

The last 19 AP Pre-Season No. 1 teams have won by an average of 33.11 in their opening game of the season.

Florida's 62-3 win over Charleston Southern marked the third time this decade the poll leader has scored over 60 points—8th time over all since 1950, when the first Pre-Season Poll was released.

The 59 point victory easily surpassed the Gators' previous mark by 10 points, recorded in 1994; when UF handled New Mexico State 70-21 defeat—one of two times the top team reached 70 or more points to open the season.

That season the Gator finished 7th in the final AP Poll. In other seasons when Florida was picked No.1 shows a 1999 win over Louisiana Tech, 41-7 (which equaled the mark 1962 Ohio State defeated North Carolina) and 49-14 to Marshall in 2001; in addition to the previously mentioned 1994 contest.

The All-Time highest opening-game margin came 1969 when defending 1968 National Champion Ohio State trampled TCU, 62-0; while Florida State in 1995 demolished Duke, 70-26, the year after—in 1995—Florida recorded the first 70-point game.

Over the last 19 years of teams selected Pre-Season No. 1 only twice was crowned National Champion in the final poll: 1993 Florida State and 2004 USC, opened by winning scores of 42-0 and 24-13, respectively.

Going the other way over the same time frame (1991-2009) ...three teams picked No.1 in the pre-season poll fell completely out of the Top 10 in the final poll: 1997 Penn State, finished 16th; 1999 Florida and a year ago, SEC rival Georgia was the 13th rated team in the final poll.

Overall Pre-Season No. 1 teams have compiled a 52-7-1 mark; with the last setback by such a team was in 1990 Miami of Florida by a TD against BYU, 28-21. The lone deadlock came in 1976 when Nebraska and LSU each scored 6 points. (This was 20 years before the tie-breaker system was introduced.)

Florida mentor, beginning his ninth season as a head coach as seen all opener with a triumph—five with the Gators who now have won their last 20 opening games.

I don't know about all of yall, but I see a future in the works—of the most successful SEC coaches and teams to start the season with wins.

	Pre-Season	AP #1	Annually	1st Game
Season	Pre-Season #1	Opponent	Opp.Rank	Score
1950	Notre Dame	North Carolina	20	14-7
1951	Tennessee	Mississippi State	UR	14-0
1952	Michigan State	Michigan	UR	27-13
1953	Notre Dame	Oklahoma	6	28-21
1954	Notre Dame	Texas	4	21-0
1955	UCLA	Texas A&M	UR	21-0
1956	Oklahoma	North Carolina	UR	36-0
1957	Oklahoma	Pittsburgh	UR	26-0
1958	Ohio State	SMU	UR	23-20
1959	LSU	Rice	UR	26-3
1960	Syracuse	Boston U	UR	35-7
1961	Iowa	California	UR	28-7
1962	Ohio State	North Carolina	UR	41-7
1963	USC	Colorado	UR	14-0
1964	Mississippi	Kentucky	UR	21-27
1965	Nebraska	TCU	UR	34-14
1966	Alabama	Louisiana Tech	UR	34-0
1967	Notre Dame	California	UR	41-8
1968	Purdue	Virginia	UR	44-6
1969	Ohio State	TCU	UR	62-0
1970	Ohio State	Texas A&M	UR	56-13
1971	Notre Dame	Northwestern	UR	50-7
1972	Nebraska	UCLA	UR	17-20
1973	USC	Arkansas	UR	17-0
1974	Oklahoma	Baylor	UR	28-11
1975	Oklahoma	Oregon	UR	62-7
1976	Nebraska	LSU	UR	6-6
1977	Oklahoma	Vanderbilt	UR	25-23
1978	Alabama	Nebraska	10	20-3

1979	USC	Texas Tech	UR	21-7
1980	Ohio State	Syracuse	UR	31-21
1981	Michigan	Wisconsin	UR	14-21
1982	Pittsburgh	South Carolina	UR	7-6
1983	Nebraska	Penn State	4	44-6
1984	Auburn	Miami FL	UR	18-20
1985	Oklahoma	Minnesota	UR	13-7
1986	Oklahoma	UCLA	4	38-3
1987	Oklahoma	North Texas	UR	69-14
1988	Florida State	Miami FL	8	0-31
1989	Michigan	Notre Dame	UR	19-24
1990	Miami FL	BYU	16	21-28
1991	Florida State	BYU	19	44-28
1992	Miami FL	Iowa	16	24-7
1993	Florida State	Kansas	UR	42-0
1994	Florida	New Mexico State	UR	70-21
1995	Florida State	Duke	UR	70-26
1996	Nebraska	Michigan State	UR	55-14
1997	Penn State	Pittsburgh	UR	34-17
1998	Ohio State	West Virginia	11	34-17
1999	Florida	Louisiana Tech	UR	41-7
2000	Nebraska	San Jose State	UR	49-13
2001	Florida	Marshall	UR	49-14
2002	Miami FL	Florida A&M	UR	63-17
2003	Oklahoma	North Texas	UR	37-3
2004	USC	Virginia Tech	UR	24-13
2005	USC	Hawaii	UR	63-17
2006	Ohio State	Northern Illinois	UR	35-12
2007	USC	Idaho	UR	38-10
2008	Georgia	Georgia Southern	UR	45-21
2009	Florida	Charleston Southern	UR	62-3