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KICKOFFS FOR THIS WEEK'S GAMES

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 THRU SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

"C" Denotes Conference Game Higher rated team is designated with *

HOME TEAM		RATING	OPPONENT	RATING	DIFF	13 SCORE
KANSAS ST (THU)		111.1	* AUBURN	116.3	5.2	
SOUTH FL (FRI)	C	98.6	* CONNECTICUT	99.5	0.9	
AKRON		100.7	* MARSHALL	112.3	11.6	
* ALABAMA	C	118.0	FLORIDA	110.8	7.2	
ARKANSAS ST		100.9	* UTAH STATE	107.0	6.1	
ARKANSAS ST		107.8	* NORTHERN IL	109.1	1.3	
* BOISE STATE		107.1	LOUISIANA	100.1	7.0	
* BOSTON COL		105.3	MAINE	90.1	15.2	
* BUFFALO		97.6	NORFOLK ST	91.0	6.6	
* BYU		113.9	VIRGINIA	106.7	7.2	16-19
* CALIFORNIA	C	105.3	* ARIZONA	109.0	3.7	28-33
* CINCINNATI		111.2	MIAMI (OH)	91.8	19.4	14-0
* COLORADO		100.9	HAWAII	94.7	6.2	
* DUKE		111.7	TULANE	96.3	15.4	
EAST CAROLINA		107.4	* NORTH CAROLINA	109.6	2.2	55-31
* FLORIDA STATE	C	117.8	CLEMSON	111.4	6.4	51-14
FRESNO STATE		102.1	SOUTHERN UT	88.9	13.2	
* GEORGIA		113.6	TROY	94.8	18.8	
* HOUSTON		101.9	UNLV	100.3	1.6	
* ILLINOIS		104.2	TEXAS STATE	96.8	7.4	
* KANSAS		100.4	CENTRAL MI	98.7	1.7	
* LA TECH		99.9	NW STATE	88.0	11.9	
* LOUISVILLE		109.8	FLORIDA INTL	92.4	17.4	72-0
* LSU	C	115.9	MISS STATE	110.6	5.3	59-26
* MEMPHIS		100.0	* MTSU	101.3	1.3	15-17
* MI STATE		113.2	EASTERN MI	92.4	20.8	
* MICHIGAN		108.8	* UTAH	108.9	0.1	
* MINNESOTA		106.8	SAN JOSE ST	101.9	4.9	43-24
* MISSOURI		111.3	INDIANA	103.8	7.5	45-28
* NAVY		106.8	RUTGERS	105.7	1.1	
* NC STATE		107.5	PRESBYTERIAN	85.0	22.5	
* NEBRASKA		111.2	MIAMI (FL)	107.9	3.3	
* NM STATE		93.7	* NEW MEXICO	95.7	2.0	17-66
* NORTH TEXAS		99.8	NICHOLLS ST	87.5	12.3	
* NORTHWESTERN		101.6	WESTERN IL	84.4	17.2	
* OHIO		97.8	IDAHO	92.4	5.4	
* OREGON ST		107.8	SAN DIEGO ST	105.8	2.0	34-30
* PENN STATE		111.5	UMASS	91.0	20.5	
* PITTSBURGH		108.6	* IOWA	109.6	1.0	
* PURDUE		100.0	SOUTHERN IL	91.4	8.6	
* RICE	C	98.7	OLD DOMINION	96.7	2.0	
* SMU		99.1	* TEXAS A&M	115.0	15.9	13-42
* SOUTH ALABAMA	C	100.6	GA SOUTHERN	96.1	4.5	
* SOUTHERN MISS		95.0	APPY STATE	94.2	0.8	
* SYRACUSE		107.4	MARYLAND	105.6	1.8	20-3
* TEMPLE		104.5	DE STATE	86.3	18.2	
* TOLEDO		100.1	* BALL STATE	100.3	0.2	24-31
* UCF		106.7	BTHN-COOKMAN	83.3	23.4	
* VANDERBILT	C	100.3	* SOUTH CAROLINA	113.9	13.6	25-35
* VIRGINIA TECH	C	110.9	GA TECH	108.9	2.0	17-10
* WA STATE	C	103.0	* OREGON	118.3	15.3	38-62
* WAKE FOREST		100.4	ARMY	97.1	3.3	25-11
* WASHINGTON		113.3	GEORGIA STATE	91.5	21.8	
* WEST VIRGINIA	C	107.4	* OKLAHOMA	118.2	10.8	7-16
* WESTERN MI		95.7	MURRAY ST	80.4	15.3	
* WISCONSIN		112.3	BGSU	105.1	7.2	
* WYOMING		100.3	FLORIDA ATL	97.0	3.3	

