

WEEKZERO (When Evan Easily Kindles Zeal for Educational Recreation Opportunities)
College Football Beginning of 2010 Season through Beginning of 2021 Season
3rd Quarter by Evan Knox

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1. (Note: two teams or name of matchup required) One playing of this matchup occurred in the 2015 Las Vegas Bowl, which ended 35-28 despite the winning team winning the first quarter 35-0; that first quarter featured 5 straight turnovers by the losing team, including pick-sixes by Tevin Carter and Dominique Hatfield. In a 2012 game in this matchup, the winning team's fans rushed the field 3 times in total - once after a Riley Nelson incomplete pass, again after a Star Lotulelei blocked field goal, and then finally after a 36-yard field goal hit an upright. Before the 2019 version of this matchup, one team's quarterback remarked "They so poo-poo" about the other team; that quarterback was Tyler Huntley. One of the teams in this matchup hasn't beat the other since 2009; the closest they came was a failed 2 point conversion attempt in 2016, which was a run by Taysom Hill. For 10 points, name this matchup of two in-state rival teams, which play in a rivalry named in part for the large amount of LDS/Mormon students that attend them.

ANSWER: University of **Utah** vs. **BYU** (or **Holy War**, so long as it doesn't appear to reference Notre Dame or Boston College; accept **Brigham Young** University in place of BYU)

<Matchups>

2. Former UCLA cornerback Alterraun Verner returned to school in 2011 to earn a degree primarily in this subject. One coach that majored in this subject was head coach at Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis until 2004, and was head coach at Arkansas State in 2011 before being replaced by Gus Malzahn. After going to the NFL, Old Dominion quarterback Taylor Heinicke switched his major to this subject; when called up to the Washington Football Team, news articles remarked on Heinicke's imposing-sounding classload in this subject. In 2020, a former player known for studying this topic was added to the CFP Selection Committee. Former SMU and Arkansas head coach Chad Morris majored in this subject at Texas A&M while minoring in statistics. For 10 points, name this subject, which is studied by a former Penn State and Baltimore Ravens offensive lineman turned MIT PhD student, John Urschel.

ANSWER: **Mathematics** (accept clear-knowledge equivalents; accept **Mathematics/Applied Science** before Briarcrest Christian School; accept **Applied Mathematics**, Numerical **Analysis**, or **Graph Theory**; prompt on "Data Science", "Machine Learning", or "Computer Science")

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3. A Halloween game hosted by this school saw opposing quarterback Zach Thomas injured after one pass, leading to an upset win despite this school completing only one pass. Recent memorable players from this school include safety Ironhead Gallon and kicker Younghoe Koo. One of the founding fathers of this school's football program often used the motto "GATA" for "Get After Their Asses". Scoring 21 points against Alabama in 2011 led Nick Saban to say this school's offense ran through his defense like "shit through a tin horn". A late touchdown by Jerick McKinnon helped this school upset Florida in a game most remembered for two Florida players blocking each other. For 10 points, name this Sun Belt school that's historically associated with running the triple option, located northwest of Savannah in Statesboro.

Answer: **Georgia Southern** University Eagles (accept **GSU** or **GASO**; prompt on "Eagles")

<Schools>

4. Christian McCaffrey opted out of a game at this stadium to prepare for the NFL draft. In 2020, games scheduled for this stadium were instead scheduled for a high school stadium in Midland due to COVID precautions, although those games never occurred. This stadium is the home field for a G5 team, and that team last beat an FBS team at this stadium when Aaron Jones ran for 301 yards and 4 touchdowns to beat North Texas. After starting their season ranked #1, 2012 USC finished their season with a 21-7 loss to Georgia Tech in this stadium. The most recent bowl game played in this stadium saw James Blackman throw 4 interceptions, as well as a 91-yard touchdown pass to Tamorrion Terry. On February 27, 2016, this stadium hosted a simulcast of Pope Francis's mass across a river in a

nearby city, Ciudad Juarez. For 10 points, name this stadium in El Paso, Texas, home to a postseason game of the same name.

