

GAME-BY-GAME IN 1977

ALABAMA 34, MISSISSIPPI 13

SEPT. 10 at Birmingham

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| ALABAMA | 13 | 14 | 0 | 7 | — | 34 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | — | 13 |
| Statistics | | | UM | | | UA |
| First Downs | | | 12 | | | 21 |
| Rushing (Net) | | | 163 | | | 250 |
| Passing (Net) | | | 104 | | | 215 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | | | 267 | | | 465 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | | | 6-10-1 | | | 7-8-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | | | 7-49.2 | | | 3-39.7 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | | | 2-2 | | | 6-4 |
| Yards Penalized | | | 24 | | | 0 |

Leading Rushers: UM—Storey, 13-43; Williams, 6-30; Lear, 6-28. UA—Davis, 18-90; Ferguson, 9-42; Crow, 5-34.
 Leading Passers: UM—Garner, 9-6-0, 104 yards; Lear, 1-0-1, 0 yards. UA—Rutledge, 8-7-0, 215 yards.
 Leading Receivers: UM—Weathers, 3-62; Williams, 1-20; Fabris, 1-15. UA—Newsome, 3-93; Davis, 1-45; Neal, 1-40.

SCORING

A—Ferguson, 6-rush (Chapman kick)
 M—Garner, 1-rush (kick failed)
 A—Rutledge, 8-rush (pass failed)
 A—Nathan, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
 M—Weathers, 36 Garner pass (Langley kick)
 A—Whitman, 3-rush (Chapman kick)
 A—Nathan, 1-rush (Chapman kick)

ATTENDANCE: 74,324

ALABAMA 24, VANDERBILT 12

SEPT. 24 at Nashville

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| ALABAMA | 10 | 6 | 0 | 8 | — | 24 |
| VANDERBILT | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | — | 12 |
| Statistics | | | VU | | | UA |
| First Downs | | | 10 | | | 16 |
| Rushing (Net) | | | 72 | | | 328 |
| Passing (Net) | | | 92 | | | 28 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | | | 164 | | | 356 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | | | 18-8-1 | | | 6-2-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | | | 7-37.7 | | | 6-32.0 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | | | 3-2 | | | 4-2 |
| Yards Penalized | | | 2-34 | | | 3-32 |

Leading Rushers: VU—Hampton, 10-39; Mordica, 15-33. UA—Davis, 24-153, 1 TD; Nathan, 8-68, 1 TD; Crow, 12-41; Ogilvie, 2-37.
 Leading Passers: VU—Hampton, 12-4-1, 34 yds.; Wright, 6-4-0, 58 yds., 1 TD. UA—Rutledge, 6-2-0, 28 yds.
 Leading Receivers: VU—Kemp, 3-25; Brown, 2-16; Cox, 2-15; Dickerson, 1-36, 1 TD. UA—Newsome, 2-28.

SCORING

A—Chapman, 20-FG
 V—Martin, 37-FG
 A—Nathan, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
 V—Martin, 29-FG
 A—Chapman, 46-FG
 A—Chapman, 34-FG
 A—Safety, Vanderbilt kicks ball out of end zone
 V—Dickerson, 36 Wright pass (kick failed)
 A—Davis, 2-rush (run failed)

ATTENDANCE: 34,694

NEBRASKA 31, ALABAMA 24

SEPT. 17 at Lincoln (TV)

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| ALABAMA | 7 | 10 | 0 | 7 | — | 24 |
| NEBRASKA | 10 | 7 | 7 | 7 | — | 31 |
| Statistics | | | UN | | | UA |
| First Downs | | | 17 | | | 25 |
| Rushing (Net) | | | 238 | | | 232 |
| Passing (Net) | | | 179 | | | 198 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | | | 417 | | | 430 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | | | 17-11-1 | | | 33-13-5 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | | | 6-37.0 | | | 4-44.5 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | | | 2-2 | | | 1-0 |
| Yards Penalized | | | 75 | | | 22 |

