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Welcome to the 2013 Compu-Picks College Football Preview, Final Edition!

This preview represents the culmination of years of hard work, compiling, trading (or begging) for and analyzing data, running individual game simulations, teasing out the effects of variables like injuries, turnovers, returning production, recruiting, and more.

I'd like to personally thank you for stopping by the website and investing your time into looking through this publication. When you're finished, I'd also like to ask you to seriously consider purchasing the full edition, which contains the previews for all 1-A leagues as well as a number of additional features (on sale at http://compu-picks.com/buy_2013_final_preview.html). It's the support of college football fans like you that keeps publications like this alive and thriving.

This now marks the third season that I've been publicly posting Compu-Picks season previews. 2011 was a test run, with some prescient predictions (such as UCLA and Miami) as well as some unpleasant misses (like Georgia and Baylor). It was also the first year that I produced win total picks, which ended up doing all right, though certainly nothing close to spectacular.

2012 was a step into the spotlight, with some major sink or swim contrarian articles posted, such as the piece slamming USC as being overrated and the one that argued that Texas would actually finish above LSU (almost everyone else thought LSU was top 3 and Texas was a total afterthought). It was also the first year that I registered Compu-Picks' league preview picks with Stassen (who compares prediction sets of esteemed previews such as Phil Steele, Football Outsiders, Sports Illustrated, USA Today ESPN and more), the first year that I published picks against the Game of the Year lines, and also represented an expanded set of win total picks.

Fortunately, 2012 turned into a smashing success, with Compu-Picks finishing as **THE MOST ACCURATE** preseason publication of the year, including a perfect prediction of the SEC East standings! (per Stassen) It also had a 59% win rate for Game of the Year (Against the Spread, or ATS) picks, win rates of 54% to 59% for early win total picks (different books had different sets of teams and win totals) and win rates of 56 to an amazing 62% for final win total picks!.

Moreover, many of Compu-Picks' higher-profile contrarian takes panned out, such as consensus preseason #1 team USC having a down year (it turned out that Compu-Picks, the only source that put USC outside the top 10, actually didn't go far enough!), Ohio State running away with the Big Ten Leaders (Wisconsin had been the consensus favorite), or Florida being a top ten team (the only other sources to have the Gators in the top ten were Phil Steele and Football Outsiders). And while it turned out that Texas did not in fact finish above LSU, they did end up pretty close in the final AP and Coaches Polls, which was a huge surprise to almost all of the preseason voters.

So will you see the same kind of original, contrarian, thought-provoking predictions that you've grown to know and love this year? You better believe it! In the SEC alone, Ole Miss, a team outside most peoples' top 25, is in Compu-Picks' top fifteen! And that is just one of the highlight items, as the full Compu-Picks also shows where Compu-Picks Preview specifically diverges from national expectations on win totals, game of the year lines, and more!

There are also league previews for every 1-A conference, as well as individual team previews for every single team in each of these conferences, including as much data as I could find and fit within the pages! You won't just see interesting data like turnover margin, recruiting, and historic performance levels, you will also see record projections for every single team, standings projections and odds of winning for every single league, and individual win probabilities for every single game!

This preview has been a lot of work, but it's been a labor of love. I hope you enjoy reading this as much, or even more, than I enjoyed writing it. Thank you again for investing the time and energy into reading the 2013 Compu-Picks College Football Preview, Final Edition.

Sincerely,

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Before I start to dig into the data and projections, there are a number of important points that I need to go over.

The first of these points concerns data limitations. There will inevitably be a number of offseason injuries, suspensions and dismissals that we can't yet know about (though by now there are many that we do know about), and there are many types of information that just don't exist publicly (such as offensive line performance data).

A second important point to consider is that Compu-Picks is an ongoing and living system. Every offseason I evaluate the data and the process and make tweaks and edits where I believe that the system can be improved. This process is not complete for the in-season model (typically there are additional adjustments that get made in the weeks before the season), so this preview edition has been based on the 2012 in-season Compu-Picks model.

Throughout this preview, you will see a number of terms being used. Below is a brief list and description of some of these terms:

AP Rank – This refers to the post-bowl ranks produced by the Associated Press, who ranks teams from 1 to 25. Please note that I have (somewhat arbitrarily) assigned a rank of 30 to all teams outside the top 25, regardless of whether they received votes or not.

Compu-Picks Rank – Every year when I finalize the Compu-Picks system for the upcoming season, I also run and test the system on prior years' data. In a number of places in this preview, I have referenced the system's numbers for prior season. These numbers currently refer to the model used for the 2012 season, independently run for each season all the way back to before 2001. Please note that this year's upcoming Compu-Picks system has not been finalized, which means that these numbers may change a bit in the final summer edition.

Division / League Odds – In each simulation I ran, I tracked who won each division or league (split titles gave half or a third of a title to each tied team rather than guessing at tiebreaker procedures). As part of each team and league preview I show the odds of winning the division or league, which is the total number of wins (or shares of wins) divided by the total number of simulations.

Fumble Luck – Luck plays many roles in the course of a game or even a season. One important area that you can see this is in a team's fumble recovery rate. This rate can vary by type of fumble (the offense is much more likely to recover a fumbled snap than a fumble by a ballcarrier being gang-tackled, for instance) but in aggregate the offense recovers just slightly over 50% of fumbles. Therefore I have calculated "fumble luck" as the difference between a team's expected number of fumble recoveries and its actual number of recoveries, on both sides of the ball. Not only does this rate vary drastically from year to year, it plays an important role in a team's overall success (see the article published on cfn – http://cfn.scout.com/2/1168510.html for more information). Therefore a team who enjoyed especially good fumble luck is more likely to do worse the next year, and the inverse is true as well.

Net ATS (Against the Spread) Wins – This refers to a team's overall ATS record. So a team that went 5-2 would register as +3, as would a team that went 4-1, 6-3 or 7-4. In general ATS success is a minor negative indicator going forward, and the reverse is true for ATS struggles.

NFL Draft Points – One component of each team's projections is how much (and how highly valued) talent they lose to the NFL. I therefore assign point values to each NFL draft spot (the most for the #1 overall pick and then declining from there) and sum up the points of each team's former players. As with fumble luck, this is a negative predictor; the greater the talent that you lose, the more of a hit you take in the projections.

Schedule Strength Ranks – Schedule strength is a key aspect of college football. If two teams are of similar quality, but one plays a very challenging schedule and the other plays a very easy schedule, the team that is challenged more is likely to have a materially worse record than the team with the easy run. I've ranked each team's schedule from 1 to 126, and as part of each league preview have ranked each team's schedule compared to its league peers. Please note that these ranks are calculated using all games on the schedule, not just 1-A or league games.

Starts Lost to Injury – Injuries are another important component of luck. Since injury luck tends to be largely independent season to season, a team who has suffered unusually bad injury luck tends to improve the next year, and the inverse is true as well. These numbers are based on data published by http://philsteele.com .

Win Expectations and Probabilities – One concept I delve into for the team and league previews is win expectations. Obviously there is no chance of having fractional wins; rather, it represents the average number of wins over all of the simulations I have run. Some of these simulations have very high win numbers and others have very low. As part of the league preview pages I've broken down the various simulation runs into displayed odds of every team getting each potential number of total and league wins, and as part of the team preview pages I've shown the odds of hitting at least certain key win targets, as well as the odds of winning the division or league (where applicable).

One important item to note is that the projected league and division finishes shown on the league preview pages do not always tie to the projected power rankings. This is because the quality of schedules can vary, especially in leagues that do not feature full round-robin play. One example of this is in the SEC, where LSU is power rated better than Ole Miss, but Ole Miss's cross-division draw of Vanderbilt and Missouri is sufficiently easier than LSU's draw of Florida and Georgia to swing the expected league finish. Please note that on league preview pages (except for Independents) teams are sorted by the projected finish, NOT the power ranking.

On each team preview page I have also shown a breakdown of the schedule along with win probability estimates for every game. In addition, I've included a "what if" section, where I re-estimate all of the win probability odds using only the seasons simulations where a selected key game was won, and then again for the remaining simulations where that key game was lost. This is an attempt to display the impact of specific results on expectations for the rest of the year. Obviously this is limited (actual season results will show injuries and player development; the implications of a close result are usually different than a blowout; etc.), but I thought it might be an interesting way to look at season expectations.

There are many considerations that go into the process of creating Compu-Picks numbers, both the in-season model and the preseason model. One of the key considerations is reasonableness testing. Model inputs and calculations are tested on many standards. One of those standards is simply "Does it Work." Does the calculation improve the model's predictive accuracy? Does it add at least a little bit to the model's success ratio? There's no silver bullet for making predictions, but if you can make changes that each even add 0.1% to the model's accuracy, eventually each of these improvements add up and you're left with a model that does very well.

This sort of iterative experimentation and testing process is the backbone of the Compu-Picks system. It's why the system weights certain points of information very heavily and others barely or not at all. It's why the system makes preseason recruiting calculations not just on absolute recruiting level but also on trend. It's why it adjusts for new head coaches but doesn't do anything with the AP or other human ranking systems. And so on and so forth.

However, there's more to it than just a simple "does this improve the picking record" test. For me to make methodological changes, especially to the in-season model, the changes also have to make sense. Moreover, the in-season model as a whole has to create results that make sense, which is why I've run power rankings through the season (and publicly posted analysis of these numbers) for the past few years. If there are results that I can't explain, or that simply don't look reasonable, then I spend the next offseason investigating and sometimes changing the calculations as a result.

While this list is by no means exhaustive, here are some of the reasonableness checks that I think any predictive or power rating system needs to be able to pass:

The "Alabama Test"

This is a simple enough test. Look at your 2012 model, take your 25th ranked team (for Compu-Picks that was Michigan, so we'll use them, but it could be anybody), and imagine that they played a road game at Alabama and lost in as close a manner as possible (let's say a 1 point overtime loss, without any in-game data suggesting that the score was deceptive).

If you add that result into the season data, does your rating for Michigan go up or down? If it goes down, then there's something seriously broken with your model. Losing a nail-biter game on the road to the best team in the country is a meaningful achievement that should improve, and probably materially improve, their rating. If it goes down, or even if it's just flat, then your results probably aren't reasonable. And if your system is so complicated that you can't even answer the question (or at the least come up an approximate answer if nothing else) then you probably ought to simplify things so that you can understand your model well enough to answer the question.

The "Split Test"

This is another simple test. Look at your 2012 model, and take any two teams whose ratings are just about equal (for this example, let's use Indiana and Troy). Imagine they played a two game set against each other, splitting the two games with the box scores identically opposite in each (so let's say 31-21 in game one, and then 21-31 in game two).

If you add in those two games, what happens to your overall rating for the two teams? If either moves materially, there's probably something off in how you're juggling your various factors. Maybe the weighting of schedule strength is off, or maybe something else wacky is going on. But it shouldn't materially move either team's overall rating. Now, if your model goes into offensive/defensive/special teams splits, then an arbitrary game pairing could certainly shift each piece of the rating. But the overall number should still be the same, or at least pretty close.

The "Bodybag Test"

This is a test that's a bit more likely to create problems (and in fact is part of why I explicitly exclude AA games from the in-season Compu-Picks calculations).

Take any top ten team from your 2012 model (let's say Texas A&M in this case). Assume they play a bottom ten team from 2012 (let's say Akron), and blow them out by something silly like 61-3. Does that result materially improve A&M's rating? If so, you may want to look into why. Texas A&M was already playing at a very high level in 2012; blowing out an awful opponent really shouldn't materially improve their rating.

On the other hand, it probably shouldn't materially worsen the rating either. To an extent, if you're calculating average performance, this kind of blowout is simply meaningless compared to beating Alabama, competing with LSU, blowing out Oklahoma, etc. So it's reasonable for the rating to go down by at least some degree. But if it causes the rating to go down by a lot, then you may want to look into whether that's really appropriate, and strongly consider what kind of adjustments would help reduce that sort of impact (one example of such an adjustment would be to simply dampen the weight of these blowouts).

As noted above, this is part of why I've explicitly excluded AA games from the in-season Compu-Picks calculations; there aren't nearly enough games between 1-A and AA to accurately rate the difference between the competition levels, there are wide variations between the quality of some of the AA teams (some are worse than 1-A average, and some are light-years worse than the absolute bottom of 1-A), and "how much did the coach feel like running it up in this meaningless blowout" simply isn't a particularly useful gauge of quality.

In fairness, some people disagree, and there are those who believe that it's important to count these games as well. I, however, think that it's better to just slice out a bunch of games where most are just meaningless blowouts anyway.

Outlier Probabilities

Another topic that has come up from time to time is the spread of win probabilities and division title odds (these can be seen in the league preview pages). It seems strange that there are non-zero odds given to all sorts of outcomes that seem more or less impossible.

One concept I learned from Nassim Taleb's "The Black Swan" is the "fat tail," the idea that seemingly extremely unlikely events are actually more likely than most statistical distributions, including the normal distribution, suggest.

This concept applies to college football predictions as well. Every year, there are teams who drastically outperform or underperform their expectations. In 2012, outperformers included San Jose St, Utah St and Texas A&M, while underperformers included Auburn, Arkansas and Southern Miss. In 2011, outperformers included Baylor, Houston and LSU, while underperformers included Maryland, Oregon St and Troy. And who can forget Texas's epic 2010 collapse, where they followed up a national title game appearance with a losing 5-7 season.

Compu-Picks explicitly adjusts for these fat tails, which is why you can see small, but non-zero, values for some seemingly insane results, such as Texas A&M not even making a bowl game, or Kentucky winning the SEC East. Obviously these sorts of results would be extremely unlikely, but at the same time it's very likely that at least some seemingly crazy outcomes will happen. This is why the probability distributions reflect the potential for any team in 1-A to have an exceptionally good or an exceptionally bad season.

Will Texas A&M collapse and lose, say, six or more? Probably not. But will someone in the preseason top 25? Almost certainly yes. Just like preseason AP #1 USC, #10 Arkansas and #20 TCU in 2012, preseason #8 Texas A&M, #18 Ohio St, #20 Mississippi St and #22 Florida in 2011, and #5 Texas, #13 Miami, #16 Georgia Tech, #19 Penn St, #23 Georgia and #24 Oregon St in 2010.

There are a number of teams that Compu-Picks is especially high or low on. Below is a discussion of one SEC team that Compu-Picks is down on.

TENNESSEE

It's interesting that the books are calling Tennessee a bowl team given that it's at least possible they might turn out to be the worst team in the SEC (presuming Kentucky actually does improve this year). Clearly, getting rid of Derek Dooley is a massive positive, but it's going to take time to turn this team around.

One big thing arguing against Tennessee taking a step up this year is their recruiting decline, as their last two recruiting classes have been among their worst this decade. Moreover, their offensive production took a massive hit, as they were a pass-first team that lost their quarterback and four leading receivers. The offensive line does return a good deal of experience, but unless the story here is "Derek Dooley was unbelievably terrible" (and yes, this is possible) this looks like a step back for the Vol offense, not a step forward. And while the defense should be OK, there's no special reason to think they should be substantially improved.

Another thing hurts is the schedule. Six SEC East games, the annual tilt against Alabama, another league game against Auburn, a brutal non-conference game at Oregon, and a possibly decent non-conference game against Western Kentucky. Yes, South Alabama and the AA game are cakewalks, but the rest of the slate is pretty nasty. For a team power rated around the middle of 1-A, bowl eligibility looks like a very difficult task. They're either going to spring a massive upset against Oregon, Alabama or one of the three SEC East powers, or they're going to have to go at least 3-1 against Missouri, Auburn, Vandy and Kentucky. That simply doesn't look likely for this team.

On the other hand, there are some positive indicators. They had some rough injury luck, their turnover margin was a big negative outlier last year (and should improve) and their close game fortune was poor as well (again, this should improve). So while the numbers do project decline, it doesn't necessarily have to be massive. And as noted elsewhere, their 2014 recruiting class could be a huge boost to the program.

The below section contains in-depth previews of the SEC and each of its teams (the full preview will have a section for each league in 1-A, as well as a 3-page preview for each 1-A team). Below is a description and explanation of the various pieces of information in each section:

LEAGUE PREVIEW PAGES

- **PAGE 1**
  - *Power Rank* – This is the Compu-Picks projected power ranking compared to all of 1-A as well the league and division (where applicable)
  - *Recruiting Rank* – This is the scout.com recruiting rank for the 2013 class, as well as the 4-year class average
  - *Projected Finish* – This is the projected finish based on all of the simulations that Compu-Picks has run. Teams are sorted by this as opposed to pure power ranking.
  - *Expected Wins* – This is the average number of total and (where applicable) league wins across all of Compu-Picks' season simulations.
  - *Schedule Strength* – This is the ranking for each team's schedule compared to all of 1-A as well as just their league peers.
  - *Division / League Odds* – This is the percent of all season simulations where this team won the league title. Please note that blank entries indicate that precisely zero simulations showed the team winning the title, while "0%" merely means the estimate rounds down to 0%.

- **PAGE 2**
  - *Expected Wins* – This ties to the values shown on page 1.
  - *Win Probabilities* – This represents the odds of winning any given number of games during the regular season. Please note that blank entries indicate that precisely zero simulations showed this number of wins, while "0%" merely means the estimate rounds down to 0%. Also note that very few teams show any odds for winning 13 games, since only a handful of teams are scheduled to play more than 12.

TEAM PREVIEW PAGES

- *PAGE 1*
  - *Compu-Picks vs AP Rank Graph* – This graph shows the Compu-Picks and AP ranks for the team for each year from 2006 to 2012, as well as the projected Compu-Picks rank for 2013. Teams outside the AP Top 25 are defaulted to rank 30.
  - *Recruiting Rank* – This graph shows the scout.com recruiting ranks for the team for each year from 2006 to 2013, as well as a calculated 4-year average recruiting rank.
  - *2013 Schedule and Win Odds* – This chart shows the projected odds of winning each game on the team's schedule. It also shows the conditional win odds given a win or loss in a selected key game. These conditional win odds may be useful to help evaluate how much to read into specific early season results.
  - *Other Items* – This page also shows the odds of winning the division and at least 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 games, as well as the team's power ranking in all of 1-A, the team's league and division, as well as projected finish in the team's league and division (these do not apply to teams that are not in a league or division). Teams' projected power rankings do not always equal their projected finish; this is mainly due to schedule differences.

- *PAGE 2*
  - *Lettermen and Yards Returning Graph* – This graph shows the projected lettermen returning (from http://philsteele.com) and projected yards returning (based on rosters published by http://cfbstats.com for 2009-2012 as well as publicly available roster data for 2013, as shown in the article http://compu-picks.com/2013Preview/20130724_Key_Players.html), for every season from 2009-2013.
  - *OL Starts Returning and K/P Graph* – This graph shows the projected offensive line starts and kicker/punter starters returning (from http://philsteele.com), for every season from 2009-2013.
  - *Returning Production – Defense* – This graph shows the projected tackles, interceptions and sacks returning (based on the same roster data as yards returning) for every season from 2009-2013.
  - *Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012* – This chart shows the statistics of key offensive skill players, as well as an indicator for whether or not they return. Total production from key players in 2012 is summed up and split out based on players returning or departing.

- o *Key Defensive Players from 2012* – This chart shows the statistics of key defensive players, as well as an indicator for whether or not they return. Total production from key players in 2012 is summed up and split out based on players returning or departing.

- **PAGE 3**
  - o *Turnovers and Fumble Luck* – This graph shows the total turnovers and fumble luck (under the simplifying assumption that every fumble has a 50% chance of being recovered by either team), based on statistics published by http://cfbstats.com , for every year from 2007-2012.
  - o *NFL Draft Points Lost* – This graph shows the scale of NFL draft losses from every year from 2007-2013. The meaning of points lost to the NFL draft is explained in the Glossary of Terms.
  - o *Net Close Wins* – This graph shows the net close wins for every year from 2007-2012. As noted in the Compu-Picks article discussing close game success (http://compu-picks.com/Analysis/20130720close_game_success.html), close game success does not correlate year to year, so especially good (or bad) fortune in close games is unlikely to continue in the future.
  - o *New Head Coach* – This graoh shows whether or not there has been a new head coach for every year from 2007-2013 (based on data published by http://collegefootballpoll.com). The presence of a new head coach is usually a negative factor in year one, though for teams that have substantially underachieved in recent years, it also dampens the predictive impact of on-field success (or failure) to some degree.
  - o *Net ATS Wins* – This graph shows the number of net wins against the spread (ATS), for each year from 2007-2012.
  - o *Starts Lost to Injury* – This graph shows the number of starts lost to injury, for each year from 2009-2012, based on data published by http://philsteele.com.

Please note that for teams relatively new to 1-A, the amount of data available is limited and many of their information charts have been cut short as a consequence.

It's Alabama's world and everyone else is just living in it. At least, that's what it feels like these days. The Crimson Tide have won two straight and three of four BCS Championships and there are no particular signs of them slowing down anytime soon. Can anyone unseat them?

In the SEC West, there are three quality challengers hoping to end Alabama's reign: Texas A&M (who beat them last year), Ole Miss (a veteran team with excellent incoming recruiting talent), and LSU (who beat Alabama two years ago and is still very much a power). While none of them individually project to be a match for the Tide, each should be a quality opponent, and don't be stunned if one of them pulls the stunner. The SEC West also provides a good example of schedule impact; while Ole Miss and LSU are power rated close to each other, the Tigers' nasty SEC draw of Florida and Georgia puts them a bit behind the Rebels in the standings projections instead of a bit ahead.

Meanwhile, the SEC East looks like a neck and neck race between South Carolina and Georgia. After years of unpleasant SEC West draws, South Carolina finally gets a favorable draw, with Arkansas likely to remain down (though improved), and Mississippi St likely to remain in the bottom half of the West. Meanwhile, Florida and Georgia both have to play LSU. While the Bulldogs are power rated highest in the division and do play Carolina at home, the Gamecocks' overall league schedule edge makes the division close to a toss-up. Whoever wins the opener at Athens will have a major advantage in the race for the East title. As for Florida, the Gators should be good, but a step behind the others in power rating, and playing LSU and South Carolina on the road doesn't help.

Vanderbilt and Missouri could also be interesting. Vandy's SEC West draw of Ole Miss and Texas A&M is nasty, but they're a veteran team with rapidly improving recruiting talent. If they can find a good replacement for departed QB Jordan Rodgers (and that's a big if), they could be a player in the division. Mizzou clearly had a disapointing first season in the SEC, but they're poised to bounce back in 2013. And while their West draw of Ole Miss and Texas A&M is no cakewalk, at least Bama is off the schedule.

In the lower half of the league, Auburn as usual has more than enough talent that if they can put it together, they can be a very dangerous out. Tennessee has some hope of recovery with a more competant coaching staff in place, but 2013 looks like a nasty struggle. The Vols' issues are discussed a bit further in the "Bad News" section.

