

**WEEKZERO** (When Evan Easily Kindles Zeal for Educational Recreation Opportunities)  
College Football Beginning of 2010 Season through Beginning of 2021 Season  
2nd Quarter by Evan Knox

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1. Since 2005, this player has the FBS record for forced fumbles with 16, placing him ahead of conference-mates like Roosevelt Nix and Jatavis Brown. This player could've played in Todd Gurley's first game at Georgia, but was suspended for fighting teammate Fred Lee. This player's most well-known collegiate play occurred after a failed cut-block by Jack Mewhort. This player famously chose the jersey number 46 based on his rating in the NCAA Football video game, which was likely so low because this player only played football his senior year of high school after a torn patella tendon hurt his basketball career. For 10 points, name this exceptional MAC defensive lineman and linebacker, known for returning a Braxton Miller interception 45 yards for a touchdown against Ohio State.

Answer: Khalil **Mack**  
<Players>

2. An October 2020 installment of Bubble Screen by *The Athletic* discusses the mentoring relationship between Matt Millen and this person. This person was the sideline reporter for the first Monday Night Football of the 2020 NFL season. This person gave an impassioned speech on First Take condemning comments by Drew Brees, saying "I lost my patience when George Floyd took his last breath". After an Alabama-Louisville game, an interview of Nick Saban by this person led to the phrase "I'm not going to, so quit asking!". A notable quote about this person refers to giving them "more things to do because you are feeling pressure about your crappy longtime record" on a certain subject. This person gave the 2021 Commencement Address at the University of Georgia, where this person played basketball and volleyball. For 10 points, name this reporter who until recently worked on ESPN's College Gameday and NBA Countdown and is known for her tall stature.

ANSWER: Maria **Taylor**  
<Miscellaneous>

3. According to David Cutcliffe, possibly the most unusual question he's ever been asked was about whether he had an appreciation for these locations as a "man of the South". On Clelin Ferrell's official visit to South Carolina, he was dissuaded from attending the school after witnessing a fight at one of these locations. While at Ole Miss, Ed Orgeron interviewed Chad Morris for a tight ends coaching job while at one of these locations. Geoff Collins' team produced a series of midweek videos titled for occurring at these locations. Anthony Bourdain described these locations as "an irony-free zone where everything is beautiful and nothing hurts". After the 2013 Iron Bowl, one of these locations had a complementary hat waiting for coach Gus Malzahn, along with his usual steak omelet. For 10 points, name this southern restaurant chain, which due to its usual 24 hour service is sometimes used to gauge disaster severity.

ANSWER: **Waffle Houses** (prompt on "restaurant" or similar generic terms; I guess we can accept answers like **Waffle House Parking Lots**, although not strictly accurate to my knowledge)  
<Miscellaneous>

<If anyone says that Waffle House shouldn't be "this location", please direct them to the "I'm at the combination Pizza Hut and Taco Bell" meme>

4. (Note: team and role required) During the 2010 and 2011 seasons, this role was filled by the runner-up to Bo Jackson's Heisman trophy; that person in this role was Chuck Long. In 2019, Les Koenning was fired from this job; he was replaced by Brent Dearmon, who was rumored to have been heavily involved in a gameplan that led to a 48-24 road win over Boston College; later, Dearmon would leave this job to take a job of equal rank at Middle Tennessee State. In 2017, Doug Meacham was hired away from TCU to take this job, although he'd last less than 2 seasons. In 2012, a newly-hired head coach for this school also filled this role; that coach once claimed to bring a "decided schematic advantage" to Notre Dame's football program, and replaced Turner Gill as head coach; that man is Charlie Weis. For 10 points, name this thankless job, filled by coaches attempting to help a moribund Big 12 program in Lawrence score touchdowns.

