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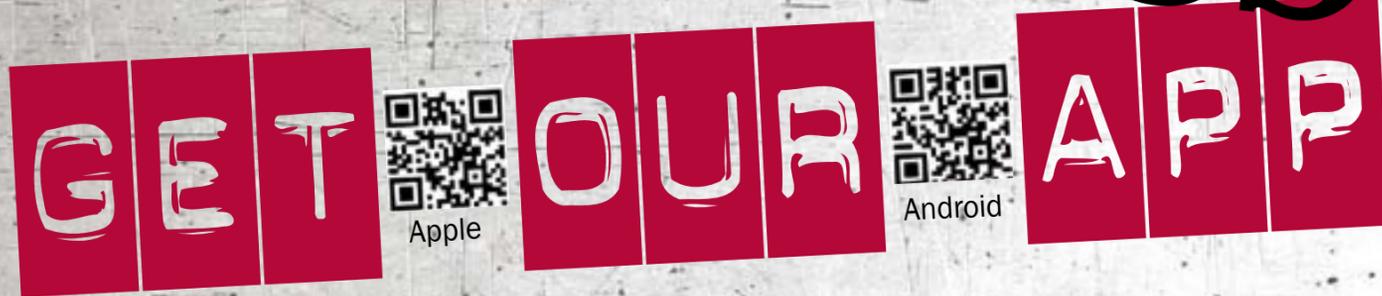
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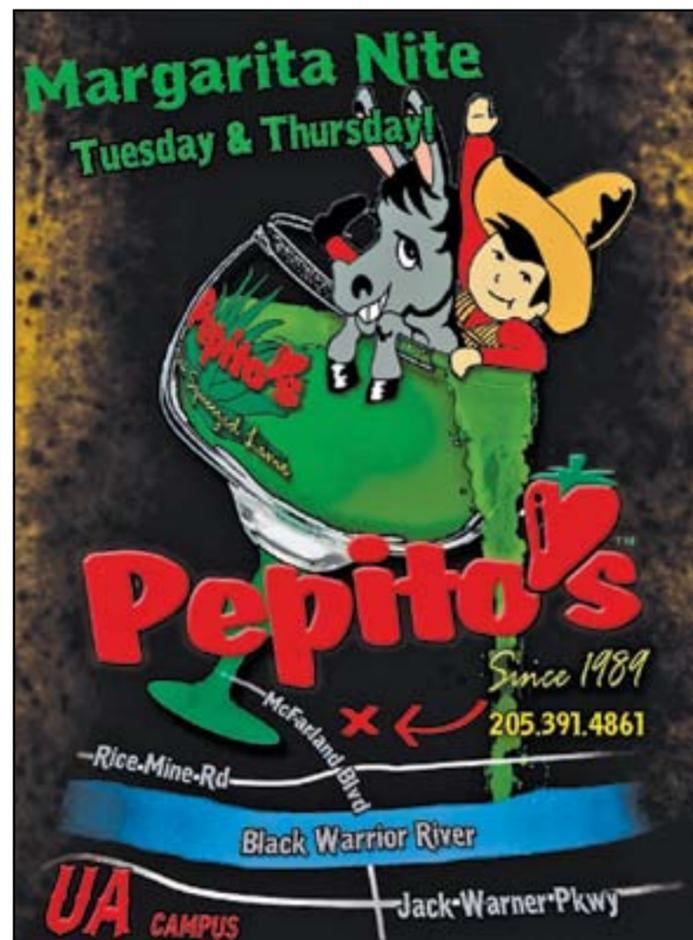
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A PLAY-BY-PLAY OF IMPORTANT GAMES AROUND THE NATION

November 23

 **No. 4 Baylor at No. 10 Oklahoma State**
Boone Pickens Stadium - Stillwater, Okla., 7 p.m. CST, ABC

For a conference in the midst of a "down year," this game has all the makings to be one of the best of the season. Both Big 12 title and BCS hopes may be on the line in a game that sees two of the nation's highest-scoring offenses squaring off. Baylor averages 61 points to go along with more than 680 yards of total offense per game behind Heisman candidate quarterback Bryce Petty, while Oklahoma State scores 40 points per game with new-found quarterback Clint Chelf leading the way the past few weeks. The Bears' defense, which quietly sits at 11th in the nation just one year after it was the second-worst in college football, may give Baylor the edge.

