Tents are allowed on the Horseshoe between the GameDay set and the McKissick Museum.

Nothing can be placed in the ground; grilling, pots, crockpots, coolers and alcohol are not allowed either.

Midnight: Freshens and HorseShoe Deli close, the Russell House will be open all night, and port-a-johns will be in the parking lot behind Harbor/Ellert College.

SATURDAY

12:15 & 2:15 a.m.: Pizza is delivered at the Horseshoe.

7 a.m.: Tents, sleeping bags and other gear must be removed, and the Horseshoe will reopen.

6 a.m.: Parking at the farmers market, fairgrounds and ETV open.

5 p.m.:

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Columbia Mayor

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There’s a lot at stake for South Carolina on Saturday — and not just for the football team.

The No. 6 Gamecocks will take on No. 5 Georgia at 7 p.m. in a sold-out contest that will determine the frontrunner in the Southeastern Conference’s East division.

It’s a big game — big enough to draw those ESPN crowds, for College GameDay. ESPN Road Trip and the marquee.

They’ll show off bits of Columbia and USC’s campus, too, and that, school officials said, is hugely valuable.

“Any publicity whatsoever that line the Horseshoe and adorn the stadium, buses will pick passengers up in the northwest corner, near the marquee.

9 a.m. to noon: ESPN College GameDay broadcasts live from the Horseshoe.

2 p.m.: The Armory parking lot opens.

2:30 p.m.: The Lexington Medical Center Gamecock Village opens.

4:40 p.m.: Players and coaches will walk through the farmers market for the weekend’s Gamecock Walk.

5 p.m.:

Lowell’s hosts a tailgate in the farmers market, featuring a free concert with Billy Currington.

5 p.m.:

Early gates to the stadium open.

5:30 p.m.:

All gates open.

7 p.m.:

No. 6 South Carolina takes on No. UGA before a sold-out stadium and televised nationwide on ESPN.

Saturday’s impact reaches beyond field

Exposure impacts admissions, reputation

That’s more than just the exposure.

There’s the kind of publicity you couldn’t buy — mostly because we couldn’t afford it,” USC President Harris Pastides said.

And the university will try to leverage it, said Luanne Lawrence, vice president for communications.

The national attention dovetails with the kickoff last month of USC’s “No Limits” marketing campaign, which it hopes will elevate the university’s image and work to improve its reputation.

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Rushing game

Tailback Marcus Lattimer has historically been a beast in games against Georgia. He’s leading the SEC in rushing.

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Person of interest sought in Five Points shooting

**Details of incident last week unclear**

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Police are looking for two persons of interest in an apparent shooting in Five Points last week.

Midnight people called police around 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28 saying they’d heard gunshots, according to police spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons.

But an incident report shows that details surrounding the reports were unclear. An officer was dispatched to three spots around the area where witnesses said they heard the shots.

Just how many shots were fired isn’t clear. Timmons said, but the report says between eight and 10 shots were heard. Police found no evidence when they searched the area, according to the report.

Now, investigators think it may have happened on the 800 block of Harden Street, according to a news release, and they also found “additional information and evidence of a firearm being discharged,” the report said.

Timmons wouldn’t release the details of that evidence, saying doing so could compromise the case.

In surveillance footage, they also spotted two men walking through Five Points at around the time of the shooting, and Timmons said investigators think the pair may have information about the gunshots.

Those men were seen getting into a truck in the video, which investigators think may be a Chevrolet Colorado, according to a release.

No injuries or property damage have been reported as a result of the incident, according to a news release.

The incident comes less than a week after police responded to a separate set of gunshots in Five Points and just days after they promised a crackdown on crime there.

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**Harden Street shooting still under investigation**

By KATIE WASSERMAN

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**Lecture part of annual Solomon-Tenenbaum series**

**Kyle Knutzie**
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY GAMECOCK

As Todd Gitlin says it, Israel and the U.S. both think they were “chosen by God.”

