

# It's that time of year ... a football poem



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PIGSKIN POET

Shark attacks are waning.  
Hurricanes are gaining.  
The football teams are busy training.  
It's almost time for crowd cheers, BCS jeers and a tons of keg beer.  
Football season is almost here.  
The Madden games are out.  
In South Carolina Spurrier wants some clout.  
College football lives again.  
USC is on top once again.  
Will Florida's teams be in the top 10?  
USF joins the Big East.  
Is that conference fit for the golden beasts?  
Pitt, Boston College, WVU and they start with Penn State.  
There's already talk about who'll be the next Heisman great.  
How about the NFL?  
With Ben Roethlisberger and Antwaan Randle El.  
It's time for halfback tosses and crushing overtime losses.  
Let's not forget about apathetic Randy Mosses.

Not to mention a ton of new commercials for beer.  
The Bucs finally signed Cadillac.  
Ricky Williams is back.  
Can Dwight Freeney beat 16 sacks?  
Will Defensive plans shift for Mike Vick?  
He's pretty fast but he needs to throw less picks.  
Nachos, cheese and chicken wings, while your home team bring opponents to their knees.  
Speaking of cheese, is Brett Favre's last game near?  
Will the Eagles finally have their year?  
It's time for blocked punts, field goal kicks and hopefully no nipple slips.  
Which head coaches will be shown the door?  
Think Peyton's still got a swift receiving corp?  
He could break his own record by even more.  
It's time for little bro Eli to prove himself.  
It's also time for T.O. to love himself.  
Can Joe Gibbs, again, be an offensive chief?  
We're ready for some summer boredom relief.  
Buckle up your chin straps because preseason will be in full gear this week.

**UCF at South Carolina**  
Steve Spurrier makes his way back to Florida via the Gamecocks when they take on the Golden Knights. One only hopes that UCF will teach Spurrier a lesson for leaving the gator state.  
An SEC opponent could be

face Spurrier's proclaimed "Cook n' Fire" offense. Let's Hope George O'Leary primes his secondary to discourage such behavior.

**FSU at Miami**  
An early rivalry—just in time. This one should really set the tone for two of the best teams in Florida and the nation. Being on a Monday night only makes football fans salivate even more. This will definitely be the game of the week. All you freshmen out there better make it to class on Tuesday.

**College schedules**  
**UCF**  
Sept. 1 at South Carolina  
17 at South Florida  
24 Marshall  
Oct. 1 at Louisiana-Lafayette  
5 Memphis  
15 at Southern Miss  
22 Tulane  
29 at East Carolina  
Nov. 5 Houston  
12 at UAB  
19 at Rice

**USF**  
Sept. 3 at Penn State  
10 Florida A&M  
17 Central Florida  
24 Louisville\*  
Oct. 1 at Miami  
15 at Pittsburgh\*  
22 West Virginia\*  
Nov. 5 at Rutgers\*  
12 at Syracuse\*  
19 Cincinnati\*  
26 at Connecticut\*

**FAU**  
Sept. 3 Kansas  
8 Oklahoma State  
17 Minnesota  
22 Louisiana-Monroe  
Oct. 1 Louisville  
8 Louisiana-Lafayette  
15 Middle Tennessee State  
22 Arkansas State  
Nov. 5 Troy  
12 North Texas  
26 Florida International

**Florida State University**  
Sept. 5 Miami  
10 The Citadel  
17 at Boston College  
Oct. 1 Syracuse  
8 Wake Forest  
15 Virginia  
22 Duke  
29 at Maryland  
Nov. 5 NC State  
12 Clemson  
26 Florida

**University of Miami**  
Sept. 5 Florida State  
17 Clemson  
24 Colorado  
Oct. 1 South Florida  
8 Duke  
15 Temple  
22 Georgia Tech  
29 North Carolina  
Nov. 5 Virginia Tech  
17 Wake Forest  
26 Virginia

**FAMU**  
Sept. 3 Delaware State  
10 at USF  
17 Howard University  
24 Tennessee State  
Oct. 1 Florida International  
15 at SC State  
22 Norfolk State  
29 at Morgan State  
Nov. 5 North Carolina A&T  
12 at Hampton University  
19 Bethune-Cookman

**FIU**  
Sept. 3 at Kansas State  
10 at Texas Tech  
24 at Arkansas State  
Oct. 1 FLORIDA A&M  
15 NORTH TEXAS  
20 at Troy  
29 MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
Nov. 5 at Louisiana-Monroe  
12 at Louisiana-Lafayette  
19 WESTERN KENTUCKY  
26 FLORIDA ATLANTIC

**Tampa Bay at Minnesota**  
Opening against the fav-

Bucs could run away with this game. Cadillac Williams and Earnest Graham and Ian Smart make for a powerful backfield. Interceptions could be the key. Turnovers will determine the outcome of this game.

**NFL schedules**  
**Jaguars**  
Sept. 11 Seattle 1 p.m. FOX  
18 at Indianapolis 1 p.m. CBS  
25 at NY Jets 1 p.m. CBS  
Oct. 2 Denver 1 p.m. CBS  
9 Cincinnati 8:30, ESPN  
16 at Pittsburgh 1 p.m. CBS  
23 BYE  
30 at St. Louis 1 p.m. CBS  
Nov. 6 Houston 1 p.m. CBS  
13 Baltimore 1 p.m. CBS  
20 at Tennessee 1 p.m. CBS  
27 at Arizona 4:05 p.m. CBS  
Dec. 4 at Cleveland 1 p.m. CBS  
11 Indianapolis 1 p.m. CBS  
18 San Francisco 1 p.m. FOX  
24 at Houston 1 p.m. CBS  
Jan. 1 Tennessee 4 p.m. CBS

**Buccaneers**  
Sept. 11 at Minnesota 1 p.m. FOX  
18 Buffalo 1 p.m. CBS  
25 at Green Bay 1 p.m. FOX  
Oct. 2 Detroit 1 p.m. FOX  
9 at N.Y. Jets 1 p.m. FOX  
16 Miami 1 p.m. CBS  
23 BYE  
30 at San Francisco 4 p.m. FOX  
Nov. 6 Carolina 1 p.m. FOX  
13 Washington 1 p.m. FOX  
20 at Atlanta 1 p.m. FOX  
27 Chicago 1 p.m. FOX  
Dec. 4 at New Orleans 1 p.m. FOX  
11 at Carolina 1 p.m. FOX  
17 at New England 1 p.m. FOX  
24 Atlanta 1 p.m. FOX  
Jan. 1 New Orleans 1 p.m. FOX

**Dolphins**  
Sept. 11 Denver 1 p.m. CBS  
18 at New York Jets 4 p.m. CBS  
25 Carolina 1 p.m. FOX  
Oct. 2 BYE  
9 at Buffalo 1 p.m. CBS  
16 Tampa Bay 1 p.m. CBS  
23 Kansas City 1 p.m. CBS  
30 at New Orleans 1 p.m. CBS  
Nov. 6 Atlanta 1 p.m. FOX  
13 New England 1 p.m. CBS  
20 at Cleveland 1 p.m. CBS