 **No. 12 Texas A&M at No. 22 LSU**
Tiger Stadium - Baton Rouge, La., 2:30 p.m. CST, CBS

Despite losses to Alabama and Auburn earlier this season, Texas A&M still has a lot to play for in its final two regular season games of the year. If the Aggies defeat LSU and Missouri in the following weeks, and if Auburn loses to Alabama in the Iron Bowl, Texas A&M will likely get an at-large bid for the Sugar Bowl. But that's easier said than done for Johnny Manziel and company, who played their worst game of the season last year against LSU. With Texas A&M's ability to score on any team in the nation and its suspect defense going up against a balanced LSU attack, a shootout that comes down to the very end is very possible.

November 30

 **No. 12 Texas A&M at No. 8 Missouri**
Faurot Field - Columbia, Mo., 6:45 p.m. CST, ESPN

The second part of Texas A&M's two must-win games in a row to earn a possible BCS bid pits the Aggies against SEC surprise Missouri. The Tigers, assuming they defeat Ole Miss the week before, must also win this game to win the SEC East over South Carolina. James Franklin will be back at quarterback for the second week in a row for Missouri after returning from a shoulder injury the week before against Ole Miss. Missouri should be able to score in bunches against the Texas A&M defense.

 **No. 3 Ohio State at Michigan**
Michigan Stadium - Ann Arbor, Mich., 11 a.m. CST, ABC

Ohio State has remained undefeated up to this point in the season but still needs Alabama or Florida State to lose to have a shot at reaching the BCS title game, even if they win out. No team would love to end any possible Ohio State national championship hopes more than its archrival Michigan, who led at halftime in Columbus last year before eventually falling 26-21. The Wolverines must find a way to stop Buckeyes running back Carlos Hyde, who has hit his stride in recent weeks after an early-season suspension.

 **No. 7 Clemson at No. 11 South Carolina**
Williams-Brice Stadium - Columbia, S.C., 6 p.m. CST, ESPN2

This game doesn't necessarily help or hurt South Carolina's chances at winning the SEC East, as the Gamecocks need Missouri to lose at least one of its remaining two regular season games to have a shot. Clemson, on the other hand, must win to keep its BCS at-large chances intact. Tigers senior quarterback Tajh Boyd is one of the best in the country but has struggled mightily in each of his previous three meetings against South Carolina's stout defense. The Gamecocks have won the last four in this rivalry.

 **No. 14 UCLA at No. 23 USC**
L.A. Memorial Coliseum - Los Angeles, Calif., 2:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. CST, ABC/ESPN/ESPN2

Assuming UCLA beats Arizona State and USC takes down Colorado the week before, the Bruins and the Trojans will be playing in a game with Pac-12 South title implications. The Bruins would clinch the division with a victory over USC, while the Trojans need to win and hope Arizona State loses to Arizona to win the division. USC interim head coach Ed Orgeron has seemingly saved USC from a once-disastrous season, leading the Trojans to five wins in six games since taking over. UCLA's Myles Jack is one of the best freshmen in the country at any position, stepping up to play a big role not only on defense as a linebacker but on offense as a running back as well. UCLA broke a five-game losing streak against USC last season.

ONE LAST TIME

By Nick Sellers
Staff Reporter

Crimson Tide seniors prepare for their final game in Bryant-Denny Stadium as their 5-year legacy approaches its close

For the third straight year, Crimson Tide seniors have an opportunity to at least tie the mark for most wins by any class in the history of Alabama football. Last year's class totaled 49 wins from 2009-12, besting the 2011 seniors' tally by one game.

The last home game in Bryant-Denny Stadium, typically heralded as senior day, not only recognizes the championships and overall wins by senior classes, but also the leadership displayed and development the veterans have undergone since first stepping foot on campus.

Some, including coach Nick Saban, said although the good times roll in Tuscaloosa, they're also known to pass by all too quickly.

"It is a little emotional for me," Saban said. "I can't believe how fast it goes by."

When I shake hands with these guys, I remember going into their house, and it seems like it was just yesterday."

Kenny Bell, one of seven players who's been with the Crimson Tide since 2009, agrees with his coach.

"It's starting to hit me really hard," Bell said. "There've been a lot of fun times. I still remember when I came here, and I've made a lot of memories since I've been here."

In the days when current NFL players such as Julio Jones, Mark Ingram, Trent Richardson and Greg McElroy ran the offense, Bell and other players such as AJ McCarron and Anthony Steen stood in the ranks, waiting for their time to lead.

