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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – One aspect of Southeastern Conference athletics that fans at each of its member institutions take great pride in are the unique and long-lasting traditions that the schools have maintained for more than a century.

Missouri, which on Monday became the SEC's 14th member effective July 1, 2012, is thought to be the creator of one of the greatest traditions in college football and one that is extremely prevalent on campuses across the SEC footprint.

Legend has it that the tradition of Homecoming games got its start at the University of Missouri in 1911. Chester Brewer, Missouri's Director of Athletics at the time, wanted to add some additional fanfare surrounding the Tigers' game with Kansas that year because it was being played on a college campus for the first time in its series history.

He reached out to the school's alumni and former football players with the charge of "Coming Home" for the game. A then-record crowd of 9,000 fans were on hand for the game, which ended in a tie.

Though the University of Illinois was thought to have staged a similar celebration in 1910, Missouri was the first to hold a homecoming football game.

Entering the 2011 season, the Tigers held a 57-37-5 all-time record in homecoming games.

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