ANSWER: **Sun Bowl** (prompt on “UTEP’s stadium” or similar)

<Locations>

5. The most recent bowl game hosted in this city was a 27-21 Michigan State win over Wake Forest. In an infamous picture that was supposedly Jim McElwain lying naked on top of a shark, the naked man was actually a former police officer from this city. Before becoming an FBS offensive coordinator, Joe Moorhead was head coach of a team that plays at Jack Coffey field in this city. SBNation’s Richard Johnson wrote about watching a USF game at a bar called Van Diemens in this city. Among stadiums outside of Philadelphia, the stadium that has hosted the most Army-Navy games stood in this stadium, although that stadium last hosted Army-Navy in 1927 and was demolished in 1964; that stadium was the Polo Grounds. At a College Gameday in this city, Lee Corso’s mascot pick involved him putting on green facepaint to dress up as a nearby statue. For 10 points, name this city where College Gameday once broadcast from Times Square.

ANSWER: **New York** City (prompt on “Manhattan”, “The Bronx”, or “Times Square”)

<Locations>

6. As an NFL player, this player injured former Duke quarterback Anthony Boone after losing control of his car. This player first received carries in a 2014 game against Eastern Washington, in which this player had 3 carries on one drive, including a 57-yard rushing touchdown, and had no offensive touches otherwise. Due to injuries to Dwayne Washington and Lavon Coleman, this player started at running back for games against Arizona State, Colorado, and UCLA. From September 13th 2014 through October 11th 2014, this player had 3 fumble return touchdowns in 4 games, including a 100-yard fumble return against Cal. This player hosted Myles Jack on Jack’s official visit to this player’s school, and a 4-touchdown rushing performance by Myles Jack against this player’s team may have inspired this player to play at both linebacker and running back. For 10 points, name this Washington linebacker who had 4 defensive touchdowns and 456 rushing yards in 2014.

ANSWER: Shaquille “Shaq” **Thompson**

<Players>

7. (*Description Acceptable*) One instance of this action was performed by Nebraska player Robby Painter during a game versus Illinois, but on the broadcast his face was hidden by an American flag while doing so. Performing this process was used as part of an 8-level scale by the Texas football program, which could’ve resulted in being sent to “Area 51” or being declared a “Bad Guy!!!”. One instance of pretending to perform this action occurred after a 63-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Ta’amu; that instance was apparently inspired by a similar celebration by Odell Beckham Jr. in the NFL. Another instance of pretending to perform this action was an homage to the previous one, and was performed in 2019; that drew a 15-yard penalty that contributed to a missed PAT on the next play, causing Ole Miss to lose the Egg Bowl. For 10 points, name this action, which is often performed in drug tests, or else avoided with the help of a Whizzinator.

ANSWER: **Peeing** or **Urinating** (accept clear knowledge equivalents; accept **Peeing like a dog** or similar; accept **Pee Color** or similar; prompt on “dehydration” or similar by asking, “How is it being assessed?”)

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8. A Pete Thamel Yahoo! Article about Trevor Lawrence and the 2020 National Championship game begins by noting a sugar-free Red Bull, an empty Gatorade, and a wrapper for one of these items on a nearby shelf. A Tuscaloosa News article about Alabama’s in-game foods notes that Rice Krispies and these items are common, and

that Tua Tagovailoa will occasionally eat these items but never Rice Krispies. Virginia Tech offensive lineman Brock Hoffman's TikTok series on food D1 offensive linemen eat shows that besides Love Crunch, protein cereal, and protein shakes, these items are eaten as a bedtime snack. In April 2021, NASCAR driver Alex Bowman celebrated a win with a table full of these items; Bowman has previously noted that the strawberry flavor of these items is "freakin' trash". The 2017 Cleveland Cavaliers provided these items to visiting teams through a partnership with Smucker's, while the Cavaliers instead ate artisanal PB&J sandwiches. For 10 points, name these sandwiches well-liked by collegiate and pro athletes, which are named for lacking a certain component of most bread.

