

# MISSISSIPPI STATE

# MISSISSIPPI STATE BASEBALL

## 2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

136 Seasons | 41 NCAA Tournament Appearances | 12 College World Series Appearances | 20 MLB First-Round Draft Picks

### 2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

#### MISSISSIPPI STATE BY THE NUMBERS

Overall Record	3-0
SEC Record	0-0
at Dudy Noble Field	3-0
Road Games	0-0
Neutral Site Games	0-0
Streak	W3
Last 10 Games	7-3

#### February (3-0)

	TV	TIME
13 HOFSTRA	SECN+	W, 6-5
14 HOFSTRA (DH-1)	SECN+	W, 6-1
14 HOFSTRA (DH-2)	SECN+	W, 7-5
17 TROY	SECN+	4 P.M.
18 ALCORN STATE	SECN+	4 P.M.
20 DELAWARE	SECN+	4 P.M.
21 DELAWARE	SECN+	1 P.M.
22 DELAWARE	SECN+	11 A.M.
24 AUSTIN PEAY	SECN+	4 P.M.
27 vs. Arizona State (1)	FloSports	11 a.m.
28 vs. Virginia Tech (1)	FloSports	3 p.m.

#### March (0-0)

1 vs. UCLA (1)	FloSports	2:30 p.m.
3 at Southern Miss	ESPN+	6 p.m.
6 LIPSCOMB	SECN+	4 P.M.
7 LIPSCOMB	SECN+	6 P.M.
8 LIPSCOMB	SECN+	1 P.M.
10 vs. Tulane (2)	TBA	6 P.M.
13 at Arkansas*	SECN	6 p.m.
14 at Arkansas*	SECN+	1 p.m.
15 at Arkansas*	SECN+	1 p.m.
17 JACKSON STATE	SECN	6 P.M.
20 VANDERBILT*	SECN	7 P.M.
21 VANDERBILT*	SECN+	6 P.M.
22 VANDERBILT*	SECN+	1 P.M.
24 SOUTHERN MISS	SECN+	6 P.M.
27 at Ole Miss*	SECN+	6:30 P.M.
28 at Ole Miss*	SECN+	1:30 P.M.
29 at Ole Miss*	SECN	3 p.m.
31 GRAMBLING	SECN+	6 P.M.

#### April (0-0)

2 GEORGIA*	SECN+	6 P.M.
3 GEORGIA*	SECN+	6 P.M.
4 GEORGIA*	SECN+	1 P.M.
7 UAB	SECN+	6 P.M.
10 TENNESSEE*	ESPN+	6 P.M.
11 TENNESSEE*	SECN+	6 P.M.
12 TENNESSEE*	SECN+	1 P.M.
14 at Samford	ESPN+	6 p.m.
17 at South Carolina*	SECN+	6 P.M.
18 at South Carolina*	SECN	12 p.m.
19 at South Carolina*	SECN+	12:30 P.M.
21 MEMPHIS	ESPN2	6 P.M.
24 LSU*	SECN+	6 P.M.
25 LSU*	ESPN2	6:30 P.M.
26 LSU*	SECN+	1 P.M.
27 vs. Ole Miss (3)	SECN+	6 p.m.

#### May (0-0)

1 at Texas*	SECN+	6:30 P.M.
2 at Texas*	SECN+	2:30 P.M.
3 at Texas*	ESPN	1 p.m.
5 NICHOLLS	SECN	6 P.M.
7 AUBURN*	ESPN	7 P.M.
8 AUBURN*	SECN	7:30 P.M.
9 AUBURN*	SECN	3 P.M.
14 at Texas A&M*	SECN+	6 P.M.
15 at Texas A&M*	SECN+	6 P.M.
16 at Texas A&M*	SECN+	2 P.M.

#### SEC Tournament (0-0)

TBD

All times central and subject to change  
 HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS | \* - Southeastern Conference game  
 (1) - Globe Life Field; Arlington, Texas. | (2) - Keesler Federal Park; Biloxi, Miss.  
 (3) - Trustmark Park; Pearl, Miss.



### MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

Record...	3-0
Rankings...	BA - NR, D1 - NR, NCBWA - NR, Perfect Game - NR, USA Today - NR
Head Coach...	Skylar Meade
Career Record...	149-91 (5th season)
Record at Troy...	149-91 (5th season)

### TROY TROJANS

Record.....	1-2
Rankings.....	BA - NR, D1 - NR, NCBWA - NR, Perfect Game - NR, USA Today - NR
Head Coach.....	Brian O'Connor
Career Record.....	920-388-2 (23rd season)
Record at MSU.....	3-0 (1st season)

### ALCORN STATE BRAVES

Record.....	1-2
Rankings.....	BA - NR, D1 - NR, NCBWA - NR, Perfect Game - NR, USA Today - NR
Head Coach.....	Carlton Hardy
Career Record.....	522-672-1 (29th season)
Record at ASU.....	7-45 (2nd season)

### MATCHUPS AT A GLANCE

MSU	OFFENSE	TROY   ASU	MSU	PITCHING/DEF.	TROY   ASU
.236.....	Batting.....	305 .	3.67.....	ERA.....	.9.70 -
.360.....	Slugging.....	.495 .	27.0.....	IP.....	21.1 -
.373.....	On-Base Pct.....	.434 .	0.....	CGs.....	0 -
8.....	Doubles.....	4 -	3.....	Saves.....	0 -
0.....	Triples.....	1 -	36.....	Ks.....	.28 -
1.....	Home Runs.....	4 -	.232.....	OBA.....	.344 .
16.....	Walks.....	.20 -	.991.....	Fielding Pct.....	.963 .
5-6.....	SB-SBA.....	3-5 -	1.....	Double Plays.....	0 -

### PROBABLE PITCHERS

TUES: MSU - RHP Duke Stone (So., 1-0, 9.00 ERA) vs. TROY - RHP Blake Dean (Jr., 0-0, 9.00 ERA)

WED: MSU - TBA vs. ASU - LHP Caden Wade (Jr.)

### GAME COVERAGE

Date	TV/Stream	Play-by-Play	Analyst	Radio	PxP/Analyst
Feb. 17	SECN+	Bart Gregory	Charlie Winfield	96.1 FM/MSU App	Neil Price/Ron Polk
Feb. 18	SECN+	Bart Gregory	Charlie Winfield	100.9 FM/MSU App	Caleb Hamill/Ron Polk

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### SERIES HISTORY

Series History vs. TROY   ASU	MSU leads 5-1   18-0	Last 5 Meetings	TROY	ASU
<b>MSU Streak</b>	L1   W18	2/25/25 (Starkeville) L, 6-5	4/16/24 (Starkeville) W, 11-0 [7]	
<b>First Meeting</b>	2007   1993	5/9/18 (Hoover, Ala.) W, 9-8 [10]	2/26/20 (Starkeville) W, 8-4	
<b>Last Meeting</b>	2025   2024	5/16/17 (Starkeville) W, 10-8	3/20/18 (Starkeville) W, 17-1	
<b>Last MSU Win</b>	2018   2024	5/11/16 (Troy, Ala) W, 7-3	3/1/16 (Starkeville) W, 14-0	
<b>Last Troy   ASU Win</b>	2025   N/A	3/4/07 (Starkeville) W, 12-4	2/24/15 (Starkeville) W, 10-2	

### NUMBERS TO KNOW

103

Freshman pitcher Jack Bauer threw the fastest pitch ever recorded by a high school player at 103 miles per hour.

21

Ace Reese hit 21 home runs in 2025 which was the eighth-most homers in a single season in program history.

12,824

MSU drew 12,824 for its season opener against Hofstra on Feb. 13. It was the highest attended season opener in school history.



## PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

### School Information

Location	Starkville, Mississippi
Founded	1878
Enrollment	23,563
President	Dr. Mark E. Keenum
Faculty Representative	Dr. Brent Fountain
Director of Athletics	Zac Selmon @ZacSelmon
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Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Southeastern
Nickname	Bulldogs
Colors	Maroon and White

### Stadium

Name	Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium
Capacity	15,000+
Field Dimensions	Left-330, Left Center-385, Center-400, Right Center-380, Right-305

### Team Information

2025 Overall Record (SEC)	36-23 (15-15)
2025 Home / Away / Neutral	22-8 / 9-11 / 5-4
2025 Postseason	NCAA Regional
Lettermen Returning/Lost	16/17
Position Starters Returning/Lost	5/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost	7/13
2026 Newcomers	26 (8 Freshmen, 18 Transfers)

### Program Information

First Year of Baseball	1885 (135th season)
First Year in SEC	1933 (Charter Member)
All-Time Record (Win %)	2,886-1,700-29 (.629)
All-Time SEC Record (Win %)	1,029-902-3 (.532)
SEC Championships (Last)	11 (2016)
SEC Tournament Championships (Last)	7 (2012)
NCAA Tournaments (Last)	41 (2025)
NCAA Super Regionals (Last)	10 (2021)
College World Series (Last)	12 (2021)
National Championship (Last)	1 (2021)

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### BASEBALL MEDIA PORTAL

Mississippi State has created an online portal for media members covering the Bulldogs' baseball program. To access the portal, visit [hailst.at/BBMedia](http://hailst.at/BBMedia).

The Baseball Press Box Page of HailState.com will include links to media guides, quick facts, game notes, box scores, recaps, pool photography and team and staff headshots.

### PRESS BOX SERVICES

A complete NCAA box score and pertinent game facts are available to members of the working media following each game. Seats will be assigned. A pregame meal will be passed out in the press box approximately one hour prior to each game.

The press box is equipped with high-speed internet and telephone access. It is also set up to accommodate television and team radio/video personnel.

### RADIO BROADCASTS

Dudy Noble Field houses radio lines to support home and visitor radio broadcasts. For more information on the phone lines, please contact Logan Lowery in the Communications office.

### POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Requested MSU players, along with head coach Brian O'Connor, will be available for a postgame media session in the Omaha Room approximately 20 minutes after home games. The Mississippi State locker room and team spaces are closed to the media.

### MSU PLAYER/COACH AVAILABILITY

Players and coaches will be made available to the media upon request. Those wishing to set up an interview must contact Logan Lowery via phone or email at least 48 hours prior to the desired interview time. On gameday, players and coaches are only available postgame.

In most cases, players will be available for a brief time before or after practices which are typically scheduled on weekday afternoons.

Media members are NOT permitted to contact student-athletes on their own at any time. This includes phone, email, text or through social media platforms. Student-athletes' contact information will not be given out.

### PHOTOGRAPHERS / VIDEOGRAPHERS

A limited number of photographers and videographers will be permitted to shoot in the photo wells at each end of home and visiting dugouts. Those wishing to shoot a game must request access at least 48 hours before the game.

To access the SEC's media FTP, contact [licensing@xosdigital.com](mailto:licensing@xosdigital.com).

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

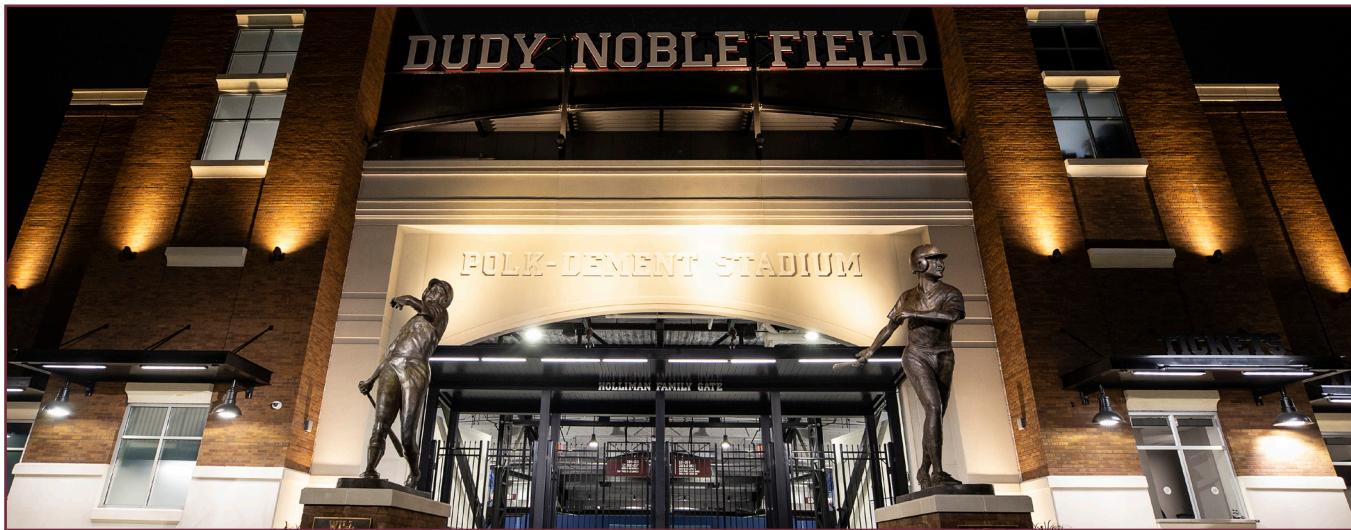
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## 2026 ROSTER

## NUMERICAL

#	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	CL/Exp.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
2	Jacob Parker	OF	L/R	6-3	220	Fr./HS	Purvis, Miss. / Purvis HS
3	Ace Reese	INF	L/R	6-4	220	Jr./1L	Canton, Texas / Canton HS (Houston)
4	Tomas Valincius	LHP	L/L	6-2	225	So./TR	Lockport, Ill. / Baylor School [TN] (Virginia)
5	Aidan Teel	OF	L/R	6-0	200	R-Jr./TR	Mahwah, N.J. / Mahwah HS (Virginia)
6	James Nunnallee	OF	L/R	6-1	190	So./TR	San Diego, Calif. /Lightridge [VA] HS (Virginia)
7	Reed Stallman	1B/OF	L/L	6-3	220	Gr./1L	Robins, Iowa / Alburett HS (Campbell)
8	Charlie Foster	LHP	R/L	6-4	205	So./1L	Snellville, Ga. / Brookwood HS
9	Ryder Woodson	INF	R/R	6-3	190	So./TR	Naples, Fla. / St. John Neumann HS (NC State)
10	Drew Wyers	INF	R/R	6-2	200	Sr./TR	Columbus, N.J. / Northern Burlington County Regional (Bryant)
11	Duke Stone	RHP	R/R	6-5	235	So./1L	Uvalda, Ga. / Jeff Davis HS
12	Chone James	INF/UTL	R/R	6-0	185	So./TR	Myrtle Beach, S.C. / Socastee HS (Virginia)
13	William Kirk	LHP	L/L	6-2	205	R-Fr./TR	Saddle River, N.J. / Ramsey HS (Virginia)
14	Vytas Valincius	OF	R/R	6-4	230	Gr./TR	Lockport, Ill. / Baylor School [TN] (Illinois)
15	Tanner Beliveau	RHP/UTL	R/R	6-3	225	Fr./HS	Petal, Miss. / Petal HS
16	Braden Booth	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	R-Fr./RS	Madison Ala. / Bob Jones HS
17	Parker Rhodes	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Fr./HS	Greenfield, Ind. / Greenfield-Central HS
18	Noah Sullivan	UTL/RHP	R/R	6-1	215	Gr./1L	Orlando, Fla. / Dr. Phillips HS (USC Upstate)
19	Andrew Raymond	C	L/R	6-1	205	So./TR	Middletown, Md. / Middletown HS (George Mason)
20	Maddox Miller	LHP	L/L	6-4	185	Fr./HS	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Oak Grove HS
21	Kevin Milewski	C	R/R	6-5	235	Jr./TR	Wallingford, Conn. / Notre Dame-West Haven HS (Seton Hall)
22	Nick Frontino	INF	R/R	6-3	205	Fr./HS	Bonita Springs, Fla. / St. John Neumann HS
23	Jackson Owen	C	R/R	5-10	200	Gr./1L	Starkville, Miss. / Starkville HS (Northeast Mississippi CC)
24	Jack Bauer	LHP	L/L	6-4	195	Fr./HS	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincoln Way East HS
25	Chris Billingsley Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-4	205	Jr./JC	Brent, Ala. / Bibb County HS (East Central [MS] CC)
27	Peter Mershon	UTL	R/R	6-2	205	Fr./HS	Taylors, S.C. / Eastside HS
28	Ryan McPherson	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	So./1L	Hollywood, Fla. / North Broward Prep
29	Maddox Webb	RHP	R/R	6-2	195	Jr./TR	Summerville, S.C. / Summerville HS (The Citadel)
30	Jackson Logar	RHP	R/R	6-0	215	Jr./TR	Medford, N.J. / Shawnee HS (James Madison)
31	Charlie Wortham	UTL	R/R	6-1	205	Fr./HS	St. Peters, Mo. / De Smet Jesuit HS
32	Peyton Fowler	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	Jr./JC	Gluckstadt, Miss. / Germantown HS (Meridian CC)
33	Blake Bevis	1B/OF	R/R	6-4	230	Sr./TR	Brentwood, Tenn. / Ravenwood HS (Ball State)
34	Gehrig Frei	INF/OF	S/R	6-1	210	Gr./1L	Alpharetta, Ga. / South Forsyth HS (North Alabama)
35	Ben Davis	RHP	R/R	6-4	230	Sr./1L	Booneville, Miss. / Booneville HS (Itawamba CC)
36	Tyler Pitzer	RHP	L/R	6-3	205	Jr./TR	McDonald, Penn. / South Fayette Township HS (South Carolina)
37	Brendan Sweeney	RHP	R/R	6-7	210	Sr./TR	Edmond, Okla. / Edmond North HS (South Carolina)
38	Bryce Chance	OF	R/R	5-10	180	Gr./3L	Ridgeland, Miss. / Madison-Ridgeland Academy
39	Patrick Spencer Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-3	215	R-So./JC	Greenville, Miss. / Washington School (Pearl River CC)
42	Jack Gleason	RHP	R/R	6-1	200	R-Fr./RS	Germantown, Tenn. / Briarcrest Christian HS
45	Dane Burns	LHP	R/L	6-5	215	So./1L	Celina, Texas / Prosper HS
47	JT Schnoor	RHP	R/R	6-4	225	R-Jr./RS	Pascagoula, Miss. / Resurrection Catholic School (Pearl River CC)
49	Gatlin Sanders	INF	L/R	5-11	185	Sr./Sr.	Madison, Miss. / Madison Central HS (Jones CC)

