

MISSISSIPPI STATE

FOOTBALL

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SERIES HISTORY

Overall	UM leads, 63-47-6*
In Starkville	UM leads, 22-15-3
In Oxford	UM leads, 24-12-3*
Neutral Sites	UM leads, 19-18*
Last Meeting	UM won 31-24 (11/28/2020 in Oxford, Miss.)

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THE MATCHUP »



VS



MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS (7-4, 4-3 SEC)

Head Coach: Mike Leach (BYU '83)
Career Record: 150-101 (20th Season)
MSU Record: 11-11 (2nd Season)

NO. 9 OLE MISS REBELS (9-2, 5-2 SEC)

Head Coach: Lane Kiffin (Fresno State '98)
Career Record: 75-41 (10th Season)
Ole Miss Record: 14-7 (2nd Season)

TALKING POINTS

- This is the 118th meeting between Mississippi State and Ole Miss and the 94th edition of the Battle for the Golden Egg. The Golden Egg trophy has been given to the winning team every year since 1927 as a joint agreement by the student bodies.
- The teams have met on Thanksgiving 26 times. MSU owns an 11-14-1 on-field record on Thanksgiving against the Rebels but has won two of the last three played on the holiday.
- With a victory, MSU will reach eight wins for the first time since the 2018 season when the Bulldogs went 8-5 on the field.
- State is one of eight teams in the nation with at least three wins over AP-ranked teams this year and one of six with two victories over teams currently ranked in the AP Top 25.
- MSU has two wins over teams currently ranked in the CFP Top 25 and is one of eight teams nationally with multiple such wins.
- QB **Will Rogers** leads the Power Five in passing yardage (4,113), which also leads the SEC and ranks second in the FBS. He is just the seventh SEC quarterback to ever record a 4,000-yard passing season and holds the MSU school record.
- There have been 15 games of 400-plus passing yards in MSU history. Eight of those performances have occurred under **Mike Leach** (22 games). MSU had thrown for 400-plus yards just seven total times in the previous 1,193 games prior to Leach's arrival in Starkville.



LB Tyrus Wheat posted a career-best 3.0 tackles for loss and matched his career high with 2.0 sacks last week. He is now tied for fifth among SEC linebackers with 10.0 tackles for loss this year and sixth among all league players with 7.0 sacks.

PROVEN WINNER

One of the most successful coaches in the history of college football, **Mike Leach's** 150 career wins are the second-most among active SEC coaches and fifth-most among active Power 5 coaches.

Coach	Wins
1. Nick Saban	266
2. Mike Leach	150
3. Jimbo Fisher	117
4. Dan Mullen	102
5. Bryan Harsin	82



2021 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS »

LOUISIANA TECH	NC STATE	Memphis	LSU	15 Texas A&M	5 Alabama	Vanderbilt	12 Kentucky [HC]	Arkansas	17 Auburn	Tennessee State	Ole Miss
Sept. 4 ESPNU	Sept. 11 ESPN2	Sept. 18 ESPN2	Sept. 25 ESPN	Oct. 2 SEC Network	Oct. 16 ESPN	Oct. 23 SEC Network	Oct. 30 SEC Network	Nov. 6 SEC Network	Nov. 13 ESPN	Nov. 20 SECN+ / ESPN+	Nov. 25 6:30 p.m. CT
W, 35-34	W, 24-10	L, 29-31	L, 25-28	W, 26-22	L, 9-49	W, 45-6	W, 31-17	L, 28-31	W, 43-34	W, 55-10	ESPN

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HEAD COACH MIKE LEACH

Alma Mater: BYU, 1983
Career Record: 150-101
Record at Mississippi State: 11-11
Record at Washington State: 55-47
Record at Texas Tech: 84-43

ASSISTANT COACHES**LOCATION**

Tony Hughes (Associate HC/Nickelbacks)	PB
Zach Arnett (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers)	SL
Matt Brock (Special Teams/Outside Linebackers)	SL
Darcel McBath (Cornerbacks)	SL
Eric Mele (Running Backs)	SL
Mason Miller (Offensive Line)	SL
Dave Nichol (Inside Receivers)	SL
Jeff Phelps (Defensive Line)	PB
Steve Spurrier Jr. (Outside Receivers)	PB
Jason Washington (Safeties)	SL

TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Football: 1895
Current Season: 122nd
All-Time Overall Record: 572-596-39 (.490)
All-Time SEC Record: 206-382-13 (.356)
All-Time Bowl Record: 14-10 (.583)

STADIUM INFORMATION

Name: Davis Wade Stadium
Field Name: Scott Field
Capacity: 61,337
Surface: Hybrid Bermuda Grass (Certified Tifway 419)
Constructed: 1914

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Starkville, Miss.
Founded: February 28, 1878
Enrollment: 22,986
Colors: Maroon (PMS 202) and White
President: Dr. Mark Keenum
Athletics Director: John Cohen

TALKING POINTS CONTINUED

- ▶ Leach has five career AP-ranked victories at MSU, which ranks fourth among all Bulldog head coaches. He needed just 21 games to reach five ranked wins, making him the fastest MSU coach to do so.
- ▶ Mississippi State is now bowl eligible, extending its streak of bowl game appearances to 12 years. MSU is one of four SEC programs to make a bowl trip in each of the last dozen years, joining Alabama, Georgia and Texas A&M.
- ▶ Leach has now reached 18 bowl games in 20 years as a head coach, and has made the postseason in each of the last seven years including 2021.
- ▶ The Bulldogs have played the nation's No. 22 strength of schedule according to ESPN's FPI. MSU is ranked No. 22 in the FPI and is among the top 25 in both offensive and defensive efficiency. Only nine teams in the nation are among the Top 25 in both offensive and defensive efficiency, and eight of those are ranked in the CFP or AP polls.
- ▶ With its 55-10 victory against Tennessee State, Mississippi State has now scored 50+ points in at least one game in 11 consecutive seasons. The 55 points were MSU's most in a game since a 56-10 victory against Louisiana on Sept. 15, 2018.
- ▶ The Bulldogs posted a season-high 12 tackles for loss against the Tigers and matched their season high with four sacks. It was State's highest tackles for loss total since recording 17 against Stephen F. Austin in 2018, and 11 different Bulldogs had at least 0.5 tackles for loss.
- ▶ Last week, WR **Austin Williams** tied the school record with three receiving touchdowns against Tennessee State. He caught four passes for a career-high 75 yards, including 21-yard and 30-yard scores. Williams is having a career year, posting the highest season totals of his career in receptions (45), yards (519), first downs (28) and touchdowns (4).
- ▶ Williams boasts the third-highest hands grade (91.6) in the FBS per PFF. He has caught 45 of his 50 targets (90.0 percent), which ranks second in the nation among players with at least 35 targets.
- ▶ WR **Makai Polk** has tied Fred Ross' (2015) MSU single-season record with 88 catches this season. With 891 receiving yards, he is one of five Bulldogs to eclipse 800 receiving yards through 11 games since 2000. He already ranks 10th in MSU single-season history.
- ▶ The Bulldogs have multiple 500-yard receivers for just the seventh time on record (since 1961) and have seen three receivers reach that mark for the first time in program history: Polk, 891; WR **Jaden Walley**, 569 and Williams, 519.
- ▶ Freshmen and sophomores have scored 33 of State's 45 touchdowns. When including QB Will Rogers' passing scores, underclassmen have been responsible for 67 touchdowns.
- ▶ MSU has held six opponents below 100 rushing yards, which is tied for second-most in a season in MSU history since 2000, trailing only the 2018 season's seven games.
- ▶ S **Jalen Green** has allowed a reception on just 46.7 percent of his snaps in coverage which ranks third among SEC safeties and corners with at least 300 coverage snaps.

YEAR 2 OF LEACH ERA BEGINS

- ▶ **Mike Leach** was hired as the 34th head coach in program history on Jan. 9, 2020. He previously spent eight seasons at Washington State where he was twice named Pac-12 Coach of the Year. In 2018, he was tabbed the AFCA National Coach of the Year for the second time in his career. Prior to his stint with the Cougars, Leach took Texas Tech to a bowl game in 10 consecutive seasons, setting a program record with 84 victories in his tenure.
- ▶ **Mike Leach** is the only active Power Five head coach to produce an 11-win season at two different programs since 2008 and one of two active FBS head coaches to win 50-plus games at multiple Power Five programs. He currently, ranks fourth among active Power 5 head coaches in career wins (148).