Leading Rushers: UN—Berns, 23-128, 2 TD; Hipp, 6-38; Anthony, 10-33. UA—Nathan, 16-90, 2 TD; Davis, 13-69; Rutledge, 13-36, 1 TD.
 Leading Passers: UN—Garcia, 11-7-1, 123 yards, 1 TD; Berns, 1-1-0, 36 yds. UA—Rutledge, 31-13-5, 198 yds.
 Leading Receivers: UN—Hipp, 1-53; Berns, 3-28; Spaeth, 3-24. UA—Newsome, 8-132; Bolton, 4-43; Neal, 2-23.

SCORING

N—Todd, 29-FG
 A—Rutledge, 7-rush (Chapman kick)
 N—Berns, 7 Garcia pass (Todd kick)
 A—Nathan, 7-rush (Chapman kick)
 N—Berns, 2-rush (Todd kick)
 A—Chapman, 37-FG
 N—Craig, 17-rush (Todd kick)
 A—Nathan, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
 N—Berns, 1-rush (Todd kick)

ATTENDANCE: 75,899

ALABAMA 18, GEORGIA 10

OCT. 1 at Birmingham

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| GEORGIA | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | — | 10 |
| ALABAMA | 9 | 0 | 6 | 3 | — | 18 |
| Statistics | | | UG | | | UA |
| First Downs | | | 14 | | | 16 |
| Rushing (Net) | | | 117 | | | 212 |
| Passing (Net) | | | 82 | | | 42 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | | | 199 | | | 254 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | | | 6-18-2 | | | 4-7-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | | | 5-42.4 | | | 4-45.7 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | | | 6-3 | | | 2-0 |
| Yards Penalized | | | 5 | | | 25 |

Leading Rushers: UG—McLee, 13-45; McClendon, 11-39, 1 TD; Stewart, 5-27. UA—Davis, 18-66, 1 TD; Faust, 10-40; Sheely, 4-24.
 Leading Passers: UG—Cook, 16-5-2, 67 yds.; Rogers, 2-1-0, 15 yds. UA—Rutledge, 5-3-0, 33 yds.; Sheely, 2-1-0, 9 yds.
 Leading Receivers: UG—Hodge, 2-34; Norris, 2-31; Murray, 1-15. UA—Newsome, 2-20; Pugh, 2-12.

SCORING

A—Punter drops ball out of end zone
 A—Davis, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
 G—Robinson, 53-FG
 A—Chapman, 22-FG
 A—Chapman, 29-FG
 G—McClendon, 7-rush (Robinson kick)
 A—Chapman, 32-FG

ATTENDANCE: 60,210

ALABAMA 21, SOUTHERN CAL 20 ALABAMA 55, LOUISVILLE 6

OCT. 8 at Los Angeles (TV)

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| ALABAMA | 0 | 0 | 7 | 14 | — | 21 |
| SOUTHERN CAL | 3 | 0 | 3 | 14 | — | 20 |

| Statistics | SC | UA |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| First Downs | 18 | 20 |
| Rushing (Net) | 120 | 241 |
| Passing (Net) | 239 | 8 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 359 | 249 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | 30-18-2 | 6-2-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | 6-47.2 | 6-42.2 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | 1-0 | 1-1 |
| Yards Penalized | 124 | 48 |

Leading Rushers: SC—White, 15-63; Tatupu, 9-40.
 UA—Nathan, 12-76, 2 TD; Davis, 18-61, 1 TD;
 Ikner, 7-32.
 Leading Passers: USC—Hertel, 30-18-2, 239 yds., 1
 TD. UA—Rutledge, 4-2-0, 8 yds.
 Leading Receivers: USC—Simmrin, 6-120; Sweeney, 4-
 53, 1 TD. UA—Ikner, 1-5; Nathan, 1-3.

