

**WEEKZERO** (When Evan Easily Kindles Zeal for Educational Recreation Opportunities)  
College Football Beginning of 2010 Season through Beginning of 2021 Season  
1st Quarter by Evan Knox

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1. This player's running style is, as described by @petebeatty on twitter and quoted on Grantland, similar to a "haunted downhill shopping cart". This player once pulverized a hospitalized child in the NCAA football video game, winning by either 56 or 63 points (depending on reports) while using his own character to run for over 200 yards and pass for almost 400 yards. This player's final year in college was wildly inconsistent, including a 4 of 9 passing performance with 2 interceptions vs. Northern Illinois and being benched before his team lost a spot in the conference title game on a Michael Geiger field goal. This player stated that a B on a sociology test led to his most famous saying. This player's first start was a 59-0 win over Wisconsin, which like the following two games of the season was buoyed by a 200+ yard rushing, multi-touchdown game from Ezekiel Elliott. For 10 points, name this Ohio State quarterback that "ain't come to play SCHOOL".

Answer: Cardale **Jones** (+1 moral bonus point for pronouncing his name like Gus Johnson would)

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2. The last FBS game at this stadium was a 13-7 win by Coastal Carolina, in which the home team's only touchdown was thrown by the head coach's son, Mason. In 2016, this stadium's home team surprisingly went 9-4 behind quarterback Matt Linehan, culminating in a 61-50 bowl win in their rival's stadium vs. Colorado State. This stadium only hosted its main in-state rivalry once during the 2010-2020 period, a 52-14 loss for the home team that saw 2 touchdown runs by Doug Martin. While this stadium hasn't hosted a P5 team from 2010 to 2020, this stadium's home team has periodically played at a P5 home stadium that is only a 15 minute drive away; that stadium is Martin Stadium, in Pullman. This stadium's location likely contributed to this stadium's home team leaving the Sun Belt conference, along with a fellow geographic outlier far to the South; however, while the other team became independent, this stadium's home team joined the Big Sky Conference. For 10 points, name this stadium that left the FBS with the Idaho Vandals, formerly one of the few domed stadiums in the FBS.

ANSWER: **Kibbie** Dome (accept William H. **Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center**; prompt on "Idaho's Stadium" or similar)

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3. Starting in 2019, the C-USA championship game has been sponsored by a company with this name. In the early 2010's, a couple prominent G5 quarterbacks had this first name: Arkansas State's starter from 2010 to 2012, and San Diego State's starter from 2008 to 2011 before being drafted by Ken Whisenhunt's NFL team. A player with this first name held the NCAA FBS record for career receptions before being passed by two East Carolina wide receivers. A more recent quarterback with this first name transferred from Boise State to NC State and started for NC State from 2016-2018. Northwestern plays its home games at a stadium called "[this name] field". On sports-reference.com/cfb, the only two FBS head coaches listed with this first name are active: one is the head coach at Memphis, while the most well-known head coach with this first name spent the 2010's at Boston College & Temple before coaching with the NFL's Eagles and 49ers, and then moving to his current school. For 10 points, give this first name shared by quarterbacks Aplin, Lindley, and Finley, wide receiver Broyles, and Ohio State Head Coach Day.

ANSWER: **Ryan** (accept **Ryan** LLC, **Ryan** Field, **Ryan** Aplin, **Ryan** Lindley, **Ryan** Broyles, **Ryan** Finley, **Ryan** Silverfield, and **Ryan** Day)

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4. While there were multiple FCS over FBS upsets in 2020 and 2021, this school was the victim of the only FCS over FBS win in the year 2020. A tight end for this school missed a game against Western Kentucky after having boiling water poured on him; that tight end is Jonnu Smith. This school had a brother to brother exchange with center Shane McGough [Mc-Goo] and quarterback Alex McGough [Mc-Goo]. This school's starting quarterback in 2018 and 2019 had previously transferred away from Bowling Green State; that quarterback is Jets draftee James

Morgan. This school reached and won its first bowl in 2010 behind receiver T.Y. Hilton and coach Mario Cristobal. This school's main rivalry is the Shula Bowl, which this school has lost each of the last 4 seasons. This team's kicker from 2017 through 2019, Jose Borregales, transferred to a nearby P5 school; Borregales had previously helped this team beat that nearby P5 school at Marlins Park. For 10 points, name this university in University Park, Florida that might be confused for its chief rival, Florida Atlantic.