## COACHING / SUPPORT STAFF

26 Brian O'Connor - Head Coach (First Season; Creighton, 1993)  
 44 Kevin McMullan - Associate Head Coach (First Season; Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1990)  
 51 Matt Kirby - Assistant Coach (First Season; William & Mary, 2003)  
 24 Justin Parker - Assistant Coach (Third Season; Wright State, 2012)  
 Justin Armistead - Associate A.D./Baseball (First Season; Virginia, 2008)  
 Mike Roberts - Director of Player Development and Scouting (First Season; VMI, 2012)  
 Justin Weiss - Basebal Operations Coordinator (First Season; Lafayette College, 2023)  
 Jonathan French - Data/Video Analytics Coordinator (Second Season; South Carolina, 2023)  
 Joe Savino - Pitching Coordinator (First Season; Elon, 2023; Virginia 2024)  
 Scott Shipman - Strength and Conditioning Coach (Fourth Season; Augusta University, 2013)  
 Jason Wire - Associate Athleti Trainer (16th Season; St. Cloud State, 2006)  
 Travis Reifsnider - Scouting/Assistant Recruiting Coordinator (First Season; James Madison, 2022; Virginia 2023)

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

## BY POSITION

**RHP - 16** (Stone, Beliveau, Booth, Rhodes, Sullivan, Billingsley, McPherson, Webb, Logar, Fowler, Davis, Pitzer, Sweeney, Spencer, Gleason, Schnoor)  
**LHP - 6** (T. Valincius, Foster, Kirk, Miller, Bauer, Burns)  
**C - 3** (Raymond, Milewski, Owen)  
**1B - 2** (Stallman, Bevis)  
**IF - 7** (Reese, Woodson, Wyers, James, Frontino, Frei, Sanders)  
**OF - 8** (Parker, Teel, Nunnallee, Stallman, V. Valincius, Bevis, Frei, Chance)  
**UTL - 5** (James, Beliveau, Sullivan, Mershon, Wortham)

## BY CLASS

**FRESHMEN - 11** (Parker, Kirk (RS), Beliveau, Booth [RS], Rhodes, Miller, Frontino, Bauer, Mershon, Wortham, Gleason [RS])  
**SOPHOMORES - 10** (T. Valincius, Nunnallee, Foster, Woodson, Stone, James, Raymond, McPherson, Spencer [RS], Burns)  
**JUNIORS - 9** (Reese, Teel [RS], Milewski, Billingsley, Webb, Logar, Fowler, Pitzer, Schnoor [RS])  
**SENIORS - 5** (Wyers, Bevis, Davis, Sweeney, Sanders)  
**GRADUATES - 6** (Stallman, V. Valincius, Sullivan, Owen, Frei, Chance)

## BY STATE

**MISSISSIPPI - 10** (Parker, Beliveau, Miller, Owen, Fowler, Davis, Chance, Spencer, Schnoor, Sanders)  
**NEW JERSEY - 4** (Teel, Wyers, Kirk, Logar)  
**FLORIDA - 4** (Woodson, Sullivan, Frontino, McPherson)  
**ILLINOIS - 3** (T. Valincius, V. Valincius, Bauer)  
**GEORGIA - 3** (Foster, Stone, Frei)  
**SOUTH CAROLINA - 3** (James, Mershon, Webb)  
**TEXAS - 2** (Reese, Burns)  
**ALABAMA - 2** (Booth, Billingsley)  
**TENNESSEE - 2** (Bevis, Gleason)  
**CALIFORNIA - 1** (Nunnallee)  
**IOWA - 1** (Stallman)  
**INDIANA - 1** (Rhodes)  
**MARYLAND - 1** (Raymond)  
**CONNECTICUT - 1** (Milewski)  
**MISSOURI - 1** (Wortham)  
**PENNSYLVANIA - 1** (Pitzer)  
**OKLAHOMA - 1** (Sweeney)

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

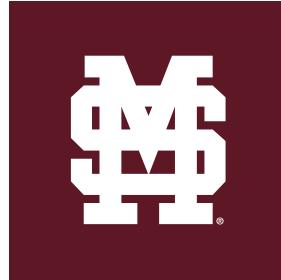
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 Tanner Beliveau Bell-iv-0  
 Kevin Milewski Mill-Eww-Ski  
 Peter Mershon Murr-Shawn  
 Blake Bevis Beavis  
 JT Schnoor S-newer



## PROJECTED STARTERS

2026 statistics listed | Probable starters based on previous games

Pos.	Name	Elg.	B/T	Ht./Wt.	Avg.	H	HR	RBI	Notes
C	Kevin Milewski	Jr.	R/R	6-5/235	.000	0	0	0	Second Team All-Big East last season; Started 52 games at Seton Hall; Led Pirates in HRs and RBIs; HR total in '25 ranked 4th in school history.
<b>1B</b> Reed Stallman Gr. L/L 6-3/200 .375 3 0 4									
Started all three games (two at first base; once as designated hitter); Brian O'Connor's most consistent offensive player of the preseason.									
<b>2B</b> Gehrig Frei Sr. S/R 6-1/210 .286 2 0 1									
Started games at four different positions last season (1-1B, 4-2B, 1-3B, 27-LF); Hit four leadoff home runs in 2025.									
<b>SS</b> Ryder Woodson So. R/R 6-3/190 .111 1 0 1									
NC State transfer has started all three games; Only had 30 at bats as a freshman; Homered three times - including a grand slam - in 2025 Auburn Regional.									
<b>3B</b> Ace Reese Jr. L/R 6-3/205 .417 5 1 4									
First team All-American; 2025 SEC Newcomer of the Year; Four of his five hits on Opening Weekend went for extra bases (three doubles, one homer).									
<b>LF</b> Bryce Chance Gr. R/R 5-10/180 .300 3 0 2									
Lone Bulldog to play for MSU prior to 2025; Former walk-on; 143 career starts; 1.000 career fielding percentage. Nickname is "Beans".									
<b>CF</b> Aidan Teel R-Jr. L/R 6-0/200 .222 2 0 2									
Started 50 games in CF for Brian O'Connor at Virginia last year; Led off 29 times (22 wins) in '25; Brother, Kyle, is a catcher for the White Sox.									
<b>RF</b> James Nunnallee So. L/R 6-1/190 .167 2 0 0									
Premier defender started 40 games as a freshman at Virginia last season; Hardest player to strikeout in the ACC in 2025 with a K-rate of 10.9.									
<b>DH</b> Noah Sullivan Gr. R/R 6-1/215 .400 2 0 0									
First team All-American; Started all 59 games at DH last season; The first CSC Academic All-American of the Year in program history.									



## TEAM STATISTICAL RANKINGS



### NCAA Category

Rank

(As of Feb. 15)

Base on Balls	96
Batting Average	190
Doubles	44
Hit By Pitch	137
Hits	208
Home Runs	183
On-Base Percentage	139
Runs	129
Sacrifice Bunts	82
Sacrifice Flies	119
Scoring	123
Slugging Percentage	175
Stolen Bases	98
Triples	--

### Pitching

Earned Run Average	74
Hit Batters	134
Hits Allowed Per 9 Inn.	82
Shutouts	--
Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio	24
Strikeouts Per 9 Innings	46
WHIP	50
Walks Allowed Per 9 Inn.	37

### Miscellaneous

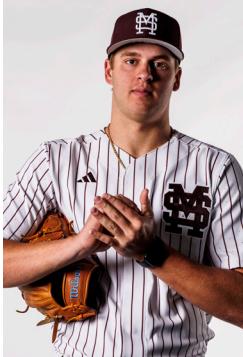
Double Plays Turned	164
Fielding Percentage	31
Triple Plays	--
RPI*	--

\*RPI data will be posted beginning March 16th

National statistical rankings listed above will be updated prior to each weekend series and midweek games.

## PITCHING PROBABLES

## GAME 1



**#11 DUKE STONE** RHP Soph.  
6-5 | 235 | Uvalda, Ga. | Jeff Davis HS  
**2026:** 1-0, 9.00 ERA, 1 G/0 GS, 2 IP, 3 H, 2 ER, 2 BB, 4 K  
**CAREER:** 1-0, 6.75 ERA, 6 G/0 GS, 6.2 IP, 9 H, 5 ER, 5 BB, 11 K

## 2026 SEASON

- Pitched two innings and earned the win in relief in the season opener vs. Hofstra on Feb. 13.

## 2026 GAME LOG

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	NP	ERA
2/13	HOFSTRA	W	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	4	47	9.00
		TOTALS	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	4	47	9.00

## GAME 2

TBA



## 2026 GAME LOG

DATE	OPP.	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	NP	ERA
		TOTALS									





## MISC. HITTING STATS

### 2026 MULTI-HIT GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	TOTAL
Ace Reese	2	-	-	-	2
Aidan Teel	1	-	-	-	1
Reed Stallman	1	-	-	-	1
Bryce Chance	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	-	-	-	<b>5</b>

### 2026 MULTI-RBI GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	TOTAL
Ace Reese	-	1	-	-	1
Reed Stallman	-	1	-	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>2</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>

### HITTING STREAKS

PLAYER	SEASON	CURRENT	CAREER
Ace Reese	3	3	22
Bryce Chance	2	2	18
Gehrig Frei	2	2	13*
Kevin Milewski	-	2*	12*
Noah Sullivan	2	10	10
Blake Bevis	-	6*	10*
Vytas Valincius	-	1*	10*
Drew Wyers	-	4*	9*
Aidan Teel	1	1	9*
Andrew Raymond	-	3*	8*
Gatlin Sanders	-	2	6
James Nunnallee	2	2	6*
Reed Stallman	2	-	6*
Chone James	1	1	3*
Ryder Woodson	1	1	2*

\* - indicates streaks from previous school

### HOME RUNS

PLAYER	TOTAL	'26	'25	'24	'23	'22
Blake Bevis	41	0	18*	12	11	--
Noah Sullivan	37	0	15	17*	2*	3*
Gehrig Frei	30	0	8	15*	7*	--
Ace Reese	29	1	21	7*	--	--
Reed Stallman	26	0	11	15*	--	--
Drew Wyers	21	0	11*	8*	2*	--
Vytas Valincius	19	0	7*	12*	0*	--
Kevin Milewski	17	0	16*	1*	--	--
Bryce Chance	12	0	4	6	2	--
Aidan Teel	10	0	7*	3*	--	--
Andrew Raymond	5	0	5*	--	--	--
Ryder Woodson	3	0	3*	--	--	--
James Nunnallee	1	0	1*	--	--	--

\* - indicates home runs from previous school

### O'CONNOR ERA BEGINS

- Moments after Mississippi State was eliminated in the finals of the 2025 Tallahassee Regional, the Bulldogs announced the hiring of hall of famer Brian O'Connor as its 19th head baseball coach.
- O'Connor comes to Starkville following a highly successful 22-year stint at Virginia where he led the Cavaliers to 18 NCAA Tournament appearances (including a stretch 14 straight), seven trips to the College World Series and the 2015 national championship. The 54-year old from Council Bluffs, Iowa is a three-time National Coach of the Year and was named ACC Coach of the Year five times. He led the Hoos to two ACC regular season championships, two ACC Tournament titles and was the national runner-up in 2014.
- O'Connor has five 50-win seasons and 13 seasons of at least 40 victories to his credit. He ranks second among active Division I coaches in career winning percentage (.702).
- The Creighton alum is one of eight active Division I coaches to win a national championship and one of only 20 people to play and also coach in the College World Series.
- O'Connor has produced 109 MLB Draft picks, 14 first round picks and 36 MLB players.

### SELECTING A STAFF

- Brian O'Connor brought most of his coaching staff with him from Virginia. Associate head coach Kevin McMullan, who serves as hitting and third base coach, was at O'Connor's side for all 22 years in Charlottesville. McMullan has twice been named the National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2024.
- Assistant coach Matt Kirby, who works with the catchers and is the first base coach, worked under O'Connor for 14 seasons at Virginia, including 12 as a volunteer assistant before being promoted to a full-time assistant and recruiting coordinator in 2023.
- Five other members of the Bulldogs' staff have spent time working for O'Connor at Virginia in their careers (Associate A.D./Baseball Justin Armistead, Director of Player Development and Scouting Mike Roberts, Director of Player Development Justin Weiss, Pitching Coordinator Joe Savino, Scouting/Assistant Recruiting Coordinator Travis Reifsnyder).

### RETAINING JUSTIN PARKER

- Brian O'Connor chose to retain one member of MSU's previous coaching staff in pitching coach Justin Parker.
- During his first two seasons in Starkville, Parker's pitching staffs have certainly been strikeout artists. The Bulldogs fanned 486 batters during Parker's first season in 2024, which is the fourth-most all-time in a single season in school history. They followed up with 494 K's last year, which ranks third all-time in MSU's annals.
- Parker was also promoted as Mississippi State's interim head coach last season following the dismissal of Chris Lemonis on April 28. The Diamond Dawgs closed out the regular season by winning nine of their final 10 regular season games, including sweeps of Kentucky and Missouri and a series win against archrival Ole Miss. MSU went 11-4 under Parker and reached the finals of the Tallahassee Regional.
- Parker has had 14 pitchers drafted during his two seasons at State, which is tied for the most of any program in the country during that span.
- Although Parker is well respected as a pitching coach, he was not a pitcher himself. The Fort Wayne, Indiana native was a two-time first team All-Horizon League shortstop at Wright State in 2007-08 as well as being tabbed to the Horizon League All-Newcomer Team as a freshman in 2006. He had a .359 career batting

average in college with 17 homers and 121 RBIs. Parker was drafted in the sixth round by Arizona and spent three seasons in the minor leagues playing for the Diamondbacks and Brewers organizations.

### TOP FIVE BATS ARE BACK

- Mississippi State hit a program-record 103 home runs last season and finished 2025 with a collective .304 batting average as a team.
- The Bulldogs have the luxury of having their top five hitters back this spring, all of which batted .317 or better.
- First team All-American Ace Reese led the team hitting .352 with 80 hits, 18 doubles, 21 homers, 66 RBIs, 163 total bases and a .718 slugging percentage.
- First team All-American Noah Sullivan was the only player to start all 59 games and was third in the SEC with a .475 on-base percentage. He also hit .345 with 70 hits, 16 doubles, 15 homers and 46 RBIs.
- Switch-hitter Gehrig Frei led off 33 times in 2015 while starting at four different positions (LF, 2B, 3B, 1B). Frei batted .345 with 11 doubles, eight homers and 17 RBIs. Half of his homers were leadoff long balls.
- Bryce Chance appeared in all but one game last season while batting .332 with 69 hits, 14 doubles, a triple, four homers, 43 RBIs and was second on the team with 10 steals in 11 attempts.
- Gatlin Sanders started 42 games at second base and committed only four errors all season. He also hit .317 at the plate with 44 hits, five doubles and drove in 23 runs.

### PORTAL POWER

- Mississippi State's roster consists of 26 newcomers - 18 of which were obtained from the transfer portal.
- According to D1Baseball, the Diamond Dawgs brought in the nation's No. 2 portal class, five of which chose to accompany coach Brian O'Connor from Virginia.
- Third team All-ACC outfielder Aidan Teel and ACC All-Freshman Team pitcher Tomas Valincius came to Starkville from the Cavaliers as did outfielder James Nunnallee (40) and infielder/utility man Chone James (15), who combined to start 55 games as true freshmen in 2025. Also making the move from Charlottesville was redshirt freshman lefty hurler William Kirk, who was the 2024 Gatorade Player of the Year in New Jersey.
- The Bulldogs also brought in five other all conference performers in their transfer class, including infielder Drew Wyers who was the 2025 America East Player of the Year at Bryant where he hit .407 with 11 homers and 50 RBIs.
- Valincius' older brother, Vytas, was a second team All-Big Ten outfielder at Illinois where he led the Illini in with a .348 batting average, 71 hits and 14 doubles.
- Catcher Kevin Milewski was a second team All-Big East performer at Seton Hall where he hit .303 with 16 homers and 58 RBIs as a sophomore last season.
- Maddox Webb became the first player from The Citadel to earn first team All-SoCon honors since 2017 after posting a 4-1 record with five saves last spring.
- First baseman/outfielder Blake Bevis is a two-time All-MAC performer at Ball State where he was a career .296 hitter with 41 long balls and 146 runs batted in.
- Other portal additions include pitchers Jackson Logar (James Madison), Tyler Pitzer (South Carolina) and Brendan Sweeney (South Carolina), catcher Andrew Raymond (George Mason) and infielder Ryder Woodson (NC State).
- MSU also added a pair of arms from instate junior colleges in Chris Billingsley Jr. (East Central) and Peyton Fowler (Meridian).

