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AROUND THE SEC

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

by: Chris Clark



The Commodores' offensive line didn't have a strong performance in week one against Temple, who shocked Vandy by winning 37-7 in Nashville. Now the Dores have to face a salty Ole Miss front featuring C.J. Johnson, Robert Nkemdiche, and some playmaking linebackers.

Good luck, Vanderbilt.



78 Kevin McCoy
G: 6'5" - 295 lbs.
5.7 ★★★★★

TOP MATCHUP

Vandy O-Line vs. Ole Miss Front Seven

5 Robert Nkemdiche
DT: 6'4" - 280 lbs.
6.1 ★★★★★

Is Missouri on Upset Alert?

Last week, everyone had Tennessee on upset alert and the Vols answered with a resounding 38-7 victory over Utah State. This week it's Missouri who is just a four-point favorite over 1-0 Toledo.

by: Wes Mitchell

Is Vandy as bad as we think?

Derek Mason's Vanderbilt debut didn't go the way anyone in Nashville planned it as the Commodores were dominated at home in a 37-7 loss to Temple. It doesn't get any easier this week as Vandy hosts Ole Miss as a 21-point underdog.

How many points will Texas A&M score against Lamar?

Not to bring up a touchy subject, but the Aggies went on the road and scored 52 against the Gamecocks last week. They should be able to name their score at home against Lamar.



SEC LEADERS

PASSING

	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT	RAT
Kenny Hill	44	60	511	3	0	161.4
Bo Wallace	25	36	387	4	3	179.7
Patrick Towles	20	29	377	1	0	189.5

RUSHING

	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	YD/G
Todd Gurley	15	198	13.2	3	62	198
Cameron Artis-Payne	26	177	6.8	1	70	177
Russell Handbrough	20	126	6.3	1	21	126

RECEIVING

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	YD/G
D'haquille Williams	9	154	17.1	1	62	154
Travin Dural	3	151	50.3	1	80	151
Malcome Kennedy	14	137	9.8	0	33	137

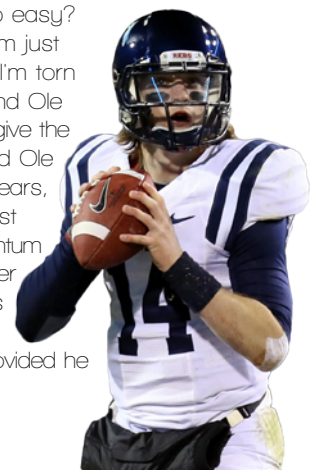
BO WALLACE

Ole Miss Senior QB

by: Aaron Weiss

Well this is easy: Todd Gur-oh, it's too easy? Okay, uh, how about Kenny Hi-no? I'm just giving the guy a little dap! Alright, fine. I'm torn between Miss. State's Dak Prescott and Ole Miss' **Bo Wallace**, to be honest, but I'll give the duke to Wallace. The senior has helped Ole Miss reach heights not seen in recent years, and needs to really perform well against beatable teams to give the Rebels momentum to take into the games against the better teams on their schedule. If Vandy is as big of a tire fire as it seemed against Temple, Wallace will have a big day, provided he doesn't throw three interceptions again.

SEC PLAYER YOU SHOULD KNOW



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OTHER NOTABLE GAMES

(9/5) Pittsburgh at BC	7:00 PM	ESPN
24 Missouri at Toledo	12:00 PM	ESPN
Ohio at Kentucky	3:30 PM	ESPN HD
15 Ole Miss at Vanderbilt	4:30 PM	ESPN
San Diego St. at 21 UNC	8:00 PM	ESPN NEWS
Oregon State at Hawaii	10:30 PM	CBS SPORTS

VIEWING GUIDE

PREPARE LIKE A CHAMPION

7 AT O3 6:30 ON FOX

by: Avery Wilks



This is the best game of the weekend, and there's not even a close second. It's a meeting of two highly-ranked juggernauts who both thrashed their week one opponents. Oregon is going to try its best to turn the game into a track meet, while Michigan State will hope it becomes a slugfest.

The team that dictates the pace of the game will probably come out on top, but it will be TV gold either way. The fact that this one kicks off just 30 minutes before USC takes on East Carolina only serves as further proof that life isn't always fair. Give the "last channel" button on your remote a workout and enjoy as much as you can of both games.



