



AUBURN TIGERS

2008 FOOTBALL

RESULTS & LEADERS

2008 RESULTS (5-7, 2-6 SEC)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Aug. 30	LOUISIANA-MONROE	W, 34-0
Sept. 6	SOUTHERN MISS [Raycom]	W, 27-13
Sept. 13	at Mississippi State [ESPN2]	W, 3-2
Sept. 20	#6/6 LSU [ESPN]	L, 21-26
Sept. 27	TENNESSEE [CBS]	W, 14-12
Oct. 4	at #19/19/19 Vanderbilt [ESPN]	L, 13-14
Oct. 11	ARKANSAS	L, 22-25
Oct. 23	at West Virginia [ESPN]	L, 17-34
Nov. 1	at Ole Miss [Raycom]	L, 7-17
Nov. 8	TENNESSEE-MARTIN	W, 37-20
Nov. 15	#13/12/12 GEORGIA [Raycom]	L, 13-17
Nov. 29	at #1/1/1 Alabama [CBS]	L, 0-36

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Statistic	Leader
Rushing Att.	159, Ben Tate
Rushing Yards	664, Ben Tate
Rushing TD	5, Kodi Burns
Passing Yards	1,050, Kodi Burns
Completions	94, Kodi Burns
Passing Att.	179, Kodi Burns
Passing TD	5, Chris Todd
Receptions	30, Rodgeriquis Smith
Receiving Yards	332, Rodgeriquis Smith
Receiving TD	2, Mario Fannin/Robert Dunn
Kickoff Return Avg.	27.4, Tristan Davis
Punt Return Avg.	16.0, Robert Dunn
Points Scored	55, Wes Byrum
Punting Avg.	42.1, Clinton Durst
Tackles	75, Zac Etheridge
Tackles for Loss	10.5, Antonio Coleman
Sacks	6.0, Antonio Coleman
Pass Defended	8, Walter McFadden
Interceptions	3, Josh Bynes

AUBURN HEADLINES

- ▶ Auburn finished the 2008 season with a 5-7 overall record including a 2-6 mark in the Southeastern Conference.
- ▶ Auburn had its school-record streak of bowl appearances snapped at eight straight seasons.
- ▶ Auburn did not allow an offensive touchdown in the first quarter all season, outscoring its opponents 63-16 in the quarter.
- ▶ Auburn ranked fourth in the nation in opponents' third-down conversion percentage, surrendering just 49 first downs in 171 attempts (28.7 percent).
- ▶ Auburn tied for fourth in the nation in rushing touchdowns allowed, surrendering just seven rushing touchdowns all season.
- ▶ Auburn finished 14th nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 18.0 points per game.
- ▶ Auburn ranked 19th nationally in pass defense (178.8) and tied for sixth in red zone defense (.719).
- ▶ Auburn was 11th nationally in kickoff returns (24.5) and 12th in punt returns (13.0).
- ▶ Tristan Davis, who returned two kickoffs for touchdowns this season, led the SEC and ranked 13th nationally in kickoff returns (27.4), which was the fourth-best single-season average in school history.
- ▶ Davis finished the season with 657 kickoff return yards, which is the second-highest single-season total in school history behind his own record of 756 set in 2006.
- ▶ Robert Dunn averaged 16.0 yards per punt return, which led the SEC and ranked fifth nationally, and was the third-best single-season mark in school history.
- ▶ Davis and Dunn became the first teammates to lead the SEC in kickoff returns and punt returns in the same season since Billy Williams (kickoff returns) and Shawn Summer (punt returns) of Tennessee in 1993. Kentucky's Derek Abney led the SEC in both categories in 2002.
- ▶ Clinton Durst ranked fourth in the SEC and 26th nationally in punting (42.1) and helped Auburn rank 18th nationally in net punting (37.6).
- ▶ Sophomore Kodi Burns became the first Auburn player to throw for 1,000 yards and rush for 400 yards in a season since Phil Gargis in 1976.
- ▶ Rodgeriquis Smith finished his career ranked sixth in Auburn history with 114 career receptions, and his 1,598 career receiving yards ranks eighth.
- ▶ Brad Lester finished his career ranked 19th in Auburn history in rushing yards with 1,689, and ninth with 19 career rushing touchdowns.
- ▶ Auburn's sophomore safeties led the team in tackles this year, with Zac Etheridge finishing with a team-high 75 and Mike McNeil totaling 65.
- ▶ Juniors Antonio Coleman (10.5) and Sen'Derrick Marks (10.0) led the team in tackles for loss this season.
- ▶ Antonio Coleman was named First-Team All-SEC by the league's coaches and media, while Sen'Derrick Marks was a second-team pick by the coaches and earned honorable mention honors from the media.
- ▶ Spencer Pybus and Neiko Thorpe were named to the SEC All-Freshman Team.
- ▶ Auburn had nine players that started every game, including four on offense (Jason Bosley, Tyronne Green, Ryan Pugh and Lee Ziemba) and five on defense (Zac Etheridge, Michael Goggans, Walter McFadden, Mike McNeil and Craig Stevens).
- ▶ Auburn's seniors finished their careers with a mark of 34-16 (47-16 for the fifth-year seniors) and an SEC record of 20-12.

