

2008 GAME RECAPS

UCLA 27 Tennessee 24 (OT) - UCLA QB Craft had 4 int in the 1H and on their first drive he was int'd at the UT10. UT missed a 51 yd FG. UCLA blk'd a punt for a TD late 1Q. UT went 80 yds in 9 plays for a TD, 7-7. UT missed a 55 yd FG with 1:14 left 1H. Craft was int'd and ret'd 61 yds for a TD with :23 left 1H, 14-7. UT had a 188-85 yd edge at the half. UT went 73 yds in 8 plays but fmbld at the 6. UCLA got a 41 yd FG on a 10 play drive, 14-10 late 3Q. UCLA went 80 yds in 11 plays for a TD mid-4Q, 17-14. UT was sacked on 3rd & 10 but a face mask penalty gave them a FD. They also got a 4D conv and went 67 yds in 13 plays for a TD with 1:54 left. UCLA went 70 yds in 9 plays for a TD with :27 left, 24-21 but UT got a 47 yd FG on the final play of regulation. UCLA made a 42 yd FG and UT missed a 34 yd FG in OT.

TENNESSEE 35 Uab 3 - In the 1H UAB had an 18:08-11:52 TOP edge. UT was stopped on downs at the UAB30 then went 44 yds in 5 plays and 65 yds in 3 plays for TD's, 14-0 after 1Q. UAB went 74 yds in 12 plays but was stopped on downs at the 19. UAB went 50 yds in 7 plays but was int'd in the EZ. In the 3Q, UT was int'd and UAB drove for a 47 yd FG, 14-3. UT went 80 yds in 7 plays, 76 yds in 8 plays and 56 yds in 8 plays (after an int) to take control, 35-3.

Florida 30 TENNESSEE 6 - UF ret'd the opening KO to the UT44 and 8 plays later had a TD. UT on 3rd & 16 fmbld at its own 23 and UF added a 39 yd FG. James ret'd a punt 78 yds for a TD, 17-0. UT went 72 yds in 14 plays but fmbld at the 2. UF went 74 yds in 12 plays for a 40 yd FG, 20-0. UT went on a 60 yd, 11 play drive but went for it on 4th & 1 at the 1 and was int'd in the EZ with :02 left 1H. At the half UT had a 137-107 yd edge but trailed 20-0. UF went 47 yds in 8 plays for a 3Q TD, 27-0. UT went 63 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 27-6 (2ptng). UF hit a 27 yd FG, 30-6.

AUBURN 14 Tennessee 12 - This was a defensive struggle. AU took its 2nd possession 69 yds in 11 plays for a TD. UT went 39 yds in 8 plays for a 47 yd FG and 61 yds in 8 plays for a 35 yd FG, 7-6. UT was pinned at its 5 and Foster fmbld and AU rec'd for a TD, 14-6. At the half AU had a 151-129 yd edge. AU started at its own 2 with 6:59 left 3Q and did get 4 FD's but was int'd and it was ret'd 38 yds to its 37. UT went 37 yds in 9 plays for a TD (2ptng). The next 8 possessions ended in punts. AU took over at its own 5 with 2:59 left & got a FD pass on 3rd & 5 to the 20 and then took a knee.

TENNESSEE 13 N Illinois 9 - NI had a 12-9 FD edge and it was Stephens' first start for UT. NI went on a 10 play drive but missed a 46 yd FG. NI rec'd a fmbld at the UT48 and went 9 plays for a 25 yd FG. NI was int'd and it was ret'd 48 yds to their 16 and UT got a 36 yd FG. UT opened the 3Q with a 52 yd drive & got a 34 yd FG. UT got a 52 yd TD pass, 13-3. NI went 68 yds in 10 plays but settled for a 24 yd FG. NI rec'd a fmbld at the UT9 but settled for a 25 yd FG, 13-9. Mid-4Q UT missed a 32 yd FG.

GEORGIA 26 Tennessee 14 - UGA dominated this much more than the final score indicates with 3 costly int's in the redzone. At the half UGA had 273-109 yd and 18-4 FD edges with the key a play for UT being a 60 yd pass to the 4. That pass was over half their total offense and set up a TD, 20-7 at the half. UGA also settled for 34 & 20 yd FG's. UGA was int'd in the EZ and it was ret'd 54 yds which set up UT's other score, a 46 yd, 7 play TD drive. UGA hit a 41 yd FG and a 28 yd FG at the end of 11 and 17 play drives, 26-14.

