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**10 NCAA Appearances | 1 Final Four | 6 SEC Championships | 3 SEC Tournament Titles | 18 Postseason Appearances****At A Glance****When:**..... Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012**Where:** ..... Maui, Hawaii**Venue:** ..... Lahaina Civic Center (2,400)**Time:** ..... 1:30 p.m.**TV:** ..... ESPN2**Talent:** Dave O'Brien, Jimmy Dykes**Sirus/XM:** ..... TBA**Series:** ..... First Meeting**Last Meeting:** ..... First Meeting**2012-13 Schedule/Results****NOVEMBER**

9	at Troy	L, 56-53
13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	W, 78-58
	<i>Maui Invitational (Maui, Hawaii)</i>	
19	vs. North Carolina (ESPN2)	L, 95-49
20	<b>vs. Marquette (ESPN2)</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
21	vs. TBA	TBA
27	ALCORN STATE	7 p.m.

**DECEMBER***SEC/Big East Challenge (Providence, RI)*

1	at Providence (ESPN2)	11 a.m.
4	TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO	7 p.m.
15	at Loyola-Chicago	6 p.m.
22	vs. Central Arkansas <sup>^</sup>	2 p.m.
30	ALABAMA A&M (CSS)	3 p.m.

**JANUARY**

3	NEW ORLEANS (CSS)	6 p.m.
9	SOUTH CAROLINA (ESPN3)	7 p.m.
12	at Georgia (SEC Network)	12:30 p.m.
16	ALABAMA (CSS)	8 p.m.
19	at Tennessee (SEC Network)	3 p.m.
23	at Arkansas (CSS)	8 p.m.
26	FLORIDA (ESPN2)	7 p.m.
30	TEXAS A&M (CSS)	8 p.m.

**FEBRUARY**

2	LSU (FSN)	4:30 p.m.
6	at Ole Miss (CSS)	8 p.m.
9	at Florida (FSN)	4 p.m.
13	MISSOURI (SEC Network)	7 p.m.
16	at LSU (ESPN2)	4 p.m.
20	at Alabama (SEC Network)	7 p.m.
23	VANDERBILT (SEC Network)	12:30 p.m.
27	at Kentucky (SEC Network)	7 p.m.

**MARCH**

2	OLE MISS (FSN)	4 p.m.
6	at South Carolina (ESPN3)	6 p.m.
9	AUBURN (FSN)	4:30 p.m.
13-17	SEC Tournament (SEC Network/ABC)	TBA

<sup>^</sup> - Jackson, Miss (Mississippi Coliseum)**MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS (1-2)****Head Coach:** Rick Ray (Grand View [IA], 1994)**MSU Record:** 1-2, 1st year**Career Record:** Same**VS****MARQUETTE GOLDEN EAGLES (2-1)****Head Coach:** Buzz Williams (Oklahoma City, 1994)**Marquette Record:** 98-46, 5th year**Career Record:** 112-63, 6th year**WHAT TO NOTE AS MSU PLAYS AT MARQUETTE . . .**

- ✓ Mississippi State and Marquette are meeting for the first time. Overall, MSU is 10-13 against the Big East.
- ✓ With the loss to North Carolina on Monday, the Bulldogs fell to 3-7 all-time in the state of Hawaii.
- ✓ In tournament play during the regular season, the Bulldogs are now 87-74.
- ✓ Against North Carolina, the Bulldogs totaled 17 first-half points, marking the fewest points in any half since scoring 17 against Washington State in the second frame on Dec. 22, 2010, in the Diamondhead Classic in Honolulu.
- ✓ The 46-point setback to the Tar Heels was the sixth largest in school history and the most since losing by 49 at Alabama on Jan. 18, 2005. The largest loss ever came at Arkansas (57 points) on Feb. 20, 1993.
- ✓ The 49 points scored were the fewest for MSU since finishing with 50 at Alabama last year on Feb. 25, 2012.
- ✓ The 15 3-pointers North Carolina made were the most yielded by MSU since Troy connected on 17 in 2005.
- ✓ MSU was 2 of 17 beyond the arc against the Tar Heels, marking the first time since last year against Akron the Bulldogs had just two made 3-pointers.
- ✓ MSU is looking to avoid a 1-3 start for the first time since starting the 1977-78 season 1-3.
- ✓ Due to injuries, MSU has lost freshmen DeAndre Applewhite (ACL) and Jacoby Davis (ACL) for the year, while junior Jalen Steele is out 6-8 weeks with a fractured wrist he suffered in the first half against Florida Atlantic.