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AUBURN IN 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

CATEGORY	2008
Record.....	5-7
SEC	2-6
West	1-4
East.....	1-2
Non-Conference	3-1
Home	4-3
Away	1-4
Neutral	0-0
Day	3-5
Night (6 p.m. or later)	2-2
TV Games	3-6
CBS.....	1-1
ESPN	0-3
ESPN2	1-0
Raycom	1-2
Scoring First.....	5-3
Opponent Scoring First	0-4
Leading at Half	5-4
Trailing at Half	0-3
Tied at Half	0-0
Leading after Third.....	5-1
Trailing after Third	0-6
Tied after Third.....	0-0
Overtime Games	0-0
Scoring less than 20 pts.....	2-5
Scoring 20+ points	3-2
Scoring 30+ points	2-0
Allowing less than 20 pts.	4-3
Allowing 20+ points	1-2
Allowing 30+ points	0-1
Rushing for less than 100 yds.....	1-4
Rushing for over 100 yds.	4-3
Rushing for 200+ yds.....	2-0
Passing for 200+ yds.	1-2
Passing for 300+ yds.	0-1
Totaling less than 300 yds.....	1-4
300+ yds. of total offense	4-3
400+ yds. of total offense	2-0
Allowing less than 100 yds. rushing.....	4-0
Allowing less than 300 yds. total off.	3-1
Allowing 300+ yds. total offense	2-6
Having 100-yd. rusher	2-1
Opp. have 100-yd. rusher.....	0-6
No turnovers	0-0
Less than 3 turnovers	2-4
3 or more turnovers	3-3
No takeaways	0-2
3 or more takeaways	2-1
More than 30:00 of possession	4-2
Less than 30:00 of possession	1-5

SEASON IN REVIEW

Auburn finished the 2008 season with a 5-7 overall record and a 2-6 mark in the Southeastern Conference. Auburn had its streak of eight straight bowl appearances snapped, as well as streaks of eight straight winning SEC records and eight straight seasons of at least seven victories.

TUBERVILLE ERA COMES TO A CLOSE

Tommy Tuberville resigned as Auburn head coach Dec. 3 after 10 seasons leading the Tigers. He amassed a record of 85-40 in his 10 seasons at Auburn and led the Tigers to eight straight bowl appearances from 2000-07.

Tuberville's 85 wins rank fourth all-time among Auburn head coaches, and his winning percentage of .680 ranks fifth among coaches who coached more than one season.

TOUGH TO SCORE AGAINST

Auburn allowed just 216 points this season, ranking the Tigers 14th in the nation in scoring defense at 18.0 points per game. Seven of Auburn's 12 opponents were held to 17 points or fewer, and only two opponents scored more than 26 points against the Tigers this season. It marked the sixth consecutive season that Auburn finished in the top 15 in the nation in scoring defense.

DEFENSE SHINES

Auburn's defense was stellar in several areas beyond scoring defense. The Tigers ranked in the top 30 nationally in several defensive categories, including third-down conversion defense (28.7, 4th), red zone defense (.719, T6th), pass defense (178.2, 19th), total defense (317.8, 29th) and pass defense efficiency (113.78).

THIRD DOWN DOMINATION

Auburn's defense was terrific on third downs this season, as the Tigers ranked fourth in the nation in opponent third-down conversions. Auburn opponents converted just 49-of-171 third downs for 28.7 percent. Six of Auburn's 12 opponents were held to less than 30 percent on their third-down conversion attempts, including Mississippi State which was 0-of-14 on Sept. 13.