MISSISSIPPI STATE'S RECORD »

WHEN PLAYING IN 2021 LEACH STREAK

August	0-0	0-0	W2
September	2-2	3-2	L2
October	3-1	3-5	W1
November	2-1	3-3	W2
December-January	0-0	2-1	W2

IN SEC PLAY

at home	1-2	3-5	W1
on the road	3-1	4-5	W1

VS RANKED OPPONENTS (AP UNTIL CFP)

overall	3-1	5-4	W2
at home	1-1	1-2	W1
on the road	2-0	3-2	W2
neutral	0-0	1-0	W1
vs. Top 10	0-1	1-2	L2

IN GAMES

decided by 7 pts or less	2-3	4-6	L1
decided by 3 pts or less	1-3	2-3	L3
Road during the day	2-2	3-3	W1
Road at night	1-0	1-3	W1
Home during the day	2-1	4-2	W1
Home at night	2-1	2-3	W1

WHEN SCORING

less than 21 points	0-1	0-6	L16
21 or more points	7-3	11-5	W2
24 or more points	7-3	11-5	W2
30 or more points	5-0	7-0	W9

WHEN ALLOWING

less than 21 points	4-0	5-0	W7
21 or more points	3-4	6-11	W1
24 or more points	2-4	5-10	W1
30 or more points	2-3	4-6	W1

WHEN SCORING

MSU scores first	5-0	8-1	W6
Opponent scores first	2-4	3-10	W1

WHEN LEADING

after the 1st qtr	5-0	9-1	W6
at halftime	5-1	9-1	W4
after the 3rd qtr	5-1	9-1	W4

WHEN TRAILING

after the 1st qtr	2-4	2-7	W1
at halftime	2-3	2-9	W1
after the 3rd qtr	2-3	2-9	W1

WITH

less than 300 yards	0-1	2-4	L1
400+ yards total offense	6-3	8-5	W2
500+ yards total offense	2-0	3-0	W8
600+ yards total offense	1-0	2-0	W8
less than 100 yards rush	6-3	8-10	W1
100+ yards rushing	1-1	3-1	W1
250+ yards passing	7-4	9-8	W2
300+ yards passing	6-4	7-7	W2
400+ yards passing	4-2	5-3	W2

THE AIR RAID IN YEAR 2

► In Mike Leach's first two coaching stops, the Air Raid offense has made significant strides from Year 1 to Year 2. The Bulldogs have made bigger jumps than Washington State and Texas Tech in every passing category except completions and attempts with two games still to play.

MSU	COMP.	ATT.	PCT.	YDS	TD	INT	RTG.	YDS./GM.
2020	373	557	.670	3259	17	18	119.72	296.3
2021	448	592	.757	4292	35	8	153.38	390.2
Y1 » Y2	+75	+35	+.087	+1033	+18	-10	+33.66	+93.9

WSU	COMP.	ATT.	PCT.	YDS	TD	INT	RTG.	YDS./GM.
2012	363	624	.582	3965	23	21	116.97	330.4
2013	470	756	.622	4784	36	24	124.69	368.0
Y1 » Y2	+107	+132	+.040	+819	+13	+3	+7.72	+37.6

TTU	COMP.	ATT.	PCT.	YDS	TD	INT	RTG.	YDS./GM.
2000	373	614	.607	3554	21	18	114.79	295.7
2001	391	570	.686	3710	27	11	135.04	337.3
Y1 » Y2	+18	-44	+.079	+156	+6	-7	+20.25	+41.6

EYEING THE RECORD BOOK

► Mike Leach's Air Raid offense has broken records at every school he's coached at over a 30-plus-year career. In just 22 games as the offensive coordinator at Kentucky, his offense broke 116 school records. Under his guidance, Washington State set or tied 42 school, Pac-12 or NCAA records in 2014 alone. 21 MSU passing and receiving records were broken by the Bulldogs in Leach's first year.

