

## Impact Games (1<sup>st</sup> Third of the Season)

### *Week 1:*

1. Thursday, 8/28 - N.C. State @ South Carolina

- ▶ Find out if USC is as talented as touted
- ▶ “Honeymoon” period for Spurrier is over
- ▶ N.C. State RB Jamelle Eugene, out for this game w/an ankle injury
- ▶ RS Freshman Russell Wilson will start at QB
- ▶ Looks like Tommy Beecher will get start @ QB for Gamecocks

2. Saturday, 8/30 - Alabama VS. Clemson

- ▶ Game to be played @ GA Dome
- ▶ What will Tiger RB’s James Davis and C.J. Spiller be able to do against a physical Alabama defense (w/o Ezekial Knight)

### *Week 2:*

1. Monday, 9/1 - Tennessee @ UCLA

- ▶ UT’s last visit out west wasn’t a good one against Cal
- ▶ Crompton taking over for Ainge
- ▶ Neuheisel’s first game back coaching since controversial firing from University of Washington in 2005

## 2. Saturday, 9/6 - Miami @ Florida

- ▶ Miami has won 7 straight (starting back in 1985)
- ▶ Randy Shannon on the hot seat after a great recruiting class last year
- ▶ This is an opportunity for Randy Shannon to make a statement/silence his critics if you will and show the nation that the “U” is on its way back up the top

## 3. Saturday, 9/6 - Oregon State @ Penn St.

- ▶ Interesting Pac 10 vs Big 10 game
- ▶ Has Paterno still got it?

## 4. Saturday, 9/6 - Cincinnati @ Oklahoma

- ▶ Can Cincinnati play with the big boys after an impressive season last year?
- ▶ I like Bearcats coach Brian Kelley and think he’s the next coach to get hired by a big name program (possibly Washington or Arizona)
- ▶ How will Barnett (UC’s WR) match up with OU’s physical CB’s on defense?

### ***Week 3:***

#### 1. Friday, 9/12 - Kansas @ South Florida

- ▶ Can USF continue success?
- ▶ Watch out Kansas, remember what happened to West Virginia last year in the Friday night game in Tampa?

#### 2. Saturday, 9/13 - Ohio St. @ USC

- ▶ Biggest game of the year for BCS?
- ▶ How will Sanchez (USC QB) handle big game pressure?
- ▶ Will Beanie Wells be able to have success is against fast, very talented USC defense?

### ***Week 4:***

#### 1. Saturday, 9/21 - LSU @ Auburn

- ▶ Winner could be SEC West representative in SEC Championship game
- ▶ How will new Offensive Coordinator for Auburn find ways to move football against another strong LSU defense (minus Bo Pellini)

#### 2. Saturday, 9/21 - Florida @ Tennessee

- ▶ Do Gators have strong enough running game to beat UT?

## Georgia Southern Preview:

- Since we last previewed this game in our first episode, we've had some things materialize with both teams
- For UGA, there's been a shake-up on the offensive line as a result of arguably the best lineman for UGA, Trinton Sturdivant, sustaining a season ending knee injury
- For GSU, we've learned that 8 Eagle players have been suspended for the game against UGA for violating unspecified team rules
- 2 of those players, defensive starters in Weakside Linebacker Terrione Bennefield and Bandit (Safety) Ronnie Wiggins who started all 10 games for Southern last year. Combined, both players accounted for 82 tackles last year
- Among the non-starters that could have potentially had an impact on the game was WR Raja Andrews who had 38 catches last year for 388 yards and 3 T.D.'s
- Now we had already discussed the possible strategy by the Bulldogs to wear down GSU with their depth and these suspensions don't help out at all if indeed that is what Georgia does
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