

## Inside the SEC Numbers (Week One)

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It's time for another season of SEC Football and this season should be extra special with every matchup being a conference tilt. That leads to great weekly television, great weekly matchups, and pretty poor records with everyone beating up on each other. In fact, only 6 of 14 teams have odds of finishing the season with a winning record (Alabama, Georgia, LSU, Florida, Texas A&M, and Auburn). 6 of 14 teams are picked to win 3.5 or fewer games (Ole Miss, South Carolina, Mizzou, Mississippi State, Arkansas, and Vanderbilt).

So it's on to Week One. Each week we'll list the trends for all SEC matchups. We'll pick winners, winners against the spread, and the over/under all according to the trends. Here we go!

### #23 Kentucky Wildcats @ #8 Auburn Tigers -7.5 (48)

UK: 7-1ATS last 8 games  
UK: 17-10ATS as an underdog  
UK: Lost 27 of 29 on road vs. Top 25  
UK: 3-11SU vs. SEC West (0-7 on the road)  
UK: Under total in 6 of 9 (Under in 8 of 11 on the road)  
AUB: 9-20ATS as a home favorite (covered 3 of 4)  
AUB: Win 23 of last 26 home games  
AUB: 11-2SU at home when both teams ranked  
AUB: 12-2SU last 14 openers (2-3 when both ranked / won last 2)  
AUB: 17-11SU when ranked vs. SEC East (11-16-1ATS)  
AUB: Under total in 8 of last 13 at home  
H2H: AUB won 4 of last 5 meetings  
**Picks: SU- AUB / ATS- UK / OU- Under**

### #5 Florida Gators -15 @ Ole Miss Rebels (57.5)

FLA: 5-1ATS as a road favorite (won 7 of last 8 on the road)  
FLA: won 29 of 30 season openers (22-0 when ranked in Top 10)  
FLA: won 14 of 15 SEC Openers  
FLA: 7 of 9 on the road have gone Over the total (last one- Under)  
OM: 5-2-1ATS last 8 games  
OM: 4-11-1ATS last 16 vs. SEC (covered 4 of last 8)  
OM: 2-10-1ATS as an underdog  
OM: won 8 straight home openers  
OM: last 5 head coaches won their debut  
OM: Under the total in 10 of last 15 (4 of last 5 / 8 of last 12 at home)  
H2H: OM has covered 5 of the last 6 meetings  
**Picks: SU- FLA / ATS- OM / OU- Under**

### Mississippi State Bulldogs @ #6 LSU Tigers -16 (57.5)

MSU: 2-8ATS last 10 on the road  
MSU: Lost 8 of 10 vs. Top 25 (5-20SU vs. Top 10)  
MSU: Lost 15 of 20 SEC Openers  
MSU: Over the total in 5 of last 6 on the road  
LSU: won 17 of last 18 at home (33-3SU at home in September)  
LSU: won 24 of last 25 home openers (12 of 13 SEC home openers)  
LSU: last 14 QBs in home debut are 14-0SU  
H2H: LSU 25-3SU in last 28 (13-1 at LSU)  
H2H: LSU 12-2-1SU when matchup is SEC opener  
H2H: MSU covered 4 of last 6 (LSU covered last meeting)  
H2H: last 5 have gone Under the total  
**Picks: SU- LSU / ATS- LSU / OU- Under**

#4 Georgia Bulldogs -26 @ Arkansas Razorbacks (51)  
UGA: 18-9ATS last 27 vs. SEC  
UGA: 12-2ATS on the road vs. SEC (9-1ATS last 10 on the road)  
UGA: 8 of last 9 have gone Under the total (7 of last 9 on road- Over)  
ARK: lost 11 of last 14 at home (Lost 5 straight / 1-4ATS)  
ARK: Lost 19 straight vs. SEC  
ARK: 4-28SU vs. Top 10  
ARK: 20-1SU last 21 home openers (won 12 straight)  
ARK: Over the total in 4 of last 6  
**Picks: SU- UGA / ATS- UGA / OU- Over**

#2 Alabama Crimson Tide -27 @ Missouri Tigers (56)  
ALA: 64-5SU last 69 games (won 20 of last 22 on the road)  
ALA: 84-59ATS on the road since 1992  
ALA: Last 5 losses have come vs. Tigers  
ALA: won 39 straight as double digit favorite vs. SEC (22-17ATS)  
ALA: Won 26 straight vs. SEC East (17-9ATS)  
ALA: Won 91 straight vs. unranked opponents  
ALA: 52-1SU last 53 games in August/September  
ALA: Nick Saban 7-0SU vs. QB's getting first start (outscored opponents 44-6)  
ALA: Nick Saban 13-0SU in openers (outscored opponents 40.6-11.1)  
MIZ: 6-2ATS last 8 games at home  
MIZ: won 14 straight home openers  
MIZ: lost 13 of 14 vs. Ranked opponents (4-48SU vs. Top 10 since 1991)  
MIZ: Under the total in 10 of last 11 games (6 straight)  
H2H: ALA 4-2SU (won 4 straight outscoring MIZ 41.25-10.75)  
**Picks: SU- ALA / ATS- ALA / OU- Under**

Vanderbilt Commodores @ #10 Texas A&M Aggies -30.5 (49)  
VAN: 2-7ATS as an underdog / 1-4ATS last 5 on the road  
VAN: last 38 SEC losses, 27 have been by double digits  
VAN: 3-21SU on road vs. SEC  
VAN: lost 15 straight vs. Top 10

VAN: Lost 10 of 11 SEC Openers  
VAN: Under the total in 7 of last 9 (Under in 7 of last 10 on the road)  
TXAM: Jimbo Fisher is 18-9ATS at A&M  
TXAM: 13-4ATS last 17 home games  
TXAM: won 9 of last 10 vs. SEC East  
TXAM: 31-2SU last 33 home openers  
TXAM: Under the total in 4 of last 5  
**Picks: SU- TXAM / ATS- TXAM / OU- Under**

#16 Tennessee Volunteers -3.5 @ South Carolina Gamecocks (44)

UT: 14-22ATS last 3 years (covered 6 of last 8)  
UT: won 5 of last 6 vs. SEC  
UT: 0-2 start in SEC play in 11 of last 12 years  
UT: Lost 2 straight season openers  
UT: Under the total in last 6 road games  
SC: 12-7ATS as an underdog  
SC: lost 18 of 20SU vs. Top 25  
SC: 18-2SU last 20 openers (lost last one)  
SC: Under the total in 7 of last 9 games  
H2H: UT lost 3 of last 4 (won last one) / SC won 5 of last 6 at home  
H2H: last 8 decided by 43 total points (6 by 3 or less)  
H2H: Will Muschamp is 7-1SU vs. UT (lost last one)  
H2H: 5 of last 7 have gone Under the total  
Picks: SU- SC / ATS- SC / OU- Under

There you have it. The trends for Week One of SEC Play. For more trends, notes and Nuggets on both college football and the NFL, check out my podcast, The Odds Couple. Subscribe wherever you get your podcasts. You can follow me on Twitter @thefishnation, on Instagram @thefishnation\_, and on Facebook. You can also email me with any comments or questions at [robfisher22@icloud.com](mailto:robfisher22@icloud.com).  
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