Team	Power Rank			Recruiting Class Rank		Projected Finish		Expected Wins		Schedule Strength Rank *		Odds of Winning Division
	1-A	League	Division	2013	4-Year	League	Division	All Games	League	1-A	League	
Georgia	5	2	1	9	11	2	1	9.5	6.1	13	9	40%
South Carolina	10	4	2	23	18	3	2	9.2	5.9	18	11	31%
Florida	16	7	3	7	4	6	3	7.8	4.8	7	5	14%
Vanderbilt	21	8	4	19	44	8	4	7.8	3.9	32	13	7%
Missouri	23	9	5	36	35	9	5	7.2	3.7	9	7	6%
Kentucky	59	12	6	39	36	12	6	4.5	1.7	8	6	0%
Tennessee	64	14	7	35	20	14	7	4.0	1.4	6	4	1%
Alabama	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	11.2	7.3	43	14	68%
Texas A&M	8	3	2	6	17	4	2	9.3	5.4	19	12	16%
Mississippi	13	6	4	10	19	5	3	8.1	4.8	12	8	8%
LSU	12	5	3	8	5	7	4	7.8	4.5	3	3	5%
Auburn	35	10	5	14	6	10	5	6.4	2.8	16	10	1%
Mississippi St	42	11	6	21	31	11	6	5.1	2.3	2	2	1%
Arkansas	60	13	7	33	25	13	7	4.2	1.4	1	1	0%

*Schedule strength refers to all games, not just league games

All Regular Season Games

Team	Expected Wins	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
							Win Probabilities								
Georgia	9.5		16%	20%	19%	17%	12%	8%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	
South Carolina	9.2		12%	19%	20%	17%	13%	8%	5%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	
Florida	7.8		4%	8%	12%	17%	17%	15%	10%	8%	4%	2%	1%	0%	
Vanderbilt	7.8		2%	6%	12%	17%	20%	18%	13%	7%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Missouri	7.2		2%	5%	8%	13%	16%	18%	16%	11%	6%	3%	1%	1%	0%
Kentucky	4.5		0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	7%	13%	20%	22%	18%	10%	3%	1%
Tennessee	4.0			0%	1%	1%	2%	4%	9%	17%	25%	23%	13%	4%	1%
Alabama	11.2		51%	31%	11%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%		0%	0%		
Texas A&M	9.3		9%	19%	23%	20%	15%	8%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%		
Mississippi	8.1		3%	8%	14%	19%	20%	15%	10%	6%	3%	1%	0%		
LSU	7.8		2%	6%	12%	17%	20%	18%	13%	7%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Auburn	6.4		1%	2%	3%	8%	14%	20%	21%	16%	9%	4%	2%	1%	0%
Mississippi St	5.1		0%	1%	2%	3%	6%	11%	17%	20%	18%	12%	6%	2%	1%
Arkansas	4.2		0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	6%	10%	18%	21%	22%	13%	4%	1%

League Games

Team	Expected Wins	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
					Win Probabilities						
Georgia	6.1		22%	25%	21%	16%	9%	4%	2%	1%	0%
South Carolina	5.9		15%	25%	24%	16%	11%	5%	2%	1%	0%
Florida	4.8		6%	12%	18%	22%	19%	12%	6%	3%	1%
Vanderbilt	3.9		3%	6%	12%	17%	21%	19%	13%	6%	2%
Missouri	3.7		2%	6%	10%	15%	20%	21%	16%	8%	3%
Kentucky	1.7		0%	0%	1%	3%	6%	14%	24%	30%	22%
Tennessee	1.4		0%	0%	1%	2%	5%	10%	20%	30%	32%
Alabama	7.3		54%	31%	10%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Texas A&M	5.4		9%	19%	23%	20%	15%	7%	3%	2%	1%
Mississippi	4.8		4%	13%	20%	22%	17%	12%	7%	3%	1%
LSU	4.5		2%	9%	17%	22%	22%	16%	8%	3%	1%
Auburn	2.8		1%	1%	4%	9%	16%	24%	24%	15%	7%
Mississippi St	2.3		0%	1%	3%	6%	12%	19%	26%	22%	11%
Arkansas	1.4		0%	0%	1%	2%	5%	10%	22%	32%	28%

SEC – WIN PROJECTIONS

Florida
Season Projections, Power Rankings, and Recruiting

Compu-Picks vs AP Rank

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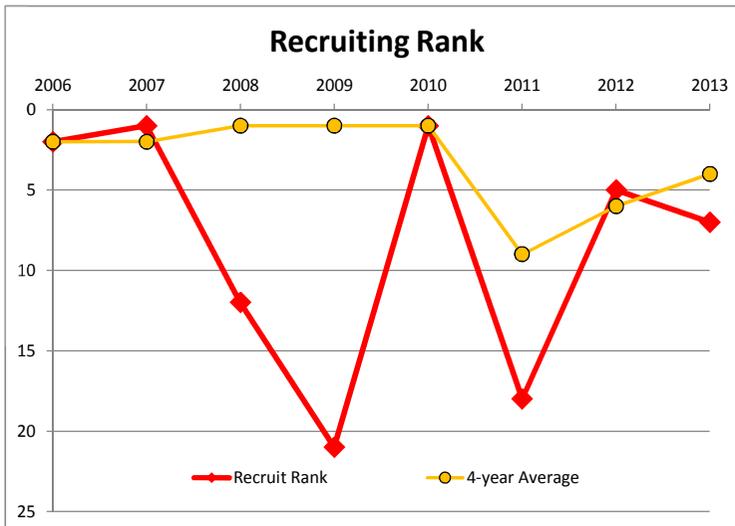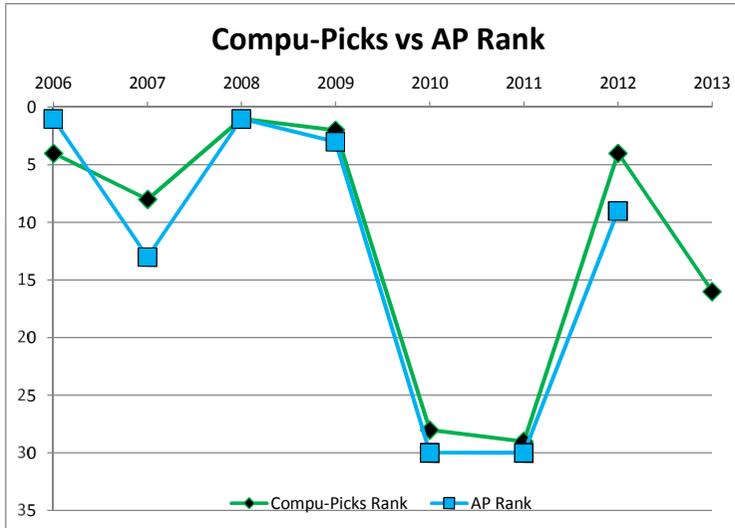
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Florida...	
		Beats Miami (FL)	Doesn't
Toledo	89%	93%	82%
Miami (FL)	*68%*	*100%*	*0%*
Tennessee	91%	94%	85%
Kentucky	80%	85%	69%
Arkansas	90%	93%	83%
LSU	36%	42%	24%
Missouri	49%	55%	36%
Georgia	36%	40%	26%
Vanderbilt	65%	71%	52%
South Carolina	32%	37%	20%
AA	100%	100%	100%
Florida St	45%	51%	32%
Expected Wins	**7.81**	**8.62**	**6.10**

Odds of

Winning Division	14%
Winning 4+ Games	96%
Winning 6+ Games	84%
Winning 8+ Games	58%
Winning 10+ Games	24%
Winning 12+ Games	4%

Power Rankings

1-A	16
League	7
Division	3

Projected Finish

League	6
Division	3

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	7
League (counts ALL games)	5

Florida
Returning Players
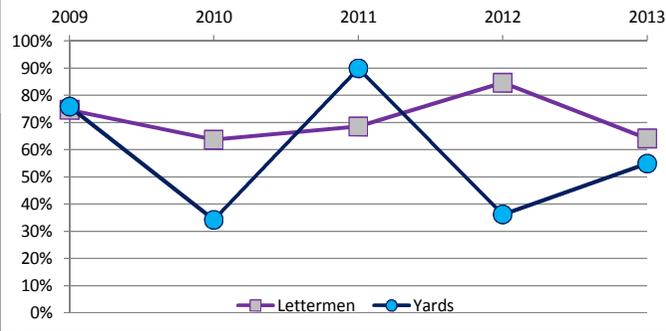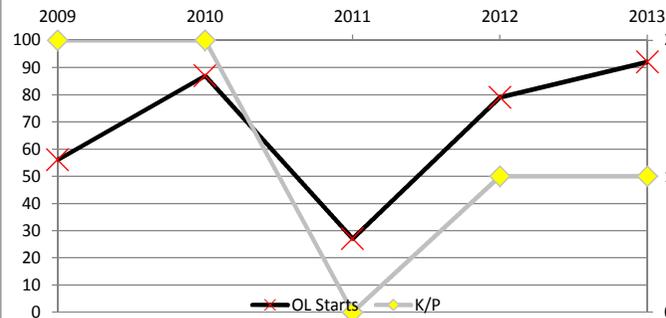
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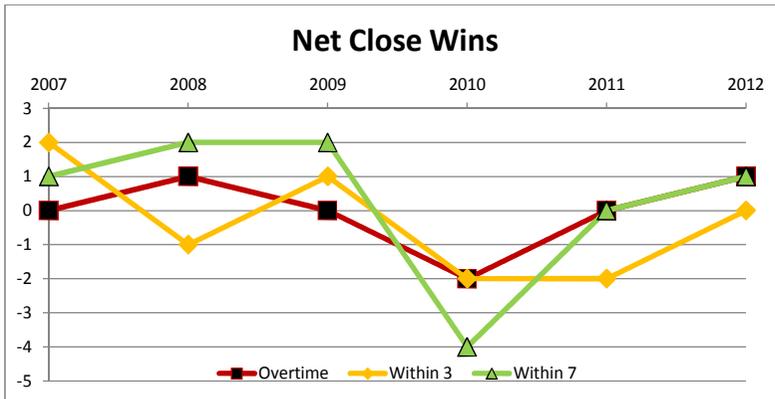### OL Starts Returning and K/P

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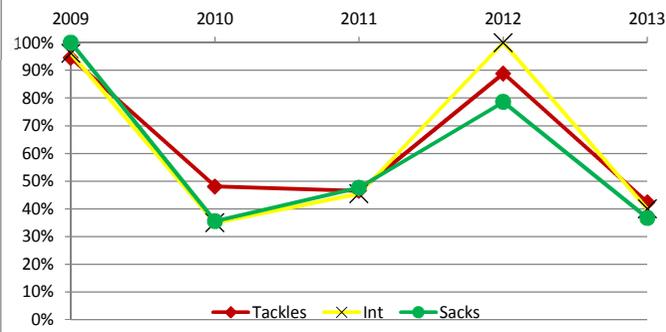
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Jeff Driskel	**1,646**	**408**	**0**	**2,054**	**Yes**
Mike Gillislee	*0*	*1,152*	*159*	*1,311*	
Jordan Reed	*0*	*0*	*559*	*559*	
Omarius Hines	*0*	*159*	*242*	*401*	
Quinton Dunbar	**0**	**0**	**383**	**383**	**Yes**
Trey Burton	**4**	**190**	**172**	**366**	**Yes**
Frankie Hammond, Jr.	*0*	*0*	*295*	*295*	
Matt Jones	**0**	**275**	**10**	**285**	**Yes**
Jacoby Brissett	*249*	*-4*	*0*	*245*	
Loucheiz Purifoy	**0**	**8**	**5**	**13**	**Yes**
Returning Production	1,650	881	570	3,101	
Departing Production	*249*	*1,307*	*1,255*	*2,811*	
Total Production	**1,899**	**2,188**	**1,825**	**5,912**	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Josh Evans	*49*	*34*	*2.5*	*3*	
Jon Bostic	*44*	*23*	*3*	*2*	
Jaylen Watkins	**26**	**13**	**0**	**3**	**Yes**
Sharrif Floyd	*29*	*17*	*3*	*0*	
Jelani Jenkins	*19*	*10*	*2*	*1*	
Lerentee McCray	*14*	*11*	*3*	*1*	
Marcus Roberson	**18**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**Yes**
Michael Taylor	**18**	**14**	**1**	**1**	**Yes**
Dominique Easley	**16**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**Yes**
Omar Hunter	*20*	*20*	*0*	*0*	
Returning Production	78	42	6	6	
Departing Production	*175*	*115*	*14*	*7*	
Total Production	**253**	**157**	**20**	**13**	

Florida
Luck, Coaching Changes and Other Factors

Turnovers and Fumble Luck

| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |

Turnovers — Fumble Luck

NFL Draft Points Lost

| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |

Net Close Wins

| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |

Overtime — Within 3 — Within 7

New Head Coach

| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |

Net ATS Wins

| 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |

Starts Lost to Injury

| 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |

Georgia
Season Projections, Power Rankings, and Recruiting

Compu-Picks vs AP Rank

2013 Schedule and Win Odds

| | | What If Georgia... | |
| | | Beats South | |
Opponent	Overall Projection	Carolina	Doesn't
Clemson	61%	67%	51%
South Carolina	*65%*	*100%*	*0%*
North Texas	99%	99%	99%
LSU	70%	75%	62%
Tennessee	92%	95%	88%
Missouri	81%	85%	73%
Vanderbilt	63%	68%	52%
Florida	64%	70%	55%
AA	100%	100%	100%
Auburn	81%	85%	73%
Kentucky	95%	97%	92%
Georgia Tech	77%	82%	68%
Expected Wins	**9.49**	**10.23**	**8.13**

Recruiting Rank

Odds of

Winning Division	40%
Winning 4+ Games	99%
Winning 6+ Games	96%
Winning 8+ Games	84%
Winning 10+ Games	55%
Winning 12+ Games	16%

Power Rankings

1-A	5
League	2
Division	1

Projected Finish

League	2
Division	1

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	13
League (counts ALL games)	9

Georgia
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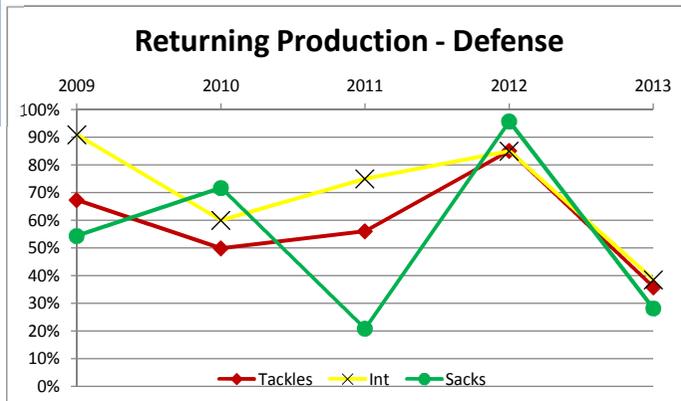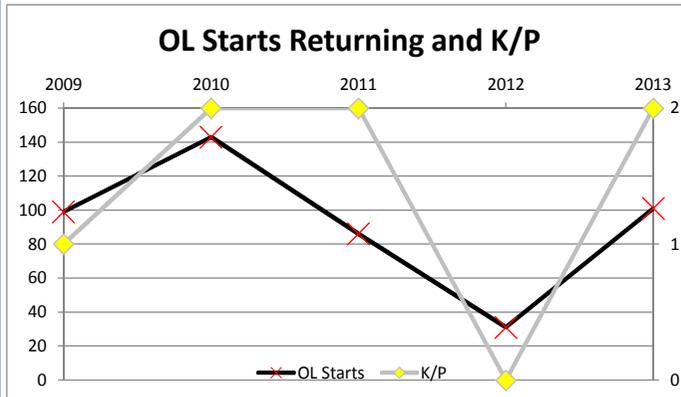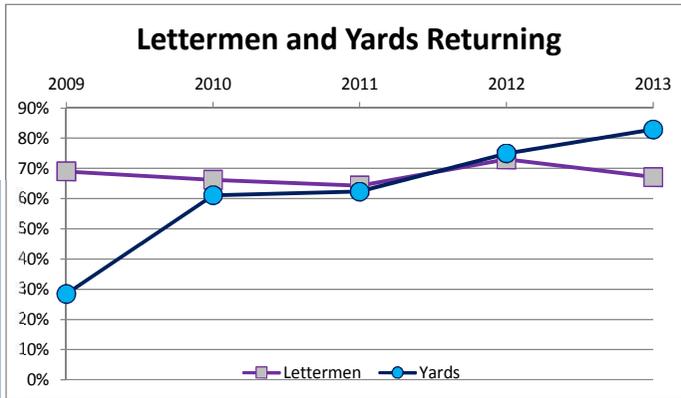
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Aaron Murray	**3,893**	**-68**	**0**	**3,825**	**Yes**
Todd Gurley	**0**	**1,385**	**117**	**1,502**	**Yes**
Tavarres King	*0*	*0*	*950*	*950*	
Keith Marshall	**0**	**759**	**91**	**850**	**Yes**
Malcolm Mitchell	**0**	**17**	**572**	**589**	**Yes**
Marlon Brown	*0*	*0*	*469*	*469*	
Arthur Lynch	**16**	**0**	**431**	**447**	**Yes**
Michael Bennett	**0**	**0**	**345**	**345**	**Yes**
Chris Conley	**0**	**0**	**342**	**342**	**Yes**
Ken Malcome	*0*	*272*	*0*	*272*	
Returning Production	3,909	2,093	1,898	7,900	
Departing Production	*0*	*272*	*1,419*	*1,691*	
Total Production	**3,909**	**2,365**	**3,317**	**9,591**	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

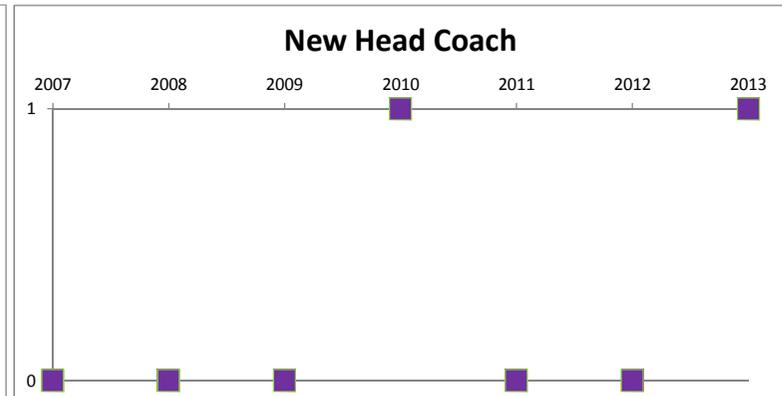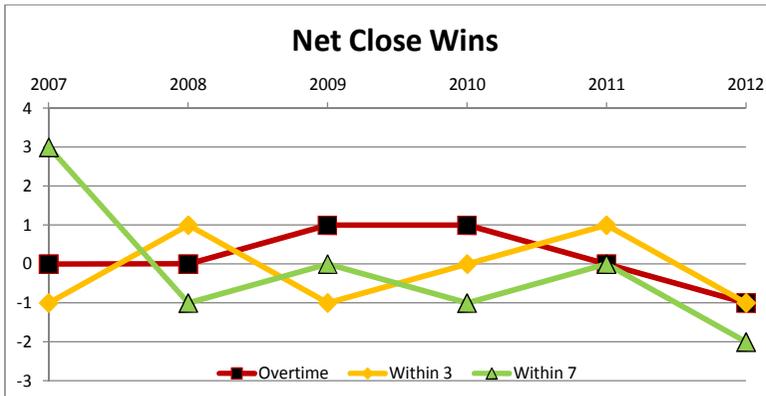|	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Jarvis Jones	*52*	*33*	*14.5*	*1*	
Alec Ogletree	*63*	*48*	*3*	*1*	
Shawn Williams	*56*	*42*	*1*	*0*	
Bacarri Rambo	*47*	*26*	*1*	*3*	
Damian Swann	**34**	**19**	**2**	**4**	**Yes**
Amarlo Herrera	**33**	**37**	**0**	**1**	**Yes**
Garrison Smith	**27**	**30**	**1**	**0**	**Yes**
Jordan Jenkins	**18**	**13**	**5**	**0**	**Yes**
Michael Gilliard	*23*	*32*	*0*	*0*	
John Jenkins	*22*	*28*	*1*	*0*	
Returning Production	112	99	8	5	
Departing Production	*263*	*209*	*21*	*5*	
Total Production	**375**	**308**	**29**	**10**	

Georgia
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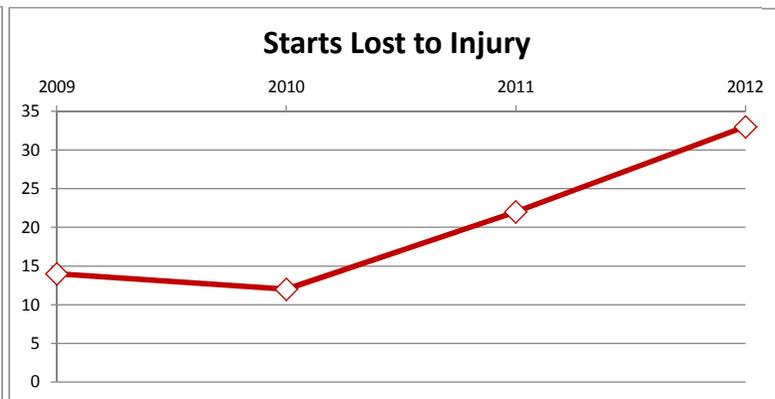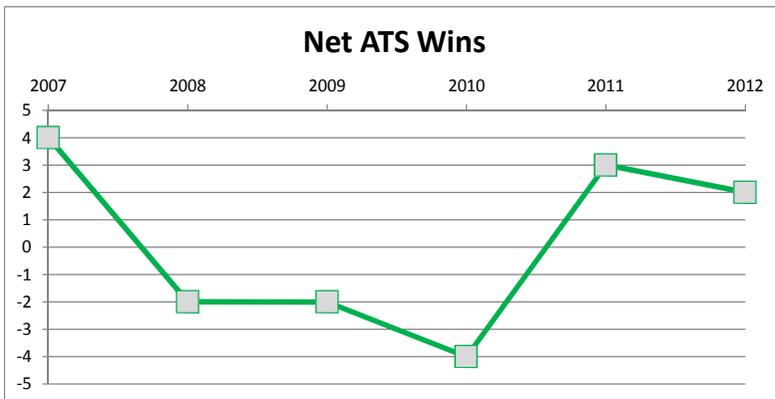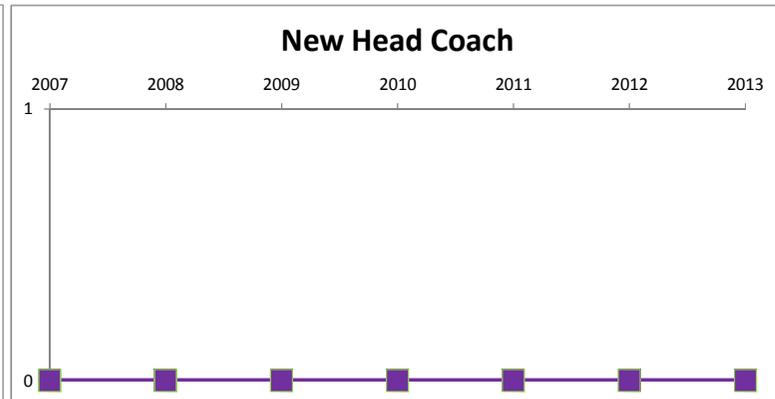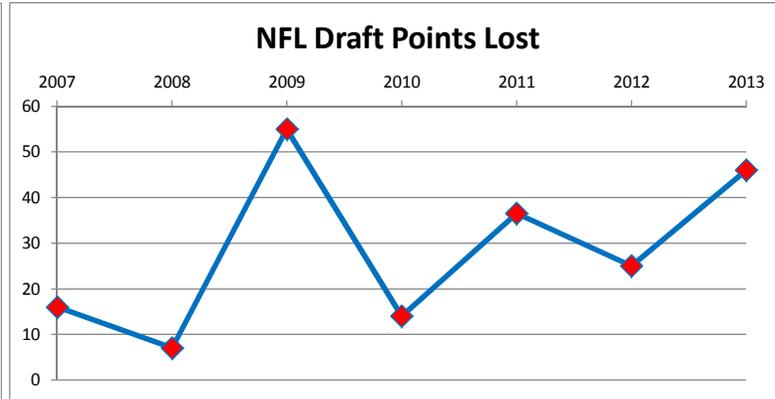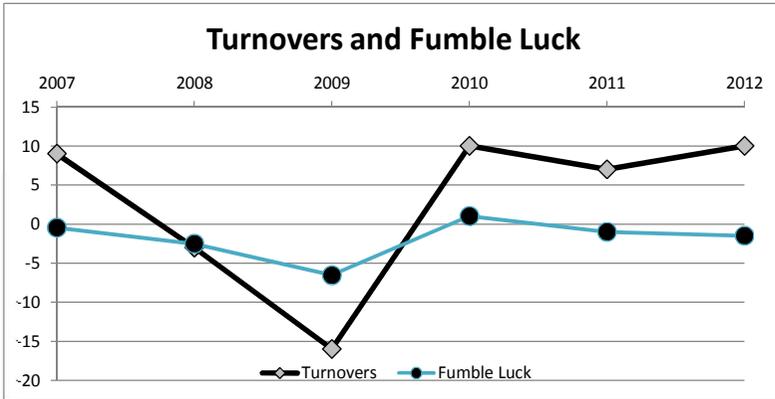
Kentucky
Season Projections, Power Rankings, and Recruiting