Auburn went more than eight quarters at one point this season without allowing a third-down conversion. From a first-quarter Southern Miss conversion until LSU converted in the second quarter Sept. 20, the Tigers played 28 straight third downs without allowing a first down.

Forcing third and long was the key, as 91 of the 171 attempts (53.2 percent) came with seven or more yards needed for a first down.

SECONDARY TO NONE

Auburn's secondary was solid despite a lack of depth this season, as the Tigers ranked 22nd nationally in pass defense (178.8) and 30th in pass efficiency defense (113.78). The Tigers allowed only 5.82 yards per pass attempt, which was the 15th-best mark in the nation.

Auburn held five opponents to 157 or fewer yards passing, including two that failed to reach 100. Tennessee threw for just 67 yards Sept. 27, and Mississippi State had 78 yards through the air Sept. 13.

NOT GIVING UP GROUND

Auburn's defense allowed just seven rushing touchdowns this season, which is tied for the fourth-best mark in the nation. In fact, 89 of the other 118 FCS school allowed at least twice as many rushing touchdowns as Auburn this season.

COLEMAN LIGHTS UP QBs

Junior defensive end Antonio Coleman collected six sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss this season, with those marks ranking sixth and seventh in the SEC, respectively. Coleman, who also had a team-high 13 quarterback hurries this year, now has 14.5 sacks during his career, and needs just one more to crack Auburn's career top 10. He has 30 tackles for loss during his career.

HIGH MARKS

Junior Sen'Derrick Marks was a terror on the defensive line for the Auburn defense. Marks had 10 tackles for loss, which ranked him 10th in the SEC this season. Marks, who had a 35-game starting streak snapped Nov. 8 vs. UT Martin, finished with 30 tackles for loss during his three-year career.

SAFETY VALVES

Auburn's sophomore safeties were at or near the top of Auburn's leaderboard for tackles all season. Free safety Zac Etheridge finished with the lead with 75 tackles (38 solo, 37 assists), just 10 ahead of strong safety Mike McNeil with 65 (team high 42 solo, 23 assists). They also combined for five pass deflections, 4.5 tackles for loss, an interception, a fumble recovery and a sack this season.

BY AIR OR BY LAND

Sophomore quarterback Kodi Burns became the first Auburn player to throw for more than 1,000 yards and rush for more than 400 yards in a single season since Phil Gargis in 1976. In 10 games played including seven starts, Burns totaled 1,050 yards through the air and 411 on the ground, and also led the team with five rushing touchdowns. In 1976, Gargis had 1,118 yards passing and 534 yards rushing.

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Auburn's return specialists excelled this season, as the Tigers ranked 11th nationally in kickoff returns (24.5) and 12th in punt returns (13.0). Individually, Robert Dunn led the SEC and was fifth nationally in punt returns (16.0) and Tristan Davis was first in the SEC and 13th nationally in kickoff returns (27.4). Both have returned kicks for touchdowns, with Davis collecting two.

Davis and Dunn became the first set of teammates to lead the SEC in kickoff returns and punt returns since Billy Williams (kickoff returns) and Shawn Summer (punt returns) of Tennessee in 1993. Kentucky's Derek Abney led the SEC in both categories in 2002.

The Tigers did not allow their opponents as much success returning kicks, as Auburn was 18th nationally in net punting (37.6) and fourth in the SEC in kickoff coverage (44.6).

TIGER RETURN TDs

Auburn finished tied for second nationally with two kickoffs returned for touchdowns, and tied for seventh with three punts/kickoffs returned for scores. National leaders in each category are:

Team	PR+KOR=KR TD
Kansas State	5+1=6
Alabama	4+0=4
Fresno State	3+1=4
Louisiana Tech	3+1=4
Oklahoma State	2+2=4
Ohio	1+3=4
Auburn	1+2=3
Arizona	3+0=3
Boise State	3+0=3
California	3+0=3
Miami (OH)	3+0=3
Florida International	2+1=3
Syracuse	2+1=3
Penn State	1+2=3

Team	KO Return TDs
Ohio	3
Auburn	2
Penn State	2
Cincinnati	2
North Carolina State	2
UCF	2
Temple	2
Oklahoma State	2
Kentucky	2

DAVIS SETS RECORDS

Tristan Davis set or nearly set several kickoff return records during his Auburn career. His career return average of 26.5 is a new school record, while his career totals of 1,455 yards on 55 returns both rank third. His 2008 total of 657 return yards ranks second behind his own school record of 756 set in 2006, and his 2008 season average of 27.4 is fourth-best in school history.