**ALL-AMERICAN TRIO**

- Three members of MSU's roster were tabbed preseason All-Americans entering the 2026 campaign.
- Third baseman Ace Reese was named a first team selection by Perfect Game and Baseball America and a second teamer by D1Baseball and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. The NCBWA selected Reese as a first team All-American last season and received second team honors from D1Baseball, Baseball America and the American Association of Baseball Coaches. He also garnered third team All-America honors from Perfect Game in 2025.
- Noah Sullivan drew first preseason first team recognition from the NCBWA as a designated hitter/utility player. Sullivan was also a 2025 first team selection by the NCBWA and a third team All-American by Baseball America.
- Virginia transfer Aidan Teel also received preseason praise from the NCBWA after being named a fourth team All-American.
- State has had 85 student-athletes selected as All-Americans, earning a total of 165 honors during its storied history.

**COMING UP ACES**

- Ace Reese's sophomore season at Mississippi State was one of the finest in school history and walked away with multiple SEC and national honors last year.
- Reese led the Diamond Dawgs batting .352 with 80 hits, 18 doubles, 21 homers, 66 RBIs, 163 total bases and a .718 slugging percentage which ranking in the top seven in the SEC in each of those categories.
- Reese's 21 homers in 2025 were the eighth-most in a single season in MSU history.
- The Canton, Texas native also produced 25 multi-hit games, 20 multi-RBI games and five multi-homer games.
- Reese was tabbed as an All-American by the NCBWA (first team), D1Baseball (second team), Baseball America (second team), ABCA (second team) and Perfect Game (third team).
- The third baseman was also named the SEC Newcomer of the Year and a first team All-SEC selection.

**THE SMARTEST MAN IN COLLEGE BASEBALL**

- Mississippi State's Noah Sullivan was selected as the 2025 Division I Baseball Academic All-American of the Year by College Sports Communicators.
- Sullivan is the first player in program history to be named an Academic All-American of the Year and the 20th Diamond Dawg to be named to the CSC Academic All-American Team. MSU players have been tabbed Academic All-America 25 times total.
- Sullivan posted a perfect 4.0 grade point average as a graduate student majoring in workforce education leadership. He was one of only three players from the Southeastern Conference selected to the CSC Academic All-America first team.

**THE VALINCUS BROTHERS**

- For the first time in their careers, the Valincius brothers will be playing on the same baseball team.
- Older brother, Vytas, was a second team All-Big Ten outfielder at Illinois last season where he hit .348 with 71 hits and 14 doubles to lead the Illini in each of those categories. He played at Illinois (2024-25), John A. Logan Community College (2023) and South Carolina (2022) during his career.
- Younger brother, Tomas, was a member of the ACC All-Freshman team in 2025 after posting a 6-1 record in 12 starts at Virginia. He ranked second on the team with 70 strikeouts through a team-high 64 2/3 innings and made four quality starts.
- Although the Valincius brothers share the

diamond and the same last name, they do differ on how each pronounces it. Vytas prefers his last name to be said as "Vuh-lyn-see-us" while Tomas says it as "Vuh-link-cuss". Neither brother pronounces it the way it's supposed to be said in their parent's native Lithuania, which is "Vuh-lynch-us". Both brothers have nicknames as well. Vytas goes by "Vito" and Tomas answers to "Tico".

**THAT'S JACK BAUER!**

- Southpaw pitcher Jack Bauer is rated the No. 1 freshman in the nation by D1Baseball and Perfect Game as well as the Preseason Freshman of the Year by Baseball America.
- Bauer is credited with throwing the fastest pitch ever recorded by a prep pitcher at 103 miles per hour.
- Bauer was rated the No. 44 prospect by MLB.com entering the 2025 draft.
- The Frankfort, Illinois native was originally committed to Brian O'Connor at Virginia and flipped his pledge when O'Connor took the MSU job.
- Bauer was named after Kiefer Sutherland's character in the hit TV show '24' which is also why he chose that for his uniform number.
- MLB.com interviewed Sutherland about Bauer and said "To see someone excel at that level at such a young age, and the fact that he has the last name Bauer and his parents chose to call him Jack...it's kind of fun for me. Like I said, I'm not the most avid baseball fan, but now I've got something to root for."
- Despite it being his namesake, Bauer had never seen '24' but began binge watching the series in December during his Christmas break.

**TAKE A CHANCE ON ME**

- Graduate Bryce Chance is the lone member of Mississippi State's roster that played for the Bulldogs prior to 2025.
- Chance walked onto the team and redshirted in 2022 but has appeared in 158 games and made 143 starts as an outfielder in the four seasons since.
- The lifelong MSU fan has maintained a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage while also hitting .312 with 29 doubles, two triples, 12 homers, 101 RBIs and 23 steals over the course of his career.
- Chance married his wife Abby during the offseason this past July and his father Chris was a longtime member of MSU's statcrew for football and basketball.
- The Ridgeland native got the nickname "Beans" from former Diamond Dawg catcher Logan Tanner who said he looked like the character Bernard "Beans" Aranguren from the Disney Channel show "Even Stevens".

**MAROON AND WHITE FAITHFUL**

- Of the top 25 all-time college baseball on-campus attendances, Dudy Noble Field finds itself on the list 24 times, most notably owning the all-time on-campus attendance record of 16,423 on April 15, 2023.
- The Bulldogs own all of the top 20 marks in NCAA on-campus history and are the only NCAA baseball program to boast oncampus attendances of 14,000 or more.
- The five largest NCAA Super Regional crowds have all assembled in Starkville, Mississippi, as well. From April 14-16, 2023, the Bulldog faithful flooded the gates at Dudy Noble Field to the tune of 43,986 fans for a three-game series versus Ole Miss. The nearly 44,000 fans on the weekend set an NCAA on-campus attendance record for a three-game series.
- During the 2025 season, the Diamond Dawg faithful showed up in droves as 330,009 fans appeared for 30 games at The Dude with Mississippi State receiving the second-largest average attendance in the nation, averaging 11,000 fans per game. The Diamond Dawgs had 10,000+ fans at 18 home games in 2025.

**SEC SWEEPS****MSU at HOME VS.**

Alabama	.....	April 12-14, 2019
Arkansas	.....	April 20-21, 2018
Auburn	.....	April 19-21, 2024
Florida	.....	May 17-19, 2018
Georgia	.....	April 26-28, 2019
Kentucky	.....	May 3-4, 2025
LSU	.....	April 20-21, 1985
Ole Miss	.....	May 18-19, 2002
Missouri	.....	May 5-7, 2016
Oklahoma	.....	Never
South Carolina	.....	Never
Tennessee	.....	March 24-26, 2017
Texas	.....	Never
Texas A&M	.....	April 30-May 1, 2021
Vanderbilt	.....	March 11-12, 2000

**MSU ON THE ROAD VS.**

Alabama	.....	May 20-22, 2021
Arkansas	.....	March 21-23, 2003
Auburn	.....	April 9-11, 2021
Florida	.....	Never
Georgia	.....	March 28-30, 1997
Kentucky	.....	April 1-3, 1994
LSU	.....	April 18-19, 1981
Ole Miss	.....	May 10-12, 2019
Missouri	.....	May 15-17, 2025
Oklahoma	.....	Never
South Carolina	.....	Never
Tennessee	.....	May 6-8, 2011
Texas A&M	.....	April 12-14, 2013
Texas	.....	Never
Vanderbilt	.....	April 20-21, 1991

**TOP 25 CROWDS AT THE DUDE**

Rank	Attendance	Opponent	Date
1.	16,423	*	Ole Miss April 15, 2023
2.	15,586	Ole Miss	April 12, 2014
3.	15,078	Texas A&M	April 16, 2016
4.	14,991	Florida	April 22, 1989
5.	14,739	Ole Miss	April 14, 2023
6.	14,562	Auburn	April 20, 2013
7.	14,468	Ole Miss	May 9, 2025
8.	14,385	#	Notre Dame June 12, 2021
9.	14,378	LSU	April 16, 1988
10.	14,320	Arizona State	Feb. 25, 2023
11.	14,273	Alabama	May 4, 2024
12.	14,228	LSU	April 9, 2022
13.	14,077	Alabama	March 26, 2022
14.	13,974	LSU	March 16, 2024
15.	13,971	#	Notre Dame June 13, 2021
16.	13,970	Kentucky	May 3, 2025
17.	13,761	Arkansas	April 25, 1992
18.	13,715	#	Clemson June 9, 2007
19.	13,691	Kentucky	April 8, 2017
20.	13,617	Georgia	April 8, 2006
21.	13,477	Georgia	April 6, 2024
22.	13,452	#	Arizona June 11, 2016
23.	13,357	Auburn	April 19, 2024
24.	13,351	Long Beach State	Feb. 19, 2022
25.	13,338	Ole Miss	April 17, 2021

\* - **NCAA on-campus attendance record**

# - **NCAA Super Regional**

**NOTE:** Mississippi State owns 140 crowds of 10,000-plus in the history of the program. The top 20 crowds in Dudy Noble Field history are also the top 20 on-campus crowds in NCAA history. Dudy Noble Field has hosted 24 of the top 25 on-campus crowds in NCAA history.



## DRAFT SUCCESS

- MSU saw seven players selected in the 2025 MLB Draft and has had 18 total players taken in the past two drafts.
- Pitchers Pico Kohn (4th Rd/Yankees), Evan Siary (8th Rd/Rangers), Karson Ligon (9th Rd/Blue Jays), Luke Dotson (11th Rd/Diamondbacks), Nate Williams (13th Rd/Cubs) and Jacob Pruitt (15th Rd/Phillies) were all drafted along with the program's all-time home run king in first baseman Hunter Hines (10th/Nationals).
- The Diamond Dawgs have had 14 pitchers drafted over the past two years, which is tied for the most in the nation during that span.
- State has had 241 draft selections (200 student-athletes) during its storied history, including 20 first round picks.

## MADE OUT LIKE BANDITS

- D1Baseball's Mark Etheridge wrote that "the Bulldogs made out like bandits" in regards to the 2025 MLB Draft getting blue-chip prep signees Jack Bauer and Jacob Parker to campus along with Ben Davis, Gehrig Frei, Noah Sullivan and Bryce Chance also electing to return for their final years.
- Parker was rated the No. 109 draft prospect by MLB.com entering the draft and was selected in the 19th round (573rd overall) by Arizona.
- Bauer went undrafted despite being ranked the No. 44 draft prospect by MLB.com.
- Ultimately, Mississippi State suffered three draft casualties. Parker's twin brother JoJo, a shortstop, was taken eighth overall by Toronto while right-handed pitchers Landon Harmon (East Union Attendance Center) and Davion Hickson (Rice transfer) were selected in the third and fifth rounds, respectively.

## NEW DAWGS ON DECK

- Mississippi State inked 16 members of its 2026 signing class during the fall.
- Perfect Game rated the Diamond Dawgs with the No. 6 class nationally, including five players in its top 100.
- Wilson Andersen, RHP, Tampa, Fla. (Tampa Jesuit)
- Will Brick, C, Memphis, Tenn. (Christian Brothers)
- Landon Brown, INF, Rossharon, Texas (Iowa Colony)
- Jake Carbaugh, RHP, Plant City, Fla. (Plant City)
- Noah Danza, INF, Turnersville, N.J. (Gloucester Catholic)
- Beckett Doane, LHP, Noblesville, Ill. (Noblesville)
- Peyton Furgens, INF, Plano, Texas (McClennan CC)
- Zach Geertsma, INF, Berkeley Heights, N.J. (Livingston)
- Michael Hanna, LHP, Oradell, N.J. (Don Bosco Prep)
- Dax Hardcastle, INF, Stockton, Calif. (St. Mary's)
- Harlin Hovater, C, Senatobia, Miss. (Meridian CC)
- Denton Lord, RHP, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. (South Walton)
- Rocco Maniscalco, INF, Oxford, Ala. (Oxford)
- Daniel Nienaber, RHP, Glen Allen, Va. (Glen Allen)
- Martin Shelar, OF, Atlanta, Ga. (Marist School)
- Hunter Strohm, C, Hummelstown, Penn. (Lower Dauphin)

## DAWGS ON TEAM USA

- Ryan McPherson and Ace Reese represented their home country in The Land of the Rising Sun as members of the United States Collegiate National Team last summer.
- McPherson and Reese were part of a 26-man roster that competed abroad in the 45th USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Series.
- Mississippi State was one of only nine programs to have multiple players on the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team. Brian O'Connor had two of his former Virginia players don the Stars and Stripes as well.
- Virginia transfer and current Bulldog Tomas Valincius also took part in the five-day training camp for the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team.
- Since 1984, 23 Diamond Dawgs (17 players, six coaches) have been selected to Team USA.

## THE MUSTACHE MAN

- The origin of Noah Sullivan's now signature facial hair started innocently enough.
- In the fall of 2024 after transferring in from USC Upstate, Sullivan was suggested to try a Rollie Fingers-esque handlebar mustache by former hitting coach Jake Gautreau. A little mustache wax later and Sullivan had his trademark look.
- Sullivan's mustache became an instant viral sensation with the Maroon and White faithful and it wasn't long before children began wearing fake mustaches throughout Dudy Noble Field.

## ALL ABOUT THE THREADS

- Deion Sanders famously said "If you look good, you feel good. If you feel good, you play good." Below is a list of how MSU fared in each of its uniforms over the last three seasons:

Uniform	2024	2025	2026
Black Script State	9-3	8-5	--
Gray Script State	3-2	2-4	--
Maroon Script State	4-3	3-0	--
Shades Script State	--	--	--
Maroon '85s	12-5	11-7	1-0
White '85s	10-4	5-3	1-0
White Pinstripes	1-4	6-2	1-0
Gray Pinstripes	1-2	1-2	--

## TWO-WAY TALENTS

- Noah Sullivan and Tanner Beliveau are expected to contribute at the plate and on the mound for the Bulldogs this season.
- Sullivan was the lone player to start all 59 games for State last season, all as a designated hitter where he was second on the team batting .345 with 70 hits, 16 doubles, 15 home runs and 46 RBIs. He also ranked third in the SEC with a .475 on-base percentage and reached base in 33 consecutive games during one stretch last spring.
- Sullivan also made seven midweek starts on the mound where he posted a 1.96 earned run average with 15 strikeouts and just three walks through 18 1/3 innings but did not factor into a decision.
- Beliveau will primarily be used as a reliever, possessing a high-90s fastball. He did hit .411 with 10 homers and 43 RBIs during his senior campaign at Petal High School and slugged a homer during State's fall exhibition game against Louisiana Tech.
- Aidan Teel, Braden Booth, Chris Billingsley Jr., Blake Bevis and Ben Davis have all been two-way players during their college careers.
- MSU has had success with past two-way players Mitch Moreland, Hunter Renfroe, Jay Powell, Bobby Thigpen, Brandon Woodruff, Jake Mangum and Pete Young all reaching the big leagues.

## IT'S IN THE GENES

- Many of Mississippi State's squad have parents and/or siblings that also played collegiate sports as well.
- Seven Bulldogs have fathers that played professionally and three also have a brother currently in pro ball.
- Jacob Parker: JoJo (twin brother) Blue Jays MiLB 2025-present
- Aidan Teel: Garet (dad) Dodgers MiLB 1989-1992
- Aidan Teel: Kyle (brother) White Sox MLB 2025-present
- Ryder Woodson: Kerry (dad) Mariners MLB 1992
- Chone James: Willie (dad) Braves MiLB 2002-06
- Maddox Miller: Matt (dad) Rockies, Indians MLB 2003-07
- Peter Mershon: Brian (dad) Reds MiLB 1987
- Peter Mershon: David (brother) Angels MiLB 2024-present
- Blake Bevis: Bob (dad) Blue Jays MiLB 1987
- Dane Burns: Chris (dad) Sharks NHL 1992 Draft Pick (goalie)

## 2026 RON POLK RING OF HONOR

- Two Major League managers and a World Series champion comprise this year's Ron Polk Ring of Honor Class.
- Nat "Buck" Showalter, Alex Grammas and Chris Stratton will be the latest group of Mississippi State Baseball legends to be immortalized onto the pillars of the Adkerson Plaza in right field at Dudy Noble Field/Polk/DeMent Stadium.
- The Diamond Dawg trio becomes the eighth class to be enshrined into the prestigious Ron Polk Ring of Honor, which was established in 2019. Showalter, Grammas and Stratton's induction day will be announced at a later date.

### NAT "BUCK" SHOWALTER (1977)

Only spent one year in Starkville but it was a memorable one, establishing a new single-season batting average record hitting an astounding .459 (67-for-146). Was a fifth-round draft pick by the Yankees and spent seven seasons playing in the Minor Leagues, rising to Triple-A. Began his coaching career in the Yankees farm system in 1985 and was named the manager of the big-league Yankees in 1992 and served in that capacity for four years. Also managed the Diamondbacks (1998-2000), Rangers (2003-06), Orioles (2010-18) and Mets (2022-23). Became the third manager in MLB history to be named Manager of the Year four times and the only one to do so in four different decades. Won 1,727 career games and coached six playoff teams. Served as a television analyst for ESPN's Baseball Tonight and appeared as himself on the hit TV show, *Seinfeld*.

