



HEAD COACH BEN HOWLAND QUOTES

December 1, 2016

Oregon State vs. Mississippi State

On the first half of game...

“For sure it’s the best half we have played this year. It’s probably the best half we’ve played with the possible exception of the South Carolina game or the Arkansas game that was played here a year ago. Although, this is a much younger team, and I was so excited about how hard we played and the kind of pressure we put on the ball. It was obviously an unbelievable team effort the first half because everyone played as hard as they could.”

On Eli Wright from beginning of season to now...

“Tonight he was especially good defensively. What I noticed today is that he usually settles for a three, but instead he looked to drive first. That is the type of player he was before he came here. He would always drive. Now he is caught up with wanting to be a better shooter, but he is still playing his game. With his defense, he forced two turnovers and got a few rebounds. That says a lot because in the first five games he only had two rebounds. Now, he has had ten in the last two games and we are seeing him continue to do much better.”



HEAD COACH WAYNE TINKLE QUOTES

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Opening Statement...

“We got better, but we still started the second half poorly. We made a vow during halftime to not have more than 15 turnovers in the second half; I think we had 12 at halftime. Then we came out and turned the ball over four or five times in the first six or seven minutes. But after that, our guys gave much better effort at making solid decisions.”

On what the Bulldogs did defensively to stop the Beavers...

“Give them credit for their pressure, but all they were doing was shooting the gaps. We didn’t screen right or even set up the screens right. We were throwing passes from too far away. Our team knows that we need to be 12 to 14 feet away when we pass. I don’t know if it’s that we are on the road or what, but obviously that’s a problem for us.”

On the difference in the game...

“Look at the game; we lost by 17. They had 28 points off of turnovers compared to our six. That is the difference in the game, and it’s been that way in all of our losses.”



MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYERS QUOTES

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Quinnndary Weatherspoon - G – So.

On when he knew playing tonight was a possibility...

“I knew about a week ago. Day by day my wrist was getting better so I started shooting and trying to dribble. I told Coach Howland that I wanted to try and hold off on the surgery. I wanted to try and play a game first.”

On how his left wrist feels...

“It feels good. During the game it didn’t hurt that much. I don’t remember what play it was but there was one little pop. After that, the pain went away and everything was back to normal.”

On what the past couple of weeks have been like...

“The first week, when I found out I had to have surgery and miss the rest of the season it kind of hurt. I looked at the big picture. Ryan (Datson) told me when I first hurt it was going to be better within the next day. I just tried to wait it out and see how it felt. It felt good.”

Mario Kegler – G – Fr.

On what it was like to have Q back...

“It was exciting. Knowing that we had Quindarry back on the floor with us was good. It was exciting to have Q, doing what he does, out there with us.”

On being aggressive rebounders tonight...

“Coming into this game Coach Howland told me I was going to have to get in there with them and fight a little bit. I just went out there and did what he told me to do. I came out with some rebounds.”

On why tonight was different...

“I felt like everyone just keened in on him. I was just taking what the defense gave me. They would leave me open, so I was knocking shots down. In previous games the defense was just focusing on me. When Q came back it opened up some space for me.”



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY Basketball

Oregon State at Mississippi State
Thursday, December 1, 2016
Humphrey Coliseum
Starkville, Miss.

Paid Attendance: 7,684

Mississippi State Team Notes

- Mississippi State improved its series lead against Oregon State to 2-1.
- The Bulldogs improved to 10-13 all-time against Pac-12 teams.
- MSU is 5-2 for the third time in four years.
- The 45 first-half points were the most for MSU in any half this year.
- Oregon State's 19 first-half points were the fewest allowed this year.
- The 17-point margin of win was the largest this season.
- MSU is now 2-0 this year when leading at the half.
- Mississippi State forced a season-high 21 turnovers.
- The Bulldogs collected a season-high 17 steals, the most since having 17 against Florida Atlantic on 11-13-12.
- The 11-made 3-pointers tied for the most this year. MSU had 11 in the season opener against Norfolk State.
- Ben Howland evened his record at MSU to 19-19.
- Ben Howland is now 17-4 against Oregon State.

Mississippi State Individual Notes.

- After missing the last two games with his wrist injury, Quindary Weatherspoon returned and totaled 21 points on 6-7 shooting.
- Quindary Weatherspoon has now totaled 20-plus points five times in his career, three times this year. MSU is 4-1 in those games.
- Mario Kegler tied his career high with 12 points.
- I.J. Ready tied his career high with 5 steals.