“The Solomon-Tenenbaum lecture has been and remains one of the most notable intellectual events on campus,” said Stanley Dubinsky, USC’s director of Jewish studies. “It is one of the key ways that our college is able to bring matters related to Jewish studies of Jewish studies. “(It is) one of the key ways that our college is able to bring matters related to Jewish studies to a wider audience.

Gitlin, a professor of journalism and sociology and the chair of the doctorate program in communications at Columbia University, used both biblical and historical references in his lecture, “The Chosen: America, Israel and the Ordeals of Divine Election.”

“The foundational story of the USA runs on a parallel course to Israel,” said Gitlin, the author of 11 books on various subjects like social science and poetry. “In urgency and terror, the European settlers created a society on a mountain of timber and faith, and it was called the USA. And the USA was meant to be God’s new Israel.”

The event was well-attended, almost completely filled with a diverse crowd of young and old alike in Capstone House. The lecture series was originally established by Samuel Tenenbaum, a retired businessman and philanthropist and current president of the Palmetto Health Foundation, and his wife Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Tenenbaum lectureship was given in memory of present day.

This iteration, the 23rd, saw Gitlin’s lively interpretation of the development of both nations and their idea of “chosenness” to the eventual resting place of present day.

“Like it or not, Jewish identity exists upon the idea of being singled out. Wherever you look in Jewish history, chosenness is there. And yet, even now Jewish and Israeli people dismiss the notion. The same holds true for America,” Gitlin said. “Chosenness can only be understood as a concrete promise of divine rewards. The missing alternative is to embrace the idea of chosenness, to understand it not as a mandate, but as a burden to be eagerly shouldered.”

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In the 1999-2000 year, after a wireless season for the football team, it was less than $500,000. But while administrators expect that placing USC on a national stage will help improve its reputation, they said it could backfire, too.

Pastides and Amiridis said that if GameDay’s crowd makes a bad impression with inappropriate signs or chants, the impacts could reflect poorly on the university at large — though they both said they didn’t expect that to happen.

Good or bad, Saturday’s images will play out across the country, something Verzyl’s seen firsthand.

Speaking from Denver Thursday afternoon, he recalled walking off his plane there the night before. ESPN was playing on a monitor in the terminal, and he caught a glimpse of a promotion for Saturday’s game.

“If you watch ESPN, you’re going to see us,” Verzyl said of the university.

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Columbia police must keep public informed

Last Friday in Five Points, yet another shooting occurred. But this wasn’t to be reported by a telephone call. The Columbia police released a report Thursday stating that potential suspects for the shooting had been identified, an incident that occurred on Thursday stating that potential suspects for the shooting had been identified, an incident that occurred after the police announced the initiation of a weeklong clampdown on dangerous activity around Columbia known as the "Columbia Police Shootback." The police acknowledge that it happened.

The shooting had occurred around 7 p.m. on Friday. The police said they were responding to a report of shots fired. When they arrived, they found a man with a gunshot wound. He was transported to the hospital and is expected to survive.

The Columbia Police Department said they had identified several suspects and were working to interview them.

The police said they had also received information that the shooting was part of a larger gang-related incident. They are investigating to determine if there were any other shootings in the area.

The police said they were working with the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the FBI to determine if the shooting was part of a larger incident.

The police said they were still investigating the incident and had not yet made any arrests.

 ISP's Coffee Break at 9 a.m.

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Despite a rainy morning and soggy ground, the only thunder heard at the Greene Street Intramural Field was thunderous applause as Switchfoot took the stage Thursday night. The Christian rock band’s performance, sponsored by Carolina Productions, brought a sizable crowd that left the venue with grass on their shoes but smiles on their faces.