### CHRIS STRATTON (2010-12)

As a junior in 2012, became MSU's first consensus first team All-American in 27 years. Closed out his collegiate career ranked third in program history with 279 strikeouts. Named the National and SEC Pitcher of the Year and won the Ferriss Trophy in 2012 after posting an 11-2 record with a 2.38 ERA and 127 strikeouts in 109 2/3 innings. Fanned a career-best 17 batters in an 8 2/3-inning start at LSU on March 17, 2012. Was drafted in the first round (20th overall) by San Francisco in 2012. Pitched for a decade as a starter and reliever in the Major Leagues for the Giants, Angels, Pirates, Cardinals, Rangers, Royals and Dodgers. Won a World Series with Texas in 2023.

### ALEX GRAMMAS (1947-49)

Was a two-time first team All-SEC selection at shortstop in 1948-49. Also earned first team All Region honors after leading the team in home runs and RBIs in 1949. Played 10 seasons in the Major Leagues with the St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds and Chicago Cubs from 1954-63. Began his coaching career in 1964 as the manager of the Cubs' Double-A affiliate, the Fort Worth Cats. Went on to work as an assistant coach in four World Series and won two championships with Cincinnati (1975) and Detroit (1984). Was the manager for Pittsburgh for the final five games of the 1969 season and served as manager for Milwaukee during the 1976-77 seasons.

## OMADAWGS

- Mississippi State is one of four programs in NCAA History to play in the NCAA Men's College World Series in six-straight decades?
- The Bulldogs join Arizona State, Texas and Florida State as the only teams that have been to Omaha in six decades.
- MSU has played in the CWS in the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s and 2020s.
- MSU has reached Omaha 12 times in program history, including three consecutive trips from 2018-21. The Bulldogs played in the 1971, 1979, 1981, 1985, 1990, 1997, 1998, 2007, 2013, 2018, 2019 and 2021 College World Series.
- The Omadawgs have one national championship (2021), a runner-up finish (2013) and two third-place finishes in program history (1985, 2018).



## STATE TO THE SHOW

### Diamond Dawgs Playing in Major League Baseball

Name (Yrs. at MSU)	Pos.	Organization
Eric Cerantola (2019-21)	RHP	Kansas City Royals
Justin Foscue (2018-20)	IF	Texas Rangers
J.T. Ginn (2019-20)	RHP	Athletics
Jake Mangum (2016-19)	OF	Pittsburgh Pirates
Brent Rooker (2014-17)	OF	Athletics
Jordan Westburg (2018-20)	IF	Baltimore Orioles
Brandon Woodruff (2012-14)	RHP	Milwaukee Brewers

### Diamond Dawgs in Minor League Baseball

Name (Yrs. at MSU)	Pos.	Organization (Level)
Brooks Auger (2022-24)	RHP	Los Angeles Dodgers (A)
Will Bednar (2020-21)	RHP	San Francisco Giants (AAA)
Juranelo Cijntje (2023-24)	SHP	St. Louis Cardinals (AA)
Nate Dohm (2023-24)	RHP	St. Louis Cardinals (A+)
Luke Dotson (2024-25)	LHP	Arizona Diamondbacks (R)
J.P. France (2018)	RHP	Houston Astros (AAA)
Adam Frazier (2011-13)	2B	Los Angeles Angels (AAA)
Jackson Fristoe (2021-22)	RHP	New York Yankees (A+)
Tyson Hardin (2023-24)	RHP	Milwaukee Brewers (AA)
Houston Harding (2020-21)	LHP	Los Angeles Angels (AA)
Hunter Hines (2022-25)	1B	Washington Nationals (R)
Colby Holcombe (2023-24)	RHP	Toronto Blue Jays (A)
Connor Hujšak (2023-24)	OF	Tampa Bay Rays (A)
K.C. Hunt (2021-23)	RHP	Milwaukee Brewers (AA)
Kamren James (2020-22)	IF	Tampa Bay Rays (AA)
Dakota Jordan (2023-24)	OF	San Francisco Giants (A)
Pick Kohn (2022-25)	LHP	New York Yankees (R)
Colton Ledbetter (2023)	OF	St. Louis Cardinals (AA)
Karson Ligon (2024-25)	RHP	Toronto Blue Jays (R)
Christian MacLeod (2020-21)	LHP	Minnesota Twins (AAA)
David Mershon (2023-24)	IF	Los Angeles Angels (AA)
Aaron Nixon (2023)	RHP	New York Yankees (A)
Konnor Pilkington (2016-18)	LHP	Detroit Tigers (AAA)
Jacob Pruitt (2025)	RHP	Philadelphia Phillies (R)
Cam Schuelke (2024)	RHP	Cleveland Guardians (A)
Evan Siary (2023-25)	RHP	Texas Rangers (A)
Landon Sims (2020-22)	RHP	Arizona Diamondbacks (AA)
Cade Smith (2021-23)	RHP	New York Yankees (A+)
Khal Stephen (2024)	RHP	Cleveland Guardians (AA)
Logan Tanner (2020-22)	C	Cincinnati Reds (A+)
Andrew Walling (2022)	LHP	Philadelphia Phillies (AAA)
Nate Williams (2023-25)	RHP	Chicago Cubs (R)

### Diamond Dawgs Coaching in Professional Baseball

Name (Yrs. at MSU)	Organization	Team (Level)
Travis Chapman (1997-2000)	Cleveland Guardians	MiLB Field Coordinator
Carlisle Koestler (2020-21)	Texas Rangers	Supervisor/Dominican Republic Pitching Dev.

### Diamond Dawgs Working in Professional Baseball

Name (Yrs. at MSU)	Organization	Role
Jeff Brantley (1982-85)	Cincinnati Reds	Broadcaster
Will Clark (1983-85)	San Francisco Giants	Special Assistant

Mississippi State has produced 71 MLB players during its storied history. Among that group are 13 All-Stars (30 selections) and seven World Series Champions.



## THE LAST TIME...

# - SEC Tournament | % - NCAA Regional | ^ - NCAA Super Regional | \$ - College World Series

### A MISSISSIPPI STATE TEAM...

Won 15+ Consecutive Games	17 - February 15-March 8, 2013
Won 10+ Consecutive Games	14 - February 23-March 16, 2019
Won 10+ Consecutive SEC Games	12 - April 30-May 25, 2016
Won 5+ Consecutive SEC Games	.5 - April 30-May 8, 2021
Lost 5+ Consecutive Games	7 - April 27-May 12, 2023
Lost 5+ Consecutive SEC Games	6 - March 22-April 4, 2025
Swept a Three-Game Series	Missouri; May 15-17, 2025
at Home	Kentucky; May 3-4, 2025
on The Road	Missouri; May 15-17, 2025
Swept a Non-Conference Three-Game Series	Hofstra; Feb. 13-14, 2026
at Home	Hofstra; Feb. 13-14, 2026
on The Road	at Hawaii-Hilo; 1985
Swept a Three-Game SEC Series	Missouri; May 15-17, 2025
at Home	Kentucky; May 3-4, 2025
on The Road	Missouri; May 15-17, 2025
Was Swept in a Three-Game Series	LSU, March 27-29, 2025
at Home	Texas, March 14-16, 2025
on The Road	at LSU, March 27-29, 2025
Was Swept in a Three-Game Non-Conference Series	at Southern Miss; February 16-18, 2018
at Home	Southeastern Louisiana; February 26-28, 2010
on The Road	at Southern Miss; February 16-18, 2018
Was Swept in a Three-Game SEC Series	at LSU, March 27-29, 2025
at Home	Texas, March 14, 2025
on The Road	at LSU, March 27-29, 2025
Played An Extra-Inning Game	W, 6-5 (11 innings) vs. Kentucky; May 3, 2025
Won An Extra-Inning Game	W, 6-5 (11 innings) vs. Kentucky; May 3, 2025
Lost An Extra-Inning Game	L, 8-7 (10 innings) vs. Ole Miss; April 22, 2025
Played Consecutive Extra-Inning Games	May 4-5, 2018; at Alabama, W, 14-12 (10 innings) and L, 3-4 (10 innings)
Won Consecutive Games in Extra-Inning	.May 10-11, 2014; Tennessee, W, 1-0 (10 innings) and W, 4-3 (12 innings)
Won on a Walk-Off	W, 6-5 (11 innings) vs. Kentucky; May 3, 2025
Joe Powell RBI single the 11th inning	
Won Consecutive Games Via A Walk-Off	April 12 & 14, 2022; UAB, W, 6-5 and Auburn W, 7-6
Kamren James RBI sac fly in the 10th inning (UAB)	
Luke Hancock RBI walk in the ninth inning (Auburn)	

### A MISSISSIPPI STATE OFFENSE...

Scored 30+ Runs	.32 - Jackson State; April 29, 1988
Scored 25+ Runs	25 - at Missouri; May 15, 2025
Scored 20+ Runs	25 - at Missouri; May 15, 2025
Scored 15+ Runs	25 - at Missouri; May 15, 2025
Scored 10+ Runs In An Inning	10 - at Missouri (9th); May 15, 2025
Scored 9+ Runs In An Inning	10 - at Missouri (9th); May 15, 2025
Scored 8+ Runs In An Inning	10 - at Missouri (9th); May 15, 2025
Had 30+ Hits	.30 - Kentucky; April 30, 1989
Had 25+ Hits	.26 - Little Rock; February 28, 1999
Had 20+ Hits	.23 - at Missouri May 15, 2025
Had 20+ Hits in Back-to-Back Games	.Auburn (20, 21); March 23-24, 2019
Had 8+ Home Runs	.8 - at Missouri; May 15, 2025
Had 5+ Home Runs	8 - at Missouri; May 15, 2025
Hit Back-To-Back Home Runs	9th Inning, Noah Sullivan(2R HR)/Hunter Hines (Solo) - at Missouri; May 15 2025
Hit Back-To-Back-To-Back Home Runs	3rd Inning, Kellum Clark(2R HR)/Brad Cumbest (Solo)/RJ Yeager (Solo) - Southern; March 23, 2022
Had 3+ Triples	.3 - Southern Cal; March 14, 2004
Had 8+ Doubles	.8 - Auburn; March 24, 2019
Had 7+ Doubles	.7 - UAB; April 20, 2021
Had 6+ Doubles	.6 - at Alabama; April 11, 2025
Had 10+ Walks	.10 - Memphis; March 19, 2024
Had 9+ Stolen Bases	.10 - Arkansas-Pine Bluff; March 18, 2017
Had 8+ Stolen Bases	.10 - Arkansas-Pine Bluff; March 18, 2017
Didn't Strikeout in a Game	Grambling; April 4, 2023
Didn't Walk in a Game	.South Carolina, April 5, 2025
Had Two or Fewer Strikeouts	0 - Grambling; April 4, 2023
Was Shut Out	vs. Texas A&M (0-9); May 21, 2025
at Home	.Long Beach State (0-3); February 18, 2022
on The Road	.at Southern Miss (0-3); Feb. 18, 2025
Back-To-Back Games	.Auburn (0-5, 0-4); March 27-28, 2015
Three-Straight Games	.vs. Southern Miss (0-3); March 24, 2015 and Auburn (0-5, 0-4); March 27-28, 2015

### A MISSISSIPPI STATE DEFENSE...

Turned 5+ Double Plays	.5 - San Diego; March 8, 2015
Turned 4+ Double Plays	.5 - San Diego; March 8, 2015
Turned 3+ Double Plays	.3 - vs. Ole Miss May 10, 2025
Turned A Triple Play	.Auburn-Montgomery, March 9, 1991
Had 5+ Errors	.5 - at Oklahoma March 22, 2025
Had 4+ Errors	.5 - at Oklahoma March 22, 2025
Tore Out 3 Base Runners	.3 - Logan Tanner; Tulane; February 26, 2021



## THE LAST TIME...

# - SEC Tournament | % - NCAA Regional | ^ - NCAA Super Regional | \$ - College World Series

### MISSISSIPPI STATE PITCHING STAFF...

Threw a No-Hitter . . . . .	Jackson Fristoe (6 IP), Landon Sims (1 IP), Mikey Tepper (1 2/3 IP), Cam Tullar (1/3 IP); Kent State, March 7, 2021
Held Opponent To 1 Hit . . . . .	at Texas A&M; May 3, 2019
Held Opponent To 2 Hits . . . . .	at Alabama; April 13, 2025
Struck Out 25+ Batters . . . . .	26 - at LSU; 1999
Struck Out 20+ Batters . . . . .	20 - Troy; Feb. 25, 2025
Struck Out 15+ Batters . . . . .	15 - at Florida State; June 1, 2025
Did Not Issue A Walk . . . . .	at LSU; Feb. March 28, 2025
Shut Out An Opponent . . . . .	South Carolina (6-0); April 6, 2025
at Home . . . . .	South Carolina (6-0); April 6, 2025
on The Road . . . . .	at Ole Miss (8-0); April 12, 2024
Neutral Site Game . . . . .	vs. Vanderbilt (9-0); June 30, 2021 \$
Postseason Game . . . . .	vs. Vanderbilt (9-0); June 30, 2021 \$
Back-To-Back Shutouts . . . . .	2021 (Kent State, March 7 [13-0]; Grambling, March 9 [10-0] and Louisiana-Lafayette, March 10 [4-0])
Three-Straight Shutouts . . . . .	2021 (Kent State, March 7 [13-0]; Grambling, March 9 [10-0] and Louisiana-Lafayette, March 10 [4-0]; Eastern Michigan, March 12
[14-0])	
Four-Straight Shutouts . . . . .	2021 (Kent State, March 7 [13-0]; Grambling, March 9 [10-0] and Louisiana-Lafayette, March 10 [4-0]; Eastern Michigan, March 12
[14-0])	
Shut Out An SEC Opponent . . . . .	South Carolina (6-0); April 6, 2025
at Home . . . . .	South Carolina (6-0); April 6, 2025
On The Road . . . . .	at Ole Miss (8-0); April 12, 2024
Neutral Site . . . . .	vs. Vanderbilt (9-0); June 30, 2021 \$
<b>A MISSISSIPPI STATE BATTER HAD...</b>	
Hit for the Cycle . . . . .	Brad Freeman; South Alabama, February 17, 1998
Walk-Off Hit . . . . .	Joe Powell (RBI single); vs. Kentucky; May 3, 2025
8+ At-Bats . . . . .	8 - Jordan Westburg, Tanner Allen & Rowdye Jordan vs. LSU, May 22, 2019 #
6+ Hits . . . . .	6 - Adam Frazier; at Virginia, June 8, 2013
5+ Hits . . . . .	5 - Dakota Jordan; vs. St. John's, June 2, 2024 %
4+ Hits . . . . .	4 - Bryce Chance; vs. Northeastern, May 30, 2025
2+ Hits In An Inning . . . . .	Hunter Hines (HR, HR; 9th Inning); at Missouri, May 15, 2025
5+ Runs . . . . .	5 - Jon Knott; Little Rock, February 28, 1999
4+ Runs . . . . .	4 - Ace Reese; at Missouri, May 16, 2025
3+ Doubles . . . . .	3 - Justin Foscue; Georgia, April 26, 2019
2+ Triples . . . . .	2 - C.T. Bradford; at Arizona, March 9, 2014
3+ Home Runs . . . . .	3 - Joe Powell; vs. North Alabama, May 14, 2024
2+ Home Runs . . . . .	2 - Reed Stallman, Ace Reese, Hunter Hines; at Missouri, May 15, 2025
Two Homers In Same Inning . . . . .	Hunter Hines (9th Inning); at Missouri, May 15, 2025
Consecutive Two-Homer Games . . . . .	Aaron Downs; vs. Queens, March 8-9, 2025
Inside-The-Park Home Run . . . . .	Cody Brown; vs. Kentucky, April 7, 2017
Leadoff Home Run (Top or bottom of 1st inning) . . . . .	Gehrig Frei (Top 1st); at Florida State; June 1, 2025
Walk-Off Home Run . . . . .	Dakota Jordan (3R HR); vs. St. John's; May 31, 2024 %
Pinch Hit Home Run . . . . .	Steven Spalitka; vs. Southern; April 15, 2025
Hit a Grand Slam . . . . .	Noah Sullivan; Troy, Feb. 25, 2025
Multiple Grand Slams . . . . .	Never
A Pinch-Hit Grand Slam . . . . .	Never
10+ RBIs . . . . .	11 - Jason Nappi; at UAB, March 18, 2008
9+ RBIs . . . . .	9 - Ryan Duffy; vs. Jackson State, April 6, 2010
8+ RBIs . . . . .	8 - Brent Rooker; vs. Indiana State, February 24, 2017
7+ RBIs . . . . .	7 - Kellum Clark vs. Princeton, March 11, 2022
10+ Total Bases . . . . .	10 - Ace Reese, Hunter Hines; Missouri, May 15, 2025
4+ Walks . . . . .	4 - Logan Kohler; Evansville, March 10, 2024
3+ Walks . . . . .	3 - Noah Sullivan, Hunter Hines; vs. Memphis, April 29, 2025
4+ Stolen Bases . . . . .	4 - David Mershon; LSU, March 17, 2024
3+ Stolen Bases . . . . .	3 - Amani Larry; Nicholls, March 14, 2023
Stole Home . . . . .	Connor Hujak; Samford, March 28, 2023
4+ Hit By Pitches . . . . .	4 - Rowdye Jordan; at Auburn, April 11, 2021
3+ Hit By Pitches . . . . .	4 - Rowdye Jordan; at Auburn, April 11, 2021
<b>A MISSISSIPPI STATE PITCHER HAD...</b>	
A Perfect Game . . . . .	J.T. Peatross; Mississippi College (1-0), 1918
A No-Hitter . . . . .	Jackson Fristoe (6 IP), Landon Sims (1 IP), Mikey Tepper (1 2/3 IP), Cam Tullar (1/3 IP); Kent State, March 7, 2021
A Complete Game No-Hitter . . . . .	Gene Morgan (7 IP); at Hawaii-Hilo (2-0), April 6, 1985
A Complete Game (9 Inn.) . . . . .	Jacob Billingsley; at Southern Miss (8-1), June 6, 2017 %
A Complete Game (7 Inn.) . . . . .	J.T. Ginn; at Texas A&M (1-0), May 4, 2019
Complete-Game 1-Hitter . . . . .	Unknown
Complete-Game 2-Hitter . . . . .	Ricky Bowen; vs. Ole Miss, March 16, 2008
Consecutive Complete Games . . . . .	Dakota Hudson; 2016 (at Auburn (4-0), May 13 and Arkansas (7-0), May 19)
A Complete-Game Shutout . . . . .	Dakota Hudson; vs. Arkansas (7-0), May 19, 2016
at Home . . . . .	Dakota Hudson; vs. Arkansas (7-0), May 19, 2016
on The Road . . . . .	Dakota Hudson; at Auburn (4-0), May 13, 2016
SEC Game . . . . .	Dakota Hudson; vs. Arkansas (7-0), May 19, 2016
as a Freshman . . . . .	Scott Tanksley; vs. Mississippi College (6-0), April 20, 1993
Postseason Game . . . . .	B.J. Wallace; vs. Nicholls State (1-0), May 21, 1992 %
17+ Strikeouts . . . . .	17 - Chris Stratton; at LSU, March 16, 2012
15+ Strikeouts . . . . .	15 - Evan Siary; vs. Ole Miss, May 9, 2025
10+ Strikeouts . . . . .	11 - Pico Kohn; vs. Florida, 2025
8-Consecutive Strikeouts . . . . .	8 - Pico Kohn, at Oklahoma, March 21, 2025
Recorded Two Saves In One Day . . . . .	Trevor Fitts; vs. Marshall and Alabama A&M, February 22, 2015