Compu-Picks vs AP Rank

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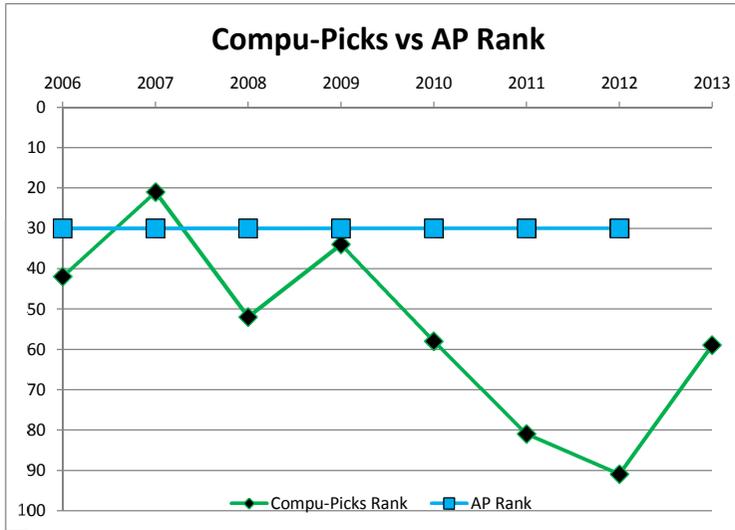
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Kentucky...	
		Beats WKU	Doesn't
WKU	**69%**	**100%**	**0%**
Miami (OH)	91%	94%	86%
Louisville	22%	26%	13%
Florida	20%	24%	11%
South Carolina	7%	9%	3%
Alabama	3%	3%	1%
Mississippi St	29%	34%	19%
AA	96%	98%	92%
Missouri	31%	36%	19%
Vanderbilt	15%	17%	9%
Georgia	5%	6%	2%
Tennessee	59%	65%	47%
Expected Wins	**4.47**	**5.12**	**3.03**

Odds of

Winning Division	0%
Winning 4+ Games	68%
Winning 6+ Games	26%
Winning 8+ Games	6%
Winning 10+ Games	1%
Winning 12+ Games	0%

Power Rankings

1-A	59
League	12
Division	6

Projected Finish

League	12
Division	6

Schedule Strength Rank

|	
1-A	8
League (counts ALL games)	6

# Kentucky
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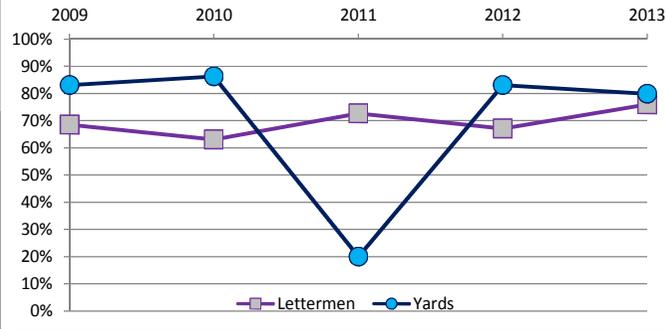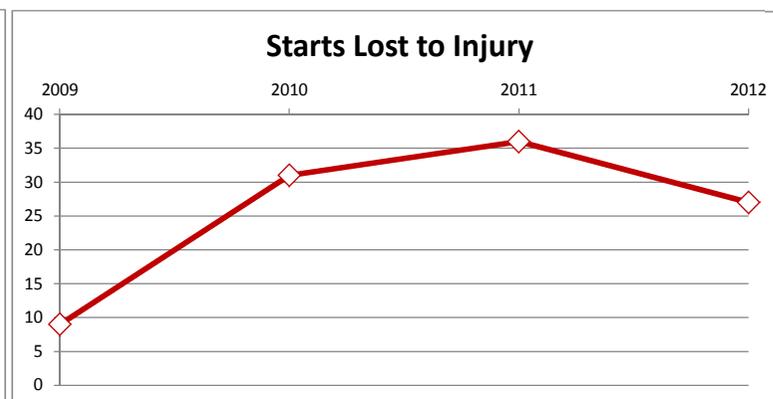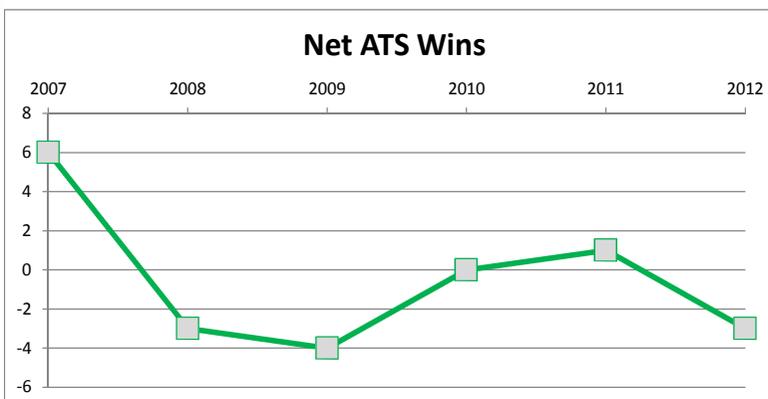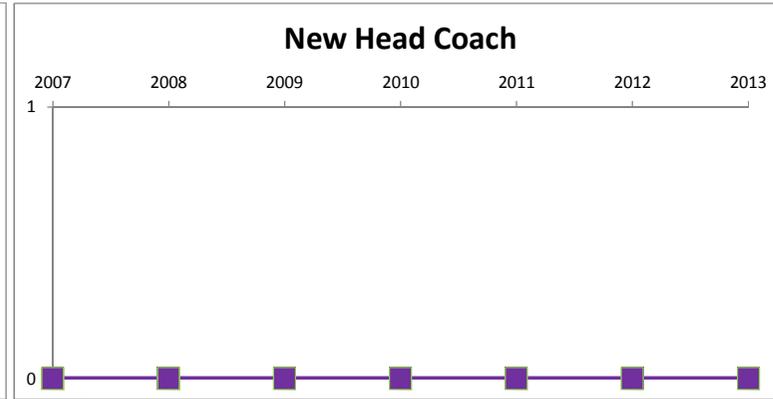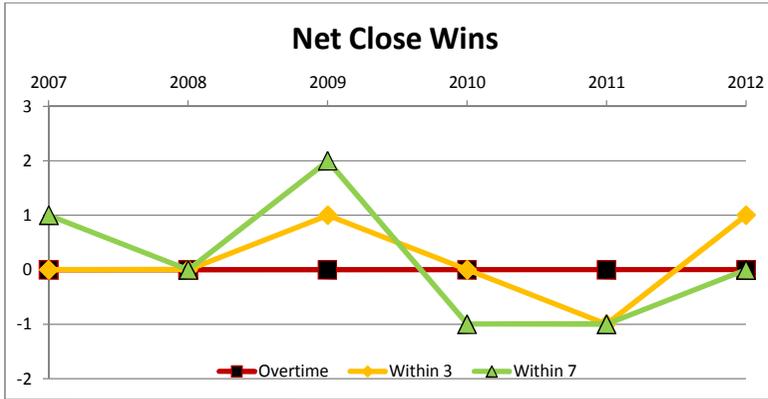

Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Jalen Whitlow	801	206	33	1,040	Yes
Maxwell Smith	975	-24	0	951	Yes
Raymond Sanders III	0	669	111	780	Yes
Jonathan George	0	504	223	727	Yes
La'Rod King	*0*	*0*	*488*	*488*	
Demarco Robinson	33	24	297	354	Yes
Aaron Boyd	*0*	*0*	*233*	*233*	
Patrick Towles	233	-14	0	219	Yes
Returning Production	2,042	1,365	664	4,071	
Departing Production	*0*	*0*	*721*	*721*	
Total Production	2,042	1,365	1,385	4,792	
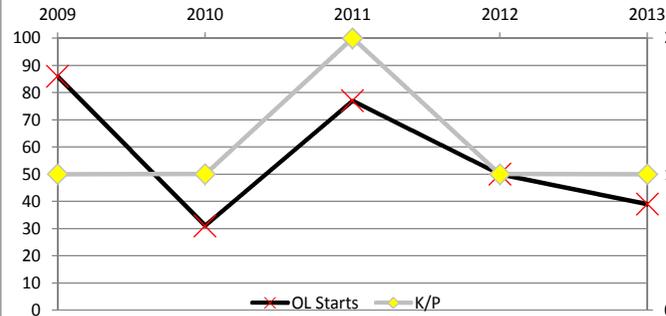
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	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Avery Williamson	70	65	3	1	Yes
Alvin Dupree	54	37	6.5	0	Yes
Miles Simpson	43	26	1	0	Yes
Martavius Neloms	*31*	*22*	*0*	*1*	
Collins Ukwu	*22*	*19*	*3*	*0*	
Ashely Lowery	27	16	0	1	Yes
Donte Rumph	16	20	4	0	Yes
Cartier Rice	*29*	*12*	*0*	*0*	
J.D. Harmon	17	7	0	2	Yes
Mister Cobble	20	5	2	0	Yes
Returning Production	247	176	17	4	
Departing Production	*82*	*53*	*3*	*1*	
Total Production	329	229	20	5	
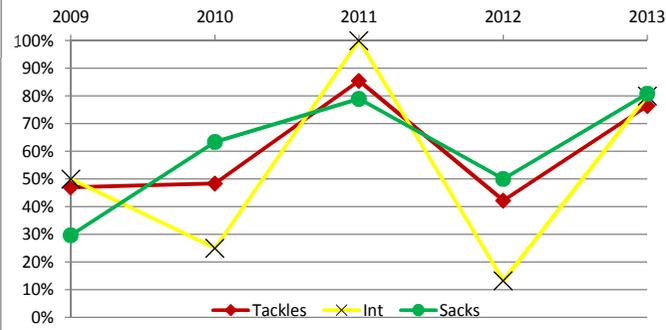
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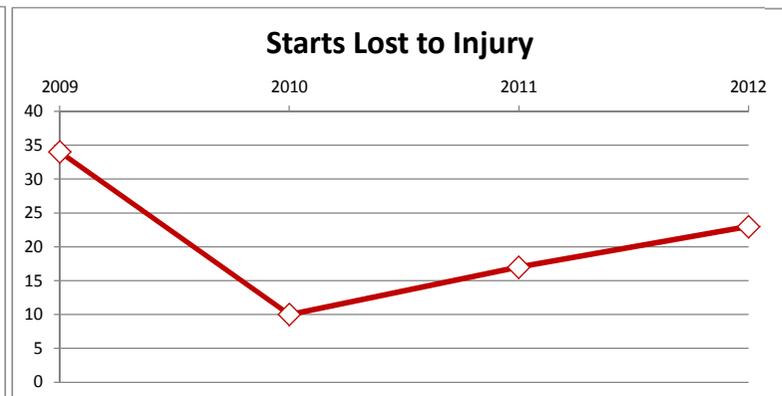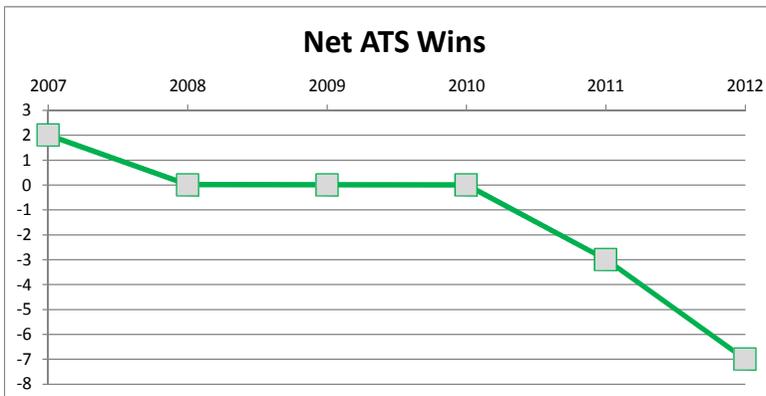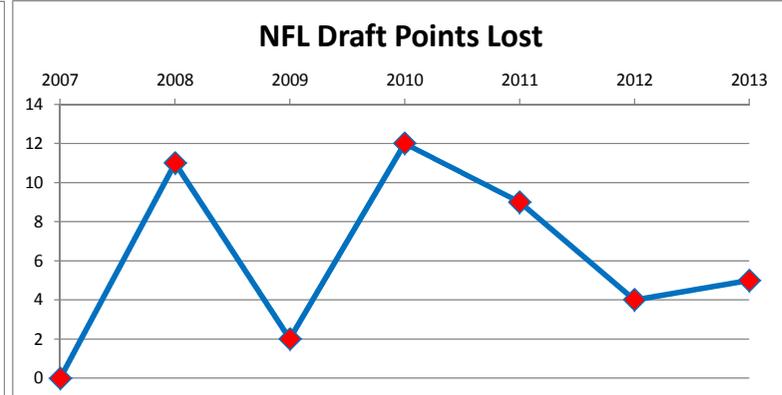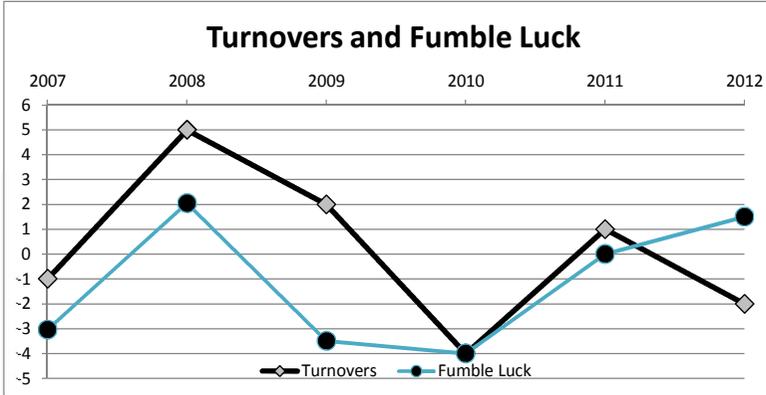
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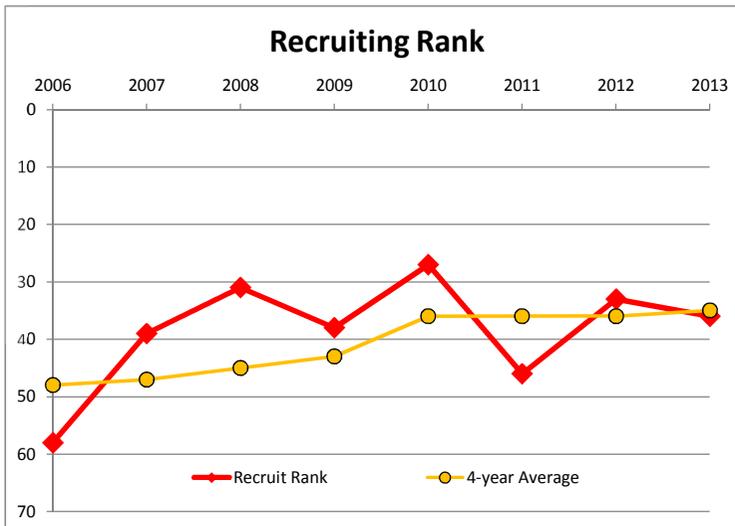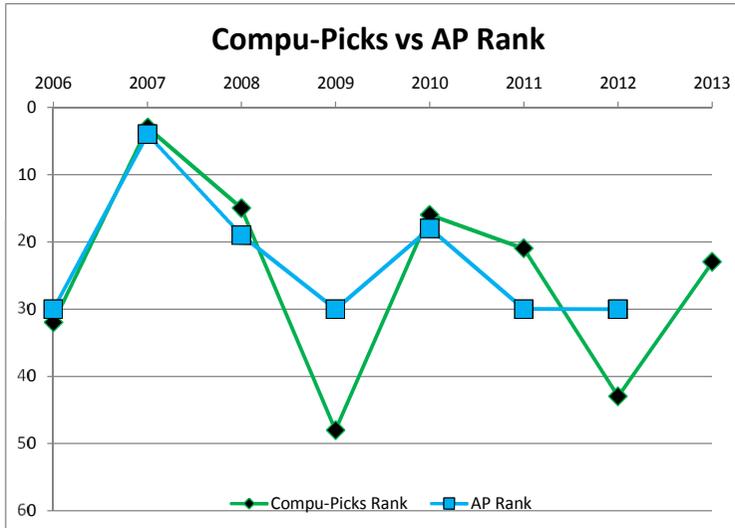
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Missouri...	
		Beats Indiana	Doesn't
AA	100%	100%	99%
Toledo	85%	88%	78%
Indiana	*68%*	*100%*	*0%*
Arkansas St	94%	96%	90%
Vanderbilt	41%	47%	30%
Georgia	19%	23%	12%
Florida	51%	56%	40%
South Carolina	39%	44%	27%
Tennessee	88%	91%	82%
Kentucky	69%	75%	58%
Mississippi	28%	33%	18%
Texas A&M	34%	39%	23%
Expected Wins	**7.17**	**7.92**	**5.59**

Odds of

Winning Division	6%
Winning 4+ Games	95%
Winning 6+ Games	78%
Winning 8+ Games	44%
Winning 10+ Games	15%
Winning 12+ Games	2%

Power Rankings

1-A	23
League	9
Division	5

Projected Finish

League	9
Division	5

Schedule Strength Rank

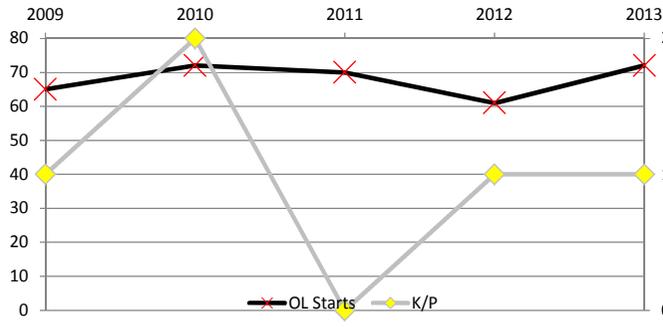|	
1-A	9
League (counts ALL games)	7

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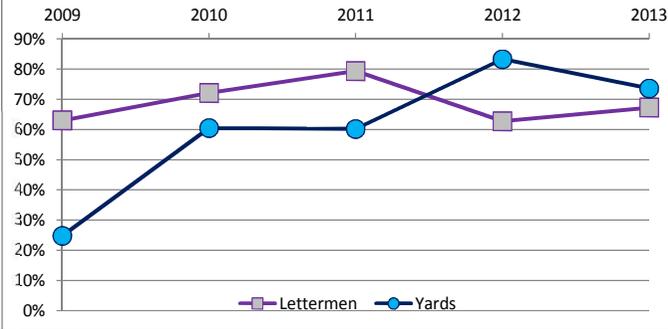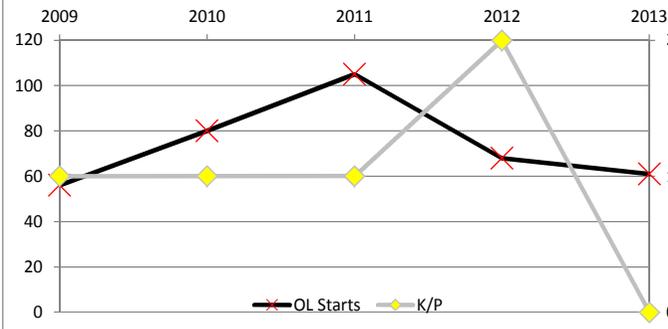
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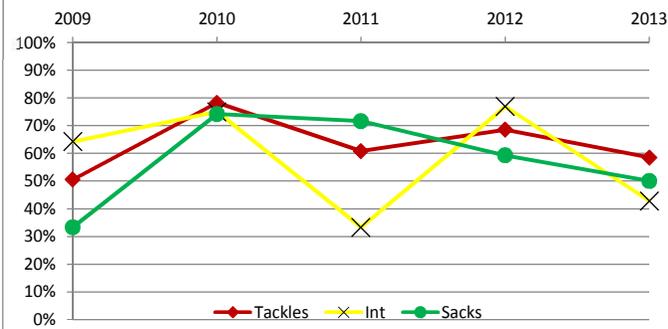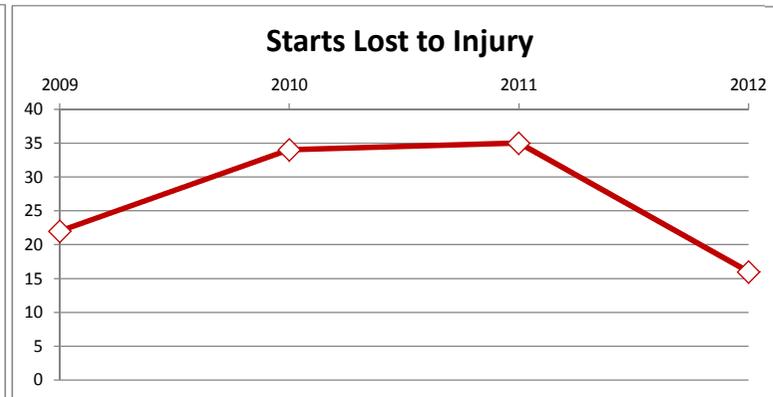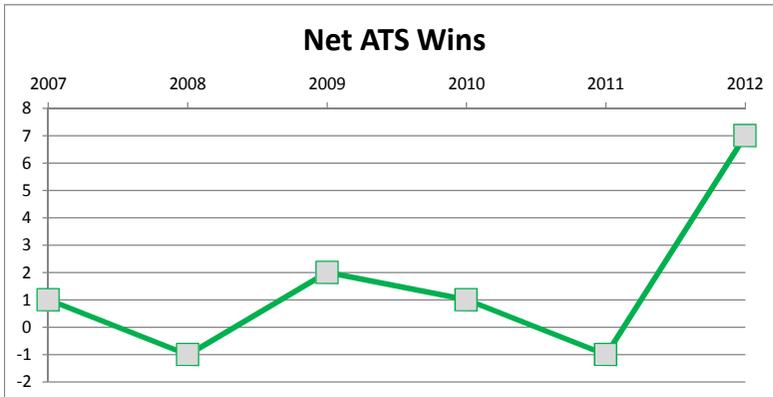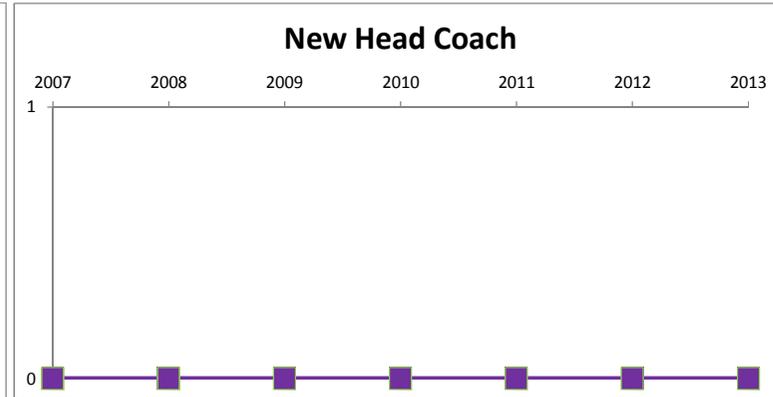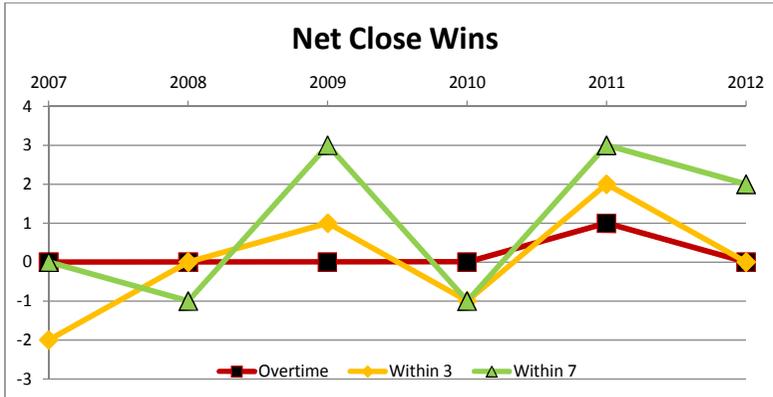

Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
James Franklin	1,562	122	0	1,684	Yes
Kendial Lawrence	*0*	*1,025*	*114*	*1,139*	
Corbin Berkstresser	1,059	56	0	1,115	Yes
Marcus Lucas	0	0	509	509	Yes
L'Damian Washington	0	0	443	443	Yes
T.J. Moe	*0*	*26*	*399*	*425*	
Dorial Green-Beckham	0	16	395	411	Yes
Marcus Murphy	0	251	22	273	Yes
Gahn McGaffie	*0*	*0*	*266*	*266*	
Bud Sasser	0	0	231	231	Yes
Returning Production	2,621	445	1,600	4,666	
Departing Production	*0*	*1,051*	*779*	*1,830*	
Total Production	2,621	1,496	2,379	6,496	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
E.J. Gaines	58	16	0	1	Yes
Sheldon Richardson	*39*	*36*	*4*	*0*	
Andrew Wilson	45	35	0.5	0	Yes
Will Ebner	*47*	*27*	*1*	*0*	
Kenronte Walker	*35*	*33*	*0*	*1*	
Zaviar Gooden	*36*	*25*	*0*	*1*	
Braylon Webb	36	28	0	0	Yes
Randy Ponder	30	14	0	1	Yes
Kony Ealy	18	19	3.5	0	Yes
Donovan Bonner	22	17	0	1	Yes
Returning Production	209	129	4	3	
Departing Production	*157*	*121*	*5*	*2*	
Total Production	366	250	9	5	

Missouri
Luck, Coaching Changes and Other Factors

Turnovers and Fumble Luck

Legend: Turnovers, Fumble Luck

NFL Draft Points Lost

Net Close Wins

Legend: Overtime, Within 3, Within 7

New Head Coach

Net ATS Wins

Starts Lost to Injury

South Carolina
Season Projections, Power Rankings, and Recruiting

Compu-Picks vs AP Rank

2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If South Carolina...	
		Beats Georgia	Doesn't
UNC	81%	89%	76%
Georgia	35%	100%	0%
Vanderbilt	70%	81%	64%
Central Florida	80%	89%	75%
Kentucky	93%	97%	91%
Arkansas	86%	93%	82%
Tennessee	88%	92%	85%
Missouri	61%	71%	56%
Mississippi St	86%	93%	82%
Florida	68%	81%	61%
AA	100%	100%	100%
Clemson	69%	79%	64%
Expected Wins	**9.17**	**10.64**	**8.37**

Recruiting Rank

Odds of

Winning Division	31%
Winning 4+ Games	98%
Winning 6+ Games	94%
Winning 8+ Games	80%
Winning 10+ Games	50%
Winning 12+ Games	12%

Power Rankings

1-A	10
League	4
Division	2

Projected Finish

League	3
Division	2

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	18
League (counts ALL games)	11

South Carolina
Returning Players
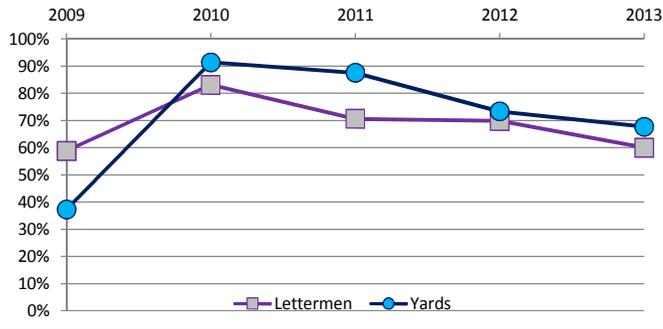
Lettermen and Yards Returning

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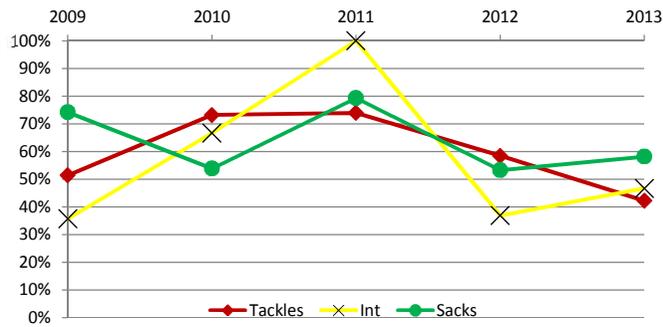
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

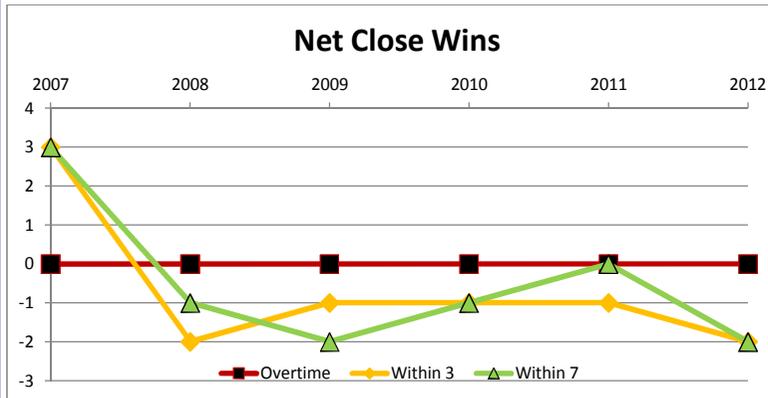|	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	Returns?
				Yards	
Connor Shaw	**1,956**	**435**	**0**	**2,391**	**Yes**
Dylan Thompson	**1,027**	**23**	**0**	**1,050**	**Yes**
Marcus Lattimore	*0*	*662*	*173*	*835*	
Bruce Ellington	**0**	**28**	**600**	**628**	**Yes**
Kenny Miles	*0*	*359*	*190*	*549*	
Ace Sanders	*16*	*1*	*531*	*548*	
Damiere Byrd	**0**	**-2**	**366**	**364**	**Yes**
Justice Cunningham	*0*	*0*	*324*	*324*	
Mike Davis	**0**	**275**	**35**	**310**	**Yes**
Rory Anderson	**0**	**0**	**271**	**271**	**Yes**
Returning Production	2,983	759	1,272	5,014	
Departing Production	*16*	*1,022*	*1,218*	*2,256*	
Total Production	**2,999**	**1,781**	**2,490**	**7,270**	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	Returns?
			Defensive Statistics		
Jadeveon Clowney	**40**	**14**	**13**	**0**	**Yes**
Shaq Wilson	*45*	*41*	*2*	*2*	
D.J. Swearinger	*62*	*17*	*0*	*2*	
DeVonte Holloman	*37*	*18*	*2*	*3*	
Brison Williams	**43**	**9**	**1**	**2**	**Yes**
Jimmy Legree	**35**	**9**	**0**	**3**	**Yes**
Reginald Bowens	*36*	*23*	*1*	*0*	
Devin Taylor	*27*	*18*	*3*	*0*	
Quin Smith	*28*	*19*	*2*	*0*	
Kelcy Quarles	**23**	**15**	**3.5**	**0**	**Yes**
Returning Production	141	47	18	5	
Departing Production	*235*	*136*	*10*	*7*	
Total Production	**376**	**183**	**28**	**12**	

South Carolina
Luck, Coaching Changes and Other Factors

Turnovers and Fumble Luck

Turnovers — Fumble Luck

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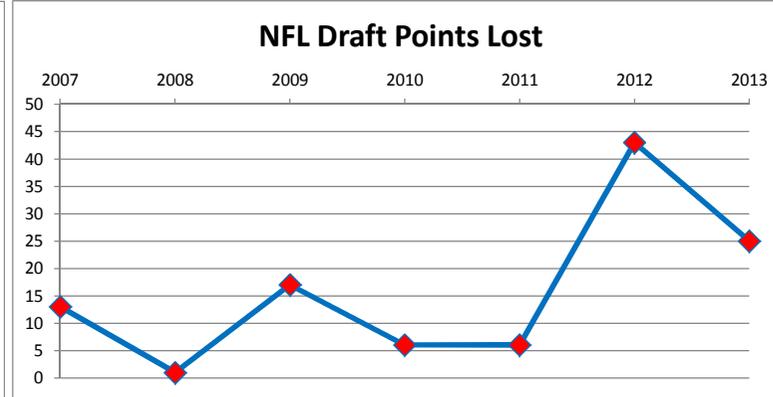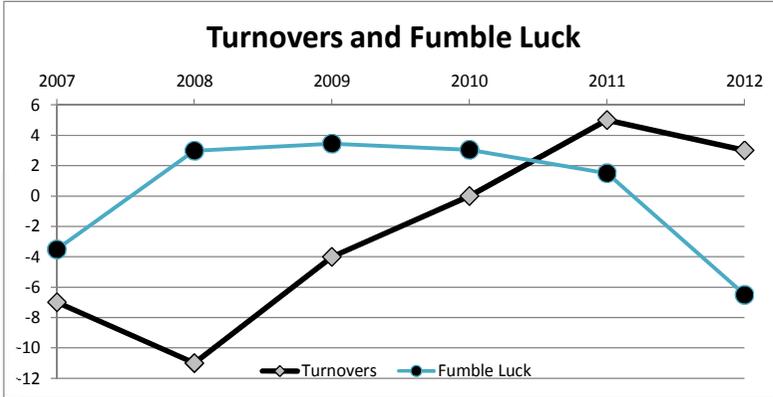
Tennessee
Season Projections, Power Rankings, and Recruiting

Compu-Picks vs AP Rank

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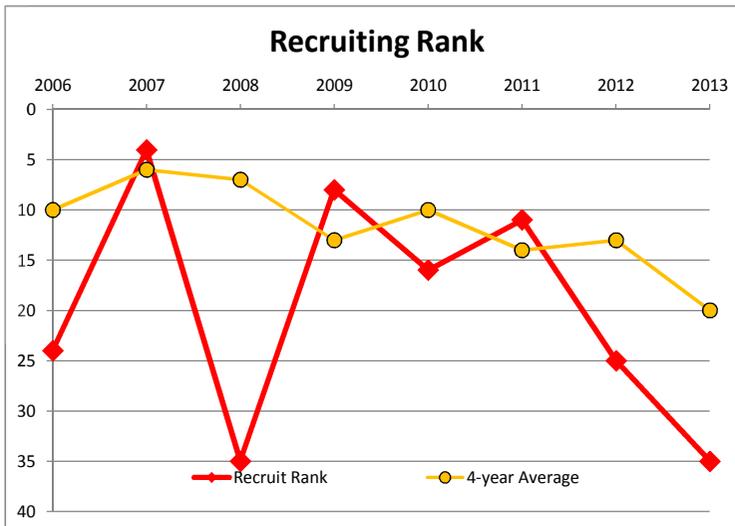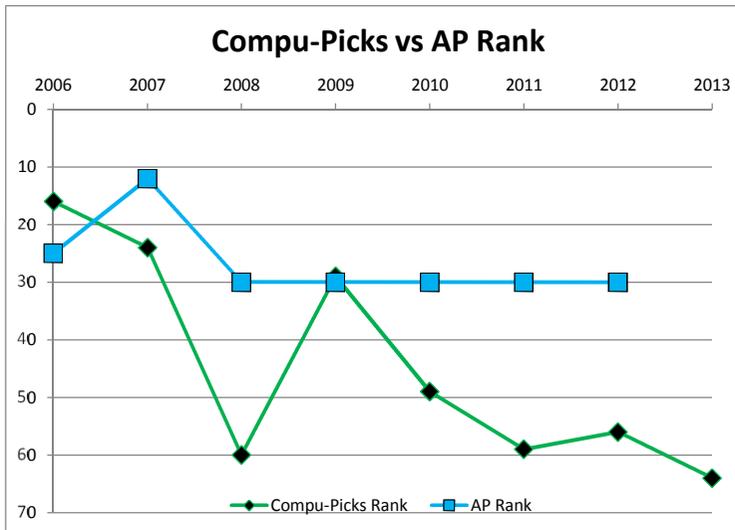
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Tennessee…	
		Beats WKU	Doesn't
AA	95%	97%	89%
WKU	**71%**	**100%**	**0%**
Oregon	3%	4%	2%
Florida	9%	10%	5%
South Alabama	94%	96%	88%
Georgia	8%	10%	3%
South Carolina	12%	15%	6%
Alabama	1%	1%	0%
Missouri	12%	15%	6%
Auburn	31%	35%	20%
Vanderbilt	22%	26%	14%
Kentucky	41%	47%	27%
Expected Wins	**3.99**	**4.56**	**2.61**

Odds of

Winning Division	1%
Winning 4+ Games	59%
Winning 6+ Games	17%
Winning 8+ Games	3%
Winning 10+ Games	1%
Winning 12+ Games	

Power Rankings

1-A	64
League	14
Division	7

Projected Finish

League	14
Division	7

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	6
League (counts ALL games)	4

Tennessee
Returning Players

Lettermen and Yards Returning

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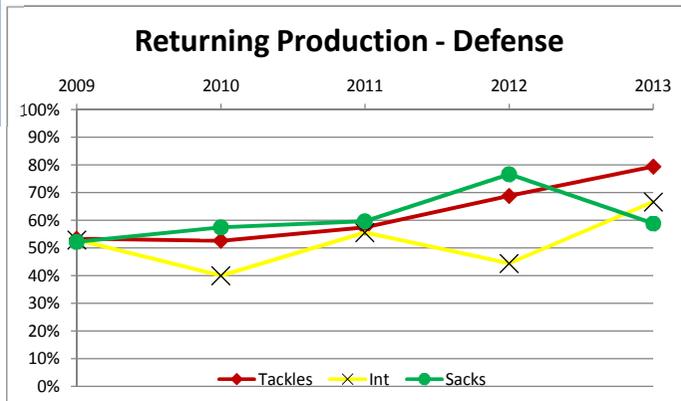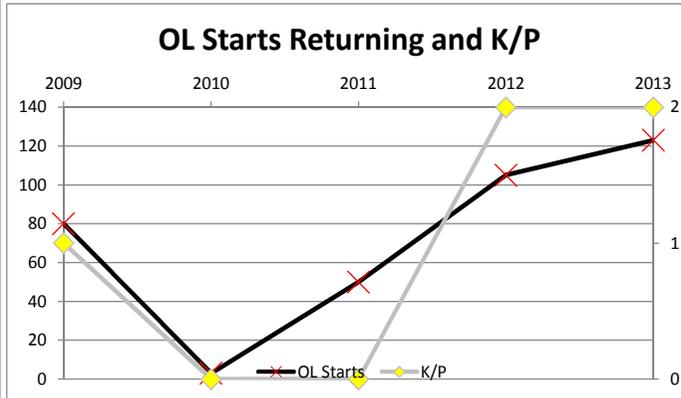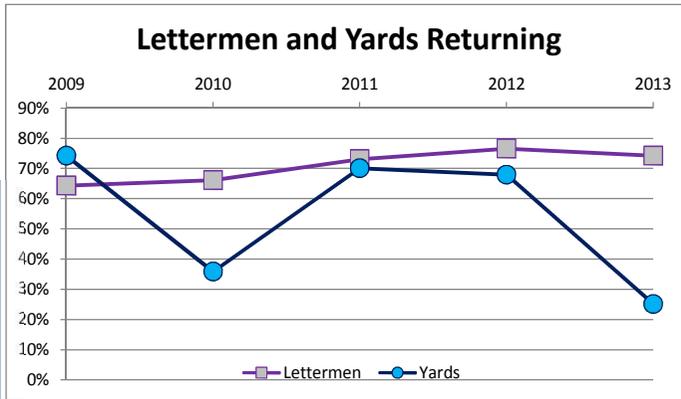
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Tyler Bray	3,612	-34	0	3,578	
Cordarrelle Patterson	28	308	778	1,114	
Justin Hunter	0	0	1,083	1,083	
Marlin Lane Jr.	0	658	228	886	Yes
Rajion Neal	0	708	149	857	Yes
Mychal Rivera	0	0	562	562	
Zach Rogers	0	0	491	491	
A.J. Johnson	0	21	0	21	Yes
Returning Production	0	1,387	377	1,764	
Departing Production	3,640	274	2,914	6,828	
Total Production	3,640	1,661	3,291	8,592	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

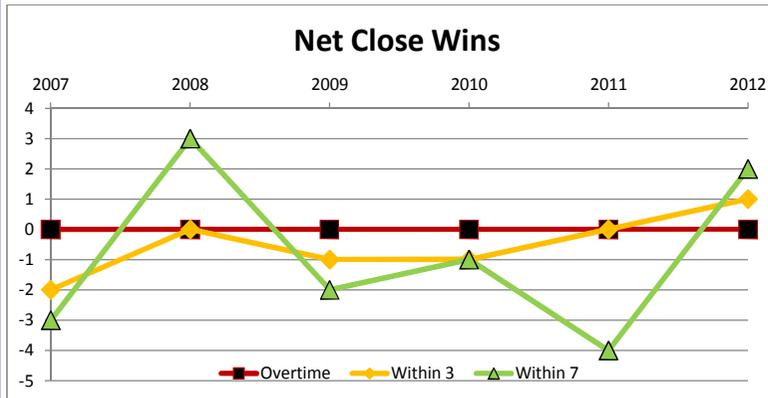|	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Byron Moore	48	38	0	5	Yes
Herman Lathers	40	26	2	1	
Prentiss Waggner	31	17	0	2	
Eric Gordon	33	8	0	2	Yes
Justin Coleman	35	24	0	0	Yes
LaDarrell McNeil	33	25	0	0	Yes
Jaron Toney	30	12	0	0	Yes
Maurice Couch	22	16	1	0	Yes
Daniel McCullers	20	19	1	0	Yes
Jacques Smith	18	15	2	0	Yes
Returning Production	239	157	4	7	
Departing Production	71	43	2	3	
Total Production	310	200	6	10	

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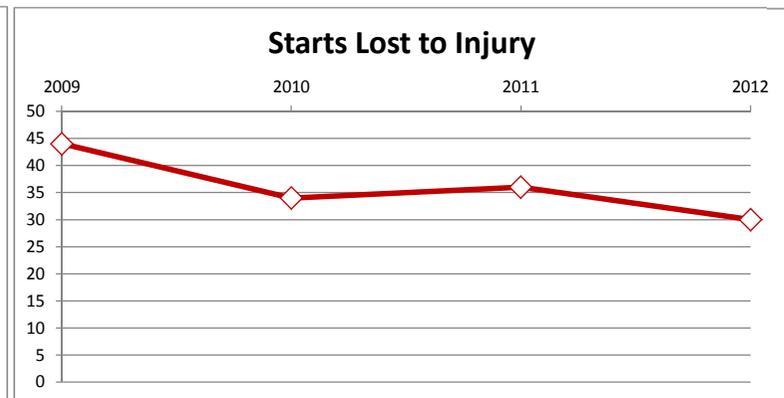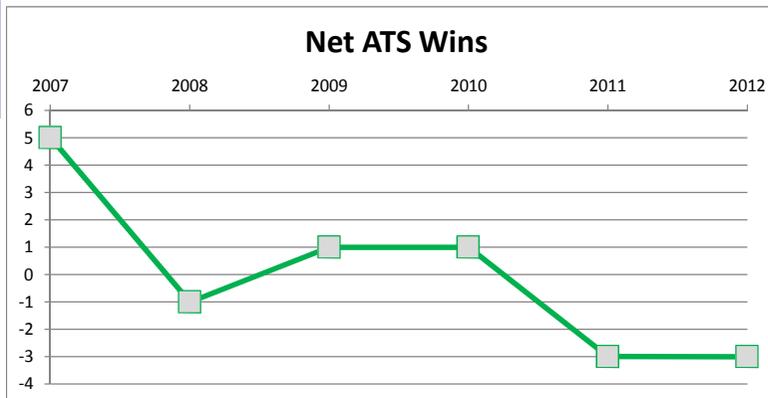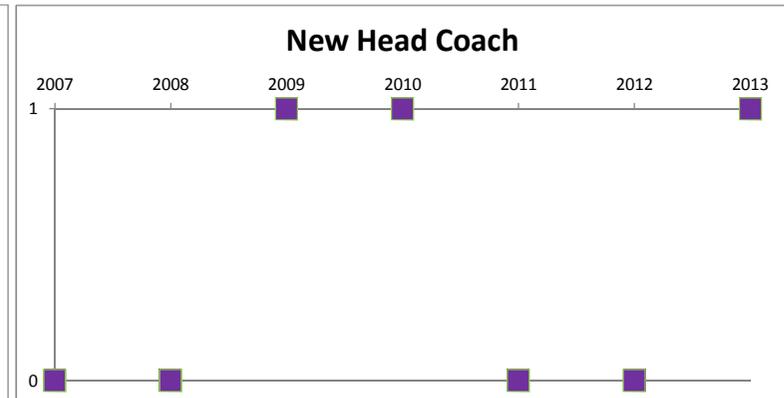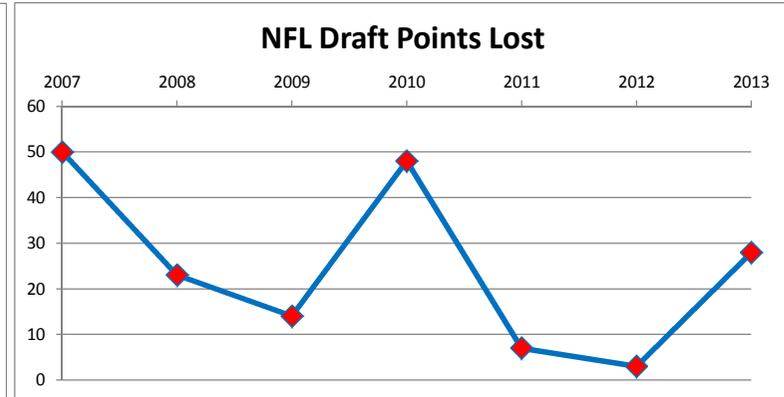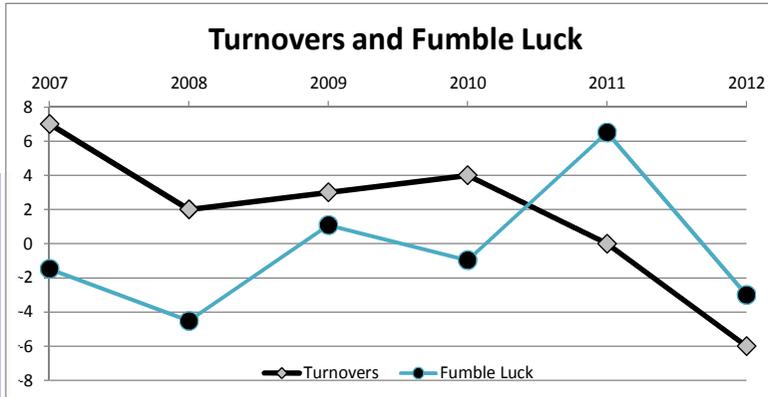
Vanderbilt
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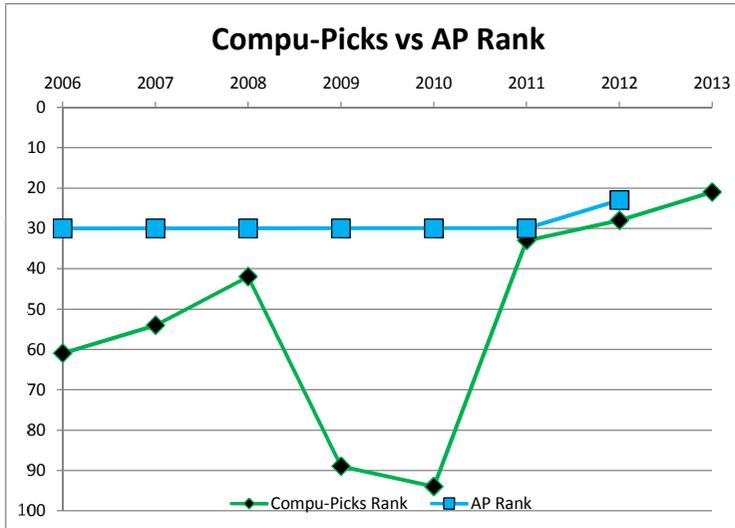
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Vanderbilt…	
		Beats Mississippi	Doesn't
Mississippi	*46%*	*100%*	*0%*
AA	100%	100%	99%
South Carolina	30%	38%	24%
UMass	99%	100%	98%
UAB	96%	97%	94%
Missouri	59%	67%	51%
Georgia	37%	44%	32%
Texas A&M	25%	33%	18%
Florida	35%	43%	28%
Kentucky	85%	91%	80%
Tennessee	78%	84%	72%
Wake Forest	93%	97%	91%
Expected Wins	**7.82**	**8.94**	**6.87**

Odds of

Winning Division	7%
Winning 4+ Games	98%
Winning 6+ Games	88%
Winning 8+ Games	57%
Winning 10+ Games	20%
Winning 12+ Games	2%

