



MISSISSIPPI STATE 2008-09 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Game #2 - Mississippi State (1-0) vs. Louisiana-Monroe (1-0)
Monday, November 17, 2008 • 7 p.m. • Starkville, MS
Humphrey Coliseum (10,500)

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2008-09 MSU RESULTS (1-0)

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	SCORE/TIME
Nov. 1	Montevallo (Exh.)	88-59
Nov. 8	OKLAHOMA CITY (Exh.)	67-65
Nov. 15	CENTENARY	77-55
Nov. 17	UL MONROE	7 p.m.
Nov. 19	#NORTH ALABAMA	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	#FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	6 p.m.
Nov. 25	at St. Bonaventure	6 p.m.
Nov. 28	^Washington State	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	^Pittsburgh/Texas Tech	4:30/6:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	ALABAMA STATE	Noon
Dec. 10	CHARLOTTE	7 p.m.
Dec. 13	SOUTH ALABAMA	7 p.m.
Dec. 18	!Cincinnati (ESPN2)	2 p.m.
Dec. 22	*Nicholls State	2 p.m.
Dec. 30	SAN DIEGO (FSN)	4 p.m.
Jan. 3	HOUSTON (CSS)	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	WESTERN KENTUCKY (CSS)	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Arkansas (FSN)	1 p.m.
Jan. 14	ALABAMA	8 p.m.
Jan. 17	VANDERBILT (FSN)	2 p.m.
Jan. 21	at LSU	4 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Georgia (ESPN2)	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	OLE MISS (Raycom)	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Kentucky	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	ARKANSAS (Raycom)	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	LSU	3 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Auburn (FSN)	7 p.m.
Feb. 18	SOUTH CAROLINA	3 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Alabama	7 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Tennessee (Raycom)	3 p.m.
Feb. 28	AUBURN	7 p.m.
Mar. 4	FLORIDA	8 p.m.
Mar. 7	at Ole Miss	TBA
M. 12-15	at SEC Tournament (Raycom/CBS)	TBA

- Legends Classic, regional rounds (Starkville, Miss.)

^ - Legends Classic, championship rounds (Newark, N.J.)

! - SEC/Big East Challenge (Cincinnati, Ohio)

* - at Jackson (Mississippi Coliseum)

+ - at Tampa, Fla. (St. Pete Times Forum)

MSU-Louisiana-Monroe Game Facts

MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

Coach: Rick Stansbury
Alma Mater: (Campbellsville, 1982)
MSU Record: 209-115 (11th year)
Career Record: 209-115 (11th year)

LOUISIANA-MONROE WARHAWKS

Coach: Orlando Early
Alma Mater: (Gardner-Webb)
School Record: 39-53 (4th year)
Career Record: 39-53 (4th year)

SERIES INFORMATION

Series Record: MSU leads, 11-2
Last Meeting: 76-52, MSU (Dec. 3, 2003)

MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS (1-0)

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
F	24	Kodi Augustus	6-8	220	So.	Baton Rouge, LA	6.0	3.0	2.0 bpg
C	32	Jarvis Varnado	6-9	210	Jr.	Brownsville, TN	9.0	11.0	7.0 bpg
G	3	Dee Bost	6-2	170	Fr.	Concord, NC	9.0	3.0	4.0
G	22	Barry Stewart	6-3	170	Jr.	Shelbyville, TN	13.0	3.0	4.0 spg
G	2	Ravern Johnson	6-7	175	So.	Lyon, MS	15.0	3.0	3.0
F	5	Romero Osby	6-8	230	Fr.	Meridian, MS	4.0	8.0	1.0 apg
G	13	Riley Benock	6-4	180	So.	Battletown, KY	7.0	1.0	2.0

LOUISIANA-MONROE WARHAWKS (1-0)

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
G	10	Brandon Williams	6-1	160	Fr.	Houston, TX	0.0	2.0	2.0
G	00	Tony Hooper	5-11	175	Sr.	Houston, TX	14.0	5.0	1.0
G	24	Jarvis Hill	6-2	190	Jr.	Starkville, MS	22.0	2.0	0.0
F	20	Afam Nweke	6-7	225	Sr.	Houston, TX	3.0	8.0	0.0
F	3	Rudy Turner	6-8	275	So.	Alexandria, LA	10.0	8.0	5.0 bpg
G	23	Malcom Thomas	6-6	185	Jr.	Karmack, TX	5.0	4.0	1.0
F	32	Mitchell Hampton	6-7	210	So.	Monroe, LA	0.0	2.0	0.0

Officials: TBA

BULLDOGS LOOK FOR 2-0 START AGAINST LOUISIANA-MONROE

Mississippi State looks to start the season 2-0 for the eighth time since Rick Stansbury took over the helm in 1998. Last year, the Bulldogs saw their string of four-straight 2-0 starts snapped with an 84-82 setback to Clemson. It was the first time a Stansbury-coached team didn't win its second game of the year. The Warhawks invade the Hump after opening the season on Friday with a win against Morehead State, 56-54.

BOST, JOHNSON AND AUGUSTUS DRAW FIRST-CAREER STARTS AGAINST

Not only did Mississippi State usher in the 2008-09 campaign with an impressive 77-55 victory against Centenary on Saturday, true freshman Dee Bost and sophomore and Ravern Johnson and Kodi Augustus earned their first-career starts. All three were impressive as Johnson scored a team-high 15 points, while Bost totaled 9, followed by Augustus with six. Bost also dished out four assists, while Johnson was credited with three.

VARNADO CONTINUES CLIMB TOWARD TOP OF RECORD BOOK

Junior forward Jarvis Varnado entered the season needing just 25 blocked shots to tie Erick Dampier's school record of 249 set from 1994-96. That total shrunk to 18 on Saturday, as the 6-foot-9 Brownsville, Tenn., native swatted away seven against Centenary. Varnado, who led the nation last year with 157 blocks, now has 231 for his career. In 2006-07, he set a school freshman record with 67.

FIVE MSU PLAYERS SAW THEIR FIRST ACTION WEARING MAROON & WHITE

In addition to Dee Bost starting, four other players saw their first action for Mississippi State - Jacquiese Holcombe and Romero Osby, along with walk-ons Christopher Gay and Taylor Luczak. Those five players totaled 15 points and 13 rebounds.

LOOKING AHEAD

Talk about starting the season in fast-break mode. MSU, the two-time defending Western Division champions, open the year with seven games in 15 days, including four in the first seven. After tonight, MSU welcomes North Alabama on Wednesday and Fairleigh Dickinson on Saturday for the opening rounds of the Legends Classic. On Nov. 25, State plays its first road game at St. Bonaventure.

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

Tipoff for the Bulldogs' Dec. 6 showdown with Alabama State at the Hump has been moved from 2 p.m. to noon.