Nashville indie rock group Paper Route, who has been on the road with Switchfoot for two weeks, opened the outdoor show with an energetic 30-minute set. The five-piece band had a laid-back, hip vibe and a percussion-heavy sound — at one point, beats resonated from an electronic pad, a full kit and a smaller drum set played by lead singer J.T. Daly. As the sounds of the synthesizer and effected guitars rang across the field, a picturesque yellow and blue sunset filled the sky, looking like the opening credits of “The Lion King.” The band kept the audience captivated, engaging them in the performance by initiating clapping patterns. Daly sat on the edge of the stage at one point, which garnered a few cheers from fans.

The crowd response grew tremendously as Switchfoot took the stage. Dressed in leather jackets, skinny jeans, combat boots and high-top Converse All-Stars, the musicians looked like true rock stars and commanded the stage like them, too. Illuminated by flashing colored lights, the group brought a rebellious, raw momentum to the stage that many audience members didn’t think the rockers had in them. The show was marked with a great deal of audience participation, from clapping to call-and-response oohs and yeahs. Lead singer Jon Foreman jumped onto the drum kit, continuously gave his mic stand a push — leaving it teetering and on the verge of falling over — and brought his performance into the middle of the crowd, high-fiving fans on the way in and out.

While Switchfoot gained the biggest cheers for hits like “Dare You to Move” and “Meant to Live,” tunes that got fans screaming at the strum of the opening chords, the band members had a few surprises up their sleeves. Foreman introduced an unexpected cover song early on in the set, the Beastie Boys’ “Sabotage,” as a tribute to the late MCA. The frontman spit rhymes with ease and got the crowd to join in, too.

Later on in the show, the band brought Cocky onto the stage, proving that visitors to Columbia have College GameDay on their minds, too. USC’s esteemed mascot showed off his air guitar skills and crowed along with the band. Foreman sneakily weaved his way into the audience and sang from a platform in the middle of the field, leading a rowdy “Game-Cocks” cheer, too.

For a band that had its biggest hits almost 10 years ago, Switchfoot proved that talent hasn’t faded with the passing of time. Even though the majority of the crowd wasn’t familiar with the band’s newer material, the rockers’ passionate performance kept the audience dancing and cheering until the final note sounded. Switchfoot lead singer Jon Foreman also extended the show with a solo acoustic performance outside of Cool Beans on College Street afterward.
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South Carolina junior tailback Marcus Lattimore said he feels a different energy around Columbia as soon as he returns from Kentucky.

"Just around campus, everybody’s like, ‘Good luck Saturday,’" Lattimore said. "It’s more than usual. When you go get something to eat, everybody’s ready for the Gamecocks game."

With both teams undefeated and sole-hyde-in-the-national-rankings, Georgia having a slight edge at No. 5 to the Gamecocks’ No. 6 ranking, the conference rivalry has taken on a new life as the Gamecocks’ biggest conference rival. No. 6 USC, Georgia and Florida are undefeated in the East, with the Georgia hosting No. 4 LSU on Saturday. Offseason jabs toward the Bulldogs by Spurrier added to the intrigue of this year.

Though the Gamecocks sweep their SEC East slate, Georgia still won the division after an 0-2 start because USC lost both of the SEC West games on the schedule. Having a worse conference record than the Bulldogs, who had one of their two losses against out-of-conference Boise State, Spurrier said to propose a new model for determining the division champ, counting just the conference games within the division toward determining a division champion and citing a more challenging schedule than the Bulldogs.

The proposal was strung down because the model would lessen the importance of conference games between the two divisions. Though Spurrier equipped to ESPN.com that he preferred playing Georgia during the recent week of the season, as opposed to in the middle of the schedule, because he could always count on the Bulldogs having a few players on the roster suspended at the start of the season.

"He said he doesn’t understand how important wins against the Bulldogs are for the program. "Beating Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Clemson (last year), I’m going to ask Coach Corso this weekend if he thought we could beat those four in a year," Spurrier said. "That might have been in 4,000 years we can’t do that. He might have said that, too. Yeah, things have changed a little bit. Being very competitive with everybody in the conference is something that certainly we’re proud of. We’re competitive, and I said we’re not the best team, but we’re up there among the best teams now, obviously by looking at the records of everybody. Hopefully, we can obviously be there at the end of the year."