ANSWER: University of **Kansas Offensive Coordinator** (accept clear-knowledge equivalents; accept **KU** for Kansas)  
<Coaches>

5. (*Description Acceptable*) This game's first touchdown was on a 98-yard drive that featured a screen and fumble out of bounds to convert on 2nd and 25 and ended with a 13-yard touchdown catch by Isaac Zico. A touchdown drive late in the first half of this game was extended on a fake field goal by holder Joe Schopper, who was tackled by Jordan Fuller. This game occurred the same day as College Gameday's visit to Pullman, Washington, and a Tom Rinaldi segment about this game on Gameday featured the exchange: "How do you see the future?" "Well, the immediate future in my mind is that" this game's eventual result occurs. One team in this game didn't score until a long Johnnie Dixon touchdown midway through the 4th quarter; meanwhile, the winning team scored 4 touchdowns in the 4th quarter, punctuated by a Markus Bailey pick-six. D.J. Knox ran for a career-high 3 touchdowns in this game, although he was overshadowed by a 4 star wide receiver named Rondale Moore. For 10 points, name this game in which, as predicted by Tyler Trent, a team from West Lafayette beat a team from Columbus, 49-20.

ANSWER: **2018 Ohio State** University vs. **Purdue** University (accept descriptions like **The Tyler Trent game** before mentioned; accept **Purdue beats Ohio State 49-20** or **Purdue blows out Ohio State**; prompt on "Purdue beats Ohio State" or "Purdue vs. Ohio State" or similar notations [since Purdue has, in fact, beaten Ohio State another time within 2010-2020])  
<Games>

6. (*Note: team and event required*) One of these events led to a 55 yard touchdown by Alec Ogletree in a conference championship game. Another of these events was caught by defensive back Ryan Smith in a 2013 in-state rivalry game. One of these events with exactly 2 minutes left during a game led to a game-winning penalty drawn by Arryn Siposs while split wide. A spurious Arie Kouandijo false start led to one of these in a rivalry game, as did TJ Yeldon's foot hitting the sideline with 1 second left later in the same game. One of these events by Andy Pappanastos could have won a national championship, but was ultimately made unimportant by a 41-yard touchdown pass to DeVonta Smith. For 10 points, name these events authored by players like Cade Foster, leading to the words "56 yarder... It's got, no, does not have the leg. And Chris Davis takes it in the back of the end zone... (*reader's note: only read beyond here if everyone's really, really stumped*) he'll run it out to the 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 45, THERE GOES DAVIS [OH MY GOSH] DAVIS IS GONNA RUN IT ALL THE WAY BACK AUBURN'S GONNA WIN THE FOOTBALL GAME AUBURN'S GONNA WIN THE FOOTBALL GAME HE RAN THE MISSED FIELD GOAL BACK HE RAN IT BACK 109 YARDS THEY'RE NOT GONNA KEEP 'EM OFF THE FIELD TONIGHT HOLY COW OH MY GOD AUBURN WINS AUBURN HAS WON THE IRON BOWL AUBURN HAS WON THE IRON BOWL IN THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE FASHION YOU WILL EVER SEE I CANNOT BELIEVE IT [OH MY GOSH] 34-28".

ANSWER: University of **Alabama** Crimson Tide **Missed Field Goals** (accept **Kicks** in place of Field Goals, accept **Blocked** in place of Missed before Arryn Siposs is mentioned; prompt on partial answers, e.g. "Missed Field Goals")  
<Plays>

7. This play was designed by Marty Biagi, and was similar to a Terrell Buckley play in a Florida State vs. Syracuse game in 1989. This play helped build a 17-point first quarter lead for a C-USA team against an SEC team as part of an eventual 44-17 win. During this play, linebacker Grant Morgan said "Why aren't they blowing the whistle?" to opposing player Keegan Brewer. The winning team in the game this play occurred in was led by quarterback Mason Fine and WR Jaelon Darden, while the losing team saw solid receiving performances by future transfers La'Michael Pettway and Mike Woods and a pick-six thrown by John Stephen Jones. For 10 points, name this play in which a

punt returner for Seth Littrell's team didn't actually raise his arm in the air, eventually resulting in a touchdown in Chad Morris's third game as Arkansas head coach.

ANSWER: University of **North Texas Fake Fair Catch** vs. Arkansas (accept permutations of this phrase; prompt if the answer is only part of the underlined portion, e.g. "Fake Fair Catch")

<Plays>

8. (*Description Acceptable*) One of these players, quarterback Jeremiah Briscoe, was a two-time Walter Payton award winner as the most outstanding player in the FCS while at Sam Houston State. Another of these players, TJ McCollum, followed Jeff Brohm from Western Kentucky to Purdue and is as of 2021 a football recruiting assistant at Purdue. Louisville wide receiver Jamari Staples became one of these players before playing with Lamar Jackson, and P5 starters like Oklahoma State left tackle Victor Salako and Georgia linebacker Jake Ganus were also some of these players. Some of these players, like Buffalo receiver Collin Lisa and Southern Miss kicker Nick Vogel eventually reversed their status, while some of these players that made the NFL include Indiana running back Jordan Howard and South Alabama tight end Gerald Everett. For 10 points, describe this group of players forced to transfer from a C-USA football program after it was shut down in 2014.