Davis set an Auburn single-game record with 182 kickoff return yards Oct. 11 vs. Arkansas, and is the first known Tiger to return two kickoffs for touchdowns in the same season. Davis brought back his first return against Arkansas 97 yards for a touchdown, which was the sixth-longest kickoff return in school history, then returned the opening kick 95 yards for a score against UT Martin.

DUNN DEAL

In the season opener against Louisiana-Monroe, Robert Dunn snapped an Auburn streak of 144 consecutive games and 374 punt returns without a touchdown, which was the longest streak in the nation, by returning a kick 66 yards for a score.

Dunn, who was only 10 years old the last time Auburn had a punt return for a touchdown, appeared to accomplish the feat again Sept. 6 against Southern Miss, but what would have been a 65-yard return for a score was reduced to 47 yards due to a block in the back at the 18-yard line that occurred 5 yards behind Dunn, who was about to cruise into the end zone.

Dunn, who had six of his 15 returns this season go for at least 17 yards, finished the Southern Miss game with 103 punt return yards, becoming the first Tiger to have more than 100 punt return yards in a game since Joe Walkins against Ball State on Sept. 1, 2001.

DURST EXCELS IN FIRST FOOTBALL SEASON

Punter Clinton Durst, who had never played organized football prior to the 2008 season, ranked fourth in the SEC and 26th nationally, averaging 42.1 yards per punt with 18 punts placed inside the 20-yard line. His kicks, which included 22 fair catches, helped Auburn rank 18th nationally in net punting at 37.6 yards per kick. He burst onto the scene in the spring and was the Special Teams MVP of the A-Day game after averaging 48.3 yards on three punts,

Durst took the job from sophomore Ryan Shoemaker, who was a first-team preseason All-SEC selection this season after averaging 42.4 yards per punt last year.

FANTASTIC FIRST QUARTERS

Auburn's defense did not allow a touchdown in the first quarter all season, as the Tigers outscored their opponents 63-16 in the first period, with the only opposing touchdown coming on a special teams miscue. Auburn's fast starts helped the team hold the lead at the half in nine of their 12 games played this season.

Auburn played nearly the first seven quarters of its season without allowing a point, surrendering its first score of the season with just 2:33 left in the third quarter against Southern Miss after going 102:27 without being scored upon.

AUBURN IN THE SEC/NCAA STATS

TEAM	SEC	NCAA
Red Zone Defense (71.9).....	1st	T6th
Opponent 3rd-Down Conv. (28.7).....	2nd	4th
Kickoff Return (24.5).....	2nd	11th
Net Punting (37.63).....	3rd	18th
Punt Returns (13.0).....	4th	12th
Scoring Defense (18.0).....	4th	14th
Tackles For Loss (6.3).....	4th	43rd
Kickoff Coverage (44.6).....	4th	
Pass Defense (178.8).....	5th	19th
Pass Def. Efficiency (113.78).....	6th	30th
Sacks Allowed (1.8).....	6th	49th
Penalties (47.3).....	6th	50th
Rushing Offense (137.5).....	6th	69th
Total Defense (317.8).....	7th	29th
Time Of Possession (30:12).....	7th	61st
Opponent First Downs (17.0).....	8th	T30th
Rushing Defense (138.9).....	8th	54th
Third-Down Conversions (35.5).....	8th	88th
First Downs (16.5).....	8th	102nd
Total Offense (302.9).....	8th	104th
Passing Offense (165.4).....	10th	99th
Turnover Margin (-0.67).....	10th	100th
Pass Efficiency (102.05).....	10th	106th
Scoring Offense (17.3).....	10th	T110th
Field Goals (.550).....	10th	
Sacks By (1.8).....	11th	76th
Red Zone Offense (57.1).....	12th	119th
Opponent Penalties (41.7).....	12th	

INDIVIDUAL

	SEC	NCAA
R. Dunn, Punt Returns (16.0).....	1st	5th
T. Davis, Kickoff Returns (27.4).....	1st	13th
C. Durst, Punting (42.1).....	4th	26th
A. Coleman, Sacks (0.55).....	6th	59th
B. Tate, Rushing (55.3).....	6th	93rd
W. Byrum, Field Goals (1.0).....	T6th	T57th
A. Coleman, Tackles For Loss (0.95).....	7th	T96th
K. Burns, Total Offense (146.1).....	9th	98th
S. Marks, Tackles For Loss (0.91).....	10th	