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Though the Gamecocks have maintained they need to treat the game like it’s any other, they’ve expressed how aware they are of the significance of this year’s game, both for the season and as the program for a whole. "I’m going to ask Coach Corso this weekend if he thought we could beat those four in a year," Spurrier said. "That might have been in 4,000 years we can’t do that. He might have said that, too. Yeah, things have changed a little bit. Being very competitive with everybody in the conference is something that certainly we’re proud of. We’re competitive, and I said we’re not the best team, but we’re up there among the best teams now, obviously by looking at the records of everybody. Hopefully, we can obviously be there at the end of the year."

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"Just being so close to Athens, an hour outside of the Bulldogs’ campus.

Spurrier pointed out that for Georgia Tech and Clemson — just like we have Clemson. South Carolina hasn’t beaten enough teams for them to consider us a rival."

The Gamecocks lost five straight in the series before the tide changed in 2007. With the game traditionally played during the second week of the season, the two teams are typically undefeated when they meet, but with it falling later in the season this year and both teams being ranked in the top 10, there’s more at stake. Just USC, Georgia and Florida are undefeated in the East, with the Georgia hosting No. 4 LSU on Saturday. Offseason jabs toward the Bulldogs by Spurrier added to the intrigue of this year.

Though the Gamecocks swept their SEC East slate, Georgia still won the division after an 0-2 start because USC lost both of the SEC West games on the schedule. Having a worse conference record than the Bulldogs, who had one of their two losses against out-of-conference Boise State, Spurrier said to propose a new model for determining the division champ, counting just the conference games within the division toward determining a division champion and citing a more challenging schedule than the Bulldogs.

The proposal was strung down because the model would lessen the importance of conference games between the two divisions. Though Spurrier
In his second game for USC as a freshmen, Lattimore carried the ball 17 times for 182 yards and two touchdowns, adding one 16-yard reception. The tailback had an equally impressive performance against UCLA last season, scoring 176 rushing yards. That was one of the most amazing days I’ve ever seen a running back have,” Spurrier said. “Last year we had holes for him. He broke a few tackle holes here and there, especially in the second half. If we’re to win, probably needs to have another big day.”

This year, the Gamecocks will turn to the junior once again to establish the running game and spark their offense. Lattimore was quick to emphasize that the past has no bearing on this weekend’s game. “These past two games really don’t mean anything because I know they’re going to be ready,” Lattimore said. “They have a great defense, as always, and we just have to continue to do what we’ve been doing and run our plays and execute our plays, and we’ll be fine.”

USC will rely on its offensive line to open space for Lattimore to run. The unit receives a boost with the return of sophomore tackle Mike Marotus, who missed the game against Kentucky with a shoulder injury. Redshirt freshman Brandon Shell started at right tackle in his place.

The line has been reshuffled multiple times and criticized throughout the season. But offensive line coach Shawn Elliott said USC has shown improvement, recently deflecting against Missouri and well at times in the first half against Kentucky.

“If I think when we realized what we needed to do (against Kentucky) and got in there and started doing it,” Elliott said. “They played well at times, but we can’t get better. All in all, I’m optimistic about where we’re heading. I think we’re going to improve. I think we’re getting better. And I think we’re going to see results.”

Spurrier said Georgia’s defense will target Lattimore specifically, knowing that USC’s offense is pass-heavy, and that the defensive line will have to shoulder the responsibility for allowing him to get into a rhythm.

Georgia’s defense was effective at stopping the tailback early in last year’s contest, although he had 94 yards in the fourth quarter alone. “Obviously they have to stop the run first,” Spurrier said. “We know they play the same plan really. When you throw 15 to 20 passes in a game, the other team can’t say, ‘Let’s stop the pass.’ They obviously have to try to stop Marcus and the running game.”

