

WEEKZERO (When Evan Easily Kindles Zeal for Educational Recreation Opportunities)
College Football Beginning of 2010 Season through Beginning of 2021 Season
4th Quarter by Evan Knox

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1. This coach's postgame speeches have included the phrase "they don't know about the Kumbaya meetings we had this week", as well as a description of how a hurricane in the Carolinas caused increased heat in Canada. This coach was the head coach at Eastern Illinois for the last two years of Jimmy Garoppolo's collegiate career. This coach put up a 3-1 record against Big 10 schools while head coach at Bowling Green State during the 2014 and 2015 seasons, including wins against Indiana, Maryland, and Purdue. This coach was inspired to keep recruiting his team's first string quarterback for the 2019 and 2020 seasons due to the musical Jersey Boys; that quarterback is Tommy DeVito. This coach led his current school's 2018 team to a 10-win season behind 2021 3rd round draft pick Andre Cisco and 15 rushing touchdowns by oft-injured quarterback Eric Dungey. For 10 points, name this current head coach of the Syracuse Orange.

ANSWER: Dino **Babers**

<Coaches>

2. (*Description Acceptable*) Ray Rychelski, the special teams coach for one team in this play, was also the special teams coach for Maryland in 2006 when the opponent last experienced a certain type of event, with 246 attempts in-between. Credit for the first part of this play was errantly awarded to either Roderick Rook-Chungong or Adam Gotsis; however, Patrick Gamble's stunt through the B gap was actually responsible for the disruption leading to this play. During this play, twins Lawrence & Lance Austin crossed the goal line simultaneously. The last two tackle attempts on this play were punter Cason Beatty lunging at a player's legs, followed by kicker Roberto Aguayo spinning in the air after being juiced. For 10 points, name this play where a blocked field goal at Bobby Dodd stadium eventually led to a defeat for a team that had made the Playoff and won the BCS national championship in its last two seasons.

ANSWER: **Miracle on Techwood Drive** (accept descriptions of **Georgia Tech** blocking Roberto Aguayo's field goal, leading to a Lance Austin **return for touchdown** to beat **Florida State**)

<Plays>

3. (*Note: two teams or name of matchup required*) Neither of these teams is in the SEC, but one game in this matchup featured a 30-yard wheel route touchdown to C.J. Fuller; that game featured 2 early missed field goals by Tyler Durbin in an eventual shutout. Alabama wide receiver Jameson Williams caught his most recent touchdown on a 45-yard pass in one game in this matchup. This matchup occurred in the 2014 Orange Bowl, and featured a spinning backshoulder touchdown catch on a wheel route for Carlos Hyde. In a 2019 version of this matchup, a Nolan Turner interception in the end zone won the game for a team that had earlier benefitted from a controversial incomplection to Justyn Ross. In the most recent version of this matchup, one team used quick snaps to combat late defensive signals sent in by defensive coordinator Brent Venables. For 10 points, name these teams that played each other in the college football playoff back to back years in 2019 and 2021, both featuring the quarterback matchup of Trevor Lawrence and Justin Fields.

ANSWER: **Clemson** vs. **Ohio State**

<Matchups>

4. This school's running back Jordan Chunn played here from 2013 to 2017, and is this school's 2nd leading FBS rusher and scorer. In 2016, this G5 school came within 6 points of beating future national champion Clemson thanks in part to a Ray-Ray McCloud goal line fumble on a punt return. In 2018, this school beat Nebraska 24-19 behind a punt return touchdown and 2 BJ Smith touchdowns, despite a lackluster day by quarterback Kaleb Barker. This school's current head coach was briefly slated to be Les Miles' offensive coordinator at Kansas; that man is Chip Lindsay. This school was coached by Larry Blakeney from 1991 to 2014, and this school's succeeding coach led them to 3 straight 10 win seasons before taking over for Dana Holgorsen. In 2017, this school lost 19-8 in an in-state rivalry known as the Battle for the Belt; the week before, this school had won during Homecoming at LSU.

For 10 points, name this Sun Belt program located in a namesake Alabama town, which was formerly coached by current West Virginia coach Neal Brown.