After sitting behind Barrett Jones in 2010, Steen became a starter in 2011 and has since drawn praise from Saban for being a leader by example.

"I think a lot of the players respect him," Saban said. "He certainly sets a good example every day for other players to emulate, which I think is a critical piece of being a good leader."

On an otherwise young offensive line, Steen came into the season with the most starts of any other on the line with 25 career starts. Even though he's the undisputed leader up front, Steen is the first to give credit to his teammates.

"Some of the guys that came in this year, I've tried to teach them the little things and fundamentals," Steen said. "This offensive line is the type of line that helps everybody. It's not just one person; it's the whole group, just trying to help each other."

He also remembers the 2009 veterans' mission to win the national championship, a group that started a trend.

"I just remember how bad those guys wanted to accomplish their goal that year," Steen said. "I think that got guys over the hump, when everybody realized and bought into the process and knew that we could do it. I think everybody knew we could go all the way."

The Crimson Tide failed to make a BCS Bowl in 2010, the first year of playing eligibility for the current fifth-year seniors. Settling for a Capitol One Bowl drubbing of Michigan State, the seven players now

have a chance to collect four rings in just five seasons, something center Ryan Kelly said puts an added pressure on the younger athletes.

"You look at that class and what they've accomplished since they've been here, and that's an even bigger incentive for these younger guys like us to send these seniors out on a good note one last time in Bryant-Denny," Kelly said.

The current crop of seniors haven't been without substantial leaders in past seasons, though. Bell remembers one in particular.

"One of my favorite leaders was Mark Barron," Bell said of the current Tampa Bay Buccaneer. "He was one of those persons when he spoke, you could feel it."

Saban and other players have said the same thing about fourth-year linebacker C.J. Mosley.

Looking ahead, it's apparent the current seniors' jobs aren't quite finished. Alabama must take care of Chattanooga Saturday, then a date with the top-10 Auburn Tigers looms large for the Crimson Tide before attention turns to the postseason.

Though late-season pressure is something Steen and others have embraced in the past few seasons, Kelly said there won't be talk of this year's Iron Bowl until the Crimson Tide gets a win on senior day.

"We take one game at a time, obviously, and this is the next game for us," Kelly said.

Along with Bell, Steen and McCarron, the three other active players who redshirted in 2009 are Kevin Norwood, Ed Stinson and Tana Patrick. Kellen Williams took a special medical redshirt in 2008.

With the wealth of experiences Steen has encountered in his Alabama tenure, including the Rocky Block, which he says is his most memorable moment in Bryant-Denny Stadium, Steen said he has a hard time believing it's been this long.

"I think it was when AJ said something to me two weeks ago," Steen said. "He said, 'Man, we've been here five years.' I just realized we have. Time flies. [It] doesn't really seem like it's been that long, but I'll definitely miss it and I'll always cherish the time I've had here."

For Steen and other seniors who can count the number of remaining games on one hand, the last opportunities of their college careers are just as scarce. After Auburn, the opponents remain uncertain at this point, but the Crimson Tide's resolve is just as strong.

BEHIND THE ENEMY

LINEUPS

A LOOK AT THE MOC & TIGER NATIONS FROM THEIR OWN SPORTS EDITORS



Photo courtesy of The University Echo

The Crimson White spoke to University Echo Sports Editor Adam Stephens in Chattanooga, Tenn., to get his take on Chattanooga's big year, dual-threat quarterback Jacob Huesman's ability and the biggest strength on the Mocs defense

The Crimson White:

The Mocs have won eight games this season for the first time in 33 years. What's been different about this year's team compared to seasons past?

Adam Stephens:

This year's team has really embraced their roles on the field. Last year there was a two quarterback system in place on the field. This year Jacob Huesman is the starting QB and Terrell Robinson is the back up, so I feel like the team has a better understanding of how the offense should be played.

CW With the team likely to play in the first round of the FCS playoffs next week, what are the chances that some players are rested against Alabama?

AS Alabama will be a tough game this coming weekend. Any SEC team is going to be a tough game for us because they have more depth in their roster. Alabama has a very deep depth chart with lots of athletes ready to take the

field. Because of this and the limited number of UTC playmakers that can be put on the field, being rested might not be in the cards.

CW Jacob Huesman is one of the top dual-threat quarterbacks in the FCS. Given from what you've seen out of him this season, how effective can he be against Alabama?