ANSWER: **Transfers** from the **UAB** Football program in 2014 (accept reasonable descriptions/substitutions [e.g. **departures** instead of transfers]; accept **University of Alabama at Birmingham** in place of UAB)

<Miscellaneous>

9. (*Description Acceptable*) The losing team in this game scored a late 79-yard touchdown on a screen to a player nicknamed "Muscle Hamster". One team in this game used a formation referred to in the NCAA Football video game as "train" several times; that formation, like many formations used by one of these teams, was popularized by Chris Ault. During this game, a 54 yard catch by Titus Young with 2 seconds left in regulation set up a 26 yard game winning field goal chance, although that kick and a subsequent 29 yarder were missed by Kyle Brotzman. This game was headlined by two future NFL quarterbacks: Lions and Cowboys backup turned offensive coordinator Kellen Moore, and a quarterback largely believed to have been blackballed for kneeling during the national anthem, Colin Kaepernick. For 10 points, name this game on the same day as the Camback that saw 2 missed field goals potentially knock a team from Idaho's capital out of the BCS race with a loss in Reno.

ANSWER: **2010 Boise State** vs. **Nevada** (accept descriptions like **Nevada beating Boise State**; prompt on "Boise State vs. Nevada")

<Games>

10. This school won the 2012 C-USA championship game behind running backs Alex Singleton and Trey Watts. This school allowed Jeff Leiby onto their sidelines during a game against an in-state P5 opponent, prompting concerns that this school was helping Baylor to spy on that team. In 2010, this school's Damaris Johnson set an NCAA record for all-purpose yards; a Damaris Johnson punt return that year also helped this school beat Notre Dame, along with quarterback G.J. Kinne. In the early 20th century, this school chose a geographically confusing meteorological nickname after discovering that a more appropriate one was already used by the Georgia Tech teams of the time. In 2020, this school lost the AAC championship game to Cincinnati, and then had a player kicked in the face as part of a fight against Mississippi State in the Armed Forces Bowl. For 10 points, name this AAC school located in a namesake Oklahoma city, nicknamed the Golden Hurricane.

ANSWER: University of **Tulsa** Golden Hurricane (accept **Golden Hurricane** before mentioned)

<Schools>

11. *(Team and Year or description required)* This team began its season with a 37-31 win over Oklahoma State that featured a short pick-six by Nate Andrews. This team moved their returning starter at left tackle to center part way through the season to replace a previous NFL draftee, Bryan Stork. This team's DeMarcus Walker got shaken off by Jacoby Brissett in a highlight play from this team's eventual 56-41 win over NC State. This team's quarterback missed a game after standing on a table and yelling a meme associated with a fake newscast, although this team beat Clemson after an Eddie Goldman forced fumble and Karlos Williams OT touchdown. For 10 points, name this team-year, in which a defending national championship team led by Jimbo Fisher saw an undefeated season end with a 59-20 blowout by the Marcus Mariota-led Oregon Ducks.

ANSWER: **2014-2015 Florida State** Seminoles Season (accept descriptions like **Florida State season after National Championship** or **Florida State loses in Rose Bowl to Oregon**; prompt on "Florida State")

<Team-Seasons>

12. This coach's most recent bowl appearance as a head coach saw his team lose to Kansas State comfortably behind 3 Tyler Lockett touchdown catches. After FOIA'd text messages from AD John Currie were released, this coach became known for texting entirely in ALLCAPS. In 2020, this coach unexpectedly retook an old Head Coaching position after his predecessor chose to join a conference rival as defensive coordinator; that predecessor was Rocky Long. This coach was fired after a season in which this coach was accused of sending a concussed quarterback, Shane Morris, back into a game. In a rivalry game, this coach's team went for 2 with a pass from quarterback #98 to Drew Dileo, which was intercepted by Tyvis Powell. In a more successful rivalry game appearance, this coach's team won 35-31 after a long catch-and-run by Jeremy Gallon, followed by a leaping Roy Roundtree touchdown catch on a pass thrown by Denard Robinson. For 10 points, name this coach, the past and current head coach of San Diego State, the last Michigan Wolverines head coach to beat the Ohio State Buckeyes.