Lattimore said last year’s season-ending injury is no longer a concern for him, but that defense will continue to improve as this season goes on. But he dodged comparisons to his freshman year, when he broke 40 tackles and led the coaching staff’s count. “I felt like I could do it at that level last year (2010), but that was two years ago, so who knows,” Lattimore said.

Elliott, for one, still believes Lattimore will be the same weapon as he was two years ago, as well as the same weapon the Bulldogs.

“Anytime you put the ball in (No. 21’s) hands,” Elliott said. “There’s something special that could happen.”
BEAST OF THE EAST
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1. How big of a conference rivalry is South Carolina for Bulldogs’ fans? For USC fans, this is about as big as it gets in the SEC.

Right now, the rivalry with South Carolina would rank fourth among Georgia’s Southeastern Conference foes. Florida is still always will be Numero Uno, while Tennessee and Auburn follow close behind in no particular order. The biggest reason the rivalry with the Gamecocks ranks fourth is that for many years, it hasn’t been much of a rivalry — not when the series record stands at 46-16-2 overall in the Bulldogs’ favor. But with the Gamecocks winning the last two years along with the fact Steve Spurrier (a thorn in Georgia’s side ever since his Florida days) is their head coach means this rivalry continues to grow in magnitude each season. I wouldn’t be surprised to see it pass Tennessee in the minds of Georgia fans in the near future.

2. Are there a lot of questions surrounding the defense after surrendering 44 points to Tennessee? What have players and coaches said about that?

People were surprised Tennessee was able to put up 40 points on Georgia’s defense, especially since last week marked the return of both linebackers Alec Ogletree and All-American free safety Bacarri Rambo from their four-game suspensions. Neither the players nor defensive coordinator Todd Grantham were worried, though. Grantham said Thursday his unit is still trying to find the right timing and chemistry with each other. The Bulldogs have had to work not only Rambo and Ogletree back into the fold last week, but cornerbacks Sanders Commings and linebacker Chase Valser also joined late after both served two-game suspensions to begin the season.

3. Does Georgia take Steve Spurrier’s jabs at suspended players and such in jest, or is it added motivation?

If the players take the Off Ball Coaches’ jibes as any “big,” they didn’t let Georgia’s media members know they felt that way. To wit, here’s what linebacker Christian Robinson told Dawgpost.

“I say that it might be right, at least in recent history. But I’m not going to fight fire with fire.” Do I actually believe the players haven’t used it as bulletin-board material? No. Do I have proof to back my previous statement? No, again. Do I have proof to back my board material? No. Do I have proof to back my previous statement? No. Again. Do I have proof to back my board material? No. Do I have proof to back my previous statement? No. Again.

4. What in-game matchup must Georgia win to beat the Gamecocks?

To come back to Athens with their undefeated record intact, the play of the Bulldogs’ offensive line is key. Georgia has given up only seven sacks this season, which is tied for third in the SEC. But they haven’t seen a defensive unit like the Gamecocks’ side, who led the league in quarterback sacks with 22. If Georgia can keep Aaron Murray upright, it stands a chance of winning. If the pocket collapses, Murray has a tendency to get loose with the football, leading to one of two outcomes: forcing passes into spots he shouldn’t be and throwing interceptions, or, feeling the pressure, not securing the football and fumbling it away to the opponent.

5. Prediction time — who ya got?

This is the second season in a row I’ve been a beat writer for the Bulldogs, and I can safely say this is the biggest game I’ve ever covered. I can also safely say this is the best Georgia’s offense has looked over an extended period of time: more than 40 points in five straight games, averaging 48.2 points per contest. And that’s not even mentioning the incredible freshman running back duo of Todd Gurley and Keith Marshall. Yes, the loss of Michael Bennett to a season-ending anterior cruciate ligament injury is tough to absorb, but the Bulldogs have more than enough weapons at receiver to make up for his absence. While I don’t see Georgia keeping a 40-point streak alive, I think they will be able to eke out a tough, hard-fought victory on the road. Give me the Bulldogs over the Gamecocks, 28-24.
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Sunday, October 14, 2012
- Women’s Soccer vs. Ole Miss – 1 P.M.
No. 8 West Virginia @ No. 11 Texas, 7 p.m., Fox
The Mountaineers defeated Baylor in a showdown of high-powered offenses last week, outpacing the Bears 70-63 on the strength of 656 passing yards and eight touchdowns from quarterback Geno Smith. West Virginia just moved from the Big East to the Big 12 this season, but with that win, it already set a record for the highest-scoring game in Big 12 history.