COACHING CHANGE ALERT

The first casualty of the coaching carousel has taken place just two weeks into the season. Southern Methodist Head Coach June Jones stepped down last week, citing personal reasons. In over six seasons at SMU, Jones held a 36-43 record which is somewhat misleading as he took over a program in transition and went 1-11 in his first season.

Jones spent his first years as a head coach in the NFL, where he compiled a record of 22-36, first with the Atlanta Falcons, and then as an interim for the San Diego Chargers. In 1999, Jones was hired as the coach of the University of Hawaii, where he had his greatest success. Over his 9 seasons at the helm, Jones compiled a record of 76-41, culminating in 2007 12-1 campaign which saw the Warriors gain a berth in the 2008 Sugar Bowl, ultimately losing 41-10 to the Georgia Bulldogs. After going 1-11 in his first year at SMU, Jones reeled off 4 straight bowl seasons before stalling last year at 5-7.

KICKOFF THERMOSTAT

Who is trending up and who is trending down to start the season?

HOT

- ▲ **EAST CAROLINA:** A number of schools passed on Ruffin McNeil; he's having the last laugh.
- ▲ **VIRGINIA:** Upsetting ranked Louisville is big for Mike London, giving him a signature win.
- ▲ **BRIGHAM YOUNG:** The Cougars are undefeated and will be tested this weekend against UVA.

COLD

- ▼ **TEXAS:** A 1-2 start, but Charlie Strong will have this team turned around.
- ▼ **IOWA:** The Hawkeyes have a favorable schedule, but a loss to Iowa State really hurts their cred.
- ▼ **TEXAS TECH:** After barely winning games they were favored, they get blown out by Arkansas.

GAMES OF THE WEEK

FLORIDA AT ALABAMA

FIRST MEETING: 1904
 LAST MEETING: 2011
 SERIES MATCHUP: BAMA 24-14
 NEUTRAL SITE: FLORIDA 3-2
 AT FLORIDA: BAMA LEADS 10-2
 AT ALABAMA: BAMA LEADS 12-9
 AVG. SCORE: BAMA 27.8, FLORIDA 24.0

CLEMSON AT FLORIDA STATE

FIRST MEETING: 1970
 LAST MEETING: 2013
 SERIES MATCHUP: FSU LEADS 19-8
 NEUTRAL SITE: NONE
 AT CLEMSON: FSU LEADS 8-5
 AT FSU: FSU LEADS 11-3
 AVG. SCORE: FSU 32.3, CLEMSON 20.2

THE KICKOFF TOP 25

RK	SCHOOL	CONF	W-L	RATING
1	OREGON	PAC12	3-0	118.3
2	OKLAHOMA	BIG12	3-0	118.2
3	ALABAMA	SEC	3-0	118.0
4	FSU	ACC	2-0	117.8
5	BAYLOR	BIG12	3-0	116.7
6	UCLA	PAC12	3-0	116.6
7	AUBURN	SEC	2-0	116.3
8	LSU	SEC	3-0	115.9
9	N DAME	IND	3-0	115.2
10	TEXAS A&M	SEC	3-0	115.0
11	OLE MISS	SEC	3-0	114.4
12	BYU	IND	3-0	113.9
13	S CAROLINA	SEC	2-1	113.9
14	STANFORD	PAC12	2-1	113.8
15	ARIZONA ST	PAC12	3-0	113.8
16	GEORGIA	SEC	1-1	113.6
17	WASHINGTON	PAC12	3-0	113.3
18	MI STATE	BIG10	1-1	113.2
19	OHIO STATE	BIG10	2-1	113.1
20	WISCONSIN	BIG10	1-1	112.3
21	MARSHALL	CUSA	3-0	112.3
22	DUKE	ACC	3-0	111.7
23	USC	PAC12	2-1	111.7
24	PENN STATE	BIG10	3-0	111.5
25	CLEMSON	ACC	1-1	111.4