Power Rankings

1-A	21
League	8
Division	4

Projected Finish

League	8
Division	4

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	32
League (counts ALL games)	13

Vanderbilt
Returning Players

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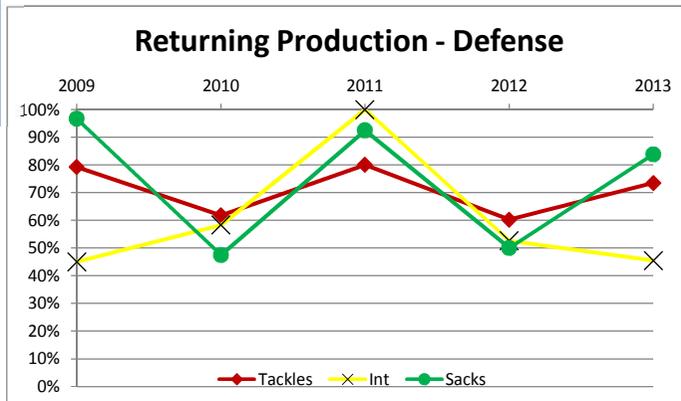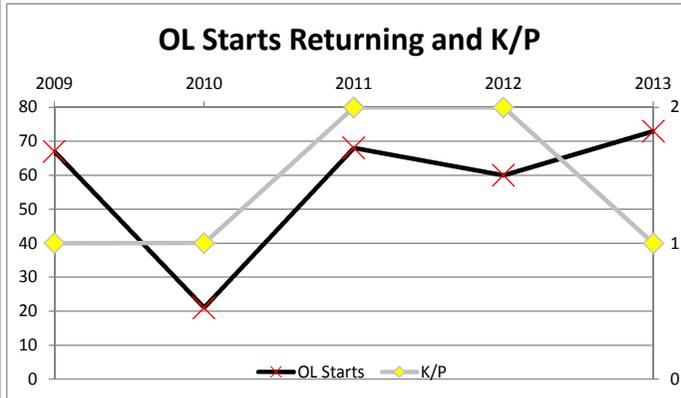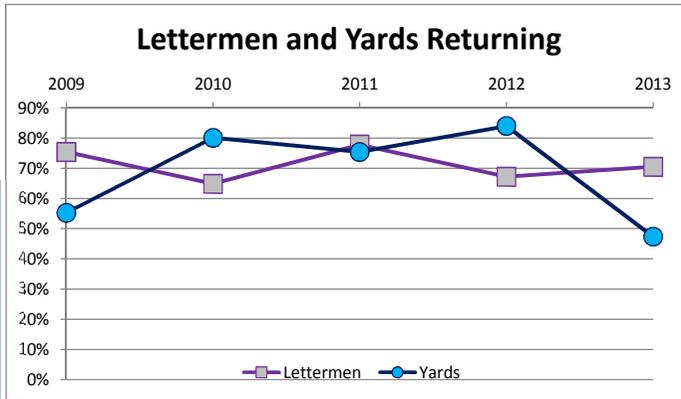
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Jordan Rodgers	*2,539*	*71*	*24*	*2,634*	
Jordan Matthews	**0**	**61**	**1,323**	**1,384**	**Yes**
Zac Stacy	*24*	*1,141*	*205*	*1,370*	
Chris Boyd	**0**	**0**	**774**	**774**	**Yes**
Wesley Tate	**3**	**376**	**116**	**495**	**Yes**
Brian Kimbrow	**0**	**413**	**3**	**416**	**Yes**
Austyn Carta-Samuels	**208**	**27**	**0**	**235**	**Yes**
Returning Production	211	877	2,216	3,304	
Departing Production	*2,563*	*1,212*	*229*	*4,004*	
Total Production	**2,774**	**2,089**	**2,445**	**7,308**	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Kenny Ladler	**60**	**30**	**1**	**2**	**Yes**
Chase Garnham	**43**	**41**	**6.5**	**0**	**Yes**
Javon Marshall	**60**	**23**	**0**	**0**	**Yes**
Archibald Barnes	*35*	*31*	*1*	*1*	
Andre Hal	**36**	**12**	**0**	**2**	**Yes**
Karl Butler	**34**	**17**	**2**	**0**	**Yes**
Trey Wilson	*29*	*7*	*0*	*3*	
Walker May	**25**	**16**	**3**	**0**	**Yes**
Johnell Thomas	*20*	*16*	*1*	*1*	
Eric Samuels	*20*	*15*	*1*	*1*	
Returning Production	258	139	13	4	
Departing Production	*104*	*69*	*3*	*6*	
Total Production	**362**	**208**	**16**	**10**	

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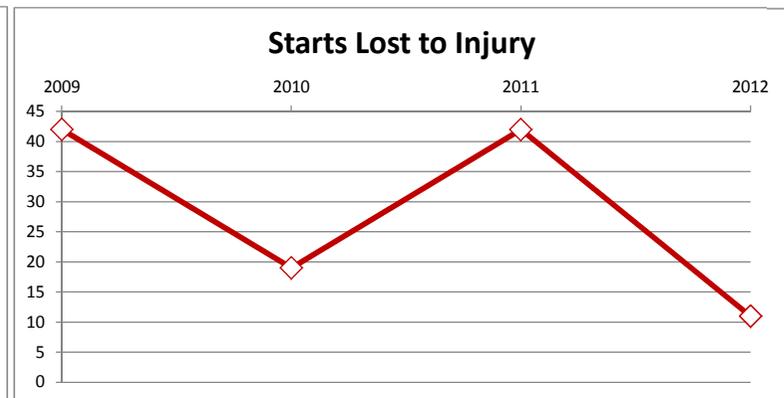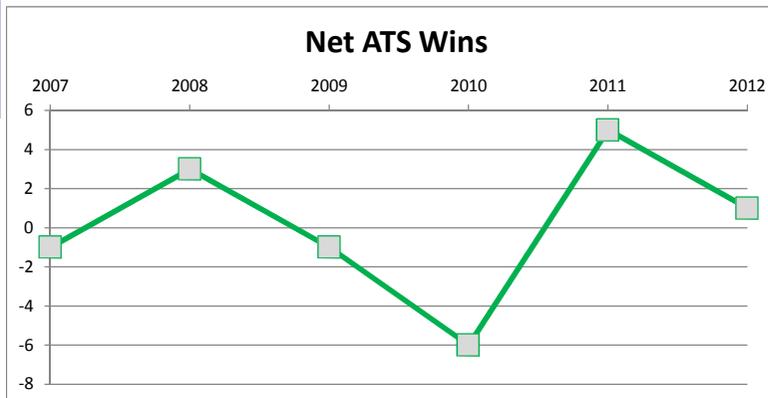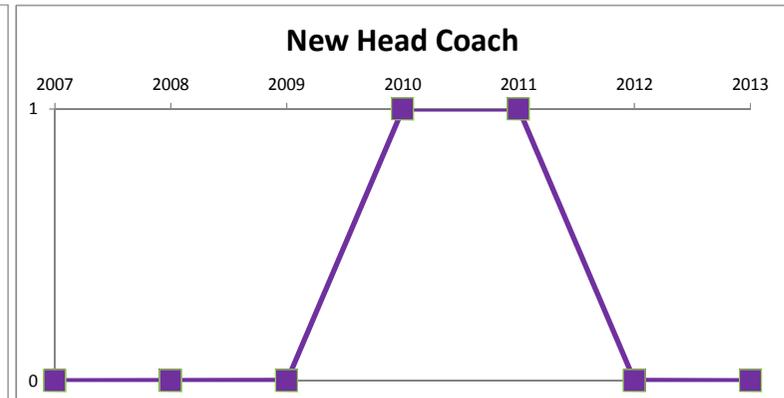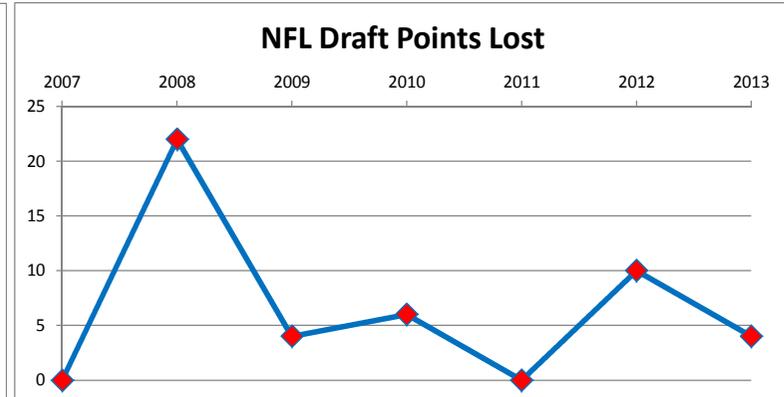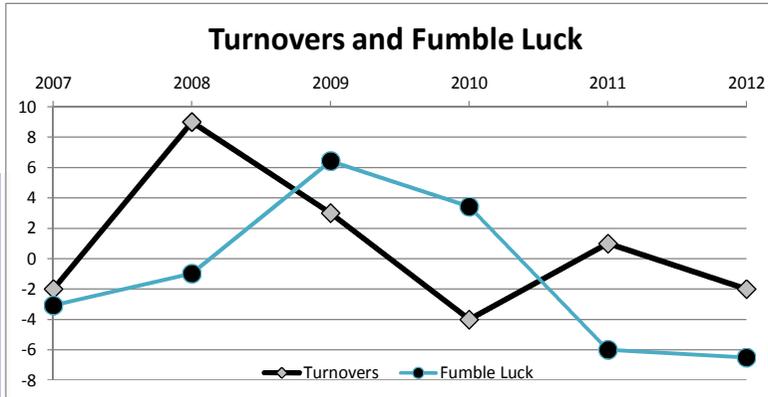
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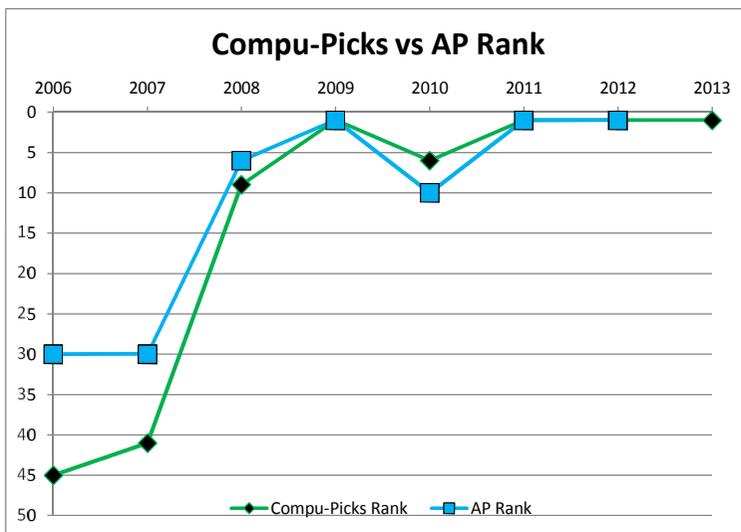
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Alabama...	
		Beats Texas A&M	Doesn't
Virginia Tech	93%	95%	90%
Texas A&M	*71%*	*100%*	*0%*
Colorado St	100%	100%	99%
Mississippi	87%	90%	80%
Georgia St	100%	100%	100%
Kentucky	97%	98%	95%
Arkansas	99%	99%	98%
Tennessee	99%	99%	98%
LSU	88%	91%	81%
Mississippi St	96%	97%	93%
AA	100%	100%	100%
Auburn	93%	95%	87%
Expected Wins	**11.23**	**11.64**	**10.21**

Odds of

Winning Division	68%
Winning 4+ Games	100%
Winning 6+ Games	100%
Winning 8+ Games	99%
Winning 10+ Games	93%
Winning 12+ Games	51%

Power Rankings

1-A	1
League	1
Division	1

Projected Finish

League	1
Division	1

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	43
League (counts ALL games)	14

Alabama
Returning Players

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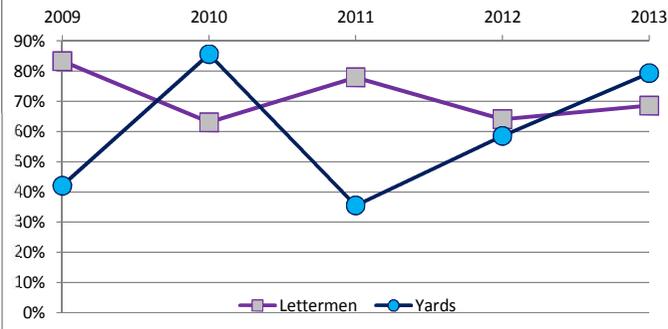
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
AJ McCarron	**2,933**	**4**	**0**	**2,937**	**Yes**
Eddie Lacy	*0*	*1,322*	*189*	*1,511*	
T.J. Yeldon	**0**	**1,108**	**131**	**1,239**	**Yes**
Amari Cooper	**0**	**0**	**999**	**999**	**Yes**
Kevin Norwood	**0**	**0**	**461**	**461**	**Yes**
Kenny Bell	**0**	**0**	**431**	**431**	**Yes**
Christion Jones	**0**	**6**	**368**	**374**	**Yes**
Kenyan Drake	**0**	**281**	**0**	**281**	**Yes**
Blake Sims	**77**	**187**	**0**	**264**	**Yes**
Returning Production	3,010	1,586	2,390	6,986	
Departing Production	*0*	*1,322*	*189*	*1,511*	
Total Production	**3,010**	**2,908**	**2,579**	**8,497**	
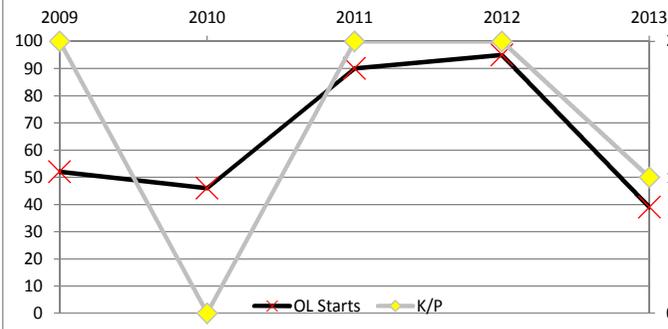
Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
C.J. Mosley	**66**	**41**	**4**	**2**	**Yes**
Robert Lester	*24*	*24*	*1.5*	*4*	
Vinnie Sunseri	**35**	**19**	**1.5**	**2**	**Yes**
Dee Milliner	*34*	*20*	*1.5*	*2*	
Adrian Hubbard	**24**	**17**	**7**	**0**	**Yes**
Ha'Sean Clinton-Dix	**23**	**14**	**0**	**4**	**Yes**
Trey DePriest	**30**	**29**	**0**	**0**	**Yes**
Deion Belue	**28**	**12**	**0**	**2**	**Yes**
Nico Johnson	*23*	*32*	*0*	*0*	
Ed Stinson	**20**	**10**	**3**	**0**	**Yes**
Returning Production	226	142	16	10	
Departing Production	*81*	*76*	*3*	*6*	
Total Production	**307**	**218**	**19**	**16**	
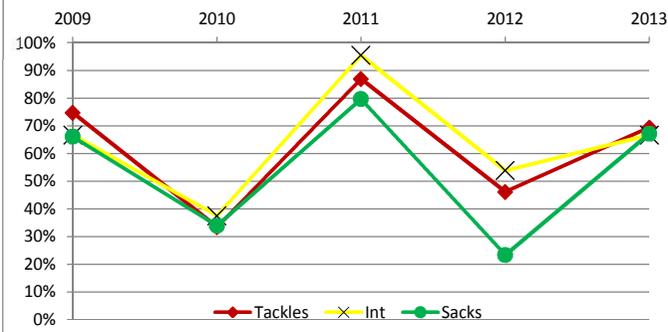
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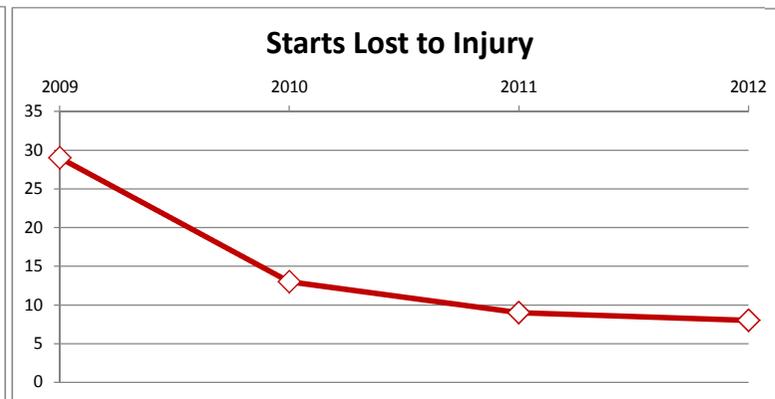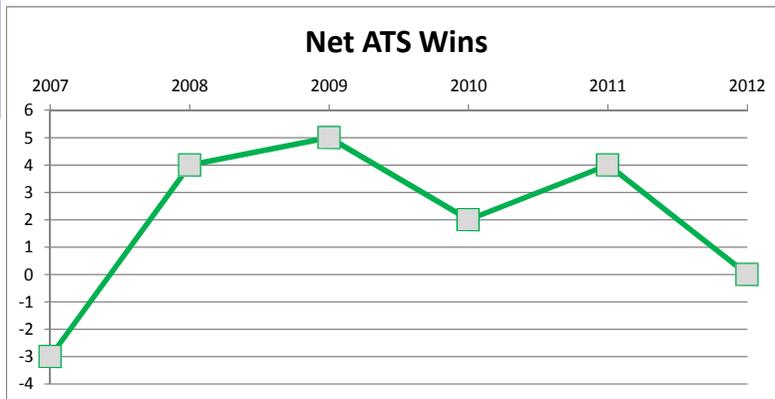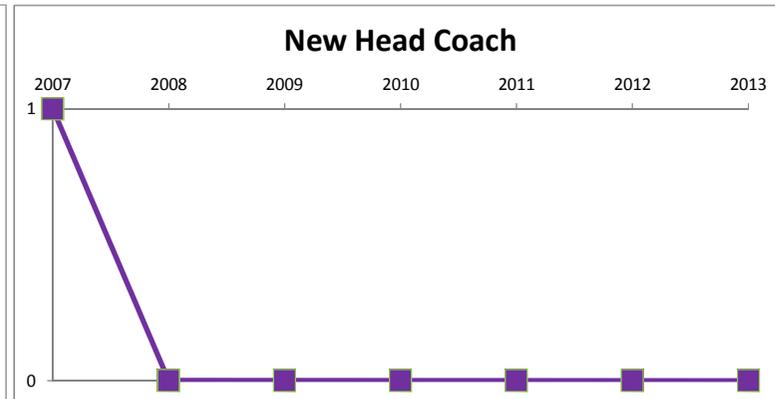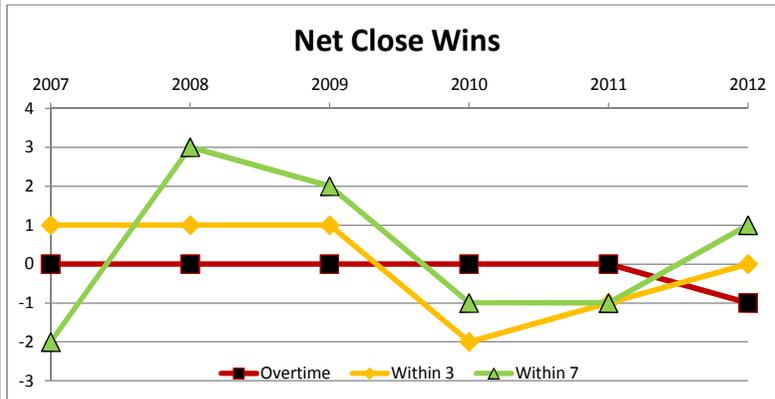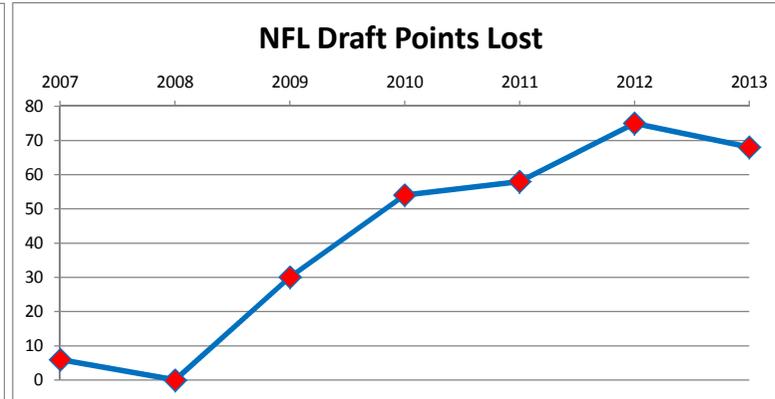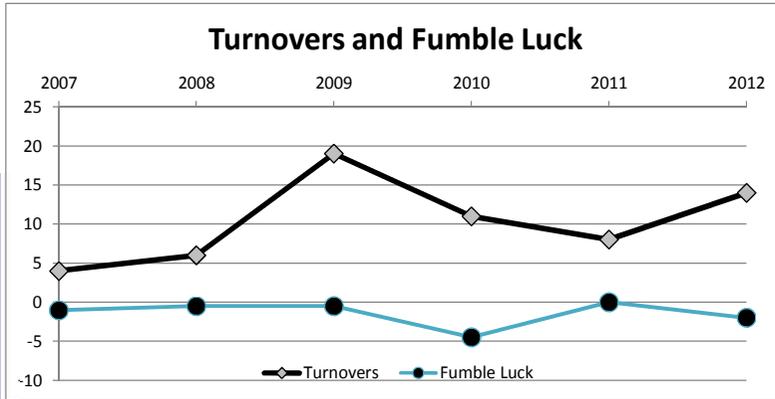
Arkansas
Season Projections, Power Rankings, and Recruiting

Compu-Picks vs AP Rank

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Recruiting Rank

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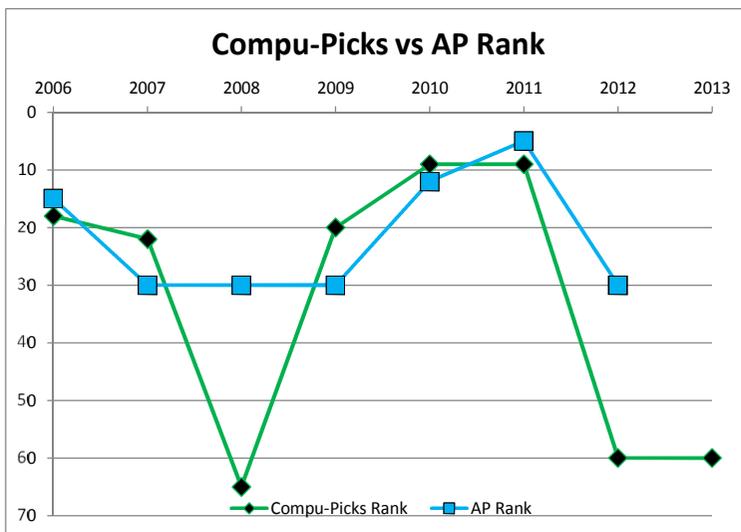
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Arkansas...	
		Beats Rutgers	Doesn't
Louisiana-Lafayette	49%	61%	41%
AA	96%	98%	95%
Southern Mississippi	90%	94%	87%
Rutgers	*39%*	*100%*	*0%*
Texas A&M	12%	17%	9%
Florida	10%	15%	7%
South Carolina	14%	19%	11%
Alabama	1%	2%	0%
Auburn	40%	48%	34%
Mississippi	8%	12%	5%
Mississippi St	48%	58%	42%
LSU	8%	12%	5%
Expected Wins	**4.16**	**5.37**	**3.37**

Odds of

Winning Division	0%
Winning 4+ Games	60%
Winning 6+ Games	21%
Winning 8+ Games	5%
Winning 10+ Games	1%
Winning 12+ Games	0%

Power Rankings

1-A	60
League	13
Division	7

Projected Finish

League	13
Division	7

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	1
League (counts ALL games)	1

