

MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

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2009-10 MISSISSIPPI STATE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score/Time</u>
O 31	Oklahoma City (Exh.)	W 82-54
N 7	Georgetown [KY] (Exh.)	2 p.m.
N 13	Rider	8 p.m.
N 19	Southeastern Louisiana	7 p.m.
N 21	Bethune Cookman	TBA
N 24	Texas-Pan American	7 p.m.
N 27	@ vs. Richmond (FCS)	5 p.m.
N. 28	@ vs. Old Dominion/Missouri	TBA
D 5	St. Bonaventure	1 p.m.
D 10	# vs. DePaul (ESPN2)	5:30 p.m.
D 12	% vs. UCLA (Fox Sports)	3:30 p.m.
D 16	Wright State (ESPN2)	6 p.m.
D 19	at Houston (CSS)	1 p.m.
D 22	* Centenary	7 p.m.
D 28	Mississippi Valley State	7 p.m.
D 31	at San Diego	6 p.m.
J 4	at Western Kentucky (CSS)	8 p.m.
J 9	at Ole Miss (SEC Network)	12:30 p.m.
J 14	Arkansas (ESPNU)	6 p.m.
J 16	Georgia (ESPN or ESPN2)	2 p.m.
J 23	at Alabama (CBS)	11 a.m.
J 28	at Arkansas (ESPN or ESPN2)	8 p.m.
J 30	LSU (SEC Network)	12:30 p.m.
F 3	at Vanderbilt (SEC Network)	7 p.m.
F 6	at Florida (SEC Network)	12:30 p.m.
F 11	Ole Miss (ESPN or ESPN2)	8 p.m.
F 13	Auburn (FSN)	6 p.m.
F 16	Kentucky (ESPN)	8 p.m.
F 20	at LSU (SEC Network)	3 p.m.
F 24	Alabama (CSS)	8 p.m.
F 27	at South Carolina (ESPN)	5 p.m.
M 3	at Auburn (SEC Network)	7 p.m.
M 6	Tennessee (ESPN)	5 p.m.
M 11-14	SEC Tournament	TBA

@ - South Padre Island Invitational

- SEC/Big East Challenge (Tampa, FL)

% - John R. Wooden Classic (Anaheim, CA)

* - At Jackson (Mississippi Coliseum)

NOTE: The SEC Tournament will be played at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, TN.

No. 18 MISSISSIPPI STATE VS. GEORGETOWN COLLEGE (1-0)



Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 • 2 p.m. CT
Humphrey Coliseum - 10,500 (Starkville, MS)

Series Record: First Meeting

Last Meeting: N/A

TV: None

Radio: None

Officials: Tony Greene, Mike Nance & Ron Groover



IT'S TIME FOR TIP

Mississippi State returns to the hardcourt at 2 p.m. on Saturday when it hosts Georgetown College in the final exhibition game of the year. The Bulldogs, under the direction of 12th-year coach Rick Stansbury, are coming off a 23-13 campaign that was highlighted by the 2009 SEC Tournament crown and a second-straight berth to the NCAA Tournament. The Bulldogs return all five starters from last year's squad, including seniors All-SEC standout forward Jarvis Varnado and SEC All-Tournament team selection Barry Stewart.

The Tigers, ranked No. 7 in the NAIA Top 25 Coaches' Poll, posted a 27-5 ledger last year and finished the season ranked No. 5 after losing to Central Methodist in the first round of the NAIA National Tournament.

This year, Georgetown College got off to a good start when it defeated Temple Baptist in its season opener, 115-47. The Tigers also turned heads when they dropped a hard-fought 80-68 decision to No. 19 Louisville after leading 35-31 at the break.

EXHIBITION SUCCESS UNDER STANSBURY

Entering his 12th season at the helm of the MSU program, Rick Stansbury has guided the Bulldogs to a 20-2 record in exhibition play. Last year, Mississippi State was 2-0, defeating Montevallo, 88-59, and Oklahoma City, 67-65.

NEWBIES SEE THE COURT

Although the Bulldogs are a veteran-laden squad, four players saw action for the first time wearing the Maroon & White - true freshmen Wendell Lewis and Shaun Smith and walk-ons Baxter Price and Charles Parker.

BULLDOGS IN THE POLLS

In the Associated Press, MSU is No. 18. In the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll, the Bulldogs are No. 19. It's the first time Mississippi State made the pre-season polls since coming in at No. 12 in 2004-05.