MISSISSIPPI STATE QUICK FACTS

LOCATION:

Starkville, Mississippi

FOUNDED:

February 28, 1878

CONFERENCE:

Southeastern (SEC Western Division)

ENROLLMENT:

17,824 (Spring 2008)

COLORS:

Maroon (PMS 202) and White

NICKNAME (MASCOT):

Bulldogs (Bully)

HOME COURT (CAPACITY):

Humphrey Coliseum (10,500)

ALL-TIME RECORD IN HOME ARENA:

329-126 (.723) since 1975-76

ALL-TIME LARGEST HOME CROWD:

10,735 (Feb. 7, 2004 vs Ole Miss)

INTERIM PRESIDENT:

Dr. Roy H. Ruby (Mississippi State, 1961)

FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE:

Dr. Steven C. Turner (Mercer, 1975)

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS:

Greg Byrne (Arizona State, 1994)

HEAD BASKETBALL COACH:

Rick Stansbury (Campbellsville, 1982)

MSU Record: 209-115 (11th season)

Career Record: 209-115 (11th season)

ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACHES:

Robert Kirby (Pan American, 1983)

Phil Cunningham (Campbellsville, 1990)

Marcus Grant (Mississippi State, 1995)

COORDINATOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS:

Talvis Franklin (Mississippi State, 2007)

BASKETBALL TRAINER:

Scott Johnson (UT-Chattanooga, 1998)

BASKETBALL SID:

Gregg Ellis (Ole Miss, 1994)

2007-08 SEASON RECORDS:

Overall Record: 23-11

SEC Record: 12-4, First in West

FIRST YEAR OF MSU BASKETBALL:

1908-09 (1,226-1,031 in 97th Season)

NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES:

9 (2008, 2005-04-03-02, 1996-95, '91, '63) -- 11-9

BEST NCAA TOURNAMENT FINISHES:

1996 Final Four; 1995 Sweet Sixteen

NIT APPEARANCES:

6 (2007-2001-1999-1994-1990-1979) -- 6-6

BEST NIT FINISH:

2007 National Semifinals

SEC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2 (2002-1996)

SEC OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

6 (2004-1991-1963-1962-1961-1959)

SEC WESTERN DIVISION TITLES:

6 (2008-2007-2004-2003-1996-1995)

BULLDOGS RATE FIRST AMONG WINNINGEST SEC WEST TEAMS SINCE 1998-99

Since 11th-year head coach Rick Stansbury took over Mississippi State's basketball coaching duties from Richard Williams in 1998, the Bulldogs rate as the winningest SEC Western Division team and the third-winningest hoops program overall in the league behind perennial SEC Eastern Division front-runners Florida and Kentucky. Over the last 10 seasons, MSU's composite record of 209-115 (.644) ranks behind only Florida [259-83 (.757)] and Kentucky [246-92 (.728)].

In regular-season SEC play, the Bulldogs (87-73) are the winningest SEC West program and rank fourth overall in the league (also behind SEC East foes Kentucky, Florida & Tennessee) since 1998-99.

Additionally, Mississippi State ranks tied for fifth behind Kentucky (17-6), Florida (15-6), Arkansas (13-9) and South Carolina (11-10) in collective SEC Tournament wins dating back to the 1999 postseason. MSU (10-9) is one ahead of LSU (9-9) with 10 victories in SEC Tournament play since 1999, including a league tournament title in 2002 and a school-first second straight appearance in the SEC Tournament championship game the following year.

TRACKING THE WINNINGEST SEC BASKETBALL PROGRAMS SINCE 1998-99

School	Overall Record	School	SEC Record	School	SECT Record
Florida	258-83 (.757)	Kentucky	118-42 (.738)	Kentucky	17-6 (.739)
Kentucky	246-92 (.728)	Florida	108-52 (.675)	Florida	15-7 (.682)
Mississippi State	208-115 (.644)	Tennessee	97-63 (.606)	Arkansas	13-9 (.591)
Tennessee	205-110 (.651)	Mississippi State	87-73 (.544)	South Carolina	11-10 (.524)
Alabama	198-124 (.615)	Alabama	81-79 (.506)	Mississippi State	10-9 (.526)

MSU HAS 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, the Bulldogs have posted a 29-6 mark for an .829 winning percentage. The Bulldogs have now reached twin-digit home wins during each of coach Rick Stansbury's previous 10 seasons at the MSU helm.

Mississippi State is now 123-28 (.815) overall at Humphrey Coliseum under Stansbury's direction, including a 60-20 (.750) SEC mark and a 63-8 (.887) record against non-conference opponents.

The Bulldogs have now compiled a 32-season composite record of 329-126 (.723) 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	1-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000
11-YEAR TOTALS	123-28	.815	60-20	.750	63-8	.887

RICK STANSBURY'S CAREER RECORD AS HEAD BASKETBALL COACH AT MSU

Season	Overall	SEC/Finish	Postseason	SEC Highlights
1998-99	20-13	8-8/t-3rd (W)	NIT (1st Rnd)	Semis of SEC Tournament
1999-00	14-16	5-11/t-5th (W)		
2000-01	18-13	7-9/t-4th (W)	NIT (Quarters)	
2001-02	27-8	10-6/2nd (W)	NCAA (2nd Rnd)	2nd in SEC West; Won SEC trny title
2002-03	21-10	9-7/1st (W)	NCAA (1st Rnd)	1st in SEC West; Finals of SEC trny
2003-04	26-4	14-2/1st	NCAA (2nd Rnd)	1st in SEC; 1st in SEC West
2004-05	23-11	9-7/3rd (W)	NCAA (2nd Rnd)	4th straight winning season in SEC play
2005-06	15-15	5-11/4th (W)		
2006-07	21-14	8-8/t-1st (W)	NIT (Semifinals)	T-1st in SEC West; Semis of SEC trny
2007-08	23-11	12-4/1st (W)	NCAA (2nd Rnd)	Semis of SEC Tournament
2008-09	1-0			
10-year totals	209-115	87-73 (.521)	5 NCAA; 3 NIT; 1 SEC title; 4 West titles; 1 SEC trny title	

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury, now in his 11th season, is 30 games shy of tying Richard Williams' record mark of 354 games coached. Williams coached at MSU from 1986-87 to 1997-98.

