

Four SEC Signal Callers Rank in Top 10 in Career Wins: as a Starter

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The mark of a good team falls on the shoulders, and the success, of its quarterback.

Field Generals in the SEC not only led their respective schools; but also rank high across the nation, in terms of being his team's starting quarterback—and his W-L record as a starter—based on an original compilation of David Thomas.

Thomas' findings show that of the Top 10 QBs across the country—all with 35 or higher win totals—combined for a total of 373 wins (373-59-5); of that, which included four former SEC signal-callers, 8 conference and one national titles, combined for a 155-30-2 record.

Former Georgia Bulldog, David Greene not only ranks as the #1 (in terms of victories) of the SEC quarterbacks, with 42—but also is the top one in the nation—in 52 games.

During his career under center, Greene whose career was between 2001-04, led the Dawgs the SEC Championship in 2002; defeating Arkansas, 30-3.

Nationally, the Top 3 QBs are former SEC players; combing for a 119-22-1 slate. Former Tennessee star quarterback, Peyton Manning is three wins behind the for UGA QB; Danny Wuerffel is third, with 38-6-1 mark AND four SEC titles and the lone National crown of for the SEC Top 10 QBs.

The last SEC QB to make the elite played a few seasons ago. John Rauch, who played between the Hedges from 1945-48, won 36 games.

Rounding out the Top 10 winning quarterbacks include Rick Leach, who played at Michigan in the mid-1970s, at No. 4; with former Miami of Florida Ken Dorsey, fifth; the Rauch and rounding out the Top 10 with Matt Leinart, Chuck Ealey, Chad Pennington and Chuck Long.

Ealey accomplished something no other member in the Top 10 and just 1 of 4 on the entire compilations—never lost a game as a starting QB; he directed Toledo from 1969-71 to a 30-0-0 mark.

Others include: Arnold Tucker, who led Army 1944-46, to a 27-0-1 slate; Oklahoma's Jim Harris was 25-0 who played between 1954-56 and Texas' James Street was 20-0 from 1968-69.

Between these three players, five official National Championships were won; with USC Matt Leinart leading his team to a pair—which Florida super star Tim Tebow has one and played on two.

For the record, Tebow ranks 30th —1 back of Bradford's 29th spot. These two are 23-22, respectively in terms of wins as a starter.

The other outstanding leader in the Class of 2009, Texas' Colt McCoy is 21st; with 32 wins in 39 games.

USC's Matt Leinart leads the pack as starting QB to win two National Championships; Tebow has led the Gators to 1, played on 2 and is in line for a third in 2009. Six others have one title.

While this is a representation of the nation's Top 10 winning quarterbacks; the complete compilation list ones with *20 or more wins—as a starter*.

Should readers have verifiable proof QBs with 20+ wins please email me with his record (W-L-T) and school he played for; and then I will forward them onto the compilation's creator, David Thomas. (Statwhiz at hotmail dot com.)

Division I					
STARTING QB					
with most wins+					
R	W-L-T	QB	College, Years	*AP R	S E C
1	42-10	David Greene	Georgia, 2001-04	9.75	1
2	39-6	Peyton Manning	Tennessee, 1994-97	10.25	1
3	38-6- 1	Danny Wuerffel	Florida, 1993-96	3.75	4
4	38-8- 2	Rick Leach	Michigan, 1975-78	6.25	n / a
5	38-2	Ken Dorsey	Miami FL, 2000-02	1.67	n / a
6	36-8- 1	John Rauch	Georgia, 1945-48	9.67	2
7	37-2	Matt Leinart	USC, 2003-05	1.33	n / a
8	35-0	Chuck Ealey	Toledo, 1969-71	13.00	n / a
9	35-4	Chad Pennington	Marshall, 1997-99	10.0	n

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10	35- 13-1	Chuck Long	Iowa, 1982-85	13.3 3	n / a
		<i>elite 2009 QB's</i>			
21	32-7	Colt McCoy	Texas, 2006-08	9.33	n / a
29	23-5	Sam Bradford	Oklahoma, 2007-08	7.67	n / a
30	22-5	Tim Tebow	Florida, 2006-08	5.00	2
		<i>SEC QB's</i>			
14	34-2- 1	Jay Barker	Alabama, 1992-94	10.2 5	1
33	29-4	Joe Namath	Alabama, 1962-64	4.67	1
40	28-3- 2	Ken Stabler	Alabama, 1965-67	4.00	1
46	27-7	Mathew Stafford	Georgia, 2006-08	12.6 7	0
53	27-3	Buck Belue	Georgia, 1979-81	7.67	3
56	26-7	Pat Sullivan	Auburn, 1969-71	14.0 0	0
59	26- 14-1	Eric Zeier	Georgia, 1991-94	12.5 0	0
60	26- 15-2	John Reaves	Florida, 1968-70	14.0 0	0
	**AP R	<i>Average Poll (AP) Rank</i>			
	SEC	<i>SEC Conference Championships</i>			
	+	Based on a compilation by David Thomas			

