

AP POLL

The Associated Press' Top 10 teams in each of Tennessee's six Division I non-financial aid classifications and in the combined Division II financial aid classification as selected by Tennessee AP-member sportswriters and broadcasters.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division I - Class 6A. Lists schools like Oakland, Maryville, Lebanon, etc.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division I - Class 5A. Lists schools like Page, Knoxville West, Springfield, etc.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division I - Class 4A. Lists schools like Greeneville, Anderson County, Haywood County, etc.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division I - Class 3A. Lists schools like Alcoa, East Nash, Covington, etc.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division I - Class 2A. Lists schools like Hampton, Tyner Academy, Riverside, etc.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division I - Class 1A. Lists schools like McKenzie, Fayetteville, Memphis Acad. of Science, etc.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division II - Class 1A. Lists schools like Friendship Christian, Jackson Christian, etc.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division II - Class 2A. Lists schools like Lipscomb Academy, Lausanne Collegiate, etc.

Table with 4 columns: School, Record, Points, Prv. Division II - Class 3A. Lists schools like MBA, Baylor, McCallie, etc.

Tigers

(Continued from Page 1B) Jayden Randolph" Osteen said.

With the first region victory out of the way, Marshall County now turns its focus to defending state champion Tullahoma.

The Wildcats currently have a three-game win-streak over the Tigers, with Marshall County's last victory over Tullahoma coming in a 30-6 win in 2019.

With Friday night's region match-up being one the coaching staff, players and fans have all circled, Osteen said his team knows what's at stake.

"You want to approach each week like it's the same, but we'd be lying if we said it wasn't something extra. Tullahoma has been the best in our region the last couple years.

Our guys know how tough that game's been the past couple of years. It's not going to take much to get our kids motivated this coming week," he said.

Tullahoma (1-1) sat idle in Week 3, but will travel to Lewisburg to take on the Tigers on Friday night at Preston Hopkins field.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Scoreboard for Marshall Co. vs Creek Wood. Marshall Co. 7 7 0 3 - 17, Creek Wood 0 7 7 0 - 14.

First Quarter: M - Marcus O'Neal 5 pass from Silas Teat, (Wyatt Joyce kick), 3:37. Second Quarter: C - Jayden Elliott 1 run, (Ty Miller kick), 5:06.

M - Antomme Cowthorn 2 run, (Joyce kick), 2:06. Third Quarter: C - Jamison Ford 2 pass from Eathon Donaldson, (Miller kick), 2:02.

Fourth Quarter: M - Wyatt Joyce 43 field goal, 9:39.

Georgia moves up to No. 2, passing Ohio State

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

Poll points

Georgia has been ranked No. 1 or 2 in 15 of the last 17 polls, with the other two weeks at No. 3.

Since 2017, Georgia has been ranked No. 2 in the country 13 times and No. 1 nine times, all last season.

From 1981 — the season after Georgia won the national title — to 2016, the Bulldogs were ranked in the top two a total of 10 times.

In

— Florida's jump from unranked to No. 12 is the biggest for an unranked team since the first regular-season poll of 2016, when Texas landed at No. 11 and Wisconsin at No. 10 after Week 1 victories.

— No. 24 Tennessee is ranked for the first time under second-year coach Josh Heupel.

Out — Oregon's humbling loss to Georgia sent the Ducks all the way out of the rankings. It's the first time Oregon has been unranked in a poll for which it was eligible since the last regular-season AP Top 25 of 2020.

— Cincinnati dropped out after losing at Arkansas by a touchdown, its first regular-season loss since late in the 2019 season.

For the Bearcats, who made the College Football Playoff last year, it snapped a run of 45 consecutive poll appearances, which was the fifth-

longest active streak in the country.

Conference call

Florida and Tennessee moving into the rankings gives the SEC eight ranked teams, the most for a conference since the SEC had eight three times in 2020.

The record for ranked teams from one conference is 10 by the SEC early in the 2018 season. From 2011-18, the SEC had eight teams ranked in a AP Top 25 a total of 14 times.

SEC — 8 (Nos. 1, 2, 6, 12, 16, 20, 22, 24).

ACC — 5 (Nos. 5, 15, 17, 18, 23).

Big Ten — 4 (Nos. 3, 4, 14, 19).

Big 12 — 3 (Nos. 7, 9, 11).

Pac-12 — 2 (Nos. 10, 13).

Independents — 2 (Nos. 8, 21).

American — 1 (No. 25).

Ranked vs. ranked

No. 9 Baylor at No. 21 BYU. Future Big 12 matchup.

No. 20 Kentucky at No. 12 Florida. The first time both will be ranked when they play since 2007.

No. 24 Tennessee at No. 17 Pitt. First SEC/ACC ranked nonconference matchup of the season.

SEC teams get more chances for September statements

By JOHN ZENOR AP Sports Writer

The Southeastern Conference was perhaps one blocked kick away from perfection last weekend, with a few impressive nonconference victories and some no-brainers.