ANSWER: **Troy** University Trojans (accept **Troy State** University; prompt on “Trojans”)
<Schools>

5. In 2019, this person strangely showed their feet at least twice on their twitter account -- first in late August with the caption “Me soaking my feet after a great day at the office!”, and again a couple weeks later in response to a tweet reading “Hey! Eat shit! Show me your feet!”, itself a response to appearing in a Michigan team picture. As the first spokesperson for the CFP selection committee, this person popularized phrases like “Game Control” and citing a “Body Clock” explanation for Stanford’s 2015 early season loss to Northwestern. This person apologized for a 2019 event called “Late Night at the Phog” with Snoop Dogg that involved pole dancers and a gun shooting fake \$100 bills. This person’s athletic department attempted to withhold a buyout from fired coach David Beaty based on minor NCAA violations. For 10 points, name this athletic director now somewhat infamous for his hiring of Bobby Petrino and Bret Bielema at Arkansas and Les Miles at Kansas.

ANSWER: Jeff **Long**

6. Ed Orgeron said he used to purchase this food on a stick from an Exxon in Oxford while he was head coach at Ole Miss. After Eli Apple was accused of being unable to cook by NFL scouts, teammate Ezekiel Elliott noted that in addition to Mac & Cheese, Eli Apple had made him a “fire” version of this food. The Michigan town of Frankenmuth is home to the best version of this food that you’ll ever eat according to Jim Harbaugh. Myles Brennan recently got a sponsorship from a Baton Rouge-based company primarily known for selling this food. UNC quarterback Sam Howell has claimed to eat this meat and no other meats, and once said “Lol, who doesn’t?” when asked whether he likes this meat shaped like a dinosaur. Wilton Speight claimed that Jim Harbaugh thinks this meat’s source animal is “nervous”. For 10 points, name this meat often served by chains like Raising Cane’s, Popeye’s, Bojangles, Zaxby’s, and Chick-fil-a.

ANSWER: **Chicken** (accept variations like **Fried Chicken**, **Chicken Fingers**, **Chicken Nuggets**, **Chicken Sandwiches**, etc.)
<Miscellaneous>

7. (*Note: Team and Position required*) One of these players became a follower of Lord RayEl, a supposed Messiah with about 5300 followers on Twitter; previously, that player claimed that God told him he would play for the Seattle Seahawks if he left the NFL Combine. Two of these players at this school during the 2020 season were former Nebraska player Greg Bell and backup Chance Bell. One of these players had a 99-yard scoring play against Wyoming in 2011, and was later drafted by the Denver Broncos; that player is Ronnie Hillman. After three years as a backup, one of these players gained almost 2400 yards from scrimmage in 2017, and was then drafted in the first round by the Seattle Seahawks. One of these players is the official leader in rushing yards in FBS history, due to bowl games not being included for earlier contenders; that man is Donnel Pumphrey. For 10 points, name these players who took handoffs for a G5 school in very southern California.

ANSWER: **San Diego State** University **Running Backs** (accept underlined parts in any order; accept **SDSU** for San Diego State; accept **Halfback**, **HB**, **RB**, and similar for Running Back; prompt on partial answers)
<Players>

8. (*Description Acceptable*) On the current top secret section of the r/CFB wiki, there is a request to write a Python or PHP bot that posts the words spoken on the broadcast after this play. A major figure in this play broke and dislocated their hip in the aftermath of this play, and later gave up their collegiate eligibility to enter the Air Force.

Earlier in the game that ended on this play, fullback Trevon Pendleton had a 74-yard reception. In the aftermath of this play, Zoltan Mesko discussed ways Scott Sypniewski contributed to this play's outcome. The drive that preceded the drive that included this play ended in an incomplete pass to Macgarrett Kings Jr. on 4th and 19. This play occurred after the Paul Bunyan trophy had already been brought to a team's locker room, resulting in it needing to be moved after this play. Announcer Sean McDonough spoke during this play, and famously had his voice crack on the words "scores" and "game". For 10 points, name this play in which punter Blake O'Neill fumbled the ball into the hands of Jalen Watts-Jackson to unexpectedly lose an in-state rivalry game in Ann Arbor.