Marcus Mariota
(RS) Junior QB
5.7 ★★ ★

MARQUEE MATCHUP

Connor Cook
(RS) Junior QB
5.7 ★★ ★

WHO WE'LL BE WATCHING



RIXON LANE



CHRIS CLARK



WES MITCHELL



AVERY WILKS



10:00 ON FOX

"After a summer as a dark horse playoff favorite, UCLA scored just one offensive TD against Virginia. Can QB Brett Hundley find his groove against the Tigers?"



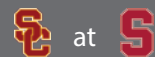
7:30 ON NBC

How could you not watch this one? The two teams started playing each other in a rivalry that began in 1887 and are among college football's historically excellent programs. To add further intrigue, this is the last meeting - at least for the foreseeable future - between the two.



8:00 ON ESPN

"Virginia Tech travels to OSU in what will be an intriguing Big Ten vs. ACC matchup. The Hokies are always solid but haven't had a marquee win to make people take notice in a long, long time. OSU may be ripe for a loss without QB Braxton Miller."



3:30 ON abc

"When it comes to early-season games, this is close to as good as it gets. Southern Cal and Stanford both looked great against lowly week one opponents, but Saturday's game could show us whether either team is a real contender."

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NUMBERS DON'T LIE

National Rankings

(15th) 52.0 pts/gm
(47th) 208.0 yds/gm
(14th) 374.0 yds/gm
(15th) 582.0 yds/gm
(9th) 7.0 pts/gm
(23rd) 70.0 yds/gm
(18th) 104.0 yds/gm
(9th) 174.0 yds/gm

SCORING OFFENSE
RUSHING OFFENSE
PASSING OFFENSE
TOTAL OFFENSE
SCORING DEFENSE
RUSHING DEFENSE
PASSING DEFENSE
TOTAL DEFENSE

28.0 pts/gm (69th)
67.0 yds/gm (102nd)
366.0 yds/gm (16th)
433.0 yds/gm (61st)
52.0 pts/gm (109th)
169.0 yds/gm (76th)
511.0 yds/gm (111th)
680.0 yds/gm (109th)

PASSING YARDS PER COMPLETION

ECU - 11.33

USC - 18.30



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GAMEPREVIEW

ARE YOU READY?

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

by: Avery Wilks

NICK JONES

(RS) Senior Wide Receiver

Jones is the classic example of an underdog who has earned his keep at a top-10 program. He's just 5-foot-7 and 168 pounds, though his physical limitations have done little to hold him back en route to becoming one of USC's most dependable receivers. Jones is coming off a career performance against Texas A&M where he caught five passes for 113 yards and two touchdowns, and he'll look to keep his doubters silenced with another strong outing against ECU, which finished 95th out of 125 FBS teams last season in passing defense. Look for Jones to be on the receiving end of a few Dylan Thompson deep balls against the Pirates, especially if Saturday night's game turns into a shootout.



KNOW YOUR OPPONENT

by: Rixon Lane

JUSTIN HARDY

Senior Wide Receiver

Hardy has 202 receiving yards in two career games against South Carolina. The senior holds ECU's single-season school records for receptions and receiving yards. Additionally, no one in school history has caught more passes than Hardy. He also threw a touchdown in the Pirates' victory over N.C. Central last Saturday. He and quarterback Shane Carden have 20 career tandem touchdowns, the most of any active duo in college football.



VEGAS REPORT

The Wynn in Las Vegas opened South Carolina as a 17-point favorite over ECU on Sunday night. However, within two hours, most books had the Gamecocks favored by 14 or 14.5. Then on Monday, the number moved back up to 16 by noon E.T. As of early Thursday afternoon, most spots had USC favored by 16.5. As for the total, it started at 63 when it was released on Tuesday. The 'over/under' had settled at 64.5 by early Thursday afternoon.

PREDICTIONS

Wes Mitchell

Facing A&M's 'Air Raid' offense should prepare the Gamecocks for facing ECU on Saturday. USC still has issues on defense, but ECU doesn't have the elite athletes the Aggies do. South Carolina's offense should have a big game.

🏈 42-24 🏈

Rixon Lane

Things can't get worse for the Gamecock defense. Having seen a pass-happy offense already, South Carolina will take advantage of the extra time to prepare for the Pirates and right the ship.