ANSWER: Smucker's **Uncrustables** (accept sealed **crustless sandwiches** or similar; accept specific flavors of **Uncrustables** as well; prompt on mentions of "PB&J" or "Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches" before mentioned)
<Miscellaneous>

9. Despite living in Georgia, 13 year old Bear McWhorter purchased a billboard message asking to join this school's football team. It's not Michigan, but an apocryphal story about one of this school's starting quarterbacks suggests they asked for test materials with the phrase "Anybody got a Scantron for" that quarterback, although that quarterback at this school may have asked for a pencil as well. One head coach at this school was a special teams coordinator at this school from 2009 to 2011, left to coach Weber State, and then was hired back shortly thereafter. A coach at this school accidentally proclaimed his desire to "hop on the wife" after a big road win; that road win featured a notable lateral to Alex Collins on 4th down. A well-known image of a coach from a press conference at this school includes a Sugar Bowl hat and a neckbrace. For 10 points, name this SEC school that was interim coached by John L. Smith after its previous coach was injured in a motorcycle accident with his mistress.

ANSWER: University of **Arkansas** Razorbacks (accept **Razorbacks** or **Woo Pig Soie**; near the Scantron and pencil clues, prompt on "Michigan" by asking "what school did the quarterback finish their career at?")
<Schools>

10. (*Description Acceptable*) In the first overtime of this game, offensive coordinator Tom Herman helped the winning team score by calling a throwback wheel route to non-Wisconsin, non-TAMU running back James White. With 1:21 left in the fourth quarter of this game, a Quinn Sharp field goal that went over the right upright was controversially called no good. Before this game, the losing team's school announced the deaths of women's basketball coaches Kurt Budke and Miranda Serna. The winning team in this game intercepted a pass intended for Justin Blackmon in double overtime, followed by a rushing touchdown by Jeff Woody. This game occurred a week after LSU defeated Alabama in a "Game of the Century". For 10 points, name this game, in which a team from Stillwater saw its hopes of facing Tyrann Mathieu and LSU in the National Championship spoiled in Ames.

ANSWER: **2011 Oklahoma State at Iowa State** game (accept descriptions like **Iowa State knocking Oklahoma State out of the BCS** or **Iowa State knocking Oklahoma State out of the national championship** or **Iowa State beating Oklahoma State 37-31**; accept descriptions of **preventing Oklahoma State from playing LSU** as well; prompt on "Iowa State beats Oklahoma State" or "Oklahoma State vs. Iowa State")
<Games>

11. (*Team and Year or description required*) Rutgers quarterback Noah Vedral began his career on this team. This team isn't any season of Indiana, but Maryland quarterback Kasim Hill tore his ACL against this team in a 38-10 loss two games after taking over for another quarterback that had torn their ACL. In a rivalry game win for this team, a Mitchell Wilcox fumble effectively ended the game; that game also saw multiple receiving touchdowns by Dredrick Snelson, a kickoff return touchdown for the lead by Mike Hughes, and 5 touchdowns in a losing effort by Quinton Flowers. This team beat Memphis 62-55 in a conference championship behind 161 yards and 2 touchdowns by Tre'Quan Smith. This team beat Auburn in the Peach Bowl behind a 12 tackle, 3.5 TFL, 1.5 sack game by Shaquem Griffin, helping this team achieve a top ranking in the Colley Matrix rating system. For 10

points, name this NCAA-recognized most recent Group of 5 National Champion team, led by head coach Scott Frost and quarterback McKenzie Milton.

ANSWER: **2017** University of **Central Florida** (or **UCF**) Season (accept descriptions like **UCF's National Championship season** or **UCF's undefeated season**; prompt on "UCF")

<Team-Seasons>

12. (*Description Acceptable*) In 2019, one game during this time period saw Jarren Williams's first start for Miami in a 20-24 loss to Florida. One game that occurred during this time period was a game in which a sudden zoom-out obscured Rice's game-winning field goal against Prairie View A&M; that game was the first game shown on ESPN+. Another game that occurred during this time period saw Arizona lose 38-45 after Khalil Tate was tackled at the goal line on a Hail Mary attempt. Two games that occurred during this time period, featuring Cal and Stanford against G5 opponents, occurred in Sydney, Australia. Although ESPN doesn't list it as occurring in this period of time, the first game of the 2021 season occurring during this time period is a Nebraska - Illinois game on August 28, followed shortly thereafter by a Hawaii - UCLA game. For 10 points, name this time period before the usual start of college football, often showcasing teams that have scheduled Hawaii at some point during the season.

