

# 2008 GAME RECAPS

† **Alabama 34 Clemson 10** - Atlanta. Bama came in #24 and CU at #9. Bama had a 239-0 rush edge and 419-188 total ydg edge. CU's only TD came on a 96 yd KR TD. Bama led 23-3 at the half with a 249-89 yd edge and dominated the line of scrimmage.

**ALABAMA 20 Tulane 6** - TU actually had a 166-38 yd edge at the half but trailed 13-3 with UA's Arenas returning a punt 87 yds for a TD and Bama getting a 17 yd blk'd punt ret for a TD. TU went on a 74 yd, 11 play drive but missed a 23 yd FG with :11 left 1H. After recovering a fumble at the UA31, TU missed a 41 yd FG with 4:41 left 3Q. Bama went 77 yds in 11 plays for its only offensive TD, 20-3. TU went 70 yds but settled for a 21 yd FG and then after a 13 play drive was stopped on downs at the UA30.

**ALABAMA 41 W Kentucky 7** - Bama dominated with 281 yds rush and 276 pass and a 30-9 FD edge holding WK to 158 ttl yds. Bama scored on its first 4 poss to lead 24-0. WK got an int at the Bama36 then on 4th & 4 hit a 30 yd TD pass, 24-7 with 4:21 left 1H. Bama hit a 25 yd FG and then went 56 yds in 7 plays for a TD, 41-7. WK was int'd at the Tide13.

**Alabama 49 ARKANSAS 14** - AL went 71 yds in 10 plays for a TD and then got an 87 yd Coffee TD run, 14-0 with 6:52 left 1Q. Ark was int'd and Arenas ret'd it 63 yds for a TD. Ark went 47 yds in 9 plays and on 4th & 1, got a 12 yd TD pass, 21-7. Bama went 68 yds in 5 plays for a TD and added a 74 yd IR TD, 35-7 with 6:15 left 1H. Ark went 76 yds in 13 plays but on 4th & goal at the 1 was SOD with :27 left 1H. Ark threw an int on the first play of the 2H & Bama got a 31 yd TD run 2 play later. Early 4Q, Bama was int'd and Ark drove 34 yds in 6 plays for a TD behind bkup QB Wilson, 42-14 but Bama RB Upchurch got a 62 yd TD run.

**Alabama 41 GEORGIA 30** - Bama's opening drive was kept alive when a fmb'l was negated by a late hit on the QB and they got a TD 2 plays later capping the 80 yd, 11 play drive. Bama hit a 23 yd FG then went 48 yds in 5 plays, 33 yds in 7 plays (after fmb'l) and 63 yds in 6 plays all for TD's and led 31-0 at the half. UGA got a TD late 3Q and then got a 92 yd PR TD, 31-17. Bama got a 32 yd FG and UGA, after a FD at the Tide35 had a 19 yd pass wiped out by a holding call and on 4th & 28 fired inc. Bama tacked on a TD with 4:13 left and UGA went 40 yds for a TD then rec'd the onside kick and went 58 yds in 6 plays for a TD with 1:35 left making the gm look closer than it was.

**ALABAMA 17 Kentucky 14** - Coffee rushed for 218 yds for Bama and on their 2nd drive got a 78 yd TD run. Bama went 81 yds in 12 plays but missed a 34 yd FG. UK QB Hartline had the ball fall out of his hands and Bama ret'd it for a TD, 14-0 after 1Q. Bama fmb'l'd at the UK5 after a 60 yd drive and at the half had a 245-60 yd edge and 14-0 lead. Bama was int'd on a deep pass at the UK15. Bama fmb'l'd a punt at its own 37 but UK was SOD at the 29. UK went 70 yds in 2 plays for a TD, 14-7 with 5:49 left. UK was int'd but Bama missed a 41 yd FG. Bama went 76 yds in 15 plays for a 24 yd FG on a drive that ate up 8:10. UK got a 38 yd TD pass with :40 left.

**ALABAMA 24 Mississippi 20** - UM went 72 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG. Bama got a 73 yd, 4 play TD drive, 7-3. Two poss later Bama went 60 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 14-3 and after getting an int at the UM32, added a 41 yd FG, 17-3. A 29 yd IR to the UM26 set UA up for a 30 yd TD pass, 24-3. At the half Bama had a 219-104 yd edge. UM opened the 3Q with a 52 yd, 10 play drive converting on 4th & 4 and then faked a FG for a TD, 24-10. Bama was int'd at the UM2. Later, UM went 60 yds in 9 plays but was SOD on 4th & a foot at the UA24. UM fmb'l'd and Bama rec'd at the UA37. Bama fmb'l'd it back 2 plays later and UM went 34 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 24-17. UM went 34 yds in 7 plays and hit a 35 yd FG with 6:09 left, 24-20. Bama punted with 3:03 left and UM was SOD at the Tide43.

