ELLIOT'S SATURDAY SLATE:

A 90-YEAR COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORD FALLS AFTER STUNNERS IN WEEK 7



Lawson Luckie of the Georgia Bulldogs football team about to catch a pass during a game. The Bulldogs lost 24-27 against the Auburn Tigers on Oct. 17, 2026.
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This past weekend just erased a near century record in the NCAA when five of the top seven teams in the country lost on the same day. If that were not crazy enough, the way it happened was simply unprecedented.

No. 1 Georgia was a 20-point favorite at home and lost to unranked Auburn on a last second field goal. This snapped a 54-game winning streak against unranked opponents and handed Georgia their first-ever home loss as an AP No. 1 team in school history. They were previously 18-0. For Auburn, the win ended their nine-game losing streak in the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry. The Bulldogs were also the final unbeaten SEC program, leaving the championship game spots back up for the taking.

No. 2 Notre Dame lost to No. 6 BYU after getting to the 7-yard line and running out of time. The win snapped Notre Dame's 16-game winning streak. The Cougars were a double-digit home underdog but outlasted the Irish to secure the nation's second-best winning percentage since the start of the 2024 season. BYU rose to No. 2 in this week's AP poll, matching the program's best ranking since winning the national championship in 1984.

No. 3 Miami nearly joined the list of upsets this weekend, holding off Florida St. 43-35 in double overtime. Miami's quarterback, Darian Mensah, threw for 326 yards and three touchdowns, giving the Hurricanes the top ranking for the first time since 2002. It was the first time since 2012 that both of the top two teams fell in the same week.

No. 4 Ohio State defeated No. 5 Indiana on the road, snapping the Hoosiers' 22-game total 19-home game winning streak. It came down to the wire on a potential game winning touchdown that was caught out of bounds and ruled incomplete. The Buckeyes rose to No. 3 following their redemption win against the defending Big Ten champions. The win came with a cost, though, as Ohio State lost quarterback Julian Sayin to an arm injury that will have him sitting out for several weeks, according to ESPN.

No. 6 Alabama was routed by No. 14 Tennessee after not scoring a point for the whole second half. This marked the Tide's second straight regular-season loss; The last time this happened wasin Nick Saban's first season as a head coach in 2007. That same year was coincidently the last time Alabama was held scoreless in the second half after a 21-14 loss to Louisiana-Monroe back in 2007. The Volunteers secured a historic win at home; They rise to No. 11 and face South Carolina next weekend.

No. 7 Texas blew a 17-3 lead over unranked Florida. The Longhorns were nearly two touchdown favorites over the Gators but first-time starting quarterback Tramell Jones Jr. still carried Florida to victory. The last time a No. 1 team lost two consecutive games against unranked opponents goes back to 1961, when No. 1 Michigan State fell to unranked Minnesota followed by unranked Purdue. The Longhorns fell to No. 19 following these consecutive losses. Florida re-entered the top 25, landing at No. 20.

No. 9 Ole Miss dominated No. 13 Missouri, 31-3. The Tigers scored first before 31 unanswered from quarterback Trinidad Chambliss and the Rebels. Chambliss contributed with four touchdowns helping solidify his case as a Heisman favorite.

The SEC has an 11-team circle of chaos in which every team has beaten the next. On top of that, the only unbeaten team in the SEC or Big Ten is UCLA, standing at 6-0 following their win against Wisconsin. The Bruins have a chance at an undefeated season as No. 16 USC remains their only ranked opponent for the rest of the year.

Moving into Week 8 gives us another opportunity for upsets and chaos. Only two top 25 matchups are on display, but as we learned from the previous week, anything can happen.

No. 7 Ole Miss takes on No. 17 Texas, which is looking to avoid a three-game skid. The Longhorns host the matchup and open as the slight favorites. It will be a face-off between two of the most talked about quarterbacks in college football between Arch Manning and Trinidad Chambliss.

Later in the night, unbeaten No. 10 Utah hosts No. 14 Houston in a Big 12 battle. This is Utah's first test of the season before facing BYU and Arizona later. The Utes are coming off their closest win of the season, defeating Colorado 27-24. Quarterback Devon Dampier has been on point this season, throwing for over 200 yards in every game except the first. The senior also accumulated 15 touchdowns for the Utes and only four interceptions with two coming in last week's game. As for the Cougars, they are coming off a 35-32 win against No. 18 Oklahoma State where quarterback Conner Weigman threw for 343 yards and five touchdowns. These two quarterbacks battle it out this Saturday night under the big lights in Salt Lake City.



