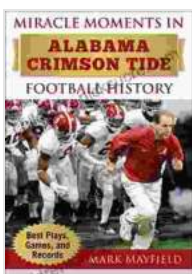


# Unforgettable Miracle Moments in Alabama Crimson Tide Football History



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The Alabama Crimson Tide, a powerhouse in college football, has a rich and illustrious history adorned with unforgettable moments of triumph and glory. Beyond the countless championships and legendary players, the Tide's legacy is also defined by a series of extraordinary and improbable events that have etched themselves into the annals of sports folklore.

These miracle moments, often defying all odds and expectations, have not only shaped the destiny of individual games but have also left an enduring mark on the hearts of fans and the very fabric of the program. Let's delve into some of the most iconic miracle moments that have come to define Alabama Crimson Tide football:

### **1. The Kick Six (2013 Iron Bowl):**



This moment stands as one of the most unforgettable and dramatic finishes in college football history. In the 2013 Iron Bowl, the annual rivalry game against Auburn, Alabama found themselves trailing 28-27 with just seconds remaining on the clock. Auburn attempted a 57-yard field goal to secure the victory, but the kick sailed wide left.

In a moment of astonishing opportunism, Alabama's Chris Davis scooped up the loose ball and returned it 109 yards for a touchdown as time expired. The improbable play, dubbed the "Kick Six," not only gave Alabama a 34-28 victory but also secured a berth in the SEC Championship Game and ultimately propelled them to the BCS National Championship.

## **2. The Punt Bama Punt (1979 Sugar Bowl):**



In the 1979 Sugar Bowl against Penn State, Alabama faced a seemingly insurmountable deficit, trailing 14-0 in the second half. However, the Tide refused to surrender, and in a moment that epitomized their tenacious spirit, they executed a game-changing play known as the "Punt Bama Punt."

With Penn State attempting to punt from its own endzone, Alabama's Dwight Stephenson blocked the kick, and in a chaotic sequence of events, the ball bounced around the endzone before Stephenson recovered it for a

touchdown. The play ignited the Tide, who rallied to score 21 unanswered points and ultimately secured a 24-14 victory.

### **3. The Fourth and 26 Conversion (1992 SEC Championship Game):**



In the 1992 SEC Championship Game against Florida, Alabama faced a daunting 4th and 26 situation at their own 11-yard line with just over a minute remaining and trailing 17-13. The odds were heavily stacked against them, but the Tide refused to succumb to despair.

Quarterback Jay Barker dropped back and heaved a desperate pass downfield, where it was miraculously hauled in by receiver Antonio Langham for a 33-yard gain. The improbable conversion kept Alabama's

drive alive, and they eventually went on to score the game-winning touchdown with just 15 seconds left on the clock.

#### **4. The Freddie Kitchens Touchdown (1994 Citrus Bowl):**



In the 1994 Citrus Bowl against Ohio State, backup quarterback Freddie Kitchens, who had never caught a pass in his college career, found himself thrust into an extraordinary situation. With the Tide trailing 24-17 late in the fourth quarter, Kitchens lined up as a receiver.

Quarterback Jay Barker threw a deep pass towards Kitchens, who out-leaped the Ohio State defender and came down with the game-tying touchdown reception. The improbable play ignited the Alabama sideline

and propelled them to a 28-23 victory, etching Kitchens' name into Crimson Tide football lore.

### **5. The Tua Tagovailoa Game-Winning Drive (2018 National Championship Game):**



In the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship Game against Georgia, Alabama found themselves trailing 13-0 at halftime. The Bulldogs' defense had stifled the Tide's offense, and the game seemed all but lost.

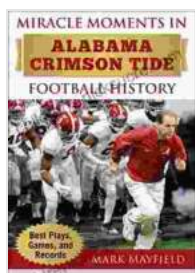
However, with the season on the line, freshman quarterback Tua Tagovailoa took over and orchestrated a remarkable comeback. Tagovailoa led the Tide on a 15-play, 75-yard drive, culminating in a touchdown that brought Alabama within 3 points. The Tide would go on to force overtime

and eventually secure a 26-23 victory, cementing Tagovailoa's status as a college football legend.

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These miracle moments are a testament to the indomitable spirit, unwavering belief, and relentless determination that have come to define Alabama Crimson Tide football. They are more than just plays; they are stories that have shaped the legacy of one of the most iconic programs in college football history.

From the miraculous "Kick Six" to the unforgettable "Punt Bama Punt," these moments have etched themselves into the hearts of fans and cemented the Alabama Crimson Tide's place in the pantheon of sports legends. They serve as a constant reminder that in the realm of sports, anything is possible, and that with the right combination of talent, heart, and a never-say-die attitude, even the most improbable of dreams can become a reality.



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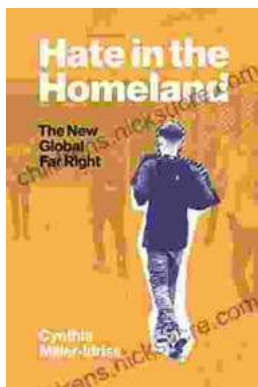
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