SCORING

USC—Jordan, 32-FG
 UA—Davis, 2-rush (Chapman kick)
 USC—Jordan, 23-FG
 UA—Nathan, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
 UA—Nathan, 13-rush (Chapman kick)
 USC—Sweeney, 10 Hertel pass. (Hertel to Tatupu pass)
 USC—Cain, 1-rush (Pass failed)

ATTENDANCE: 63,140

ALABAMA 24, TENNESSEE 10

OCT. 15 at Birmingham

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| TENNESSEE | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | — | 10 |
| ALABAMA | 3 | 13 | 8 | 0 | — | 24 |

| Statistics | UT | UA |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| First Downs | 12 | 24 |
| Rushing (Net) | 105 | 347 |
| Passing (Net) | 76 | 82 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 181 | 429 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | 20-6-1 | 9-5-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | 7-42.7 | 6-36.5 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | 4-3 | 7-1 |
| Yards Penalized | 2-31 | 7-42 |

Leading Rushers: UT—Finch, 8-53; Sumpter, 7-47.
 UA—Davis, 18-103; Ikner, 14-65; Nathan, 13-51;
 Rutledge, 13-37, 2 TD.
 Leading Passers: UT—Hough, 13-6-1, 76 yds., 1 TD.
 UA—Rutledge, 8-5-0, 82 yds., 1 TD.
 Leading Receivers: UT—Harper, 3-43; Finch, 2-18, 1
 TD; Aguilard, 1-14. UA—Newsome, 2-61, 1 TD;
 Ikner, 2-16; Nathan, 1-5.

SCORING

A—Chapman, 20-FG
 T—Gaylor, 41-FG
 A—Rutledge, 4-rush (Chapman kick)
 A—Rutledge, 9-rush (kick failed)
 A—Newsome, 39 Rutledge pass (Rutledge run)
 T—Finch, 13 Hough pass (Gaylor kick)

ATTENDANCE: 71,000

OCT. 22 at Tuscaloosa

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| LOUISVILLE | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | — | 6 |
| ALABAMA | 14 | 13 | 14 | 14 | — | 55 |

| Statistics | UL | UA |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| First Downs | 15 | 25 |
| Rushing (Net) | 208 | 413 |
| Passing (Net) | 48 | 161 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 256 | 574 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | 11-4-0 | 6-5-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | 6-50.0 | 4-38.0 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | 7-4 | 1-0 |
| Yards Penalized | 2-10 | 7-46 |

Leading Rushers: UL—Prince, 15-100; Butler, 16-46,
 1 TD; Poole, 10-38. UA—Nathan, 4-85, 1 TD;
 Turpin, 9-63, 1 TD; Ferguson, 5-41; Whitman, 6-36,
 1 TD.
 Leading Passers: UL—Butler, 11-4-0, 48 yds. UA—Rut-
 ledge, 3-3-0, 124 yds., 2 TD; Jones, 2-1-0, 32 yds.,
 1 TD; Shealy, 1-1-0, 5 yds., 1 TD.
 Leading Receivers: UL—Mitchell, 3-31; Miller, 1-17.
 UA—Newsome, 3-124, 2 TD; Pugh, 1-32, 1 TD;
 Travis, 1-5, 1 TD.

SCORING

A—Newsome, 67 Rutledge pass (kick failed)
 A—Faust, 2-rush (Nathan run)
 A—Nathan, 71-rush (kick failed)
 A—Whitman, 10-rush (Chapman kick)
 A—Newsome, 32 Rutledge pass (Chapman kick)
 A—Pugh, 32 Jones pass (Chapman kick)
 L—Butler, 1-rush (kick failed)
 A—Travis, 5 Shealy pass (Chapman kick)
 A—Turpin, 5-rush (Chapman kick)

