

# 2022 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

ATLANTA (AP) - Georgia headed to the College Football Playoff as the clear No .1, defeating No .11 LSU 50-30 in the 2022 Southeastern Conference championship game .

Stetson Bennett threw a season-high four touchdown passes in another stellar postseason performance, while Christopher Smith's heads-up play gave the Bulldogs an early spark .

Georgia (13-0, No .1 CFP) also caught a big break when Smith deflected a pass that bounced off an LSU receiver's helmet and wound up being picked off by the Bulldogs, setting up a score that contributed to a 35-10 lead by halftime .

LSU quarterback Jayden Daniels re-injured a sore right ankle late in the second quarter, giving way to Garrett Nussmeier in the second half .

The backup guiding the Tigers (9-4, No .14 CFP) to three touchdowns, but it wasn't nearly enough .

Georgia accomplished something that not even last season's national championship squad could do — win its first SEC title since 2017 .The Bulldogs were denied in this game a year ago by Alabama, before bouncing back to beat the Crimson Tide in the title game .

The Bulldogs showed they are more than just a bunch of talented athletes — this is a smart, well-coached group .

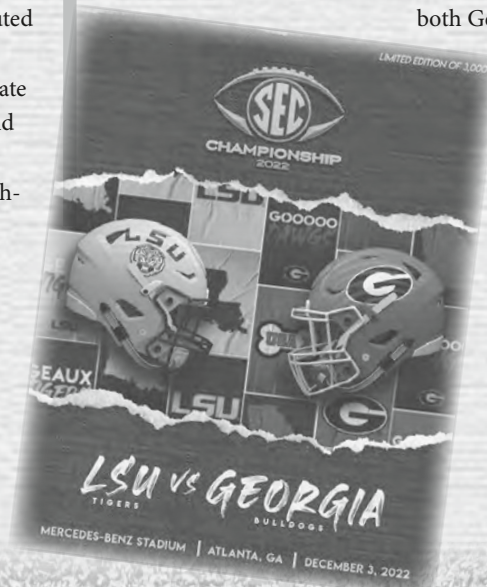
When Nazir Stackhouse burst through the middle of the line to block LSU's 32-yard field goal attempt late in the first quarter, Smith knew what to do .

LSU quickly tied it up on Daniels' 53-yard touchdown pass to Kayshon Boutte, only to have Bennett take control from there .

The sixth-year senior, a former walk-on who was offensive MVP of both Georgia playoff wins a year ago,

struck for four TD passes in a less than 15-minute span: 3 yards to Brock Bowers, 22 yards to Ladd McConkey, 14 yards to Darnell Washington and 3 yards to Dillon Bell .

Just like that, Georgia led 35-7 .



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Dec. 3 • Atlanta, Ga. • Mercedes-Benz Stadium (74,810)

## SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	7	3	13	7	=	30
Georgia	14	21	7	8	=	50

1st 03:33	UGA - C.Smith 96 yd TD BLKF (PAT J.Podlesny),	7-0
1st 02:21	LSU - K.Boutte 53 yd TD PASS from J.Daniels (PAT D.Ramos), 3-75 1:12	7-7
1st 00:03	UGA - B.Bowers 3 yd TD PASS from S.Bennett (PAT J.Podlesny), 7-75 2:18	14-7
2nd 14:43	UGA - L.McConkey 22 yd TD PASS from S.Bennett (PAT J.Podlesny), 1-22 0:08	21-7
2nd 02:48	UGA - D.Washington 14 yd TD PASS from S.Bennett (PAT J.Podlesny), 13-76 5:06	28-7
2nd 00:32	UGA - D.Bell 3 yd TD PASS from S.Bennett (PAT J.Podlesny), 5-58 1:26	35-7
2nd 00:00	LSU - D.Ramos 42 yd FG 7-51 0:32	35-10
3rd 10:33	LSU - M.Nabers 34 yd TD PASS from G.Nussmeier (PAT D.Ramos), 3-57 0:51	35-17
3rd 03:32	UGA - K.McIntosh 2 yd TD RUSH (PAT J.Podlesny), 8-95 4:27	42-17
3rd 01:46	LSU - N.Cain 1 yd TD RUSH (PAT PASS FAILED), 4-65 1:46	42-23
4th 13:13	UGA - K.McIntosh 8 yd TD RUSH (PAT PASS by D.Washington), 7-75 3:33	50-23
4th 07:12	LSU - J.Jenkins 33 yd TD PASS from G.Nussmeier (PAT D.Ramos), 7-83 1:55	50-30

## TEAM STATISTICS

	LS	UG
FIRST DOWNS	23	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	20-47	44-255
PASSING YDS (NET)	502	274
Completions-Attempts-Int	31-52-2	23-29-0
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	549	529
Total offensive plays	72	73
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-24	4-33
PUNTS-YARDS	4-173	4-207
Average Per Return	0	0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-3-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards	1-0	1-0
Possession Time	24:02	35:58
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 13	7 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 0
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1 of 3	5 of 5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-29

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

**RUSHING:** LSU - J. Williams 6-55; N. Cain 3-7, TD; J. Emery Jr. 4-4; J. Daniels 6-(-6); G. Nussmeier 1-(-13). UGA - K. Milton 8-113; D. Edwards 12-77; K. McIntosh 14-55, 2 TD; B. Robinson 5-20; Team 3-(-4); S. Bennett 2-(-6).

**PASSING:** LSU - Team 0-1-0; J. Daniels 16-24-1, 208, TD; G. Nussmeier 15-27-1, 294, 2 TD. UGA - S. Bennett 23-29-0, 274, 4 TD.

**RECEIVING:** LSU - M.Taylor 6-63; M.Nabers 5-128 TD; J.Jenkins 3-72, TD; K.Lacy 3-43; J.Williams 3-19; J.Bech 2-43; B.Thomas Jr. 2-24; J.Emery Jr. 1-3. UGA - B.Bowers 6-81, TD; L.McConkey 5-69, TD; M.Rosemy-Jacksaint 3-47; D.Blalock 2-23; K.McIntosh 2-12; K.Jackson 1-19; D.Washington 1-14, TD; A.Smith 1-7; D.Bell 1-3, TD; K.Milton 1-(-1)

**INTERCEPTIONS:** LSU - None. Georgia S. Mondon Jr. 1-3; C. Smith 1-0



Georgia's Stetson Bennett earned MVP honors after throwing for 274 yards and four touchdowns.



LSU's Garrett Nussmeier passed for 294 yards and a pair of touchdowns.



Georgia's Brock Bowers led the team with 81 receiving yards and a touchdown.

## SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Year	Score	Attend.	MVP
1992	Alabama 28, Florida 21	83,091	Antonio Langham, Alabama
1993	Florida 28, Alabama 13	76,345	Terry Dean, Florida
1994	Florida 24, Alabama 23	74,751	Ellis Johnson, Florida
1995	Florida 34, Arkansas 3	71,325	Danny Wuerffel, Florida
1996	Florida 45, Alabama 30	74,132	Danny Wuerffel, Florida
1997	Tennessee 30, Auburn 29	74,896	Peyton Manning, Tennessee
1998	Tennessee 24, Mississippi State 14	74,795	Peerless Price, Tennessee
1999	Alabama 34, Florida 7	71,500	Freddie Milons, Alabama
2000	Florida 28, Auburn 6	73,427	Rex Grossman, Florida
2001	LSU 31, Tennessee 20	74,843	Matt Mauck, LSU
2002	Georgia 30, Arkansas 3	74,835	David Greene, Georgia
2003	LSU 34, Georgia 13	74,913	Justin Vincent, LSU
2004	Auburn 38, Tennessee 28	74,892	Jason Campbell, Auburn
2005	Georgia 34, LSU 14	73,717	D.J. Shockley, Georgia
2006	Florida 38, Arkansas 28	73,374	Percy Harvin, Florida
2007	LSU 21, Tennessee 14	73,832	Ryan Perrilloux, LSU
2008	Florida 31, Alabama 20	75,892	Tim Tebow, Florida
2009	Alabama 32, Florida 13	75,514	Greg McElroy, Alabama
2010	Auburn 56, South Carolina 17	75,802	Cam Newton, Auburn
2011	LSU 42, Georgia 10	74,515	Tyrann Mathieu, LSU
2012	Alabama 32, Georgia 28	75,624	Eddie Lacy, Alabama
2013	Auburn 59, Missouri 42	75,632	Tre Mason, Auburn
2014	Alabama 42, Missouri 13	73,526	Blake Sims, Alabama
2015	Alabama 29, Florida 15	75,320	Derrick Henry, Alabama
2016	Alabama 54, Florida 16	74,632	Reuben Foster, Alabama
2017	Georgia 28, Auburn 7	76,534	Roquan Smith, Georgia
2018	Alabama 35, Georgia 28	77,141	Josh Jacobs, Alabama
2019	LSU 37, Georgia 10	74,150	Joe Burrow, LSU
2020	Alabama 52, Florida 46	16,520	Najee Harris, Alabama
2021	Alabama 41, Georgia 24	78,030	Bryce Young, Alabama
2022	Georgia 50, LSU 30	74,810	Stetson Bennett, Georgia

## 1992 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 28, FLORIDA 21



The Southeastern Conference etched its mark in the college football history books on Dec .5, 1992 .The league became the first in Division I-A to stage a championship game between its two division winners .

Western Division Champion Alabama and Eastern Division co-Champion Florida provided plenty of fireworks as the Crimson Tide posted a 28-21 victory before a capacity crowd of 83,091 at Legion Field in Birmingham .

The game, which was televised nationally by ABC Sports and earned a 9 8 rating, was not decided until the final minutes .With the Gators facing first-and-10 at their own 21, Alabama cornerback Antonio Langham returned an interception 27 yards for the game-winning score .The play, which came with just 3:16 remaining, earned Langham Most Valuable Player honors and thwarted the debut of a tie-breaking system in Division I-A football .

The victory secured Alabama the role of host at the USF&G Sugar Bowl .On Jan .1, 1993, the second-ranked Crimson Tide handed No .1 Miami a 34-13 defeat to capture the SEC's 12th national crown .

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	7	7	7	7	=	28
Florida	7	0	7	7	=	21

UF - Rhett 5 pass from Matthews (Davis kick); 10:03 (1st)  
 UA - Lassic 3 run (Proctor kick); 5:07 (1st)  
 UA - Brown 30 pass from Barker (Proctor kick); 4:49 (2nd)  
 UA - Lassic 15 run (Proctor kick); 5:14 (3rd)  
 UF - W. Jackson 4 pass from Matthews (Davis kick); 1:21 (3rd)  
 UF - Rhett 1 run (Davis kick); 8:09 (4th)  
 UA - Langham 27 interception return (Proctor kick); 3:16 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UF - Rhett (22-59); UA - Lassic (21-117)  
 Passing: UF - Matthews (30-49-2, 287 yards); UA - Barker (10-18-0, 154 yards)  
 Receiving: UF - Rhett (10-82), Jackson (9-100); UA - Palmer (5-101), Williams (2-16)  
 Tackles: UF - White (7-3=10), Kennedy (6-4=10); UA - Brown (7-1=8), Langham (6-2=8), Oden (5-3=8)

## 1993 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FLORIDA 28, ALABAMA 13



The SEC staged its second annual Championship Football Game on Dec .4, 1993, with Eastern Division Champion Florida defeating Western Division winner Alabama, 28-13, in front of a crowd of 76,345 at Birmingham's Legion Field .

The Gators were led by quarterback Terry Dean, who passed for 256 yards and two touchdowns en route to Championship Game Most Valuable Player honors .After virtually three quarters of neck-and-neck football, and the Gators leading by one, 14-13, Florida was faced with a fourth-and-eight situation .Punter Shayne Edge kept the drive alive with a 20-yard spring, and on the next play, Dean hit wideout Jack Jackson with a 43-yard strike to give Florida an eight- point cushion .From there, the Florida defense held its ground and the Gators secured the victory .

The victory secured Florida as the host of the USF&G Sugar Bowl .On Jan .1, 1994, the eight-ranked Gators defeated West Virginia, 41-7, in New Orleans to win their first Sugar Bowl title .

### SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	7	7	7	7	=	28
Alabama	7	3	3	0	=	13

UA - Lynch 1 run (Proctor kick); 10:13 (1st)  
 UF - Houston 13 pass from Dean (Davis kick); 1:02 (1st)  
 UA - Proctor 45 FG; 12:02 (2nd)  
 UF - Dean 2 run (Davis kick); 1:10 (2nd)  
 UA - Proctor 25 FG; 2:14 (3rd)  
 UF - J. Jackson 43 pass from Dean (Davis kick); 0:28 (3rd)  
 UF - Rhett 3 run (Davis kick); 11:59 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UF - Rhett (22-88); UA - Palmer (16-93)  
 Passing: UF - Dean (20-37-2, 256 yards); UA - Palmer (8-16-1, 90 yards), Burgdorf (9-12-0, 71 yards)  
 Receiving: UF - W. Jackson (9-114); UA - Palmer (3-22), Anderson (3-18), Malone (3-37)  
 Tackles: UF - Kennedy (10-1=11); UA - Gaston (10-1=11)

## 1994 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FLORIDA 24, ALABAMA 23



Atlanta was the site of the 1994 SEC Football Championship, as a Georgia Dome record 74,751 watched Eastern Division Champion Florida capture its second straight conference crown with a 24-23 victory over Western Division Champion Alabama .

The Gators effectively moved the ball through the air, as Danny Wuerffel connected on 23 of 41 passes for 227 yards and a pair of touchdowns .But at the conclusion of the hard-fought contest, it was Florida defensive standout Ellis Johnson who distinguished himself as the game's most valuable player .The rugged senior recorded five tackles, one pass breakup and an SEC Championship record three tackles behind the line of scrimmage, including two quarterback sacks .

Trailing 17-10 at the half, Alabama regained the lead, 23-17, with two third-quarter field goals and an interception return for a touchdown with less than nine minutes to play .Florida responded with an 80-yard, 10-play drive which ended with a two-yard touchdown pass from Wuerffel to Chris Doering with just 5:29 remaining in the fourth quarter .The extra point by Judd Davis secured the winning margin, as the Gator defense forced an interception on the final Alabama drive .

The SEC's third title game attracted a television audience of more than 30 million viewers .ABC's broadcast earned a 10 5 rating, marking the network's most-watched college football game since the 1991 season .

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	7	3	6	7	=	23
Florida	7	10	0	7	=	24

UA - Brown 70 pass from Barker (Proctor kick); 11:05 (1st)  
 UF - Anthony 26 pass from Wuerffel (Davis kick); 4:07 (1st)  
 UA - Proctor 22 FG; 14:45 (2nd)  
 UF - Davis 42 FG; 10:31 (2nd)  
 UF - Wuerffel 1 run (Davis kick); 1:15 (2nd)  
 UA - Proctor 47 FG; 7:35 (3rd)  
 UA - Proctor 48 FG; 2:14 (3rd)  
 UA - Rudd 23 interception return (Proctor kick); 8:56 (4th)  
 UF - Doering 2 pass from Wuerffel (Davis kick); 5:29 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UA - Williams (29-99); UF - Taylor (14-40)  
 Passing: UA - Barker (10-19-2, 181 yards); UF - Wuerffel (23-41-2, 227 yards)  
 Receiving: UA - Brown (3-119), Lynch (3-28); UF - Anthony (8-105), Taylor (7-62)  
 Tackles: UA - Townsend (6-1=7); UF - Freeman (5-3=8), Carter (7-1=8), Showers (3-5=8)

## 1995 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FLORIDA 34, ARKANSAS 3



Florida defeated Western Division Champion Arkansas, 34-3 .

The Gators, who went through the regular season undefeated, continued their dominance on this night .Florida outgained the Razorbacks, 396-299, and committed no turnovers, while forcing Arkansas into four giveaways .Arkansas got on the scoreboard first when Todd Latourette kicked a 36-yard field goal with 7:26 left in the first quarter .The Razorbacks were dealt some bad news on that drive, however .Sophomore running back Madre Hill, who finished third in the conference in rushing, was lost for the game with a knee injury .

The Gators took the ensuing kickoff and went 80 yards in seven plays, capped off when game MVP Danny Wuerffel connected with Chris Doering on a 22-yard touchdown pass .Florida would never look back .

The SEC's fourth title game attracted a television audience of over 25 million viewers .ABC's broadcast earned a 7 2 rating .

### SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	14	3	14	3	=	34
Arkansas	3	0	0	0	=	3

AR - Latourette 36 FG; 7:26 (1st)  
 UF - Doering 22 from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick); 4:30 (1st)  
 UF - Wuerffel 1 run (Edmiston kick); 1:25 (1st)  
 UF - Edmiston 31 FG; 5:03 (2nd)  
 UF - Hilliard 29 pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick); 8:26 (3rd)  
 UF - Hanks 95 fumble return (Edmiston kick); 4:25 (3rd)  
 UF - Edmiston 20 FG; 12:48 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UF - T. Jackson (11-62); AR - Johnson (20-71)  
 Passing: UF - Wuerffel (20-28-0, 276 yards); AR - Lunney (17-27-2; 170 yards)  
 Receiving: UF - Hilliard (7-125); AR - Meadors (7-74)  
 Tackles: UF - Hanks (6-3=9), Barnard (5-4=9), Wright (8-1=9); AR - Delco (6-4=10)

## 1996 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FLORIDA 45, ALABAMA 30



Eastern Division champion Florida downed Western Division champion Alabama, 45-30.

The Gators went on to the Nokia Sugar Bowl and claimed their first national championship.

Quarterback Danny Wuerffel threw for an SEC Championship Game record 401 yards and six touchdowns against a Crimson Tide defense that was ranked sixth in the nation in total defense coming into the contest.

Wuerffel's favorite target was wide receiver Reidel Anthony, who caught 11 aerials for 171 yards and three touchdowns - all three numbers were game records.

Alabama got on the scoreboard first on a 36-yard touchdown pass from Freddie Kitchens to Dennis Riddle. The Gators went on to score 24 straight points in building up a 24-14 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the two teams traded touchdowns, including two long scoring plays. In the third quarter, Kitchens hit receiver Michael Vaughn with a 94-yard strike, the longest play from scrimmage in SEC Championship Game history. Within a minute, Wuerffel retaliated for the Gators, hitting Jacques Green with a 85-yard touchdown pass.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	7	7	14	2	=	30
Florida	6	18	14	7	=	45

UA - Riddle 36 pass from Kitchens (Brock kick); 8:52 (1st)  
 UF - Hilliard 46 pass from Wuerffel (kick blocked); 3:11 (1st)  
 UF - Anthony 21 pass from Wuerffel (Anthony pass from Wuerffel); 14:37 (2nd)  
 UF - Williams 45 pass from Wuerffel (Cooper kick); 11:35 (2nd)  
 UF - Cooper 35 FG; 7:39 (2nd)  
 UA - Vaughn 8 pass from Kitchens (Brock kick); 0:29 (2nd)  
 UA - Riddle 5 run (Brock kick); 9:12 (3rd)  
 UF - Anthony 13 pass from Wuerffel (Cooper kick); 5:14 (3rd)  
 UA - Vaughn 94 pass from Kitchens (Brock kick); 4:06 (3rd)  
 UF - Green 85 pass from Wuerffel (Cooper kick); 3:09 (3rd)  
 UF - Anthony 21 pass from Wuerffel (Cooper kick); 14:54 (4th)  
 UA - Team Safety; 4:32 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UA - Riddle (17-42); UF - Taylor (13-83)  
 Passing: UA - Kitchens (19-45-1, 264 yards); UF - Wuerffel (20-35-2, 401 yards)  
 Receiving: UA - Riddle (6-82); UF - Anthony (11-171)  
 Tackles: UA - Sigler (4-3=7); UF - Bates (7-3=10)

## 1997 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TENNESSEE 30, AUBURN 29



Tennessee defeated Auburn, 30-29, in a game that went down to the line.

Before a Georgia Dome Sporting Event record crowd of 74,896, the Vols came from a 20-7 second quarter deficit to defeat the Tigers on Peyton Manning's 73-yard TD pass to Marcus Nash early in the fourth quarter.

A defensive struggle ensued and the Vols were off to the FedEx Orange Bowl to play for the Bowl Alliance.

The Vols got on the scoreboard first on a 40-yard TD pass from Manning to Peerless Price. However, that was all the scoring Tennessee could muster until a Jeff Hall 27-yard field goal midway through the second quarter.

In the meantime, Auburn accounted for 20 unanswered points, led by a 24-yard fumble return by Brad Ware and a 51-yard TD pass from Dameyune Craig to Tyrone Goodson. AU's Jaret Holmes also hit two field goals.

The two teams traded touchdowns midway through the third quarter. Behind 27-17, UT scored on a 46-yard pass from Manning to Price. On the PAT attempt, Auburn's Quinton Reese returned the blocked kick for a two-point conversion to score.

That set up the heroics on Nash's 73-yard TD reception from Manning and Hall's PAT that won the game for Tennessee.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Tennessee	7	3	13	7	=	30
Auburn	13	7	9	0	=	29

UT - Price 40 pass from Manning (Hall kick); 12:41 (1st)  
 AU - Holmes 30 FG; 10:25 (1st)  
 AU - Ware 24 fumble return (Holmes kick); 5:36 (1st)  
 AU - Holmes 48 FG; 1:27 (1st)  
 AU - Goodson 51 pass from Craig (Holmes kick); 14:12 (2nd)  
 UT - Hall 27 FG; 7:46 (2nd)  
 UT - Copeland 5 pass from Manning (Hall kick); 11:56 (3rd)  
 AU - Beasley 24 pass from Craig (Holmes kick); 6:14 (3rd)  
 UT - Price 46 pass from Manning (kick blocked); 1:06 (3rd)  
 AU - Reese PAT return; 1:06 (3rd)  
 UT - Nash 73 pass from Manning (Hall kick); 11:14 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UT - Lewis (31-127); AU - Williams (6-8)  
 Passing: UT - Manning (25-43-2, 373 yards); AU - Craig (14-34-0, 262 yards)  
 Receiving: UT - Nash (9-126), Price (8-161); AU - Poor (3-98), Beasley (3-56)  
 Tackles: UT - Gaines (4-0=4); AU - Spikes (10-5=15)

## 1998 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TENNESSEE 24, MISSISSIPPI STATE 14



Behind 14-10 midway through the fourth quarter, Tennessee scored two late touchdowns to hold off Mississippi State, 24-14.

The win by Tennessee enabled the Vols to stay undefeated for the season and participate in the National Championship Game at the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Midway through the final quarter, MSU's Kevin Prentiss returned a punt 83 yards for a touchdown to put the Bulldogs ahead, 14-10.

On UT's following drive, QB Tee Martin drove the Vols down the field and hit WR Peerless Price with a 41-yard TD pass with 6:15 left to give Tennessee a 17-14 lead.

Mississippi State fumbled on the first play of the next drive, giving the ball back to Tennessee at the MSU 26-yard line. On the next play Martin found Cedric Wilson for a 26-yard TD pass to give the Vols the final 24-14 margin.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Mississippi State	7	0	0	7	=	14
Tennessee	0	10	0	14	=	24

MS - Bean 70 interception return (Hazelwood kick); :05 (1st)  
 UT - Stephens 2 run (Hall kick); 9:32 (2nd)  
 UT - Hall 31 FG; 5:09 (2nd)  
 MS - Prentiss 83 punt return (Hazelwood kick); 8:43 (4th)  
 UT - Price 41 pass from Martin (Hall kick); 6:15 (4th)  
 UT - Wilson 26 pass from Martin (Hall kick); 5:47 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MS - Johnson (14-38); UT - Henry (26-120)  
 Passing: MS - Madkin (10-22-2, 84 yards); UT - Martin (15-32-1, 208 yards, 2 TDs)  
 Receiving: MS - Cooper (5-44); UT - Price (6-97), Copeland (5-76)  
 Tackles: MS - Campbell (10-2=12); UT - Walker (4-1=5)

## 1999 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 34, FLORIDA 7



Alabama broke open a close game in the fourth quarter, outscoring Florida 19-0 in the final stanza.

Two big plays in the fourth quarter led directly to 13 Crimson Tide points. With 11:54 left in the contest, Freddie Milons scored on a 77-yard run and 18 seconds later, Alabama's Reggie Grimes scored from 38-yards on an interception return. The score went from 15-7 at the beginning of the fourth quarter to 28-7 with 11:36 left in the contest.

Florida got on the scoreboard first, on a 3-yard pass from Earnest Graham to Erron Kinney, in the game's first possession. The Alabama defense would allow Florida just 59 total offensive yards the rest of the way.

The Alabama defense intercepted four passes and kept the Florida offense from converting a third down. The Tide held the Gators to their lowest total offense, passing yards, pass completions and first down totals ever under head coach Steve Spurrier.

After the Gators got out to a 7-0 lead, Alabama used two Ryan Pflugner field goals of 29 and 48 yards to cut the margin to 7-6 with just 2:03 left in the first half.

