

NO. 1 ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

13-0 OVERALL RECORD (8-0 IN SEC)
20TH RANKED OFFENSE (YARDS/GAME)
2ND RANKED DEFENSE

NAMES TO KNOW

Julio Jones, WR

In just two seasons at Alabama, Jones (at right) has grabbed 142 receptions, 2,073 yards and 12 touchdowns.

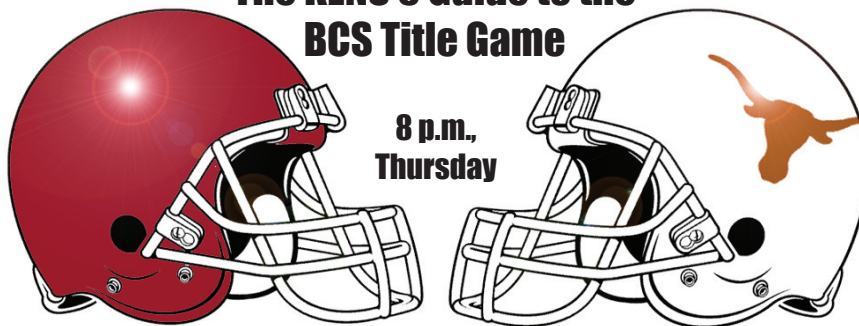


Javier Arenas, CB

The All-American senior intercepted four passes this season. He also starred on special teams, taking one punt back for a touchdown.

The KENS 5 Guide to the BCS Title Game

8 p.m.,
Thursday



NO. 2 TEXAS LONGHORNS

13-0 OVERALL RECORD (8-0 IN BIG 12)
4TH RANKED OFFENSE
3RD RANKED DEFENSE

Tre' Newton, RB

The freshman from Southlake has only 102 carries and 513 yards rushing this year, but he'll be starting in the backfield for the Longhorns.

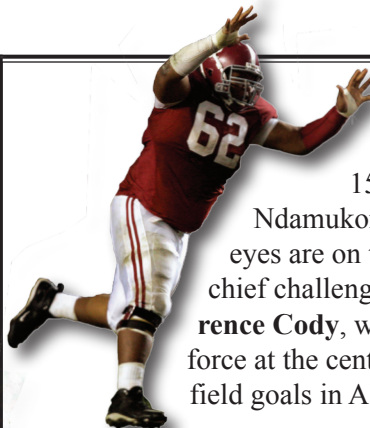
Jordan Shipley, WR

Shipley, a senior from Burnet (at right), hauled in 106 receptions and 11 touchdowns, winning All-American honors.



WHEN ALABAMA HAS THE BALL...

This season, there wasn't a running back tandem more dangerous than Alabama's. Heisman trophy winner Mark Ingram ran for 1,542 yards and 15 touchdowns this year. His backup, Trent Richardson, added another 6 touchdowns and boasts a 5.1 yard per carry average. It's up to All-American safety Earl Thomas and linebacker Sergio Kindle to stop this dynamic ground attack.



WHEN TEXAS HAS THE BALL...

Texas' offensive line has combined for 155 starts. But after Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh tore apart Texas' blocking schemes, all eyes are on the men who protect QB Colt McCoy. Their chief challenge: stopping All-American nose guard Terrence Cody, who at 6-foot-5 and 365 lbs. is the immovable force at the center of the Tide's defense. He also blocked two field goals in Alabama's 12-10 win over Tennessee this season.

THE BIG NUMBERS

1 The number of losses that Colt McCoy has suffered as a starter in his last 27 games. McCoy has 44 career wins, an NCAA record.



\$150,000

The cost of the field that was specially installed at the Rose Bowl just for this game. In 1922, the entire stadium was built for \$272,198. (The turf used for the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl, at right, is now gone.)



The number of national championships that Alabama and Texas have combined to win. Alabama claims 12 of those titles.

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