ANSWER: **Florida International** University Golden Panthers (or **FIU**; accept **Golden Panthers**; prompt on "Panthers" [they do go by Panthers sometimes, but it's not a distinctive name in FBS])  
<Schools>

5. (*Description Acceptable*) This game saw one team score two 2-point conversions, first on a speed option to kicker Rob Beard and then on a late pass over the middle to tie the game at 19. The other team in this game followed up a failed 4th down pass to fullback Eric Smith with a Mike Blanc safety, and had several successful passes to wheel routes down the left sideline, including a 30 yard touchdown. Jeff Maehl had an 81-yard non-touchdown reception early in the second quarter of this game, setting a record for longest pass in the series of games this game was part of. Then-freshman cornerback Chris Davis was injured covering the opening kickoff of this game, which was returned by Josh Huff. For 10 points, name this game that saw Michael Dyer controversially not be ruled down, which awarded a Crystal Football to players like Nick Fairley and Cam Newton instead of opposing head coach Chip Kelly.

ANSWER: **2010** or **2011** BCS **National Championship** Game between Auburn and Oregon (accept either year; accept descriptions like **Auburn-Oregon National Championship** or **2010 Auburn-Oregon** or **2011 Auburn-Oregon** or **Auburn beats Oregon 22-19**; accept **Natty** in place of National Championship; prompt on "Auburn vs. Oregon" or "Auburn beats Oregon" or similar)  
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6. The play immediately following this play was a 21 yard run by Boston Scott on 3rd down. The game this play occurred in also featured 3 blocked PAT's and a blocked punt, which led to Dan Mullen commenting "It was a strange game at times, wasn't it?". This play was ended by wide receiver Cee Jay Powell, who began this play lined up in the slot on a 2nd and goal at the 6 yard line. ESPN reported that prior to this play's result, the longest distance to go on 3rd down since 2004 was a 3rd and 57 in a 2011 Georgia vs. Tennessee game. This play began with a snap that went right of J'Mar Smith. For 10 points, name the team involved and yards lost on fumbled snap late in a 2017 SEC vs. C-USA game, which after an incredible fumble and recovery resulted in a team having 3rd and goal from their own 7 yard line.

ANSWER: **Louisiana Tech** losing **87** yards on a fumble vs. Mississippi State (accept **LA Tech** in place of Louisiana Tech; prompt on descriptions of LA Tech losing a lot of yards with "How many?"; prompt on "3rd and 93" or "3rd and goal from the opposite 7" or similar with "what happened on the previous play?")  
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7. (*Description acceptable*) In a 2013 game vs. Fresno State, Nebraska chose to line up in this formation, rather than a usual punt formation, on an early 4th down. While using this formation often results in penalties before plays are run out of it, in 2013 Hawaii successfully ran a play from this formation after putting WR/punter Scott Harding in motion. UCLA similarly ran a play out of this formation, but achieved it by having WR Shaq Evans break the huddle early. After Kentucky used this formation, Landon Young temporarily played in jersey number 65. In an eventual 34-29 Texas loss, Tom Herman declined a penalty drawn in this formation after Ty Johnson's opening kickoff return and before Kasim Hill's first pass. For 10 points, name these ceremonial formations, used to honor fallen teammates and coaches like Nebraska's Sam Foltz, Hawaii's Willis Wilson, UCLA's Nick Pasquale [PAS-QUAL], Kentucky's John Schlarman, and Maryland's Jordan McNair.

ANSWER: **Missing Man** Formation (accept anything discussing lining up with **10 players** for purposes of **honoring** or **remembering** a missing comrade; after "fallen teammates", lining up with **10 players** is acceptable without any reason given; accept more specific answers like **Lining up without a Right Guard** [or **punter** or **wide receiver** or **running back** or **left guard**], although they should be prompted as described later if before "fallen teammates" and no reason is given for it; before "fallen teammates", prompt on answers only describing lining up with 10 players with "for what purpose?")

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8. *(Team and Year or description required)* This team won its two major rivalries, the battles of I-25 and I-10 respectively, by scores of 30-28 and 41-14. Another early-season game for this team saw them score 3 touchdowns in the fourth quarter to only lose to Arizona State by 6. This team's major offensive contributors were 4000-yard passer Tyler Rogers, NFL draft picks Jaleel Scott and Jason Huntley, and a former 3rd-team All-American running back that also won Sun Belt offensive player of the year two years prior. This team won the Cactus Bowl vs. Utah State on an overtime touchdown by that former All-American running back, Larry Rose III. This team finally broke a long streak with a 22-17 win against South Alabama in Aggie Memorial Stadium. For 10 points, name this now-independent former WAC member located in Las Cruces, which after last appearing in a postseason game in 1960 finally broke a 57 year drought.