🏈 30-17 🏈

Jeff Tyner

How will this team respond? If USC is going to make any noise down the stretch, maturity will be the deciding factor. ECU's offense provides a worthy challenge for an aching defense, will they rise to the challenge?

🏈 44-21 🏈

Aaron Weiss

Dylan Dog throws for over 400 yards, bank on it. The entire backfield will get less than 25 cumulative carries. Sigh.

🏈 38-17 🏈

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RECRUITINGSCOOP

HOW'S THE CLASS LOOKING?

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NO. 3 CLASS
NATIONALLY

13

FOUR-STAR
PROSPECTS

9

RIVAL250
PROSPECTS

3.48

AVERAGE
STAR RATING

2015 Commitment List

Jaire Alexander	DB	5-11/170	★★★★	64
Damon Arnette	DB	6-2/185	★★★★	49
Zack Bailey	OL	6-5/300	★★★★★	6
Shameik Blackshear	DE	6-4/245	★★★★★	5
Joseph Charlton	K	6-5/180	★★★★	NR
Jalen Christian	ATH	5-10/173	★★★★★	10
Austin Clark	OL	6-5/297	★★★★★	7
Mon Denson	RB	5-10/215	★★★★	38
Davon Durant	LB	6-2/240	★★★★★	NR
Mark Fields	DB	5-10/186	★★★★★	10
Jalen Henry	LB	6-1/215	★★★★	NR
Octavis Johnson	DB	6-0/183	★★★★★	19
Arden Key	DE	6-6/228	★★★★★	10
Marquavius Lewis	DE	6-4/270	★★★★★	NR
Kyle Markway	TE	6-4/219	★★★★	NR
Jozie Milton	OL	6-2/291	★★★★	NR
Dexter Neal	WR	6-2/197	★★★★★	30
Lorenzo Nunez	QB	6-2/190	★★★★★	7
Paris Palmer	OL	6-9/305	★★★★★	NR
Christian Pellage	OL	6-6/291	★★★★	46
Sherrod Pittman	LB	6-0/215	★★★★★	3
Connor Redmond	TE	6-4/220	★★★★	NR
AJ Turner	RB	5-10/180	★★★★	35
Jerad Washington	WR	5-8/150	★★★★	93
Quandeski Whitlow	DE	6-4/228	★★★★	19
Antoine Wilder	DB	5-11/172	★★★★	NR

GIMME FIVE

Top Fives from the '15 Class

by: Chris Clark



Earliest Impact Player

1. Paris Palmer
2. **Mark Fields**
3. Marquavius Lewis
4. Jalen Christian
5. Mon Denson

Biggest Pro Potential

1. Marquavius Lewis
2. Paris Palmer
3. Mark Fields
4. **Shameik Blackshear**
5. Arden Key



Most Undervalued

1. Antoine Wilder
2. **Jaire Alexander**
3. Mon Denson
4. Christian Pellage
5. Jalen Henry



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WHEN IN DOUBT, TAKE BAKED BEANS TO THE TAILGATE PARTY

by: Ann Thrash

ROOT BEER BAKED BEANS

INGREDIENTS

6 bacon slices
2 onions, diced
1/4 cups purchased BBQ sauce
- cola flavored (ex. Sweet Baby Rays)
1/4 cup light molasses
3 tbsp. Dijon mustard
2 tbsp. (packed) dark brown sugar
3/4 cup root beer
1 tbsp. soy sauce
1 tbsp. finely minced canned chipotle
chilis in adobo sauce
- Use more/less to taste
- A little goes a long way
2 15-16 oz. cans each
- Great Northern beans
- Pinto Beans
- Light red kidney beans, drained

If you're ever asked to bring a side dish to a tailgate party and you don't know what the main dish on the menu is, you can't go wrong with baked beans. They're a great partner with just about all of the tailgating classics: barbecue, hot dogs, hamburgers, fried chicken, ribs, brats, ham, grilled chicken or pork, sandwiches – and the list goes on. Whatever else is on the table, you can be pretty sure the baked beans will fit in fine.



Photo by Bill Thrash

This recipe – adapted from one published in a food magazine when most of the football team was in diapers – is almost as easy as opening a can of baked beans, but it tastes a lot better. Just cook the bacon, cook the onions in the bacon drippings, stir all the ingredients together, and bake.

Using three kinds of beans (Great Northern, light red kidney and pinto) adds different textures and colors and generally makes things more interesting. If you really want to go over the top, arrange a couple of strips of bacon on top before baking.

