

MISSISSIPPI STATE

2012-13 Men's Basketball

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10 NCAA Appearances | 1 Final Four | 6 SEC Championships | 3 SEC Tournament Titles | 18 Postseason Appearances

At A Glance

When:.....Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012
Where:.....Maui, Hawaii
Venue:.....Lahaina Civic Center (2,400)
Time:.....1:30 p.m.
TV:.....ESPNU
Talent: Dave O'Brien, Jimmy Dykes
Sirus/XM:.....TBA
Series:.....Texas leads, 4-3
Last Meeting:.....Texas, 68-64 (3-17-02)

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	vs. Marquette (ESPN2)	L, 89-62
21	vs. Texas (ESPNU)	1:30 a.m.
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^	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 (ESPNU)	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

^ - Jackson, Miss (Mississippi Coliseum)



VS



MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS (1-3)

Head Coach: Rick Ray (Grand View [IA], 1994)

MSU Record: 1-3, 1st year

Career Record: Same

TEXAS LONGHORNS (2-2)

Head Coach: Rick Barnes (Lenoir-Rhyne, 1977)

Texas Record: 344-139, 15th year

Career Record: 546-273, 25th year

WHAT TO NOTE AS MSU PLAYS AT TEXAS . . .

- ✓ Mississippi State and Texas are meeting for the 8th time, with the Longhorns holding a 4-3 series advantage.
- ✓ MSU is 13-12 against Big 12 foes.
- ✓ With the loss to Marquette, the Bulldogs fell to 3-8 all-time in the state of Hawaii.
- ✓ In tournament play during the regular season, the Bulldogs are now 87-75.
- ✓ In their last two games, MSU has lost by 46 points to UNC (95-49) and 27 to Marquette (88-62). The last time the Bulldogs lost two-straight games by 25-plus points came in December of 2010 — 31 to Virginia Tech (88-57) and 26 to Washington State (83-57)
- ✓ Mississippi State is looking to avoid its first 1-4 start since opening the 1950-51 campaign 1-6.
- ✓ Senior forward Wendell Lewis entered the season having made just 32 of his 70 free throw attempts (45.7 percent). This year, he's a perfect 7 of 7.
- ✓ Walk-on Tyson Cunningham played a total of 14 minutes last season. This year, he's already logged 88 minutes.
- ✓ Last season, Roquez Johnson played a total of 45 minutes and scored 1 point. In three games this year (missed the season opener at Troy due to a concussion), he's totaled 45 points in 80 minutes. He's also scored in double-digits all three games.
- ✓ MSU is down to six scholarship players and two walk-ons this week. Junior forward Colin Borchert didn't make the trip due to a suspension for violation of team rules.
- ✓ 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



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**Craig
Sword**

P: 6.5
R: 3.3
A: 0.8
S: 1.5



G.1•FR

**Fred
Thomas**

P: 11.0
R: 3.8
A: 0.5
S: 1.8



G.4•SO

**Trivante
Bloodman**

P: 7.8
R: 3.8
A: 3.0
S: 1.3



C.5•SR

**Wendell
Lewis**

P: 6.8
R: 4.0
B: 0.5
S: 0.3



F.25•SO

**Roquez
Johnson**

P: 15.0
R: 6.7
B: 1.3
S: 0.7

2012-13 MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYER BREAKDOWN

Statistical Comparison

2012-13 Stats	MSU	UT
2012-13 Record.....	1-3	2-2
Conference Record	0-0	0-0
Scoring	60.5	62.5
Scoring Defense	74.5	61.0
Scoring Margin	-14.0	+1.5
Field Goal Pct.....	39.8	41.8
Opp. FG Pct.....	43.0	32.9
3-Point FG Pct.....	27.3	21.5
Opp. 3-Point FG Pct.	39.6	23.9
Free Throw Pct.....	62.5	63.9
Opp. FT Pct.....	70.0	75.9
Rebounding Average	37.2	41.5
Opp. Rebounding Avg.	40.2	35.8
Rebound Margin	-3.0	+5.8
Assists	8.8	10.5
Turnovers	18.8	18.5
Turnover Margin	-2.5	-6.0
Steals.....	8.0	4.0
Blocked Shots.....	4.0	6.5

Statistical Leaders

Scoring

MSU	PPG	OPP	PPG
Johnson.....	15.0	McClellan	17.5
Thomas.....	11.0	Lewis	10.3

Rebounding

MSU	RPG	OPP	RPG
Ware	6.8	Holmes	9.5
Johnson.....	6.7	Felix/Papapetrou	5.8

Assists

MSU	APG	OPP	APG
Bloodman	3.0	Felix	5.8
Cunningham ...	1.8	Papapetrou	1.5

Blocks

MSU	BPG	OPP	BPG
Borchert.....	2.0	Ridley	2.0
Johnson.....	1.3	Ibeh	1.8

Steals

MSU	SPG	OPP	SPG
Thomas.....	1.8	Felix	1.3
Sword.....	1.5	Holmes.....	1.0

Field Goal Percentage (18 minimum)