National Polls

(Oct. 30, 2008)

USA Today/ESPN Coaches

TW	Team	PTS
1.	North Carolina	775
2.	Connecticut	707
3.	Louisville	694
4.	UCLA	650
5.	Duke	578
6.	Pittsburgh	576
7.	Michigan State	572
8.	Texas	539
9.	Notre Dame	525
10.	Purdue	465
11.	Gonzaga	437
12.	Memphis	425
13.	Tennessee	408
14.	Oklahoma	387
15.	Arizona State	304
16.	Miami [FL]	233
17.	Marquette	219
18.	Georgetown	175
19.	Florida	161
20.	Davidson	158
T21.	Southern Cal	153
T21.	Wisconsin	153
23.	Kansas	130
24.	Wake Forest	129
25.	Villanova	122

Associated Press

(Oct. 31, 2008)

1.	North Carolina	1,800
2.	Connecticut	1,661
3.	Louisville	1,638
4.	UCLA	1,487
5.	Pittsburgh	1,319
6.	Michigan State	1,311
7.	Texas	1,259
8.	Duke	1,250
9.	Notre Dame	1,243
10.	Gonzaga	1,162
11.	Purdue	1,099
12.	Oklahoma	987
13.	Memphis	977
14.	Tennessee	920
15.	Arizona State	645
16.	Marquette	592
17.	Miami [FL]	570
18.	Southern Cal	414
19.	Florida	403
20.	Davidson	347
21.	Wake Forest	312
22.	Georgetown	311
23.	Villanova	256
24.	Kansas	233
25.	Wisconsin	196

2008-09 Mississippi State University Bulldogs

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
24	Kodi Augustus	F	6-8	220	So.	1L	Baton Rouge, LA (Maine Central Institute)
45	Elgin Bailey	F/C	6-8	254	So.	1L	New Orleans, LA (Belaire HS)
4	Twany Beckham	G	6-5	190	Fr.	HS	Louisville, KY (New Hampton [NH] School)
15	Riley Benock	G	6-4	180	So.	1L	Battletown, KY (Meade County HS)
33	Brandon Bolen	G	6-3	195	So.	1L	Madison, MS (Madison-Ridgeland Academy)
3	Dee Bost	G	6-2	170	Fr.	HS	Concord, NC (Hargrave Military Academy)
14	Rod Bryant	G	6-1	165	So.	1L	Birmingham, AL (G.W. Carver HS)
10	Christopher Gay	G	6-0	180	Sr.	TR	Hattiesburg, MS (William Carey College)
1	Jacquese Holcombe	F	6-6	205	Jr.	JC	College Park, GA (Georgia Perimeter Co.)
44	Brian Johnson	F/C	6-9	245	Sr.	1L	Laurinburg, NC (University of Louisville)
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25	Phil Turner	G	6-3	170	So.	1L	Grenada, MS (Grenada HS)
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Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Jacquese Holcombe	F	6-6	205	Jr.	JC	College Park, GA (Georgia Perimeter Co.)
2	Ravarn Johnson	G/F	6-7	175	So.	1L	Lyon, MS (Coahoma County HS)
3	Dee Bost	G	6-2	170	Fr.	HS	Concord, NC (Hargrave Military Academy)
4	Twany Beckham	G	6-5	190	Fr.	HS	Louisville, KY (New Hampton [NH] School)
5	Romero Osby	F	6-8	230	Fr.	RS	Meridian, MS (Northeast Lauderdale HS)
10	Christopher Gay	G	6-0	180	Sr.	TR	Hattiesburg, MS (William Carey College)
14	Rod Bryant	G	6-1	165	So.	1L	Birmingham, AL (G.W. Carver HS)
15	Riley Benock	G	6-4	180	So.	1L	Battletown, KY (Meade County HS)
20	Taylor Luczak	F	6-8	220	Fr.	HS	Glens Falls, NY (Glens Falls Senior HS)
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Head Coach: Rick Stansbury (Campbellsville, 1982 - 11th year)

Asst. Coach: Robert Kirby (Pan American, 1983 - 11th year)

Asst. Coach: Phil Cunningham (Campbellsville, 1990 - 9th year)

Asst. Coach: Marcus Grant (Mississippi State, 1995 - 5th year)

Coord. of BB Ops: Talvis Franklin (Mississippi State, 2007 - 2nd year)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

KODI AUGUSTUS: CO-DEE
 TWANY BECKHAM: TWAHN-NEE
 RILEY BENOCK: BEE-KNOCK
 JACQUESE HOLCOMBE: JOCK-WHEECE
 RAVARN JOHNSON: RAY-VERN
 TAYLOR LUCZAK: LOU-ZACK
 ROMERO OSBY: RO-MARE-OH OZ-BEE
 JARVIS VARNADO: VUR-NAR-DOE

Mississippi State Basketball Roster Breakdown

By Class:

Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshman
Christopher Gay	Jacquese Holcombe	Kodi Augustus	Twany Beckham
Brian Johnson	Barry Stewart	Elgin Bailey	Dee Bost
	Jarvis Varnado	Riley Benock	Taylor Luczak
		Brandon Bolen	Romero Osby
		Rod Bryant	
		Ravarn Johnson	
		Phil Turner	

By State:

Mississippi: Brandon Bolen, Christopher Gay, Ravarn Johnson, Romero Osby, Phil Turner
Tennessee: Barry Stewart, Jarvis Varnado
Kentucky: Twany Beckham, Riley Benock
Louisiana: Kodi Augustus, Elgin Bailey
North Carolina: Dee Bost, Brian Johnson
Alabama: Rod Bryant
Georgia: Jacquese Holcombe
New York: Taylor Luczak

MISSISSIPPI STATE PRESEASON AWARDS

In the 2008 Southeastern Conference media poll, Mississippi State, the two-time defending Western Division champions, was picked to finish fourth in the West behind Alabama, LSU and Ole Miss, respectively. From an individual standpoint, Bulldogs junior forward Jarvis Varnado was named first-team All-SEC by the league coaches, while the media voted him second-team back in October. Nationally, true freshman Dee Bost of Concord, N.C., was tabbed honorable mention freshman All-American by CollegeHoops.net.

LOUISIANA-MONROE QUICK FACTS

Nickname:.....Warhawks
Colors:.....Maroon and Gold
Conference:.....Sun Belt
2007-08 Record:.....8-20
Conference:.....4-14, T8th
Starters returning/lost:.....2/3
Lettermen returning/lost:.....8/5
Sports Information Director:.....Jeff Hendrix
SID Phone:.....1-318-342-5462

EXHIBITION 1

MSU 88, MONTEVALLO 59

Nov. 1, 2008 • STARKVILLE, MS

In the season's first of two exhibition contests, Mississippi State rode a double-double performance from junior Jarvis Varnado to take care of visiting Montevallo 88-59 at Humphrey Coliseum.

Varnado, the reigning National Defensive Player of the Year, recorded 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting from the floor to go along with his game-high 12 rebounds. He also blocked eight shots after leading the nation in blocked shots a year ago with 157. Sophomore Ravern Johnson led all scorers on the night with an 8-of-14 performance from the field for a total of 19 points, while freshman Romero Osby pitched in the team's second double-double with 10 points and 11 boards. Dee Bost scored 13 points and handed out seven assists to just two turnovers in the win.

Junior guards Marcus Lancaster and Freddy Little led Montevallo in scoring with 10 points apiece on a collective 8-of-25 shooting performance, while junior forward Nate Flowers led the squad in rebounding with nine boards.

Ranking second nationally in team field-goal percentage defense last year, the Bulldogs followed suit by holding Montevallo to just 23-of-71 shooting from the floor for a 32.6% mark. Also specializing in blocks as a team by ranking second nationally in that category a year ago, MSU swatted 13 shots on the evening. Leading Montevallo in rebounding at halftime 32-21, State never let up and finished the game with a 62-37 advantage.