ATTENDANCE: 60,210

ALABAMA 37, MISSISSIPPI STATE 7

OCT. 29 at Jackson

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|-------------------|----|---|----|---|---|----|
| ALABAMA | 14 | 7 | 13 | 3 | — | 37 |
| MISSISSIPPI STATE | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | — | 7 |

| Statistics | MSU | UA |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| First Downs | 14 | 18 |
| Rushing (Net) | 30 | 311 |
| Passing (Net) | 227 | 138 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 257 | 449 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | 31-13-3 | 12-8-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | 6-40.5 | 6-39.3 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | 2-1 | 3-1 |
| Yards Penalized | 4-30 | 6-60 |

Leading Rushers: MSU—Johnson, 8-23; Doss, 3-8, 1
 TD. UA—Nathan, 7-115, 1 TD; Shealy, 9-58, 1 TD;
 Davis, 10-36, 1 TD.
 Leading Passers: MSU—Threadgill, 20-10-2, 189 yds.;
 Brown, 8-3-1, 38 yds. UA—Rutledge, 8-5-0, 95
 yds., 1 TD; Shealy, 4-3-0, 43 yds.
 Leading Receivers: MSU—McDole, 7-96; Tyler, 3-94;
 Chatman, 1-23. UA—Pugh, 3-59, 1 TD; Newsome,
 3-41; Bolton, 2-38.

SCORING

A—Nathan, 59-rush (Chapman kick)
 A—Faust, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
 M—Doss, 2-rush (Marler kick)
 A—Pugh, 30 Rutledge pass (Chapman kick)
 A—Davis, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
 A—Shealy, 22-rush (kick failed)
 A—Chapman, 37-FG

ATTENDANCE: 47,500

ALABAMA 24, LSU 3

NOV. 5 at Baton Rouge (TV)

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| ALABAMA | 3 | 7 | 7 | 7 | — | 24 |
| LSU | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | — | 3 |

| Statistics | LSU | UA |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 7 | 26 |
| Rushing (Net) | 166 | 307 |
| Passing (Net) | 17 | 82 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 183 | 389 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | 15-3-0 | 8-5-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | 7-41.1 | 4-42.3 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | 0-0 | 5-4 |
| Yards Penalized | 4-71 | 3-35 |

Leading Rushers: LSU—Alexander, 22-110; Simmons, 5-27; Woodley, 2-27. UA—Davis, 23-126; Nathan, 14-59, 2 TD; Shealy, 9-46.

Leading Passers: LSU—Woodley, 8-3-0, 17 yds. UA—Rutledge, 7-4-0, 62 yds.; Nathan, 1-1-0, 20 yds., 1 TD.

Leading Receivers: LSU—Quintella, 1-9; Quinn, 1-4; Alexander, 1-4. UA—Newsome, 4-62; Pugh, 1-20, 1 TD.

SCORING

A—Chapman, 44-FG
LSU—Conway, 31-FG
A—Nathan, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
A—Nathan, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
A—Pugh, 20 Nathan pass (Chapman kick)

ATTENDANCE: 65,377

ALABAMA 36, MIAMI 0

NOV. 12 at Tuscaloosa

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| MIAMI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |
| ALABAMA | 0 | 15 | 7 | 14 | — | 36 |

| Statistics | UM | UA |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 8 | 23 |
| Rushing (Net) | 146 | 307 |
| Passing (Net) | 26 | 165 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 172 | 472 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | 5-21-3 | 9-16-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | 9-36.8 | 2-40.0 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | 1-0 | 3-2 |
| Yards Penalized | 4-24 | 2-20 |

Leading Rushers: UM—Hobbs, 13-43; McMillian, 6-40; Anderson, 12-34. UA—Davis, 11-84; Shealy, 9-51; Rutledge, 9-47; Nathan, 7-35; K. Jones, 5-27.

Leading Passers: UM—McMillian, 8-2-1, 15 yds.; Mason, 8-1-0, 11 yds. UA—Rutledge, 14-9-0, 165 yds., 2 TDs.

Leading Receivers: UM—Walker, 1-11; Claud, 1-9; Baker, 1-6. UA—Newsome, 4-106; Neal, 2-12, 2 TDs; Pugh, 1-33; Cavan, 1-7; Ikner, 1-7.

