

= 1893 Alabama Crimson White football team =

The 1893 Alabama Crimson White football team represented the University of Alabama in the 1893 college football season . The team was led by head coach Eli Abbott and played their home games at Lakeview Park in Birmingham and The Quad in Tuscaloosa , Alabama . In what was the second season of Alabama football , the team finished with a record of zero wins and four losses (0 ? 4) .

Although they finished their inaugural year with a .500 record , head coach E. B. Beaumont was fired and replaced with Abbott prior to the start of the season . The 1893 squad opened the season with a pair of losses against the Birmingham Athletic Club , first in Tuscaloosa and then again a month later at Birmingham . The Crimson White was then shutout by Sewanee in their first game against an out @-@ of @-@ state opponent , and then closed the season with a 40 ? 16 loss in the Iron Bowl against Auburn at Montgomery . The winless season was the first of only three in the history of the Alabama program .

= = Background = =

In their inaugural season , Alabama was led by head coach E. B. Beaumont to an overall record of two wins and two losses (2 ? 2) . During the season they defeated Birmingham High School , split a pair against the Birmingham Athletic Club and lost to Auburn in their final game of the season . After the completion of the season , Beaumont was fired as head coach and replaced with former player Eli Abbott for the 1893 campaign . The team was called the " Crimson White " from 1893 to 1906 , when their name changed to the currently used " Crimson Tide . "

= = Schedule = =

Source : Rolltide.com : 1893 Alabama football schedule

= = Game notes = =

= = = Birmingham Athletic Club (October) = = =

In the first ever game played in Tuscaloosa , the Birmingham Athletic Club (B.A.C.) defeated Alabama 4 ? 0 at The Quad on the campus of the University of Alabama . In a game controlled by both defenses , the only points came on an Athletics touchdown in the second half . With the loss , this and later the 1895 and 1955 squads represented the only seasons Alabama failed to win a game at Tuscaloosa during a season that at least one game was played there .

= = = Birmingham Athletic Club (November) = = =

In a rematch against the B.A.C. a month later at Lakeview Park in Birmingham , Alabama lost their second game of the season by a final score of 10 ? 8 . After they trailed 4 ? 0 at the end of the first half , Alabama scored their first points of the season on a William Walker touchdown run early in the second half and tied the game 4 ? 4 . The Athletics retook a 10 ? 4 lead when they scored a touchdown and converted the extra point , but then Walker scored his second touchdown of the game that made the final score 10 ? 8 after a missed extra point . The second loss against the B.A.C. marked the only time in Alabama football history the same team defeated the Crimson Tide twice in the same season .

= = = Sewanee = = =

Against their first @-@ ever opponent from outside the state of Alabama , Sewanee shut out the Crimson White 20 ? 0 at Lakeview Park . The Tigers took a 4 ? 0 lead in the 22nd minute of the first

half when Wilson scored on a short touchdown run . Early in the second half , Sewanee extended their lead to 8 ? 0 when Norman scored on a 25 @-@ yard touchdown run behind the flying wedge formation . Nelson then scored the final two Tiger touchdowns on runs of 45 and one @-@ yard for the 20 ? 0 victory . Sewanee later became one of Alabama 's biggest rivals in the early decades of the football program .

= = = Auburn = = =

After playing their previous game at Birmingham 's Lakeview Park , the city of Montgomery gave Alabama and the Agricultural & Mechanical College of Alabama (now known as Auburn University) \$ 500 to play each other at Riverside Park . In the second edition of what has since become known as the Iron Bowl , Auburn won 40 ? 16 . Auburn scored first when Rufus Dorsey scored on a 10 @-@ yard touchdown run and kicked the extra point for a 6 ? 0 lead . Alabama responded on their next possession when John Burgett scored on a 35 @-@ yard touchdown run . However G. H. Kyser missed the extra point and Auburn still held a 6 ? 4 lead . Auburn then extended their lead to 18 ? 4 at halftime after a pair of touchdown from J. C. Dunham .

Alabama opened the second half with their second touchdown of the game . William Walker scored on a six @-@ yard touchdown run and cut the Tigers ' lead to 18 ? 10 . Auburn responded with touchdown runs by Snow Perkins , Arthur Redding and J. V. Brown that made the score 34 ? 10 . After a David Grayson touchdown for Alabama , Auburn responded with their final points of the game on a one @-@ yard Dorsey run that made the final score 40 ? 16 . Governor of Alabama Thomas G. Jones presented a trophy to Auburn 's captain Rufus Dorsey for their victory .

= = Players = =

The following players were members of the 1893 football team according to the roster published in the 1894 edition of The Corolla , the University of Alabama yearbook .

= = Aftermath = =

With their loss to Auburn , Alabama completed the first winless season in Alabama football history , and since then they have had only two other winless seasons in 1895 and 1955 . The losses of 1893 were attributed to the small stature of the Crimson players and not to the coaching and training of the team . As such , Abbott returned as head coach for the 1894 season and led Alabama to a winning season that included their first all @-@ time win over Auburn .