

2010 RETURNING STARTERS

TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	TTL	TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	TTL	TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	TTL
Air Force	5*	6	1	12	Kansas	7	7	2	16	Purdue	6	5	1	12
Akron	6*	9	2	17	Kansas St	7	6	2	15	Rice	8*	8	1	17
Alabama	8*	2	0	10	Kent St	9*	7	2	18	Rutgers	6*	6	2	14
Arizona	7*	4	2	13	Kentucky	5*	7	1	13	San Diego St	9*	6	1	16
Arizona St	4	4	2	10	Louisiana	5*	9	2	16	San Jose St	9*	7	1	17
Arkansas	9*	7	2	18	Louisiana Tech	7*	6	2	15	SMU	9*	6	2	17
Arkansas St	6	5	1	12	Louisville	8*	6	0	14	South Carolina	8*	7	2	17
Army	8*	8	2	18	LSU	6*	4	2	12	Southern Miss	4*	9	2	15
Auburn	7	8	1	16	Marshall	7*	7	1	15	Stanford	8*	6	2	16
Ball St.	11*	8	2	21	Maryland	7	4	2	13	Syracuse	8	10	2	20
Baylor	6*	6	2	14	Memphis	7	4	0	11	TCU	9*	7	2	18
Boise St.	11*	10	2	23	Miami (Fla.)	6*	8	2	16	Temple	9*	8	1	18
Boston College	8*	6	1	15	Miami (OH)	10*	9	1	20	Tennessee	4	7	2	13
Bowling Green	4	4	1	9	Michigan	7*	8	0	15	Texas	6	7	1	14
Buffalo	5	9	2	16	Michigan St	7*	7	1	15	Texas A&M	8*	9	2	19
BYU	7	4	2	13	Middle Tenn	8*	6	1	15	Texas Tech	7*	6	2	15
California	8*	6	2	16	Minnesota	9*	2	1	12	Toledo	6	6	1	13
Cent Michigan	7	5	1	13	Mississippi	4	6	1	11	Troy	7	4	2	13
Cincinnati	6	5	2	13	Mississippi St	7	8	2	17	Tulane	8*	4	0	12
Clemson	6*	6	2	14	Missouri	9*	9	1	19	Tulsa	9*	4	2	15
Colorado	8*	7	1	16	Navy	8*	5	2	15	UAB	7	8	2	17
Colorado St	2	5	2	9	Nebraska	8*	8	2	18	UCF	7	6	2	15
Connecticut	8*	7	1	16	Nevada	9*	7	2	18	UCLA	8*	5	2	15
Duke	8	6	2	16	New Mexico	5	5	0	10	ULM	6*	4	1	11
East Carolina	5	3	0	8	New Mexico St	8*	7	2	17	UNLV	8*	7	0	15
Eastern Michigan	8*	7	1	16	North Carolina	8*	9	2	19	USC	5*	6	1	12
FIU	8	5	0	13	North Carolina St	7*	5	1	13	USF	9*	4	1	14
Fla Atlantic	4	9	1	14	North Texas	10*	8	1	19	Utah	7*	4	2	13
Florida	6	7	2	15	Northern Illinois	8*	9	1	18	Utah St	7*	8	1	16
Florida St	8*	4	2	14	Northwestern	8	6	2	16	UTEP	7*	4	1	12
Fresno St	7*	9	1	17	Notre Dame	6	9	2	17	Vanderbilt	5*	5	1	11
Georgia	10	6	2	18	Ohio State	9*	6	0	15	Virginia	7	7	2	16
Georgia Tech	7*	9	2	18	Ohio University	6	6	2	14	Virginia Tech	8*	5	0	13
Hawaii	6*	7	2	15	Oklahoma	9*	4	2	15	Wake Forest	6	7	2	15
Houston	9*	6	1	16	Oklahoma St	4	4	2	10	Washington	10*	8	2	20
Idaho	6*	10	2	18	Oregon	10*	7	1	18	Washington St	8*	8	2	18
Illinois	5	7	2	14	Oregon St	8	8	1	17	West Virginia	7	9	1	17
Indiana	8*	4	2	14	Penn St.	7	5	1	13	Western Michigan	7	7	2	16
Iowa	6*	8	0	14	Pittsburgh	4	6	2	12	Wisconsin	10*	6	2	18
Iowa St	8*	4	1	13	Purdue	6	5	1	12	WKU	9*	9	1	19
										Wyoming	8*	7	2	17