TENNESSEE 34 Mississippi St 3 - In the 1H MSU had a 120-119 yd edge. MSU missed a 39 yd FG. UT got 36 and 28 yd FG's and MSU got a 43 yd FG, 6-3 at the half. UT opened the 3Q with a 53 yd, 11 play TD drive including 4th & 2 and 3rd & 10 conversions, 13-3. UT missed a 34 yd FG but then MSU was int'd at its own 44. MSU was int'd at the UT28 & it was ret'd 75 yds for a TD by Berry, 20-3. Three plays later UT got a 32 yd IR TD, 27-3. UT drove 51 yds in 12 plays for a TD with 2:39 left and finished with a 275-189 yd edge.

Alabama 29 TENNESSEE 9 - Bama finished with a 366-173 yd edge. Bama took its opening drive 50 yds in 11 plays for a 39 yd FG. Bama fmbld 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 rushing in the 2H and dominated. Bama got a 22 yd PR setting up a 30 yd FG, 16-3 then went 79 yds in 12 plays (2ptng) and 80 yds in 8 plays for TD's, 29-3 with 9:43 left. UT went 63 yds in 7 plays getting a TD with 7:26 left, 29-9.

S CAROLINA 27 Tennessee 6 - SC got its first win at home vs UT in 16 yrs & Fulmer was fired later that wk. SC took its 2nd drive 82 yds in 5 plays for a TD. Early 2Q, UT QB Stephens was int'd by Woodson and he ret'd it 68 yds for a TD, 14-0. SC was SOD at the UT44. UT fmbld and Munnerlyn ret'd it 38 yds and McKinley got a 4 yd TD rec on the next play, 21-0. At the half SC had a 142-90 yd edge. UT was stopped on downs at the SC24. SC went 62 yds in 13 plays settling for a 31 yd FG, 24-0. UT went 80 yds in 8 plays for a TD (2ptng), 24-6. SC got a 67 yd KR to the UT32 but Garcia was hurt and int'd on the next play and UT ret'd it to the SC44. UT was stopped on downs at the SC35. Late 4Q UT fmbld a PR at its own 14 and SC added a 31 yd FG, 27-6.

Wyoming 13 TENNESSEE 7 - WY got an early 55 yd IR to the UT4 & WY got a TD on the next play. Early 2Q WY went on a 75 yd, 14 play drive but missed a 31 yd FG. UT was int'd 2 plays later and it was ret'd 24 yds for a TD, 13-0. At the half WY had a 152-65 yd edge. UT brought QB Crompton in for the 3Q and went 64 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 13-7. WY fmbld at the 48. WY went 59 yds in 11 plays but was stopped on downs at the UT21. UT went 59 yds in 10 plays but was stopped on downs at the WY19. UT was stopped on downs with 1:43 left at the WY47.

Tennessee 20 VANDERBILT 10 - Early 2Q UT went 65 yds in 9 plays for a TD. After an 18 yd punt, UT started at the VU36 and got a 25 yd FG, 10-0. At this point, UT had a 112-4 yd edge. UT got a 45 yd IR TD, 17-0 and then after a 25 yd punt, missed a 56 yd FG. VU was at the UT34 when they fmbld and UT ret'd it 69 yds to the 14 and a penalty moved it to the 7 with just :14 left and UT added a 24 yd FG, 20-0. VU opened the 3Q with a 53 yd, 14 play drive for a 31 yd FG, 20-3. VU got a 42 yd IR TD. UT fmbld at the VU41. VU got 3 first downs to the UT39 but on 4th & 10 fired incomplete with 4:23 left. UT punted with 1:21 left and VU gained 57 yds on their final drive to the UT20.

TENNESSEE 28 Kentucky 10 - Head Coach Phil Fulmer's final home game. UK led 3-0 after the 1Q as UT missed a 31 yd FG. With 5:36 left 1H, UK punted from its 3 and UT started at the UK35. They converted on 4th & 2, got a pass interference penalty on an incomplete 3rd & 2 pass and then on 4th & goal from the 1 got a TD on the last play of the half, 7-3. UT got a 63 yd TD pass to open the 3Q and UK was stopped on downs at the UT43. UT went 80 yds in 10 plays for a TD and then went 83 yds and 11 plays for a TD, 28-3 with 5:44 left. UK went 68 yds in 7 plays and scored as TD with 3:44 left.