PRESEASON HONORS

In the media poll released on Oct. 22, Mississippi State was picked to win the Western Division and received three votes to take the overall title, while Jarvis Varnado was tabbed first-team All-SEC by both the media and coaches.

The senior forward was also named first-team All-SEC earlier this week by the league coaches.

TODAY'S PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

MISSISSIPPI STATE

- 3 G Dee Bost, So., 6-2, 170
- 2 G Ravern Johnson, Jr., 6-7, 175
- 22 G Barry Stewart, Sr., 6-3, 170
- 24 F Kodi Augustus, Jr., 6-8, 220
- 32 F Jarvis Varnado, Sr., 6-9, 230

Top Reserves: F Romero Osby,
G Phil Turner

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

- 4 G Johonne Hamilton, So., 6-1, 185
- 12 F Vic Moses, So., 6-6, 255
- 15 G Kyle Saxton, Sr., 6-4, 210
- 34 F Vincent Crutcher, Jr., 6-4, 231
- 44 F Maurice Pearson, So., 6-9, 226

Top Reserves: F Eddie Gray,
G Jamel Ferguson

Decade of CHAMPIONSHIPS

2009-10 MISSISSIPPI STATE ROSTER

National Polls

(Oct. 29, 2009)

USA Today/ESPN

1. Kansas
2. Michigan
3. Texas
4. North Carolina
5. Kentucky
6. Villanova
7. Purdue
8. Duke
9. West Virginia
10. Butler
11. Tennessee
12. California
13. Washington
14. Connecticut
15. Michigan
16. Oklahoma
17. Ohio State
18. Minnesota
19. Mississippi State
20. Georgia Tech
21. Georgetown
22. Dayton
23. Louisville
24. Clemson
25. Syracuse

Associated Press

1. Kansas
2. Michigan
3. Texas
4. Kentucky
5. Villanova
6. North Carolina
7. Purdue
8. West Virginia
9. Duke
10. Tennessee
11. Butler
12. Connecticut
13. California
14. Washington
15. Michigan
16. Ohio State
17. Oklahoma
18. Mississippi State
19. Louisville
20. Georgetown
21. Dayton
22. Georgia Tech
23. Illinois
24. Clemson
25. Minnesota

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Prev School)
1	Renardo Sidney	F	6-10	270	Fr.	HS	Jackson, MS (Fairfax [CA])
2	Ravern Johnson	G	6-7	175	Jr.	2L	Lyon, MS (Coahoma County HS)
3	Dee Bost	G	6-2	170	So.	1L	Concord, NC (Hargrave Military Academy)
4	Twany Beckham*	G	6-5	190	So.	1L	Louisville, KY (New Hampton [NH] School)
5	Romero Osby	F	6-8	230	So.	1L	Meridian, MS (Northeast Lauderdale HS)
10	Shaunessy Smith	G	6-6	195	Fr.	HS	Brooksville, MS (Noxubee County HS)
12	Charles Parker	G	5-10	154	Fr.	HS	McKinney, TX (McKinney HS)
15	Riley Benock	G	6-4	180	Jr.	2L	Battletown, KY (Meade County HS)
20	Taylor Luczak	F	6-8	220	So.	1L	Glens Falls, NY (Glen Falls HS)
21	Baxter Price	G	5-9	145	Fr.	HS	Brandon, MS (Northwest Rankin HS)
22	Barry Stewart	G	6-3	170	Sr.	3L	Shelbyville, TN (Shelbyville Central HS)
24	Kodi Augustus	F	6-8	220	Jr.	2L	Baton Rouge, LA (Maine Central Institute)
25	Phil Turner	G	6-3	170	Jr.	2L	Grenada, MS (Grenada HS)
30	Wendell Lewis	C	6-8	240	Fr.	HS	Selma, AL (Selma HS)
32	Jarvis Varnado	F	6-9	230	Sr.	3L	Brownsville, TN (Haywood HS)
33	Brandon Bolen	G	6-3	195	Jr.	2L	Madison, MS (Madison-Ridgeland Academy)
45	Elgin Bailey	F	6-8	265	Jr.	2L	New Orleans, LA (Belaire HS)
50	John Riek	F	7-1	242	Fr.	HS	Khartoum, Sudan (IMG Academy [FL])