Teams with Most Returning Starters

TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	TOTAL	CONF
Boise St.	11*	10	2	23	WAC
Ball St.	11*	8	2	21	MAC
Miami (OH)	10*	9	1	20	MAC
Syracuse	8	10	2	20	BIG EAST
Washington	10*	8	2	20	PAC 10
Missouri	9*	9	1	19	BIG 12
North Carolina	8*	9	2	19	ACC
North Texas	10*	8	1	19	SUN BELT
Texas A&M	8*	9	2	19	BIG 12
WKU	9*	9	1	19	SUN BELT

- Boise will bring back 23 starters from last years 14-0 Fiesta Bowl winning team led by Heisman candidate QB Kellen Moore who threw for 3536 yds (64%) and a 39-3 ratio last year. The Broncos only starter not returning from last year is CB Kyle Wilson.
- Ball St looks to improve upon their 2-10 record from last year with 21 starters back including all 11 back on offense.
- Miami Oh had a rough season in '09 under 1st-yr HC Mike Haywood going 1-11. In 2010 however Haywood will welcome back 20 starters including 10 on offense.
- Syracuse will return 20 starters back from last season's 4-8 team including 10 back from a defense that gave up just 219 total ypg in its final 3 games.
- Washington was one of the most improved teams in the country going from 0 wins in '08 to 5 wins last year. In 2010 HC Sarkisian welcomes back 20 starters including the unexpected return of QB Jake Locker who statistically had his best year in '09 throwing for 2800 yds (58%) and a 21-11 ratio.

Teams with Fewest Returning Starters

TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	TOTAL	CONF
East Carolina	5	3	0	8	CUSA
Bowling Green	4	4	1	9	MAC
Colorado St	2	5	2	9	MWC
Alabama	8*	2	0	10	SEC
Arizona St	4	4	2	10	PAC 10
New Mexico	5	5	0	10	MWC
Oklahoma St	4	4	2	10	BIG 12
Memphis	7	4	0	11	CUSA
Mississippi	4	6	1	11	SEC
ULM	6*	4	1	11	SUN BELT
Vanderbilt	5*	5	1	11	SEC

- East Carolina returns only 8 starters from last year's CUSA Championship team. The Pirates also lost HC Skip Holtz who left for USF. New coach Ruffin McNeill will probably be looking at a rebuilding year in 2010.
- Bowling Green had a nice season last year going 7-6 and coming just seconds short of winning the Humanitarian Bowl. 2nd-yr coach Dave Clawson will have to replace 7 starters on both offense and defense including NCAA record-setting WR Freddie Barnes and QB Tyler Sheehan.
- Colorado St lost its final 9 games in '09 and returns only 9 starters back in 2010.
- Alabama returns just 10 starters from last year's national championship team. However, 8 are back on offense including Heisman winner Mark Ingram, QB McElroy and WR Jones. HC Saban loses 9 starters on D but that side of the ball is his specialty.