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook bacon in large skillet over medium heat until crisp, then transfer to paper towels to drain. Add onions to drippings in skillet and saute until tender and translucent.

Spoon onions and pan drippings into a large mixing bowl. Crumble bacon into bowl with onions, then add barbecue sauce, molasses, Dijon mustard, brown sugar, Worcestershire, root beer, soy sauce and chipotle chilies. Taste and adjust spiciness level if desired. Add drained beans and stir to combine.

Pour mixture into oblong (13x9x2-inch) glass baking dish. Bake uncovered until liquid is bubbly and thickened, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool about 10 minutes before serving. Serves 8-10.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



On this date in 1997 Anthony Wright threw 3 TDs to lead USC to a 33-31 victory over Daunte Culpepper and UCF

DABO OF THE WEEK



Don't cry, Dabo! Big boys in polos don't cry.

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South Carolina Numerical Roster

1	Damiere Byrd	WR	5-9/170	Slickerville, NJ	35	Shannon Jones	DB	5-7/153	Florence, SC
1	Rico McWilliams	CB	5-11/184	Hampton, GA	39	Demetrius Smalls	DB	5-11/170	Bluffton, SC
3	Nick Jones	WR	5-7/168	Moore, SC	40	Jacob August	TE	6-6/247	Columbia, SC
3	Chris Lammons	CB	5-10/172	Sunrise, FL	41	Connor McLaurin	FB	6-0/243	Raleigh, NC
4	Bryson Allen-Williams	LB	6-1/231	Ellenwood, GA	41	Kyle Morini	LB	5-10/221	Warner Robbins, GA
4	Shaq Roland	WR	6-1/176	Lexington, SC	42	Jordan Diggs	LB	6-0/217	Fort Myers, FL
5	Darius English	DE	6-6/241	Powder Springs, GA	43	Benjamin Russel	DB	6-0/175	Atlanta, GA
5	Brendan Nosovitch	QB	6-1/221	Allentown, PA	43	Garrison Gist	FB	5-10/260	Rock Hill, SC
6	Chris Moody	S	6-1/210	McDonough, GA	44	Gerald Dixon	DE	6-2/274	Rock Hill, SC
6	Connor Mitch	QB	6-3/211	Raleigh, NC	44	Gerald Turner	FB	6-2/250	Goose Creek, SC
7	Shon Carson	RB	5-8/201	Scranton, SC	45	Brandon Sturdivant	FB	6-2/218	Fort Mill, SC
7	Wesley Green	CB	5-10/176	Lithonia, GA	46	Cedrick Malone	LB	6-0/201	Camden, SC
8	Kaiwan Lewis	LB	6-0/228	Pleasantville, NJ	47	Drew Williams	LS	6-2/201	Irmo, SC
8	Shamier Jeffery	WR	6-1/198	St. Matthews, NC	48	Nick McGriff	TE	6-0/220	Gainesville, FL
9	Sharrod Golightly	LB	5-10/187	Decatur, GA	49	Devin Potter	RB	5-10/203	Granite Falls, NC
9	Tyshun Samuel	WR	6-0/192	Inman, SC	49	Garrett Shank	S	6-0/203	Marietta, GA
10	Perry Orth	QB	6-1/204	Ponde Verda, FL	50	A.J. Cann	G	6-4/311	Bamberg, SC
10	Skai Moore	LB	6-2/213	Cooper City, FL	51	Cody Waldrop	C	6-2/309	Seffner, FL
11	Pharoh Cooper	WR	5-11/201	Havelock, NC	51	Devin Washington	DE	6-3/221	Orlando, FL
11	T.J. Holloman	LB	6-2/234	Stone Mountain, GA	52	Phillip Dukes	DT	6-3/323	Manning, SC
12	Brisson Williams	CB/S	5-11/208	Warner Robbins, GA	53	Corey Robinson	T	6-8/344	Havelock, NC