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SEC SUCCESS

Auburn has won 28 of its last 40 Southeastern Conference games and 29 of its last 41 games against SEC schools, including the 2004 SEC Championship game victory over Tennessee. Auburn's success against conference schools dates back to more than just the past five seasons, as since the start of the 2000 season, the Tigers have the fourth best record among the 12 league schools in regular season conference games, just two games behind the leader. The following are the combined conference records of the 12 SEC schools from 2000-08.

	W-L	Pct.
Florida	53-19	.736
Georgia	51-21	.708
LSU	50-22	.694
Auburn	49-23	.681
Tennessee	47-25	.653
Alabama	38-34	.528
Arkansas	34-38	.472
South Carolina	34-38	.472
Ole Miss	29-43	.403
Kentucky	17-55	.236
Mississippi State	17-55	.236
Vanderbilt	13-59	.181

TIGERS SINCE 2000

Since the start of the 2000 season, Auburn has one of the best records in all of the Football Bowl Subdivision. The Tigers' record of 80-34 (.702) ranks 13th among all 119 programs. The list of the top 20 programs since 2000 in terms of winning percentage follows:

	W-L	Pct.
1. Boise State	98-17	.852
2. Texas	96-19	.835
3. Oklahoma	94-19	.832
4. USC	93-22	.809
5. Ohio State	91-23	.798
6. Georgia	90-26	.776
7. LSU	90-27	.769
8. Virginia Tech	89-28	.761
9. Florida	87-29	.750
10. TCU	83-28	.747
11. Miami (Fla.)	83-29	.741
12. Louisville	79-33	.705
13. Auburn	80-34	.702
14. Boston College	80-35	.696
15. Utah	76-33	.697
16. West Virginia	77-35	.688
Oregon	77-35	.688
18. Michigan	76-36	.679
19. Florida State	78-38	.672
20. Tennessee	76-38	.667

CENTURY RECEIVER

Senior Rodgeriqu Smith became the seventh player in Auburn history to accumulate 100 career receptions during Auburn's game against Vanderbilt Oct. 4. Smith, who led the team with 30 catches for 332 yards and a score this season, finished his career with 114 career catches, which ranks sixth in school history. Smith also had 1,598 career receiving yards, which ranks eighth best in Auburn history.

SCORING FROM ALL AVENUES

In addition to the run and the pass, Auburn scored touchdowns this season on two kickoff returns, a punt return, an interception return and two fumble returns. This is the first season since records began in 1970 that Auburn has scored on a punt return and on a kickoff return in the same season. In the season opener against Louisiana-Monroe, Auburn scored touchdowns on offense, defense and special teams for the first time in a game since a 73-7 victory in 2003 over ULM.

INJURIES DIDN'T HELP

Injuries played a major role in Auburn's season, as Auburn had 16 players who appeared on the two deep miss a combined 67 games due to injury this season. At one point or another during the season, Auburn lost four starters - line-backer Tray Blackmon, offensive lineman Chaz Ramsey, tight end Tommy Trott and defensive back Airon Savage - to injury, and also lost defensive back T'Sharvan Bell, defensive end Raven Gray, defensive back Marcus Jemison, wide receiver Philip Pierre-Louis and defensive end Jomarcus Savage for the year.

THE SENIOR CLASS

Auburn's seniors finished their careers with a mark of 34-16 (47-16 for the fifth-year seniors) and an SEC record of 20-12.

The 2008 seniors included: C Jason Bosley, RB Tristan Davis, DT Tez Doolittle, WR Robert Dunn, LB Chris Evans, OL Tyrone Green, LB Courtney Harden, TE Bryan Harris, FB Ryan Hastie, LB Merrill Johnson, RB Brad Lester, WR Charles Olatunji, DS Robert Shiver, WR Rodgeriqu Smith, WR James Swinton and DB Jonathan Vickers.