Following an interception by Alabama's Marcus Spencer, the Crimson Tide took the lead five plays later on a 27-yard TD pass from Andrew Zow to Jason McAddley. Alabama went into the locker room ahead, 12-7.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	7	0	0	0	=	7
Alabama	0	12	3	19	=	34

UF - Kinney 3 pass from Graham (Chandler kick); 13:20 (1st)  
 UA - Pflugner 29 FG; 11:03 (2nd)  
 UA - Pflugner 48 FG; 2:03 (2nd)  
 UA - McAddley 27 pass from Zow (pass failed); 00:30 (2nd)  
 UA - Pflugner 49 FG; 3:12 (3rd)  
 UA - Milons 77 run (Pflugner kick); 11:54 (4th)  
 UA - Grimes 38 interception return (kick failed); 11:36 (4th)  
 UA - Alexander 7 run (rush failed); 3:58 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UF - Graham (9-27); UA - Milons (6-116-1), Alexander (30-97-1)  
 Passing: UF - Palmer (7-20-3-80 yards); UA - Zow (10-17-0-134 yards-1 TD)  
 Receiving: UF - Jackson (3-49); UA - Carter (5-71); McAddley (4-46-1 TD)  
 Tackles: UF - Manuel (7-4=11); Dixon (6-4=10); UA - Merritt (4-0=4)

## 2000 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FLORIDA 28, AUBURN 6



Rex Grossman completed 17 of 26 passes for 238 yards for the Gators while UF running back Earnest Graham set an SEC Championship Game record with 169 rushing yards on 19 carries.

The Gators went out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter. Grossman's 10-yard TD strike to Reche Caldwell with 13:09 left in the first quarter put the Gators ahead to stay, 7-0. Another Grossman to Caldwell strike, for 66 yards, added to the score in the first quarter. Florida added to its lead midway through the second quarter. Grossman hit freshman Jabar Gaffney on a 27-yard TD strike to make the score 21-0.

Auburn got on the scoreboard late in the second quarter on a 44-yard field goal by Damon Duval with no time left.

The Tigers also got on the scoreboard first in the second half on a 21-yard field goal with 9:43 left in the third quarter, making the score 21-6.

On the game's following drive, the Gators put the game out of reach. Grossman led Florida on an 11-play, 80-yard drive that took 4:26 off the clock. The drive ended on a 12-yard pass from Grossman to Brian Haugbrook putting the Gators ahead, 28-6.

Tiger QB Ben Leard had to leave the game with an injury in the third quarter. Leard completed 17 of 33 passes for 158 yards.

The Gator defense played a big role in the win as it held SEC Player of the Year Rudi Johnson to just 47 yards rushing on 17 carries.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	14	7	7	0	=	28
Auburn	0	3	3	0	=	6

UF - Caldwell 10 pass from Grossman (Chandler kick), 13:09 (1st)  
 UF - Caldwell 66 pass from Grossman (Chandler kick), 2:42 (1st)  
 UF - Gaffney 27 pass from Grossman (Chandler kick), 8:19 (2nd)  
 AU - Duval 44 FG, 0:00 (2nd)  
 AU - Duval 21 FG, 9:43 (2nd)  
 UF - Haugbrook 12 pass from Grossman (Chandler kick), 5:17 (3rd)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UF - Graham (19-169); Gillespie (11-45); AU - Evans (8-69); Johnson (17-47).  
 Passing: UF - Grossman (17-26-1; 238 yds., 4 TDs); AU - Leard (17-30-1; 158 yds., 0 TD).  
 Receiving: UF - Gaffney (5-84-1 TD); Caldwell (3-91-2 TD); AU - Evans (4-45); Diamond (4-42).  
 Tackles: UF - Hardmon 6 (6-0); Brown 5 (5-0); AU - Thomas 11 (9-2).

## 2001 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME LSU 31, TENNESSEE 20



LSU, in its first appearance in the SEC Championship Game, won its first conference title since 1986.

Trailing 17-16 entering the fourth quarter, LSU was directed on two touchdown drives by backup QB Matt Mauck, who entered the game for the injured Rohan Davey in the first half. Mauck scored his second rushing touchdown of the game on the second play of the fourth quarter from 13 yards out, and after a successful two-point conversion, put the Tigers ahead to stay, 24-17.

LSU put the game out of reach late in the fourth quarter on a one-yard TD run by Domanick Davis to make the final margin, 31-20.

Mauck directed the Tigers to the game's first touchdown, capping it with a four-yard TD run to put LSU ahead, 7-0.

Tennessee then scored 17 unanswered points in the second quarter, including two passing TDs from quarterback Casey Clausen. The first was a 31-yard pass to Kelley Washington and second was a three-yard pass to Troy Fleming. LSU's John Corbello broke the Vol scoring string with a 45-yard field goal with just 29 seconds left in the first half.

Corbello added two field goals in the third quarter, which closed the Vol lead to 17-16 by quarter's end.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Tennessee	0	17	0	3	=	20
LSU	7	3	6	15	=	31

LSU - Mauck 4 run (Corbello kick), 8:14 (1st)  
 UT - Washington 31 pass from Clausen (Walls kick), 9:04 (2nd)  
 UT - Fleming 3 pass from Clausen (Walls kick), 6:18 (2nd)  
 UT - Walls 51 FG, 3:52 (2nd)  
 LSU - Corbello 45 FG, 0:29 (2nd)  
 LSU - Corbello 47 FG, 11:51 (3rd)  
 LSU - Corbello 45 FG, 2:45 (3rd)  
 LSU - Mauck 13 run (Reed from Mauck), 14:20 (4th)  
 UT - Walls 21 FG, 9:55 (4th)  
 LSU - Davis 1 run (Corbello kick), 2:26 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UT - Stephens (14-37); LSU - Davis (16-78-1 TD); Mauck (12-43-2 TDs).  
 Passing: UT - Clausen (27-43-0; 332 yards; 2 TDs); LSU - Davey (9-20-0, 84 yards; 0 TD); Mauck (5-15-0; 67 yards; 0 TD).  
 Receiving: UT - Washington (9-140-1 TD); Stallworth (7-96); Witten (3-40); LSU - Reed (4-60); Clayton (4-54).  
 Tackles: UT - Moore (7-1=8); Whiteside (5-0=5); Stevenson (4-1=5); Battle (5-0=5); LSU - B. James (9-1=10); Gay (5-1=6); D. James (4-0=4); Faulk (3-1=4).

## 2002 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME GEORGIA 30, ARKANSAS 3



Georgia won its first Southeastern Conference Championship in 20 years, defeating Arkansas 30-3.

The Bulldogs scored on their first five possessions for a 23-0 halftime lead.

Musa Smith rushed for 106 yards and two touchdowns. David Greene threw for 237 yards. Terrence Edwards had seven catches for 92 yards, becoming the SEC's career leader in receiving yards.

The game belonged to Georgia right from the start. At the end of the game's first offensive drive, Georgia's Decory Bryant blocked Richie Butler's punt. Thomas Davis scooped up the loose ball and ran to the Arkansas 2. After Bryant's play, Smith powered into the end zone standing up to put Georgia ahead 7-0.

On Georgia's second offensive drive, Greene threw an 18-yard pass to Edwards and a 22-yarder to J.T. Wall, then Smith finished off the drive with a 17-yard touchdown run.

Georgia's next three possessions ended with field goals by Billy Bennett, who connected from 29, 42 and 39 yards to provide a comfortable margin at halftime.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Arkansas	0	0	3	0	=	3
Georgia	17	6	0	7	=	30

UGA - Smith 2 run (Bennett kick), 11:58 (1st)  
 UGA - Smith 17 run (Bennett kick), 8:49 (1st)  
 UGA - Bennett 29 FG, 3:54 (1st)  
 UGA - Bennett 42 FG, 12:10 (2nd)  
 UGA - Bennett 39 FG, 6:24 (2nd)  
 UA - Carlton 27 FG, 0:52 (3rd)  
 UGA - Watson 20 pass from Greene (Bennett kick), 12:08 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UA - Talley (17-51); Howard (3-14); UGA - Smith (19-106-2 TDs); Greene (4-17).  
 Passing: UA - Jones (9-17-0, 60 yards, 0 TD); UGA - Greene (17-29-0, 237 yards, 1 TD).  
 Receiving: UA - Smith (5-36); Birmingham (2-12); UGA - Edwards (7-92); Gibson (5-93).  
 Tackles: UA - Hamlin 7 (7-0); Miller 7 (5-2); Osborne 7 (3-4); UGA - Bailey 6 (3-3); Gilbert 5 (5-0); Clemons 5 (2-3).

## 2003 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME LSU 34, GEORGIA 13



LSU won the 2003 SEC championship, defeating Georgia, 34-13, in front of 74,913 fans at the Georgia Dome.

The Tigers' Justin Vincent became the first freshman to be named Most Valuable Player in the SEC Championship Game. Vincent rushed for an SEC Championship Game-record 201 yards on 18 carries and two TDs.

LSU got on the scoreboard first on Vincent's 87-yard TD run with 4:49 left in the first quarter. The jaunt was the longest rush in SEC Championship Game history. On the ensuing Georgia drive, the Tigers tackled Bulldog punter Gordon Ely-Kelso in the endzone to add to the LSU advantage, 8-0.

Early in the second quarter, Matt Mauck and Michael Clayton connected on a 43-yard TD pass and on LSU's next drive, Rayn Gaudet added a 35-yard field goal to put the Tigers ahead, 17-0.

Georgia closed the gap to 11 with two field goals by Billy Bennett. In the third quarter, Bennett's 49-yard field goal pulled the Bulldogs within a 17-6 deficit.

On Georgia's next drive, Tiger LB Lionel Turner intercepted a David Greene pass and returned it 18 yards for a TD to give the Tigers a 24-6 lead in the third quarter.

On Georgia's next drive, Greene made amends by hitting TE Ben Watson on an 18-yard TD pass pulling the Bulldogs to within a 24-13 margin.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia	0	3	10	0	=	13
LSU	8	9	7	10	=	34

LSU - Vincent 87 run (Jackson kick failed), 4:49 (1st)

LSU - Team Safety, 3:11 (1st)

LSU - Clayton 43 pass from Mauck (Jackson kick blocked), 14:51 (2nd)

LSU - Gaudet 35 FG, 9:37 (2nd)

UGA - Bennett 51 FG, 6:38 (2nd)

UGA - Bennett 49 FG, 7:46 (3rd)

LSU - Turner 18 interception return (Gaudet kick), 4:17 (3rd)

UGA - Watson 18 pass from Greene (Bennett kick), 3:40 (3rd)

LSU - Vincent 3 run (Gaudet kick), 14:54 (4th)

LSU - Gaudet 22 FG, 7:12 (4th)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UGA - Lumpkin (7-54); Brown (1-35); Cooper (9-14). LSU - Vincent (18-201-2 TD); Addai (8-60); Broussard (11-47).

Passing: UGA - Greene (17-41-3, 199; 1 TD); LSU - Mauck (14-22-1, 151; 1 TD).

Receiving: UGA - Watson (4-86-1 TD); Gibson (3-19). LSU - Clayton (5-81-1 TD); Henderson (4-47); Green (3-11).

Tackles: UGA - Davis (5-6-11); Thurman (4-7-11); Blue (4-5-9); Jones (3-6-9); LSU - Daniels (5-1-6); Alexander (3-3-6); Turner (1-5-6).

## 2004 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AUBURN 38, TENNESSEE 28



Auburn continued its perfect season with a 38-28 win over Tennessee in the 2004 SEC Championship Game.

Auburn won its first-ever SEC Football Championship Game in the process.

Auburn's Jason Campbell completed 27-of-35 passes for 374 yards with 3 TDs and an interception. He also had 57 yards rushing on 13 carries.

The Tigers got off to a quick start, converting touchdowns on a fumble recovery by Cole Bennett in the end zone and a Carnell Williams five-yard run in the first quarter to give Auburn a 14-0 lead. The two teams traded touchdowns the remainder of the first half and the Tigers went into the locker room with a 21-7 lead.

Tennessee got back into the game quickly in the second half. Rick Clausen hit Robert Meachem with a 17-yard TD pass and on the Vols' next drive, Gerald Riggs rushed for an 80-yard TD to tie the score at 21-21.

The Tigers scored on their possession with a 53-yard TD pass to Devin Aromashodu on Auburn's next drive to make the score 28-21.