MSU	FG%	OPP	FG%
Ware	53.1	Papapetrou	45.8
Lewis	52.6	Lewis	45.5

3-Point FG Percentage (5 minimum)

MSU	3FG%	OPP	3FG%
Steele	40.0	Holland	37.5
Borchert.....	40.0	Lewis	25.0

Free Throw Percentage (6 minimum)

MSU	FT%	OPP	FT%
Lewis	1.000	McClellan	90.9
Thomas.....	.833	Papapetrou	66.7

BULLDOGS ARE 13-12 AGAINST BIG 12 FOES

Mississippi State has enjoyed success against Big 12 foes over the years, posting a 13-12 record.

Wednesday's matchup with Texas is the first against a Big 12 opponent for MSU since losing last December to Baylor in Dallas, 54-52.

The team the Bulldogs have played the most is Texas, with the Longhorns winning 4 of the 7 outings.

Last year, MSU was 1-1 against the Big 12, including the 69-60 win against Texas A&M in New York.

The last time MSU and Texas played was in the second round of the 2002 NCAA Tournament, with the Longhorns claiming a 68-64 victory.

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 79-24 (.767) in November.

SCOUTING TEXAS

Texas dropped to 2-2 on the year after falling to Southern Cal in overtime, 59-53.

The Longhorns never led by more than five points.

Texas hit 20 of its 54 shots and were just 2 of 11 from 3-point range.

Defensively, the Longhorns held the Trojans to 34.4 percent shooting, while forcing 10 turnovers.

Julien Lewis led Texas with 17 points, followed by Sheldon McClellan and Ioannis Papapetrou with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

On the boards, Jonathan Holmes was credited with 9 rebounds.

LAST TIME OUT FOR MSU . . .

Mississippi State fell behind 8-0 early and never recovered as Marquette posted an 89-62 victory

The Golden Eagles built as much as a 31 point lead.

The Bulldogs hit just 20 of its 52 shots, while Marquette was 37-71, including a 7-of-11 mark from long range.

MSU had a season-high 22 turnovers and lost the rebounding battle, 38-33.

Fred Thomas scored a team-high 17 points, while Roquez Johnson added 16 to go along with his 8 rebounds. Also in double digits was Gavin Ware with 11 points.

BULLDOGS' DEFENSE DROPS IN SEC RANKINGS

After yielding 95 points to North Carolina and 89 to Marquette, MSU fell from third to 13th in the SEC in points allowed at 74.5.

The Bulldogs are 6th in field goal percentage defense at .430 and sixth in steals at 8.0.

Individually, Fred Thomas is tied for 5th in the SEC in steals at 1.8 an outing.

2012-13 MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYER BREAKDOWN

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JALEN STEELE • Jr • G • 6-3 • 194 • Knoxville, TN

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
21.0	9.0	3.5	0.5	.400	.400	1.000

- ❖ Leading returning scorer from last year.
- ❖ Scored team-high 16 points at Troy.
- ❖ Suffered a fractured wrist against FAU and is out 6 weeks.

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FRED THOMAS • Fr • G • 6-5 • 191 • Jackson, MS

MIN	PTS	RBS	STL	FG%	3FG%	FT%
30.5	11.0	3.8	1.8	.319	.290	.833

- ❖ Became fourth true freshman since 2005 to start on opening day.
- ❖ Scored career-high 17 points against Marquette.

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COLIN BORCHERT • Jr • F • 6-8 • 231 • Phoenix, AZ

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
27.5	5.0	3.5	1.5	.308	.400	.000

- ❖ Started at Troy and scored game's first five points.
- ❖ Suspended for Maui Invitational.

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TRIVANTE BLOODMAN • So • G • 6-0 • 182 • Bronx, NY

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
29.8	7.8	3.8	3.0	.429	.333	.667

- ❖ Had 11 points at Troy in debut.
- ❖ Dished out 7 assists vs. FAU.
- ❖ Had 3 assists vs. FAU.

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WENDELL LEWIS • Sr • C • 6-9 • 258 • Selma, AL

MIN	PTS	RBS	BLK	FG%	3FG%	FT%
21.0	6.8	4.0	0.5	.526	.000	1.000

- ❖ Led MSU in blocks the last two years with 30 each season.
- ❖ Had season high 10 points and 6 boards vs. UNC.