**MSU'S PROJECTED STARTING 5****Craig  
Sword**

**P:** 6.3  
**R:** 3.7  
**A:** 0.3  
**S:** 1.7

**Fred  
Thomas**

**P:** 9.0  
**R:** 4.0  
**A:** 0.7  
**S:** 2.0

**Trivante  
Bloodman**

**P:** 8.7  
**R:** 4.3  
**A:** 3.7  
**S:** 1.03

**Wendell  
Lewis**

**P:** 7.0  
**R:** 4.0  
**B:** 0.7  
**S:** 0.3

**Roquez  
Johnson**

**P:** 14.5  
**R:** 6.0  
**B:** 0.5  
**S:** 0.5

## 2012-13 MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYER BREAKDOWN

## Statistical Comparison

2012-13 Stats	MSU	MU
2011-12 Record .....	1-2	2-1
Conference Record .....	0-0	0-0
Scoring .....	60.0	73.0
Scoring Defense .....	69.7	62.7
Scoring Margin .....	-9.7	+10.3
Field Goal Pct. ....	40.2	46.4
Opp. FG Pct. ....	39.7	39.6
3-Point FG Pct. ....	23.3	32.4
Opp. 3-Point FG Pct. ....	36.5	26.1
Free Throw Pct. ....	58.5	68.8
Opp. FT Pct. ....	64.5	60.0
Rebounding Average .....	38.7	37.7
Opp. Rebounding Avg. ....	41.0	34.3
Rebound Margin .....	-2.3	+3.3
Assists .....	9.3	16.0
Turnovers .....	17.7	11.3
Turnover Margin .....	-0.7	+1.7
Steals .....	8.7	8.0
Blocked Shots .....	4.0	2.7

## Statistical Leaders

## Scoring

MSU	PPG	OPP	PPG
Johnson .....	14.5	Gardner .....	14.7
Ware .....	9.3	Blue .....	11.0

## Rebounding

MSU	RPG	OPP	RPG
Ware .....	7.0	Gardner .....	6.3
Johnson .....	6.0	Anderson .....	5.7

## Assists

MSU	APG	OPP	APG
Bloodman .....	3.7	Cadogan .....	3.7
2 players at .....	1.7	Wilson .....	3.3

## Blocks

MSU	BPG	OPP	BPG
Borchert .....	2.0	Otule .....	1.0
Ware .....	1.0	Anderson .....	0.7

## Steals

MSU	SPG	OPP	SPG
Thomas .....	2.0	Lockett .....	2.0
Borchert .....	2.0	Anderson .....	1.7

## Field Goal Percentage (12 minimum)

MSU	FG%	OPP	FG%
Lewis .....	56.3	Otule .....	83.3
Ware .....	52.2	Anderson .....	53.3

## 3-Point FG Percentage (5 minimum)

MSU	3FG%	OPP	3FG%
Steele .....	40.0	Wilson .....	40.0
Borchert .....	40.0	Anderson .....	40.0

## Free Throw Percentage (4 minimum)

MSU	FT%	OPP	FT%
Steele .....	1.000	Blue .....	83.3
Thomas .....	.800	Wilson .....	77.8

## BULLDOGS ARE 10-13 AGAINST BIG EAST FOES

Entering Tuesday's game against Marquette, the Bulldogs are 10-13 against teams from the Big East.

However, Mississippi State has only played against 9 of the teams. The six teams MSU hasn't faced are Georgetown, Marquette, Notre Dame, Providence, Seton Hall and St. John's. In December, however, the Bulldogs travel to Providence.

MSU has played Cincinnati and Louisville the most. State is 2-2 against the Bearcats and 1-3 against the Cardinals.

Technically, the last Big East team MSU face was West Virginia last year, a game the Bulldogs won 75-62. However, West Virginia just moved to the Big 12. Prior to that, MSU toppled DePaul 76-45 in December of 2009.

