



Mississippi State 66, Nebraska 59

MSU Leading Scorer: Aric Holman, 16

MSU Leading Rebounders: Aric Holman, 10

Nebraska Leading Scorer: James Palmer, Jr., 13

Nebraska Leading Rebounder: Isaiah Roby, 8

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 • Humphrey Coliseum

Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
Nebraska vs Mississippi State
03-14-18 8 PM at Starkville, Miss. (Humphrey Coliseum)

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##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
14	Isaac Copeland	f	5-13	2-4	0-0	2	0	2	5	12	0	1	0	0	31
15	Isaiah Roby	f	3-7	1-3	3-3	1	7	8	5	10	0	2	1	0	24
05	Glynn Watson Jr.	g	3-12	1-2	1-2	0	3	3	3	8	2	0	0	3	31
13	Anton Gill	g	3-8	1-5	0-0	1	2	3	1	7	1	1	0	1	32
24	James Palmer Jr.	g	5-15	0-5	3-4	3	3	6	3	13	5	1	2	1	35
00	Duby Okeke		1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	5
11	Evan Taylor		1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	21
12	Thomas Allen		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
32	Jordy Tshimanga		2-6	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	1	1	13
Team						2	1	3							
Totals			23-65	6-22	7-9	11	19	30	18	59	10	5	4	6	200

1st - FG %: 5-18 27.8% 2nd: 6-13 46.2% 3rd: 6-14 42.9% 4th: 6-20 30.0% Game: 23-65 35.4% Deadball
 3FG %: 1-4 25.0% 1-3 33.3% 4-8 50.0% 0-7 0.0% 6-22 27.3% Rebounds
 FT %: 1-2 50.0% 3-4 75.0% 1-1 100.0% 2-2 100.0% 7-9 77.8% 1

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##	Player		Total		3-Ptr	Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
03	Xavian Stapleton	f	4-7	2-4	2-4	1	4	5	1	12	0	0	1	1	32
24	Abdul Ado	f	6-15	0-0	3-4	6	3	9	2	15	1	0	1	0	27
01	Lamar Peters	g	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	4	4	1	0	14	2	0	0	35
11	Q Weatherspoon	g	2-6	1-4	3-4	0	7	7	3	8	0	4	0	0	33
23	Tyson Carter	g	3-10	1-4	2-2	0	3	3	0	9	1	1	0	1	31
02	Eli Wright		1-5	0-1	0-0	0	4	4	2	2	0	2	1	0	18
22	KeyShawn Feazell		2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
35	Aric Holman		6-9	2-2	2-4	7	3	10	2	16	0	3	4	0	19
Team						1	3	4				1			
Totals			24-57	6-18	12-18	16	31	47	11	66	16	13	7	2	200

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 FT %: 1-2 50.0% 3-3 100.0% 1-3 33.3% 7-10 70.0% 12-18 66.7% 4,1

Officials: Jamie Luckie, Tony Henderson, Tommy Morrissey

Technical fouls: Nebraska-None. Mississippi State-None.

Attendance: 3485

Score by periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Nebraska	12	16	17	14	59
Mississippi State	19	14	17	16	66

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
NEB	30	9	11	6	9
MS	30	8	12	0	22

Last FG - NEB 4th-00:17, MS 4th-01:45.

Largest lead - NEB by 3 1st-08:52, MS by 9 4th-00:23.

NEB led for 02:08. MS led for 35:12. Game was tied for 02:26.

Score tied - 3 times.

Lead changed - 5 times.



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Ben Howland, Mississippi State Head Coach:

Opening statement...

"I am very proud of tonight's game. We held a very good offensive team to only 28 points in the first half. That is really exciting. I thought we played with tremendous effort on the defensive end of the floor. I also thought we played well offensively. Lamar (Peters) played spectacular tonight. He had 11 assist at half time, and really controlled things on the floor. He did a nice job defensively as well. I thought Q. (Weatherspoon) did a great job defensively tonight too. It was a team effort though. Aric (Holman) had a double-double tonight and played great. We did a great job getting the ball down low to Abdul (Ado) and won the battle of the boards."

On overall play...

"I thought that he did a great job being patient and slowing things down. This was a good match up for us because their starting lineup doesn't have a lot of big guys. Lamar did a great job of getting the ball to open shots. He could have had 18 assist tonight, but we missed some open shots in the second half that we should not have. He is really distributing the ball well. You have to remember, he only played one year of point guard in high school. He is performing well."