ANSWER: **Week Zero** Games (accept descriptions of games occurring before the usual start of CFB (which is the weekend immediately preceding Labor Day; accept **Week** listed with any number -1 or higher that's less than 1)

<Miscellaneous>

13. (*Note: two teams or name of matchup required*) Neither team in this matchup is Illinois, but in both 2010 and 2011, a team in this matchup won thanks to rushing touchdowns by Duane Bennett and Marquis Gray despite being well below 0.500 and their opponent being above it. In 2015, the #5 team in the CFP rankings won this matchup thanks to 195 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns by Leshun Daniels Jr. After a playing of this matchup in the 1930's caused allegations that one team was taking cheap shots at Ozzie Simmons, a bet between state governors resulted in a certain livestock animal being delivered to governor Floyd Olson. In the 2019 version of this matchup, the #8 team in the CFP rankings lost 23-19 despite 170 receiving yards from Tyler Johnson. The 2020 version of this matchup was 35-0 until the last 14 seconds, when Rashod Bateman scored a garbage-time touchdown. For 10 points, name this matchup between flagship state schools currently coached by Kirk Ferentz and PJ Fleck, which awards a bronze pig statue to the winner.

ANSWER: University of **Minnesota**, Twin Cities vs. University of **Iowa** (accept **Floyd of Rosedale** or answers mentioning it)

<Matchups>

14. A bowl game played at this stadium was won by the same team every year from 2011 to 2014, including 2 MVP awards for in-state quarterback Terrance Broadway. A call of a game at this stadium inspired the nickname "Tractorcito" for a player that scored on a 43-yard run and a 61-yard reception in this stadium; shortly after that touchdown reception, an Eric Striker strip sack and Geneo Grissom touchdown sealed a win against AJ McCarron. From 2010 to 2019 this stadium hosted the Grambling State-Southern game; the 2020 version was postponed, and then hosted at the Independence Bowl instead. Another loss for that team in this stadium was punctuated by a play called "85 yards through the heart of the South", which sent a 4-seeded Big 10 team to the National Championship game. In back-to-back postseasons, Clemson linebacker James Skalski was ejected for targeting in this stadium. For 10 points, name this stadium across the street from the home of the NBA's Pelicans, which recently hosted an Ohio State win in the Sugar Bowl.

ANSWER: **Superdome** (accept descriptors such as Louisiana, Mercedes-Benz, New Orleans, Caesars, and similar)

<Locations>

15. This coach was fired after a 35-38 loss to Duke, after Duke had only scored 27 points against Wake Forest and Northwestern in the previous two weeks. This coach won the 2003 Broyles Award at an SEC school, and shortly thereafter coached a G5 school in that state for one season before resigning before eventually ending up coaching for an NFL team also in that state. This coach was the defensive coordinator for Bobby Petrino's most recent season coaching in the FBS. This coach has worked with Scot Loeffler twice -- first as a replacement for former defensive coordinator Ted Roof in 2012, and then as a replacement for Carl Pelini when Loeffler took his first FBS head coaching job. For 10 points, name this widely disliked former defensive coordinator for Auburn, Notre Dame, Louisville, and Bowling Green State.

ANSWER: Brian **VanGorder** (accept **BVG**)
<Coaches>

16. It's not a Hail Mary, but a controversial one of these situations featured a 42 yard pass to Jessie Kroll, followed by a lateral to Corey Willis for 9 yards and a touchdown; that play occurred in Stillwater. One of these situations occurred after Jordan Jefferson couldn't catch a snap and Derek Dooley was held aloft by his team; that situation led to a Stevan Ridley touchdown. The 2018 Western Kentucky-Old Dominion game is notable for having this situation occur 3 times in a row; the first occurred after a dropped catch on a possible hook-and-ladder, the second after a field goal came up short, and the third after a long missed field goal return. In an Oklahoma State - Central Michigan game, this situation was incorrectly awarded after an intentional grounding penalty on 4th down; this situation typically only occurs after defensive penalties. For 10 points, name these situations in which an extra play opportunity is awarded to a team, in spite of there being no time left on the clock.