## 2026 HONORS TRACKER

### Ace Reese, IF

Preseason All-American First Team (Perfect Game & Baseball America)  
Preseason All-American Second Team (D1Baseball & NCBWA)  
Baseball America Preseason Player of the Year Watch List  
Preseason All-SEC First Team  
Perfect Game Top 100 Juniors (No. 10)  
Golden Spikes Preseason Watch List  
D1Baseball Top 50 Third Basemen (No. 2)  
MLB Pipeline Draft Prospect (No. 18)  
D1Baseball Top 100 MLB Draft Prospect (No. 11)

### Jack Bauer, LHP

Baseball America Preseason Freshman of the Year  
Perfect Game Top 100 Freshman (No. 1)  
D1Baseball Top 100 Freshmen (No. 1)

### Noah Sullivan, UTL/RHP

Preseason All-SEC First Team  
Preseason All-American First Team (NCBWA)  
D1Baseball Top 50 First Basemen (No. 32)

### Aidan Teel, OF

Preseason All-American Fourth Team (NCBWA)  
Perfect Game Top 100 Juniors (No. 82)  
D1Baseball Top 150 Outfielders (No. 28)  
D1Baseball Top 100 MLB Draft Prospect (No. 85)

### Parker Rhodes, RHP

Perfect Game Top 100 Freshmen (No. 23)  
D1Baseball Top 100 Freshmen (No. 36)

### Maddox Miller, LHP

Perfect Game Top 100 Freshmen (No. 25)  
D1Baseball Top 100 Freshmen (No. 44)

### Tanner Beliveau, RHP/UTL

Perfect Game Top 100 Freshmen (No. 60)

### Jacob Parker, OF

Perfect Game Top 100 Freshmen (No. 75)  
D1Baseball Top 100 Freshmen (No. 9)

### Peter Mershon, UTL

Perfect Game Top 100 Freshmen (No. 95)

### Ryan McPherson, RHP

Perfect Game Top 100 Sophomores (No. 24)  
D1Baseball Top 200 Starting Pitchers (No. 38)

### James Nunnalle, OF

Perfect Game Top 100 Sophomores (No. 33)  
D1Baseball Top 150 Outfielders (No. 95)

### Tomas Valincius, LHP

D1Baseball Top 50 Transfer Pitchers (No. 2)  
Perfect Game Top 100 Sophomores (No. 34)  
D1Baseball Top 200 Starting Pitchers (No. 42)

### Duke Stone, RHP

Perfect Game Top 100 Sophomores (No. 56)

### Charlie Foster, LHP

Perfect Game Top 100 Sophomores (No. 68)  
D1Baseball Top 200 Starting Pitchers (No. 164)

### Dane Burns, LHP

Perfect Game Top 100 Juniors (No. 99) [Burns is a sophomore]  
D1Baseball Top 150 Relief Pitchers (No. 89)  
D1Baseball Top 100 MLB Draft Prospect (No. 89)

### Ben Davis, RHP

Perfect Game Top 100 Seniors (No. 82)  
D1Baseball Top 150 Relief Pitchers (No. 11)  
NCBWA Stopper of the Year Watch List

### Bryce Chance, OF

Perfect Game Top 100 Seniors (No. 93)  
D1Baseball Top 150 Outfielders (No. 94)

### Kevin Milewski, C

D1Baseball Top 50 Catchers (No. 29)

### Blake Bevis, 1B/OF

D1Baseball Top 50 First Basemen (No. 42)

### Gehrig Frei, IF/OF

D1Baseball Top 50 Second Basemen (No. 48)

### Tyler Pitzer, RHP

D1Baseball Top 50 Transfer Pitchers (No. 19)  
D1Baseball Top 100 MLB Draft Prospect (No. 62)

### Jackson Logar, RHP

D1Baseball Top 50 Transfer Pitchers (No. 39)

### Maddox Webb, RHP

NCBWA Stopper of the Year Watch List

## HOFSTRA PREVIEW



**STARKVILLE** – A busy beginning to the 2026 season continues for fourth-ranked Mississippi State.

The Diamond Dawgs will take the field for a pair of midweek games against Troy on Tuesday and Alcorn State on Wednesday. Both games are slated for 4 p.m. starts and will be streamed on SEC Network+.

It will be the fourth and fifth games for MSU over a span of six days as part of a nine-game homestand at Dudy Noble Field to begin the year. The Bulldogs opened the season with a three-game sweep of Hofstra this past weekend.

Sophomore right-hander Duke Stone (1-0, 9.00 ERA) is set to make his first-career start in Tuesday's outing against Troy. Stone picked up the win against the Pride on Friday after firing two innings of relief with four strikeouts and two walks.

The Trojans will counter with junior righty Blake Dean (0-0, 9.00 ERA), who worked an inning of relief at Mercer on Friday with two strikeouts and a pair of walks.

Mississippi State heads into the midweek batting .236 as a team with one home run and averaging 6.3 runs per game. Brian O'Connor's Diamond Dawgs have swiped five bases in six chances on the young season and sport a .991 fielding percentage.

First team All-American third baseman Ace Reese tops MSU hitting .417 with four of his five hits on opening weekend going for extra bases (three doubles, one homer). Reese is tied with first baseman Reed Stallman for the team lead with four RBIs while fellow graduates Bryce Chance and Gehrig Frei are both a perfect 2-for-2 on stolen base attempts.

The Bulldogs' pitching staff posted a collective 3.67 ERA this past weekend with 36 strikeouts and eight walks through 27 frames. Hofstra hit just .232 against them.

Sophomore southpaw Tomas Valincius tops Mississippi State with six strikeouts and is one of five pitchers with flawless ERAs to open the campaign along with William Kirk, Jack Gleason, Maddox Webb and Dane Burns. Webb, Brendan Sweeney and Ben Davis all recorded a save during the Hofstra series.

Troy comes to town following a 1-2 start to the year after dropping a series at Mercer. The Trojans lost the first two games 4-3 and 17-5 before taking Saturday's finale 19-3.

Skylar Meade's squad is hitting .305 with four homers and producing nine runs per game. Troy was successful on three of its five base thefts and maintains a .963 fielding percentage.

Senior two-way threat Drew Nelson has been the Trojans top bat, hitting .545 to start 2026. Aaron Piasecki, Jimmy Janicki, Steven Meier and Nico Azpilcueta all launched long balls on opening weekend with Piasecki, Janicki and Meier also adding a stolen base.

Troy's pitching staff has an inflated ERA of 9.70 with 28 strikeouts and 15 walks through 21 1/3 innings. Mercer batted .344 against them and blasted five homers.

Hayden Smith, Dylan Alonso, Cooper Ellingworth and former Bulldog Brock Tapper all have perfect ERAs so far this year. Benjamin Stubbs and Tommy Egan are tied for the team lead in strikeouts with six apiece.

Mississippi State is 5-1 all-time against the Trojans after falling 6-5 in Starkville last season.

Alcorn State also enters Wednesday's affair at 1-2 after playing in the MLB HBCU Power Series at Trustmark Park in Pearl over the weekend. The Braves lost to Grambling 11-1 and Prairie View A&M 15-10 but bounced back with an 8-7 victory over Jackson State in 10-innings on Sunday.

ASU is hitting .230 as a team with no homers but are also averaging 6.3 runs an outing. The Braves have swiped seven bases in eight tries and have a fielding percentage of .913 after committing 11 errors during their first three contests.

Senior Rayfield Adams III tops Alcorn State with a .429 batting average while sophomore Kanious Davis has been the biggest base thief after going 2-for-2 on his steal attempts.

Braves hurlers have an 8.54 ERA with more walks (26) than strikeouts (23) so far this season through 26 1/3 innings. Opposing teams have hit .282 against them but have only surrendered one long ball.

Junior lefty Caden Wade is scheduled to start on the mound for Alcorn State in his season debut. Wade had a 12.10 ERA over 10 appearances (no starts) in 2025 with three strikeouts and three walks over 9 2/3 innings and did not factor into a decision.

The Diamond Dawgs are a perfect 18-0 against ASU all-time with all games played in Starkville. MSU run-ruled the Braves 11-0 in seven innings the last time the two teams met on the diamond in 2024.

## SERIES HISTORY

### Series Record vs. Troy 5-1 | ASU 18-0

**Home:** Troy 3-1 | ASU 18-0  
**Road:** Troy 1-0 | ASU n/a  
**Neutral:** Troy 1-0 | ASU n/a

**First Meeting:** Troy - 3/2/07 (Starkville) W, 2-1  
ASU - 3/3/93 (Starkville) W, 21-5

**Last Meeting:** Troy - 2/25/25 (Starkville) L, 6-5  
ASU 4/16/24 (Starkville) W, 11-0 [7]

**Last 10 Meetings:** Troy 5-1 | ASU 10-0

### Largest Margin of Victory:

Troy - 12-4 on 3/4/07 | ASU - 27-4 on 4/20/10

### Smallest Margin of Victory:

Troy - 9-8 on 5/19/18 | ASU - 7-6 on 3/19/13

### Average Runs vs. Troy 8 | ASU 14



## BRIAN O'CONNOR

Head Coach

Creighton (1993)

Brian O'Connor, a 2024 Hall of Fame inductee and the all-time winningest coach at Virginia, was named the 19th head baseball coach in Mississippi State history on June 1, 2025. A proven winner with 917 career victories, seven College World Series appearances and a national title at the helm of the Cavaliers, O'Connor brings a championship résumé and national credibility to Starkville.

### O'CONNOR AT A GLANCE

Career record: 920-388-2 (.703)  
 2015 College World Series champion  
 Seven College World Series appearances  
 18 NCAA Tournament appearances  
 Nine Super Regional appearances  
 Five-time ACC Coach of the Year  
 Three-time National Coach of the Year  
 109 MLB Draft picks coached  
 35 MLB players developed

### QUOTEABLE: ATHLETICS DIRECTOR ZAC SELMON

"Brian O'Connor is one of the most respected and accomplished coaches in college baseball. He's a national champion, a Hall of Famer, and a proven leader with a track record of building a championship-caliber program. Mississippi State is built to win at the highest level, and Coach O'Connor knows what that takes. From elite player development to consistent success on the national stage, his résumé speaks for itself. He understands the standard here and embraces the opportunity to elevate it even further. This is a defining moment for Mississippi State Baseball and a powerful step forward for our program, our players and our fans."

### QUOTEABLE: HEAD BASEBALL COACH BRIAN O'CONNOR

"Mississippi State represents everything I love about college baseball — tradition, passion and a relentless pursuit of excellence. I've coached against this program and followed it closely for years. The atmosphere at Dudy Noble Field is nationally recognized as the best in the sport. I'm incredibly honored and grateful for the opportunity to lead a program with this kind of legacy and fan base. Mississippi State has set the standard in college baseball, and I can't wait to get to work, build relationships and compete for championships in Starkville."

### QUOTEABLE: PRESIDENT DR. MARK E. KEENUM

"At Mississippi State, we have a long tradition of success in baseball. The "M over S," the Maroon and White, and hosting postseason in Starkville is woven into the very fabric of who we are and what we expect of our baseball program. Brian O'Connor is an elite level coach that aligns perfectly with our elite level program. His past certainly speaks for itself, but his clear understanding of the evolution and future of college baseball is clear. We are in the pursuit of championships. I am thrilled for Coach O'Connor, our student-athletes and Bulldogs everywhere as this is a historic day for Mississippi State."

### A CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE

O'Connor took over the Virginia program in 2004 and quickly elevated it into a national power. In 22 seasons, he led the Cavaliers to:  
 14 straight NCAA Tournament appearances from 2004 to 2017  
 Seven trips to the College World Series, including a national title in 2015 and runner-up finish in 2014  
 66 NCAA Tournament wins, tied for the fourth most in the nation from 2009 to 2024  
 Seven College World Series appearances, the second most of any program nationally since 2009  
 Two ACC regular-season championships  
 Two ACC Tournament titles  
 Five 50-win seasons and 13 seasons with at least 40 victories

O'Connor's seven College World Series appearances are also the third most among active NCAA head coaches. Virginia had made just three NCAA appearances before his arrival. He also became the second-fastest coach in ACC history to reach 500 career wins.

### TRACK RECORD OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

O'Connor has built a steady pipeline of professional talent while developing high-character players prepared to succeed beyond college baseball.

- 109 MLB Draft selections (players), including 14 first-round selections
- 36 players reached the major leagues, including Ryan Zimmerman, Sean Doolittle and Chris Taylor
- At least one first-round pick in five consecutive drafts from 2014 to 2018
- Seven seasons with multiple top-two-round draft picks
- Notable major leaguers coached include Danny Hultzen, Pavin Smith, Adam Haseley, Jake McCarthy, Andrew Abbott and Kyle Felt.

Since 2004 under O'Connor, 97 Virginia players earned All-ACC honors, which is the second most among ACC programs during that span. Cavaliers also received 42 All-America honors and 25 Freshman All-America selections. O'Connor also developed three ACC Players of the Year.

### SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE

Second among active Division I coaches in career winning percentage (.702)  
 Earned his 900th win on March 29, 2024

One of eight active Division I coaches with a national championship

Named ACC Coach of the Decade for 2010 to 2019 by D1Baseball  
 Inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2024

One of 20 individuals to both play in and coach at the College World Series

Virginia teams under O'Connor also excelled in the classroom and were regularly honored by the NCAA for academic progress and graduation success.

### BY THE NUMBERS: HITTING, PITCHING & FIELDING UNDER O'CONNOR

Hitting Excellence

Virginia ranked top five nationally in batting average three times since 2022, including No. 3 nationally in 2024 (.333) and co-leading the nation in 2023 (.332)

UVA finished top five in the country in slugging (.567), runs (581), and hits (752) in 2024, while also setting a program record with 116 home runs

Led the nation in doubles (172) and hits (766) in 2023

UVA has posted 700+ hits in a season five times, including back-to-back years in 2023 and 2024

### Elite Pitching Development

UVA has ranked top 20 nationally in ERA 12 times under O'Connor, including six top-three finishes

The 2011 staff led the nation in ERA (2.24); the 2014 team finished No. 2 nationally (2.23)

From 2021 to 2023, Virginia pitching staffs consistently ranked among the top in the nation: Fourth in ERA (3.81) in 2023; 14th in ERA (3.99) in 2022; 14th in ERA and 4th in strikeouts (687) in 2021

Multiple Cavalier pitchers have gone on to MLB All-Star status, including Sean Doolittle and Danny Hultzen

Team USA's pitching staff posted a 2.06 ERA under O'Connor's direction in 2018 international competition

### Defensive Fundamentals

O'Connor-built teams are known for their consistency, defensive reliability and precision on the fundamentals

Entering the 2025 season, UVA owned the best cumulative fielding percentage in the ACC since 2004 (.973)

The 2014 team set a school record with a .981 fielding percentage (fourth nationally)

10 of O'Connor's teams have ranked among the top 40 nationally in fielding percentage

### A NEW ERA IN STARKVILLE

O'Connor takes over a Mississippi State program with a proud history, a championship standard and the most passionate fan base in college baseball. The Bulldogs have made 12 College World Series appearances and captured the program's first national championship in 2021.

Mississippi State is one of only four programs in NCAA history to reach the College World Series in six consecutive decades. With 40 NCAA Tournament appearances, 12 trips to Omaha, 11 SEC regular-season titles and a national title, the Bulldogs have long stood among the nation's premier programs.



