

**WEEK FOURTEEN**  
**ALABAMA at AUBURN**

**No. 16 Auburn upends No. 5 Alabama's playoff hopes, 48-45**

AUBURN, Ala. -- Shaun Shivers scored on an 11-yard run with 8:08 left to put No. 16 Auburn ahead and another failed field goal by Alabama in the Iron Bowl wiped away the fifth-ranked Crimson Tide's playoff hopes in a wild 48-45 victory for the Tigers on Saturday.

Auburn (9-3, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) survived a final, marathonic Crimson Tide drive when Joseph Bulovas' 30-yard field goal attempt hit the left upright with 2:00 left.

Auburn couldn't get a first down on JaTarvious Whitlow's three runs while Alabama (10-2, 6-2) burned its final two time outs. But the Tide were called for illegal substitution after the Tigers lined up for a punt, setting off a fist-pumping celebration for coach Gus Malzahn.

Auburn fans stormed the field to celebrate another Iron Bowl thriller, filling it from end zone to end zone as they did in the 2013 Kick-Six game, when the Tigers' returned a missed Tide field goal for a winning touchdown.

The Tide made the first five College Football Playoffs fields, but its case was damaged with a 46-41 loss to No. 1 LSU. The team's in-state rival delivered the final blow.

Alabama worked more than six minutes off the clock before settling for Bulovas' attempt.

Quarterback Mac Jones, who replaced injured star Tua Tagovailoa, scrambled for 18 yards on fourth-and-7 to get the Tide into easier field goal range. The drive stalled at the 13 when Auburn defensive tackle Derrick Brown batted a third-down pass back to Jones, who threw a pair of pick-sixes.

Jaylen Waddle caught three touchdown passes and scored on a 98-yard kickoff return for the Tide, helping Alabama build a 45-40 fourth-quarter lead.

The 5-foot-7, 179-pound Shivers delivered on his only carry. Whitlow took the direct snap and handed it to him. Shivers smashed into Xavier McKinney, knocking the safety's helmet off on the way to the end zone. Bo Nix's two-point pass to Shedrick Jackson made it 48-45.

Auburn backup linebacker Zakoby McClain returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown and a huge swing midway through the third quarter. The ball bounced off the back of tailback Najee Harris and into McClain's arms, setting up a sprint down the sideline.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Alabama: Came in needing some help to make the playoffs, but wound up losing multiple regular-season games for the first time since 2010.

Auburn: The defense was uncharacteristically vulnerable but also delivered big plays. Whitlow ran for 115 yards. A huge win for a team that had fallen short against other top teams.

**TEMPER TEMPER**

Emotions flared up a couple of times in the third quarter. Whitlow and Alabama were flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct for one altercation. Then Auburn receiver Seth Williams, who is from outside Tuscaloosa, was flagged for a push to linebacker Terrell Lewis's head after tangling up with Trevon Diggs. That last one helped force Auburn to settle for the field goal.

<b>Final</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>T</b>
ALA	3	28	7	7	45
AUB	7	20	13	8	48

**Scoring Summary -----**

	ALA	AUB
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
ALA FG 8:27 Joseph Bulovas 43 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 55 yards, 4:30	3	0
AUB TD 2:07 Bo Nix 7 Yd Run (Anders Carlson Kick)		7
3 plays, 32 yards, 0:58	3	7
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
ALA TD 10:16 Najee Harris 6 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
14 plays, 75 yards, 6:51	10	7
AUB FG 7:04 Anders Carlson 43 Yd Field Goal		10
11 plays, 50 yards, 3:12	10	10
AUB TD 5:36 Smoke Monday 29 Yd Interception Return (Anders Carlson Kick)		17
3 plays, 2 yards, 1:28	10	17
ALA TD 5:22 Jaylen Waddle 98 Yd Kickoff Return (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		17
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:14	17	17
ALA TD 4:12 Henry Ruggs III 3 Yd pass from Mac Jones (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		24
4 plays, 37 yards, 0:58	24	17
AUB TD 1:06 Sal Cannella 14 Yd pass from Bo Nix (Anders Carlson Kick)		24
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:06	24	24
ALA TD 0:33 Jaylen Waddle 58 Yd pass from Mac Jones (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		31
2 plays, 62 yards, 0:33	31	24
AUB FG 0:00 Anders Carlson 52 Yd Field Goal		27
6 plays, 31 yards, 0:33	31	27
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
AUB FG 11:49 Anders Carlson 43 Yd Field Goal		30
7 plays, 17 yards, 2:15	31	30
AUB TD 6:31 Zakoby McClain 100 Yd Interception Return (Anders Carlson Kick)		37
11 plays, 74 yards, 5:18	31	37
ALA TD 4:57 Jaylen Waddle 12 Yd pass from Mac Jones (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		37
5 plays, 63 yards, 1:34	38	37
AUB FG 0:49 Anders Carlson 44 Yd Field Goal		40
5 plays, 32 yards, 1:36	38	40
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
ALA TD 13:44 Jaylen Waddle 28 Yd pass from Mac Jones (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		45
6 plays, 90 yards, 2:05	45	40
AUB TD 8:08 Shaun Shivers 11 Yd Run (Bo Nix Pass to Shedrick Jackson for Two-Point Conversion)		48
11 plays, 77 yards, 5:36	45	48

Team Stats	ALA	AUB
First Downs	28	23
Passes for First	12	10
Rushes for First	12	8
Penalties for First	4	5
Third Down Efficiency	6-14	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	0-0
Total Yards	515	354
Total Plays	77	65
Avg Gain Per Play	6.7	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	180	181
Rushes	38	34
Yards Per Rush	4.7	5.3
Net Yards Passing	335	173
Comp-Att	26-39	15-31
Yards Per Pass	8.6	5.6
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-8	0
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	3	3
Punt Average	45.0	46.7
Penalties	13	9
Penalty Yards	96	60
Fumbles	1	3
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	35:52	24:08

**Individual Stats**

<b>RUSHING</b>					
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
<b>ALABAMA</b>					
Najee Harris	27	146	5.4	1	23
Mac Jones	8	32	4.0	0	18
Slade Bolden	1	3	3.0	0	3
Brian Robinson Jr.	2	-1	-0.5	0	2
<b>AUBURN</b>					
JaTarvious Whitlow	16	114	7.1	0	36
Bo Nix	6	44	7.3	1	15
D.J. Williams	8	16	2.0	0	5
Shaun Shivers	1	11	11.0	1	11
Harold Joiner	1	1	1.0	0	1
Team	2	-5	-2.5	0	0

<b>PASSING</b>							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>ALABAMA</b>							
Mac Jones	26	39	335	8.6	4	2	66.4
<b>AUBURN</b>							
Bo Nix	15	30	173	5.8	1	0	71.3
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--

**RECEIVING**

<b>ALABAMA</b>					
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Henry Ruggs III	6	99	16.5	1	33
Jaylen Waddle	4	98	24.5	3	58
DeVonta Smith	5	80	16.0	0	33
Najee Harris	4	26	6.5	0	13
Jerry Jeudy	5	26	5.2	0	10
Brian Robinson Jr.	1	7	7.0	0	7
Mac Jones	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
<b>AUBURN</b>					
Seth Williams	3	66	22.0	0	37
Eli Stove	4	31	7.8	0	14
JaTarvious Whitlow	2	29	14.5	0	17
Sal Cannella	1	14	14.0	1	14
Anthony Schwartz	1	13	13.0	0	13
Will Hastings	1	11	11.0	0	11
Matthew Hill	2	7	3.5	0	5
Shaun Shivers	1	2	2.0	0	2