Montevallo

Player	FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Flowers	f 3-9	0-0	2-5	9	2	8	1	26
Brown	f 4-12	0-0	0-1	6	4	8	1	27
Lancaster	g 3-8	1-1	3-4	3	1	10	1	23
Humphrey	g 2-8	0-4	0-0	0	4	4	0	18
Little	g 5-17	0-4	0-1	3	1	10	2	31
Krych	2-4	0-0	5-8	3	4	9	0	15
Ragan	2-7	0-2	0-0	5	0	4	2	23
Hutchinson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2
McMillan	0-3	0-2	1-2	2	1	1	1	19
Lynch	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	3	0	2
Nelson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Carlyle	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	3	2	0	12
Team				4				
TOTALS	23-71	2-15	11-21	37	20	59	9	200

Mississippi State

Player	FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
B. Johnson	f 1-1	1-1	2-2	5	1	5	0	17
Varnado	c 7-9	0-0	3-5	12	1	17	4	24
R. Johnson	g 8-14	3-8	0-0	4	2	19	1	24
Bost	g 5-12	1-5	2-4	4	2	13	7	32
Stewart	g 4-12	2-7	0-0	5	4	10	4	28
Holcombe	1-5	0-3	0-0	3	3	2	0	16
Osby	3-5	0-0	4-6	11	3	10	1	13
Gay	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Benock	0-3	0-3	0-0	4	0	0	3	16
Luczak	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	2
Augustus	2-4	0-1	3-4	5	2	7	2	12
Bolen	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Bailey	1-4	0-0	3-5	4	4	5	0	12
Team				3				
TOTALS	32-71	7-29	17-23	62	22	88	23	200

Halftime: MSU 36, MON 26. FG%: MSU 45.1%, MON 32.4%. 3FG%: MSU 24.1%, MON 13.3%. FT%: MSU 65.4%, MON 52.4%. Turnovers: MSU 21 (Bost, Stewart, Osby, Augustus, Bailey 3), MON 13 (Brown 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 13 (Varnado 8), MON 1 (Carlyle). Steals: MSU 8 (Bost, Benock 2), MON 12 (Ragan 3). Officials: Anthony Jordan, Jeff Nichols, Mike Stuart. Attendance: 2,621.

EXHIBITION 2

MSU 67, OKLAHOMA CITY 65

Nov. 8, 2008 • STARKVILLE, MS

Mississippi State utilized an 18-5 rally in the final minutes to overcome two-time defending NAIA national champion Oklahoma City 67-65 at Humphrey Coliseum in the season's final exhibition outing.

Junior Jarvis Varnado once again flirted with triple-double status in the contest by scoring 12 points, claiming a game-high 13 rebounds, and swatting eight shots after leading the nation in blocks a year ago. Varnado amassed 29 points, 25 rebounds and 16 blocks in State's two exhibition contests.

Senior Brian Johnson fell just a rebound shy of a double-double performance for the Bulldogs with 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting, while standout freshman Dee Bost tallied 11 points and six assists. Junior Barry Stewart and sophomore Ravern Johnson rounded out State scorers in double digits with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Forward Jamarcus Ellis led the Stars with a game-high 26 points on 10-of-24 shooting along with five rebounds. Senior Sao Paulo, Brazil native Ricardo De Bem pitched in 11 points and seven rebounds while junior Davell Jackson also contributed 11 points.

The Bulldogs never led until the 1:41 mark of the second half when Ravern Johnson drained a 3-pointer for a 65-63 advantage. However, the Stars answered and evened the score on an Ellis jumper, but with 1:23 left, Varnado gave MSU the lead for good on a dunk.

Oklahoma City

Player	FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Telo	f 3-7	0-3	2-3	4	2	8	2	32
Phillips	f 2-5	1-4	0-0	4	4	5	1	28
De Bem	c 5-13	0-0	1-3	7	3	11	1	27
Ellis	g 10-24	5-11	1-2	5	1	26	2	40
Jackson	g 5-11	0-0	1-4	6	2	11	5	40
Jones	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	2	2	0	23
Lovelace	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	2	0	10
Team				5				
TOTALS	27-63	6-18	5-12	38	15	65	11	200

Mississippi State

Player	FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Osby	f 0-4	0-2	0-0	0	3	0	0	12
Varnado	f 4-10	0-0	4-7	13	2	12	1	24
R. Johnson	g 4-9	1-4	1-2	5	1	10	1	24
Bost	g 3-7	3-6	2-2	2	3	11	6	24
Stewart	g 3-11	3-7	2-2	2	0	11	1	24
Holcombe	1-6	0-1	0-0	4	1	2	0	16
Benock	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	1	0	1	16
Augustus	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	6
Turner	1-3	1-2	0-0	1	2	3	0	16
B. Johnson	5-7	0-0	0-1	9	1	10	1	22
Bailey	3-11	0-0	0-3	10	2	6	0	16
Team				4				
TOTALS	25-73	8-25	9-17	53	16	67	11	200

Halftime: OCU 31 MSU 27. FG%: MSU 34.2%, OCU 42.9%. 3FG%: MSU 32.0%, OCU 33.3%. FT%: MSU 52.9%, OCU 41.7%. Turnovers: MSU 19 (Turner 4), OCU 17 (Ellis 6). Blocked Shots: MSU 11 (Varnado 8), OCU 1 (De Bem 1). Steals: MSU 6 (Six with 1), OCU 11 (Three with 3). Officials: Mike Stuart, Patrick Evans, Chuck Jones. Attendance: 2,592.

GAME 1

MSU 77, CENTENARY 55

Nov. 15, 2008 • STARKVILLE, MS

Mississippi State's Ravern Johnson hit five 3-point baskets and scored a team-high 15 points as the Bulldogs defeated Centenary College 77-55 in a season-opening men's basketball game at Humphrey Coliseum.

The Bulldogs scored the game's first seven points and never trailed in the contest. MSU improved to 9-2 in season openers under Coach Rick Stansbury and 76-21 all-time.

MSU set the tone from 3-point range early. Dee Bost and Johnson hit back-to-back 3-pointers to help the Bulldogs spring from the gates. Those two treys would be the first of 10 for the hosts in the contest. The early lead stretched to double digits at 17-7 on a jumper from Riley Benock.

In the opening half, the Bulldogs used a five-on-five rotation as the search for consistency and set lineups will continue in non-conference play. Another 7-0 run allowed the Bulldogs to take their largest first-half lead, at 30-15. In the opening half, the Bulldogs only shot 36.7 percent from the field, yet managed a 34-20 lead at the intermission.

In the second half, the defensive pressure allowed the lead to grow quickly. A jumper by Jacquiese Holcombe ran the advantage to 51-31 with 13:03 remaining. MSU took its largest lead at 27 points on two different occasions in the closing minutes.