## COACHING STAFF



**Kevin McMullan**  
Associate Head Coach  
(Third Base Coach)



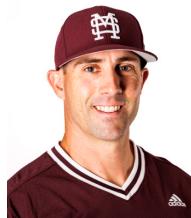
**Matt Kirby**  
Assistant Coach  
(First Base Coach)



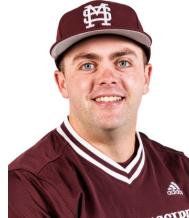
**Justin Parker**  
Assistant Coach  
(Pitching Coach)



**Justin Armistead**  
Associate A.D./Baseball



**Mike Roberts**  
Director of Player  
Development and Scouting



**Justin Weiss**  
Baseball Operations  
Coordinator



**Jonathan French**  
Data/Video Analytics  
Coordinator



**Travis Reifsnyder**  
Scouting/Assistant  
Recruiting Coordinator



**Joe Savino**  
Pitching Coordinator

## THE O'CONNOR FILE

### Personal

**Hometown:** Council Bluffs, Iowa  
**Wife:** Cindy  
**Children:** Daughters: Ellie & Maggie; Son: Dillon  
**College:** Creighton, 1993

### Coaching Career

Present	Mississippi State Head Coach
2004-25	Virginia Head Coach
2001-03	Notre Dame Associate Head Coach
1995-2001	Notre Dame Assistant Coach
1993-95	Creighton Pitching Coach

### O'Connor Year-by-Year

Yr.	School	Record	Postseason
2026	MSU	3-0	
2025	Virginia	32-18	--
2024	Virginia	46-17	College World Series
2023	Virginia	50-15	College World Series
2022	Virginia	39-19	NCAA Regional
2021	Virginia	36-27	College World Series
2020	Virginia	14-4	**
2019	Virginia	32-24	--
2018	Virginia	29-25	--
2017	Virginia	43-16	NCAA Regional
2016	Virginia	38-22	NCAA Regional
2015	Virginia	44-24	National Champions
2014	Virginia	53-16	College World Series Final
2013	Virginia	50-12	NCAA Super Regional
2012	Virginia	39-19-1	NCAA Regional
2011	Virginia	56-12	NCAA Super Regional
2010	Virginia	51-14	NCAA Super Regional
2009	Virginia	49-15-1	College World Series
2008	Virginia	39-23	NCAA Regional
2007	Virginia	45-16	NCAA Regional
2006	Virginia	47-15	NCAA Regional
2005	Virginia	41-20	NCAA Regional
2004	Virginia	44-15	NCAA Regional
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23 Seasons</b>	<b>920-388-2</b>	
			2015 National Champions
			18 NCAA Regionals
			Nine NCAA Super Regionals
			Seven NCAA College World Series
			** No postseason due to COVID-19

### As an Assistant Coach

2003	Notre Dame	45-18	NCAA Regional
2002	Notre Dame	50-18	College World Series
2001	Notre Dame	49-13	NCAA Regional
2000	Notre Dame	46-18	NCAA Regional
1999	Notre Dame	43-18	NCAA Regional
1998	Notre Dame	41-17	
1997	Notre Dame	41-19	
1996	Notre Dame	44-18	NCAA Regional
1995	Creighton	35-22	
1994	Creighton	28-29	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Seasons</b>	<b>422-190</b>	
			Six NCAA Regionals
			One NCAA Super Regional



### THE O'CONNOR EFFECT

**109** DRAFT PICKS

**14** FIRST ROUND DRAFT PICKS

**36** MLB PLAYERS

**STATE TO THE SHOW**

## MLB PLAYERS UNDER O'CONNOR

INF Ryan Zimmerman (UVA 2003-05) - 2005 1st Round (4th overall) Nationals - MLB Career: 2005-21 (WSN)  
 INF/DH Mark Reynolds (UVA 2002-04) - 2004 16th Round (476th overall) Diamondbacks - MLB Career: 2007-19 (ARI, BAL, CLE, NYY, MIL, STL, COL, WSN)  
 1B Joe Koshansky (UVA 2001-04) - 2004 6th Round (170th overall) Rockies - MLB Career: 2007-08 (COL)  
 OF Brandon Guyer (UVA 2005-07) - 2007 5th Round (157th overall) Cubs - MLB Career: 2011-18 (TB, CLE)  
 RHP Mike Ballard (UVA 2003-05) - 2006 14th Round (418th overall) Rangers - MLB Career: 2011 (BAL)  
 RHP Michael Schwimer (UVA 2005-08) - 2008 14th Round (436th overall) Phillies - MLB Career: 2011-12 (PHI)  
 LHP Sean Doolittle (UVA 2005-07) - 2007 1st Round (41st overall) Athletics - MLB Career: 2012-22 (OAK, WSN, CIN, SEA)  
 INF David Adams (UVA 2006-08) - 2008 3rd Round (106th overall) Yankees - MLB Career: 2013 (NYY)  
 INF Phil Gosselin (UVA 2008-10) - 2010 5th Round (164th overall) Braves - MLB Career: 2013-22 (ATL, ARI, PIT, TEX, CIN, PHI, LAA)  
 LHP Kyle Crockett (UVA 2011-13) - 2013 4th Round (111th overall) Indians - MLB Career: 2014-18 (CLE, CIN)  
 INF/OF Chris Taylor (UVA 2010-12) - 2012 5th Round (161st overall) Mariners - MLB Career: 2014-present (SEA, LAD, LAA)  
 RHP Tyler Wilson (UVA 2008-11) - 2011 10th Round (305th overall) Orioles - MLB Career: 2015-17 (BAL)  
 OF Jarrett Parker (UVA 2008-10) - 2010 2nd Round (74th overall) Giants - MLB Career: 2015-19 (SF, LAA)  
 C John Hicks (UVA 2009-11) - 2011 4th Round (123rd overall) Mariners - MLB Career: 2015-21 (SEA, DET, TEX)  
 OF Derek Fisher (UVA 2012-14) - 2014 1st Round (37th overall) Astros - MLB Career: 2017-21 (HOU, TOR, MIL)  
 RHP Artie Lewicki (UVA 2011-14) - 2014 8th Round (250th overall) Tigers - MLB Career: 2017-20 (DET, ARI)  
 RHP Branden Kline (UVA 2010-12) - 2012 2nd Round (65th overall) Orioles - MLB Career: 2019-20 (BAL)  
 OF Adam Haseley (UVA 2015-17) - 2017 1st Round (8th overall) Phillies - MLB Career: 2019-23 (PHI, CWS)  
 RHP Josh Sborz (UVA 2013-15) - 2015 2nd Round (74th overall) Dodgers - MLB Career: 2019-24 (LAD, TEX)  
 INF Matt Thaiss (UVA 2014-16) - 2016 1st Round (16th overall) Angels - MLB Career: 2019-present (LAA, CWS, TB)  
 LHP Danny Hultzen (UVA 2009-11) - 2011 1st Round (2nd overall) Mariners - MLB Career: 2019 (CHC)  
 OF Jake McCarthy (UVA 2016-18) - 2018 1st Round (39th overall) Diamondbacks - MLB Career: 2021-present (ARI)  
 LHP Bennett Sousa (UVA 2015-18) - 2018 10th Round (288th overall) White Sox - MLB Career: 2022-present (CWS, HOU, MIL)  
 LHP Andrew Abbott (UVA 2018-21) - 2021 2nd Round (53rd overall) Reds - MLB Career: 2023-present (CIN)  
 INF Zack Gelfo (UVA 2019-21) - 2021 2nd Round (60th overall) Athletics - MLB Career: (OAK, A's)  
 RHP Noah Murdock (UVA 2017-19) - 2019 7th Round (199th overall) Royals - MLB Career: 2025-present (A's)  
 RHP Mike Vasil (UVA 2019-21) - 2021 8th Round (232nd overall) Mets - MLB Career: 2025-present (CWS)  
 C Kyle Teel (UVA 2021-23) - 2023 1st Round (14th overall) Red Sox - MLB Career: 2025-present (CWS)  
 LHP Connelly Early (2023) - 2023 5th Round (151st overall) Red Sox - MLB Career: 2025-present (BOS)



The largest on-campus facility in college baseball, Dudy Noble Field will see the 60th season of Mississippi State baseball at its current site in 2026. With over 1,700 games played at the venue, the Diamond Dawgs have a .726 winning percentage at the facility, which received a \$68-million upgrade prior to the 2019 season.

The field is named in honor of longtime MSU baseball coach, athletics director and ABCA Hall of Famer Clarke Randolph "Dudy" Noble. On April 27, 1998 the facility was renamed Dudy Noble Field, Polk-DeMent Stadium, honoring another ABCA Hall of Famer, former Bulldog skipper Ron Polk, and the late Gordon DeMent, a successful businessman and longtime fan of the Diamond Dawgs from Indianola, Mississippi.

#### THE ORIGIN

From 1929 until 1964, Mississippi State hosted its baseball games at the original on-campus venue, Hardy Field, which was located several hundred yards to the south of the Bulldogs' home football venue, Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field. The baseball field was closed following the 1964 season to make way for the construction of Dorman Hall and for the next two seasons the Diamond Dawgs played their home games at Redbird Park in Columbus, Mississippi, capturing SEC titles both seasons at their temporary home.

The tin-roofed grandstand and 2,000-seat bleachers from the original Dudy Noble Field were transported to the stadium's present site, which became playable for the 1967 season. Since that time, facility enhancements have followed at a steady pace to make the "Carnegie Hall of College Baseball" one of the finest all-around facilities on the road to Omaha. Among with numerous upgrades, the current site has seen two complete demolitions and reconstructions, the latest occurring during a three-year span from 2017-2019 and opening prior to the start of the 2019 campaign.

#### LEADING THE ATTENDANCE BOOM

With a laundry list of legendary names on its all-time roster, it comes as no surprise that Mississippi State ranks among the nation's attendance leader's year in and year out. The Dudy Noble Field faithful have sold out the reserved seating allotment every season since 1987.

Along with routinely hosting some of the largest crowds in the SEC, the last 12 three-day Super Bulldog Weekend series have drawn more than 25,000 fans, with The Dude seeing 43,986 fans over the three-day Super Bulldog Weekend of 2023, the most in a single Super Bulldog Weekend.

MSU eclipsed the 200,000 mark in paid attendance at Dudy Noble Field for six-straight seasons between 2012-17, marking the first such occurrence in the program's history. Over the past four seasons, MSU has eclipsed the 300,000 mark in paid attendance, which had never been done before in four-straight seasons. In 2013, the Diamond Dawgs' five-millionth fan walked through the turnstiles at Dudy Noble Field. Since home attendance figures were charted starting in 1976, the "Carnegie Hall of College Baseball" has seen 8,317,535 fans rush through the gates entering the 2026 campaign.

In 24 of the last 25 seasons, Mississippi State has averaged 6,000 fans per game, including a record average of 11,094 during the 2023 campaign. Overall, State has eclipsed the 200,000-fan mark 17 times since 2002, with a school-record 373,784 viewing the 2019 home schedule.

Of the top 25 all-time college baseball on-campus attendances, Dudy Noble Field finds itself on the list 24 times, most notably owning the all-time on-campus attendance record of 16,423 on April 15, 2023. The Bulldogs own all of the top 20 marks in NCAA on-campus history and are the only NCAA baseball program to boast on-campus attendances of 14,000 or more. The five largest NCAA Super Regional crowds have all assembled in Starkville, Mississippi, as well.

From April 14-16, 2023, the Bulldog faithful flooded the gates at Dudy Noble Field to the tune of 43,986 fans for a three-game series versus Ole Miss. The nearly 44,000 fans on the weekend set an NCAA on-campus attendance record for a three-game series.

During the 2025 season, the Diamond Dawg faithful showed up in droves as 330,009 fans appeared for 30 games at The Dude with Mississippi State receiving the second-largest average attendance in the nation,

averaging 11,000 fans per game. The Diamond Dawgs had 10,000+ fans at 18 games last season at Dudy Noble Field.

#### THE LEFT FIELD LOUNGE™

The aura of Mississippi State baseball at Dudy Noble Field is certainly not confined to the loyal legions in the impressive grandstand, pro-style luxury sky suites or luxurious Left Field Lofts.

In fact, some of the more highly-prized seats at Bulldog baseball games are found beyond the outfield fence in the Left Field Lounge™. Waiting lists greet those seeking to purchase one of the 96 outfield lounges in the iconic two-level outfield tailgate.

Once a colorful assortment of pickup trucks, motor homes, and trailers — most equipped with barbecue grills — lined the outfield fence, completing a circle of humanity at Dudy Noble Field. Now, the permanent lounge spaces are connected to the concourse, allowing everyone to stroll through and experience the iconic lounge culture.

What began in the late 1960s as a popular gathering spot for baseball-loving MSU supporters now forms college baseball's largest tailgate party.

#### FACILITY EXPANSION

Over the past five decades many projects have commenced at the current site, including a pair of demolitions and countless upgrades to "The Dude." Of the multiple renovations and advancements, the park was demolished and reconstructed in 1987 and 2018.

Mississippi State hosted its first SEC Baseball Tournament and NCAA Regional in 1979, winning both and advancing to the program's second College World Series, setting attendance marks while opening eyes along the way.

Crowds mushroomed further in the 1980s, as future Major League stars Jeff Brantley, Will Clark, Rafael Palmeiro and Bobby Thigpen led the 1985 Bulldogs to SEC and regional championships, earning MSU's highest national finish at the time, a tie for third place at the College World Series.

The first upgrade to the current site came in 1971, thanks to the generosity of the late E.B. "Dutch" McCool, a former MSU baseball student-athlete and one of the founding fathers of Holiday Inn, Inc., as MSU took the lead in the Southeastern Conference with the installation of a lighting system. The advent of night baseball in Starkville helped build a solid fan base.

Drainage and irrigation systems and an expanded scoreboard with an animation-equipped message center, new batting ranges and an infield tarp became the stadium's next improvements.

It became apparent that support for baseball at State had out-grown the cozy confines of "The Dude" in the mid 1980s. Two years after that magical '85 season, Mississippi State unveiled an impressive \$3.5 million project that made Dudy Noble Field the biggest baseball venue in the Southeastern Conference.

In 1986, the stadium was demolished and rebuilt in less than nine months to be ready for the 1987 season opener. The new venue featured an impressive concrete grandstand structure with 3,700 maroon theater-style seats, an elevated press box, restrooms and ticket, souvenir and concession facilities. The team clubhouse featured a spacious 40-locker dressing room and team area. A pair of 1,500-seat bleachers that once overlooked the end zones at Scott Field, the home of MSU's football Bulldogs, were refurbished and installed along the foul lines, raising seating capacity at Dudy Noble Field to 6,700. The facility was later chosen by Sports Illustrated as the best place to watch college baseball, and it helped ignite a drive to update baseball facilities throughout the SEC and beyond.

The expanded capacity at the stadium also triggered an increase in annual baseball season ticket sales to more than 5,600, virtually assuring Mississippi State's place among national leaders in college baseball attendance annually.

A second permanent concession stand was added in 1989, and a year later, the cinder warning track at the

## DUDY NOBLE FIELD

outfield fence was extended to completely encircle the playing surface. That project, along with the installation of a six-foot high padded outfield fence, was made possible by a donation from former MSU All-American and Major League Baseball standout Will Clark.

Best-selling author, MSU alumnus and avid State baseball fan John Grisham donated funding for the next project. In 1993, Grisham's generosity paved the way for the indoor batting tunnel under the first base grandstand. In August 1998, construction got under way on the ambitious project to add 18 sky suites and more than 600 additional chairback seats in the grandstand. With the project completed prior to the 2000 season, the permanent seating capacity at Dudy Noble Field eclipsed the 7,000 mark.

Prior to the start of the 2003 season, 46-foot Major League foul poles were added. In 2004, the upgrades to the facility included a new state-of-the-art scoreboard, courtesy of the Henry Mize Foundation, was installed along with new fencing and gates surrounding the main grandstand.

The landscape surrounding the nation's largest on-campus facility grew prior to the 2005 campaign with the completion of the impressive Palmeiro Center and the baseball coaches office complex.

A massive 68,000-square foot, climate-controlled turf indoor practice facility, the Palmeiro Center is located adjacent to Dudy Noble Field. The spacious, \$3.8 million facility was made possible by a generous lead gift of former Bulldog great Rafael Palmeiro and his wife, Lynne. The structure features a regulation infield practice area, additional training space and three retractable batting cages.

Nestled between the Palmeiro Center and "The Dude", the baseball coaches complex was made possible by contributions from former Bulldog players Jeff Brantley, Will Clark, Eric DuBose, Paul Maholm, Jay Powell and Bobby Thigpen and former MSU manager James "Bo" McKinnis.

Also part of the Palmeiro Center is the Robinson-Galloway-Tatum Weight Room, which was added to the Palmeiro Center following the 2021 National Championship run for MSU. It is a new 7,100-plus square foot weight room adjacent to the indoor baseball field (the largest of its kind in the country) was made possible from the former players and donors.

From 2009-12, facility upgrades totaling more than \$2 million include an expanded state-of-the-art high definition video board, the addition of a new drainage and irrigation system, a new carpet of natural sod and infield dirt, and expanded dugouts.

Even the grandstand got a bit grander with a resurfacing and repainting project. The endeavor was topped

off with all-new cup holder-equipped maroon chairback seats. Prior to the start of the 2012 campaign, work was completed on the new sound system. The 36,000-watt amplification system evenly distributed sound to a 78-speaker system to amplify the atmosphere at Dudy Noble Field.