Arkansas
Returning Players

Lettermen and Yards Returning

OL Starts Returning and K/P

Returning Production - Defense
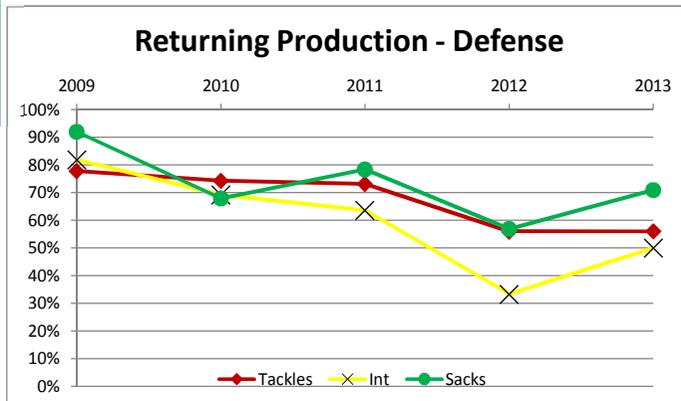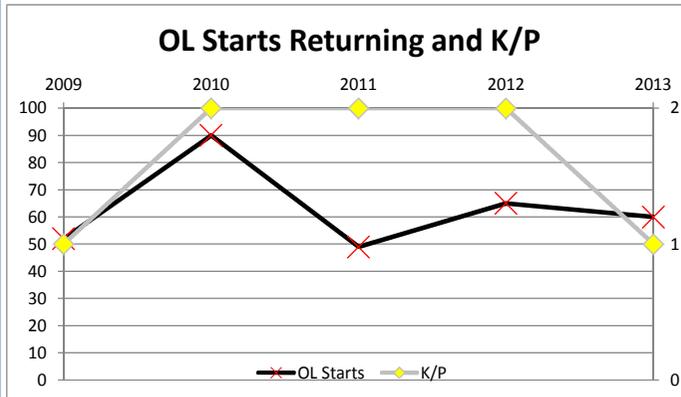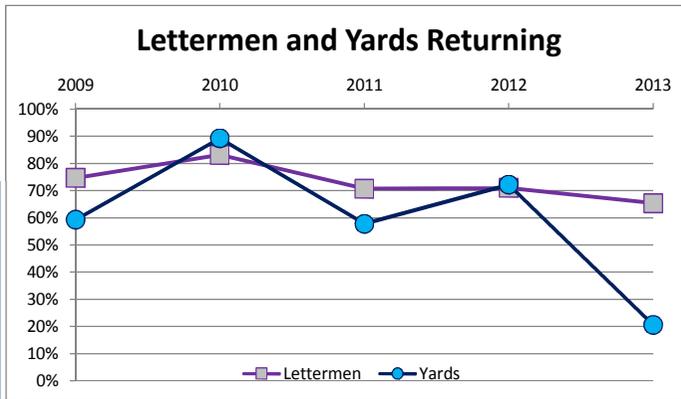
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

		Yards			Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Tyler Wilson	3,387	7	0	3,394	
Cobi Hamilton	0	0	1,335	1,335	
Dennis Johnson	0	757	160	917	
Knile Davis	0	377	157	534	
Jonathan Williams	0	231	208	439	Yes
Brandon Mitchell	45	18	272	335	
Mekale McKay	0	0	317	317	Yes
Javontee Herndon	0	0	304	304	Yes
Chris Gragg	0	0	289	289	
Returning Production	0	231	829	1,060	
Departing Production	3,432	1,159	2,213	6,804	
Total Production	**3,432**	**1,390**	**3,042**	**7,864**	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Ross Rasner	49	43	2.5	3	
Chris Smith	28	24	9.5	0	Yes
Rohan Gaines	46	29	0	0	Yes
Trey Flowers	22	28	6	0	Yes
Alonzo Highsmith	25	29	2	0	
Terrell Williams	21	35	1	0	
A.J. Turner	18	35	1	0	Yes
Byran Jones	14	38	1.5	0	Yes
Jared Green	12	18	3.5	0	
Tevin Mitchel	15	19	0	1	Yes
Returning Production	143	173	18	1	
Departing Production	107	125	9	3	
Total Production	**250**	**298**	**27**	**4**	

Arkansas
Luck, Coaching Changes and Other Factors

Turnovers and Fumble Luck

Turnovers ◆ Fumble Luck ●

NFL Draft Points Lost

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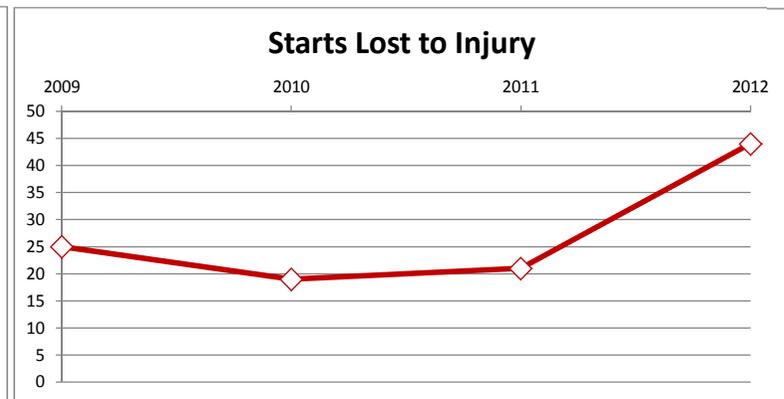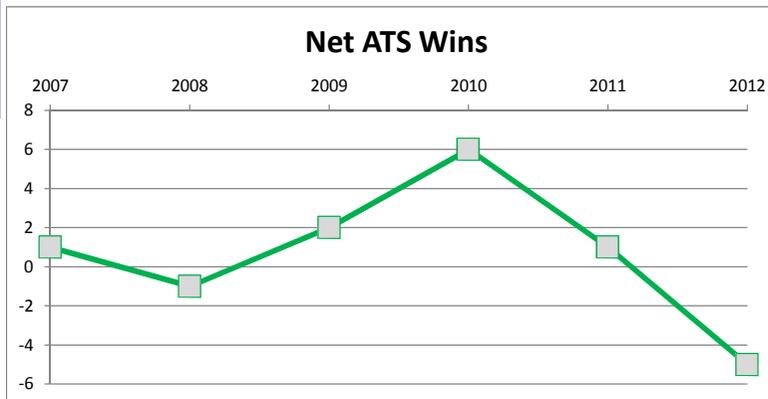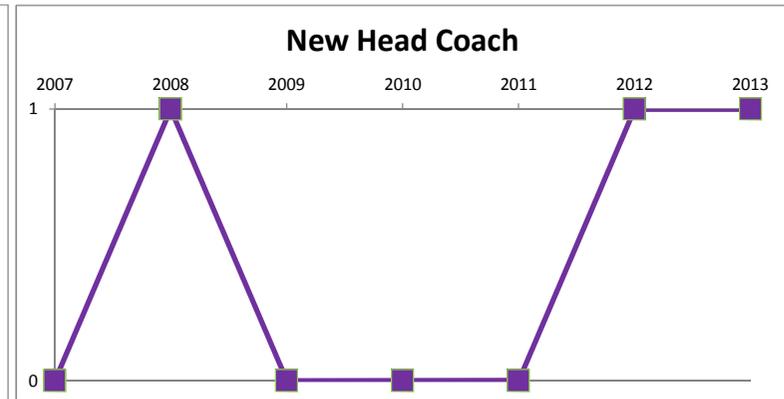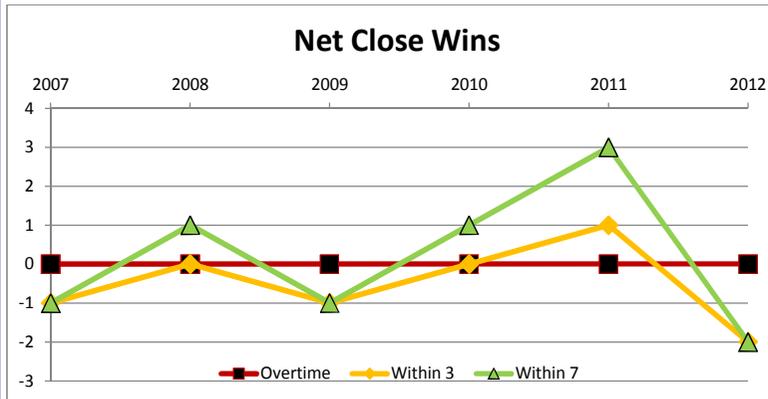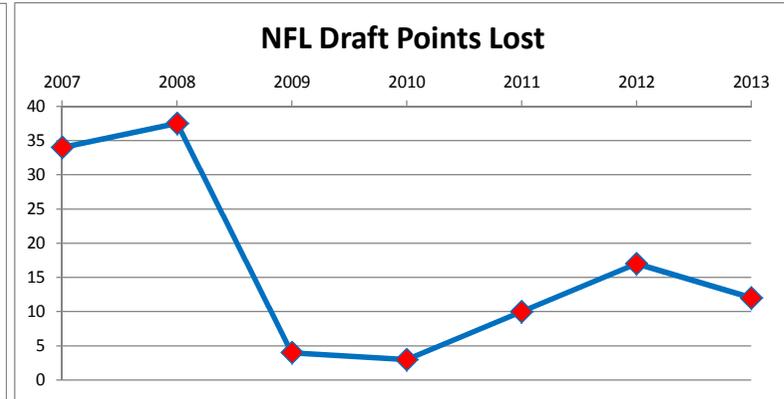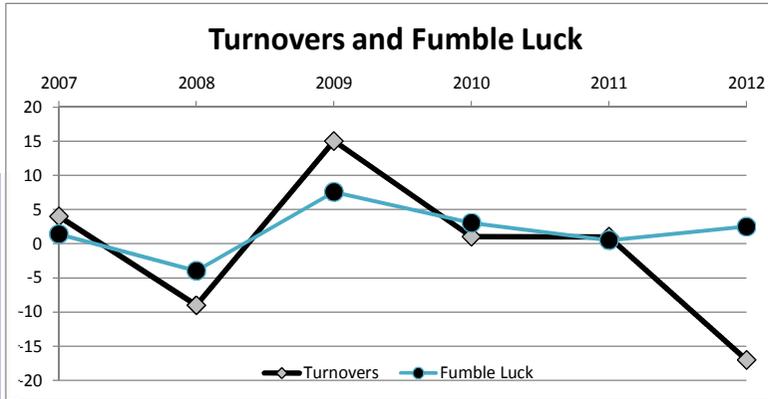
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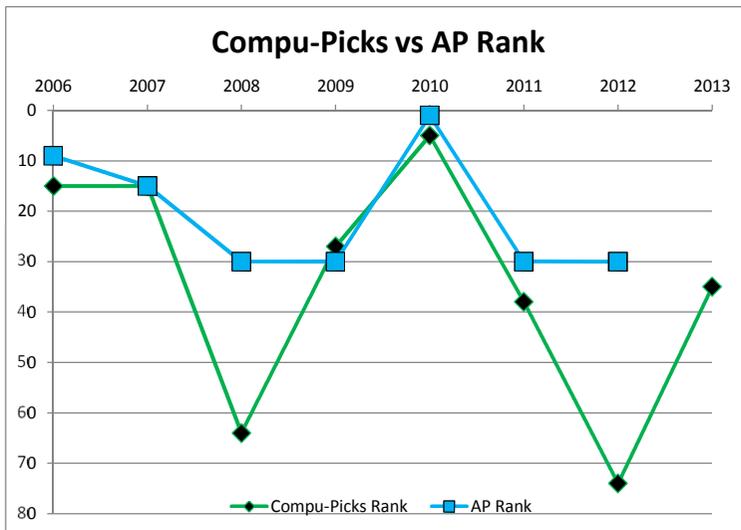
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Auburn...	
		Beats Mississippi	
		St	Doesn't
Washington St	84%	90%	75%
Arkansas St	87%	90%	82%
Mississippi St	**65%**	**100%**	**0%**
LSU	15%	19%	8%
Mississippi	29%	34%	22%
AA	99%	100%	98%
Texas A&M	13%	16%	7%
FAU	93%	95%	90%
Arkansas	60%	67%	48%
Tennessee	69%	75%	59%
Georgia	19%	24%	10%
Alabama	7%	9%	4%
Expected Wins	**6.42**	**7.18**	**5.01**

Odds of

Winning Division	1%
Winning 4+ Games	93%
Winning 6+ Games	69%
Winning 8+ Games	28%
Winning 10+ Games	6%
Winning 12+ Games	1%

Power Rankings

1-A	35
League	10
Division	5

Projected Finish

League	10
Division	5

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	16
League (counts ALL games)	10

Auburn
Returning Players

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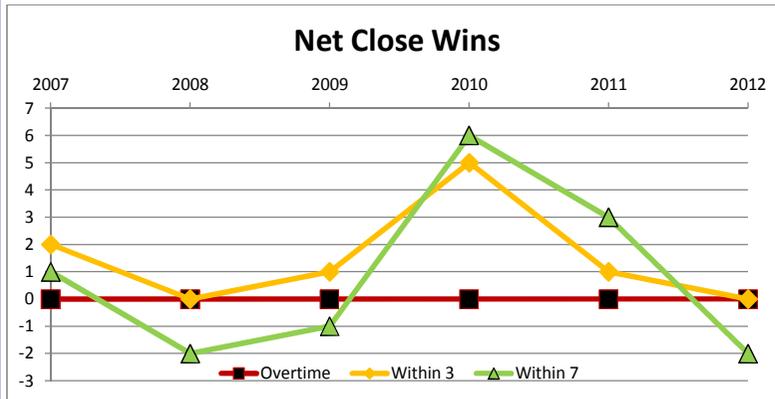

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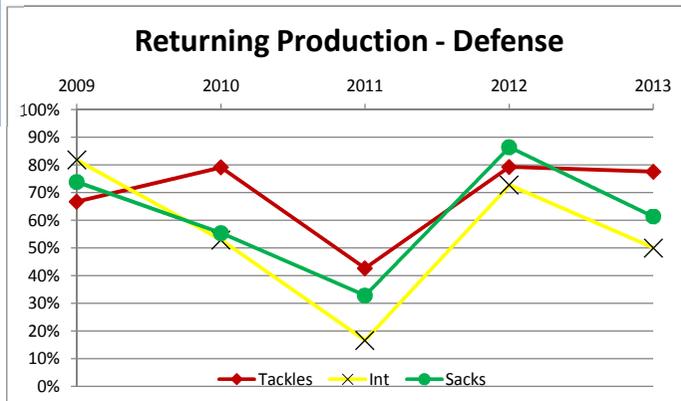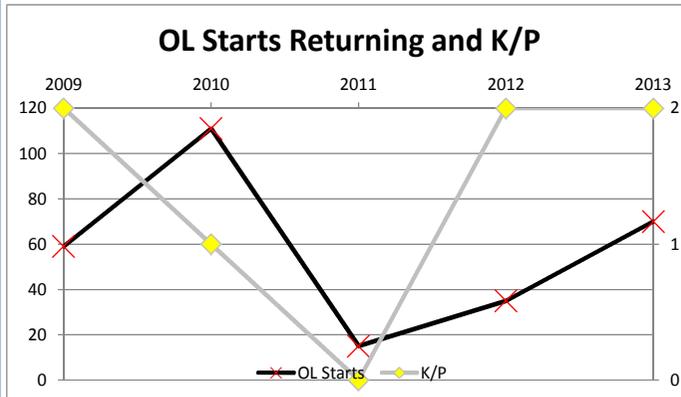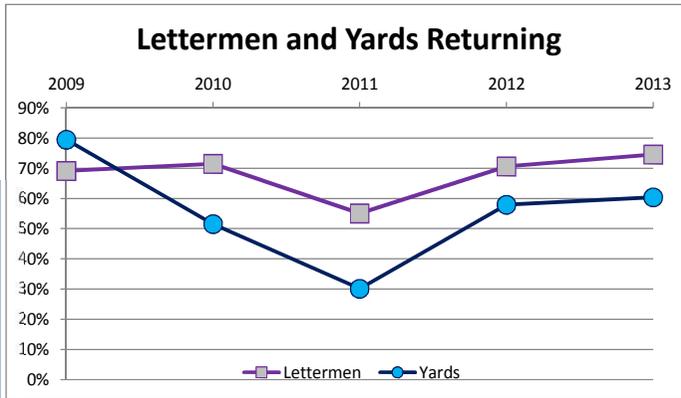
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Tre Mason	**0**	**1,002**	**86**	**1,088**	**Yes**
Jonathan Wallace	**720**	**152**	**0**	**872**	**Yes**
Emory Blake	*0*	*0*	*789*	*789*	
Kiehl Frazier	**753**	**-35**	**33**	**751**	**Yes**
Onterio McCalebb	*0*	*570*	*132*	*702*	
Clint Moseley	*373*	*-74*	*0*	*299*	
Returning Production	1,473	1,119	119	2,711	
Departing Production	*373*	*496*	*921*	*1,790*	
Total Production	**1,846**	**1,615**	**1,040**	**4,501**	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Daren Bates	*39*	*55*	*2*	*1*	
Demetruce McNeal	**53**	**37**	**1**	**0**	**Yes**
Jermaine Whitehead	**40**	**46**	**1**	**0**	**Yes**
Jake Holland	**32**	**41**	**0**	**0**	**Yes**
Jonathon Mincy	**41**	**16**	**1**	**0**	**Yes**
Dee Ford	**23**	**11**	**6**	**0**	**Yes**
Corey Lemonier	*18*	*16*	*5.5*	*0*	
Chris Davis	**25**	**21**	**0**	**0**	**Yes**
Joshua Holsey	**22**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**Yes**
Angelo Blackson	**12**	**14**	**1**	**0**	**Yes**
Returning Production	248	194	10	0	
Departing Production	*57*	*71*	*8*	*1*	
Total Production	**305**	**265**	**18**	**1**	

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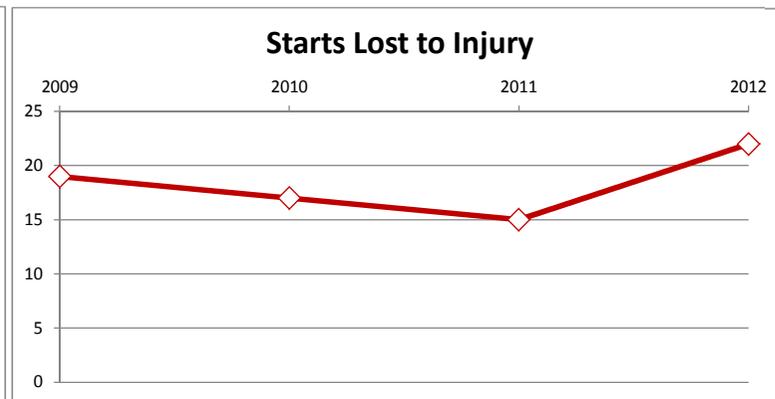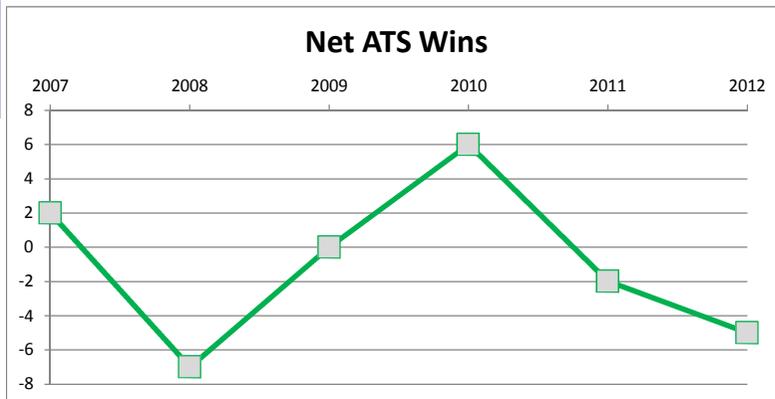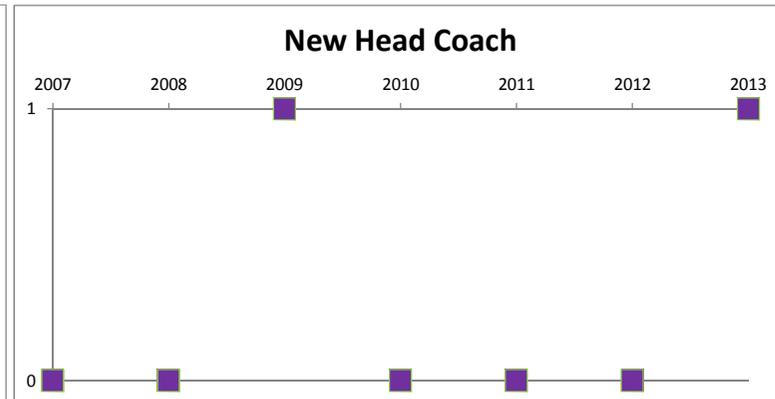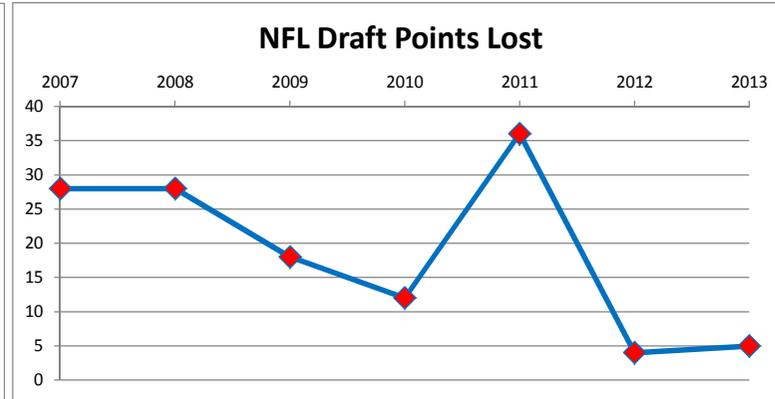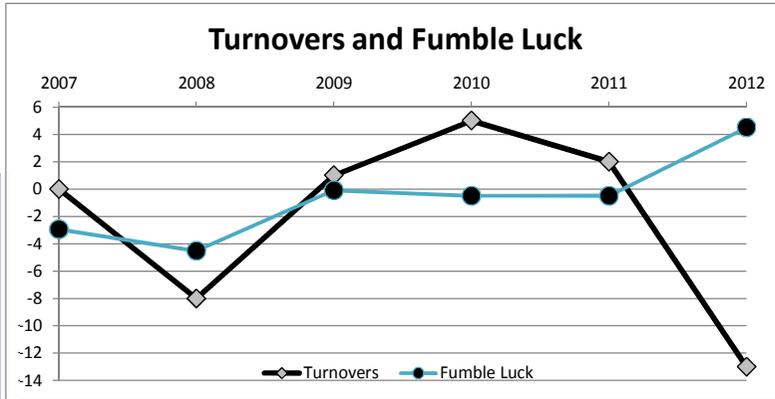
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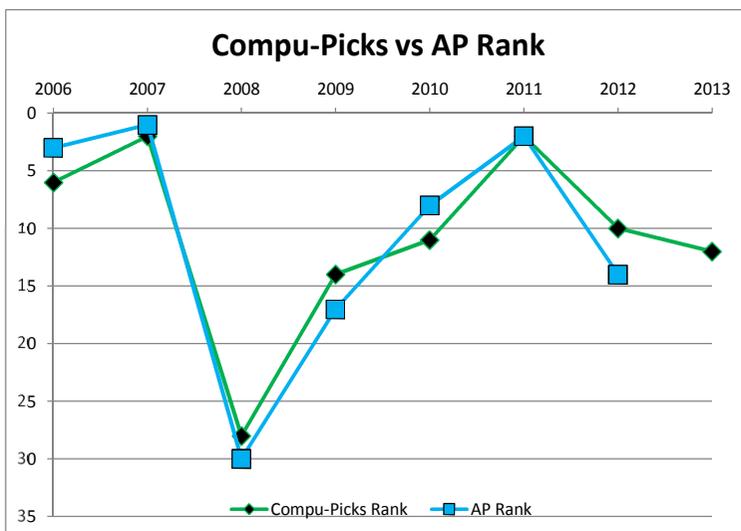
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

		What If LSU…	
Opponent	Overall Projection	Beats TCU	Doesn't
TCU	**39%**	**100%**	**0%**
UAB	98%	99%	97%
Kent	96%	99%	95%
Auburn	85%	91%	81%
Georgia	30%	40%	23%
Mississippi St	76%	83%	71%
Florida	64%	74%	57%
Mississippi	41%	52%	34%
AA	100%	100%	100%
Alabama	12%	17%	9%
Texas A&M	49%	60%	42%
Arkansas	92%	96%	90%
Expected Wins	**7.82**	**9.11**	**6.99**