IRON MEN

Of Auburn's 16 seniors, eight saw time in more than 35 games during their careers, including seven that played more than 40. Courtney Harden led the group, having played in 46 of a possible 50 games over the past four seasons, and was followed by Merrill Johnson (45), Rodgeriqu Smith (45), Robert Dunn (43), Tyrone Green (42), Brad Lester (41), Chris Evans (41) and Robert Shiver (38). Green, Smith and Shiver were the only three members of the senior class to play in all 38 games over the past three seasons.

STARTS STREAKS

Three members of the offensive line finished the season with the longest starting streaks on the team, having started all 25 games over the past two seasons. Seniors Jason Bosley and Tyrone Green and sophomore Lee Ziemba started every game since the start of the 2007 season.

Junior Sen'Derrick Marks owned the longest starting streak on the squad until he sat out the UT Martin game Nov. 8, having started all 35 games over the past three seasons until that game. Rodgeriqu Smith had started 28 straight games until the Sept. 13 contest at Mississippi State.

FIRST TIMERS

Twenty-three players played in their first collegiate games at Auburn this season, including 12 true freshmen. The true freshmen that saw action this season included: DB Harry Adams, WR Darvin Adams, DB Drew Cole, DB D'Antoine Hood, WR Philip Pierre-Louis, LB Spencer Pybus, DL Jomarcus Savage, RB Eric Smith, TE Vance Smith, DB Christian Thompson, DB Neiko Thorpe and WR Derek Winter. Others who played in their first games at Auburn included: WR Quindarius Carr, OL Jared Cooper, H Clayton Crofoot, RB John Douglas, P Clinton Durst, OL A.J. Greene, RB Ryan Hastie, LB Adam Herring, WR Charles Olatunji, DB Mike Slade and QB Chris Todd.

SPREADING IT AROUND

Auburn had 19 different players catch passes this season, and 18 of the 19 had multiple receptions. The Tigers had 11 different players catch passes Sept. 6 vs. Southern Miss, marking the most players to catch a pass in a game for Auburn since 2005 against Ole Miss.

RUNNING BACK U.

Auburn is continuing its tradition of producing high-caliber running backs, with two backs on the squad that finished the season with over 1,600 career rushing yards. Junior Ben Tate led the team with 664 yards rushing and ranks 14th in Auburn history with 1,959 career yards. Tate needs 41 yards to become the 13th player in Auburn history with 2,000 career rushing yards. Senior Brad Lester had 289 yards this season and pushed his career total to 1,689, which ranks 19th. They were the first pair of Auburn running backs to enter a season with more than 1,000 yards rushing each since Carnell Williams and Ronnie Brown in 2004.

FANTASTIC FEAT

Kodi Burns rushed for 158 yards on just 13 carries during Auburn's 37-20 victory over UT Martin Nov. 8, becoming the first Auburn quarterback to rush for 100 yards in a game since Phil Gargis had 129 yards against Florida State on

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Oct 23, 1976. Burns' 158 yards were just two shy of the Auburn record for a quarterback, held by Gargis with a 160-yard effort against Georgia in 1974, and were the most by any Auburn player since Kenny Irons rushed for 183 yards in the 2006 season opener against Washington State. It was also the most yards rushing by any SEC quarterback since Tim Tebow ran for 166 yards at Ole Miss on Sept. 22, 2007.

300 THROUGH THE AIR

Kodi Burns' spectacular rushing performance against UT Martin came one week after he established career marks throwing the ball against Ole Miss. Burns threw for a career-high 319 yards, completing 27-of-43 passes, and became the first Auburn quarterback to post a 300-yard passing game since Brandon Cox threw for 342 yards in the 2005 season opener against Georgia Tech. The Tigers had played 45 straight games without having a 300-yard passing effort.

Burns' 319 yards tied for 20th most in a game by an Auburn quarterback, his 27 pass completions tied for the eighth most in a game in Auburn history, and his 43 pass attempts tied for 12th most in Auburn history in a single game. He entered the game with 309 yards passing for the entire season.

SLAUGHTERING HIS CAREER MARKS

Sophomore wide receiver Chris Slaughter had a career game against Ole Miss Nov. 1. Slaughter hauled in eight passes for 131 yards to lead all Tiger receivers and post the only 100-yard receiving game by an Auburn player this season. Slaughter matched the number of catches he had accumulated in his first 17 games combined as a Tiger, and more than tripled his career receiving yardage. He entered the game with eight career catches for 39 yards. He also had not previously had a reception of more than nine yards in his career, but had grabs of 42, 37 and 16 yards against Ole Miss. Seven of his catches for 126 yards came in the second half.