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE

TEAM	OFF	DEF	ST	TTL	CONF
North Carolina	8*	9	2	19	ACC
Georgia Tech	7*	9	2	18	ACC
Duke	8	6	2	16	ACC
Miami FL	6*	8	2	16	ACC
Virginia	7	7	2	16	ACC
Boston College	8*	6	1	15	ACC
Wake Forest	6	7	2	15	ACC
Clemson	6*	6	2	14	ACC
Florida St	8*	4	2	14	ACC
Maryland	7	4	2	13	ACC
NC State	7*	5	1	13	ACC
Virginia Tech	8*	5	0	13	ACC
Wisconsin	10*	6	2	18	BIG 10
Northwestern	8	6	2	16	BIG 10
Michigan	7*	8	0	15	BIG 10
Michigan St	7*	7	1	15	BIG 10
Ohio State	9*	6	0	15	BIG 10
Illinois	5	7	2	14	BIG 10
Indiana	8*	4	2	14	BIG 10
Iowa	6*	8	0	14	BIG 10
Penn St.	7	5	1	13	BIG 10
Minnesota	9*	2	1	12	BIG 10
Purdue	6	5	1	12	BIG 10
Missouri	9*	9	1	19	BIG 12
Texas A&M	8*	9	2	19	BIG 12
Nebraska	8*	8	2	18	BIG 12
Colorado	8*	7	1	16	BIG 12
Kansas	7	7	2	16	BIG 12
Kansas St	7	6	2	15	BIG 12
Oklahoma	9*	4	2	15	BIG 12
Texas Tech	7*	6	2	15	BIG 12
Baylor	6*	6	2	14	BIG 12
Texas	6	7	1	14	BIG 12
Iowa St.	8*	4	1	13	BIG 12
Oklahoma St	4	4	2	10	BIG 12
Syracuse	8	10	2	20	BIG EAST
West Virginia	7	9	1	17	BIG EAST
Connecticut	8*	7	1	16	BIG EAST
Louisville	8*	6	0	14	BIG EAST
Rutgers	6*	6	2	14	BIG EAST
USF	9*	4	1	14	BIG EAST
Cincinnati	6	5	2	13	BIG EAST
Pittsburgh	4	6	2	12	BIG EAST
Rice	8*	8	1	17	CUSA
SMU	9*	6	2	17	CUSA
UAB	7	8	2	17	CUSA
Houston	9*	6	1	16	CUSA
Marshall	7*	7	1	15	CUSA
Southern Miss	4*	9	2	15	CUSA
Tulsa	9*	4	2	15	CUSA
UCF	7	6	2	15	CUSA
Tulane	8*	4	0	12	CUSA
UTEP	7*	4	1	12	CUSA
Memphis	7	4	0	11	CUSA
East Carolina	5	3	0	8	CUSA
Army	8*	8	2	18	INDEP
Notre Dame	6	9	2	17	INDEP
Navy	8*	5	2	15	INDEP
Ball St.	11*	8	2	21	MAC
Miami (OH)	10*	9	1	20	MAC
Kent St	9*	7	2	18	MAC
Northern Illinois	8*	9	1	18	MAC
Temple	9*	8	1	18	MAC
Akron	6*	9	2	17	MAC
Buffalo	5	9	2	16	MAC
Eastern Michigan	8*	7	1	16	MAC
Western Michigan	7	7	2	16	MAC
Ohio University	6	6	2	14	MAC
Cent Michigan	7	5	1	13	MAC
Toledo	6	6	1	13	MAC
Bowling Green	4	4	1	9	MAC

ACC • North Carolina returns the most starters in the ACC with 19 including 9 from a defense that allowed just 270 ypg and 17 ppg in '09. Several players passed up chances to be selected in the 1st couple of rounds including OLB Bruce Carter, DT Marvin Austin and LB Quan Sturdivant. The players are staying in hopes of leading the Tar Heels to their best season since '97.

• Despite losing a total of four players (2 off, 2 def) to the NFL including DE Derrick Morgan (55 tkl, 12.5 sk, 6 tfl), S Morgan Burnett (85 tkl, 4 pbu, 4 int), RB Jonathan Dwyer 1395 rush (5.9 ypc) and WR Demaryius Thomas 1154 yds (25.1 ypc!) Georgia Tech returns 18 starters from last year's ACC championship team including QB Nesbitt.

• Duke enjoyed their best season since '94 by winning 5 games in '09 under 2nd-yr coach Cutcliff. Despite losing QB Lewis the Blue Devils will return 16 starters in 2010.

BIG 10 • Wisconsin returns 18 starters from last year's 10-3 team including 10 from an offense that avg 417 ypg (most since '94) and 32 ppg.

• Northwestern went to their 1st New Years Day Bowl (Outback) since '96 and will welcome back 16 starters in 2010. The Wildcats do lose their QB Mike Kafka but backup Dan Persa did see some action when Kafka was hurt in midseason.

• This will be a critical season for Michigan coach Rodriguez after going just 8-16 in his 1st two years in Ann Arbor. The Wolverines do have 15 starters returning including QB Forcier.