Odds of

Winning Division	5%
Winning 4+ Games	98%
Winning 6+ Games	88%
Winning 8+ Games	58%
Winning 10+ Games	20%
Winning 12+ Games	2%

Power Rankings

1-A	12
League	5
Division	3

Projected Finish

League	7
Division	4

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	3
League (counts ALL games)	3

LSU
Returning Players
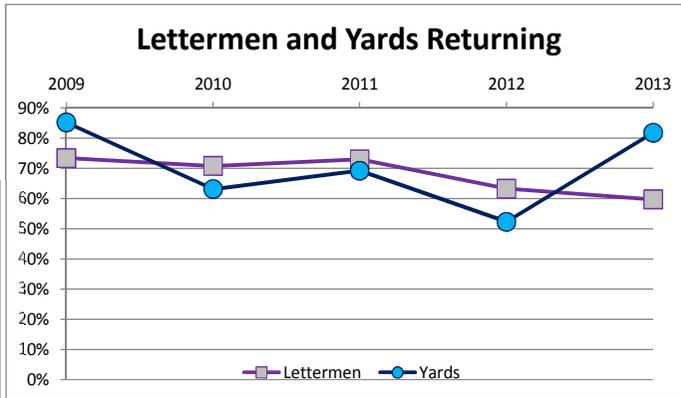
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Returning Production - Defense

Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Zach Mettenberger	**2,609**	**-208**	**0**	**2,401**	**Yes**
Jeremy Hill	**0**	**755**	**73**	**828**	**Yes**
Odell Beckham Jr.	**0**	**0**	**713**	**713**	**Yes**
Spencer Ware	*0*	*367*	*230*	*597*	
Jarvis Landry	**0**	**0**	**573**	**573**	**Yes**
Kenny Hilliard	**0**	**464**	**21**	**485**	**Yes**
Michael Ford	*0*	*392*	*29*	*421*	
Kadron Boone	**0**	**0**	**348**	**348**	**Yes**
Alfred Blue	**0**	**270**	**45**	**315**	**Yes**
Russell Shepard	*0*	*161*	*92*	*253*	
Returning Production	2,609	1,281	1,773	5,663	
Departing Production	*0*	*920*	*351*	*1,271*	
Total Production	**2,609**	**2,201**	**2,124**	**6,934**	
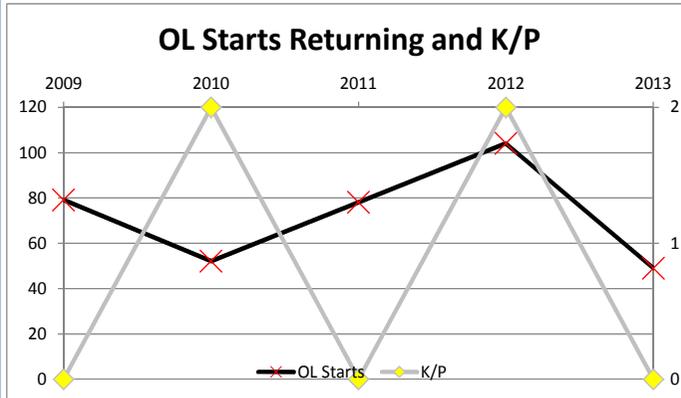
Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Kevin Minter	*55*	*75*	*4*	*1*	
Lamin Barrow	**52**	**52**	**0**	**0**	**Yes**
Eric Reid	*42*	*49*	*0*	*2*	
Tharold Simon	*35*	*10*	*0*	*4*	
Jalen Mills	**38**	**19**	**0**	**2**	**Yes**
Craig Loston	**29**	**26**	**0**	**3**	**Yes**
Sam Montgomery	*18*	*19*	*8*	*0*	
Barkevious Mingo	*21*	*17*	*4.5*	*0*	
Lavar Edwards	*14*	*12*	*4.5*	*1*	
Ronald Martin	**18**	**17**	**0**	**2**	**Yes**
Returning Production	137	114	0	7	
Departing Production	*185*	*182*	*21*	*8*	
Total Production	**322**	**296**	**21**	**15**	

LSU
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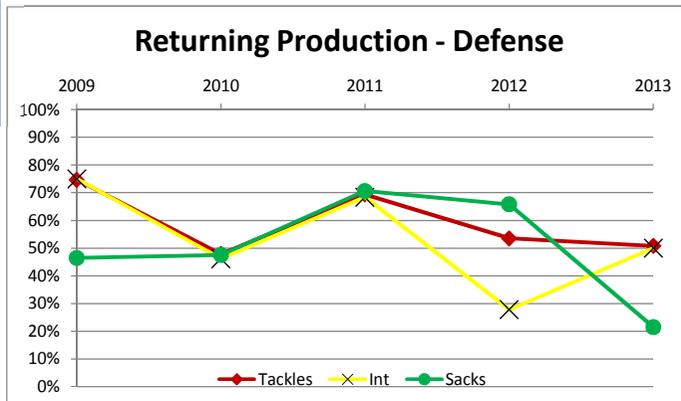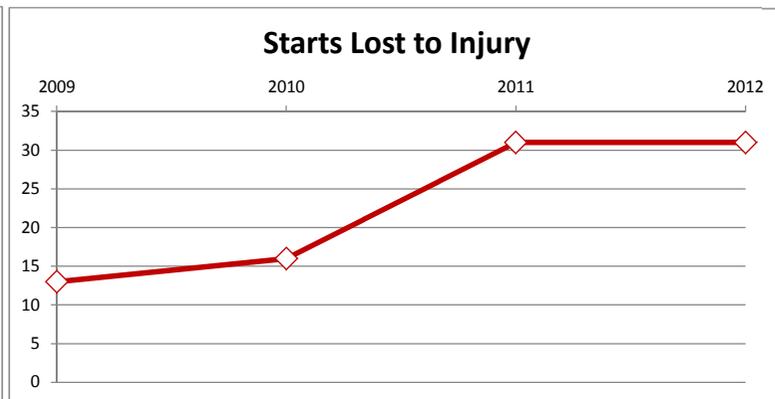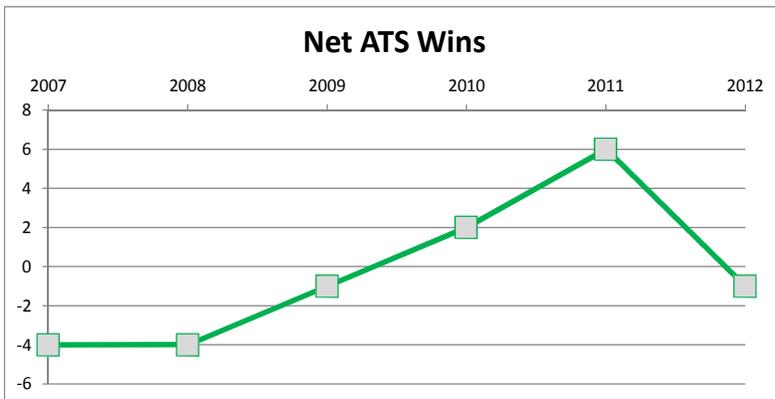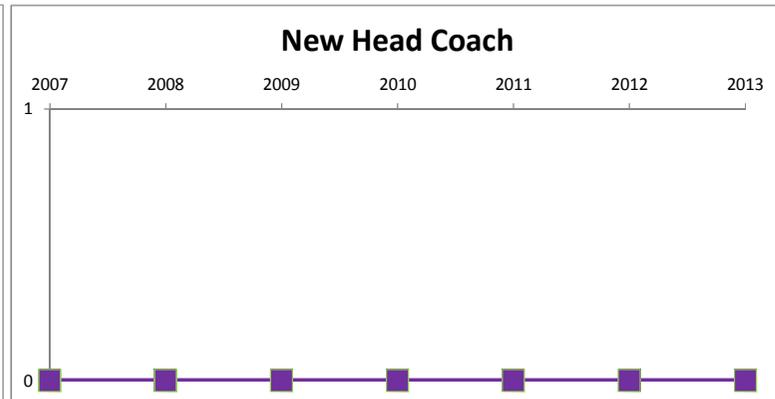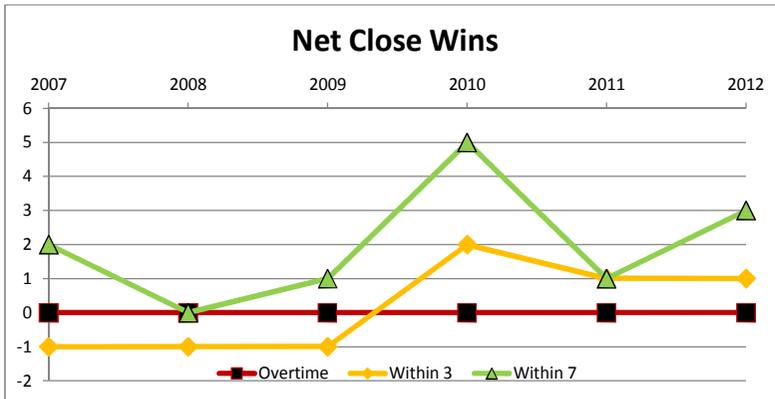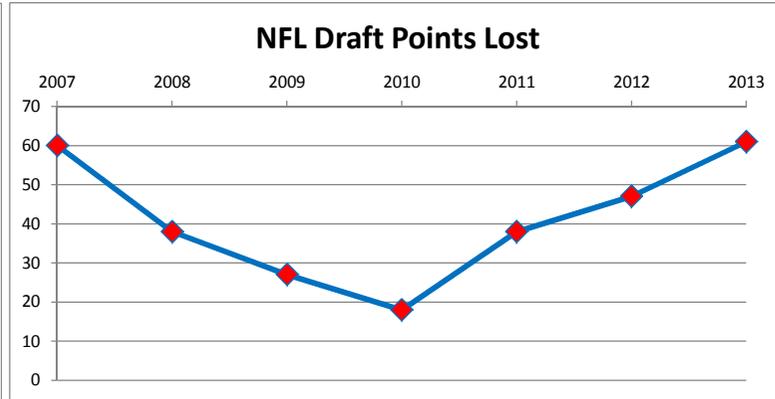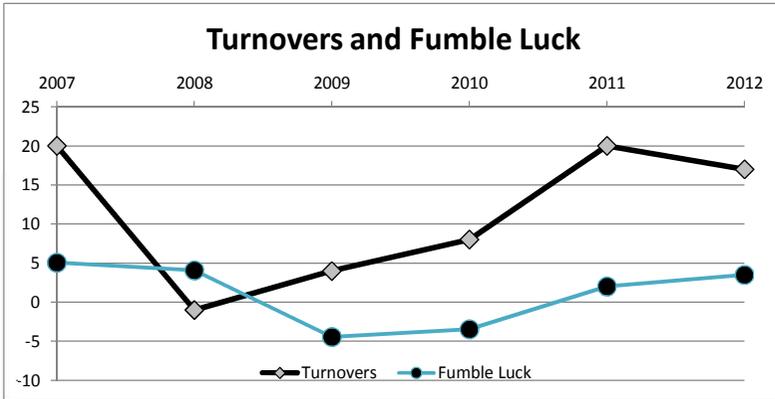
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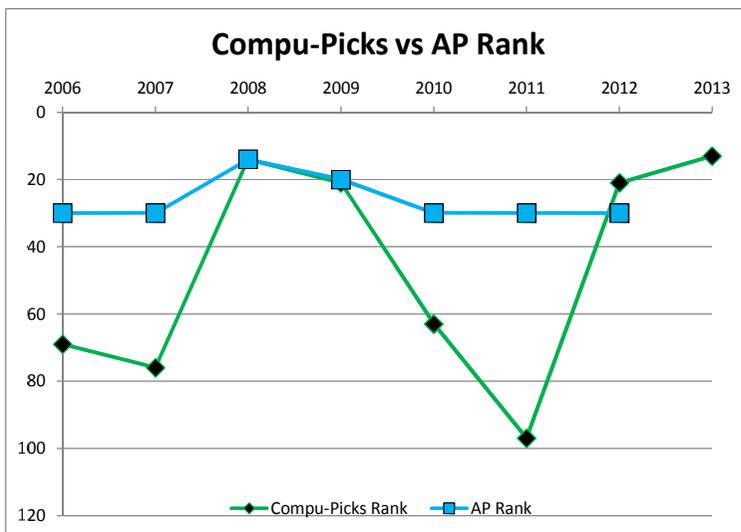
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Mississippi...	
		Beats Vanderbilt	Doesn't
Vanderbilt	*54%*	*100%*	*0%*
AA	100%	100%	100%
Texas	32%	40%	22%
Alabama	13%	17%	7%
Auburn	71%	77%	64%
Texas A&M	46%	54%	37%
LSU	59%	68%	48%
Idaho	100%	100%	100%
Arkansas	92%	96%	88%
Troy	99%	100%	97%
Missouri	72%	79%	63%
Mississippi St	75%	82%	67%
Expected Wins	**8.11**	**9.12**	**6.92**

Recruiting Rank

Odds of

Winning Division	8%
Winning 4+ Games	98%
Winning 6+ Games	90%
Winning 8+ Games	64%
Winning 10+ Games	26%
Winning 12+ Games	3%

Power Rankings

1-A	13
League	6
Division	4

Projected Finish

League	5
Division	3

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	12
League (counts ALL games)	8

Mississippi
Returning Players

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Returning Production - Defense
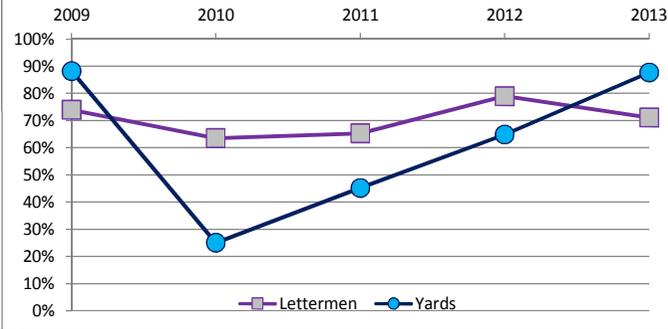
Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Bo Wallace	2,994	390	25	3,409	Yes
Jeff Scott	0	850	175	1,025	Yes
Donte Moncrief	0	0	979	979	Yes
Randall Mackey	*57*	*325*	*346*	*728*	
Ja-Mes Logan	0	16	490	506	Yes
Vince Sanders	0	0	504	504	Yes
Barry Brunetti	196	277	7	480	Yes
Korvic Neat	0	34	257	291	Yes
I'Tavius Mathers	0	208	9	217	Yes
Returning Production	3,190	1,775	2,446	7,411	
Departing Production	*57*	*325*	*346*	*728*	
Total Production	3,247	2,100	2,792	8,139	
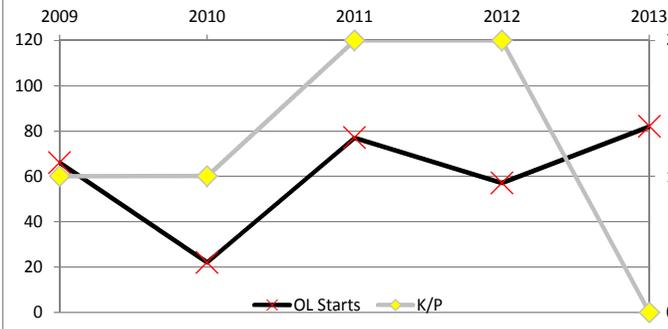
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Denzel Nkemdiche	37	45	3	3	Yes
Cody Prewitt	44	36	1.5	2	Yes
Mike Marry	37	41	2.5	1	Yes
Charles Sawyer	44	19	1.5	1	Yes
C.J. Johnson	28	27	6.5	0	Yes
Trae Elston	32	29	1	0	Yes
Senquez Golson	22	14	0	3	Yes
Joel Kight	*29*	*15*	*1*	*0*	
Dehendret Collins	16	14	0	3	Yes
Issac Gross	15	25	2.5	0	Yes
Returning Production	275	250	19	13	
Departing Production	*29*	*15*	*1*	*0*	
Total Production	304	265	20	13	
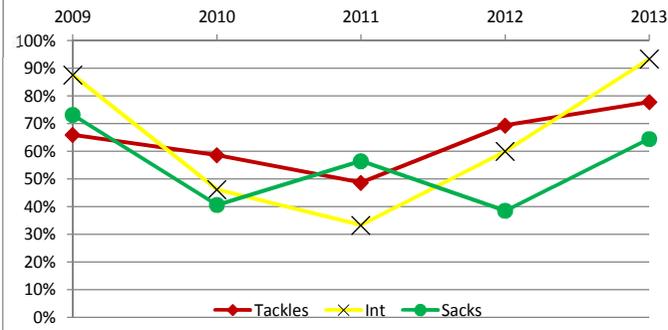
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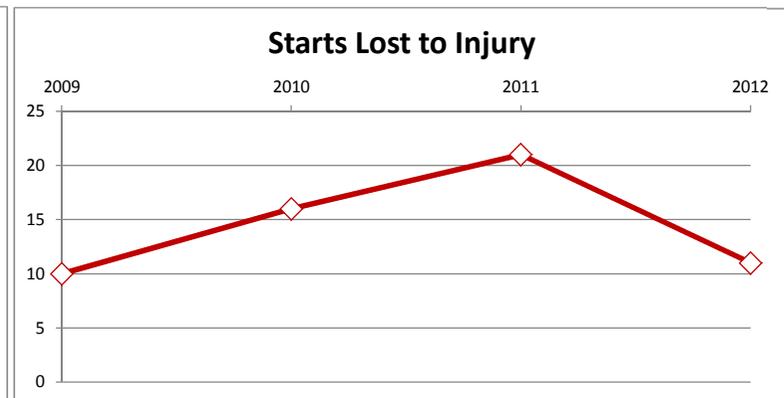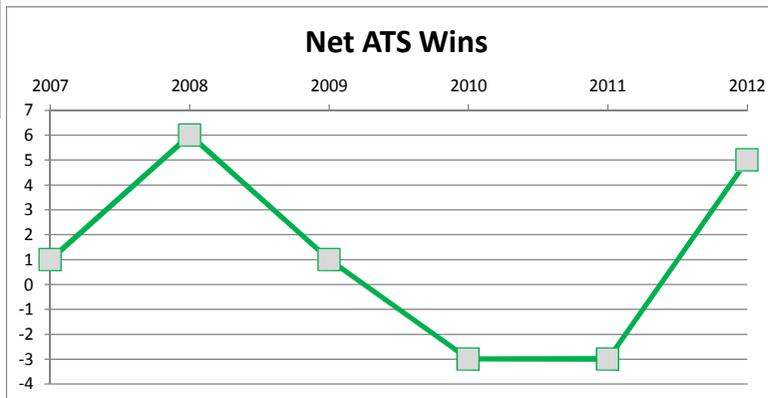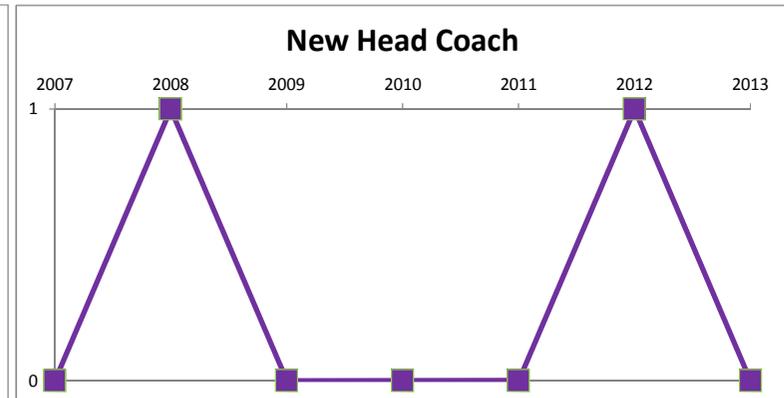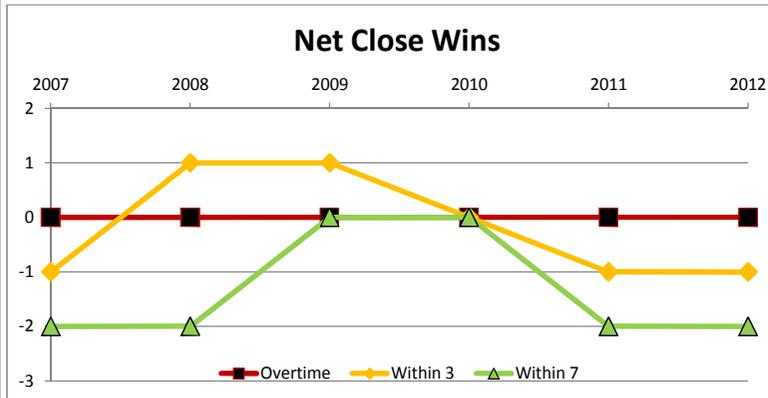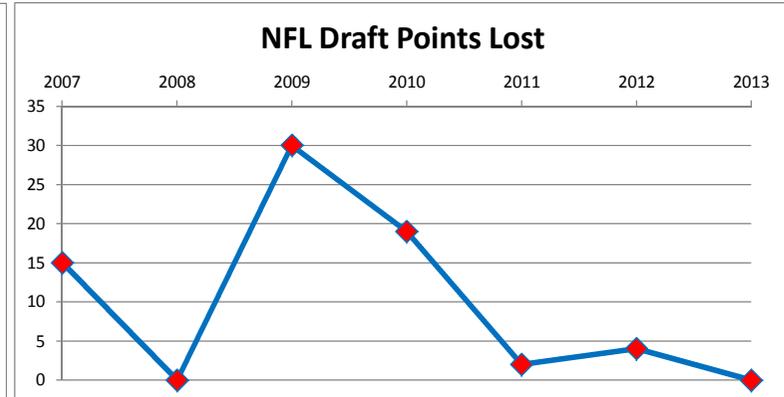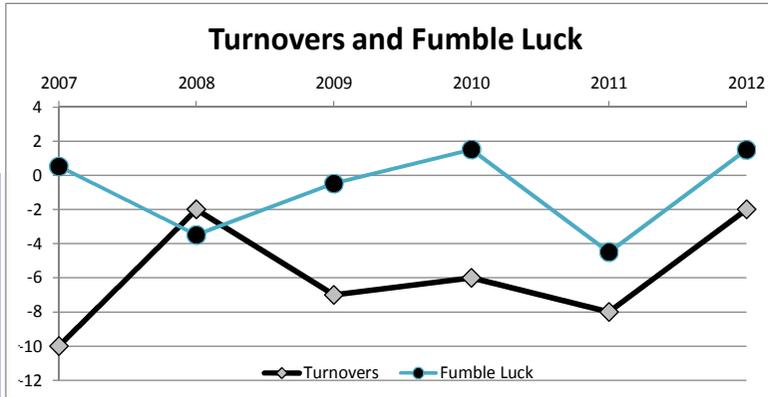
Mississippi St
Season Projections, Power Rankings, and Recruiting

Compu-Picks vs AP Rank

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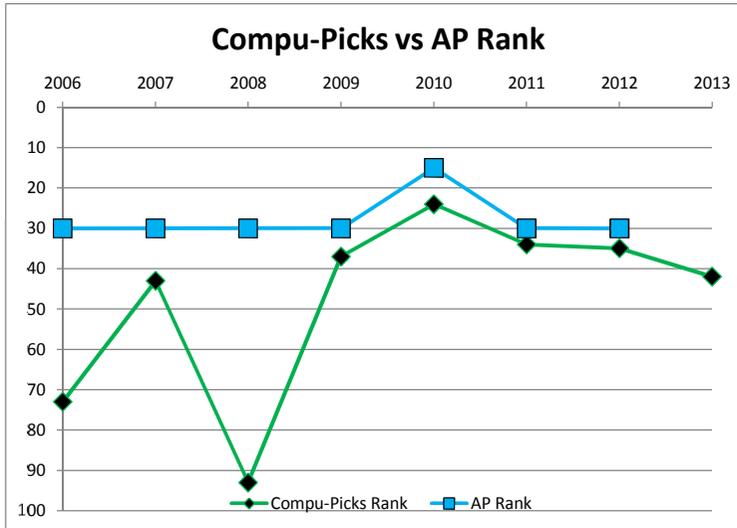
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Mississippi St…	
		Beats Auburn	Doesn't
Oklahoma St	19%	26%	15%
AA	98%	99%	97%
Auburn	*35%*	*100%*	*0%*
Troy	87%	92%	84%
LSU	24%	34%	19%
Bowling Green	77%	85%	73%
Kentucky	71%	80%	65%
South Carolina	14%	21%	11%
Texas A&M	9%	14%	6%
Alabama	4%	7%	3%
Arkansas	52%	63%	46%
Mississippi	25%	36%	19%
Expected Wins	**5.14**	**6.57**	**4.36**