For teams like No. 1 Alabama and No. 24 Tennessee, bigger tests start on Saturday when they're among five SEC teams engaging in Power 5 nonconference matchups. A league that prides itself on being the best in college football gets a chance for more September statements.

No. 2 Georgia looked every bit the defending national champion in a 49-3 win over then-No. 11 Oregon. No. 16 Arkansas toppled Cincinnati, a playoff team last season.

Florida upended then-No. 7 Utah, the defending Pac-12 Conference champion, matching the highest ranked team the Gators have defeated in an opener. The first time was over No. 7 Houston in 1969.

"Pretty good football there, huh?" first-year coach Billy Napier said.

The football was solid league-wide, though it's hard

to read much into wins over teams like Mercer (Auburn) and Utah State (Alabama).

LSU fell 24-23 to Florida State on a blocked extra point with no time on the clock in coach Brian Kelly's debut. That was the SEC's only loss on the weekend.

No. 12 Florida and Tennessee rode nonconference wins into the Top 25, giving the SEC eight ranked teams. Arkansas moved up three spots in the rankings to start the follow-up to the program's best season in a decade.

"I think that was just an energy booster fire for ourselves to know that we can play like we always can," Arkansas safety Simeon Blair said. "We can play and play at a high level against good teams of that magnitude."

This week, Alabama visits fellow traditional power Texas after a 55-0 win over Utah State that amounted to a tuneup. The Volunteers, who beat Ball State 59-10, are at No. 17 Pittsburgh.

Vandy (2-0) hosts No. 23 Wake Forest seeking its first 3-0 start since 2017. Missouri visits Kansas State and Mississippi State is at Arizona.

— Alabama is making its first trip to Austin since 1922 and facing former Tide offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian. The Longhorns are rebuilding but they have a 7-1-1 record against Alabama, which won the last meeting to claim the 2009 national championship.

"I think there's an understanding that us going to Austin this weekend, it's gonna be hostile, there's gonna be a lot of noise, there's gonna be a lot of people," Tide linebacker Henry To'oTo'o said. "So we're excited and super juiced about it."

— Tennessee and Pitt are playing in the Johnny Majors Classic pitting two teams he coached. Pitt won 41-34 last year in Neyland Stadium. The Volunteers get a chance to give further evidence they're an up-and-coming program under coach Josh Heupel, who's more concerned about preparations than any of that.

"Last week has nothing to do with this coming week," Heupel said. "A year ago has nothing to do with what's going to happen this week. To perform the right way, you have to prepare the right way."

— Mississippi State has its first meeting with Arizona in a game scheduled to kick off about 10 p.m. Central time. Bulldogs coach Mike Leach went 4-2 against the Wildcats while at Washington State, and his team attempted 84 passes in the 2017 meeting.

"I think we're all excited to be up late and go play Arizona," Leach said.

— Missouri faces an old Big 12 Conference opponent. The Tigers and Wildcats meet for the first time since 2011 but the 98th overall. Missouri leads 60-32-5.

— Vandy has won the past three meetings with Wake Forest and actually leads the series 10-6. Commodores coach Clark Lea has already matched the win total from his debut season as Dave Clawson's linebackers coach in 2016 at Wake Forest.

Lea said Clawson "has built a great program there and it's going to be a fun team to compete against."

— AP Sports Writer Teresa Walker contributed to this report.

Titans tap next man up experience replacing LB Harold Landry

By TERESA M. WALKER AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans are days away from kicking off their new season and already have placed two players on injured reserve.

Losing Pro Bowl linebacker Harold Landry III hurts the most. One advantage the

Titans have as they prepare to host the New York Giants on Sunday is this isn't the first time they've leaned heavily on that next man up mentality. They earned the No. 1 seed in the AFC last season using an NFL-record 91 different players, most in a non-strike season, with 26 on injured reserve.

"Just because Harold went out does not mean that we're going to be looking at ourselves like, 'Hey, we're not going to be able to be the type of team or type of defense that we were capable of,'" safety Kevin Byard said Monday. "We're going to expect, and we've always expected, for backups to play like starters."

The Titans had five starters go on and off injured reserve last season, not counting first-round draft pick Caleb Farley. The cornerback tore an ACL in his lone start.

Yet Tennessee still finished sixth in the NFL in scoring defense, second in run defense and was the only team in the league with

three different players to have at least eight sacks apiece. Landry, who started every game the past three seasons, earned his first Pro Bowl nod with a career-high 12 sacks last season.

That earned him a five-year contract this offseason after Landry > See Titans, Page 4B

Get To Know



Kacy Kincaid sports correspondent

What is your favorite part about your job with the Tribune?

I love sports, writing, and photography, so combining these things to create a conduit to the community that I grew up in and continuing to build relationships and a legacy is such a blessing.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

My favorite vacation spot is anywhere with sun and water.

What is your favorite movie and why?

My favorite movie is A League of Their Own. I loved that movie from the get-go, but it really became special to me after our Marshall County Little League all-star team won the state championship in 1998 and again in 2000. Us girls grew up playing together and continued through high school, so I really understand and respect the camaraderie of the teams in the movie.

