

Southeastern Conference Football Championship Game: Georgia vs Alabama

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Alabama Crimson Tide

Tim Keenan

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: We have Tim Keenan from Alabama. We'll start with questions.

Q. The fact that you've been in some SEC Championship games before, what does this game mean and what do you tell some of your teammates that are experiencing it for the first time?

TIM KEENAN: This game definitely holds a lot of weight. It's just the next game. We used to playing in big-time moments, especially being here at Alabama where every week is kind of like an SEC Championship because you know we get everybody best game.

Go 1-0, do what we've been doing, keep climbing, keep the main thing the main thing.

Q. Zabien Brown, how have you seen him grow since he stepped on campus?

TIM KEENAN: He's never satisfied. He's always working. He might not be the loudest guy, but he's loud with his work. He's consistent. He's a sponge, he soaks up everything.

As long as he keeps going 1-0, keeps putting in the work, he'll keep being successful.

Q. Gunner's legs have been a sparkplug for Georgia's offense since you played them. Is his rushing threat something you guys are preparing more for this week? How did you prepare for that last time?

TIM KEENAN: It's all about trusting our keys, doing what we need to do, aligning, assigning, going out and playing ball. As long as we focus on the small things, have attention to detail, we should be fine and it should be just a great game.

Q. Tim, obviously you didn't get to play UGA this year. What stands out to you the most about their offensive line?

TIM KEENAN: I know they're very sound. Especially in SEC play, the trenches, it kind of get nasty and that. It's definitely going to be a great battle, one for the centuries, like it always is when Alabama and Georgia plays. I think that's like the mismatch of the game.

Q. How has the defense, in your opinion, changed or improved since the last time you played Georgia?

TIM KEENAN: Just climbing, trying to get better than yesterday. Especially just not being satisfied. Always striving to do better. If you feel like you went hard last weekend, you can go harder.

With the system and stuff, our weight room is so advanced, they can show us how hard we've been going in practice. The rates and stuff have been climbing. That's all we got to do: keep playing hard and everything is going to take care of itself.

Q. What has Clay added to your defense?

TIM KEENAN: Bullet in the clip, that's what I say. Great to have Clay back. He's feeling better. He's out there moving good. Definitely will be a great return game for him.

Q. Obviously the main motivation Saturday is the SEC Championship. There's at least a school of thought that you need to win to assure your spot in the College Football Playoff. Do you think you guys should be in either way?

TIM KEENAN: We're a 10-2 team in the SEC. We go out and we play hard. Of course, it's the SEC Championship, it's a big deal. We've already beat this team before. We going to go out there and make sure we do the same thing.

But we going to make sure we handle business on our own end and not leave it up to the committee to make decisions for us.



Q. As a guy from Alabama, what does it mean for you to go out as one of a few guys who is 5-0 in Iron Bowls?

TIM KEENAN: It's always a great time going against Little Bro, having some fun, going 5-0 with my time here. I feel like that's going to be the new trend to go undefeated against Little Bro.

THE MODERATOR: That's it for you today, Tim. Thank you.

TIM KEENAN: Thank you.

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