The second demolition at the current site occurred following the 2017 season and the \$68 million facility opened its gates for the 2019 campaign. Architect Wier Boerner Allin, along with consultants Populous and famed stadium architect/State alum Janet Marie Smith designed the project, while construction manager ICM and general contractor JESCO Construction, Inc. oversaw the construction.

Covering 12 acres of land on the Mississippi State University campus, the 230,000 square foot facility carries on Dudy Noble Field's legacy as the "Carnegie Hall of College Baseball." Installation of the second largest scoreboard in college baseball, measuring 43 feet wide by 60 feet high, started the project in 2017. The board, which was the largest in college baseball upon installation, is larger than boards owned by three Major League Baseball teams. The addition of 96 permanent Left Field Lounge rigs encircling the outfield followed during the fall of 2018.

The concourse and lower-level grandstands were in place for the 2018 season, with the Diamond Suites, upper-deck reserved seating area and three unique club areas – Farm Bureau Triple Crown Club, Charlie and Dana Stephenson Omaha Club and The Rooftop Club – were completed prior to the 2019 campaign. The newest version of Dudy Noble Field also features increased restroom facilities and concession points of sale.

The player spaces also received an upgrade, expanding to cover 18,000 square feet underneath the facility. The fully-equipped Bruce and Julie Martin Locker Room includes an embedded equipment room, houses 40 wooden lockers and features an oversized, dimensional halo-lit '85 Script Mississippi State sign suspended overhead in the middle of the room.

The more spacious locker room includes an attached training room with whirlpool and fully-functional fueling station. The Mitch Moreland Hitting Tunnel, which is equipped with HitTrax, and Turner & Gloria Wingo Team Lounge are easily accessed from the home dugout, with the eye-popping player entrance and Hassell H. Franklin Omaha Room greeting players as they enter the facility. The Pat McMahon Pitching Lab is also housed under the stadium, featuring arm care and conditioning equipment, one oversized turfed mound with three pitching rubbers and state of the art video equipment.

## DUDY NOBLE FIELD FACTS

**FIRST GAME:** Mississippi State 5, Illinois Wesleyan 3 (4/3/67)

**MISSISSIPPI STATE RECORD AT CURRENT SITE:** 1,300-490-2 (.726)

**MISSISSIPPI STATE GAMES PLAYED AT CURRENT SITE:** 1,792

**SEC TOURNAMENTS:** Five

**NCAA TOURNAMENT EVENTS:** 22

(Three NCAA District III Playoffs, 15 Regionals and four Super Regionals)

**LARGEST CROWD:** 16,423 (April 15, 2023 vs. Ole Miss)

NCAA on-campus attendance record

**PLAYING SURFACE:** Latitude36 Bermuda Grass overseeded with Champion GQ Perennial Ryegrass

**SEATING:** 15,000+

**DIMENSIONS:** LF: 330, LC: 385, CF: 400, RC: 380, RF: 305

**VIDEO BOARD:** 43 feet high by 60 feet wide; second largest video board in college baseball and larger than three Major League Baseball boards (Baltimore, Colorado and Tampa Bay)

**BATTER'S EYE:** 40 feet high by 90 feet wide

**OUTFIELD FENCE:** Padded seven-foot chain link fence

**WARNING TRACK:** 20-foot wide synthetic turf

**FOUL POLES:** 40 feet tall





## 2026 SEASON STATISTICS

Record: 3-0 Home: 3-0 Away: 0-0 SEC: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
3 Ace Reese	.417	3-3	12	6	5	3	0	1	4	11	.917	0	1	4	0	.462	0	0	0-0	3	1	0	1.000
7 Reed Stallman	.375	3-3	8	2	3	2	0	0	4	5	.625	1	1	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	10	0	0	1.000
38 Bryce Chance	.300	3-3	10	2	3	0	0	0	2	3	.300	1	0	0	0	.364	0	1	2-2	2	0	0	1.000
34 Gehrig Frei	.286	3-2	7	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	.286	2	0	1	0	.444	0	0	2-2	1	7	0	1.000
5 Aidan Teel	.222	3-3	9	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	.222	3	0	3	0	.417	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
6 James Nunnallee	.167	3-3	12	2	2	2	0	0	0	4	.333	1	1	3	0	.286	0	0	1-2	8	0	0	1.000
9 Ryder Woodson	.111	3-3	9	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	.222	2	0	3	0	.250	1	0	0-0	8	8	0	1.000
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18 Noah Sullivan	.400	2-2	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.400	2	1	0	0	.625	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
12 Chone James	.333	1-1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.333	1	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	12	0	0	1.000
21 Kevin Milewski	.000	2-2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	4	0	.125	0	0	0-0	23	2	0	1.000
33 Blake Bevis	.000	2-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	12	1	0	1.000
49 Gatlin Sanders	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	3	0	1.000
Totals	.236	3	89	19	21	8	0	1	15	32	.360	16	4	24	0	.373	1	1	5-6	81	27	1	.991
Opponents	.232	3	99	11	23	5	0	2	11	34	.343	8	4	36	1	.313	1	0	4-5	72	24	3	.970

LOB - Team (20), Opp (20). DPs turned - Team (1). Picked off - Nunnallee 1.

### (All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
4 Tomas Valincius	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.1	4	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	.211	0	1	0	0	0
37 Brendan Sweeney	2.45	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	1	3.2	2	1	1	0	5	0	0	1	.167	0	0	0	0	0
35 Ben Davis	3.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	1	3.0	1	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	.111	0	1	0	1	0
28 Ryan McPherson	4.50	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	6	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	.333	0	0	0	0	0
8 Charlie Foster	9.00	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	3.0	3	3	3	1	5	1	0	1	.250	0	0	0	0	0
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13 William Kirk	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.167	0	0	0	0	0
42 Jack Gleason	0.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.200	0	1	0	0	0
29 Maddox Webb	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	.250	0	1	0	0	0
45 Dane Burns	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
11 Duke Stone	9.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	3	2	2	2	4	2	0	0	.375	0	0	0	0	0
25 Chris Billingsley	13.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	1	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	.200	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3.67	3-0	3	3	0	0/0	3	27.0	23	11	11	8	36	5	0	2	.232	0	4	0	1	0
Opponents	5.62	0-3	3	3	0	0/0	0	24.0	21	19	15	16	24	8	0	1	.236	7	4	2	1	1

PB - Team (1), James, C. 1, Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (1), Kirk 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - James, C. (3-3), Milewski (1-2), Foster (2-2), McPherson (1-1), Gleason (1-1), Sweeney (0-1).

## 2025 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE STATISTICS

Record: 15-15 Home: 8-7 Away: 7-8 SEC: 15-15

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
3 Ace Reese	.402	30-30	122	39	49	12	0	15	37	106	.869	15	3	26	1	.475	1	0	0-0	15	40	6	.902
38 Bryce Chance	.342	29-28	111	21	38	8	1	1	28	51	.459	7	1	26	3	.374	4	2	3-3	52	2	0	1.000
18 Noah Sullivan	.327	30-30	113	31	37	8	0	8	18	69	.611	14	7	23	4	.430	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
34 Gehrig Frei	.300	25-18	80	14	24	5	0	6	8	47	.588	5	2	11	3	.352	1	0	0-1	31	0	0	1.000
49 Gatlin Sanders	.295	28-25	88	14	26	2	0	0	10	28	.318	6	6	27	3	.376	1	0	0-0	40	63	2	.981
44 Hunter Hines	.294	30-30	109	29	32	7	0	11	25	72	.661	21	3	34	4	.421	0	0	0-0	193	12	1	.995
55 Joe Powell	.293	23-22	75	16	22	5	0	6	26	45	.600	8	3	26	0	.379	1	1	0-0	208	13	1	.995
2 Sawyer Reeves	.278	27-22	97	17	27	5	0	3	15	41	.423	5	0	20	0	.308	2	3	1-2	33	47	5	.941
7 Reed Stallman	.224	24-19	67	12	15	4	0	5	13	34	.507	9	6	26	0	.357	2	0	0-1	20	1	1	.955
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43 Steven Spalitta	.500	5-0	4	1	2	0	1	0	2	4	1.000	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
36 Nolan Stevens	.289	16-12	45	6	13	3	0	0	9	16	.356	6	1	14	1	.385	0	0	0-1	18	0	2	.900
10 Dylan Cupp	.278	14-13	36	4	10	3	0	1	6	16	.444	6	1	10	1	.386	1	2	0-0	11	18	7	.806
52 Lukas Buckner	.250	5-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
22 Ross Highfill	.167	20-13	42	9	7	0	0	2	8	13	.310	4	8	19	0	.352	0	0	4-4	104	5	2	.982
5 Aaron Downs	.040	10-8	25	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	.040	5	3	8	2	.273	0	0	0-0	13	1	0	1.000
32 Michael O'Brien	.000	15-0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	1-1	6	0	0	1.000
13 Nate Chester	.000	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0.000
Totals	.298	30	1020	220	304	62	2	58	208	544	.533	112	44	272	22	.387	14	8	9-13	756	229	30	.970
Opponents	.256	30	978	181	250	45	8	40	170	431	.441	111	33	309	15	.347	14	12	36-44	757	233	20	.980

LOB - Team (221), Opp (211). DPs turned - Team (16), Opp (23). IBB - Team (1), Stallman 1. Picked off - Highfill 1.

## (SEC games only Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
12 Evan Siary	4.75	2-1	10	8	0	0/0	0	41.2	39	24	22	14	54	8	2	8	.241	1	4	0	1	1
9 Pico Kohn	4.96	2-3	10	10	0	0/0	0	52.2	50	33	29	21	70	11	4	10	.244	8	9	0	1	4
35 Ben Davis	5.12	2-1	14	2	0	0/0	1	31.2	36	25	18	17	33	4	0	1	.283	3	3	0	4	1
31 Karson Ligon	6.75	4-4	10	10	0	0/1	0	38.2	39	32	29	18	43	7	2	7	.265	5	8	0	3	2
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11 Duke Stone	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0	1	0
15 Luke Dotson	3.09	1-0	8	0	0	0/0	1	11.2	10	5	4	8	16	1	0	1	.244	3	0	0	0	1
8 Charlie Foster	3.86	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	2	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	.250	0	0	0	0	0
30 Jacob Pruitt	4.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	.250	0	1	0	0	0
26 Chase Hungate	4.61	1-1	7	0	0	0/0	0	13.2	11	8	7	4	11	1	0	2	.216	1	0	0	1	1
45 Dane Burns	5.79	0-1	5	0	0	0/0	0	4.2	5	3	3	5	4	1	0	1	.278	0	1	0	0	1
28 Ryan McPherson	6.48	0-0	8	0	0	0/0	1	8.1	8	8	6	6	9	1	0	1	.250	0	2	0	0	1
29 Nate Williams	6.50	1-3	11	0	0	0/0	1	18.0	11	14	13	8	29	2	0	3	.172	7	3	0	1	0
17 Stone Simmons	7.58	2-1	11	0	0	0/1	1	19.0	26	17	16	4	24	6	0	3	.313	0	1	0	1	0
19 Robert Fortenberry	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	.250	0	0	0	0	0
48 Kevin Mannell	12.46	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	4.1	7	6	6	2	6	1	0	2	.368	1	1	0	1	0
4 Mikhai Grant	16.20	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	2	3	3	3	4	0	0	1	.286	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5.68	15-15	30	30	0	1/1	5	252.0	250	181	159	111	309	45	8	40	.256	29	33	0	14	12
Opponents	7.24	15-15	30	30	0	0/0	10	252.1	304	220	203	112	272	62	2	58	.298	22	44	2	14	8

PB - Team (5), Powell 3, Highfill 2, Opp (2). Pickoffs - Team (3), Dotson 2, Kohn 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - Powell (27-32), Siary (12-13), Ligon (7-10), Highfill (8-9), Williams (5-5), Mannell (2-3), Davis (2-3), Dotson (1-3), Hungate (2-2), Kohn (2-2), Pruitt (1-1), Spalitta (1-1), McPherson (1-1), Burns (1-1).



## 2026 DAY-BY-DAY RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Inns	Overall	SEC	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
Feb 13, 2026	HOFSTRA	w 6-5	9	1-0-0	0-0-0	Stone (W 1-0)	12824	3:00
Feb 14, 2026	HOFSTRA-1	w 6-1	9	2-0-0	0-0-0	Valincius, T (W 1-0)	12667	2:53
Feb 14, 2026	HOFSTRA-2	w 7-5	9	3-0-0	0-0-0	Gleason (W 1-0)	12667	3:09

() extra inning game

## 2026 GAME SUMMARY

Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Mississippi State	4	3	0	4	7	0	0	1	0	19
Opponents	3	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	2	11

**Record when ...**

Overall	3-0	After 6 leading	3-0
Conference	0-0	..... trailing	0-0
Non-Conference	3-0	..... tied	0-0
Home games	3-0	After 7 leading	3-0
Away games	0-0	..... trailing	0-0
Neutral site	0-0	..... tied	0-0
Day games	3-0	After 8 leading	3-0
Night games	0-0	..... trailing	0-0
vs Left starter	0-0	..... tied	0-0
vs Right starter	3-0		
1-Run games	1-0	Hit 0 home runs	2-0
2-Run games	1-0	... 1 home run	1-0
5+Run games	1-0	... 2+ home runs	0-0
Extra innings	0-0		
Shutouts	0-0	Opponent 0 home runs	1-0
		..... 1 home run	2-0
Scoring 0-2 runs	0-0	..... 2+ HRs	0-0
..... 3-5 runs	0-0		
..... 6-9 runs	3-0	Made 0 errors	2-0
..... 10+ runs	0-0	.... 1 error	1-0
		.... 2+ errors	0-0
Opponent 0-2 runs	1-0		
..... 3-5 runs	2-0	Opp. made 0 errors	1-0
..... 6-9 runs	0-0	..... 1 error	1-0
..... 10+ runs	0-0	..... 2+ errors	1-0
Scored in 1st inning	2-0		
Opp. scored in 1st	1-0	Out-hit opponent	2-0
Scores first	1-0	Out-hit by opponent	1-0
Opp. scores first	2-0	Hits are tied	0-0

**Record when team scores:**

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

**Record when opponent scores:**

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

**Record when leading after:**

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W-L	1-0	2-0	2-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0

**Record when trailing after:**

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W-L	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

**Record when tied after:**

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
W-L	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Current winning streak: 3

Longest winning streak: 3

Longest losing streak: 0

Home attendance : 38158 ( 3 dates avg = 12719 )

Away attendance : 0 ( 0 dates avg = 0 )

Total attendance: 38158 ( 3 dates avg = 12719 )



## 2026 GAME-BY-GAME (HITTING)

Date	Opponent	ab	r	h	rbi	2b	3b	hr	tb	bb	ibb	sb	cs	hbp	sac	sf	gdp	k	po	a	e	lob	avg
Feb 13	HOFSTRA	26	6	3	3	1	0	0	4	8	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	7	27	7	1	6	.115
Feb 14	HOFSTRA	30	6	8	6	4	0	0	12	4	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	8	27	12	0	7	.196
Feb 14	HOFSTRA	33	7	10	6	3	0	1	16	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9	27	8	0	7	.236
Totals		89	19	21	15	8	0	1	32	16	0	5	1	4	1	1	0	24	81	27	1	20	.236

## 2026 GAME-BY-GAME (PITCHING)

Date	Opponent	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	hbp	dp	ibb	score	w-l	sv	era
Feb 13	HOFSTRA	9.0	10	5	5	2	13	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6-5	1-0	1	5.00
Feb 14	HOFSTRA	9.0	6	1	1	1	11	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	6-1	2-0	2	3.00
Feb 14	HOFSTRA	9.0	7	5	5	5	12	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	7-5	3-0	3	3.67
Totals		27.0	23	11	11	8	36	5	0	2	0	0	4	1	0	19-11	3-0	3	3.67



## 2026 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS (BATTING ORDER)

DATE	OPPONENT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	SP
2/13	Hofstra	Nunnallee	Reese	Teel	Bevis	Stallman	Woodson	Frei	Milewski	Chance	McPherson
2/14	Hofstra	Nunnallee	Reese	Sullivan	Stallman	Teel	Woodson	Chance	Milewski	Sanders	T. Valincius
2/14	Hofstra	Nunnallee	Reese	Sullivan	Stallman	Teel	Chance	Frei	Woodson	James	Foster
2/17	Troy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/18	Alcorn State	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/20	Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/21	Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/22	Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/24	Austin Peay	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/27	vs. Arizona State (1)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/28	vs. Virginia Tech (1)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/1	vs. UCLA (1)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/3	at Southern Miss	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/6	Lipscomb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/7	Lipscomb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/8	Lipscomb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/10	vs. Tulane (2)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/13	at Arkansas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/14	at Arkansas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/15	at Arkansas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/17	Jackson State	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/20	Vanderbilt*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/21	Vanderbilt*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/22	Vanderbilt*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/24	Southern Miss	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/27	at Ole Miss*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/28	at Ole Miss*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/29	at Ole Miss*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/31	Grambling	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/2	Georgia*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/3	Georgia*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/4	Georgia*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/7	UAB	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/10	Tennessee*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/11	Tennessee*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/12	Tennessee*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/14	at Samford	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/17	at South Carolina*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/18	at South Carolina*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/19	at South Carolina*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/21	Memphis	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/24	LSU*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/25	LSU*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/26	LSU*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/28	vs. Ole Miss (3)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/1	at Texas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/2	at Texas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/3	at Texas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/5	Nicholls	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/7	Auburn*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/8	Auburn*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/9	Auburn*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/14	at Texas A&M*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/15	at Texas A&M*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/16	at Texas A&M*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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## 2026 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS (POSITION)