LAST WEEK'S TOP 25

RK	SCHOOL	CONF	W-L	RATING
1	OREGON	PAC12	2-0	117.3
2	FSU	ACC	2-0	117.2
3	OKLAHOMA	BIG12	2-0	117.1
4	ALABAMA	SEC	2-0	117.0
5	BAYLOR	BIG12	2-0	115.6
6	AUBURN	SEC	2-0	115.6
7	GEORGIA	SEC	1-0	115.4
8	UCLA	PAC12	2-0	115.3
9	USC	PAC12	2-0	114.8
10	LSU	SEC	2-0	114.8
11	NOTRE DAME	IND	2-0	114.1
12	TEXAS A&M	SEC	2-0	114.0
13	AZ STATE	PAC12	2-0	113.7
14	OLE MISS	SEC	2-0	113.3
15	STANFORD	PAC12	1-1	112.9
16	VA TECH	ACC	2-0	112.7
17	MICHIGAN ST	BIG10	1-1	112.7
18	BYU	IND	2-0	112.6
19	S CAROLINA	SEC	1-1	112.6
20	WASH	PAC12	2-0	112.3
21	OHIO STATE	BIG10	1-1	112.2
22	WISCONSIN	BIG10	1-1	111.7
23	MARSHALL	CUSA	2-0	111.4
24	IOWA	BIG10	2-0	111.3
25	LOUISVILLE	ACC	2-0	111.1

FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION STANDINGS

NEWS AND NOTES POST WEEK 3

CONF	ALL	RATING
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE		
TULSA	1-0	1-2 96.7
CINCINNATI	0-0	1-0 111.2
EAST CAROLINA	0-0	2-1 107.4
MEMPHIS	0-0	1-1 100.0
TEMPLE	0-0	1-1 104.5
SOUTH FLORIDA	0-0	1-2 98.6
HOUSTON	0-0	1-2 101.9
CONNECTICUT	0-0	1-2 99.5
SMU	0-0	0-2 99.1
UCF	0-0	0-2 106.7
TULANE	0-1	1-2 96.3

CONF	ALL	RATING
MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE		
EAST		
OHIO	1-0	1-2 97.8
BOWLING GREEN	0-0	2-1 105.1
AKRON	0-0	1-1 100.7
BUFFALO	0-0	1-2 97.6
MASSACHUSETTS	0-0	0-3 91.0
MIAMI (OH)	0-0	0-3 91.8
KENT STATE	0-1	0-3 93.1
WEST		
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	3-0 109.1
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	0-0	2-1 98.7
WESTERN MICHIGAN	0-0	1-1 95.7
BALL STATE	0-0	1-2 100.3
TOLEDO	0-0	1-2 100.1
EASTERN MICHIGAN	0-0	1-2 92.4

CONF	ALL	RATING
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE		
ATLANTIC		
LOUISVILLE	1-1	2-1 109.8
FLORIDA STATE	0-0	2-0 117.8
NC STATE	0-0	3-0 107.5
SYRACUSE	0-0	2-0 107.4
CLEMSON	0-0	1-1 111.4
WAKE FOREST	0-0	1-2 100.4
BOSTON COLLEGE	0-1	2-1 105.3
COASTAL		
PITTSBURGH	1-0	3-0 108.6
VIRGINIA	1-0	2-1 106.4
DUKE	0-0	3-0 111.7
GEORGIA TECH	0-0	3-0 108.9
NORTH CAROLINA	0-0	2-0 109.6
VIRGINIA TECH	0-0	2-1 110.9
MIAMI (FL)	0-1	2-1 107.9