ANSWER: Brady **Hoke**

<Coaches>

13. *(Note: two teams or name of matchup required)* In 2010, this matchup was decided in part by a fake field goal to Josh Jasper, who caught a lateral on the bounce to convert a 4th and 3; in 2015, the winning touchdown in this matchup was scored on a fake field goal by Trent Domingue [Doh-MANG]. In 2011, this matchup had a fake punt touchdown called back for taunting on the punter shortly after a rule change made taunting during the play a live ball foul. In 2016, this matchup was moved and rescheduled to November due to Hurricane Matthew, and ended on a goal line stand that stopped Derrius Guice. The 2020 version of this matchup featured an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for Marco Wilson throwing an opponent's shoe 20 yards down the field; that led to a go-ahead field goal by Cade York. In 2018, Joe Burrow threw a pick-six while down 1 to lose this game 27-19; the next year, Joe Burrow would lead his team to a win in this matchup despite the efforts of opposing quarterback Kyle Trask. For 10 points, name these SEC teams from Gainesville and Baton Rouge that have met in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and Death Valley, respectively.

ANSWER: **LSU** vs. **Florida**

<Matchups>

14. After Georgia running back Todd Gurley was suspended for receiving money in exchange for autographs, some of these items were arranged in the shape of a "3" in a namesake ceremony on the Sanford Drive bridge. A 2005 ad that ran at halftime of Notre Dame football games was titled for these objects, and showed a high school student repeatedly using these objects before receiving an acceptance letter. In Texas A&M's Muster tradition, one of these items is used after deceased Aggies are announced in a roll call and the response "Here" is given. ESPN's Harry Lyles Jr. reported that to promote his sponsorship with delivery service GoPuff, Ohio State offensive lineman Dawand Jones used a Mountain Berry variety of these items. In 2013, a company known for making these items got

licenses from 27 schools to create college football-themed versions of these items, including Florida's "Home Sweet Home" and Texas's "Spiced Pumpkin"; that company is called Yankee [these items] Company. For 10 points, name these illuminating items with a wick, or alternatively the last name of Toledo head coach Jason.

ANSWER: **Candles** (accept **Scented Candles** or religious types of candles to be generous; again to be generous, prompt on matches/implements used to light candles with "what are they being used on?")

<Miscellaneous>

15. One of the highest-scoring games in this stadium was a 55-48 defeat of Virginia in 2010, featuring 122 receiving yards from tight end Cooper Helfet. In 2010, Alabama won a game in this stadium 62-13; the same combination of teams faced off in Atlanta in the 2019 Chick-fil-a kickoff game. In 2018, Wake Forest unexpectedly blew out its opponent 59-7 in this stadium during Rivalry Week, despite playing against a future 6th overall draft pick at quarterback. Events at this stadium in the 1940's included recruit Bill George erroneously being led to think this stadium was on Wake Forest's campus, as well as hosting the 1942 Rose Bowl shortly after Pearl Harbor. In the 2010's, this stadium hosted its crosstown HBCU in 6 games; that team is NC Central. For 10 points, name this stadium, site of a 2015 game where Miami's Corn Elder scored a touchdown on a last-second lateral play to beat Duke.

ANSWER: **Wallace Wade Stadium** (prompt on Duke Stadium; near Bill George or Rose Bowl clues, ask "What is the stadium called now?", since it was called Duke Stadium way back in the day)

<Locations>

<I got my COVID vaccines in a tower overlooking this stadium, which probably inspired me to make sure this whole packet came together, so yay!>

16. (*Note: two teams or name of matchup required*) The Solid Verbal's Youtube channel set highlights from the 2010 meeting of this matchup to Jeopardy calls by Alex Trebek. The 2018 version of this matchup ended on an interception by Alameen Murphy; that game was a near-guaranteed win until a strip and recovery after earning the last necessary 1st down; that was followed by a game-tying field goal by Jet Toner. In 2013, this matchup was 26-0 in the 4th quarter before a blocked field goal return by Rodney Hardrick and 2 receiving touchdowns made the final score 26-20. In Willie Taggart's one time as a head coach in this matchup, his team passed for only 33 yards between Braxton Burmeister and Taylor Alie. The 2012 version of this matchup saw Zach Ertz score a late 4th quarter touchdown as part of a 17-14 win that kept freshman Marcus Mariota's team out of National Championship contention. For 10 points, name this matchup in the PAC-12 North between a Californian private university from Palo Alto and a public university from Eugene.

