



USC headed for 'Death Valley'

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"Death Valley" and the "Snake Pit" are some of the nicer names opposing players have for the home of Louisiana State University's football team, where LSU has done more than its share of mugging opponents.

Southern hospitality has never been in vogue at Tiger Stadium. So, guess who's coming to dinner Saturday night? None other than the Trojans of top-ranked Southern California.

Coach Charley McLendon and LSU boast the nation's top-ranked defense that will shut down Charles White and upset the Trojans, 15-13.

Here's how we see the games across the nation:

The East
North Carolina 27 Army 7 — Tar Heels didn't have much trouble with Pitt and Cadets aren't in

Panthers' class.
Syracuse 31 Washington St. 20 — Bill Hurley is as elusive as Peter Pan.

Temple 21 Pittsburgh 17 — Owls do their best thinking at night.

Rutgers 20 Princeton 14 — Say good-bye to college football's oldest rivalry.

The South
Alabama 37 Vanderbilt 6 — It's all smooth sailing for Crimson Tide this year.

Texas A&M 25 Memphis St. 12 — Aggies' confidence restored after Penn State victory.

North Carolina St. 28 Wake Forest 8 — Playing on Tobacco Road these days can be hazardous to your health.

South Carolina 23 Georgia 15 — Bulldogs have turned into cocker spaniels.

The Midwest
Michigan St. 17 Notre Dame 14 —

Help is on the way for the Irish.
Iowa 21 Iowa St. 20 — For bragging rights to the Corn Belt.

Purdue 30 Oregon 14 — Wonder if Mark Herrmann connects on as many passes off the field?

Navy 19 Illinois 13 — Middles' defense to the rescue.

The Midlands
Texas 24 Missouri 15 — Now that Longhorns have the rust out they'll run better.

Nebraska 21 Penn St. 17 — Aggies ran easily against the Nittany Lions. Why can't the Cornhuskers?

Kansas 28 North Texas St. 23 — After Pittsburgh and Michigan this is like a day off for the Jayhawks.

Kansas St. 22 Air Force 20 — This has all the makings of a woeful year for the Falcons.

The Southwest
LSU 15 Southern Cal 13 — Stranger things have happened. A peanut farmer got to be president.

Oklahoma 48 Rice 3 — Sooners' Coach Barry Switzer doesn't like to run it up.

Baylor 24 Texas Tech 20 — Bears, left Crimson faced a week ago, recover from 'Bama blitz.

Houston 33 West Texas St. 8 — The Cougars should be devastating in the Dome.

The Far West
UCLA 27 Ohio St. 19 — Is it true footballs get grimy when thrown through the smog-filled Los Angeles air?

Michigan 34 California 9 — Wolverines should be able to move ball at will.

Arizona St. 22 Oregon St. 14 — Any day now Sun Devils will get it together.

Stanford 17 Boston College 10 — Two losses in a row to an Eastern team would send Cardinals into shock.

Aggies on the air

The Texas A&M-Memphis State game will be broadcast on WTAW (1150 AM) starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. It will be replayed on KAMU-TV, channel 15 Sunday at 8 p.m.

High school rankings

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DALLAS — Texas High School football top 10 poll, Classes AAAA, AAA, AA and A, with this week's opponents:

Class AAAA
1. Abilene Cooper, open 2. Plano hosts Highland Park 3. La Porte, open 4. Dallas Lake Highlands hosts Sherman 5. Seguin, open 6. Temple, open 7. Houston Stratford hosts Lamar Consolidated 8. Conroe hosts South Houston 9. Midland Lee, open 10. San Antonio Judson, open

Class AAA
1. Jasper at Crockett 2. Lubbock Estacado hosts Lubbock Monterey 3. Paris at Bonham 4. Beaumont Hebert hosts Dickinson 5. Kerrville hosts San Antonio Antonian 6. Huntsville hosts Aldine Eisenhower 7. Brownwood hosts San Angelo Lakeview 8. McKinney hosts Waxahachie 9. Gainesville at Vernon 10. Pecos hosts El Paso Irvin

Class AA
1. Kennedy at Mathis 2. Pittsburg, open 3. Childress at Wellington 4. San Antonio Randolph hosts Karnes City 5. Breckenridge hosts Decatur 6. Whitehouse, open 7. Hays Consolidated hosts Marble Falls 8. Bowie at Electra 9. Wylie, open 10. Idalou hosts Lorenzo

Class A
1. China Spring at Hubbard 2. Haskell hosts Stamford 3. Falls City hosts Three Rivers 4. Hawkins at Queen City 5. Seagraves, open 6. Glen Rose hosts Hico 7. Knox City hosts Throckmorton 8. Rotan hosts Robert Lee 9. Troup hosts Garrison 10. Mason at Brady

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Plano hoping to make it on its own

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Coach Tommy Kimbrough admits his Plano Wildcats face a very important game tonight in District 13-AAAA foe Highland Park. But he also knows that one game will not make the season.

Just a year ago the Wildcats, out to defend the state Class AAAA championship it had won in 1977, lost to Highland Park — only to see the Scots tied and defeated in later district games. That enabled Plano to make it into the playoffs again, and advance all the way to the championship game before bowing, 29-13, to Houston Stratford.

While Plano is in the Texas high school football spotlight against Highland Park, other key schoolboy games find top-rated Class AAA Jasper at Crockett, top-ranked Class AA Kenedy at Mathis and No. 1-rated Class A China Spring at Hubbard. Abilene Cooper, No. 1 in Class AAAA ahead of Plano, is idle this week.

Other key Class AAAA games find fourth-ranked Lake Highlands hosting Sherman in another District 13-AAAA battle; seventh-ranked Houston Stratford hosting Lamar Consolidated; and eighth-ranked Conroe hosting South Houston. The remaining ranked Class AAAA teams have open dates this week.

Lubbock Estacado, No. 2 in Class AAA, hosts Lubbock Monterey, No. 3 Paris is at Bonham, No. 4 Beaumont Hebert hosts Dickinson and No. 5 Kerrville hosts San Antonio Antonian. Also, 6th-ranked Huntsville hosts Aldine Eisenhower, 7th-rated Brownwood hosts San Angelo Lakeview, 8th-ranked McKinney hosts

Waxahachie, 9th-rated Gainesville travel to Vernon and 10th-ranked Pecos hosts El Paso Irvin.

While Class AA top-rated Kenedy goes to Mathis, No. 3 Childress will be at Wellington, No. 4 Randolph hosts Karnes City, and No. 5 Breckenridge entertains Decatur. Second-ranked Pittsburg is idle this week. Other key Class AA games fine 7th-ranked Hays consolidated hosting Marble Falls, 8th-ranked Bowie at Electra and 10th-ranked Idalou hosting Lorenzo.

Haskell, fighting to maintain its No. 2 Class A rating, hosts Stamford, 3rd-rated Falls City hosts Three Rivers, and 4th-rated Hawkins plays at Queen City. Also, No. 5

Glen Rose hosts Hico, No. 7 Knox City hosts Throckmorton, No. 8 Rotan hosts Robert Lee, No. 9 Troup hosts Garrison and No. 10 Mason is at Brady.

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