With Auburn leading 31-28 midway through the fourth quarter, Campbell put the game out of reach for the Tigers with a 43-yard TD pass to Ben Obomanu.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Auburn	14	7	7	10	=	38
Tennessee	7	0	14	7	=	28

AU - Cole Bennett 0 yard fumble recovery (John Vaughn kick), 1st Q (13:24)

AU - Carnell Williams 5 run (Vaughn kick), 1st Q (8:35)

UT - Cedric Houston 2 run (James Wilhoit kick), 1st Q (0:00)

AU - Courtney Taylor 4 pass from Jason Campbell (Vaughn kick), 2nd Q (9:15)

UT - Robert Meachem 17 pass from Rick Clausen (Wilhoit kick), 3rd Q (9:39)

UT - Gerald Riggs 80 run (Wilhoit kick), 3rd Q (6:05)

AU - Devin Aromashodu 53 pass from Campbell (Vaughn kick), 3rd Q (3:45)

AU - Vaughn 22 FG, 4th (11:46)

UT - Riggs 9 run (Wilhoit kick), 4th (10:07)

AU - Ben Obomanu 43 pass from Campbell (Vaughn kick), 4th (6:56)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: AU - Williams 19-100-1 TD; Campbell 13-57; Brown 16-50. UT - Riggs 11-182- 2 TDs; Houston 11-37-1 TD.

Passing: AU - Campbell 35-27-1, 374 yards; 3 TDs. UT - Clausen 20-8-0, 69 yards; 1 TD.

Receiving: AU - Taylor 6-111-1 TD; Obomanu 6-93-1 TD; R. Brown 6-55. UT - T. Brown 3-28; Anderson 2-11.

Tackles: AU - Williams 7-1-8 TT; Graves 2-3-5 TT; Jackson 1-4-5 TT. UT - Gaither 15-3-18 TT; Burnett 10-3-13 TT.

## 2005 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME GEORGIA 34, LSU 14



D.J. Shockley threw two touchdown passes to Sean Bailey, and Bryan McClendon set up another score with a blocked punt as Georgia won its second Southeastern Conference championship in four years with a 34-14 victory over LSU.

Georgia took control early, scoring two touchdowns before the game was nine minutes old.

LSU closed the gap to 14-7 early in the second period on JaMarcus Russell's 1-yard dive, but that was the Tigers' last hurrah. McClendon charged through the line to block Chris Jackson's punt, giving Georgia another prime scoring chance at the LSU 15.

On third-and-2, Shockley took off running when the pocket collapsed, breaking an attempted tackle for a 7-yard touchdown.

Shockley rushed for a touchdown and passing for two others.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia	14	7	3	10	=	34
LSU	0	7	0	7	=	14

UGA - Sean Bailey 45 pass from D.J. Shockley (Brandon Coutu kick), 1st Q (10:19) (1-45-0:08) [UGA 7-0]

UGA - Sean Bailey 29 pass from D.J. Shockley (Brandon Coutu kick), 1st Q (6:12) (6-51-2:34) [UGA 14-0]

LSU - JaMarcus Russell 1 run (Colt David kick), 2nd Q (13:53) (14-80-7:19) [UGA 14-7]

UGA - D.J. Shockley 7 run (Brandon Coutu kick), 2nd Q (8:23) (3-15-1:21) [UGA 21-7]

UGA - Brandon Coutu 22 FG, 3rd Q (9:52) (10-62-3:50) [UGA 24-7]

UGA - Brandon Coutu 51 FG, 4th Q (14:40) (11-40-5:35) [UGA 27-7]

UGA - Tim Jennings 15 interception return (Brandon Coutu kick), 4th Q (14:18) [UGA 34-7]

LSU - Dwayne Bowe 19 pass from Matt Flynn (Colt David kick), 4th Q (5:38) [UGA 34-14]

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UGA - Thomas Brown 14-62; Kregg Lumpkin 13-38; Danny Ware 8-28; D.J. Shockley 7-10-1 TD. LSU - Shyrone Carey 10-43; Skyler Green 2-26; Justin Vincent 8-15; Joseph Addai 2-7.

Passing: UGA - D.J. Shockley 12-6-0, 112 yards, 2 TDs. LSU - JaMarcus Russell 19-11-1, 120 yards, 0 TDs; Matt Flynn 11-3-1, 36 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving: UGA - Sean Bailey 2-74-2 TDs; Mohamed Massaquoi 2-15. LSU - Dwayne Bowe 5-74-1 TD; David Jones 2-28; Shyrone Carey 2-18.

Tackles: UGA - Jarvis Jackson 6-2=8 (1 TFL -3); Tony Taylor 5-1=6; Tim Jennings 5-1-6 (2 TFL -14, 1 INT, 1 Sack -12); Greg Blue 4-2=6. LSU - Craig Steltz 6-2=8; Melvin Oliver 5-2-7; LaRon Landry 4-2=6 (1 TFL -3).

## 2006 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FLORIDA 38, ARKANSAS 28



The fourth-ranked University of Florida got second-half touchdowns on a muffed punt, a 67-yard run and a pass from a wide receiver en route to defeating No. 8 Arkansas, 38-28, to win its seventh SEC title.

With UF trailing 21-17 late in the third quarter, Arkansas sophomore Reggie Fish fumbled a punt inside the Razorbacks' five-yard line, allowing freshman cornerback Wondy Pierre-Louis to pounce on the ball in the endzone for a touchdown that gave Florida a 24-21 lead. After the Gator defense forced an Arkansas punt, freshman wide receiver Percy Harvin took off on a career-long 67-yard touchdown run on Florida's first play of the fourth quarter, widening the lead to 31-21.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Arkansas	0	7	14	7	=	28
Florida	3	14	7	14	=	38

1st: 06:10 UF - C. Hetland 33 yd field goal; 6 plays, 47 yards, TOP 2:25, AR 0 - UF 3  
 2nd: 08:54 UF - C. Leak 9 yd run (C. Hetland kick); 1 play, 9 yards, TOP 0:29, AR 0 - UF 10  
 04:02 UF - P. Harvin 37 yd pass from C. Leak (C. Hetland kick); 8 plays, 74 yards, TOP 3:23, AR 0 - UF 17  
 01:55 AR - Marcus Monk 48 yd pass from Casey Dick (Jeremy Davis kick); 3 plays, 66 yards, TOP 2:07, AR 7 - UF 17  
 3rd: 12:06 AR - Felix Jones 2 yd pass from Darren McFadden (Jeremy Davis kick); 7 plays, 32 yards, TOP 2:18, AR 14 - UF 17  
 08:33 AR - A. Robinson 40 yd interception return (Jeremy Davis kick); AR 21 - UF 17  
 03:47 UF - W. Pierre-Louis 0 yd fumble recovery (C. Hetland kick); AR 21 - UF 24  
 4th: 14:22 UF - P. Harvin 67 yd run (C. Hetland kick); 1 play, 67 yards, TOP 0:30, AR 21 - UF 31  
 12:29 AR - Felix Jones 29 yd pass from C. Washington (Jeremy Davis kick); 4 plays, 63 yards, TOP 1:53, AR 28 - UF 31  
 09:04 UF - T. Casey 5 yd pass from A. Caldwell (C. Hetland kick); 8 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:25, AR 28 - UF 38

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: ARK - Darren McFadden 21-73; Felix Jones 13-57; Mitch Mustain 1-2. FLA - Percy Harvin 6-105-1TD; K. Moore 3-32; Tim Tebow 8-32.  
 Passing: ARK - Casey Dick 10-22-2, 148 yards, 1 TD; D. McFadden 1-3-0, 2 yards, 1 TD; FLA - Chris Leak 16-30-2, 189 yards, 1 TD; A. Caldwell 1-1-0, 5 yards, 1 TD.  
 Receiving: ARK - Marcus Monk 3-69-1 TDs; Felix Jones 2-31; Darren McFadden 2-27. FLA - C. Ingram 6-71; P. Harvin 5-62-1TD; A. Caldwell 3-31.

## 2007 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME LSU 21, TENNESSEE 14



Ryan Perrilloux and the fifth-ranked Tigers beat No. 14 Tennessee 21-14 - victory and suddenly was playing for the national title.

Jonathan Zenon scored on an 18-yard interception return with 9:54 left to rally LSU (11-2) from a 14-13 deficit, then Darry Beckwith picked off another pass by Erik Ainge deep in Tigers territory to seal it.

The Vols led 7-6 at halftime. The game shaded toward the Tigers' side in the second half, with Perrilloux starring in place of injured Matt Flynn.

For a while, it looked as if Tennessee safety Eric Berry might be the star of the game. He made a pair of plays in the third quarter that helped Tennessee take a 14-13 lead and preserve it. Berry recovered a fumble by NCAA sprint star Trindon Holliday that set up Ainge's 6-yard TD pass to Josh Briscoe for a 14-13 edge and later intercepted Perrilloux's pass.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Tennessee	7	0	7	0	=	14
LSU	6	0	7	8	=	21

1st: 12:00 UT - Chris Brown 11 yd pass from Erik Ainge (Daniel Lincoln kick)  
 Scoring Drive: 6 plays, 62 yards, TOP 3:00, UT 7 - LS 0  
 8:29 LS - Colt David 30 yd field goal  
 Scoring Drive: 10 plays, 63 yards, TOP 3:31, UT 7 - LS 3  
 3:07 LS - Colt David 30 yd field goal  
 Scoring Drive: 9 plays, 58 yards, TOP 3:57, UT 7 - LS 6  
 2nd: No Scoring  
 3rd: 11:52 LS - Demetrius Byrd 27 yd pass from Ryan Perrilloux (Colt David kick)  
 Scoring Drive: 6 plays, 76 yards, TOP 3:08, UT 7 - LS 13  
 3:09 UT - Josh Briscoe 6 yd pass from Erik Ainge (Daniel Lincoln kick)  
 Scoring Drive: 9 plays, 66 yards, TOP 3:40, UT 14 - LS 13  
 4th: 9:54 LS - Jonathan Zenon 18 yd interception return (Ryan Perrilloux rush), UT 14 - LS 21

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: Tennessee: Foster 21-55-0 TD; Jones 2-39-0. LSU: Hester 23-120-0; Holliday 6-58-0; Williams 5-34-0.  
 Passing: Tennessee: Ainge 20-40-2, 249, 2 TDs. LSU: Perrilloux 20-30-1, 243, 1 TD.  
 Receiving: Tennessee: Briscoe 8-79-1 TD; five with 2 catches each. LSU: Doucet 5-29-0; Byrd 4-72-1 TD; LaFell 3-65-0.  
 Tackles: Tennessee: Mayo 8-7=15; Hefney 6-4=10. LSU: Steltz 5-3=8; Highsmith 3-4=7.

## 2008 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FLORIDA 31, ALABAMA 20



Eastern Division champion Florida used two fourth quarter touchdowns to erase a 20-17 deficit to defeat Western Division Alabama, 31-20, in the 17th SEC Football Championship Game, held Dec. 6 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. It marked the first time in SEC history two teams ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the polls met head-to-head on the field.

A Georgia Dome record crowd of 75,892 was on hand as the two teams traded leads through the first three quarters.

Florida QB Tim Tebow was voted the game's Most Valuable Player. The Jacksonville, Fla., junior completed 14-of-22 passes for 216 yards and three touchdowns and also led the Gators in rushing with 57 yards on 17 carries. Tebow's five-yard TD pass to Riley Cooper with 2:50 left in the game gave the Gators the security of the win.

Florida came out of the gate first, with Tebow hitting Carl Moore with a three-yard TD pass at the 8:17 mark of the first quarter, giving the Gators a 7-0 lead. Alabama answered with a Glen Coffee 18-yard TD run on the next drive. The Tide followed that up with a Leigh Tiffin 30-yard field goal for a 10-7 end of first quarter lead.

The Gators bounced back. Jonathan Phillips hit a 19-yard field goal to tie the score, 10-10. With 2:59 left in the first half, Tebow found David Nelson for a five-yard TD strike and Florida went into the locker room with a 17-10 lead.

Alabama controlled the ball for much of the third quarter. The Tide engineered a 15-play, 91-yard drive on its opening possession of the half. It was capped by Mark Ingram's 2-yard TD run to tie the score, 17-17. With eight seconds left in the third quarter, Tiffin connected on a 27-yard field goal to give Alabama a 20-17 lead.