SCORING

A—Neal, 5 Rutledge pass (kick failed)
A—Nathan, 1-rush (run failed)
A—Chapman, 27-FG
A—Neal, 7 Rutledge pass (McElroy kick)
A—Nathan, 2-rush (McElroy kick)
A—Jones, 12-rush (McElroy kick)

ATTENDANCE: 57,422

ALABAMA 48, AUBURN 21

NOV. 26 at Birmingham

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| AUBURN | 7 | 0 | 0 | 14 | — | 21 |
| ALABAMA | 0 | 14 | 14 | 20 | — | 48 |

| Statistics | AUB | UA |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 10 | 27 |
| Rushing (Net) | 162 | 322 |
| Passing (Net) | 135 | 193 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 297 | 515 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | 4-9-1 | 9-13-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | 5-40.0 | 1-39.0 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | 3-2 | 3-0 |
| Yards Penalized | 7 | 25 |

Leading Rushers: ALABAMA: Davis, 20-104; Rutledge, 15-102; Nathan, 11-50. AUBURN: Cribbs, 15-133; Andrews, 11-26; Brooks, 7-11.

Leading Passers: ALABAMA: Rutledge, 9-13-0, 193 yards, 2 TDs. AUBURN: Trotman, 4-9-1, 135 yards, 1 TD.

Leading Receivers: ALABAMA: Newsome, 4-123, 1 TD; Bolton, 1-30, 1 TD; Nathan, 2-15. AUBURN: Franklin, 1-74, 1 TD; Byrd, 1-36; McCall, 1-14.

SCORING

Aub—Cribbs, 87-run (Portela kick)
UA—Bolton, 30-Rutledge pass (Chapman kick)
UA—Davis, 12-run (Chapman kick)
UA—Nathan, 1-run (Chapman kick)
UA—Nathan, 2-run (Chapman kick)
Aub—Franklin, 74-Trotman pass (Portela kick)
UA—Ferguson, 1-run (Chapman kick)
UA—Newsome, 42-Rutledge pass (kick failed)
UA—Shealy, 15-run (Smith kick)
Aub—Andrews, 3-run (Portela kick)

ATTENDANCE: 69,721

ALABAMA 35, OHIO STATE 6

JAN. 2 — at Sugar Bowl

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| ALABAMA | 0 | 13 | 8 | 14 | — | 35 |
| OHIO STATE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | — | 6 |

| Statistics | OHIO STATE | ALA |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|
| First Downs | 13 | 25 |
| Rushing (Net) | 160 | 280 |
| Passing (Net) | 103 | 109 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 263 | 389 |
| Passes Comp./Att./Had Int. | 7-17-3 | 8-11-0 |
| Punting — No. & Avg. | 4-37.5 | 1-33.0 |
| Fumbles/No. Lost | 0-0 | 10-2 |
| Yards Penalized | 4-40 | 1-5 |

Leading Rushers: Ohio State — Logan, 13-57; Springs, 10-74; Campbell, 4-14. UA—Davis, 24-95, 1 TD; Nathan, 11-35, 1 TD; Ogilvie, 6-29, 1 TD; Ferguson, 6-24.

Leading Passers: Ohio State — Gerald, 17-7-3, 103 yds, 1 TD. UA—Rutledge, 11-8-0, 109 yds, 2 TD

Leading Receivers: Ohio State—Hunter, 2-25, Springs, 2-6. UA—Newsome, 2-45, Ferguson, 2-28, Bolton, 1-27, 1 TD, Neal, 1-3, 1 TD.

SCORING

A—Nathan, 1-rush (Chapman Kick)
A—Bolton, 27 Rutledge Pass (kick failed)
A—Neal, 3 Rutledge Pass (Rutledge to Nathan Pass)
O—Harrell, 38 Gerald Pass (Run failed)
A—Ogilvie, 1-rush (Chapman kick)
A—Davis, 5-rush (Chapman kick)

ATTENDANCE: 76, 811