ANSWER: **2017-2018 New Mexico State** Aggies Season (accept descriptions of **New Mexico State** making a **bowl** game; prompt on "New Mexico State")

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9. The top post in r/CFB history is a piece of longform investigative journalism suggesting that Florida State may not actually be eligible for this game. The 2018 version of this game saw Duke beat Temple 56-27 behind 240 receiving yards by TJ Rahming, while the 2012 version of this bowl game saw Ohio win in a blowout behind quarterback Tyler Tettleton and 4 touchdowns by Beau Blankenship. Frank Beamer's last game as a head coach occurred in this bowl game, which saw his team beat Tulsa 55-52 behind 227 receiving yards by Isaiah Ford. This bowl game was first sponsored by Poulan Weed-Eater in 1990, while recent sponsors have included Advocare, Camping World, and Walk-Ons. The most recent version of this game occurred in 2019, and saw Miami lose 14-3 to Louisiana Tech. In 2014, this bowl was sponsored by Duck Commander. For 10 points, name this bowl game played in Shreveport, Louisiana, named for its creation in 1976.

ANSWER: **Independence** Bowl (before "Duke", prompt on just "a bowl game" or similar with "which bowl?")

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10. A school based in this city has postgame celebrations referred to as Club LIT. A 2018 West Virginia vs. Tennessee game was played in this city. Jeremy Sprinkle was suspended from a bowl game in this city after shoplifting from that bowl's sponsoring company. A bowl game in this city had its trophy shattered while dancing, and was then repaired by taping a condiment bottle to the base; that same game in this city teased the possibility of dumping mayonnaise on the winning team's coach. A G5 school's stadium in this city controversially kept its name after sexual harassment allegations against its namesake benefactor; that man is Jerry Richardson. In the upcoming 2021 season, this city is the site of Week 1's College Gameday, which is for a neutral site game between the University of Georgia and Clemson. For 10 points, name this home of the Carolina Panthers, roughly on the border of North and South Carolina.

ANSWER: **Charlotte**, North Carolina

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11. One business that primarily sells this product in Bloomington, Indiana is called Mother Bear's, and is recommended by both Sports Illustrated and the r/cfb team guide for Indiana. Toyota Stadium, the site of the FCS National Championship game, was sponsored from 2005 to 2012 by a company that primarily sells this product. From 2006 through 2010, the Birmingham Bowl was sponsored specifically by the website of a company that primarily sells this product. After making the College Football Playoff for the first time in December 2015, Clemson gave away this product to fans in Death Valley. Before being supplanted by the Quick Lane Bowl, a bowl sponsored by a company that primarily sells this product often featured MAC teams playing in domed stadiums in Detroit. In 2018, a racial slur used by the namesake of a company that primarily sells this product prompted Louisville to remove his nickname from their stadium; that person's actual name is John Schnatter. For 10 points, name this substance that is the primary product of Little Caesar's and Papa John's.

ANSWER: **Pizza** (accept specific forms; prompt on "flatbread" or "cheesy bread" or similar)

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<The Moderator gets 1 moral bonus point if they respond to a correct answer with, "Pizza Pizza!">

12. (*Note: two teams or name of matchup required*) The 2012 version of this matchup included a fumble recovery touchdown by Brent Urban, but the opposing team won on a walkoff Cody Journell field goal. In the 2018 version of this matchup, running back Steven Peoples fumbled into the end zone, which was recovered by wide receiver Hezekiah Grimsley for a touchdown to tie the game late in the fourth quarter. In 2014, one team took the lead in this matchup with a late touchdown pass from Greyson Lambert to Zachary Swanson, only for the opposing team to win on a touchdown pass from Michael Brewer shortly thereafter. In 2015, one team in this matchup took the lead on a Matt Johns to Canaan Severin touchdown pass before giving up 10 points and losing; that was the last time Mike London was a head coach in this matchup. One team in this matchup ended the opposing team's 15-0 streak in this matchup with a Brian Delaney field goal, followed by a strip-sack and fumble recovery touchdown at the expense of Hendon Hooker; that winning team was led by Bryce Perkins. For 10 points, name this in-state rivalry in the ACC between teams from Blacksburg and Charlottesville.