AS Huesman will put up a big fight on the ground. I feel like his passing and rushing skills are very well oiled and he can make plays happen. His biggest asset against Alabama will be a mix between short and long passing. Although Huesman is fast, I don't believe rushing and risking getting hurt by the defensive linemen is a very good call by the coach or him.

CW Besides Huesman, who are some of Chattanooga's other offensive playmakers to keep an eye on in this game?

AS Besides Huesman, the second-most important person on offense is Terrell Robinson.

Although he is not the starting quarterback on the team, his is also a big threat to a defense. Robinson, like Huesman, is a dual threat. Robinson has been with the Mocs for three years and has gotten UTC out of some jams when starting QB B.J. Coleman was injured. Last year Huesman and Robinson ran some Wildcat offense on the field, and if Alabama isn't ready for it, that could mean some big yards.

CW Chattanooga has one of the better defenses in the FCS, ranking 11th overall. Where do the Mocs' biggest strengths lie on that side of the ball?

AS Defensively D.J. Key is our go-to man as a safety. Teams think twice about going to the air when he is in the backfield.

Prediction: Alabama 35, UTC 14. I have chosen Alabama for the simple fact of depth. I feel like our athletes can hang with Alabama through the first two quarters but after halftime it's going to be hard to keep up with the depth that Alabama has on their roster.



Photo courtesy of The Auburn Plainsman

The Crimson White spoke to Auburn Plainsman Sports Editor Will Gaines in Auburn, Ala., to get his take on the reason behind Auburn's revival this season, the Tigers' passing game and who will come out victorious in the 78th Iron Bowl

The Crimson White:

This game is already being hailed as an Iron Bowl for the ages. What's the excitement like in Auburn with so much on the line for both teams?

Will Gaines:

The excitement level is sky high. I talked with former head coach Pat Dye last week, and he told me he does not think he has seen this much excitement since the 1989 game when Alabama travelled to Auburn for the first time. Honestly though, most fans are just excited they have a chance to compete with Alabama. The past two seasons have been rough for Auburn fans.

CW The Tigers are having a year that very few expected coming into the season. In your opinion, what has been the biggest reason for Auburn's turnaround this season?

WG I have been asked that question several times this year, and the first few times I answered it, I said it was the team's ability to keep fighting when they faced adversity. I still think that is true, but now that the season is winding down, I believe the biggest difference is this team is a year older and back in the system they were recruited to play in.

Auburn lost so many players off the 2010 national championship team, and this caused them to be extremely young in 2011-12. This year they are much more mature, and it's showing on the field; however, Gus Malzahn is the X-factor in my opinion. His system fits these players, and his game plans always give Auburn a chance.

CW Because the Auburn rushing attack has been so effective, Nick Marshall hasn't been asked to

throw the ball a whole lot this season. Can he be relied upon to throw the ball effectively when he's needed to against Alabama's defense?

WG Nick Marshall is a good passer, but his accuracy is probably his downfall. Against Georgia he missed several throws, ever so slightly, that could have been big plays for the offense.

Honestly, I don't think Malzahn is going to venture far away from what got Auburn to this point in the season. He's going to use Marshall, Tre Mason and Corey Grant in a variety of different ways in the run game, and then try to hit some big play-action passes to Sammie Coates. If Marshall throws the ball more than 20 times in this game I will be surprised.

CW In big games like this, the mantra is usually that players need to step up. Who's currently an unsung player for the Tigers that could potentially play a vital role in this game?

WG There's actually quite a few that could step up and make a name for themselves in this game, simply because most don't know the type of playmakers Auburn has on this team.

Marshall I think could potentially have a big game if he and Coates can get on the same page. They have been connecting on a lot of deep passes this season, but they have also missed on a lot. I think Alabama is going to sell out to stop the run, and if that is the case, then Marshall could have a big day hitting the deep ball to Coates.

Roberson Therezie has been playing lights out all season. He currently has four interceptions, which is more than the whole team had in 2012. He has been one of the

brighter spots on this defense all season, and this game could be a chance for him to make a big splash. My choice will actually be a group and not a single player. This offensive line is one of the best in the country, and I think they are going to show it when they play Alabama.

CW Despite having a much improved team this year, Auburn is still a pretty big underdog against Alabama. What are some things the Tigers must do to pull off the colossal upset?

WG It's simple, actually. Run the ball, don't turn the ball over, put pressure on AJ McCarron and force some turnovers. That's been the formula for Auburn's success all season, and up to this point it has worked. Auburn is not going to completely shut down Alabama's offense, but they do have some good young pass rushers on the defensive line. If they can disrupt McCarron then I think they can force him to turn the ball over.

