEC Championship
Alabama vs. Missouri
Dec. 6, 2014
Georgia Dome | Atlanta, Ga.

Final Game Notes

MVP:

Alabama's quarterback Blake Sims was named the game's MVP. He is the second Crimson Tide quarterback to take home MVP honors, joining Greg McElroy in 2009. Sims is the 14th quarterback to win MVP. Other Alabama MVPs were Antonio Langham, DB, 1992; Freddie Milons, WR, 1999; Greg McElroy, QB, 2009; Eddie Lacy, RB, 2012

Sims Sets Completion Percentage Record, Ties Consecutive Completions Mark:

Alabama's Blake Sims set the pass completion percentage mark at 85.2 percent by completing 23-of-27 pass attempts. The previous mark of 77.1 was held by Auburn's Jason Campbell in 2004 when he completed 27 of 35.

Sims also tied the championship game record for consecutive completions with 9. Florida's Shane Matthews first set the mark in 1992 and was duplicated by the Gators' Danny Wuerffel in 1995. Wuerffel, like Sims, started the game 9-for-9. Sims finished the game with seven straight completions.

Receiving Records:

Alabama's Amari Cooper set a championship game record with 12 receptions (83 yards), bettering the mark of 11 set by Florida's Reidel Anthony in 1996 against Alabama. In two championship games (2012 & 2014), Cooper has 20 catches for 211 yards and one TD.

Alabama's DeAndrew White's 58-yard touchdown catch was the longest passing touchdown in the championship game since 2000 when Florida's Rex Grossman connected with Reche Caldwell for 66 yards.

Missouri's Jimmie Hunt's 169 receiving yards is the third-highest total in championship game history, trailing only Auburn's Darvin Adams' 217 in 2010 and Florida's Reidel Anthony's 171 in 1996.

Hunt's 63-yard catch is the ninth-longest in championship game history and the longest pass play since Alabama's Mark Ingram had a 69-yard catch from Greg McElroy in 2009.

SEC Championship Game Trends:

Alabama defeated Missouri 42-13, giving the Western Division its six consecutive victory in the championship game. The Western Division leads the Eastern Division 12-11. The six straight wins by the Western Division matches the Eastern Division's win streak from 1993-98.

Alabama improves to 5-4 in championship games, having won three straight and four of its last five. Its titles came in 1992, 1999, 2009, 2012 and 2014. It is 1-0 against Missouri and Georgia while going 3-4 versus Florida.

Missouri is 0-2 in the championship game, also falling to Auburn in 2013.

Tonight's attendance is 73526.

Other Notes:

Alabama's Derrick Henry's 141 yards rushing is the seventh-highest total in championship game history. Alabama's T.J. Yeldon's 153 yards in 2012 ranks sixth. Henry's 45-yard run is the eighth-longest in the championship game.

Alabama's Christon Jones' 28.3 yard average per kickoff return (3-for-85) is a championship game record. It broke the mark of 27.5 set by Tennessee's Peerless Price (2-for-55) in 1997.

Missouri's WLB Kentrell Brothers' 14 total tackles is the third-most in the championship game, trailing Tennessee's Omar Gaither's 18 in 2004 and 15 by Tennessee's Jerod Mayo in 2007 and Auburn's Takeo Spikes in 1997.