ANSWER: **Michigan State** touchdown to beat **Michigan** in **2015** (accept **Touchdown** by **Jalen Watts-Jackson** before mentioned; accept "**Whoa, he has trouble with the snap!** And the ball is free! It's picked up by Michigan State's Jalen Watts-Jackson, and he scores! On the last play of the game! Unbelievable!"); accept **Fail to the Victors**)

<Plays>

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9. A coach with this last name named the "barge" formation, which is a version of Wildcat used to great effect in the 2012 Big 10 championship game. A Washington State & BYU running back with this last name scored 2 touchdowns in an upset of then-#6 Wisconsin, and goes by the name Squally. An offensive coordinator with this last name was hired away from Pitt by Ed Orgeron, but was fired after being told to reduce the number of pre-snap motions in his offense. Boston College tight end Jake Burt was the 2021 first overall pick of a football league named for a region with this name. From 2006 to 2010, the International Bowl was played in a country with this name. A country with this name is the home country of JJ Molson and Chubba Hubbard. For 10 points, give this last name of well-traveled offensive coordinator Matt, as well as a country where you might find teams fielded by McGill University.

ANSWER: **Canada** (accept Matt **Canada**, Squally **Canada**, or **Canadian** Football League)

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10. (*Description Acceptable*) A cryptic tweet by Billy Nixon saying "Just a quick run to Taco Bell..." preceded the announcement of this game. This game is the most viewed game on ESPN since 2015, and was placed on ESPN despite being the featured game on College Gameday. The leading receiver for the winning team in this game was Kameron Brown, owing to only 28 yards receiving by Isaiah Likely and a shutout of leading receiver Jaivon Heilig [Hi-Lee]. After a Hail Mary interception to end the first half in this game, Jeffrey Gunter and Teddy Gallagher slammed the opposing quarterback to the ground and incited an on-field scuffle. Taylor and Noah Diveley are brothers known for making T-shirts with a catchphrase for this game on it; that catchphrase pays homage to a nickname for past Notre Dame vs. Miami matchups. This game ended with wide receiver Dax Milne being tackled on the opposing one yard line. For 10 points, name this quickly-scheduled 2020 game that saw two top G5 teams face each other on the teal turf in Conway, South Carolina.

ANSWER: **2020 Coastal Carolina** vs. **Brigham Young** University (or **BYU**) (accept **Mormons** vs **Mullets** or similar; accept descriptions like **Coastal Carolina beats BYU** or **Coastal Carolina vs. BYU**)

<Games>

11. Tightwad Hill overlooks this collegiate stadium, and is commonly confused with a high school stadium's Tight Wad Hill as the inspiration for the Green Day song of the same name. In a 2016 game at this stadium, Texas lost 50-43 after the winning team controversially fumbled the ball at the goal line, but were awarded the ball back due a ruling of "no immediate recovery" despite Texas grabbing the ball. In 2017, this stadium saw a quarterback somersault into the endzone as part of beating an undefeated, 8th ranked team 37-3; that quarterback later transferred to Northern Illinois. In 2012, this stadium hosted Nevada in an upset of a Power 5 school; at the end of the year, that

Power 5 team fired its head coach, Jeff Tedford. A recent rivalry game held at this stadium saw the home team potentially tie on a Christopher Brooks (formerly Christopher Brown Jr.) touchdown run with a minute left, only for the PAT to be blocked; that game delivered visiting quarterback Davis Mills his first win of the year. In 1982, this stadium hosted a game that involved a last-second touchdown on a lateral play, followed by a trombone player being run over. For 10 points, name this stadium in Berkeley, which hosts a team coached by Justin Wilcox.

ANSWER: California **Memorial** Stadium (prompt on descriptions like “Cal’s Stadium” or “Berkeley’s Stadium”; do not accept mentions of specific Memorial Stadiums that aren’t this one)
<Locations>

12. This man was the defensive backs coach for NFL safeties Chris Prosinski and Tashaun Gipson while working for Dave Christensen at Wyoming. This man played alongside Matt Campbell and Jason Candle in college, and in 2018 took a co-defensive coordinator job for a P5 school in the same state as that college. This man worked for his uncle Gary Pinkel twice, first as a GA in the early 2000’s and then as a safeties coach during Pinkel’s last few years as a head coach. This man coached All-American defensive lineman Hercules Mata’afa before leaving that PAC 12 school; after leaving, Bill Connelly referred to this man as “the best hire Leach has ever made”. This man was co-defensive coordinator at Ohio State before being hired to replace interim Ruffin McNeill and Mike Stoops. For 10 points, name this up-and-coming defensive coordinator for Oklahoma, who shares a name with a Dr. Seuss villain.