ANSWER: **Untimed Down** (accept description of **extra play** awarded at **end of quarter/half** due to **penalty**; technically should just be defensive penalties, although the OK State one wasn't a defensive penalty of course)
<Miscellaneous>

17. Northwestern was not involved, but in this game, Brian O'Neill threw a pass off of reverse motion; earlier in the season, Brian O'Neill had scored a touchdown on a similar reverse against Virginia Tech. In this game, two 60+ yard touchdowns on end-around/reverses were scored within two minutes of each other by Maurice Ffrench and Quadree Henderson. Amba Etta-Tawo had 178 yards and 5 touchdowns receiving in this game, which was also his final collegiate game. In addition to Etta-Tawo, receivers Ervin Phillips and Steve Ishmael helped lead the losing team to 38 first downs. Nathan Peterman had a career-high 79 rushing yards in this game, including a 42-yard run on a naked bootleg that ended at the 1 yard line; that set up his team's 11th touchdown in this game, which was scored by James Conner. For 10 points, name this game between P5 teams in Western Pennsylvania and upstate New York, which with a 76-61 final score holds the record for most points scored in regulation in an FBS game.

ANSWER: **2016 Pittsburgh** vs. **Syracuse** (accept descriptions like **Pittsburgh beats Syracuse 76-61**; prompt on "Pittsburgh vs. Syracuse")
<Games>

18. (*Position and Team Required*) Oren Milstein, who was first team all-Ivy League at a different school, transferred to play this position; when Oren opted-out due to COVID-19, it contributed to a lack of available players at this position at this university. Tommy Openshaw started at this position and school from 2014 to 2017, although he did also play another position in 2015. Joseph Bulovas transferred away from Alabama to play this position, although he won't play until 2021. A video with more than 400 thousand views posted by this university shows a player at this position tackling Cordarrelle Patterson; that player also scored a 4th & goal touchdown for this university in an upset win in 2013, and is named Carey Spear. A player at this position was trained midseason due to contact-tracing

wiping out this position -- that player scored 2 points in a game vs. Tennessee, and is named Sarah Fuller. For 10 points, name this position shared by players at a private SEC school in Nashville tasked with scoring PAT's.

ANSWER: **Vanderbilt** University Commodores Place**kickers** (accept **Vandy** or Commodores in place of Vanderbilt; prompt on answers mentioning "kickoff specialists" with "what is their usual position?")

<Players>

19. During the 2015 ACC championship game, one of these plays that went from Freeman Jones to Hunter Crafford was disallowed due a seemingly incorrect offsides call. A possible attempt at one of these plays by Caleb Lightbourn may have cost his team a 2018 upset of Ohio State. A misdirection version of one of these plays was run by Chris Boswell vs. Houston in 2013; Boswell later humorously failed to execute the same version of these plays in a 2016 Ravens-Steelers game. One of these plays went from Adam Griffith to Marlon Humphrey; the following year Greg Huegel ran one of these plays with 1 second on the game clock in a rematch of the same teams. The Schiano proposal would replace these plays with standard offensive plays being run in lieu of a punt on a 4th and 15. For 10 points, name these plays wherein a team attempts to retain possession on a kickoff, usually when attempting to close large deficits.

ANSWER: **Onside Kickoffs** (accept descriptions of **kicking teams attempting to recover kickoffs**; prompt on "kickoff" before mentioned, but give them a hell of a glower)

<Plays>

20. (*Description Acceptable*) This play was preceded by a 26-yard Arthur Lynch reception against Vinnie Sunseri. The winning team's defensive coordinator speculated that this play only achieved such a favorable outcome due to nickelback Geno Matias-Smith failing to blitz as instructed; ultimately, Matias-Smith and Robert Lester were the nearest tacklers on this play. This play's intended target was Malcolm Mitchell, who was covered by Dee Milliner; on the drive including this play, Milliner had 2 near-interceptions on tipped passes thrown by Aaron Murray. On this play, Todd Gurley was assigned to block CJ Mosley, but couldn't prevent Mosley from affecting the subsequent throw. For 10 points, name this play, in which Chris Conley caught a deflected pass, ensuring the Crimson Tide would appear in the National Championship against Notre Dame.

ANSWER: **Five Yards Short** (accept descriptions like **UGA** [or University of **Georgia**] **catching** [or **completing**] **a pass short of the end zone** [or at the **5 yard line**] in the 2012 SEC Championship game)

<Plays>