DATE	OPPONENT	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	SP
2/13	Hofstra	Milewski	Bevis	Frei	Reese	Woodson	Chance	Teel	Nunnallee	Stallman	McPherson
2/14	Hofstra	Milewski	Stallman	Sanders	Reese	Woodson	Chance	Teel	Nunnallee	Sullivan	T. Valincius
2/14	Hofstra	James	Stallman	Frei	Reese	Woodson	Chance	Teel	Nunnallee	Sullivan	Foster
2/17	Troy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/18	Alcorn State	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/20	Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/21	Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/22	Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/24	Austin Peay	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/27	vs. Arizona State (1)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2/28	vs. Virginia Tech (1)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/1	vs. UCLA (1)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/3	at Southern Miss	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/6	Lipscomb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/7	Lipscomb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/8	Lipscomb	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/10	vs. Tulane (2)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/13	at Arkansas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/14	at Arkansas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/15	at Arkansas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/17	Jackson State	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/20	Vanderbilt*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/21	Vanderbilt*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/22	Vanderbilt*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/24	Southern Miss	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/27	at Ole Miss*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/28	at Ole Miss*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/29	at Ole Miss*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3/31	Grambling	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/2	Georgia*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/3	Georgia*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/4	Georgia*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/7	UAB	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/10	Tennessee*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/11	Tennessee*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/12	Tennessee*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/14	at Samford	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/17	at South Carolina*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/18	at South Carolina*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/19	at South Carolina*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/21	Memphis	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/24	LSU*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/25	LSU*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/26	LSU*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4/28	vs. Ole Miss (3)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/1	at Texas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/2	at Texas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/3	at Texas*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/5	Nicholls	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/7	Auburn*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/8	Auburn*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/9	Auburn*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/14	at Texas A&M*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/15	at Texas A&M*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/16	at Texas A&M*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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## 2026 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE SCHEDULE & STANDINGS

WEEK 2

2026 BASEBALL

FEB. 16

### SCHEDULE/RESULTS

All times Eastern; Rankings reflect highest among major polls

#### Feb. 16 (Monday)

#4 Arkansas vs. Tarleton State - 3 p.m.  
Kent State at #1 LSU - 7 p.m. [SECN+]  
#15 Oklahoma vs. New Mexico State - 7:30 p.m. [SECN+]

#### Feb. 17 (Tuesday)

Morehead State at #18 Kentucky - 4 p.m. [SECN+]  
UNC Asheville at #3 Tennessee - 4 p.m. [SECN+]  
Alabama at Samford - 5 p.m. [ESPN+]  
Arkansas State at #16 Ole Miss - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
Troy at #3 Mississippi State - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
South Carolina at Wofford - 5:30 p.m. [ESPN+]  
Eastern Michigan at #18 Vanderbilt - 5:30 p.m. [SECN+]  
Lamar at #2 Texas - 6 p.m. [SECN+]  
#12 Florida at Stetson - 6:30 p.m. [ESPN+]  
Missouri at FAU - 6:30 p.m.  
Cincinnati at #5 Auburn - 7 p.m. [SECN+]  
Texas A&M Corpus-Christi at #22 Texas A&M - 7 p.m. [SECN+]

#### Feb. 18 (Wednesday)

Nicholls at #1 LSU - 2 p.m. [SECN+]  
USC Upstate at #9 Georgia - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
Gardner-Webb at South Carolina - 4 p.m. [SECN+]  
Alabama State at Alabama - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
Jackson State at #16 Ole Miss - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
Alcorn State at #3 Mississippi State - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
Eastern Michigan at #18 Vanderbilt - 5:30 p.m. [SECN+]  
Stetson at #12 Florida - 6 p.m. [SECN+]

#### Feb. 20 (Friday)

#1 LSU vs. Indiana - 2 p.m. [D1Baseball]  
Army at South Carolina - 2 p.m. [SECN+]  
Samford at #9 Georgia - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
Marist at #18 Vanderbilt - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
Xavier at #4 Arkansas - 4 p.m. [SECN+]  
#18 Kentucky at Evansville - 4 p.m. [ESPN+]  
Kent State at #3 Tennessee - 4:30 p.m. [SECN+]  
Rhode Island at Alabama - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
Missouri State at #16 Ole Miss - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
Delaware at #3 Mississippi State - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
Coppin State at #15 Oklahoma - 5 p.m. [SECN+]  
Missouri vs. New Haven - 6 p.m. (Ft. Myers, Fla.)  
Kennesaw State at #12 Florida - 6:30 p.m. [SECN+]  
Penn at #22 Texas A&M - 7 p.m. [SECN+]  
Michigan State at #2 Texas - 7:30 p.m. [SECN+]  
#5 Auburn vs. Kansas State - 8 p.m. [FloCollege]

#### Feb. 21 (Saturday)

#1 LSU vs. Notre Dame - 12 p.m. [D1Baseball]  
Navy at South Carolina - 1 p.m. [SECN+]  
Samford at #9 Georgia - 2 p.m. [SECN+]  
Delaware at #3 Mississippi State - 2 p.m. [SECN+]  
Rhode Island at Alabama - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
Xavier at #4 Arkansas - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
#18 Kentucky at Evansville - 3 p.m.  
Missouri State at #16 Ole Miss - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
Coppin State at #15 Oklahoma - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
Michigan State at #2 Texas - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
Penn at #22 Texas A&M - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
Marist at #18 Vanderbilt - 3 p.m. [SECN+]  
#5 Auburn vs. #9 Florida State - 4 p.m. [FloCollege]  
Missouri vs. New Haven - 4 p.m. (Ft. Myers, Fla.)  
Kent State at #3 Tennessee - 4 p.m. [SECN+]  
Kennesaw State at #12 Florida - 5:30 p.m. [SECN+]

#### Feb. 22 (Sunday)

#5 Auburn vs. #11 Louisville - 11:30 a.m. [FloCollege]  
Coppin State at #15 Oklahoma - 12 p.m. [SECN+]  
Xavier at #4 Arkansas - 1 p.m. [SECN+]  
Kennesaw State at #12 Florida - 1 p.m. [SECN+]  
Samford at #9 Georgia - 1 p.m. [SECN+]  
Missouri vs. New Haven - 1 p.m. (Ft. Myers, Fla.)  
Kent State at #3 Tennessee - 1 p.m. [SECN+]  
Michigan State at #2 Texas - 1 p.m. [SECN+]  
Rhode Island at Alabama - 2 p.m. [SECN+]  
#18 Kentucky at Evansville - 2 p.m.  
Delaware at #3 Mississippi State - 12 p.m. [SECN+]  
Penn at #22 Texas A&M - 2 p.m. [SECN+]  
Marist at #18 Vanderbilt - 2 p.m. [SECN+]  
Missouri State at #16 Ole Miss - 2:30 p.m. [SECN+]  
#1 LSU vs. UCF - 3 p.m. [D1Baseball]  
Air Force at South Carolina - 4 p.m. [SECN+]

2026 BASEBALL

	SEC	Pct.	GB	All	Pct.	H	A	N	T25	T10	L10	Strk
Auburn	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Kentucky	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
LSU	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Ole Miss	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Mississippi State	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Oklahoma	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	W3
Tennessee	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Texas	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Texas A&M	0-0	-	-	3-0	1.000	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	W3
Alabama	0-0	-	-	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	W2
Arkansas	0-0	-	-	2-1	.667	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	0-1	2-1	W2
Florida	0-0	-	-	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	W2
Georgia	0-0	-	-	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	L1
Missouri	0-0	-	-	2-1	.667	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	2-1	W2
South Carolina	0-0	-	-	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	L1
Vanderbilt	0-0	-	-	1-2	.333	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-2	L2

• SEC Player of the Week: Texas A&M's Caden Sorrell went 9-for-15 (.600) with seven runs scored, 10 RBI, three home runs, one walk and two stolen bases, compiling a .625 on-base percentage and 1.200 slugging percentage (1.825 OPS) in the Aggies' opening weekend sweep of Tennessee Tech.

• Co-Pitchers of the Week: In his OU debut, junior right-handed pitcher LJ Mercurius went 5.1 innings and struck out a career high-tying 12 batters in the Sooners' 11-1 win over rival Oklahoma State at the Shriners Showdown. Texas' Dylan Volantis registered a career-long seven innings to guide No. 3 Texas to a 9-1 victory over UC Davis in the series finale at UFCU Disch-Falk Field on Sunday afternoon. Volantis limited the Aggies to one unearned run on one hit, while matching a career-best eight strikeouts.

• Co-Freshmen of the Week: Oklahoma's Sunday win vs. No. 9 TCU for the Shriners Showdown title was highlighted by the debut of freshman left-handed pitcher Cord Roger (W, 1-0). He went 5.0 innings and struck out eight while surrendering just one run on two hits with three walks. Florida's Cash Strayer made his first two career starts in games two and three vs. UAB on Saturday, helping Florida to a pair of wins to battle back for a series victory. Strayer hit .625 with a home run, two doubles and two runs scored across the doubleheader.

• Thirteen SEC teams are ranked across the major polls this week. LSU is No. 1, while Texas is as high as No. 2, Mississippi State is as high as No. 3, Arkansas No. 4 and Auburn No. 5. Other ranked SEC teams include: No. 9 Georgia, No. 12 Florida, No. 15 Oklahoma, No. 16 Ole Miss, No. 18 Kentucky, No. 18 Vanderbilt, and No. 22 Texas A&M.

• SEC teams went a combined 40-8 in the opening weekend of the 2026 season, including a 6-3 mark at the Shriners Showdown in Arlington.

• LSU was the coaches' pick to win the SEC title with nine first place votes. Mississippi State received four, Arkansas received two and Texas received one. The Longhorns were predicted to finish second overall, followed by Mississippi State in third, Arkansas in fourth and Auburn in fifth.

• The SEC is coming off a year in which a record 13 of its teams earned NCAA Tournament bids. For the 17th time, an SEC team won the College World Series last year as LSU defeated Coastal Carolina. The SEC's 17 titles are one behind 18 championships won by the Pac-12 Conference. At least one SEC team has reached the College World Series finals 16 times in the last 17 tournaments.

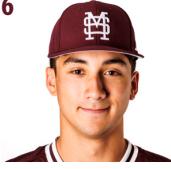
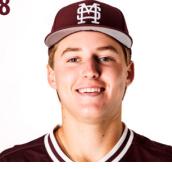
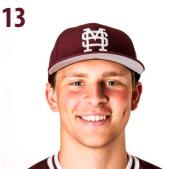
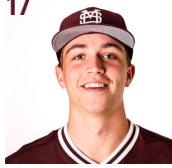
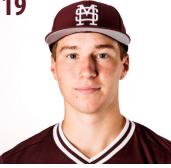
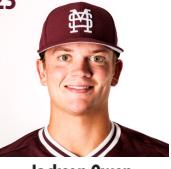
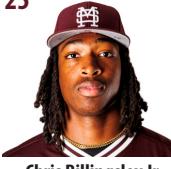
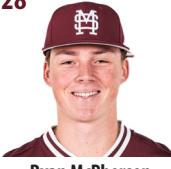
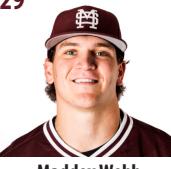
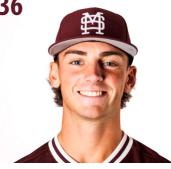
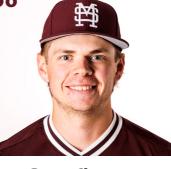
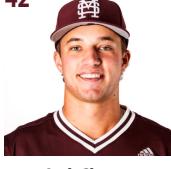
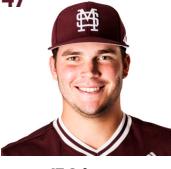
• The SEC has won six consecutive national championships by five different programs. Vanderbilt won in 2019, Mississippi State in 2021, Ole Miss in 2022, LSU in 2023 and Tennessee is 2024 and LSU again in 2025.

• Of the current SEC membership, 12 different programs have made a College World Series appearance since 2021.

• The SEC has claimed 11 national titles by seven different teams since 2009, and nine SEC teams have finished runner-up in that period.

• The top-10 national attendance leaders in 2025 were all from the SEC. LSU led the nation in total attendance (458,606) and average attendance (11,186), and Mississippi State had the nation's highest on-campus single game attendance (14,468).

## 2026 TV/MEDIA ROSTER

	<b>2</b>	<b>Jacob Parker</b> OF   6-3   220 L/R   Fr. Purvis, Miss.
	<b>3</b>	<b>Ace Reese</b> INF   6-4   220 L/R   Jr. Canton, Texas.
	<b>4</b>	<b>Tomas Valincius</b> LHP   6-2   225 L/L   So. Lockport, Ill.
	<b>5</b>	<b>Aidan Teel</b> OH   6-0   200 L/R   R-Jr. Mahwah, N.J.
	<b>6</b>	<b>James Nunnellee</b> OF   6-1   190 L/R   So. San Diego, Calif.
	<b>7</b>	<b>Reed Stallman</b> 1B/OF   6-3   220 L/R   Gr. Robins, Iowa
	<b>8</b>	<b>Charlie Foster</b> LHP   6-4   205 R/L   So. Snellville, Ga.
	<b>9</b>	<b>Ryder Woodson</b> INF   6-3   190 R/R   So. Naples, Fla.
	<b>10</b>	<b>Drew Wyers</b> INF   6-2   200 R/R   Sr. Columbus, N.J.
	<b>11</b>	<b>Duke Stone</b> RHP   6-5   235 R/R   So. Uvalda, Ga.
	<b>12</b>	<b>Chone James</b> INF/UTL   6-0   185 R/R   So. Myrtle Beach, S.C.
	<b>13</b>	<b>William Kirk</b> LHP   6-2   205 L/L   R-Fr. Saddle River, N.J.
	<b>14</b>	<b>Vytas Valincius</b> OF   6-4   230 L/R   Gr. Lockport, Ill.
	<b>15</b>	<b>Tanner Beliveau</b> RHP   6-3   225 R/R   Fr. Petal, Miss.
	<b>16</b>	<b>Braden Booth</b> RHP   6-2   200 R/R   R-Fr. Madison, Ala.
	<b>17</b>	<b>Parker Rhodes</b> RHP   6-1   185 R/R   Fr. Greenfield, Ind.
	<b>18</b>	<b>Noah Sullivan</b> UTL/RHP   6-1   215 R/R   Gr. Orlando, Fla.
	<b>19</b>	<b>Andrew Raymond</b> C   6-1   205 L/R   So. Middletown, Md.
	<b>20</b>	<b>Maddox Miller</b> LHP   6-4   185 L/L   Fr. Hattiesburg, Miss.
	<b>21</b>	<b>Kevin Milewski</b> C   6-5   235 R/R   Jr. Wallingford, Conn.
	<b>22</b>	<b>Nick Frontino</b> INF   6-3   205 R/R   Fr. Bonita Springs, Fla.
	<b>23</b>	<b>Jackson Owen</b> C   5-10   200 R/R   Gr. Starkville, Miss.
	<b>24</b>	<b>Jack Bauer</b> LHP   6-4   195 L/L   Fr. Frankfort, Ill.
	<b>25</b>	<b>Chris Billingsley Jr.</b> RHP   6-4   205 R/R   Jr. Brent, Ala.
	<b>27</b>	<b>Peter Mershon</b> UTL   6-2   205 R/R   Fr. Taylors, S.C.
	<b>28</b>	<b>Ryan McPherson</b> RHP   6-2   205 R/R   So. Hollywood, Fla.
	<b>29</b>	<b>Maddox Webb</b> RHP   6-2   195 R/R   Jr. Summerville, S.C.
	<b>30</b>	<b>Jackson Logar</b> RHP   6-0   215 R/R   Jr. Medford, N.J.
	<b>31</b>	<b>Charlie Wortham</b> UTL   6-1   205 R/R   Fr. St. Peters, Mo.
	<b>32</b>	<b>Peyton Fowler</b> RHP   6-3   195 R/R   Jr. Gluckstadt, Miss.
	<b>33</b>	<b>Blake Bevis</b> 1B/OF   6-4   230 R/R   Sr. Brentwood, Tenn.
	<b>34</b>	<b>Gehrig Frei</b> INF/OF   6-1   210 S/R   Gr. Alpharetta, Ga.
	<b>35</b>	<b>Ben Davis</b> RHP   6-4   230 R/R   Sr. Booneville, Miss.
	<b>36</b>	<b>Tyler Pitzer</b> RHP   6-3   205 L/R   Jr. McDonald, Penn.
	<b>37</b>	<b>Brendan Sweeney</b> RHP   6-7   210 R/R   Sr. Edmond, Okla.
	<b>38</b>	<b>Bryce Chance</b> OF   5-10   180 R/R   Gr. Ridgeland, Miss.
	<b>39</b>	<b>Patrick Spencer Jr.</b> RHP   6-3   215 R/R   R-So. Greenville, Miss.
	<b>42</b>	<b>Jack Gleason</b> RHP   6-4   235 R/R   R-Fr. Germantown, Tenn.
	<b>45</b>	<b>Dane Burns</b> LHP   6-5   215 R/L   So. Celina, Texas
	<b>47</b>	<b>JT Schoon</b> RHP   6-4   225 R/R   R-Jr. Pascagoula, Miss.
	<b>49</b>	<b>Gatlin Sanders</b> INF   5-11   185 L/R   Sr. Madison, Miss.