Florida took the lead for good with 9:21 left in regulation. Jeff Demps scored from the one-yard line to give the Gators a 24-20 lead. Florida's defense held the Tide on its next drive and Tebow hit Cooper for the final margin, 31-20.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	10	0	10	0	=	20
Florida	7	10	0	14	=	31

UF - Carl Moore 3 pass from Tim Tebow (Jonathan Phillips kick) (1st, 8:17)  
 UA - Glen Coffee 18 run (Leigh Tiffin kick) (1st, 7:23)  
 UA - Tiffin 30 FG (1st, 3:28)  
 UF - Phillips 19 FG (2nd, 8:59)  
 UF - David Nelson 5 pass from Tebow (Phillips kick) (2nd, 2:59)  
 UA - Mark Ingram 2 run (Tiffin kick) (3rd, 6:20)  
 UA - Tiffin 27 FG (3rd, 0:08)  
 UF - Jeff Demps 1 run (Phillips kick) (4th, 9:21)  
 UF - Riley Cooper 5 pass from Tebow (Phillips kick) (4th, 2:50)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: ALABAMA: Coffee 21-112-1 TD; Ingram 8-21-1. FLORIDA: Tebow 17-57-0; Demps 14-53-1; Moody 4-23-0.  
 Passing: ALABAMA: Wilson 12-25-1, 187 yards, 0 TD. FLORIDA: Tebow 14-22-0, 216, 3 TDs.  
 Receiving: ALABAMA: Jones 5-124-0 TD, Walker 3-37-0, Hanks 3-19. FLORIDA: Murphy 4-86-0, Hernandez 3-43-0, Nelson 3-27-1 TD; Cooper 2-56-1 TD.  
 Tackles: ALABAMA: McClain 7 UT-2 AT=9 TT, R. Johnson 7-2=9, Woodall 6-2=8. FLORIDA: Haden 6-2=8; Spikes 5-2=7; Black 4-3=7.

## 2009 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 32, FLORIDA 13



The No. 2 Alabama Crimson Tide won its 22nd Southeastern Conference Championship by beating No. 1 Florida, 32-13 with a balanced attack that gave the Tide its first league title since 1999. Alabama is now 13-0 on the season while the Gators fell to 12-1. It marked the first time in the history of the SEC Championship Game that both teams came in undefeated.

"Our entire team played great. Greg [McElroy] played great. Mark [Ingram] played great. Julio [Jones] played great," Alabama head coach Nick Saban said. "Really, most of the credit goes to our guys up front on the offensive line. This is a great win for our program."

Alabama amassed 490 yards of total offense against a Florida defense that had been limiting its opponents to an average of 230 yards per game this season.

Junior quarterback Greg McElroy, who threw for 239 yards and a touchdown on 12 completions, was named the game's most valuable player.

"It's been such an incredible season," McElroy said. "We started the season here (in the Georgia Dome) with a win and were able to win a championship today. I can't say enough about my offensive line, (and) we have the greatest coaching staff in the country."

Sophomore running back Mark Ingram rushed for 113 yards on 28 carries including three rushing touchdowns. He is now the Tide's all-time single-season rushing leader with 1,542, surpassing Bobby Humphrey's 1986 record of 1,471 and becomes the first Alabama rusher to go over 1,500 yards in a season. His three touchdowns tied an SEC Championship Game record. Ingram also caught two passes for 76 yards.

Sophomore Marquis Maze led the Crimson Tide receivers with five catches for 96 yards.

Sophomore Mark Barron, junior Kareem Jackson and senior Rolando McClain led the Crimson Tide defense with seven, six and five tackles, respectively.

Alabama has now won an SEC title in every decade since winning the league's first title in 1933. The Tide's 22 championships ranks first in SEC history.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	3	10	0	0	=	13
Alabama	9	10	7	6	=	32

1st: 10:37 UA - Leigh Tiffin 48 yd field goal, 9-47 4:23, UF 0 - UA 3

05:33 UA - Mark Ingram 7 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick failed), 8-76 3:56, UF 0 - UA 9

00:28 UF - C. Sturgis 48 yd field goal, 12-56 5:05, UF 3 - UA 9

2nd: 06:03 UA - Leigh Tiffin 34 yd field goal, 12-68 5:47, UF 3 - UA 12

04:31 UF - D. Nelson 23 yd pass from T. Tebow (C. Sturgis kick), 4-70 1:32, UF 10 - UA 12

03:32 UA - Mark Ingram 3 yd run (Leigh Tiffin kick), 2-72 0:59, UF 10 - UA 19

01:18 UF - C. Sturgis 32 yd field goal, 5-65 2:14, UF 13 - UA 19

3rd: 09:53 UA - Colin Peek 17 yd pass from Greg McElroy (Leigh Tiffin kick), 5-74 2:48, UF 13 - UA 26

4th: 13:49 UA - Mark Ingram 1 yd run (Greg McElroy pass failed), 17-88 8:47, UF 13 - UA 32

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: Florida-T. Tebow 10-63; B. James 1-9; J. Demps 1-9; C. Rainey 2-7. Alabama-Mark Ingram 28-113; T. Richardson 11-80; Roy Upchurch 7-57; Greg McElroy 4-10; Team 3-minus 9.

Passing: Florida-T. Tebow 20-35-1-247. Alabama-Greg McElroy 12-18-0-239.

Receiving: Florida-A. Hernandez 8-85; D. Nelson 4-53; R. Cooper 3-77; D. Thompson 2-22; B.

James 1-9; O. Hines 1-4; E. Moody 1-minus 3. Alabama-Marquis Maze 5-96; Colin Peek 3-39; Mark Ingram 2-76; Julio Jones 2-28.

Interceptions: Florida-None. Alabama-Javier Arenas 1-0.

Fumbles: Florida-None. Alabama-Team 1-0.

## 2010 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AUBURN 56, SOUTH CAROLINA 17



Cam Newton left nothing to chance. He ran and passed the Auburn Tigers to a shot at the national championship they were denied six years ago, and he might as well start working on that Heisman pose, too.

Newton passed for a career-high 335 yards and four touchdowns, plus ran for a pair of TDs in an MVP performance that led Auburn to the Southeastern Conference championship with a 56-17 rout of Steve Spurrier and South Carolina on Saturday.

The Tigers, who came into the day sitting atop the Bowl Championship Series standings, must wait 24 hours before getting the official word, but it's nothing more than a formality: They'll be playing Oregon for the national title on Jan. 10 in Glendale, Ariz.

Hard to imagine the Heisman vote even being close after the 6-foot-6, 250-pound junior followed Tim Tebow as only the second player in the history of the top division to run AND pass for 20 touchdowns in a season. He slipped away from defenders with his surprising quickness, buying extra time to throw. He broke tackles with his power, not at all shocking given that he outweighed all three of South Carolina's starting linebackers by at least 25 pounds.

Or he just ran right over 'em. Newton guided the Tigers (13-0) to touchdowns on their first three possessions, though South Carolina (9-4) was in the game as halftime approached. Trailing only 21-14, the Gamecocks simply had to knock down Newton's last-gasp pass on the final play before the break.

They couldn't even do that Newton heaved one up and DeVonte Holloman, standing in front of Terrell Zachery, leaped to tip it away. But the deflected ball went right to Darvin Adams for an improbable 51-yard touchdown that changed the complexion of the game. After South Carolina missed a field goal on the first possession of the second half, it was all Tigers.

The Tigers set an SEC championship game record for scoring and piled up 589 yards. Newton had a hand in 408 of them, breaking his previous best of 317 yards passing against Chattanooga and leading Auburn in rushing with 14 carries for 73 yards. Despite two big drops, Adams set another SEC championship record with 217 yards on seven receptions.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Auburn	21	7	14	14	=	56
South Carolina	7	7	0	3	=	17

#### 1st Quarter

13:20 AU - Onterio McCalebb 12 yd pass from Cam Newton (Wes Byrum kick), AU 7 - SC 0

09:53 SC - Patrick DiMarco 25 yd pass from Stephen Garcia (Spencer Lanning kick), AU 7 - SC 7

05:31 AU - Cam Newton 5 yd run (Wes Byrum kick), AU 14 - SC 7

02:09 AU - Darvin Adams 54 yd pass from Cam Newton (Wes Byrum kick), AU 21 - SC 7

#### 2nd Quarter

00:16 SC - Alshon Jeffery 1 yd pass from Stephen Garcia (Spencer Lanning kick), AU 21 - SC 14

00:00 AU - Darvin Adams 51 yd pass from Cam Newton (Wes Byrum kick), AU 28 - SC 14

#### 3rd Quarter

07:56 AU - Cam Newton 1 yd run (Wes Byrum kick), AU 35 - SC 14

07:23 AU - T'Sharvan Bell 10 yd interception return (Wes Byrum kick), AU 42 - SC 14

#### 4th Quarter

11:14 AU - Emory Blake 7 yd pass from Cam Newton (Wes Byrum kick), AU 49 - SC 14

07:48 SC - Spencer Lanning 33 yd field goal, AU 49 - SC 17

02:22 AU - Mario Fannin 6 yd run (Wes Byrum kick), AU 56 - SC 17

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: Auburn-Cam Newton 14-73; Michael Dyer 14-64; Barrett Trotter 2-37; Onterio McCalebb 3-30; Mario Fannin 6-28; Terrell Zachery 1-3; Kodi Burns 2-3. South Carolina-M. Lattimore 16-84; Connor Shaw 6-49; Stephen Garcia 7-18; Brian Maddox 1-5.

Passing: Auburn-Cam Newton 17-28-0-335; Barrett Trotter 1-1-0-16. South Carolina-Stephen Garcia 16-28-2-170; Connor Shaw 4-5-0-23.

Receiving: Auburn-Darvin Adams 7-217; Emory Blake 5-63; Eric Smith 2-23; PhillipLutzenkirchen 1-18; Derek Winter 1-16; Onterio McCalebb 1-12; Terrell Zachery 1-2. South Carolina-Alshon Jeffery 4-36; M. Lattimore 3-36; Tori Gurley 3-32; D.L. Moore 3-30; Ace Sanders 3-9; Patrick DiMarco 2-38; Mike Triglia 1-9; Kenny Miles 1-3.

Interceptions: Auburn-T'Sharvan Bell 1-10; Daren Bates 1-0. South Carolina-None.

Fumbles: Auburn-Cam Newton 1-1. South Carolina-None.



## 2011 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME LSU 42, GEORGIA 10



Tyrann Mathieu turned in an MVP performance when LSU needed him most, running back a punt 62 yards for a touchdown, setting up another score with a fumble recovery and finally finishing off No. 12 Georgia with his best play yet, a whirling dervish of a return that led to the decisive TD of a 42-10 victory in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday. LSU (13-0) advanced to a spot in the BCS title game in New Orleans, just 75 miles from its Baton Rouge campus.

The Bulldogs tried to shake things up, racing to a 10-0 lead that could've been even bigger if they hadn't dropped a pair of potential touchdown passes in the first quarter.

But, thanks to Mathieu, the deficit was only 10-7 when the teams went to the locker room. He took a punt at his own 38, found an opening and was gone – all the way to the end zone for his second punt return for a touchdown in as many weeks.

That was long forgotten by the time the fearless sophomore was done.

On Georgia's first possession of the second half, quarterback Aaron Murray tried to scramble for a first down but had the ball knocked loose just before he hit the turf. Who was there to fall on it at the Bulldogs 26? Mathieu with his fifth fumble recovery of the season.

LSU quickly seized its first lead. The Tigers finally picked up a first down, then freshman Kenny Hilliard broke off a 15-yard run for the first of his three touchdowns. Normally, that would've been more than enough to win the game's MVP award. Not even close on this day.

The 5-foot-9, 175-pounder cradled the ball, took off down the center of the field, cut back to his left, stutter-stepped and turned on a burst of speed, basically came to a stop around the Georgia 30, then took off again and was finally dragged down at the 17.

LSU took control with a 21-point third quarter, coming back from a double-digit deficit for the second week in a row and leaving little doubt that it's the best team in country heading into bowl season. The only other unbeaten team, Houston, was blown out in the Conference USA championship game Saturday. All the other top teams have at least one loss.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia	10	0	0	0	=	10
LSU	0	7	21	14	=	42

UG – Blair Walsh 40 FG (1st, 11:45)

UG – Aron White 12 pass from Aaron Murray (Walsh kick) (1st, 00:42)

2nd Quarter

LS – Tyrann Mathieu 62 punt return (Drew Alleman kick) (2nd, 5:48)

LS – Kenny Hilliard 15 run (Alleman kick) (3rd, 12:51)

3rd Quarter

LS – Hilliard 4 run (Alleman kick) (3rd, 10:37)

LS – Hilliard 8 pass from Jordan Jefferson (Alleman kick) (3rd, 3:45)

4th Quarter

LS – Alfred Blue 48 run (Alleman kick) (4th, 6:17)

LS – Morris Claiborne 45 interception return (4th, 4:21)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: UG-Malcome 5-37; Thomas 7-28; Crowell 10-15. LS-Blue 8-94-1 TD; Hilliard 8-72-2 TDs; Ford 6-34; Ware 6-13.