The Longhorns have a dominant offense of their own, scoring at least 37 points in each of their four wins this season. They defeated Oklahoma State in dramatic fashion last week, when a touchdown from sophomore running back Joe Bergeron gave them a 41-36 lead with just 29 seconds left in the game. This Big 12 showdown will likely come down to which offense can put points on the board more quickly, although the Longhorns’ defense has averaged 21 points against this season compared to 32.5 for the Mountaineers.

No. 24 Northwestern @ Penn State, noon, ESPN
Northwestern earned a national ranking after improving its record to 5-0 with a 44-29 win over Indiana last week. Junior quarterback Kain Colter ran for 161 yards to lead the Wildcats to a school-record 704

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No. 23 Washington @ No. 2 Oregon, 10:30 p.m., ESPN

Oregon has scored at least 42 points in all five of its wins this season, most recently dominating Washington State 51-26 on the strength of a 21-point third quarter. The Ducks’ defense held Washington State to -8 rushing yards but struggled to stop the passing game, allowing 410 yards in the air. The Huskies traveled to Oregon after an upset win against Stanford last Thursday, coming back from a 13-3 deficit late in the third quarter. Sophomore running back Bishop Sankey had a 61-yard run for a touchdown as time expired in the third, and junior quarterback Keith Price connected with sophomore wide receiver Kasen Williams with less than five minutes to play to give Washington the victory. But the Huskies struggled when they faced then–No. 3 LSU earlier this season, losing 41-3. They will rely on their defense to stop Oregon’s high-powered offense if they are to notch another upset win.

No. 21 Nebraska @ No. 12 Ohio State, 8 p.m., ABC

Ohio State is still undefeated after a narrow victory over conference rival Michigan State. The Buckeyes won 17-16 last week behind 179 passing yards and 136 rushing yards from quarterback Braxton Miller. Nebraska (4-1) barely scraped by Wisconsin last Saturday, trailing 27-16 before scoring 20 unanswered points in the final 25 minutes of the game. It tied for the second-largest comeback in program history, with the largest coming against the Buckeyes last year. After scoring just six points in the first half of their 2011 matchup, Nebraska took Ohio State to one touchdown while scoring 28 points of its own over the final two quarters. Nebraska has one of the strongest running games in the country this season, averaging more than 305 yards per game, and the Buckeyes will need to shut down the duo of Ameer Abdullah and Rex Burkhead to keep their unblemished record.

No. 17 Oklahoma @ Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m., ESPN/ABC

Texas Tech is still undefeated but is entering a five-week stretch where it will play five ranked teams. The Red Raiders held Iowa State to 189 yards in their 24-13 win last week, and their defense has not allowed more than 34 points this season. But the opponents they’ve faced, which include Northwestern State and Texas State, are nowhere near the level of competition Texas Tech will face in coming weeks. Oklahoma has played only three games this season, taking its opening game against Kansas State two weeks ago. Quarterback Landry Jones, who bypassed the NFL draft for a chance at a championship at Oklahoma, had a fumble and an interception that led to a scoring drive for Kansas State. Texas Tech had an unlikely win over Oklahoma last season, snapping the Sooners’ 39-game home winning streak at Owen Field. While this is the Red Raiders’ first major test of the season, another mistake-ridden performance by Jones may give them a chance for another upset.