* Is redshirted this year due having season-ending hip surgery to remove bone spurs.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Rick Stansbury**Assistant Coach:** Robert Kirby**Assistant Coach:** Phil Cunningham**Assistant Coach:** Marcus Grant**Director of Operations:** Talvis Franklin**Athletic Trainer:** Scott Johnson**Strength & Conditioning:** Richard Akins**Basketball Media Relations:** Gregg Ellis

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Kodi Augustus: CO-dee**Twany Beckham:** TWAH-nee**Riley Benock:** BEE-knock**Ravern Johnson:** RAY-vern**Wendell Lewis:** WIN-dell**Taylor Luczak:** LOU-sack**Romero Osby:** Ro-mare-oh OZ-bee**John Riek:** REEK**Jarvis Varnado:** Vur-NAR-doe

AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE 2009-10 BULLDOGS

SQUAD BREAKDOWN
BY CLASS

Seniors (2):

Barry Stewart, Jarvis Varnado

Juniors (6)

Kodi Augustus, Elgin Bailey,
Riley Benock, Brandon Bolen,
Ravern Johnson, Phil Turner

Sophomores (4)

Twany Beckham, Dee Bost,
Taylor Luczak, Romero Osby

Freshman (6)

Wendell Lewis, Charles Parker,
Baxter Price, John Riek,
Renardo Sidney, Shaun Smith

BIRTHDAYS

Barry Stewart (Feb. 4, 1988)
Jarvis Varnado (March 1, 1988)
Brandon Bolen (March 21, 1988)Romero Osby (May 7, 1990)
Riley Benock (June 7, 1989)
Charles Parker (June 30, 1990)
Ravern Johnson (July 21, 1988)
Wendell Lewis (Sept. 21, 1989)
Dee Bost (Oct. 12, 1989)
Taylor Luczak (Oct. 15, 1988)
Elgin Bailey (Oct. 20, 1987)
Phil Turner (Oct. 27, 1987)
John Riek (Nov. 1, 1989)
Kodi Augustus (Nov. 2, 1987)
Baxter Price (Nov. 4, 1990)
Twany Beckham (Nov. 14, 1988)
Shaun Smith (Nov. 19, 1990)
Renardo Sidney (Dec. 6, 1989)
Rick Stansbury (Dec. 23, 1959)SQUAD BREAKDOWN BY
STATE

Mississippi (7)

Brandon Bolen, Ravern Johnson,

Romero Osby, Baxter Price,
Renardo Sidney, Shaun Smith
Phil Turner

Tennessee (2)

Barry Stewart, Jarvis Varnado

Kentucky (2)

Twany Beckham, Riley Benock

Louisiana (2)

Kodi Augustus, Elgin Bailey

Alabama (1)

Wendell Lewis

North Carolina (1)

Dee Bost

New York (1)

Taylor Luczak

Texas (1)

Charles Parker

MISSISSIPPI STATE BASKETBALL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: _____ Starkville, Mississippi
Founded: _____ February 28, 1878
Enrollment: _____ 18,601
Conference: _____ SEC (Western Division)
Nickname: _____ Bulldogs
Colors: _____ Maroon (PMS 202) & White
Arena: _____ Humphrey Coliseum (10,500)
President: _____ Dr. Mark E. Keenum
Director of Athletics: _____ Greg Byrne
Faculty Representative: _____ Dr. Steven C. Turner

BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of Basketball: _____ 1908-09
Number of Seasons: _____ 97
All-Time Record: _____ 1,248-1,044
All-Time SEC Record: _____ 525-675
Total Number of Head Coaches: _____ 18
Humphrey Coliseum Record: _____ 341-131
20-Win Seasons: _____ 14
NCAA Tournament Appearances: _____ 10
NCAA Tournament Record: _____ 11-10
NCAA Tournament Final Fours: _____ 1
(1996, lost to Syracuse 77-69 in semis)
NIT Appearances: _____ 6
NIT Record: _____ 6-6
NIT Final Fours: _____ 1
(2007, lost 63-62 to West Virginia in semis)
SEC Championships: _____ 6
(2004, 1991, 1963, 1962, 1961, 1959)
SEC Tournament Championships: _____ 3
(2009, 2002 and 1996)
SEC Tournament Record: _____ 25-46
SEC Western Division Titles: _____ 6
(2008, 2007, 2004, 2003, 1996, 1995)

BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach: _____ Rick Stansbury
Alma Mater, Year: _____ Campbellsville, 1982
Record at MSU/Years: _____ 231-128/11
Career Record/Years: _____ 231-128/11
Phone: _____ 662-325-3800
Assistant Coach: _____ Robert Kirby
Assistant Coach: _____ Phil Cunningham
Assistant Coach: _____ Marcus Grant
Director of Operations: _____ Talvis Franklin
Video Coordinator: _____ Bennie Ashford
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TEAM INFORMATION

2008-09 Overall Record _____ 23-13
2008-09 SEC Record _____ 9-7
SEC Finish: _____ 3rd (Western Division)
National Ranking: _____ n/a
Starters Returning/Lost: _____ 5/0
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: _____ 12/4
Newcomers: _____ 6
Roster (Sr./Jr./So./Fr.): _____ (2/6/4/6)

EXHIBITION GAME 2: GEORGETOWN COLLEGE • 3

MSU KNOWS HOW TO WIN GAMES AT 'THE HUMP'

Over the course of the last decade, Mississippi State's Humphrey Coliseum has become a difficult venue for opposing teams. Since the 2006-07 season, the Bulldogs have posted a 39-11 mark for an .780 winning percentage. With a 13-5 mark this year, the Bulldogs have reached twin-digit home wins during each of coach Rick Stansbury's 11 seasons at the MSU helm.

Mississippi State is now 135-33 (.804) overall at Humphrey Coliseum under Stansbury's direction, including a 65-23 (.739) SEC mark and a 70-10 (.875) record against non-conference opponents.

The Bulldogs have compiled a 32-season composite record of 341-131 (.722) at "The Hump" since Mississippi State's basketball facility opened prior to the 1975-76 campaign.

TRACKING THE BULLDOGS' HOME SUCCESS UNDER RICK STANSBURY'S GUIDANCE

Season	Overall		SEC		Non-SEC	
	Record	Win %	Record	Win %	Record	Win %
1998-99	12-2	.857	6-2	.750	6-0	1.000
1999-00	10-4	.714	4-4	.500	6-0	1.000
2000-01	13-4	.765	6-2	.750	7-2	.778
2001-02	13-1	.929	7-1	.875	6-0	1.000
2002-03	12-2	.857	7-1	.875	5-1	.833
2003-04	12-2	.857	6-2	.750	6-0	1.000
2004-05	11-2	.846	6-2	.750	5-0	1.000
2005-06	11-5	.688	5-3	.625	6-2	.750
2006-07	16-3	.842	6-2	.750	10-1	.909
2007-08	12-3	.800	7-1	.875	5-2	.714
2008-09	13-5	.722	5-3	.667	8-2	.750
11-Year Totals	135-33	.804	65-23	.739	70-10	.875

Oklahoma City										
Player	FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min		
Phillips	2-8	1-2	0-0	5	1	5	1	34		
Williams	0-4	0-0	0-1	3	4	0	1	14		
Brown	9-23	0-1	6-8	6	3	24	0	36		
Graham	3-6	0-2	0-0	4	1	6	2	34		
Bingham	4-13	2-7	1-1	3	1	11	0	34		
Cuevas	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	6		
Ennis	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1		
McKnight	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	11		
Nicholson	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	0	14		
James	1-3	0-0	0-1	4	3	2	1	16		
TOTALS	22-62	3-12	7-11	32	18	54	7	200		

Mississippi State										
Player	FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min		
Augustus	6-11	1-6	3-4	5	3	16	0	25		
Varnado	3-6	0-0	2-4	11	1	8	2	27		
Johnson	8-15	6-10	1-1	5	1	23	2	34		
Bost	3-8	2-5	3-3	3	2	11	6	28		
Stewart	3-8	3-7	2-2	5	3	11	2	31		
Osby	4-8	1-2	0-0	5	2	9	3	21		
Smith	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	4	14		
Parker	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1		
Luczak	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2		
Price	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	1		
Lewis	2-4	0-0	0-3	8	2	4	0	13		
Bolen	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	3		
TOTALS	29-63	13-30	11-14	47	17	82	19	200		

Halftime: MSU 38, OCU 33. FG%: MSU 46.0%, OCU 35.5%. 3FG%: MSU 43.3%, OCU 25.0%. FT%: MSU 78.6%, OCU 63.6%. Turnovers: MSU 14 (Varnado, Johnson 3 4), OCU 12 (James 3). Blocked Shots: MSU 6 (Varnado 4), OCU 2 (Phillips, Williams 1). Steals: MSU 3 (Bost 2), OCU 3 (Three with 1). Officials: Tom Eades, Bruce Benedict, James Williams. Attendance: 2,938.