Passing: UG-Murray 16-of-40, 163 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; Mason 4-of-11, 55 yards; 0 TD, 0 INT. LS-Jefferson 5-of-13, 30 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: UG-Charles 4-42; Mitchell 4-32; King 3-59; Conley 3-40. LS-Randle 2-15; Ware 1-9; Hilliard 1-8-1 TD.

Defense: UG-Ogletree 6 TT (5-1), 1 Sack; Williams 5 TT (4-1); Rambo 5 TT (4-1). LS-Reid 7 TT (5-2); Brockers 6 TT (6-0), 2 TFL, 1 FF, 1 PBU; Minter 6 TT (4-2), 1 PBU.

Carron found Cooper streaking down the left sideline for what would be the game-winning touchdown pass. Cooper had seven catches for 127 yards in the game (18.1 avg).

McCarron finished the game 13-of-21 passing with one critical scoring strike. SEC Championship Game Most Valuable Player Eddie Lacy rushed 20 times for a game-high 181 yards with two touchdowns, while T.J. Yeldon had 25 attempts for 153 yards, marking the first time in SEC Championship Game history that two players on the same team rushed for better than 100 yards.

Georgia (11-2) marched down the field on its final drive of the game with one last opportunity to reclaim the advantage in a contest that featured six lead changes. With 15 seconds remaining and the Bulldogs on the Alabama eight-yard line, quarterback Aaron Murray tossed a pass that was tipped and fallen on by Chris Conley at the five-yard line, but the clock expired to end the game.

Murray finished 18-of-33 from scrimmage for 265 yards passing with a touchdown. Gurley led Georgia's ground game with 23 carries for 122 yards with a pair of scores.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	0	10	8	14	=	32
Georgia	0	7	14	7	=	28

2nd: 13:59 UG – Jay Rome 19 yd pass from Aaron Murray (Marshall Morgan kick), 13-87 4:48, UA 0 – UG 7

01:59 UA – Eddie Lacy 41 yd run (Jeremy Shelley kick), 6-70 3:05, UA 7 – UG 7

00:00 UA – Jeremy Shelley 22 yd field goal, 6-42 1:15, UA 10 – UG 7

3rd: 12:09 UG – Todd Gurley 3 yd run (Marshall Morgan kick), 9-75 2:51, UA 10 – UG 14

06:31 UG – Alec Ogletree 55 yd blocked FG return (Marshall Morgan kick), UA 10 – UG 21

04:19 UA – T.J. Yeldon 10 yd run (T.J. Yeldon rush), 4-77 2:12, UA 18 – UG 21

4th: 14:57 UA – Eddie Lacy 1 yd run (Jeremy Shelley kick), 7-74 3:07, UA 25 – UG 21

12:54 UG – Todd Gurley 10 yd run (Marshall Morgan kick), 5-75 2:03, UA 25 – UG 28

03:15 UA – Amari Cooper 45 yd pass from AJ McCarron (Jeremy Shelley kick), 4-55 2:09, UA 32 – UG 28

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: UA - Eddie Lacy 20-181; T.J. Yeldon 25-153; AJ McCarron 6-16. UG - Todd Gurley 23-122; Keith Marshall 2-3; Aaron Murray 4-minus 12.

Passing: UA - AJ McCarron 13-21-1-162. UG - Aaron Murray 18-33-1-265; Arthur Lynch 1-1-0-16.

Receiving: UA - Amari Cooper 8-128; Eddie Lacy 2-7; M. Williams 2-5; Christian Jones 1-22. UG - Tavarres King 5-142; Malcolm Mitchell 4-40; Arthur Lynch 3-50; Todd Gurley 3-3; Chris Conley 2-11; Jay Rome 1-19; Sanders Comings 1-16.

Interceptions: UA - H. Clinton-Dix 1-35. UG - Sanders Comings 1-0.

Fumbles: UA - AJ McCarron 1-1; Cyrus Jones 1-0; Eddie Lacy 1-0. UG - None.

## 2012 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 32, GEORGIA 28



Amari Cooper's 45-yard touchdown reception with 3:15 remaining Saturday lifted No. 2 Alabama to its 23rd all-time Southeastern Conference Football Championship with a 32-28 victory against No. 3 Georgia at the Georgia Dome in a game that featured more than its fair share of twists and turns. The contest was played in front of 75,624 fans, the fifth-largest crowd in SEC Championship Game history.

Alabama (12-1) trailed 28-25 with 12:54 remaining in the game following a 10-yard rushing touchdown by Georgia's Todd Gurley. After several unsuccessful drives by both teams, the Crimson Tide received the ball back with 5:24 left.

That's when Alabama developed a penchant for passing in a game that had been dominated by solid ground games from both teams. Crimson Tide quarterback AJ Mc-

## 2013 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AUBURN 59, MISSOURI 42



The Mason rushed for 304 yards at the Georgia Dome to lead No. 3 Auburn to a 59-42 win against No. 5 Missouri in the highest-scoring SEC Championship Game in the event's 22-year history.

It marked the eighth all-time SEC Championship for Auburn (12-1), which also won the SEC Championship Game in 2004 and 2010.

Mason, the 2013 SEC Championship Game Most Valuable Player, rushed 46 times for 304 yards with four touchdowns. The previous SEC Championship game rushing record was 201 yards by LSU's Justin Vincent in 2003.

The 101 combined points scored between the teams shattered the previous record of 75 combined points scored between Florida and Alabama in 1996.

Auburn racked up 677 yards of total offense, including 545 on the ground. Quarterback Nick Marshall, who went 9-of-11 through the air for 132 yards and one touchdown, rushed for 115 yards with a score. Marshall and Mason combined for 421 of their team's 545 rushing yards. Auburn wide receiver Sammie Coates caught six passes for 94 yards with his team's first touchdown.

Missouri (11-2) quarterback James Franklin went 21-of-37 for 303 yards with three scoring strikes. Tailback Henry Josey rushed nine times for 123 yards, while Franklin himself accumulated 62 yards on the ground. Wide receiver Dorial Green-Beckham finished with six catches for 144 yards.

Auburn set championship game team records for rushing first downs, rushing attempts, rushing yards and rushing touchdowns with 26, 74, 545 and seven, respectively. It broke Alabama records of 53 attempts in 2009, 18 rushing first downs and 350 rushing yards in 2012. There were three rushing TDs accomplished multiple times.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Missouri	10	17	15	0	=	42
Auburn	14	14	17	14	=	59

- 1st: 10:50 MU - Andrew Baggett 42 FG, MU 3, AU 0  
 8:22 AU - Sammie Coates 38 pass from Nick Marshall (Cody Parkey kick), AU 7, MU 3  
 5:40 MU - Dorial Green-Beckham 28 pass from James Franklin (Andrew Baggett kick), MU 10, AU 7  
 4:09 AU - Nick Marshall 9 run (Cody Parkey kick), AU 14, MU 10  
 2nd: 13:11 MU - E.J. Gaines 11 fumble recovery (Andrew Baggett kick), MU 17, AU 14  
 10:25 AU - Tre Mason 7 run (Cody Parkey kick), AU 21, MU 17  
 7:19 MU - Andrew Baggett 36 FG, AU 21, MU 20  
 6:26 AU - Tre Mason 3 run (Cody Parkey kick), AU 28, MU 20  
 0:18 MU - Dorial Green-Beckham 55 pass from James Franklin (Andrew Baggett kick), AU 28, MU 27  
 3rd: 8:17 AU - Cody Parkey 52 FG, AU 31, MU 27  
 5:35 MU - Marcus Murphy 10 pass from James Franklin (Andrew Baggett kick), MU 34, AU 31  
 3:21 AU - Corey Grant 2 run (Cody Parkey kick), AU 38, MU 34  
 0:31 AU - Cameron Artis-Payne 15 run (Cody Parkey kick), AU 45, MU 34  
 0:09 MU - James Franklin 5 run (James Franklin rush), AU 45, MU 42  
 4th: 11:09 AU - Tre Mason 1 run (Cody Parkey kick), AU 52, MU 42  
 4:22 AU - Tre Mason 13 run (Cody Parkey kick), AU 59, MU 42

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing: MU - Henry Josey 9-123, James Franklin 15-62-1, Rus Hansbrough 6-36, Marcus Murphy 4-10. AU - Tre Mason 46-304-4, Nick Marshall 16-101-1, Corey Grant 5-65-1, Ricardo Louis 3-43, Cameron Artis-Payne 2-36-1.  
 Passing: MU - James Franklin 21-37-1-303-3. AU - Nick Marshall 9-11-0-132-1.  
 Receiving: MU - Dorial Green-Beckham 6-144-2, Marcus Lucas 5-50, Marcus Murphy 3-40-1, Bud Sasser 3-34, L'Damian Washington 3-29, Jimmie Hunt 1-6. AU - Sammie Coates 6-94-1, Trovon Reed 1-23, Tre Mason 1-8, Ricardo Louis 1-7.  
 Interceptions: MU - None. AU - Jermaine Whitehead 1-0.  
 Fumbles: MU - Marcus Lucas 1-0. AU - Nick Marshall 3-2.

## 2014 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 42, MISSOURI 13



Blake Sims threw a pair of touchdown passes in an MVP performance that carried top-ranked Alabama to a 42-13 win over No. 14 Missouri to win the SEC Championship.

Sims completed 23 of 27 passes for 262 yards as Alabama pulled away with a 21-point fourth quarter. T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry each had a couple of touchdown runs.

It was also a big night for Alabama wide receiver Amari Cooper, who had 12 catches for 83 yards. With 115 catches on the year he broke the SEC record of 113 set by Vanderbilt's Jordan Matthews in 2013. His 83 yards gives him 1,656 on the season, just 83 yards shy of the season record set by LSU's Josh Reed in 2001. Cooper's 12 catches broke the SEC Championship game record of 11 set by Florida's Reidel Anthony in 1995.

Missouri (10-3), which won the SEC East, fell behind 21-3 at halftime but then scored 10 unanswered points to come within eight, 21-13, on an Andrew Baggett field goal with 4:37 left in the third quarter.

The Tide went 68 yards in 10 plays — never even going to third down — to seize a 7-0 lead less than 4 minutes into the game.

Missouri, which reached the title game for the second year in a row, managed to stay in this one much of the way thanks to Maty Mauk's deep passing. He completed throws of 63, 47, 32 and 26 yards.

After a series of short throws, Sims suddenly went deep on a 58-yard touchdown pass to DeAndrew White that made it 14-0 early in the second quarter. On the first snap of the fourth quarter, Sims, the fifth-year senior hooked up with Christian Jones on a 6-yard TD toss that stretched the lead to 28-13. Henry tacked on a couple of touchdown runs to make it a blowout. He finished with 141 yards on 20 carries.

Missouri struggled to run against the Tide defense, limited to 41 yards on 23 carries. Mauk was 16 of 34 for 272 yards.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	7	14	0	21	=	42
Missouri	0	3	10	0	=	13

- 1st: 11:24 UA - T.J. Yeldon 1 run (Adam Griffith kick), 10-68, 3:36, UA 7, MU 0  
 2nd: 11:48 UA - DeAndrew White 58 pass from Blake Sims (Adam Griffith kick), 1-58, 0:10, UA 14, MU 0  
 8:30 MU - Andrew Baggett 33 FG, 9-58, 3:12, UA 14, MU 3  
 2:47 UA - T.J. Yeldon 2 run (Adam Griffith kick), 14-75, 5:43, UA 21, MU 3  
 3rd: 11:00 MU - Bud Sasser 1 pass from Maty Mauk (Andrew Baggett kick), 10-75, 4:00, UA 21, MU 10  
 4:37 MU - Andrew Baggett 33 FG, 9-65, 3:25, UA 21, MU 13  
 4th: 14:55 UA - Christian Jones 6 pass from Blake Sims (Adam Griffith kick), 10-64, 4:34, UA 28, MU 13  
 7:38 UA - Derrick Henry 26 run (Adam Griffith kick), 8-90, 4:37, UA 35, MU 13  
 3:38 UA - Derrick Henry 1 run (Adam Griffith kick), 5-62, 2:46, UA 42, MU 13

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing: UA - Derrick Henry 20-141-2, T.J. Yeldon 14-47-2, Tyren Jones 3-26, Blake Sims 9-19, Amari Cooper 1-9, Jalston Fowler 1-2. MU - Rus Hansbrough 13-21, Marcus Murphy 7-20, Ish Witter 1-1, Maty Mauk 2-(-1).  
 Passing: UA - Blake Sims 23-27-0-262-2. MU - Maty Mauk 16-34-0-272-1.  
 Receiving: UA - Amari Cooper 12-83, DeAndrew White 4-101-1, Christian Jones 3-40-1, O.J. Howard 2-20, Jalston Fowler 1-13, Brian Fogler 1-5. MU - Jimmie Hunt 6-169, Bud Sasser 5-31-1, Darius White 3-56, Marcus Murphy 1-11, Sean Culkin 1-5.  
 Interceptions: UA - None. MU - None.  
 Fumbles: UA - Blake Sims 2-0; Team 1-0. MU - Darius White 1-1; Team 1-0.