SHUTOUT CITY

Auburn shut out Louisiana-Monroe in the season opener, 34-0, for its first shutout since a 27-0 win against Arkansas State on Nov. 4, 2006. It marked the ninth shutout by Auburn since the 2000 season, and was the first shutout in a season opener since a 31-0 victory over ULM in the 2004 opener.

Auburn's nine shutouts since the 2000 season are tied with LSU for the most in the SEC during that span. No other SEC school has more than five shutouts since 2000.

WINNING THE CLOSE ONES

After a one-point win at Mississippi State and a two-point victory over Tennessee, Auburn's one-point loss to Vanderbilt Oct. 4 snapped a string of five straight victories for Auburn in games decided by four points or less. It was the first one-point loss for Auburn since

a 30-29 defeat at the hands of Tennessee in the 1997 SEC Championship game in Atlanta.

Under Tommy Tuberville, the Tigers were 17-8 in games decided by four points or less, and won eight of their last 12. Since the 2000 season, Auburn is 7-1 in games decided by just one or two points.

30+ POINTS EQUALS VICTORY

Auburn has won 51 consecutive games when scoring 30 or more points. This season alone, four different SEC schools lost when scoring at least 30 points (Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and LSU).

The last time the Tigers lost when registering at least 30 points was a 56-49, four overtime loss to Georgia in 1996.

In the last 23 years, Auburn is 120-2 when scoring 30 points.

TIGER GRADS

Auburn began the season with eight graduates on the roster. The Tiger graduates include: OL Jason Bosley (finance), RB Tristan Davis (criminology), DL Tez Doolittle (criminology), OL Tyronne Green (criminology), LB Courtney Harden (criminology), LB Merrill Johnson (criminology), WR Rodgeriquis Smith (business administration) and WR James Swinton (public administration).

Seven more players graduated in December following the season, including Antonio Coleman (criminology), Chris Evans (information systems.), Bryan Harris (economics), Aairon Savage (exercise science), Robert Shiver (marketing), Blake Shrader (health promotion) and Tommy Trott (public administration).

Listed are the top 10 programs in terms of number of players who completed their bachelor's degrees prior to the start of the 2008 season.

1. Miami (Fla.).....13
2. Boston College10
- Virginia Tech10
4. Maryland9
5. **Auburn**8
- Clemson8
- Pittsburgh.....8
8. Arizona State7
- Memphis.....7
- Ohio State.....7
- Penn State.....7

OVER TWENTY MILLION SERVED

Auburn surpassed the 20 million mark in all-time total attendance at Jordan-Hare Stadium during the season opener against Louisiana-Monroe. The Tigers, now with 69 seasons under their belt at Jordan-Hare Stadium, have drawn 20,594,615 fans. It took 51 seasons for Auburn to draw its first 10 million fans, but took just 18 more to draw the second 10 million. The Tigers surpassed 10 million fans during the fourth home game of the 1990 season - a 56-6 victory over Vanderbilt on Oct. 13.

AROUND THE SEC

FINAL SEC STANDINGS

Eastern Division

	SEC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Florida	7	1	13	1
Georgia	6	2	10	3
South Carolina	4	4	7	6
Vanderbilt	4	4	7	6
Tennessee	3	5	5	7
Kentucky	2	6	7	6

Western Division

	SEC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Alabama	8	0	12	2
Ole Miss	5	3	9	4
LSU	3	5	8	5
Auburn	2	6	5	7
Arkansas	2	6	5	7
Mississippi State	2	6	4	8

SEC BOWL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 31

Music City Bowl (Nashville, Tenn.)

Vanderbilt 16, Boston College 14

Chick-fil-A Bowl (Atlanta, Fla.)

LSU 38, Georgia Tech 3

Thursday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl (Tampa, Fla.)

Iowa 31, South Carolina 10

Capital One Bowl (Orlando, Fla.)

Georgia 24, Michigan State 12

Friday, Jan. 2

AT&T Cotton Bowl (Dallas, Texas)

Ole Miss 47, Texas Tech 34

Liberty Bowl (Memphis, Tenn.)

Kentucky 25, East Carolina 19

Sugar Bowl (New Orleans, La.)

Utah 31, Alabama 17

Thursday, Jan. 8

BCS Championship Game (Miami, Fla.)

Florida 24, Oklahoma 14