Whether Auburn can run the ball or not will be the biggest question of the game. I'm not saying I don't think Marshall can get the job done, but I think when the run game is moving the ball it opens up so much more for Malzahn to do with this offense.

Prediction: This is a hard prediction to make. Honestly, I think Alabama is the better team, top to bottom, but there is not as big of a talent gap as there has been the past few years, including 2010. I also think Auburn will be a little hungrier for a win than Alabama just because they have nothing to lose in this game. Malzahn has already exceeded everyone's expectations for this season.

Home field advantage and the bye week are going to give Auburn an edge in this game, and I think Auburn pulls off some fourth quarter magic again to pull off the 28-24 upset.

GOING OUT ON TOP

Crimson Tide punter Cody Mandell discusses perfecting his execution and preparing for his last home game

By Charlie Potter | Assistant Sports Editor

Cody Mandell caught the snap from Cole Mazza at Alabama's 35-yard line and sent the ball into the Starkville, Miss., night sky. It bounced off the 20 and curved its way toward the Mississippi State sideline.

The punt netted 63 yards, a season long for Mandell, and pinned the Bulldogs in the shadow of their own goalpost.

Mandell finished the game with four punts and averaged 55 yards per punt. He was named the Ray Guy Player of the Week for his efforts in the top-ranked Crimson Tide's 20-7 victory over Mississippi State and has received a lot of attention for his performances on special teams this season.

"It's great, but I've just got to focus on the next game, focus on what I've got to do," Mandell said. "I've got two games left in the regular season, and I've got to focus on the next game. It's always about the next game, the next punt. I can't really look ahead."

Mandell is also a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award, which is annually given to the nation's top punter.

The Crimson Tide is ranked third in the nation in average yards per punt, behind Texas A&M and Idaho. Mandell has booted every punt for the Crimson Tide this season.

Although he has only been called on to punt 33 times, he has averaged 47.3 yards per punt. The senior has boomed 12 punts 50 yards or longer. On top of national recognition, Mandell has been praised by Nick Saban and the Alabama coaching staff.

"Cody has gotten a little better every year, to where I think he's a very, very good punter right now," Saban said. "He's consistent in terms of all the things he does, and he does a lot of things."

Mandell was chosen by the Crimson Tide coaches as a Player of the Week after his career performance against Mississippi State.

It was a windy night in Starkville, Miss., but Mandell was prepared for the gusty conditions.

"You've got to be able to perform no matter the situation," Mandell said. "We prepare for [wind]. Monday of last week we had a day where it was 22 mph. We went outside and really worked - really, really worked. The rest of the team was inside, and the kickers



CW | Austin Bigoney

and punters and snappers went outside and we worked in that. I don't think it affected me too much. I had one punt into it, and it was 55 yards."

The one aspect of Mandell's game he's worked to improve upon is how he drops the ball onto his foot. He said correctly executing the drop helped him tremendously in Alabama's 10th win of the season.

"I've dropped it later, which makes less time for wind and all the outside stuff to affect it," Mandell said. "I drop it lower now, too, and so that really helps."

Sophomore safety Landon Collins has been a direct beneficiary of Mandell's stellar senior season.

Collins has been a force on special teams, especially on punts and kickoffs.

He attributed Mandell's ability to hang the ball in the air to his own success this year.

"I just ask for the hang time, really. If he puts enough hang time under it, I can definitely get down field," Collins said. "This past week he put, I think, four second hang time, which is enough time to get downfield and

cover. That's all I ask for when Cody punts the ball. I know he's going to boot it and put it in the right place for us to get down field and cover it."

Mandell will play his final game inside Bryant-Denny Stadium this Saturday and will be honored, along with the other Alabama seniors, as a part of the Senior Day festivities.

However, this game stands in the way of the highly anticipated Iron Bowl and the team's ultimate goal of Southeastern Conference and BCS National Championship game appearances.

That doesn't mean Mandell won't take the time to soak in his final home game as a member of the Crimson Tide.

"It'll be pretty emotional," Mandell said. "I've just got to go out there and focus on what I've got to do first and what the team needs to do first. And then after the game I'm pretty sure I'll try to stay out there for the most amount of time that I can to take it all in. But I'll probably cry a little bit."



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8. Tickets can be available on Game Day. Don't forget to check MyTickets for available tickets.

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