## 2015 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 29, FLORIDA 15



Derrick Henry rushed for 189 bruising yards and second-ranked Alabama defeated No. 18 Florida 29-15 in the 2015 SEC Championship Game.

The Crimson Tide held the Gators to just three yards of offense in the second and third quarters.

Florida briefly grabbed a 7-2 lead on Antonio Callaway's 85-yard punt return for a touchdown early in the second quarter, but Alabama took control from there.

Henry came into the game as a Heisman favorite and finished with a staggering 44 carries against one of the nation's top defenses to earn MVP honors. He put Alabama ahead to stay on a 2-yard run late in the first half, and looked as fresh at the end of the game as he did at the beginning, carrying the ball right to the final seconds.

Henry tied the SEC record for touchdowns in a season (23) and eclipsed Herschel Walker's 34-year-old conference mark for rushing yards in a year with 1,986.

The expected defensive slugfest — both teams were among the nation's leaders in numerous categories -- played out in the first half, though Alabama clearly had the superior team. The Tide led just 12-7 at the break, scoring a safety off a blocked punt, settling for a field goal after a long drive, and turning it over deep in Florida territory.

The Tide complemented its pound-and-ground offense with a couple of huge passing plays. Calvin Ridley leaped between two Florida defenders to pull down a 55-yard pass at the Florida 2, setting up Henry's touchdown. ArDarius Stewart made an even more spectacular grab in the third quarter, going up in traffic to snare a 32-yard scoring pass before flipping to the turf on his head.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	0	7	0	8	=	15
Alabama	2	10	10	7	=	29

- 1st: 9:05 UA - Team Safety, UA 2, UF 0  
 2nd: 11:53 UF - Antonio Callaway 85 Yd Punt Return (Neil MacInnes kick), 3-2, 1:17, UF 7, UA 2  
 5:45 UA - Adam Griffith 28 FG, 14-64, 6:08, UF 7, UA 5  
 2:26 UA - Derrick Henry 2 run, 3-58, 1:02 (Adam Griffith kick), UA 12, UF 7  
 3rd: 8:04 UA - Adam Griffith 30 FG, 12-65, 6:56, UA 15, UF 7  
 2:49 UA - ArDarius Stewart 32 pass from Jake Coker (Adam Griffith kick), 10-81, 4:47, UA 22, UF 7  
 4th: 8:50 UA - Richard Mullaney 9 pass from Jake Coker (Adam Griffith kick), 9-58, 4:26, UA 29, UF 7  
 5:02 UF - C.J. Worton 46 pass from Treon Harris (Harris run for 2-pt conv.), 3-81, 0:59, UA 29, UF 15

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING: UF - Kelvin Taylor 7-8, Jordan Cronkrite 2-8, Jordan Scarlett 1-3, Treon Harris 11-(-4). UA - Derrick Henry 44-189-1, Jake Coker 8-23, Kenyan Drake 4-14, ArDarius Stewart 1-5, Calvin Ridley 1-2.

PASSING: UF - Treon Harris 9-24-0-165-1. UA - Jake Coker 18-26-0-204-2.

RECEIVING: UF - Jake McGee 3-43, Valdez Showers 2-22, Antonio Callaway 1-46, C.J. Worton 1-46-1, DeAndre Goolsby 1-15, Treon Harris 1-(-7). UA - Calvin Ridley 8-102, ArDarius Stewart 4-64-1, Richard Mullaney 3-22-1, Kenyan Drake 3-16.

INTERCEPTIONS: UF - None. UA - Marlon Humphrey 1-(-1)

FUMBLES: UF - Antoino Callaway 1-0; UA - Jake Coker 1-0, Derrick Henry 1-1.

## 2016 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 54, FLORIDA 16



Alabama unleashed all its weapons against the Florida Gators, scoring off an interception and a blocked punt in the first half, snuffing out their last gasp with a goal-line stand, and wearing down Florida at the end with a dominant running game in a 54-16 victory at the Georgia Dome.

The Crimson Tide bolted to a 16-9 lead in the first quarter, despite being held to minus-7 yards and no first downs. Minkah Fitzpatrick returned an interception 44 yards for a touchdown, and Josh Jacobs went 27 yards for a score with a blocked punt. A field goal was set up by another pick — one of three thrown by Florida quarterback Austin Appleby in the first half. The Tide led 33-16 at halftime and iced the victory with scoring drives of 98 and 91 yards, sparked by a goal-line stand that finished off the last gasp by the Gators (8-4, No. 15 CFP).

The Gators marched the length of the field on their opening possession, the first touchdown given up by the Tide in more than 17 quarters. They had another long TD drive near the end of the first half to give themselves a glimmer of hope.

The last of those hard times came when Florida drove to the Crimson Tide 1 in the third quarter. Jordan Scarlett attempted to leap over the line on third-and-goal, but he never got off the ground. Appleby then threw incomplete in the back of the end zone on fourth down, giving the Tide all the momentum.

Alabama finished with 174 yards rushing in the second half. The bulk of the carries went to bruising sophomore Bo Scarbrough, who had two short touchdown runs and finished with 91 yards on 11 carries.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	16	17	7	14	=	54
Florida	9	7	0	0	=	16

- 1st: 9:51 UF - Antonio Callaway 5 yd pass from Austin Appleby (Eddy Pineiro kick), UF 7, UA 0  
6:58 UA - Adam Griffith 31 yd field goal, UF 7, UA 3  
5:06 UA - Minkah Fitzpatrick 44 yd interception return (Adam Griffith kick), UA 10, UF 7  
1:42 UA - Josh Jacobs 27 yd blocked punt return (Adam Griffith kick blocked), UA 16, UF 7  
1:42 UF - David Reese PAT return, UA 16, UF 9
- 2nd 11:55 UA - Gehrig Dieter 6 yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Adam Griffith kick), UA 23, UF 9  
6:27 UA - Adam Griffith 25 yd field goal, UA 26, UF 9  
3:47 UA - Josh Jacobs 6 yd run (Adam Griffith kick), UA 33, UF 9  
00:19 UF - DeAndre Goolsby 25 yd pass from Austin Appleby (Eddy Pineiro kick), UA 33, UF 16
- 3rd 3:32 UA - Bo Scarbrough 2 yd run (Adam Griffith kick), UA 40, UF 16
- 4th 9:15 UA - Bo Scarbrough 1 yd run (Adam Griffith kick), UA 47, UF 16  
3:48 UA - Derrick Gore 10 yd run (Andy Papanastatos kick), UA 54, UF 16

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING: UA - Bo Scarbrough 11-91, Damien Harris 8-86, Josh Jacobs 6-35, Derrick Gore 4-21. UF - Jordan Scarlett 11-17, Mark Thompson 5-16, Lamical Perine 3-8, Jordan Cronkrite 1-2.

PASSING: UA - Jalen Hurts 11-20-1-138-0. UF - Austin Appleby 26-39-2-261-3.

RECEIVING: UA - Calvin Ridley 4-43, ArDarius Stewart 3-42, O.J. Howard 2-41, Josh Jacobs 1-6. UF Brandon Powell 9-59, DeAndre Goolsby 7-91, Antonio Callaway 6-63, C'Yontai Lewis 2-10.

INTERCEPTIONS: UA - Minkah Fitzpatrick 1-44, Tony Brown 1-0, Raekwon Davis 1-40. UF - none.

FUMBLES: UA - Jalen Hurts 1-0. UF - Chris Thompson 1-0.

## 2017 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME GEORGIA 28, AUBURN 7



Roquan Smith came up with two crucial turnovers, freshman Jake Fromm threw a pair of touchdown passes and Georgia claimed a 28-7 victory over Auburn in the 2017 Southeastern Conference Championship Game - the first held at the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

The game was largely a defensive struggle, but Fromm was efficient in completing 16 of 22 attempts for 183 yards and two touchdowns. The Bulldogs also rushed for 238 yards.

Auburn junior running back Kerryon Johnson played even though he suffered a shoulder injury in the Iron Bowl; however, he wasn't the same, as he finished with 44 rushing yards on 13 carries. Georgia's victory gave the Bulldogs their first SEC championship since 2005.

Although Georgia outplayed Auburn for much of the game, the Bulldogs were penalized seven times for 91 yards, which helped keep things close. Ultimately, Georgia outgained Auburn 421-259 and won the turnover battle 2-0.

The turning point of the night occurred early in the second quarter when Auburn was in the Georgia red zone and driving to take a two-score lead. Georgia linebacker Davin Bellamy strip-sacked Auburn's Jarrett Stidham from behind before linebacker Smith recovered the fumble to kill the drive.

The Bulldogs capitalized on that change of momentum by going 83 yards on the ensuing drive and finishing with a two-yard touchdown from Fromm to Isaac Nauta to help tie the game at 7-7. Georgia converted a short field goal on its next possession and entered the locker room with a 10-7 advantage.

The Bulldogs extended the lead to 13-7 in the third quarter and began to impose their will on the Tigers.

Fromm threw a 17-yard touchdown to Terry Godwin and then connected with Godwin on a two-point attempt to increase the lead to 21-7. Georgia's D'Andre Swift later broke off a 64-yard touchdown run.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia	0	10	3	15	=	28
Auburn	7	0	0	0	=	7

- 1st: 9:54 AU - Nate Craig-Myers 6 Yd pass from Jarrett Stidham (Daniel Carlson Kick), AU 7, UG 0  
2nd: 10:14 UG - Isaac Nauta 2 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick), AU 7, UG 7  
4:59 UG - Rodrigo Blankenship 27 Yd Field Goal, UG 10, AU 7  
3rd: 1:26 UG - Rodrigo Blankenship 35 Yd Field Goal, UG 13, AU 7  
4th: 13:06 UG - Terry Godwin 7 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Jake Fromm Pass to Terry Godwin for Two-Point Conversion), UG 21, AU 7  
10:34 UG - D'Andre Swift 64 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick), UG 28, AU 7

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: UG - D'Andre Swift 7-88, Nick Chubb 13-77, Sony Michel 7-45, Brian Herren 2-16, E. Holyfield 5-9, Mecole Hardman 1-4, Jake Fromm 3-4, Team 3-(-5). AU - Kerryon Johnson 13-44, Jarrett Stidham 9-25, Kam Martin 4-20, Eli Stove 3-19, Malik Miller 2-6.

Passing: UG - Jake Fromm 16-for-22, 183 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT. AU - Jarrett Stidham 16-for-32, 145 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: UG - Terry Godwin 5-48, Mecole Hardman 4-67, D'Andre Swift 3-17, Sony Michel 2-38, Nick Chubb 1-11, Isaac Nauta 1-2. AU - Ryan Davis 7-65, Darius Slayton 2-14, Kerryon Johnson 2-1, Eli Stove 1-26, Chandler Cox 1-21, Malik Miller 1-11, Nate Craig-Myers 1-6, Devan Barrett 1-1.

Interceptions: None.

Fumbles: UG - Sony Michel 1-0. AU - Jarrett Stidham 1-1, Kerryon Johnson 1-1.

## 2018 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 35, GEORGIA 28



Jalen Hurts came off the bench to pass for one touchdown and run for another in the fourth quarter, rallying No. 1 Alabama to a 35-28 win over No. 4 Georgia for the Southeastern Conference title.

It was a stunning twist on the scenario that played out less than 11 months earlier on the very same field when Tua Tagovailoa replaced Hurts at the start of the second half with Alabama trailing Georgia in the CFP title game.

This time, Tagovailoa had to be helped off the field with just over 11 minutes remaining after one of his own linemen stepped on the quarterback's right ankle as he attempted to throw. Hurts calmly guided the Crimson Tide to the game-tying touchdown with a 10-yard pass to Jerry Jeudy.

After Georgia was stuffed on a fake punt near midfield, Hurts took matters into his own hands for the winning score. Spotting an opening up the middle, he took off on a 15-yard TD run with 1:04 remaining. Georgia picked off Tagovailoa twice, and the Alabama quarterback spent much of his spare time in the medical tent and was largely ineffective as the Bulldogs built a pair of two-touchdown leads. Hurts completed 7 of 9 passes for 82 yards, to go along with five carries for 28 yards in less than a quarter of action.

Georgia sophomore Jake Fromm threw for 301 yards and three touchdowns, while Tagovailoa was only 10 of 25 for 164 yards.