Also scoring in double-digits for MSU were Barry Stewart and Elgin Bailey with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Nick Stallings paced the Gents with 16 points.

Centenary (0-1)

Player	FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Bohnam	f 2-5	0-0	0-1	4	3	4	1	25
Stallings	g 6-17	4-7	0-0	7	3	16	1	29
Adams	g 4-13	4-8	3-4	6	2	15	6	35
Redus	g 2-9	0-2	3-4	1	4	7	2	29
Starring	g 1-9	0-3	0-1	2	0	2	0	24
Tubner	0-2	0-1	0-0	4	1	0	2	19
Gatlin	4-8	1-1	0-0	7	0	9	0	27
Hill	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Harris	1-2	0-0	0-2	1	2	2	0	11
Team				6				
TOTALS	20-65	9-22	6-12	38	15	55	12	200

Mississippi State (1-0)

Player	FG	3FG	FT	RB	PF	PT	A	Min
Augustus	f 2-3	0-0	2-2	3	2	6	2	17
Varnado	f 3-6	0-0	3-5	11	1	9	1	25
R. Johnson	g 5-9	5-8	0-0	3	1	15	3	24
Bost	g 3-8	2-4	1-2	3	2	9	4	23
Stewart	g 4-8	2-4	3-4	3	3	13	1	23
Holcombe	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	2	1	17
Osby	1-4	0-1	2-3	7	1	4	1	19
Gay	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Benock	3-3	1-1	0-0	1	0	7	2	15
Luczak	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Turner	1-4	0-3	0-0	5	3	2	2	15
Bolen	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Bailey	4-11	0-0	2-4	3	1	10	0	16
Team				4				
TOTALS	27-48	10-22	13-20	45	16	77	17	200

Halftime: MSU 34 CEN 20. FG%: MSU 46.6%, CEN 30.8%. 3FG%: MSU 45.5%, CEN 40.9%. FT%: MSU 65.0%, CEN 50.0%. Turnovers: MSU 17 (Stewart 4), CEN 18 (Gatlin 4). Blocked Shots: MSU 16 (Varnado 7), CEN 4 (Bonham 2). Steals: MSU 12 (Stewart 4), CEN 11 (Adams 4). Officials: Doug Shows, Ron Groover, Tracy Woodson. Attendance: 4,821.

Statistical Comparison MSU vs. Louisiana-Monroe

2008-09 Stats	MSU	ULM
2008-09 Record	1-0	1-0
Conference Record	0-0	0-0
Scoring	77.0	56.0
Scoring Defense	55.5	54.0
Scoring Margin	+22.0	+2.0
Field Goal Pct	46.6	41.8
Opp. Field Goal Pct.	30.8	38.0
3-Point FG Percentage	45.5	28.6
Opp. 3-Point FG Pct.	40.9	23.1
Free Throw Percentage	65.0	50.0
Opp. Free Throw Pct.	50.0	92.9
Rebounding Average	45.0	36.0
Opp. Rebounding Ave.	38.0	29.0
Rebound Margin	+7.0	+7.0
Turnovers	17.0	18.0
Turnover Margin	+1.0	+2.0
Assists	17.0	8.0
Blocked Shots	15.0	5.0
Steals	12.0	6.0

Stat Leaders MSU vs. Louisiana-Monroe

Scoring			
MSU	PPG	ULM	PPG
R. Johnson	15.0	Hamilton	16.0
Stewart	13.0	Stallings	15.9

Rebounding			
MSU	RPG	ULM	RPG
Varnado	11.0	Martin	4.3
Osby	7.0	Glen	4.1

Assists			
MSU	APG	ULM	APG
Bost	4.0	Adams	4.7
R. Johnson	3.0	Hamilton	2.7

Blocks			
MSU	BPG	ULM	BPG
Varnado	7.0	Glenn	1.0
Bailey	3.0	Price	0.6

Steals			
MSU	SPG	ULM	SPG
Stewart	4.0	Adams	2.4
Benock	3.0	Stallings	1.5

Field Goal Percentage			
MSU	FG%	ULM	FG%
Benock	1.000	Bonham	55.1
Augustus	66.7	Hill	53.3

Three-Point FG Percentage			
MSU	3FG%	ULM	3FG%
Benock	100.0	Hill	45.1
R. Johnson	62.5	Cortez	40.7

Free Throw Percentage			
MSU	FT%	ULM	FT%
Augustus	100.0	King	88.9
Stewart	75.0	Adams	78.7

MSTATE OWNS 65-13 RECORD AGAINST SUN BELT FOES

Of the 13 teams that currently comprise the Sun Belt Conference, the Bulldogs own a dominating record of 65-13. MSU has played 12 of the league members, but has yet to battle Florida Atlantic.

MSU has faced Louisiana-Lafayette the most (15 games) and holds an 11-4 advantage. The second-most common foe are the Warkhawks of Louisiana-Monroe (13).

MSU AIMS FOR CONTINUED NON-CONFERENCE SUCCESS

Including last year's 11-7 ledger against non-conference foes, Mississippi State has now compiled a dominant 113-34 (.769) record against non-conference opponents during the **Rick Stansbury** era (since 1998-99), including a 103-25 (.805) regular-season mark versus non-league foes.

NOVEMBER AND HOME DOMINANCE UNDER STANSBURY

Including last year's 3-3 November record, the Bulldogs are 37-12 (.755) in the month of November since **Rick Stansbury** was named head coach.

Dating back to the 1986-87 season when Richard Williams was overseeing the program, Mississippi State owns a composite ledger of 60-15 (.800) in November.

And entering today's game against Louisiana-Monroe, MSU has put together a 123-28 (.815) mark at Humphrey Coliseum under Stansbury's guidance, including a 60-20 (.750) SEC record and 63-8 (.887) ledger at home against non-conference foes.

The Bulldogs currently own a five-game winning streak at the Hump and have won nine out of the last 10. MSU's last setback on its home floor came on Feb. 2, 2008, against Tennessee, 76-71. The Volunteers entered the game ranked No. 7 nationally and sporting an 18-2 record.

MISSISSIPPI STATE'S RECORD WHEN . . .

During the **Rick Stansbury** era of Mississippi State hoops, the Bulldogs are: 166-25 when leading at halftime (1-0 this year); 146-30 when shooting 45 percent or better from the field (1-0); 171-53 when the opposition shoots less than 45 percent from the field (1-0); 174-66 when out-rebounding or tying the opponent (1-0); and 129-23 when holding the opponent to 65 points or less (1-0).

FRESHMAN ROMERO OSBY HAS NUMBER RETIRED

During his prep days at Northeast Lauderdale in Meridian, Miss., freshman forward **Romero Osby** played a major role in the Trojans' success.

In early November, the school honored his accomplishments by retiring his No. 24 jersey.

It's only fitting considering he departed there with five major statistical records - points, rebounds, assists, blocks and steals.