On playing Nebraska...

"Their point guard is a really good player. You guys didn't have the luxury of getting to see our scrimmage against them in October. That was a brutal game. We have come a long way since October. I am really happy for our team about that. This is a good team, Nebraska is a good team. They were 13-5 in the Big Ten. They are really well coached and really good offensively. This is a tough match up for a first round game. I'm extremely proud of our guys."



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Tim Miles, Nebraska Head Coach:

Opening statement...

"We were very happy to make the NIT. I think it is a more competitive tournament than ever. The way it has been organized – every eight seed, every seven seed and three of the six seeds – are all league champions. I think that has been a great addition to the tournament. Then you get some highly competitive teams that have been on the bubble on and off playing each other. I thought that tonight we just didn't get our offense going smoothly at all. Coach (Ben) Howland's team, I thought, did an outstanding job having us change shots because we missed too many makeable inside shots. I thought they did a great job on the glass against us. We just couldn't get (Lamar) Peters under control early and then keep him off the glass late, and that was the difference of the game."

On how MSU is a different team now than they were in the preseason...

"I think like anyone, when you have gone through early when we played them, we only had a little bit of practice – both teams – and that was a good even game. (The preseason game was) really kind of like tonight, except we got the lead early because we made a whole bunch of threes. They are sharper. They run their stuff better. I think Tyson Carter made some big plays tonight. I don't recall seeing that out of him the first time; and (Aric) Holman, I thought, was improved. So, I just think Coach Howland has them playing more intensely and with more edge, and they are a very good team."

On what he saw from Lamar Peters tonight and Abdul Ado...

"We were trying to play everything in, and what we weren't able to do was get the ball out of his hands. So he was able to find guys late. He made Ado score. He probably had his five layups and did all of the heavy work for him. He is a great play maker. He is so quick. I thought about playing under his ball screen and stuff like that. We thought about trapping it, but we didn't want to get all extended. He is really a dynamic play maker with the ball in his hand. As his shot improves, he is really going to be a special player."



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Lamar Peters, Mississippi State Guard:

On trust in his teammates...

"It was good to see Abdul Ado finish the way he did tonight. All the other guys had nice performances as well. It was a good total team effort for us tonight."

On making it into the postseason for the first time in six years...

"It was a very big win. It has been a long time since there was postseason basketball in Starkville. We wanted to come out and give the Starkville community a reason to be proud of this basketball team."

Aric Holman, Mississippi State Forward:

On a wider lane and a new three point line impacting game...

"I don't think it made that much of a difference. The paint being wider would be the biggest difference because the lane was so much wider. That is something you must really pay attention to when posting up on the low block."

On coming off the bench...

"It's nothing new. I always try to have the mindset to do whatever is needed of me. If that means I need to come off the bench, then that is what I want to do."



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James Palmer Jr., Nebraska Guard :

On his poor shooting percentage...

"I think it was a mixture of both. I couldn't really find a rhythm in the second half. They played some very good defense."

On (Lamar) Peters' first half...

"He found his open guys. He had 14 assists. He did a good job of finding his open teammates."

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Paid Attendance: 3,485

Mississippi State Team Notes

- Mississippi State is now 8-8 all-time in the NIT, 19-18 in all of postseason (11-10 NCAA).
- MSU improved to 2-0 against Nebraska.
- The Bulldogs are now 7-7 against Big 10 foes.
- The 19-home wins are the most of all 351 Division I teams.
- MSU's 23 wins are the most since having 24 in 2010
- The 20 points scored in the second were the fewest of any frame for MSU this season.
- The Bulldogs implemented their fifth different starting lineup of the season due to the Nick Weatherspoon injury.
- The 59 points by Nebraska were the second fewest MSU has allowed in NIT play (56, Colorado State, 1999)

Mississippi State Individual Notes

- Lamar Peters had a career-high and MSU postseason record 14 assists.
- The 14 assists are the third most in school history behind Chuck Evans (16) and Al Perry (15).
- Aric Holman had 4 blocked shots to give him 137, six shy of tying Charles Rhodes for the sixth most.
- Quindary Weatherspoon had 8 points to give 1,345 for his career.
- Aric Holman recorded his seventh double-double of the year and the ninth of his career with 16 points and 10 rebounds.
- Abdul Ado had 1 blocked shot to give him 63 on the year.