The Alabama QB did spark the comeback with a short pass to Jaylen Waddle that resulted in a 51-yard touchdown late in the third quarter, cutting Georgia's lead to 28-21.

Alabama's Josh Jacobs rushed for 83 yards and a pair of scores to earn MVP honors.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	0	14	7	14	=	35
Georgia	7	14	7	0	=	28

- 1st 3:08 UG - Isaac Nauta 20 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick), UG 7, UA 0  
 2nd 14:56 UA - Josh Jacobs 1 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick), UG 7, UA 7  
 7:31 UG - D'Andre Swift 9 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick), UG 14, UA 7  
 4:05 UG - D'Andre Swift 11 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick), UG 21, UA 7  
 2:18 UA - Josh Jacobs Recovered Fumble In End Zone (Joseph Bulovas Kick), UG 21, UA 14  
 3rd 12:39 UG - Riley Ridley 23 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick), UG 28, UA 14  
 3:02 UA - Jaylen Waddle 51 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Joseph Bulovas Kick), UG 28, UA 21  
 4th 5:19 UA - Jerry Jeudy 10 Yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Joseph Bulovas Kick), UG 28, UA 28  
 1:04 UA - Jalen Hurts 15 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick), UA 35, UG 28

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING: UA - Josh Jacobs 8-83, Damien Harris 9-52, Jalen Hurts 5-28, Najee Harris 4-15, Tua Tagovailoa 3(-21). UG - D'Andre Swift 16-75, E. Holyfield 14-60, Jayson Stanley 1-12, Justin Fields 3-6, Tyler Simmons 1-2, Jake Fromm 4(-2).

PASSING: UA - Tua Tagovailoa 10-for-25, 164 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; Jalen Hurts 7-for-9, 82 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT. UG - Jake Fromm 25-for-39, 301 yards, 3 TD, 0 INT; Justin Fields 0-for-1.

RECEIVING: UA - Jaylen Waddle 4-113, Henry Ruggs III 3-49, Irv Smith Jr. 3-35, DeVonta Smith 3-26, Jerry Jeudy 3-24, Damien Harris 1(-1). UG - D'Andre Swift 6-63, Riley Ridley 5-59, Isaac Nauta 4-81, Terry Godwin 3-24, J. Holloman 2-37, Charlie Woerner 2-12, Mecole Hardman 1-10, Tyler Simmons 1-8, James Cook 1-7.

INTERCEPTIONS: UG - J.R. Reed 1-0, R. LeCounte 1-29.

FUMBLES: UA - Josh Jacobs 1-0, Jerry Jeudy 1-0. UG - Mecole Hardman 1-0.

## 2019 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME LSU 37, GEORGIA 10



No. 1 LSU locked up a spot in the College Football Playoff for the first time, beating No. 4 Georgia 37-10 in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game.

Joe Burrow threw for 349 yards and four touchdowns for the Tigers.

He was the Tigers' second-leading rusher with 41 yards on 11 carries, often leaving the Bulldogs grasping at air as he twirled this way and that. He even caught a pass on a ball that was batted down at the line and wound up his arms, taking off for a 16-yard gain.

The Heisman-worthy moment came late in the third quarter. With Georgia bringing the heat, Burrow spun to his left to get away from lineman Travon Walker, whirled back to his right to send Walker sprawling to the turf, then delivered a pass on the run while sprinting toward the LSU sideline with another defender in hot pursuit.

Justin Jefferson hauled in the throw just beyond midfield and took off down to the Bulldogs 9 for a 71-yard play. Three plays later, Burrow delivered his third TD pass of the game, hooking up with Terrace Marshall Jr., on a 4-yard touchdown pass that essentially finished off the Bulldogs.

Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm was 20-for-42 with 225 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia	0	3	0	7	=	10
LSU	14	3	17	3	=	37

- 1st 9:09 LS - Ja'Marr Chase 23 yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York kick), LS 7, UG 0  
 0:12 LS - Terrace Marshall 7 yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York kick), LS 14, UG 0  
 2nd 11:28 UG - Rodrigo Blankenship 39 yd field goal, LS 14, UG 3  
 2:22 LS - Cade York 41 yd field goal, LS 17, UG 3  
 3rd 8:20 LS - Cade York 28 yd field goal, LS 20, UG 3  
 2:18 LS - Terrace Marshall 4 yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York kick), LS 27, UG 3  
 0:45 LS - Justin Jefferson 8 yd pass from Joe Burrow (Cade York kick), LS 34, UG 3  
 4th 11:41 UG - George Pickens 2 yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship kick), LS 34, UG 10  
 7:41 LS - Cade York 50 yd field goal, LS 37, UG 10

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: UG - Brian Herrien 8-24, James Cook 5-23, D'Andre Swift 2-13, Zamir White 5-5, Jake Fromm 5(-4). LS - Clyde Edwards-Helaire 15-57, Joe Burrow 11-41, Chris Curry 5-26, Ty Davis-Price 4-10, Team 1(-2).

Passing: UG - Jake Fromm 20-for-42, 225 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; Stetson Bennett 0-1, 0 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. LS - Joe Burrow 28-for-38, 349 yards, 4 TD, 0 INT

Receiving: UG - George Pickens 4-54, Demetrius Robinson 4-52, Tyler Simmons 3-40, Brian Herrien 3-23, D'Andre Swift 3-18, Charlie Woerner 1-16, James Cook 1-11, Dominick Blaylock 1-11. LS - Justin Jefferson 7-115, Clyde Edwards-Helaire 7-61, Terrace Marshall 5-89, Ja'Marr Chase 3-41, Thaddeus Moss 2-12, Derrick Dillon 2-11, Joe Burrow 1-16, Racey McMath 1-4.

Interceptions: LS - Derek Stingley 2-17.

## 2020 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 52, FLORIDA 46



Najee Harris rushed for 178 yards and scored five touchdowns, Mac Jones threw for 418 yards and five TDs, DeVonta Smith hauled in 15 receptions for 184 yards and two scores, and it was just enough to send No. 1 Alabama to the College Football Playoff with a perfect record, holding off No. 11 Florida in a 52-46 shootout for the Southeastern Conference championship.

After trailing 35-17 at halftime, Florida made a game of it with a pair of third-quarter scores. And the Gators fought to the bitter end, adding two more TDs in the fourth period before the clock hit zero.

Harris, the game's MVP, essentially established residency in the Mercedes-Benz Stadium end zones. The senior running back had 31 bruising carries, scoring on plays of 8 and 1 yards and leaping like a hurdler over a defender who tried to go low on a 19-yard run.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Alabama	14	21	0	17	=	52
Florida	10	7	14	15	=	46

- 1st 12:20 UA - Najee Harris 8 yd run (Will Reichard kick) UA 7, UF 0  
 10:05 UF - K. Toney 51 yd pass from K. Trask (E. McPherson kick), UA 7, UF 7  
 6:07 UA - DeVonta Smith 31 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), UA 14, UF 7  
 1:57 UF - E. McPherson 40 yd field goal, UA 14, UF 10  
 2nd 11:27 UA - Najee Harris 7 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), UA 21, UF 10  
 2:28 UA - Najee Harris 23 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), UA 28, UF 10  
 1:09 UF - K. Trask 1 yd run (E. McPherson kick), UA 28, UF 17  
 0:06 UA - Najee Harris 17 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), UA 35, UF 17  
 3rd 13:25 UF - T. Grimes 50 yd pass from K. Trask (E. McPherson kick), UA 35, UF 24  
 0:18 UF - N. Wright 3 yd run (E. McPherson kick), UA 35, UF 31  
 4th 11:29 UA - Najee Harris 1 yd run (Will Reichard kick), UA 42, UF 31  
 9:53 UA - Will Reichard 20 yd field goal, UA 45, UF 31  
 6:33 UF - D. Pierce 1 yd run (E. McPherson kick), UA 45, UF 38  
 4:59 UA - DeVonta Smith 15 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), UA 52, UF 38  
 2:07 UF - K. Pitts 22 yd pass from K. Trask (K. Trask rush), UA 52, UF 46

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING: Alabama-Najee Harris 31-178; B. Robinson Jr. 4-19; M. Forristall 1-1; J. Billingsley 1-minus 3; Mac Jones 3-minus 8. Florida-E. Jones 2-24; K. Toney 2-15; N. Wright 4-11; M. Davis 1-2; D. Pierce 2-2; K. Trask 15-0.

PASSING: Alabama-Mac Jones 33-43-1-418. Florida-K. Trask 26-40-0-408.

RECEIVING: Alabama-DeVonta Smith 15-184; Najee Harris 5-67; John Metchie 4-62; M. Forristall 3-20; Slade Bolden 2-40; J. Billingsley 2-29; Xavier Williams 1-12; Major Tennessee 1-4. Florida-K. Toney 8-153; K. Pitts 7-129; T. Grimes 4-78; N. Wright 3-27; M. Davis 2-15; J. Copeland 2-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: Alabama-None. Florida-T. Dean 1-19.

FUMBLES: Alabama-None. Florida-K. Trask 2-1; M. Davis 1-0; J. Copeland 1-0; T. Dean 1-1.

## 2021 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ALABAMA 41, GEORGIA 24



Bryce Young threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as fourth-ranked Alabama (12-1) defeated No. 1 Georgia 41-24 in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game. Young set an SEC championship records with 421 yards passing and 461 yards of total offense.

Georgia had (12-1) cruised through the regular season, barely challenged and a unanimous choice as the nation's No. 1 team for the past two months. The Bulldogs boasted a defensive unit that had allowed only 6.9 points a game. Young earned game MVP honors, bolstering his Heisman Trophy resume.

Alabama (12-1) had six offensive scoring drives — five covering at least 75 yards, the other 62 — and finished with a staggering 536 yards against a team that was giving up just under 231 per game.

The Tide's defense wasn't too shabby, either, essentially sealing the victory with Jordan Battle's 42-yard interception return to the end zone with about 12 minutes remaining.

Georgia's Stetson Bennett threw for 340 yards and three touchdowns, but he also had two crucial picks. Freshman Brock Bowers made 10 catches for 139 yards.

### SCORING SUMMARY

Georgia	3	14	0	7	=	24
Alabama	0	24	7	10	=	41

1st 6:01 UG - J.Podlesny 38 yd FG, UG 3, UA 0  
 2nd 14:56 UG - D.Washington 5 yd pass from S.Bennett (J.Podlesny kick), UG 10, UA 0  
 2nd 14:12 UA - J.Williams 67 yd pass from B.Young (W.Reichard kick), UG 10, UA 7  
 2nd 9:46 UA - J.Metchie 13 yd pass from B.Young (W.Reichard kick), UA 14, UG 10  
 2nd 3:28 UA - W.Reichard 33 yd FG, UA 17, UG 10  
 2nd 2:06 UG - L. McConkey 32 yd pass from S.Bennett (J.Podlesny kick), UA 17, UG 17  
 2nd 00:26 UA - B.Young 11 yd rush (W.Reichard kick), UA 24, UG 17  
 3rd 13:10 UA - J.Williams 55 yd pass from B.Young (W.Reichard kick), UA 31, UG 17  
 4th 11:59 UA - J.Battle 42 yd interception return (W.Reichard kick), UA 38, UG 17  
 4th 9:42 UG - B.Bowers 18 yd pass from S.Bennett (J.Podlesny kick), UA 38, UG 24  
 4th 1:59 UA - W.Reichard 41 yd FG, UA 41, UG 24

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing: Georgia - James Cook 11-38; Kenny McIntosh 4-32; Zamir White 7-27; Stetson Bennett 7-11; Brock Bowers 1-1. Alabama - Brian Robinson Jr. 16-55; Bryce Young 3-40, TD; Trey Sanders 6-21; TEAM 1(-1).

Passing: Georgia - Stetson Bennett 29-for-48, 3 TD, 2 INT, 340 yards; Alabama - Bryce Young 26-for-44, 3 TD, 0 INT, 421 yards.

Receiving: Georgia - Brock Bowers 10-139, TD; James Cook 4-28; Jermaine Burton 3-36; George Pickens 2-41; Ladd McConley 2-35, TD; Zamir White 2-17; Kenny McIntosh 2-5; John Fitzpatrick 1-22; Adonai Mitchell 1-8; Darnell Washington 1-5; Kearis Jackson 1-4. Alabama - Jameson Williams 7-184, 2 TD; John Metchie 6-97, TD; Slade Bolden 5-54; Jahleel Billingsley 2-27; Traeshon Holden 2-21; Brian Robinson Jr. 2-16; Cameron Latu 1-13; Ja'Corey Brooks 1-9.

Interceptions: Georgia - None. Alabama - DeMarcco Hellams 1-3; Jordan Battle 1-42.