• Defending Big 10 Champ Ohio St returns 15 starters as QB Terrelle Pryor is back along with 8 other starters on offense. While the defense does lose 5 starters they reload that side of the ball year after year with 8 consecutive seasons allowing less than 20 ppg.

BIG 12 • Missouri returns 19 starters back from last year's 8-5 team that actually exceeded preseason expectations. QB Gabbert who threw for 3593 yds (59%) with a 24-9 ratio returns along with 8 other starters from an offense that avg 412 ypg and 29 ppg.

• Texas A&M also returns 19 starters from last year's 6-7 team including 8 back from an offense that avg 466 ypg and 33 ppg. Defensively the Aggies hope to improve from last year (426 ypg, 34 ppg) with 9 starters back.

• Defending Big 12 North Champ Nebraska welcomes back 18 starters including 8 from a defense that gave up just 272 ypg and 10 ppg last year.

• Big 12 Champ Texas has 14 starters back from last year's #2 team but will be without the services of several key players including QB McCoy, WR Shipley and DB Thomas.

BIG EAST • Syracuse will return 20 starters back from last season's 4-8 team including 10 back from a defense that gave up just 219 total ypg in its final 3 games.

• West Virginia returns 17 starters including RB Devine who rushed for 1465 yds (6.1) and 13 TDs last year.

• Defending Champ Cincinnati returns just 13 starters from last year's 12-1 team and also has a new coach in Butch Jones. QB Pike will not return but backup Collaros got significant action starting in place of Pike last year.

CONFERENCE USA • Rice returns 17 starters from last year's 2-10 team that improved as the season went on.

• SMU returns 17 starters including QB Kyle Padron who threw for a SMU-record 460 yards leading the Mustangs to a 45-10 victory over Nevada in the Hawaii Bowl. It was SMU's first bowl in 25 years.

• East Carolina returns the NCAA's fewest amount of starters (8) and has to replace HC Holtz who left for USF.

INDEPENDENTS • Army returns 18 starters from last year's team that won 5 games which was the most since 1996. Army welcomes back 8 starters on offense that will have to improve upon last years 275 ypg and 15 ppg performance.

• Notre Dame returns 15 starters but will have to replace QB Clausen and WR Tate and have a new coaching staff. The Irish defense which returns 9 starters must improve from last year's unit which gave up 398 ypg (most in Irish history) and 26 ppg.

• Navy returns 15 starters from last year's 10-4 team including 8 on offense led by QB Dobbs who ran for 1203 yds and scored 27 rush TD's an NCAA- single season record for a QB.

MAC • Ball St looks to improve upon their 2-10 record from last year with 21 starters back including all 11 back on offense.

• Miami Oh had a rough season in '09 under 1st-yr HC Mike Haywood going 1-11. In 2010 however Haywood will welcome back 20 starters including 10 on offense.

• Defending Champ Central Michigan returns just 13 starters and must replace record-setting QB LeFevour and HC Jones who left for Cincinnati.

• Bowling Green had a nice season last year going 7-6 and coming just seconds short of winning the Humanitarian Bowl. 2nd-yr coach Dave Clawson will have to replace 7 starters on both offense and defense including NCAA record-setting WR Freddie Barnes and QB Tyler Sheehan.