He was also named first-team All-Division four times and first-team All-State on two occasions. He was also on the Mississippi Association of Coaches' North All-Star team in addition to representing his state in the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star game.

At Mississippi State, he wears the No. 5 jersey.

NOW THAT HAS A FAMILIAR RING

Last year, the Bulldogs led the Southeastern Conference in scoring defense (65.5), field goal percentage defense (.370), rebounding offense (40.7) and blocked shots (7.85).

Compared to their season opener against Centenary, those same numbers were quite similar. Against the Gents, MSU yielded just 55 points on just 30.8 percent shooting from the floor, grabbed 45 and blocked a total of 15 shots. Jarvis Varnado, who led the nation a year ago with a school-record 157 blocks, swatted 7.

MISSISSIPPI-LOUISIANA CONNECTIONS

MSU currently has two players on its roster from Louisiana - **Elgin Bailey** and **Kodi Augustus**. Louisiana-Monroe has one player from the Magnolia State, Starkville native **Jarvis Hill**.

Stansbury Era Game Two's

In 10 seasons at MSU with **Rick Stansbury** at the helm, the Bulldogs are 9-1 in the second game of the season.

1998
@Northwestern St. W 75-46

1999
Arkansas-Pine Bluff W 107-67

2000
McNeese State W 83-74

2001
Florida A&M W 92-55

2002
McNeese State W 81-65

2003
South Alabama W 71-62

2004
#Birmingham So. W 55-48

2005
Arkansas State W 68-63

2006
Loyola Marymount W 61-37

2007
Clemson L 82-84

@ - *Tupelo, MS*
- *Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in Birmingham*

MSU vs. Louisiana-Monroe

(MSU leads the series, 11-2)

1962: MSU, 89-79 Starkville

1963: MSU, 79-56 Monroe

1965: MSU, 72-71 Starkville

1966: ULM, 78-72 ot Starkville

1967: MSU, 81-70 Monroe

1978: ULM, 89-78 Starkville

1990: MSU, 75-68 Shreveport#

1993: MSU, 75-67 Starkville

1994: MSU, 73-67 Monroe

1995: MSU, 70-56 Starkville

1996: MSU, 66-60 Monroe

2002: MSU, 104-67 Southaven

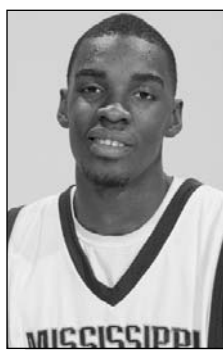
2004: MSU, 76-53 Starkville

- *Century Cellunet Classic*
At Starkville: MSU leads, 5-2
At Monroe: MSU leads, 4-0
At Neutral Site: MSU leads, 2-0

DUNKS

After setting a school record with 145 dunks last year, MSU had four against Centenary, led by **Elgin Bailey's** three.

Meet the Mississippi State Scholarship Players



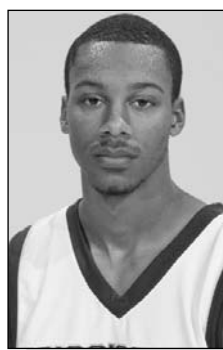
Jarvis Varnado

6-9 • 210 • Jr.

2L • Forward

Brownsville, TN

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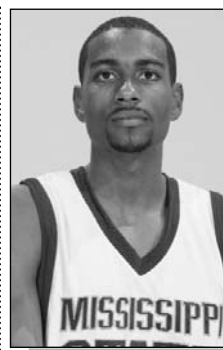
Barry Stewart

6-3 • 170 • Jr.

2L • Guard

Shelbyville, TN

22



Phil Turner

6-3 • 170 • So.

1L • Guard

Grenada, MS

25

- ◆ Led the nation last year with 157 blocked shots.
- ◆ Set a single-season school record with 157 blocked shots, breaking Erick Dampier's mark of 106 set in 1995-96.
- ◆ Had seven blocks in opener against Centenary, along with 9 points and 11 rebounds.
- ◆ Is just 18 blocks shy of tying Erick Dampier's career mark of 249.
- ◆ Along with Charles Rhodes, led MSU in rebounds with a 7.8 clip per outing in 2007-08.
- ◆ In both of his exhibition games, this year, blocked 16 shots.
- ◆ Back in October, was named first-team All-SEC by the coaches and second-team by the media.

JARVIS VARNADO LAST YEAR

- Points: 16, Vanderbilt (3-5-08) and Lafayette (1-5-08)
- FGM: 7, Vanderbilt (3-5-08)
- FGA: 10, LSU (1-9-08)
- 3GM: 1, LSU (3-8-08)
- 3GA: 1, LSU (3-8-08)
- FTA: 10, Kentucky (1-15-08)
- FTM: 6, Lafayette (1-5-08)
- Rebounds: 17, LSU (1-9-08)
- Assists: 2, 3 times (last: Auburn, 2-27-08)
- Blocks: 10, 3 times (last: Kentucky, 1-15-08)
- Steals: 3, two times (last: Alabama, 1-19-08)
- Minutes: 40, Alabama-SECT (3-14-08)
- Career double-doubles: 7

- ◆ Is MSU's leading returning scorer, having averaged 11.5 points last year.
- ◆ In 2007-08, paced the Bulldogs with 62 3-pointers on 62-of-186 shooting.
- ◆ With 132 career 3-pointers made, he's currently 8th on the school's all-time charts. Needs just 29 more to move into the Top 5.
- ◆ With 368 attempted 3-pointers, he ranks No. 9 all-time at MSU. With 93 more attempts, he'll move into the Top 5.
- ◆ Totaled two treys and 13 points in the opener against Centenary.
- ◆ Made SEC All-Freshman team.
- ◆ Last year led Mississippi State with 44 steals. He collected four against Centenary.

BARRY STEWART LAST YEAR

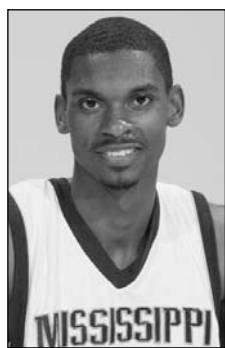
- Points: 24, Missouri (12-30-07)
- FGM: 8, Missouri (12-30-07)
- FGA: 14, 2 times (last: Georgia, 3-15-08 in SECT)
- 3GM: 6, Tennessee (2-2-08)
- 3GA: 9, Miami (12-13-07)
- FTA: 8, 2 times (last: Kentucky, 1-15-08)
- FTM: 6, 2 times (last: Arkansas 2-16-08)
- Rebounds: 11, Louisiana Tech (11-10-07)
- Assists: 7, Missouri (12-30-07)
- Blocks: 1, 4 times (last: Vanderbilt, 3-5-08)
- Steals: 5, Alabama (3-14-08 in SECT)
- Minutes: 44, Alabama-SECT (3-14-08)
- Career double-doubles: 1

- ◆ After redshirting two years ago, played in 30 games and drew 11 starts due to various injuries to other players last season.
- ◆ In the freshman record books, he stands at No. 9 in 3-pointers made with 24.
- ◆ He's sixth in the freshman books with 79 attempted 3-pointers.
- ◆ Drew first-career start against South Alabama last year and responded with 17 points, four rebounds, three assists, two steals and one block.
- ◆ Against Centenary, he played 15 minutes as a reserve and scored two points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out two assists.