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No. 4 LSU @ No. 10 Florida, 3:30 p.m., CBS

LSU was looking to rebound Saturday after a close shave against the Auburn Tigers in Week 4. However, LSU struggled on both sides of the ball in the first half against Towson, an FCS opponent. The Bayou Bengals lost three fumbles and converted only five of 12 third-down situations. In fact, Towson led for a time in the second quarter before LSU managed to score 10 unanswered points to take a 17-9 lead heading into the half. Defensively, LSU played perhaps its worst game of the year. The Towson Tigers put up 22 points and actually had a better rushing average than LSU. Florida will enter the contest coming off a bye after handling Kentucky two weeks ago. Florida is ranked 10th in the country, directly behind LSU, in total defense. The Gators give up an average of only 12.8 points per game. Both teams feature run-heavy offenses to go along with their quality defenses. This is an annual rivalry despite the fact that the teams play in separate divisions within the SEC. Florida leads the all-time series, 30-25-3, with a 14-11-3 lead in the Swamp.

Texas A&M @ Ole Miss, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Texas A&M will look for another stellar offensive performance as the Aggies take on the Rebels in Oxford. Redshirt freshman quarterback Johnny “Football” Manziel led A&M to 716 yards of total offense against Arkansas last Saturday. Manziel threw for more than 450 yards and three touchdowns as the Aggies put up 58 points. Ole Miss will host Texas A&M after suffering a loss to the No. 1 Crimson Tide. The Rebels put up two touchdowns against Alabama, which tied for the most points against Alabama’s defense this season. The Aggies are currently in fourth place in the SEC West, and the Rebels are right behind them in fifth.

Arkansas @ Auburn, noon, ESPN2

After a sound beating at the hands of Texas A&M, Arkansas will prepare to face another SEC West foe in Auburn. Despite churning out 111 yards of total offense and scoring 10 points in the first quarter, the Razorbacks were held scoreless in the last three quarters. Tyler Wilson threw two interceptions, and Knile Davis had one fumble as offensive woes continued to plague the Hogs. Although Auburn will enter the game with a 1-3 record, the Tigers are coming off a bye week. Earlier in the season, Auburn limited then–No. 2 LSU to just 10 offensive points, fewer than 170 yards passing, and fewer than 185 rushing yards. Arkansas and Auburn are looking for their first SEC wins of the season.

Vanderbilt @ Missouri, 7 p.m., ESPN3

After back-to-back road games, Missouri will play at home this week, hosting the 1-3 Vanderbilt Commodores. Vanderbilt didn’t play Saturday as the Commodores recovered from a 48-1 loss to Georgia the previous weekend. Although Vanderbilt only scored three points, senior running back Zac Stacy averaged 6.9 yards per carry against the Aggies. Missouri will enter this week’s game on the heels of a hard-fought win against UCF. After falling behind 10-7 at the half, the Tigers rallied back to claim a 21-16 win over the Knights. Quarterback James Franklin completed 19 passes for 257 yards and a touchdown during the course of the victory. Both Vanderbilt and Missouri are winless in the SEC.

No. 20 Mississippi State @ Kentucky, 12:30 p.m., ESPN3/SEC Network

Mississippi State will head to Lexington coming off a bye week. The Bulldogs find themselves at 4-0 and sitting in third place behind Alabama and LSU in the SEC West standings. Mississippi State handily defeated the Auburn Tigers 28-10 in Week 3 before beating Troy and South Alabama during the next two weeks. Quarterback Tyler Russell has thrown for more than 800 yards, and two Bulldog running backs, LaDarius Perkins and Derrick Milton, average more than 6 yards per carry. Kentucky hosts Mississippi State with just one win on its record. Last week, the Wildcats gave South Carolina a scare, leading the Gamecocks 17-7 at the half. However, Kentucky’s defense surrendered 31 unanswered points in the second half as the Wildcats fell 18-17. Freshman quarterback Jalen Whitlow completed 12 passes for 114 yards as he stepped in for the injured Maxwell Smith. This will be the third consecutive week Kentucky will face an opponent ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.
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