ANSWER: **Stanford vs. Oregon**

<Matchups>

17. The 2018 playing of this game was a 35-32 FIU win over Toledo, which often mentioned FIU running back Anthony Jones' return from being shot partway through the season. One of these games inspired a popular r/CFB post titled "I am currently at [this game], and I'm here to tell you why it's the greatest thing to ever happen to College Football", which mentioned gate officials drinking the author's beer, other attendees offering to braid the author's short hair, and accidentally walking into the Ohio Bobcats' locker room. This game was, oddly, sponsored by the Elk Grove Village business park in Illinois. It's not Oklahoma State - Central Michigan, but the first playing of this game ended on a Cooper Rush Hail Mary and subsequent laterals for a touchdown; that was followed by a failed 2 point conversion. For 10 points, name this bowl game that often has participating teams announced earlier than other bowls, due to needing to arrange passports and transit to the Caribbean.

ANSWER: **Bahamas Bowl**

<Locations>

18. (*Description Acceptable*) Quarterback Jon Wassink scored two career receiving touchdowns: the first in a near-upset of USC, and the second in one of these games. A notably low-scoring one of these games was a 25-22 North Texas win over FIU in 2006. The losing team in one of these games saw Drew Anderson throw for 597 yards, including 5 touchdowns to the duo of Anthony Johnson and KJ Osborn. One of these games was Joe Burrow's only 100 yard rushing game of his career, as well as the only game in which Clyde Edwards-Helaire recorded a forward pass. After one of these games, former Louisville head coach Steve Kragthorpe claimed he'd been punched in the pacemaker. The first one of these games at the FBS level featured Eli Manning leading Ole Miss to a loss, and occurred in November 2001; before 1996, these games were impossible due to the existence of ties. For 10 points, name these types of games that set an NCAA record for most overtimes, including in a 2018 LSU vs. Texas A&M game.

ANSWER: **7 Overtime** (or **OT**) games (accept a description of games going to **7 overtimes**; prompt on "overtime games" or similar)

<Miscellaneous>

19. The Spike Lee movie "Two Fists Up" focuses on protests on this University's campus. In a 2017 bowl against this school, Texas coach Tom Herman mocked a celebration involving mimicking putting on a backpack that was used by this school's quarterback. Former Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant transferred to this school, where he promptly led them to a loss against Wyoming. In 2015, members of this school's football team joined a protest against racial injustice on campus that included graduate student Jonathan Butler conducting a hunger strike. In 2014, this school scored on return touchdowns on a kickoff, a punt, a fumble, and an interception to beat Florida despite only 119 yards of total offense. This school made the SEC Championship game back to back in 2013 and 2014; in 2013, it benefitted from its SEC co-defensive player of the year, Michael Sam. For 10 points, name this school in a forced within-division rivalry with the University of South Carolina, named since this school is also located in a city named Columbia.

ANSWER: University of **Missouri** Tigers (or **Mizzou**; prompt on "Tigers")

<Schools>

20. A notable play from this player's high school career shows this player turning a botched snap on a punt into a 99 yard rushing touchdown; this player did that for Warren G. Harding High School in Youngstown, Ohio. In a 2018 game vs. Missouri, this player scored a punt return touchdown before a walkoff CJ Conrad touchdown catch led to a 15-14 victory for this player's team, which was ranked 12th in the AP poll; this player set a career high with 166 receiving yards in that same game. On New Year's Eve 2019, this player threw a game-winning touchdown pass to Josh Ali in the Belk Bowl; this player also threw a touchdown pass to Josh Ali while hitting a career high 104 passing yards against Vanderbilt. In a 2019 game against Louisville, this player rushed for 284 yards and 4 touchdowns, while only going 1 of 2 for 4 yards passing. For 10 points, name this wide receiver, returner, and eventual Kentucky Wildcats quarterback.

ANSWER: Lynn **Bowden** Jr.

<Players>