ANSWER: Alex **Grinch**
<Coaches>

13. This school was the supposed topic of a parody of NPR’s “Wait Wait... Don’t Tell Me” created by the podcast “Shutdown Fullcast” that was actually a preview of this school’s conference. In one of this non-Tennessee team’s introductory press conferences, a coach’s agent said that that coach would “put a lot of points on the scoreboard of life” before that coach responded to a Rivals website covering this school by noting that he’s Catholic. In 2020, Jackson He scored a touchdown for this school, becoming the first Chinese-born player to score a touchdown in the FBS. In a 2016 game for this school, Kalen Ballage scored a record 8 touchdowns versus Texas Tech. This school won a 2014 game vs. USC behind 5 touchdown passes from Mike Bercovici, including a Hail Mary to Jaelen Strong. For 10 points, name this school in Tempe currently coached by “You play to win the game!” luminary Herm Edwards, which plays in the Territorial Cup vs. Wildcats from Tucson.

ANSWER: **Arizona State** University Sun Devils (accept **Sun Devils**; prompt on “ASU”)
<Schools>

14. A Bill Simmons mailbag named after one of this person’s friends features a message claiming that Lance Armstrong is actually this person, referring to an upcoming appearance Armstrong had with Oprah as a reason for that possibility. An associate of this person is named Reba, and was once asked to hold a sign with MSMK written on it, potentially to support the recovery of this person. Another associate of this person contacted Nev Schulmann over Twitter; that person’s twitter handle referenced USC offensive lineman Fred Matua, and that person may also be this person’s sister. This person’s twitter handle was @lovalovaloveyou when this person first met their partner, rather than meeting at a football game in Palo Alto. This person’s siblings were sister U’ilani Rae and brother Koa, who may have called their partner to inform them of this person’s death 3 days before a game against Michigan State. For 10 points, name this talented but regrettably fictional woman, known for inspiring a Heisman trophy-finalist linebacker.

ANSWER: Lennay Marie **Kekua** (accept answers describing Manti **Teo’s fake girlfriend**)
<Miscellaneous>

15. One person who left this university was an athletic director who was arrested mere minutes before a contract extension and raise took effect; that athletic director was also holding a companion's underwear between their legs while driving. Another person who left this university was a running back known for a supposed desire to have Pizza Lunchables thrown on the football field. A player at this university supposedly transferred away due to a severed pinky finger suffered by their parent at a recruiting meal, which resulted in a trip to Piedmont Medical Center. Another player who transferred from this university may have transferred due to a racial slur said by first baseman Adam Sasser; that player at this university likely also desired to attend a university where they'd have more responsibilities than "hand[ing] the ball off good as fuck". This university has seen several departed players become contributors for a rival team across the Chattahoochee River, including Tray Mathews and Nick Marshall. For 10 points, name this university that's seen the departures of Damon Evans, Cade Mays, Isaiah Crowell, and Justin Fields.

ANSWER: University of **Georgia** (or **UGA**)

<Miscellaneous>

16. This player threw for 5 interceptions in a 2019 loss to San Jose State, which was his P5 team's second loss in two years to Mountain West opponents. This man started at quarterback opposite Josh Rosen in Josh Rosen's famous comeback against Texas A&M, before suffering a foot injury and leaving. In a 55-52 Belk Bowl loss to Wake Forest, this player threw for 499 yards and 4 touchdowns. The insult "he's ass, my dude" was used by Tate Martell about this player, who Martell thought would be easy to beat out on the Texas A&M depth chart. In 2020, this player threw for 453 yards in a 34-20 defeat of Boise State in Las Vegas, before losing to Ball State in the Arizona Bowl. This player started at Arkansas for Chad Morris before transferring to a former opponent. For 10 points, name this former Texas A&M and Arkansas quarterback, who led San Jose State to the Mountain West championship in 2020.

ANSWER: Nick **Starkel**

<Players>

17. (*Team and Year or description required*) A completion by this team gave us the Gus Johnson call "Fires across the field... OHHHHHHHHHHH WHAT A CATCH, AT THE 6 YARD LINE, DUCKWORTH". In a game between this team and Oregon State, future Pro Bowler Johnny Hekker had a -4 yard punt. This team lost a Rose Bowl due to 158 receiving yards by Lavasier Tuinei and 2 rushes for 155 yards by De'Anthony Thomas; this team ultimately ran out the clock in that game by taking 2 seconds to spike the ball. This team played Nebraska in Nebraska's first ever within-conference Big 10 game, and blew out Nebraska 48-17 in a game that included a touchdown by Nick Toon. This team gave up a Hail Mary touchdown reception to Keith Nichols after putting in wide receiver Jared Abbrederis on defense, before beating that team in the first Big 10 championship game. For 10 points, name this normally ground-and-pound style Big 10 team that enjoyed a strong passing season behind transfer quarterback Russell Wilson.

