



POSTGAME NOTES

ST. PETERSBURG BOWL • GAME 13 • MISSISSIPPI STATE (6-7, 3-5 SEC) VS MIAMI (6-7, 6-2 MAC) • DEC. 26, 2016 • TROPICANA FIELD

TEAM NOTABLES

- With the 17-16 victory, the Bulldogs improved to 12-8 all-time in bowl games, and 5-2 under head coach Dan Mullen. Dan Mullen's seven bowl appearances and five victories are both school records.
- Mississippi State became the first SEC team to win the St. Petersburg Bowl.
- With Will Coleman making his first-career start today, 22 Bulldogs have made their first starts in 2016 which leads the SEC.
- With the victory, the 2016 senior class now owns 32 victories which is tied for the fourth-most in program history with the 2014 class.
- Entering the game the RedHawks had scored a touchdown on their opening possession in four-consecutive games, the Bulldog defense ended that streak.
- MSU blocked a potential game winning field goal for the first time since Nov. 21, 2015 against Arkansas.
- The Bulldogs snapped a six-game Miami winning streak.

PLAYER NOTABLES

- With 142 rushing yards today, sophomore quarterback Nick Fitzgerald finishes just shy of Anthony Dixon's school record 1,391 rushing yards. Fitzgerald finishes with 1,385 yards, which places him alone in second place in MSU history.
- Senior All-SEC receiver Fred Ross finishes his stellar MSU career with 199 receptions (MSU record), 2,529 yards (MSU record), 10 100-yard receiving games (MSU record) and 22 touchdowns (second in MSU history). He extended his school record streak of consecutive games with a reception to 35.
- Senior Richie Brown finished his career with 299 tackles. With nine tackles today, he became the first Bulldog to surpass 100 tackles in back-to-back seasons since Cameron Lawrence (2011-12).
- Logan Cooke made his first appearance since the Texas A&M game on Nov. 5, kicking 4 times for 170 yards.
- Senior A.J. Jefferson, who missed today's game due to injury, finishes third in MSU history with 35.0 career tackles for loss.
- Jamal Peters forced the second fumble of his career at the beginning of the second quarter with the Redhawks driving in the redzone. Senior Richie Brown recovered the ball, his first fumble recovery since 2014.
- Senior Jonathan Calvin's blocked extra point was his second of the season, the other coming against LSU on Sept. 17.
- Nick Fitzgerald's scored his SEC-leading 15th and 16th rushing touchdowns today. Fitzgerald now owns the most rushing TD's by a QB in a single season in school history (Dak Prescott, 14 in 2014) and the second most by a player at any position. He did not score his first rushing touchdown of the season until week six against BYU (10/14).
- Nick Fitzgerald recorded his eighth 100-yard rushing performance of the season, which ties Anthony Dixon for most in a single season in school history. He is currently tied with Heisman winner Lamar Jackson for the national lead among quarterbacks.
- In his final game, senior Nick James picked up first sack of his career.
- Jamoral Graham grabbed the third interception of his career and first since Nov. 12 at Alabama.
- Westin Graves nailed a 36-yard field goal to give the Bulldogs the lead in the fourth quarter, his first successful field goal attempt since Nov. 12 at Alabama.
- Senior Will Coleman made the first start of his career.
- In his final game in Maroon and White, senior Nelson Adams gave the Bulldogs the victory by blocking a potential game winning field goal for Miami.
- Nick Fitzgerald entered the game as the SEC's leader in total offense. He finishes the season with 3,798 yards of total offense.