**Alabama 29 TENNESSEE 9** - Bama finished with a 366-173 yd edge. Bama hit a 39 yd FG. Bama fmb'l'd a punt at its own 5 setting up a 31 yd FG for UT. Bama added a 43 yd FG and led 6-3 after 1Q. After UT partially blk'd a punt that only went 20 yds, UT missed a 51 yd FG. Bama went 66 yds in 6 plays for a TD, 13-3. UT went on a 10 play drive but missed a 43 yd FG on the final play of the half. Bama had just 32 yds rushing in the 1H but had 136 yds rush in the 2H and dominated. Bama got a 22 yd PR setting up a 38 yd FG, 16-3 then went 79 yds in 12 plays and 80 yds in 8 plays for TD's, 29-3. UT went 63 yds in 7 plays getting a TD with 7:26 left, 29-9.

**ALABAMA 35 Arkansas St 0** - Bama was int'd in the EZ from the 13 but 2 poss later got a 32 yd IR TD, 14-0. Bama missed a FG but had a 178-56 yd edge at the half and only led 14-0. Bama opened the 3Q with a 70 yd, 4 play TD drive. Two poss later Bama went 48 yds in 7 plays for a TD. ASU was SOD at the Bama36 and on 4th & 20 was sk'd for a 10 yd loss and Bama went 45 yds in 7 plays for a TD with 4:37 left, 35-0.

**Alabama 27 LSU 21 (OT)** - Saban's return to LSU. Bama's opening drive went 73 yds with a pass to Alexander fmb'l'd out of the EZ for a TB. LSU was int'd at its own 25 and AL got a TD 4 plays later. QB Lee for LSU hit 13 of 34 with 4 int. LSU went 54 yds in 6 plays with a 30 yd TD pass, 7-7. Bama fmb'l'd the KO at its own 30 and 2 plays later LSU had a TD, 14-7. Early 2Q, Bama was int'd at the LSU14 and on the next drive, missed a 42 yd FG. Bama Saf Johnson got a 54 yd IR TD, 14-14. LSU missed a 41 yd FG with :20 left 1H. Bama took its 2nd 3Q poss 69 yds in 7 plays for a TD. LSU went 74 yds in 14 plays for a TD with 6:12 left, 21-21. With :03 left, Bama had a 29 yd FG blk'd sending it to OT. LSU on 3rd & 6 was int'd in the EZ and Bama got a 24 yd pass to Jones and QB Wilson got the 1 yd TD run for the win.

**ALABAMA 32 Mississippi St 7** - MSU had a 134-110 yd edge at the half and did have a punt blk'd for a safety after their first drive then fmb'l'd at the Bama42 on their 2nd. Bama got a 35 yd FG 9 plays later, 5-0. Two poss later MSU went 78 yds in 7 plays and a 31 yd TD pass put them up 7-5. Bama PR Arenas got a 46 yd PR to the 2 setting up a Tide TD with 4:47 left 1H and Bama led 12-7. In the 3Q, Arenas ret'd a punt 80 yds for a TD, 19-7. Late 3Q, Bama hit a 34 yd FG then went 71 yds in 12 plays for a 35 yd FG, 25-7. Bama got 37 and 34 yd passes on the first 2 plays of its next drive and a 1 yd TD run made it 32-7 with 7:54 left.

**ALABAMA 36 Auburn 0** - Bama did not score a TD in the 1Q for the 12th consec time in the Iron Bowl but finished with a 412-170 yd edge and got its first shutout since '92, breaking a streak of 6 straight Aub wins. Bama took their 2nd poss 76 yds in 15 plays for a 37 yd FG then after a 21 yd Aub punt, went 65 yds in 4 plays for a TD, 10-0. Later Aub went 49 yds in 9 plays & made a 39 yd FG but Bama had called time-out and then their FG was blk'd. Aub fmb'l'd on its opening 3Q poss and Bama got a 39 yd TD pass on the next play. After another fmb'l, Bama went 45 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 22-0. Bama went 50 yds in 7 plays for a TD, 29-0 after 3Q's. Bama was SOD at the Aub23 but Aub fmb'l'd and Bama went 53 yds in 5 plays for a TD with 2:49 left.

† **Florida 31 Alabama 20** - Atlanta. UF went 59 yds in 9 plays for a TD, but Bama got a 64 yd pass to WR Jones and after an 18 yd TD run on the next play it was 7-7. Bama got a 20 yd PR to the UF25 and a 30 yd FG, 10-7. Bama went on a 10 play drive but faked a punt on 4th & 9 at the UF31 and was SOD. UF got a 51 yd pass to the 34 but settled for a 19 yd FG, 10-10. UF went 57 yds in 9 plays for a TD and led 17-10 at the half. Bama took its first 3Q poss 91 yds in 15 plays for a TD to tie. UF missed a 42 yd FG and Bama nailed a 27 yd FG, 20-17 & Bama had the ydg & TOP edge after 3Q's. UF went 62 yds in 11 plays and 65 yds in 8 plays for TD's, 31-20. Bama was int'd and it was ret'd 24 yds to their 19 with 1:39 left.