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If there is anything we have learned through the past week, it is to expect the unexpected. For the first time in 90 years, we saw five of the top seven teams fall, along with countless records that had not occurred in decades. This year's college football season is proving to be one of the most unpredictable, and we just hit the halfway point.

Sit back, relax and try not to lose your mind as another week of college football approaches us.

FIGURE SKATING:

ALINA GORBACHEV WINS BUDAPEST TROPHY, JULIA SAUTE, KIMMY RESPOND ROUND OUT PODIUM

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Alina Gorbacheva won the Budapest Trophy for the first international gold of her career on Sunday, Oct. 18 by 23.43 points after a clean skate in both programs. The Budapest Trophy was also the first international competition of her career following select Russian skaters being allowed to compete under a neutral status.

Romania's Julia Sauter completed a season best score of 179.92 which earned her second place. Sauter previously competed at the Nepela Memorial earlier this season, but her 65.53- and 114.39-point short program and free skate at the Budapest Trophy were both season bests.

2025 Swiss National Champion, Kimmy Repond, came home with third place after rebounding from sixth in the short program. Her 116.13 free skate score was a season's best for her and was good enough placed her second among the women.

Following Repond, Estonia's Maria Eliise Kaljuvere recorded season-bests in the short program, free skate and overall score although she fell to fourth place from second due to a seventh-place free skate.

2026 Olympian, Olga Mikutina finished in fifth after a 62.75 points short program and a 111.04 free skate. She previously skated at the Tayside Trophy earlier this season, where she finished first overall, but it was the Budapest Trophy that once again saw season bests for the skater in the short program, free skate and overall score.

Italy's Marina Piredda skated in her second event of the 2026-27 season and catapulted up the standings from 12th in the short program to sixth overall after the free skate. Despite finishing lower overall at Budapest, her score of 170.81 was better than her overall score at the Nebelhorn Trophy in late-September, improving by 12.77 points from her 158.04 Nebelhorn Trophy score.

Sweden's Anita Östlund improved from her eighth-place finish at the Lombardia Trophy in mid-September to finish seventh at the Budapest Trophy. Over the course of the competition, she placed eighth in the short and ninth in the free for a total score of 170.19.

Following Östlund was Canadian Sara-Maude Dupuis and Swiss skater Livia Kaiser, who finished with 169.78 and 168.07 points respectively. While Kaiser had the better short program, placing seventh to Dupuis' 13th, Dupuis had the better free skate, finishing sixth to Kaisers 11th place free finish.



Olympic skater, Olga Mikutina, performing on the ice as a guest star for PASSIO LIVE 2026. The event was at Santa Fe Ice Rink in Mexico City, Mexico on Oct. 3 and 4, 2026.
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Rounding out the top 10 was Norway's Mia Risa Gomez, who moved up eight spots in the free skate after an 18th place short program. In the free, Gomez skated to the third best score of 114.41 which catapulted her to 10th.

Two-time reigning Canadian National Champion, Madeline Schizas, did not have the best weekend. She fell once in the short program after attempting a triple lutz causing her to finish ninth. In the free skate, she couldn't hold onto her triple flip and fell again on her triple lutz to finish 10th for the free skate and 11th overall.

Alina Bonillo, Anna Pezzetta, Polina Dzsumanyijazova and Hannah Frank rounded out the top 15 with scores between 159.79 and 157.67.

Pernille With, Nataly Langerbaur, Inga Gurgenidze, Haruna Murakami, Elizabet Gervits, Nikola Fomchenkova, Julia Van Dijk, Michaela Vrastakova, Julia Kasprzyk and Sophia Joline Von Felton finished 16th through 25th.

Alexandra Feigin, Maxine Bautista, Meda Variakojyte, Lotta Artimo, Sofja Stepcenko, Saskia Oudejans, Weronika Ferlin, Mariia Dmitrieva, Lovisa Aav and Ana Stratulat made up 26th through 35th place.

Zere Sarbalina and Annika Lytchoff Skibby took 36th and 37th to finish out the standings.

The next International Skating Union, Figure Skating event is the first Grand Prix of the season, the Grand Prix de France between Friday, Oct. 23 and Sunday Oct. 25, 2026.

During the GP France, all four categories — men's singles, women's singles, pairs and ice dance — will compete.

In the United States, you can watch the Grand Prix de France on Peacock.