PHIL TURNER LAST YEAR

- Points: 17, South Alabama (12-15-07)
- FGM: 6, South Alabama (12-15-07)
- FGA: 10, 2 times (last: Kentucky, 1-15-08)
- 3GM: 4, South Alabama (12-15-07)
- 3GA: 8, Kentucky, (1-15-08)
- FTA: 6, Missouri (12-30-07)
- FTM: 4, Missouri (12-30-07)
- Rebounds: 10, Missouri (12-30-07)
- Assists: 3, 2 times (last: Alabama, 1-19-08)
- Blocks: 2, 3 times (last: Auburn, 2-19-08)
- Steals: 3, Loyola Marymount (12-19-07)
- Minutes: 37, Georgia (1-12-08)
- Career 10-plus points games: 4

Meet the Mississippi State Scholarship Players



Ravern Johnson

6-7 • 175 • So.

1L • Guard

Lyon, MS

2

- ◆ Drew his first-career start in the season opener against Centenary on Saturday.
- ◆ In his first start, he responded with a career-high 15 points and drained a team-high five 3-pointers on eight attempts.
- ◆ Best game as a freshman came against Lafayette, when he scored 11 points on 5-of-6 shooting.
- ◆ Also had three rebounds, three assists and two blocked shots against the Gents.
- ◆ Last year, totaled three steals and four blocks.



Kodi Augustus

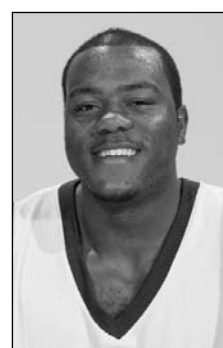
6-8 • 220 • So.

1L • Forward

Baton Rouge, LA

24

- ◆ Drew his first-career start in the season opener against Centenary on Saturday.
- ◆ In his first start, he responded with six points on 2-of-3 shooting. He was also 2 of 2 at the foul line.
- ◆ Best game last year as a freshman came against SE Louisiana, where he scored 8 points on 3-of-5 shooting.
- ◆ Against the Gents on Saturday, he also had three rebounds, two assists, two blocked shots and one steal.
- ◆ Last year, he totaled two assists, three blocks and one steal.



Elgin Bailey

6-8 • 254 • So.

1L • Forward

New Orleans, LA

45

- ◆ Came off the bench against Centenary on Saturday and totaled 10 points on 3-of-4 shooting.
- ◆ In 16 minutes against the Gents, he also hauled in three rebounds and blocked three shots, while being credited with one steal.
- ◆ Best game last year came against Arkansas, where he scored 8 points on 4-of-5 shooting.
- ◆ In 31 appearances last year as a freshman, he had eight blocked shots, four steals and one assist to go along with his 51 points and 46 rebounds as a reserve.

RAVERN JOHNSON LAST YEAR

- Points: 11, Lafayette (1-5-08)
- FGM: 5, Lafayette (1-5-08)
- FGA: 6, Lafayette (1-5-08)
- 3GM: 2, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (12-21-07)
- 3GA: 2, 5 times (last: Arkansas, 1-30-08)
- FTA: 4, Alabama (1-19-08)
- FTM: 2, Alabama (1-19-08)
- Rebounds: 4, Ole Miss (2-20-08)
- Assists: 2, 2 times (last: Florida, 3-1-08)
- Blocks: 1, 4 times (last: Memphis-NCAAT, 3-23-08)
- Steals: 1, 3 times (last: Georgia-SECT, 3-15-08)
- Minutes: 14, Lafayette (1-5-08)
- Career 10-plus points games: 1

KODI AUGUSTUS LAST YEAR

- Points: 8, Southeastern Louisiana (12-8-07)
- FGM: 3, Southeastern Louisiana (12-8-07)
- FGA: 5, Southeastern Louisiana (12-8-07)
- 3GM: 2, Southeastern Louisiana (12-8-07)
- 3GA: 2, 2 times (last: SE Louisiana, 12-8-07)
- FTA: 5, Murray State (12-1-07)
- FTM: 3, Murray State (12-1-07)
- Rebounds: 6, SW Louisiana (12-8-07)
- Assists: 2, Loyola Marymount (12-19-07)
- Blocks: 1, 3 times (last: Ole Miss, 1-26-08)
- Steals: 1, Loyola Marymount (12-19-07)
- Minutes: 11, Southeastern Louisiana (12-8-07)
- Career 5-plus rebound games: 1

ELGIN BAILEY LAST YEAR

- Points: 8, 2 times (last: Arkansas, 2-16-08)
- FGM: 4, Arkansas (2-16-08)
- FGA: 5, 2 times (last: Arkansas, 2-16-08)
- 3GM: --
- 3GA: --
- FTA: 7, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- FTM: 4, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- Rebounds: 5, 2 times (last: Texas A&M Corpus Christi, 12-21-07)
- Assists: 1, Southeastern Louisiana (12-8-07)
- Blocks: 2, 2 times (last: Tennessee, 2-2-08)
- Steals: 1, four times (last: Alabama, 1-19-08)
- Minutes: 14, Southeastern Louisiana (12-8-07)
- Career 5-plus points: 3

Meet the Mississippi State Scholarship Players



Riley Benock
6-4 • 180 • So.
1L • Guard
Battletown, KY
15

- ◆ Played 15 minutes as a reserve against Centenary in the season opener on Saturday.
- ◆ Responded against the Gents with 7 points on 3-of-3 shooting, including one 3-pointer.
- ◆ Also had three steals, one block, two assists and one rebound against Centenary.
- ◆ Last year in limited action, saw playing time in 28 games and averaged 8.1 minutes an outing.
- ◆ Best outing as a freshman came against Ole Miss at home, where he scored 12 points on 4-of-5 shooting.
- ◆ Has scored 10-plus points twice in his career. second-team by the media.