Last Week ...

MSU 82, Oklahoma City 54

Junior Ravern Johnson's 23 points sparked a convincing 82-54 win by 18th-ranked Mississippi State against Oklahoma City in the exhibition opener for both teams at Humphrey Coliseum.

Johnson drained 6-of-10 three-pointers, shot 8-of-15 from the floor and grabbed five rebounds.

Three other Bulldogs recorded double-digit efforts in the win, led by junior Kodi Augustus' 16 points. Sophomore Dee Bost joined senior Barry Stewart by scoring 11 points, while Bost added 6 assists.

All-SEC senior Jarvis Varnado grabbed 11 rebounds, notched 8 points and blocked 4 shots. Freshman Wendell Lewis continued his impressive preseason performance by claiming 8 rebounds in just 13 minutes.

OCU point guard Chris Brown led the game with 24 points.

The Bulldogs struggled with their opponents in the first half, but never trailed in the game. After scoring the first eight points, State saw two free-throws from OCU's Brown spark a 10-0 run that pulled the game within a point. At the break, MSU led 38-33 half.

2009-2010 Mississippi State Basketball
Mississippi State Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 06, 2009)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(1-0)	(1-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-0)	(1-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
02 Ravern Johnson.....	1-1	34 34.0	8-15	.533	6-10	.600	1-1	1.000	1	4	5	5.0	1	0	2	3	0	0	23	23.0
24 Kodi Augustus.....	1-1	25 25.0	6-11	.545	1-6	.167	3-4	.750	0	5	5	5.0	3	0	0	1	0	1	16	16.0
22 Barry Stewart.....	1-1	31 31.0	3-8	.375	3-7	.429	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	5.0	3	0	2	1	0	0	11	11.0
03 Dee Bost.....	1-1	28 28.0	3-8	.375	2-5	.400	3-3	1.000	2	1	3	3.0	2	0	6	2	0	2	11	11.0
05 Romero Osby.....	1-0	21 21.0	4-8	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3	2	5	5.0	2	0	3	2	1	0	9	9.0
32 Jarvis Varnado.....	1-1	27 27.0	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	2	9	11	11.0	1	0	2	3	4	0	8	8.0
30 Wendell Lewis.....	1-0	13 13.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	6	8	8.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	4	4.0
33 Brandon Bolen.....	1-0	3 3.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
20 Taylor Luczak.....	1-0	2 2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12 Charles Parker.....	1-0	1 1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
10 Shaun Smith.....	1-0	14 14.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
21 Baxter Price.....	1-0	1 1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									0	1	1	1.0	0			1			0	
Total.....	1	200	29-63	.460	13-30	.433	11-14	.786	12	35	47	47.0	17	0	19	14	6	3	82	82.0
Opponents.....	1	200	22-62	.355	3-12	.250	7-11	.636	8	24	32	32.0	18	-	7	12	2	3	54	54.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MS	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	82	54	10-31-09	OKLAHOMA CITY	W	82-54	2938
Points per game.....	82.0	54.0					
Scoring margin.....	+28.0	-					
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	29-63	22-62					
Field goal pct.....	.460	.355					
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	13-30	3-12					
3-point FG pct.....	.433	.250					
3-pt FG made per game.	13.0	3.0					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	11-14	7-11					
Free throw pct.....	.786	.636					
F-Throws made per game	11.0	7.0					
REBOUNDS.....	47	32					
Rebounds per game....	47.0	32.0					
Rebounding margin.....	+15.0	-					
ASSISTS.....	19	7					
Assists per game.....	19.0	7.0					
TURNOVERS.....	14	12					
Turnovers per game....	14.0	12.0					
Turnover margin.....	-2.0	-					
Assist/turnover ratio.	1.4	0.6					
STEALS.....	3	3					
Steals per game.....	3.0	3.0					
BLOCKS.....	6	2					
Blocks per game.....	6.0	2.0					
ATTENDANCE.....	2938	0					
Home games-Avg/Game...	1-2938	0-0					
Neutral site-Avg/Game.	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Mississippi State.....	38	44	- 82
Opponents.....	33	21	- 54