Odds of

Winning Division	1%
Winning 4+ Games	79%
Winning 6+ Games	41%
Winning 8+ Games	12%
Winning 10+ Games	2%
Winning 12+ Games	0%

Power Rankings

1-A	42
League	11
Division	6

Projected Finish

League	11
Division	6

Schedule Strength Rank
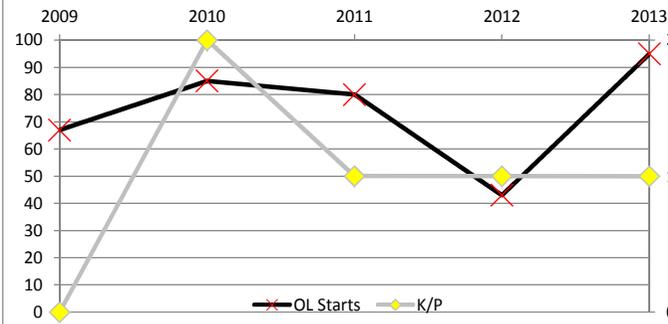
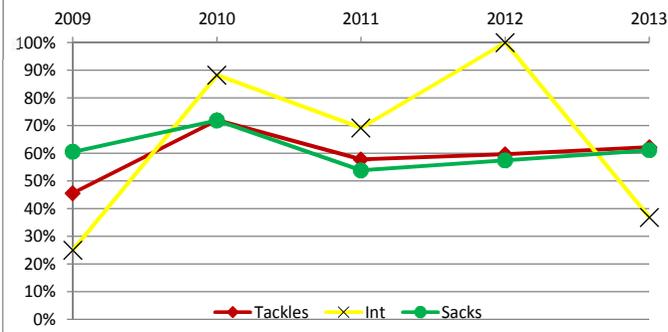|	
1-A	2
League (counts ALL games)	2

Mississippi St
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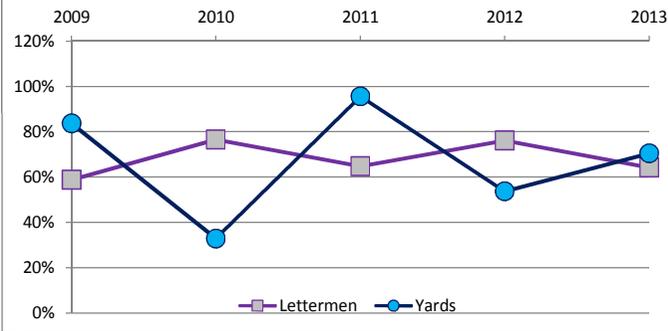
Lettermen and Yards Returning

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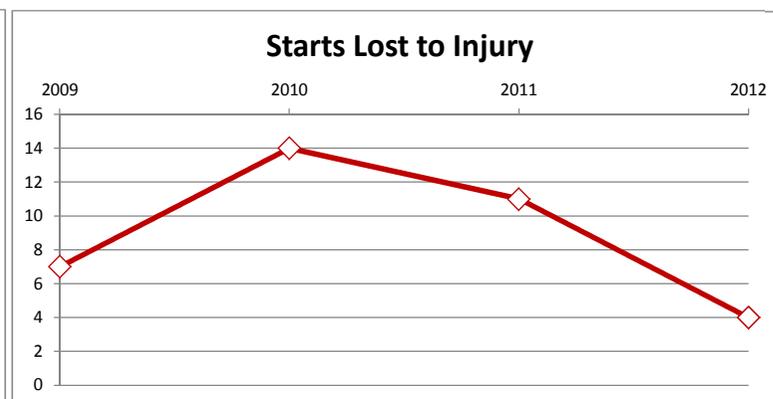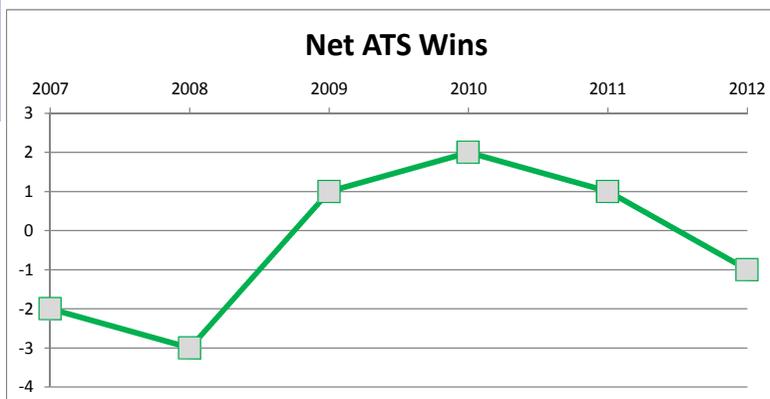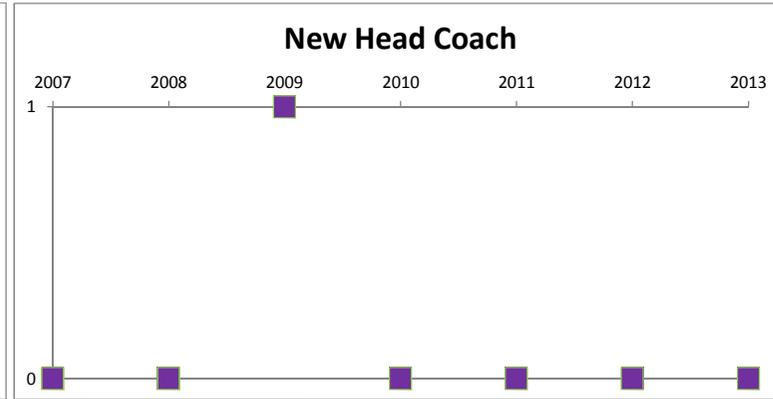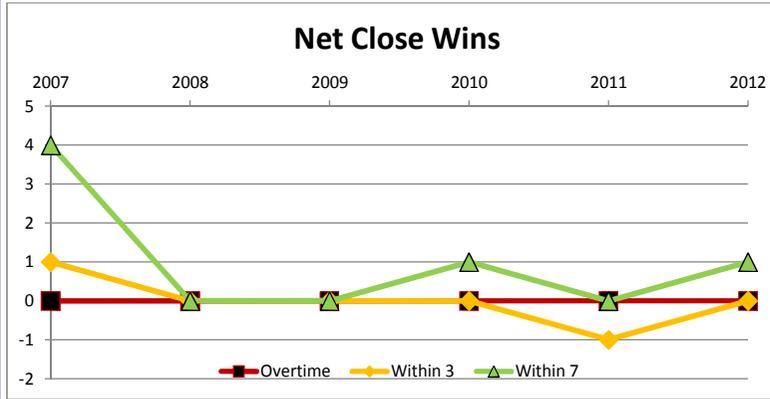

Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Tyler Russell	**2,897**	**-5**	**0**	**2,892**	**Yes**
LaDarius Perkins	**0**	**1,024**	**160**	**1,184**	**Yes**
Chad Bumphis	*0*	*0*	*922*	*922*	
Chris Smith	*0*	*0*	*581*	*581*	
Arceto Clark	*0*	*0*	*487*	*487*	
Josh Robinson	**0**	**335**	**8**	**343**	**Yes**
Dak Prescott	**194**	**118**	**0**	**312**	**Yes**
Nick Griffin	**0**	**223**	**3**	**226**	**Yes**
Marcus Green	*0*	*0*	*215*	*215*	
Returning Production	3,091	1,695	171	4,957	
Departing Production	*0*	*0*	*2,205*	*2,205*	
Total Production	**3,091**	**1,695**	**2,376**	**7,162**	

Key Defensive Players from 2012

	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Cameron Lawrence	*54*	*66*	*4*	*2*	
Nickoe Whitley	**50**	**38**	**0**	**3**	**Yes**
Benardrick McKinney	**45**	**57**	**1**	**0**	**Yes**
Johnthan Banks	*39*	*24*	*0*	*4*	
Darius Slay	*24*	*16*	*0*	*5*	
Denico Autry	**26**	**16**	**4**	**1**	**Yes**
Deontae Skinner	**22**	**40**	**0**	**0**	**Yes**
Preston Smith	**18**	**17**	**4.5**	**0**	**Yes**
Corey Broomfield	*21*	*19*	*0.5*	*1*	
Matthew Wells	**15**	**19**	**1**	**1**	**Yes**
Returning Production	176	187	11	5	
Departing Production	*138*	*125*	*5*	*12*	
Total Production	**314**	**312**	**15**	**17**	

Mississippi St
Luck, Coaching Changes and Other Factors

Turnovers and Fumble Luck

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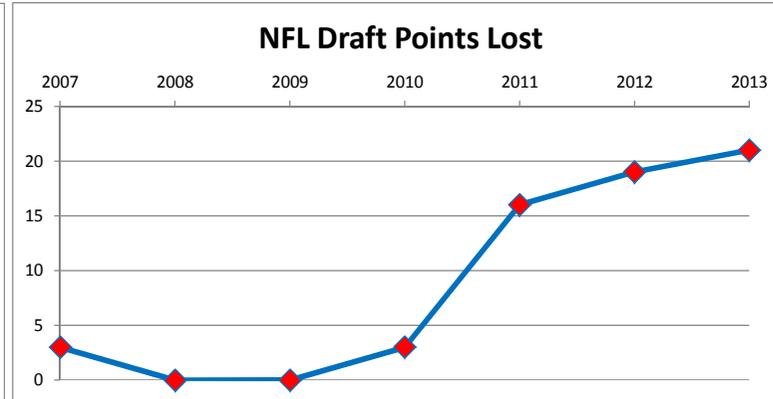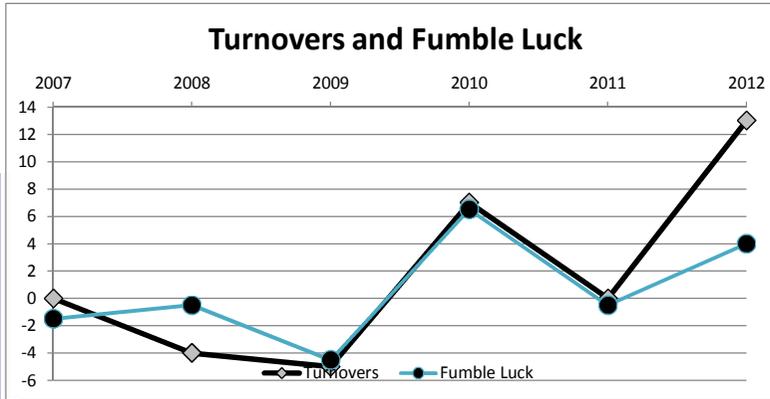
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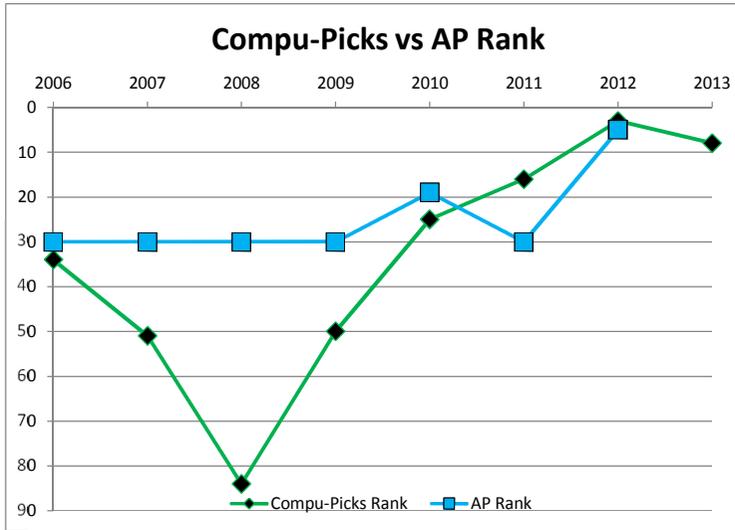
2013 Schedule and Win Odds

Opponent	Overall Projection	What If Texas A&M...	
		Beats Alabama	Doesn't
Rice	95%	98%	94%
AA	100%	100%	100%
Alabama	*29%*	*100%*	*0%*
SMU	97%	99%	96%
Arkansas	88%	94%	85%
Mississippi	54%	66%	49%
Auburn	87%	93%	85%
Vanderbilt	75%	86%	71%
Mississippi St	91%	95%	89%
UTEP	100%	100%	99%
LSU	51%	64%	45%
Missouri	66%	76%	62%
Expected Wins	**9.33**	**10.71**	**8.76**

Odds of

Winning Division	16%
Winning 4+ Games	99%
Winning 6+ Games	97%
Winning 8+ Games	86%
Winning 10+ Games	51%
Winning 12+ Games	9%

Power Rankings

1-A	8
League	3
Division	2

Projected Finish

League	4
Division	2

Schedule Strength Rank

1-A	19
League (counts ALL games)	12

Texas A&M
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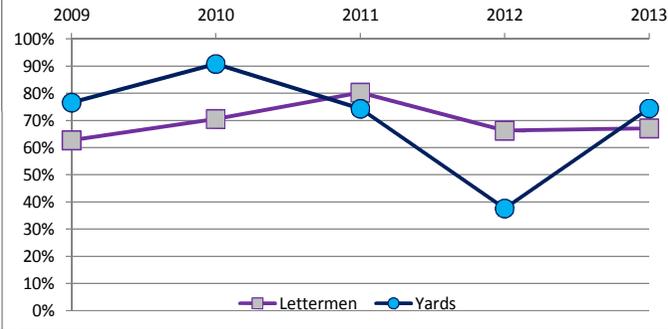
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Returning Production - Defense

Key Offensive Skill Players from 2012

	Yards				Returns?
	Pass	Run	Rec	Total	
Johnny Manziel	**3,706**	**1,410**	**0**	**5,116**	**Yes**
Mike Evans	**0**	**0**	**1,105**	**1,105**	**Yes**
Ben Malena	**0**	**808**	**111**	**919**	**Yes**
Ryan Swope	*0*	*-2*	*913*	*911*	
Trey Williams	**0**	**376**	**171**	**547**	**Yes**
Uzoma Nwachukwu	*0*	*0*	*485*	*485*	
Christine Michael	*0*	*417*	*48*	*465*	
Thomas Johnson	*0*	*33*	*339*	*372*	
Jameill Showers	*319*	*39*	*0*	*358*	
Kenric McNeal	*47*	*0*	*265*	*312*	
Returning Production	3,706	2,594	1,387	7,687	
Departing Production	*366*	*487*	*2,050*	*2,903*	
Total Production	**4,072**	**3,081**	**3,437**	**10,590**	
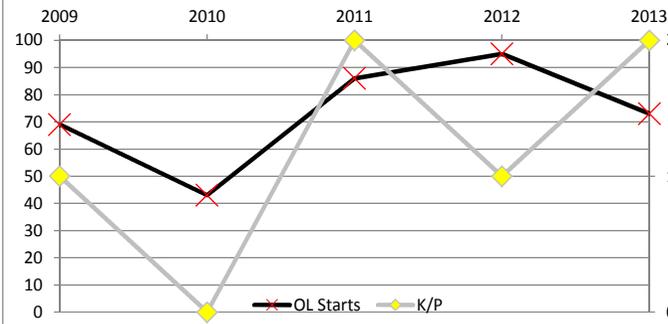
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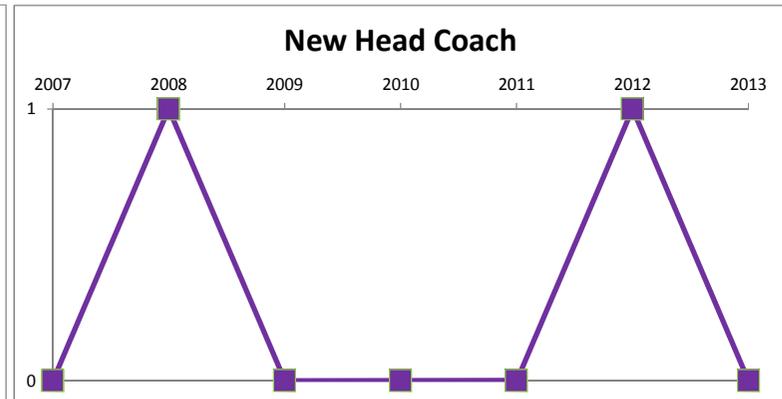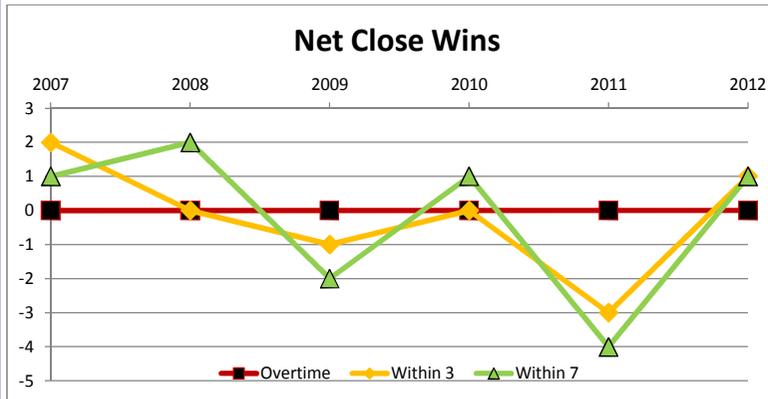|	Defensive Statistics				Returns?
	Solo Tkl	Asst Tkl	Sacks	Int	
Damontre Moore	*57*	*28*	*12.5*	*0*	
Jonathan Stewart	*46*	*35*	*2.5*	*0*	
Sean Porter	*38*	*28*	*3.5*	*1*	
Steven Jenkins	**34**	**44**	**2**	**1**	**Yes**
Steven Terrell	*37*	*24*	*0*	*2*	
Toney Hurd Jr.	**41**	**26**	**0**	**1**	**Yes**
Deshazor Everett	**31**	**25**	**0**	**2**	**Yes**
Dustin Harris	*39*	*10*	*0*	*1*	
Howard Matthews	**34**	**24**	**0**	**0**	**Yes**
Spencer Nealy	*22*	*20*	*2*	*0*	
Returning Production	140	119	2	4	
Departing Production	*239*	*145*	*21*	*4*	
Total Production	**379**	**264**	**23**	**8**	
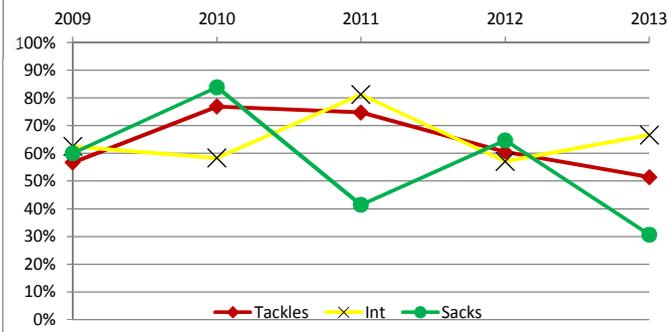
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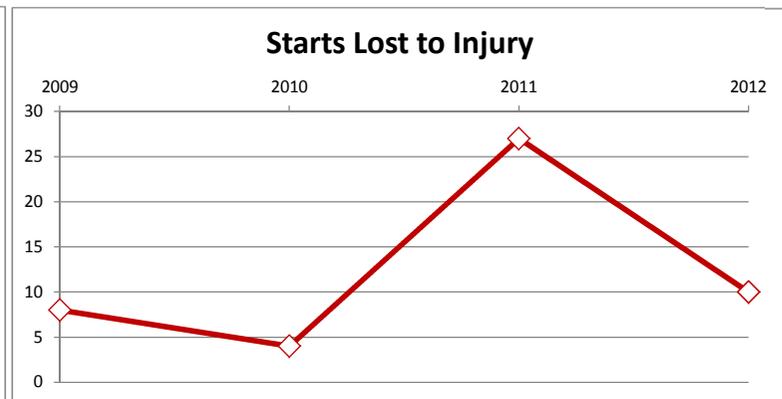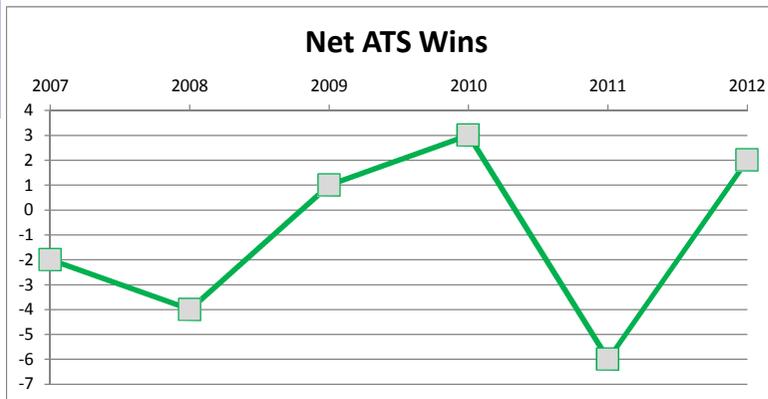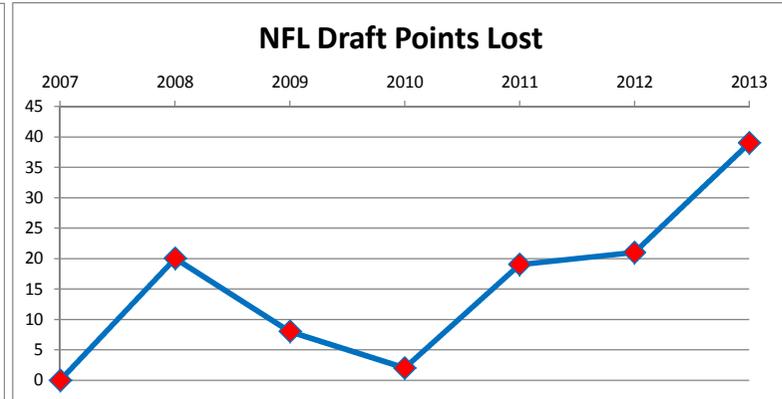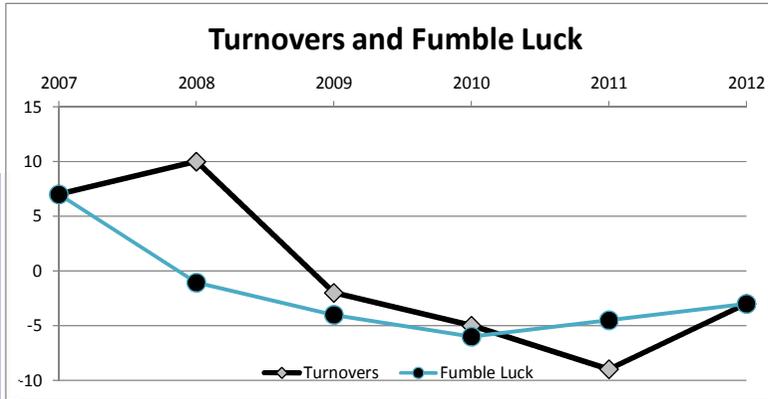
As I've mentioned many times before, I'm always on the lookout for more and better data. Here are some specific things I'm especially interested in:

- *Injury Data*: I'd love to get access to a database that tracks players who had to sit out games due to injury by week by team by year. This would be especially useful if it went back at least four years, if it broke out starters vs non-starters, and if it's going to be updated regularly (i.e. during the season) going forward.
- *Offensive Line Stats*: This is one area where current college football statistics are simply deficient. Whether it's starts, pancakes, sacks allowed or just about anything else, the sad truth is that offensive line statistics just aren't tracked in any meaningful detail.
- *Assistant Coach Database*: We've gotten to the point where head coaches are pretty easy to track (by school by year) but this is much less true of assistant coaches, whether coordinators or position coaches. This kind of data would at least potentially be useful.

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