CONF	ALL	RATING
BIG TEN CONFERENCE		
EAST DIVISION		
PENN STATE	1-0	3-0 111.5
MARYLAND	0-0	2-1 105.6
MICHIGAN	0-0	2-1 108.8
OHIO STATE	0-0	2-1 113.1
INDIANA	0-0	1-1 103.8
MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	1-1 113.2
RUTGERS	0-1	2-1 105.7
WEST DIVISION		
NEBRASKA	0-0	3-0 111.2
ILLINOIS	0-0	2-1 104.2
IOWA	0-0	2-1 109.6
MINNESOTA	0-0	2-1 106.8
WISCONSIN	0-0	1-1 112.3
PURDUE	0-0	1-2 100.0
NORTHWESTERN	0-0	0-2 101.6

CONF	ALL	RATING
BIG XII CONFERENCE		
KANSAS STATE	1-0	2-0 111.1
OKLAHOMA	0-0	3-0 118.2
BAYLOR	0-0	3-0 116.7
TCU	0-0	2-0 109.6
TEXAS TECH	0-0	2-1 106.6
OKLAHOMA STATE	0-0	2-1 109.5
WEST VIRGINIA	0-0	2-1 107.4
KANSAS	0-0	1-1 100.4
TEXAS	0-0	1-2 109.0
IOWA STATE	0-1	1-2 102.1

CONF	ALL	RATING
CONFERENCE USA		
EAST DIVISION		
MTSU	1-0	2-1 101.3
MARSHALL	0-0	3-0 112.3
UAB	0-0	2-1 97.0
OLD DOMINION	0-0	2-1 96.7
FLORIDA INTL	0-0	1-2 92.4
FLORIDA ATLANTIC	0-0	1-2 97.0
WESTERN KENTUCKY	0-1	1-2 98.7
WEST DIVISION		
LOUISIANA TECH	1-0	2-1 99.9
UTEP	0-0	2-1 97.1
UTSA	0-0	1-2 102.2
SOUTHERN MISS	0-0	1-2 95.0
RICE	0-0	0-2 98.7
NORTH TEXAS	0-1	1-2 99.8

CONF	ALL	RATING
FBS INDEPENDENTS		
BRIGHAM YOUNG	—	3-0 113.9
NOTRE DAME	—	3-0 115.2
NAVY	—	2-1 106.8
ARMY	—	1-1 97.1

CONF	ALL	RATING
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES STANDINGS		
COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION		
ALBANY	0-0	2-0 82.3
JAMES MADISON	0-0	2-1 90.0
RICHMOND	0-0	2-1 91.4
WILLIAM & MARY	0-0	2-1 92.0
DELAWARE	0-0	2-1 86.7
MAINE	0-0	1-1 90.1
VILLANOVA	0-0	1-1 93.2
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0-0	1-1 94.9
STONY BROOK	0-0	1-2 84.9
TOWSON	0-0	1-2 91.6
RHODE ISLAND	0-0	0-2 78.6
ELON	0-0	0-2 77.4

CONF	ALL	RATING
MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE		
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-0	3-0 91.4
NORTH DAKOTA STATE	0-0	3-0 97.1
ILLINOIS STATE	0-0	2-0 86.8
MISSOURI STATE	0-0	2-1 82.1
WESTERN ILLINOIS	0-0	2-1 84.4
INDIANA STATE	0-0	2-1 85.4
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	0-0	2-1 94.5
JUNGSTOWN STATE	0-0	2-1 92.0
SOUTH DAKOTA	0-0	1-2 82.4
NORTHERN IOWA	0-0	0-1 92.0

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
GUNNER KIEL, QB- CINCINNATI
 The multiple-time transfer showed little rust in his debut for the Cincinnati Bearcats, setting a national record of 6 passing TDs in his first collegiate ballgame, while completing 25 of 37 for 418 yards.

ALEX COLLINS, RB- ARKANSAS
 Collins may be one of the better kept secrets in college football this year. The sophomore rushed for 211 yards and 2 TDs as he helped the Razorbacks upset Texas Tech.