## NOVEMBER DOMINANCE LAST 25 YEARS

Dating back to the 1987-88 season when Richard Williams was overseeing the program, Mississippi State owns a composite ledger of 79-23 (.775) in November.

## SCOUTING MARQUETTE

Marquette dropped a 72-71 decision to Butler on a last-second 3-point-er by Rotnei Clarke.

Marquette led by as many as 10 points before the Bulldogs rallied in the second half.

The Golden Eagles shot 49 percent from the field (24-49) and won the battle of the boards, 37-34. Defensively, Marquette held Butler to 27-of-61 shooting and collected seven steals.

Vander Blue paced the Golden Eagles with 21 points, while Junior Cadogan added 14.

## LAST TIME OUT FOR MSU . . .

Mississippi State suffered its sixth-worst loss in school history with a 95-49 setback to No. 11 North Carolina.

The Tar Heels led from start to finish and built as much as a 49-point lead.

The Bulldogs hit just 17 of its 60 shots, while UNC was 37-78, including a 15-of-32 mark from long range.

MSU had a season-high 21 turnovers and lost the rebounding battle, 47-43.

Roquez Johnson scored a team-high 12 points, while Wendell Lewis added 10 to go along with his 6 rebounds.

## BULLDOGS' DEFENSE DROPS IN SEC RANKINGS

After yielding 95 points to North Carolina, MSU fell from third to 13th in the SEC in points allowed at 69.7.










The Bulldogs are 6th in field goal percentage defense at .397 and sixth in steals at 8.7.

Individually, Fred Thomas is tied for 5th in the SEC in steals at 2.0 an outing.

## MISSISSIPPI/WISCONSIN CONNECTIONS

While no one on Marquette's roster is from Mississippi or has any connections to the Magnolia State, freshman guard Jacoby Davis went to prep school at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, Wisc.

## 2012-13 MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYER BREAKDOWN

0		<b>JALEN STEELE • Jr • G • 6-3 • 194 • Knoxville, TN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Leading returning scorer from last year.</li> <li>❖ Scored team-high 16 points at Troy.</li> <li>❖ Suffered a fractured wrist against FAU and is out 6 weeks.</li> </ul>
1		<b>FRED THOMAS • Fr • G • 6-5 • 191 • Jackson, MS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Became fourth true freshman since 2005 to start on opening day.</li> <li>❖ Scored 7 points against UNC and had 5 rebounds.</li> </ul>
3		<b>COLIN BORCHERT • Jr • F • 6-8 • 231 • Phoenix, AZ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Started at Troy and scored game's first five points.</li> <li>❖ Suspended for Maui Invitational.</li> </ul>
4		<b>TRIVANTE BLOODMAN • So • G • 6-0 • 182 • Bronx, NY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Had 11 points at Troy in debut.</li> <li>❖ Dished out 7 assists vs. FAU.</li> <li>❖ Had 3 assists vs. FAU.</li> </ul>
5		<b>WENDELL LEWIS • Sr • C • 6-9 • 258 • Selma, AL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Led MSU in blocks the last two years with 30 each season.</li> <li>❖ Had season high 10 points and 6 boards vs. UNC.</li> </ul>
20		<b>GAVIN WARE • Fr • F • 6-9 • 270 • Starkville, MS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Led SHS to Class 6A title in 2010.</li> <li>❖ Opened MSU career with 10 points in both games.</li> </ul>
24		<b>TYSON CUNNINGHAM • Jr • F • 6-3 • 194 • Columbus, MS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Appeared in 10 games last season and logged 15 minutes.</li> <li>❖ Scored first-career points against FAU.</li> <li>❖ Played career-high 25 minutes vs. UNC.</li> </ul>
25		<b>ROQUEZ JOHNSON • So • F • 6-7 • 210 • Montgomery, AL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Appeared in 13 games last season.</li> <li>❖ Didn't play at Troy due to a concussion.</li> <li>❖ Scored game- and career-high 17 points against FAU.</li> </ul>
32		<b>CRAIG SWORD • Fr • G • 6-3 • 189 • Montgomery, AL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Earned Alabama Mr. Basketball honors last season and was named the 6A Alabama player of the year.</li> <li>❖ Had 6 points against vs. UNC.</li> </ul>