TCU	9*	7	2	18	MWC
Wyoming	8*	7	2	17	MWC
San Diego St	9*	6	1	16	MWC
UNLV	8*	7	0	15	MWC
BYU	7	4	2	13	MWC
Utah	7*	4	2	13	MWC
Air Force	5*	6	1	12	MWC
New Mexico	5	5	0	10	MWC
Colorado St	2	5	2	9	MWC
Washington	10*	8	2	20	PAC 10
Oregon	10*	7	1	18	PAC 10
Washington St	8*	8	2	18	PAC 10
Oregon St	8	8	1	17	PAC 10
California	8*	6	2	16	PAC 10
Stanford	8*	6	2	16	PAC 10
UCLA	8*	5	2	15	PAC 10
Arizona	7*	4	2	13	PAC 10
USC	5*	6	1	12	PAC 10
Arizona St	4	4	2	10	PAC 10
Arkansas	9*	7	2	18	SEC
Georgia	10	6	2	18	SEC
Mississippi St	7	8	2	17	SEC
South Carolina	8*	7	2	17	SEC
Auburn	7	8	1	16	SEC
Florida	6	7	2	15	SEC
Kentucky	5*	7	1	13	SEC
Tennessee	4	7	2	13	SEC
LSU	6*	4	2	12	SEC
Mississippi	4	6	1	11	SEC
Vanderbilt	5*	5	1	11	SEC
Alabama	8*	2	0	10	SEC
North Texas	10*	8	1	19	SBC
WKU	9*	9	1	19	SBC
Louisiana	5*	9	2	16	SBC
Middle Tenn	8*	6	1	15	SBC
Fla Atlantic	4	9	1	14	SBC
FIU	8	5	0	13	SBC
Troy	7	4	2	13	SBC
Arkansas St	6	5	1	12	SBC
ULM	6*	4	1	11	SBC
Boise St.	11*	10	2	23	WAC
Idaho	6*	10	2	18	WAC
Nevada	9*	7	2	18	WAC
Fresno St	7*	9	1	17	WAC
New Mexico St	8*	7	2	17	WAC
San Jose St	9*	7	1	17	WAC
Utah St	7*	8	1	16	WAC
Hawaii	6*	7	2	15	WAC
Louisiana Tech	7*	6	2	15	WAC

MOUNTAIN WEST •The Horned Frogs return 18 starters from last year's 12-1 team including 9 from an offense that avg 453 ypg and 38 ppg. The defense has 7 starters back but lose All-American DE Jerry Hughes and LB Daryl Washington.

• Wyoming enjoyed their best season since 2004 under 1st yr coach Christensen and return 17 starters including QB Carta-Samuels who threw for 1953 yds (59%) with a 10-5 ratio as a true frosh.

•Colorado St lost its final 9 games in '09 and returns only 9 starters back in 2010.

PAC 10 •Washington was one of the most improved teams in the country going from 0 wins in '08 to 5 wins last year. In 2010 HC Sarkisian welcomes back 20 starters including the unexpected return of QB Jake Locker who statistically had his best year in '09 throwing for 2800 yds (58%) and a 21-11 ratio.

•The Ducks return 17 starters from last year's Pac-10 championship team including 10 back from an offense that avg 412 ypg and 36 ppg.

•Washington St suffered a ton of injuries last year and several younger players saw significant action. This year the Cougars return 18 starters and hope to improve upon last year's 1-11 season.

SEC •Arkansas received good news when QB Ryan Mallett decided to come back for another year.

Mallett threw for 3624 yds (56%) and a 30-7 ratio in '09 and hopes to lead the Razorbacks to an even better season in 2010. TE DJ Williams (411 yds, 12.8) also passed up the NFL as the Razorbacks have 18 returning starters.

•This will be a critical year for Georgia HC Richt who welcomes back 18 starters from last year's team that won 8 games the fewest since '01 Richt's 1st yr.

•Alabama returns just 10 starters from last year's national championship team. However, 8 are back on offense including Heisman winner Mark Ingram, QB McElroy and WR Jones. HC Saban loses 9 starters on D but that side of the ball is his specialty.

SUN BELT •North Texas returns 19 starters from last year's 2-10 team including 10 from an offense that avg 27 ppg its highest since '03.

•WKU went 0-12 in '09 but can only improve with 19 starters back including QB Jakes who threw for 1516 yds (61%) with a 9-9 ratio.

•Defending Champ Troy returns 13 starters including 7 on offense. The Trojans however must replace QB Levi Brown who threw for 3868 yds (65%) with a 22-9 ratio.

WAC •Boise will bring back an NCAA best 23 starters from last years 14-0 Fiesta Bowl winning team led by Heisman candidate QB Kellen Moore who threw for 3536 yds (64%) and a 39-3 ratio last year. The Broncos only starter not returning from last year is CB Kyle Wilson.

•Idaho had their best season since '99 and will welcome back 18 starters including 10 back on defense.

•Nevada returns 18 starters from last years 8-5 team including 9 back from an offense that avg 38 ppg and 506 ypg.

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