ANSWER: **Virginia Tech** vs. University of **Virginia** (accept **Commonwealth Cup** or answers mentioning it; in place of Virginia Tech, you can accept **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**)

<Matchups>

13. A 2019 HBCU Gameday article details the potential origins of this song's use in college football as a stand tune in a 1984 Norfolk State - Hampton Game. A Banner Society article named "Juke" mentions Texas Southern University as an early adopter of this song, and points to a 2003 championship parade as the time this song was adopted by its most famous performers; that article also notes that Charlie Singleton, who co-wrote this song, was a member of the Human Jukebox. One instance of playing this song was claimed to be a performance of Say Amen (Saturday Night) by Panic! At the Disco instead; that performance happened with 12 minutes left in the 2020 National Championship game. During a 2017 game, this song was performed after Odell Beckham Jr. requested this song and offered to pay the fine associated with it. For 10 points, name this song by Cameo, which is also a stand tune now often associated with a vulgar LSU chant.

ANSWER: Talkin' Out The Side Of Your **Neck** (prompt on variations of "Suck that Tiger dick, bitch" with "what's the song called?")

<Miscellaneous>

14. This player's first and last rushes of their career came against Syracuse -- the first in a 2009 conference game, and the last in the 2012 Pinstripe Bowl. This player had a nagging thigh injury that caused them to miss a 2012 game vs. Oklahoma, in which a wide receiver on this player's team ran for 344 yards instead. This player scored the last two touchdowns in the most recent playing of the Backyard Brawl, before this player's team left the Big East for

the Big XII. A piece of writing relating to this player discusses “game days in Tuscaloosa and South Bend” and “packed gyms in Storrs and Durham”, but notes that a certain business model “would be flatly illegal in almost any other industry in America”. For 10 points, name this former West Virginia running back, the namesake of a 2021 Supreme Court decision that unanimously ruled against the NCAA and caps on education-related benefits.

ANSWER: Shawne **Alston** (accept **NCAA vs. Alston** or vice-versa)

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15. This person once responded to having a pencil held towards them by pulling out a much larger red pencil and saying “I’ve got my own pencil today, coach!”. This person predicted an Auburn win by holding a corn dog aloft for several moments before throwing it at a camera, followed by pulling out a whole plate of additional corn dogs. In the same circumstance, this person produced a heart-shaped sign with a young Kirk Herbstreit’s picture on it and kissed it, before swapping it out for a similarly-shaped picture of Oklahoma quarterback Trevor Knight. This person, who chose to wear a black and pink sweater with the number 86 on it, is widely considered one of the best College Gameday guests of all time despite only being connected to the home team through their manager, Bradford Cobb. For 10 points, name this pop musician, known for songs like “Dark Horse”, “I Kissed a Girl”, and “Firework”, who was the College Gameday guest picker for a 2014 game where Ole Miss beat Alabama.

ANSWER: Katy **Perry**

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<For the Chicago Open folks: I promise this question was in here before anyone talked about specific Gameday pickers>

16. (*Description Acceptable*) The opening play from scrimmage in this game was a 75-yard catch-and-run by Jacorey Warrick. After scoring to go down 21-16, the winning team in this game ran a version of the play now known as “Philly Special”, although in this case wide receiver Steven Sims Jr. ran the ball in for the conversion. Despite leading by just 3 with a minute left, the losing team in this game elected to run D’Onta Foreman on a 4th and 5, eventually leading to the winning team’s game-tying field goal. This game’s losing team committed 6 turnovers, including a pick-six by Brandon Stewart, interceptions by Mike Lee and Fish Smithson, and a fumble recovery by Dorance Armstrong Jr. This game’s losing team hadn’t beaten the winner since 1938. For 10 points, name this game, in which losing coach Charlie Strong probably sealed his firing after losing to a perennial conference doormat.