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GAVIN WARE • Fr • F • 6-9 • 270 • Starkville, MS

MIN	PTS	RBS	BLK	FG%	3FG%	FT%
25.3	9.8	6.8	1.0	.531	.000	.556

- ❖ Led SHS to Class 6A title in 2010.
- ❖ Opened MSU career with 10 points in both games.
- ❖ Had 11 points against Marquette

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TYSON CUNNINGHAM • Jr • F • 6-3 • 194 • Columbus, MS

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
22.0	0.5	3.0	1.2	.125	.000	.000

- ❖ Appeared in 10 games last season and logged 15 minutes.
- ❖ Scored first-career points against FAU.
- ❖ Played career-high 30 minutes vs. MU.

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ROQUEZE JOHNSON • So • F • 6-7 • 210 • Montgomery, AL

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
26.7	15.0	6.7	0.1	.485	.250	.545

- ❖ Scored 10-plus in all games.
- ❖ Didn't play at Troy due to a concussion.
- ❖ Scored game- and career-high 17 points against FAU.

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CRAIG SWORD • Fr • G • 6-3 • 189 • Montgomery, AL

MIN	PTS	RBS	AST	FG%	3FG%	FT%
25.0	6.5	3.3	0.8	.286	.000	.455

- ❖ Earned Alabama Mr. Basketball honors last season and was named the 6A Alabama player of the year.
- ❖ Had 7 points against vs. Marquette.

2012-13 Mississippi State Basketball
Mississippi State Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 20, 2012)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-3	1-0	0-1	0-2
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-3	1-0	0-1	0-2

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf dq		a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	off	def						
00	Jalen Steele	2-2	42	21.0	6-15	.40	2-5	.40	4-4	1.000	0	7	7	3.5	1	0	1	1	0	2	18	9.0
01	Fred Thomas	4-4	122	30.5	15-47	.31	9-31	.29	5-6	.83	0	15	15	3.8	4	0	2	7	0	7	44	11.0
03	Colin Borchert	2-2	55	27.5	4-13	.30	2-5	.40	0-0	.00	3	4	7	3.5	5	0	3	2	4	4	10	5.0
04	Trivante Bloodman	4-4	119	29.8	9-21	.42	1-3	.33	12-18	.66	5	10	15	3.8	7	0	12	12	0	5	31	7.8
05	Wendell Lewis	4-4	84	21.0	10-19	.52	0-0	.00	7-7	1.000	6	10	16	4.0	11	1	6	9	2	1	27	6.8
15	Baxter Price	2-0	7	3.5	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	0-0	.00	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
20	Gavin Ware	4-0	101	25.3	17-32	.53	0-0	.00	5-9	.55	10	17	27	6.8	6	0	0	9	4	2	39	9.8
24	Tyson Cunningha	4-0	88	22.0	1-8	.12	0-3	.00	0-0	.00	5	7	12	3.0	2	0	7	6	0	3	2	0.5
25	Roquez Johnson	3-2	80	26.7	16-33	.48	1-4	.25	12-22	.54	12	8	20	6.7	6	0	1	7	4	2	45	15.0
32	Craig Sword	4-2	100	25.0	8-28	.28	0-4	.00	10-22	.45	2	11	13	3.3	14	1	3	20	2	6	26	6.5
Team											10	7	17				2					
Total.....		4	798		86-216	.39	15-55	.27	55-88	.62	53	96	149	37.2	56	2	35	75	16	32	242	60.5
Opponents.....		4	800		116-270	.43	38-96	.39	28-40	.70	65	96	161	40.2	78	-	62	65	23	41	298	74.5

TEAM STATISTICS	MS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	242	298	11-9-12	at Troy	L 53-56	5120
Points per game	60.5	74.5	11-13-12	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	W 78-58	6140
Scoring margin	-14.0	-	11-19-12	vs North Carolina	L 49-95	2400
FIELD GOALS-ATT	86-216	116-270	11-20-12	vs Marquette	L 62-89	2400
Field goal pct	.398	.430	* - Conference game			
3 POINT FG-ATT	15-55	38-96				
3-point FG pct	.273	.396				
3-pt FG made per gam	3.8	9.5				
FREE THROWS-ATT	55-88	28-40				
Free throw pct	.625	.700				
F-Throws made per ga	13.8	7.0				
REBOUNDS	149	161				
Rebounds per game	37.2	40.2				
Rebounding margin	-3.0	-				
ASSISTS	35	62				
Assists per game	8.8	15.5				
TURNOVERS	75	65				
Turnovers per game	18.8	16.3				
Turnover margin	-2.5	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.5	1.0				
STEALS	32	41				
Steals per game	8.0	10.3				
BLOCKS	16	23				
Blocks per game	4.0	5.8				
ATTENDANCE	6140	9920				
Home games-Avg/Gam	1-6140	1-5120				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-2400				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Mississippi State	109	133	242
Opponents	155	143	298