ANSWER: **2011** University of **Wisconsin** Madison Season (accept descriptions of the year **Wisconsin** had **Russell Wilson** before mentioned; accept **UW-Madison** in place of Wisconsin; prompt on "Wisconsin" or things like "The year Wisconsin lost the Rose Bowl")

<Team-Seasons>

<Gus Johnson call here: <https://youtu.be/PXmIzeYMtr4?t=7892>>

18. In a 2016 game against Charlotte, this school kicked off from the opposing 20 yard line due to 3 unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. This school lost the 2018 Camellia Bowl to Georgia Southern on a last second field goal. At the end of a Quick Lane Bowl loss to Pitt, this school's quarterback was ejected for accidentally punching a ref; that

quarterback is Mike Glass III. After going 0-38 vs. the Big 10, this school beat Rutgers in 2017 behind starting quarterback Brogan Roback. Including that Rutgers game, this school beat Big 10 opponents 3 straight years, including a 2018 defeat of Purdue that led to raising a MAC-themed Jolly Roger. A 2014 game at this school led to an infamous video of players attempting to sledgehammer through a wall of cinderblocks. This school plays at Rynearson Stadium, although in 2014 this school nicknamed that stadium “The Factory” to coincide with a certain cosmetic change. For 10 points, name this school coached by Chris Creighton that plays on grey turf near Ann Arbor, in Ypsilanti.

ANSWER: **Eastern Michigan** University Eagles (or **EMU**, DO NOT accept or prompt on any direction other than Eastern; prompt on “Eagles”)

<Schools>

19. (*Description Acceptable*) This game was Richard Mullaney’s only multi-touchdown collegiate game. The first touchdown in this game was a jet sweep handoff from Jeremy Liggins to Jordan Wilkins. An onside kick in this game was batted past a group of the receiving team’s players before being recovered by Cam Sims. A 73-yard receiving touchdown by Cody Core in this game was allowed despite a lineman 7 yards downfield. One starting quarterback in this game, Cooper Bateman, was removed following a deep interception thrown to Trae Elston. The losing team in this game lost fumbles on kickoff returns by both Ardarius Stewart and Kenyan Drake. On a 3rd and inches early in the 3rd quarter of this game, a high snap was recovered and then bounced off a defender’s helmet to Quincy Adebeyejo for a 66 yard touchdown. For 10 points, name this game in which Chad Kelly helped lead an upset of a future Nick Saban national championship team.

ANSWER: **2015 Ole Miss** vs. University of **Alabama** (accept University of **Mississippi** for Ole Miss; accept descriptions of **Ole Miss beats Alabama 43-37** or **Oles Miss beats Alabama and Chad Kelly throw to Quincy Adebeyejo**; prompt on “Ole Miss beats Alabama” or “Ole Miss vs. Alabama”)

<Games>

20. A team from this city won the 2013 C-USA championship over Marshall, before losing to Mississippi State in the Liberty Bowl. In 2014, Wisconsin started its season with a neutral-site game in this city, in which Wisconsin went up 24-7 before giving up a comeback featuring touchdowns by John Diarse and Kenny Hilliard. A bowl game held in this city featured a 2018 45-38 shootout between Baylor and Vanderbilt, and also hosted Minnesota in 2012 and 2013; this city isn’t Charlotte, but that bowl was at one time sponsored by Meineke Car Care. From 2008 to 2011, Kevin Sumlin was head coach at a school in this city. A rivalry between two schools in this city awards the Bayou Bucket to its winner. A game held in this city saw Brandon Wilson return a missed field goal for a touchdown against Oklahoma in 2016. Before the 2015 season, a school in this city hired Ohio State’s offensive coordinator as head coach; that coach led that team in this city to top-ten rankings each year, and is named Tom Herman. For 10 points, name this city home to Rice University.

ANSWER: **Houston**, Texas

<Locations>