ANSWER: **2016 Texas** vs. **Kansas** (accept descriptions like **Kansas beats Texas** 24-21; prompt on “Texas vs. Kansas” or similar)

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17. After a 1-11 first season, this coach led his team to a 28-24 near-upset of Devin Gardner & the ranked Michigan Wolverines that ended on an incompleteness in the end zone by Kyle Pohl. In a later season, this coach led the same school to a 39-34 win over Northwestern with 3 defensive touchdowns; in spite of that, this coach was fired at that season’s end. This coach unusually accepted an unpaid graduate assistant position at Clemson despite being over 60 years old. This coach took over a MAC school in 2012 and led them to 2 bowls: a 23-21 win over Chuckie Keaton & Utah State, and a 50-3 demolition by Lane Kiffin’s first FAU team. This coach also led his team to the 2017 MAC championship game, in which they played both senior Tommy Woodson and freshman Kato Nelson at quarterback. Following the 2020 season, this coach was selected to replace Matt Viator as head coach at UL-Monroe. For 10 points, name this coach, a former Auburn head coach and son of a late former Florida State head coach.

ANSWER: **Terry Bowden** (prompt on “Bowden”, DO NOT ACCEPT Bobby Bowden or Tommy Bowden)

<Coaches>

18. This school lost 38-28 in Coastal Carolina's first game as an FBS member. In 2017, this school unexpectedly almost beat Tennessee and Mississippi State in out-of-conference games, 13-17 and 23-34 respectively. This school's Tajae Sharpe had nearly 3500 yards receiving, and held this school's career receiving yardage record until it was broken in 2018. In both 2012 and 2019, this school went 1-11 with a win against Akron. This school scored 12 points across 4 games in 2020, with almost all coming in a 51-10 loss to ranked Marshall. In 2018, this school had an All-American receiver that had over 300 yards receiving in a 62-59 win against Liberty, as well as 219 yards in a late-season showcase at Georgia; that All-American is Andy Isabella. For 10 points, name this independent former MAC team located in a New England state, a member of the 5 college consortium in Amherst.

ANSWER: University of **Massachusetts** Amherst Minutemen (accept **UMass** or **Minutemen**)

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<There was a Mississippi State punt return touchdown with 5 minutes left, it was 23-27 with 6 minutes to go, chill out>

19. Nate Tice, an NFL writer for *The Athletic*, scored his only collegiate touchdown against this school during an 83-20 blowout. In 2014, a future Falcons, 49ers, and Jets running back for this school ran for over 2000 yards, including 247 in a season-opening win against the Sycamores and 307 in a loss to Leonte Carroo and Rutgers. Jewish quarterback Zander Diamont noted a former coach at this school had praised Hitler as a great leader; as a backup, Zander Diamont also had a 79 yard rushing touchdown to lead a near-upset of Ohio State in October 2015. In 2020, this school won its first game in overtime when its quarterback dove for the front left pylon of the end zone, although this school was not able to play for its main rivalry trophy, the Old Oaken Bucket. For 10 points, name this Big 10 team that almost beat Ohio State in 2020 behind players like Michael Penix Jr., Ty Fryfogle, and Whop Philyor.

ANSWER: **Indiana** University Bloomington Hoosiers (accept **Hoosiers** and variants like **10 Windiana**)

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20. (*Description Acceptable*) In 2012, Spencer Ware ran at least two of these plays for LSU -- a successful one on LSU's opening drive vs. South Carolina, and an unsuccessful one on a 4th down from the Alabama 24. In the 2020 SEC championship, Miller Forristall ran one of these plays on a drive that ended with a 23-yard Najee Harris receiving touchdown. Oregon State faked one of these plays vs. Arizona State in 2020, resulting instead in a 46-yard pass from Tyjon Lindsey to Teagan Quitoriano. One of these plays, in the 2016 Peach Bowl between Washington and Alabama, saw K.J. Carta-Samuels enter the game as a receiver before motioning across the formation. In 2018, an improvised one of these plays by Tennessee quarterback Jarrett Guarantano at the goal line led to a 100 yard fumble return touchdown by Trevon Diggs. For 10 points, name these plays, which involve a player receiving a snap under center and running forward to gain a yard or two, usually on 3rd or 4th down.

ANSWER: Quarterback/QB **Sneaks** from under center (prompt on descriptions of run plays by asking, "How does the player get the ball?"; before mentioned, accept any description describing someone **receiving a snap under center** and **running** forward [or at least, don't specifically say that they're running sideways or backwards])

<Plays>

<note: many of these players aren't designated quarterbacks -- Spencer Ware is a RB, Miller Forristall a TE. Even so, folks often call the play itself a quarterback sneak, and all these players were functionally the quarterback for that play>