12	Michael Scarnecchia	QB	6-4/189	Fleming Island, FL	54	Clayton Stadnik	C	6-3/273	Greensboro, NC
13	Grant Davitte	QB	6-3/180	Columbia, SC	55	David Johnson	DE	6-1/275	Lithonia, GA
13	Tyler Hull	P	6-2/207	Mount Airy, NC	55	Na'Ty Rodgers	T	6-5/280	Waldorf, MD
14	Ali Groves	CB	5-10/187	Stone Mountain, GA	58	Ryland Culbertson	LS	6-4/267	Laurens, SC
14	Shaq Davidson	WR	5-11/170	Gaffney, SC	59	Coleman Harley	LS	6-1/246	Aiken, SC
15	Austin Halls	QB	6-2/220	Collinsville, IL	65	Brock Stadnik	G	6-5/294	Greensboro, NC
16	Zach Cimaglia	P	6-1/170	Charlotte, NC	69	D.J. Park	T	6-4/328	Dillon, SC
17	Chaz Elder	S	6-2/195	Union City, GA	70	Alan Knott	C	6-4/280	Tyrone, GA
17	Dylan Thompson	QB	6-3/218	Boiling Springs, SC	71	Brandon Shell	T	6-6/333	Goose Creek, SC
18	Cedrick Cooper	DE	6-2/225	Lithonia, GA	72	Donell Stanley	G	6-4/346	Floydale, SC
18	Patrick Fish	P	6-0/194	Shelby, NC	74	Mason Zandi	T	6-9/301	Irmo, SC
19	Landon Ard	K	5-9/178	Rock Hill, SC	75	Will Sport	G	6-5/291	Milton, FL
19	Terry Googer	WR	6-4/210	Atlanta, GA	76	Mike Matulis	G	6-5/307	Boynton Beach, FL
20	T.J. Gurley	S	5-10/194	Cairo, GA	77	Malik Young	G	6-4/290	Piedmont, SC
21	Andrew Bunch	WR	5-11/173	Mt. Pleasant, SC	78	Cody Gibson	T	6-7/278	Tallahassee, FL
21	Marcquis Roberts	LB	6-1/216	Powder Springs, GA	80	K.J. Brent	WR	6-4/192	Waxhaw, NC
22	Brandon Wilds	RB	6-2/222	Blythewood, SC	81	Rory Anderson	TE	6-5/227	Powder Springs, GA
22	Jamari Smith	CB	5-10/197	Jacksonville, FL	82	Caleb Hines	WR	5-11/160	Cornelius, NC
23	Larenz Bryant	LB	6-0/220	Charlotte, NC	83	Carlton Heard	WR	6-0/188	Athens, GA
24	D.J. Smith	CB	5-11/189	Marietta, GA	84	Matthew Harvey	WR	6-8/228	Rock Hill, SC
25	Kadatrix Marcus	S	6-1/194	Stone Mountain, GA	85	Kane Whitehurst	WR	5-11/169	Duluth, GA
26	Jasper Sasser	S	6-0/203	Jacksonville, FL	86	Kevin Crosby	TE	6-1/230	Bamberg, SC
28	Jonathan Walton	LB	6-0/228	Daphne, AL	87	Sean Odum	WR	6-0/190	Orangeburg, SC
28	Mike Davis	RB	5-9/223	Atlanta, GA	88	Drew Owens	TE	6-6/238	Charlotte, NC
29	Elliot Fry	K	6-0/165	Frisco, TX	89	Jerell Adams	TE	6-6/242	Pinewood, SC
29	Matrick Benson	WR	6-4/215	Columbia, SC	90	Taylor Stallworth	DT	6-2/293	Mobile, AL
30	Darius Paulk	FB	5-8/199	Columbia, SC	91	Blake McCain	DE	6-3/265	Jacksonville, FL
30	Sidney Rhodes	CB	5-10/182	Easley, SC	92	Gerald Dixon Jr.	DT	6-3/323	Rock Hill, SC
31	Al Harris Jr.	CB	5-11/162	Fort Lauderdale, FL	93	Deon Green	DE	6-4/289	Windermere, FL
31	Jordan Diaz	FB	6-1/236	Hamilton, NJ	94	Kelsey Griffin	DT	6-2/310	Buford, GA
32	Rod Talley	RB	5-10/201	Laurens, SC	95	Michael Washington	DE	6-3/237	Allendale, SC
33	David Williams	RB	6-1/214	Philadelphia, PA	97	J.T. Surratt	DT	6-2/310	Winston-Salem, NC
34	Jonas Price	K	6-2/165	Cockeysville, MD	99	Abu Lamin	DT	6-4/302	Fayetteville, NC
34	Mason Harris	DE	6-3/235	Fort Oglethorpe, GA					

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