RILEY BENOCK LAST YEAR

- Points: 12, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- FGM: 4, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- FGA: 5, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- 3GM: 4, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- 3GA: 5, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- FTA: 4, Georgia (1-12-08)
- FTM: 3, Georgia (1-12-08)
- Rebounds: 4, SE Louisiana (12-8-07)
- Assists: 4, UT Martin (11-17-07)
- Blocks: 1, 4 times (last: Auburn, 2-27-08)
- Steals: 1, four times (last: Lafayette, 1-5-08)
- Minutes: 21, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- Career 10-plus points games: 2

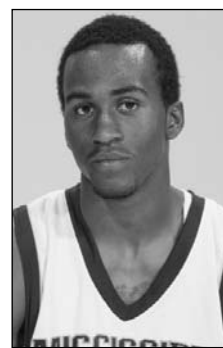


Brian Johnson
6-9 • 245 • Sr.
1L • Forward
Laurinburg, NC
44

- ◆ Due to a foot and ankle injury, did not play against Centenary and could be for another three weeks.
- ◆ Transferred to Mississippi State after two years at Louisville.
- ◆ Last season, saw action in 33 games and averaged 2.3 points and 2.2 rebounds.
- ◆ Best game came against Clemson, when he scored 10 points on 4-of-4 shooting.
- ◆ Due to transfer rules, sat out the 2006-07 campaign
- ◆ Averaged 3.2 points and 3.2 boards in 2005-06 for Rick Pitino's Louisville.
- ◆ Received a medical redshirt season in 2004-05 after his third knee surgery in six months.

BRIAN JOHNSON LAST YEAR

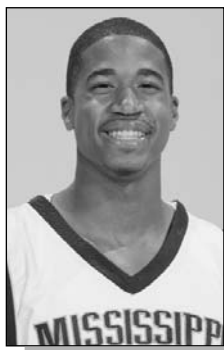
- Points: 10, Clemson (11-5-07)
- FGM: 4, Clemson (11-5-08)
- FGA: 4, 3 times (last: LSU, 3-8-08)
- 3GM: ---
- 3GA: ---
- FTA: 3, Louisiana Tech (11-10-07)
- FTM: 2, 7 times (last: Alabama, 3-14-08)
- Rebounds: 6, Loyola Marymount (12-19-07)
- Assists: 3, Ole Miss (1-26-08)
- Blocks: 3, (TAM-Corpus Christi, 12-21-07)
- Steals: 3, Loyola Marymount (12-19-07)
- Minutes: 21, UC Irvine (11-22-07)
- Career 10-point games: 1



Dee Bost
6-2 • 170 • Fr.
HS • Guard
Concord, NC
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- ◆ Saw his first-career action in his first-career start on Saturday against Centenary in opener.
- ◆ Became the first true freshman to start on opening day since Jamont Gordon in 2005-06.
- ◆ Responded against the Gents with 9 points on 3-of-8 shooting, four assists, three rebounds and one steal. Hit his first shot, a 3-pointer to open the game.
- ◆ In 23 minutes against Centenary, he had just two turnovers.

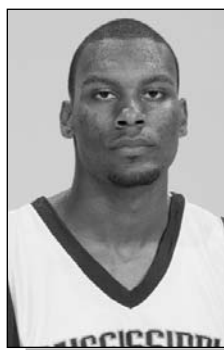
Meet the Mississippi State Scholarship Players



Jacquiese Holcombe
6-5 • 205 • Jr.
JC • Forward
College Park, GA

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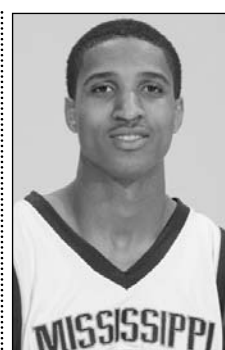
- ◆ Saw his first MSU-career action on Saturday against Centenary.
- ◆ In his 17 minutes of action, he scored 2 points, grabbed one rebound, had one steal and one assist.
- ◆ Played junior college basketball at Georgia Perimeter College, where he was second-team All-American.
- ◆ As a sophomore, averaged 13.4 points and 7.3 rebounds en route to a 23-12 ledger and NJCAA Tournament appearance.



Romero Osby
6-8 • 230 • Fr.
HS • Forward
Meridian, MS

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- ◆ Saw his first-career action on Saturday against Centenary.
- ◆ In his 19 minutes of action, he scored 4 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had one assist.
- ◆ His high school, Northeast Lauderdale, retired his No. 24 jersey earlier this year.
- ◆ In first exhibition game against Montevallo, had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.



Twany Beckham
6-5 • 190 • Fr.
HS • Guard
Louisville, KY

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- ◆ A leg injury has slowed his first year at MSU and he didn't play against Centenary or in any of the Bulldogs' exhibition games.
- ◆ Came to MSU expecting to see considerable action at all guard slots.
- ◆ Averaged 15 points, eight assists and six rebounds last year at New Hampton (N.H.) School in the highly competitive Class A division of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council.

2008-09 Mississippi State Basketball
Mississippi State Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 15, 2008)
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-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
01	Jacquiese Holcombe	1-0	17	17.0	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	2.0
02	Ravern Johnson	1-1	24	24.0	5-9	.556	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	1	0	3	2	2	0	15	15.0
03	Dee Bost	1-1	23	23.0	3-8	.375	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0	3	3	3.0	2	0	4	2	0	1	9	9.0
05	Romero Osby	1-0	19	19.0	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	0	7	7	7.0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	4.0
10	Christopher Gay	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
15	Riley Benock	1-0	15	15.0	3-3	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	2	0	1	3	7	7.0
20	Taylor Luczak	1-0	2	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
22	Barry Stewart	1-1	23	23.0	4-8	.500	2-4	.500	3-4	.750	1	2	3	3.0	3	0	1	4	0	4	13	13.0
24	Kodi Augustus	1-1	17	17.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	3.0	2	0	2	1	2	1	6	6.0
25	Phil Turner	1-0	15	15.0	1-4	.250	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	2	3	5	5.0	3	0	2	3	0	0	2	2.0
32	Jarvis Varnado	1-1	25	25.0	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	4	7	11	11.0	1	0	1	2	7	1	9	9.0
33	Brandon Bolen	1-0	2	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
45	Elgin Bailey	1-0	16	16.0	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	2	1	3	3.0	1	0	0	0	3	1	10	10.0
Team											0	4	4									
Total.....		1	200		27-58	.466	10-22	.455	13-20	.650	11	34	45	45.0	16	0	17	17	15	12	77	77.0
Opponents.....		1	200		20-65	.308	9-22	.409	6-11	.545	14	24	38	38.0	15	-	12	18	4	11	55	55.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	77	55	11-15-08	CENTENARY	w 77-55	8063
Points per game	77.0	55.0	* - Conference game			
Scoring margin	+22.0	-				
FIELD GOALS-ATT	27-58	20-65				
Field goal pct	.466	.308				
3 POINT FG-ATT	10-22	9-22				
3-point FG pct	.455	.409				
3-pt FG made per game	10.0	9.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	13-20	6-11				
Free throw pct	.650	.545				
F-Throws made per game	13.0	6.0				
REBOUNDS	45	38				
Rebounds per game	45.0	38.0				
Rebounding margin	+7.0	-				
ASSISTS	17	12				
Assists per game	17.0	12.0				
TURNOVERS	17	18				
Turnovers per game	17.0	18.0				
Turnover margin	+1.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.7				
STEALS	12	11				
Steals per game	12.0	11.0				
BLOCKS	15	4				
Blocks per game	15.0	4.0				
ATTENDANCE	8063	0				
Home games-Avg/Game	1-8063	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
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