DYLAN THOMPSON, QB- SOUTH CAROLINA
 Thompson wasn't perfect, but was played a dominant game as South Carolina knocked off Top 10 Georgia. Thompson completed 21-30 passes for 271 yards and 3 TDs.

LAST WEEKS UPSETS
 VIRGINIA 23, LOUISVILLE 21
 EAST CAROLINA 28, VIRGINIA TECH 21
 INDIANA STATE 27, BALL STATE 21
 ARKANSAS 49, TEXAS TECH 28
 IOWA STATE 20, IOWA 17
 SOUTH CAROLINA 38, GEORGIA 35
 IOWA STATE 20, IOWA 17
 BOSTON COLLEGE 37, SOUTHERN CAL 31
 ABILENE CHRISTIAN 38, TROY 35
 BOWLING GREEN 45, INDIANA 42

• UCLA held on to win against Texas, but QB Brett Hundley suffered an elbow injury and didn't play past the first quarter. At this time, it appears he should be able to return for their next game. Jerry Neuheisel played well in relief.

POWER RATINGS SPREAD

Below is a comparison of how teams have performed against the spread and overall in the first two weeks of the season.

HOME FAVORITES		HOME UNDERDOGS	
# OF GAMES.....	53	# OF GAMES.....	30
OVERALL WINS.....	39	OVERALL WINS.....	3
OVERALL LOSSES.....	14	OVERALL LOSSES.....	26
WIN%.....	73%	WIN%.....	10%
WON BY AVG.....	24.0	WON BY AVG.....	0
AGAINST THE SPREAD.....	28-25	AGAINST THE SPREAD.....	17-13

ROAD FAVORITES		ROAD UNDERDOGS	
# OF GAMES.....	30	# OF GAMES.....	53
OVERALL WINS.....	26	OVERALL WINS.....	14
OVERALL LOSSES.....	3	OVERALL LOSSES.....	39
WIN%.....	86.7%	WIN%.....	26.4%
WON BY AVG.....	14.6	WON BY AVG.....	0
AGAINST THE SPREAD.....	13-17	AGAINST THE SPREAD.....	25-28

2014 TOP COACHES GALERIES

COACH	SCHOOL	CFN	COMP
1 NICK SABAN.....	ALABAMA	SEC	\$7.3 MIL
2 BOB STOOPS.....	OKLAHOMA	BIG 12	\$5.25 MIL
3 CHARLIE STRONG.....	TEXAS	BIG 12	\$5 MIL
4 KEVIN SUMLIN.....	TEXAS A&M	SEC	\$5 MIL
5 URBAN MEYER.....	OHIO STATE	BIG 10	\$4.8 MIL
6 LES MILES.....	LSU	SEC	\$4.5 MIL
7 BRADY HOKE.....	MICHIGAN	BIG 10	\$4.3 MIL
8 ART BRILES.....	BAYLOR	BIG 12	\$4.25 MIL
9 GUS MALZAHN.....	AUBURN	SEC	\$4 MIL
10 KIRK FERENTZ.....	IOWA	BIG 10	\$4 MIL
11 JAMES FRANKLIN.....	PENN STATE	BIG 10	\$4 MIL
12 BRIAN KELLY.....	NOTRE DAME	IND	\$4 MIL
13 STEVE SPURRIER.....	SOUTH CAROLINA	SEC	\$4 MIL
14 JIMBO FISHER.....	FLORIDA STATE	ACC	\$4 MIL
15 STEVE SARKISIAN.....	USC	PAC-12	\$3.75 MIL
16 MARK DANTONIO.....	MICHIGAN STATE	BIG 10	\$3.7 MIL
17 MIKE GUNDY.....	OKLAHOMA ST	BIG 12	\$3.5 MIL
18 JIM MORA.....	UCLA	PAC-12	\$3.5 MIL
19 GARY PATTERSON.....	TCU	BIG 12	\$3.5 MIL
20 BOBBY PETRINO.....	LOUISVILLE	ACC	\$3.5 MIL
21 CHRIS PETERSEN.....	WASHINGTON	PAC-12	\$3.4 MIL
22 MARK RICHT.....	GEORGIA	SEC	\$3.4 MIL
23 DABO SWINNEY.....	CLEMSON	ACC	\$3.3 MIL
24 GARY PINKEL.....	MISSOURI	SEC	\$3.25 MIL
25 BUTCH JONES.....	TENNESSEE	SEC	\$3.2 MIL
26 TOMMY TUBERVILLE.....	CINCINNATI	AAC	\$3.2 MIL
27 DAN MULLEN.....	MISS STATE	SEC	\$3.2 MIL
28 HUGH FREEZE.....	MISSISSIPPI	SEC	\$3.2 MIL
29 BO PELINI.....	NEBRASKA	BIG 10	\$3.1 MIL
30 BRET BIELEMA.....	ARKANSAS	SEC	\$3 MIL
31 BILL SNYDER.....	KANSAS STATE	BIG 12	\$3 MIL
32 WILL MUSCHAMP.....	FLORIDA	SEC	\$3 MIL
33 DAVID SHAW.....	STANFORD	PAC-12	\$3 MIL
34 DANA HOGGENSEN.....	WEST VIRGINIA	BIG 12	\$2.8 MIL
35 MIKE LEACH.....	WASHINGTON ST	PAC-12	\$2.75 MIL
36 PAUL JOHNSON.....	GEORGIA TECH	ACC	\$2.7 MIL
37 GARY ANDERSON.....	WISCONSIN	BIG 10	\$2.7 MIL
38 FRANK BEAMER.....	VIRGINIA TECH	ACC	\$2.6 MIL
39 CHARLIE WEIS.....	KANSAS	BIG 12	\$2.5 MIL
40 TODD GRAHAM.....	ARIZONA STATE	PAC-12	\$2.5 MIL
41 SONNY DYKES.....	CALIFORNIA	PAC-12	\$2.5 MIL
42 MIKE MACINTYRE.....	COLORADO	PAC-12	\$2.5 MIL
43 KYLE WHITTINGHAM.....	UTAH	PAC-12	\$2.5 MIL
44 MIKE LONDON.....	VIRGINIA	ACC	\$2.4 MIL
45 PAT FITZGERALD.....	NORTHWESTERN	BIG 10	\$2.4 MIL

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KICKOFF TRIVIA
 In the 2nd issue of the 1968 KICKOFF, Purdue was the #1 ranked team. Where did they finish the season ranked in the AP Poll and the coaches poll?
 Send answers to our new email address dedicated to trivia answers:
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ON THIS DATE

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RK	SCHOOL	CONF	W-L-T	RATING
1	PURDUE	BIG10	2-0-0	114.0
2	USC	PAC8	2-0-0	111.0
3	NOTRE DAME	IND	1-1-0	108.0
4	PENN STATE	IND	2-0-0	107.3
5	FLORIDA	SEC	2-0-0	107.0
6	UCLA	PAC8	2-0-0	106.8
7	HOUSTON	IND	1-0-1	106.2
8	OHIO ST	BIG10	1-0-0	106.0
9	MIAMI (FL)	IND	2-0-0	105.5
10	LSU	SEC	2-0-0	105.0
11	NEBRASKA	BIG8	2-0-0	104.4
12	GEORGIA	SEC	1-0-1	104.0
13	KANSAS	BIG8	2-0-0	103.8
14	TENNESSEE	SEC	1-0-1	103.5
15	OKLAHOMA	BIG8	1-1-0	103.0
16	GA TECH	IND	1-1-0	102.5
17	TEXAS A&M	SWC	1-1-0	102.0
18	ALABAMA	SEC	2-0-0	101.7
19	ARKANSAS	SWC	2-0-0	101.2
20	MI STATE	BIG10	2-0-0	101.0
21	AZ STATE	WAC	2-0-0	100.7
22	FSU	IND	1-1-0	100.3
23	OLE MISS	SEC	2-0-0	100.0
24	TX TECH	SWC	1-0-1	99.9
25	SYRACUSE	IND	1-1-0	99.0