MSU OFFENSIVE RECORDS BROKEN IN 2020

Team Game	Previous	Game	2020 Record
Passing Attempts	54	LSU, 2015	70, at Kentucky
Completions	38	at Arkansas, 2015	45, at Ole Miss; at Kentucky^
Comp. Pct. (30 att.)	.744 (29-39)	Florida State, 1968	.788 (41-52), at Georgia^
Passing Yards	508	at Arkansas, 2015	623, at LSU

Individual Game	Previous	Game	2020 Record
Total Offense	554, Dak Prescott	at Arkansas, 2015	585, K.J. Costello, at LSU
Passing Attempts	53, Joe Reed	at LSU, 1970	61, Will Rogers, at Ole Miss^
Completions	38, Dak Prescott	at Arkansas, 2015	45, Will Rogers, at Ole Miss^
Consecutive Comp.	11, Garrett Shrader	Kentucky, 2019	12, K.J. Costello, Arkansas^
Comp. Pct. (15 att.)	.813, John Bond	at Tulane, 1982	.833, Will Rogers, Texas A&M^
Comp. Pct. (25 att.)	.766, Dak Prescott	Texas A&M, 2014	.788, Will Rogers, at Georgia^
Passing Yards	508, Dak Prescott	at Arkansas, 2015	623, K.J. Costello, at LSU
Freshman Rcv. Yds.	148, Mardye McDole	at Auburn, 1977	176, Jaden Walley, at Ole Miss
Freshman Pass Yds.	421, Wesley Carroll	vs. Arkansas, 2007	440, Will Rogers, at Ole Miss

Team Season	Previous	Year	2020 Record
Passing Attempts	500	2015	557^
Completions	331	2015	373^
Comp. Pct. (30 att.)	.662	2015	.700 (327-of-557)^
100-yd Rcv. Games	7 times	2015	7 times

Individual Season	Previous	Year	2020 Record
Completion Pct.	.662, Dak Prescott	2015	.691 (239-of-346), Will Rogers^
Receptions by RB	37, Justin Griffith	1999	60, Jo'quavious Marks^
Receptions by Fr.	37, Justin Griffith	1999	60, Jo'quavious Marks
Receiving Yds. by Fr.	510, Mardye McDole	1977	718, Jaden Walley

^ Record already tied or broken in 2021

BULLDOGS IN THE NFL »

NAME	MSU	TEAM	YR.	POS.
Johnathan Abram*	2017-18	Las Vegas	3	S
Denico Autry*	2012-13	Tennessee	8	DE
Logan Cooke	2014-17	Jacksonville	4	P
Fletcher Cox**	2009-11	Philadelphia	10	DT
Cameron Dantzler*	2016-19	Minnesota	2	CB
Greg Eiland+	2016-20	Seattle	R	OT
Willie Gay Jr.*	2017-19	Kansas City	2	LB
J.T. Gray	2014-17	New Orleans	4	DB
Farrod Green+	2015-19	Indianapolis	1	TE
Gerri Green+	2017-18	Las Vegas	1	DE
Kylin Hill (IR)	2017-20	Green Bay	R	RB
Gabe Jackson*	2009-13	Seattle	8	OG
Elgton Jenkins**	2014-18	Green Bay	3	OG
Chris Jones**	2013-15	Kansas City	6	DT
Bernardrick McKinney	2011-14	NY Giants	7	LB
Pernell McPhee*	2009-10	Baltimore	11	LB
Osirus Mitchell+	2016-20	Dallas	R	WR
Tyre Phillips*	2017-19	Baltimore	2	OT
Dak Prescott	2011-15	Dallas	6	QB
Will Redmond (IR)	2012-15	Green Bay	6	S
Chauncey Rivers (IR)	2017-19	Baltimore	1	LB
Jeffery Simmons*	2016-18	Tennessee	3	DL
Darius Slay*	2011-12	Philadelphia	9	CB
Preston Smith*	2011-14	Green Bay	7	LB
Marquiss Spencer+	2016-20	Denver	R	DE
Montez Sweat* (IR)	2017-18	Washington	3	DE
Darryl Williams+	2015-19	Kansas City	1	OL
K.J. Wright*	2007-10	Las Vegas	11	LB

* - 2020 Regular Starter (50 percent of games)

^ - 2020 Pro Bowl Selection

+ - Practice Squad

WEEKLY AWARDS »

OL Charles Cross, So.SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (Weeks 2, 8)
Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Kent Hull Trophy**QB Will Rogers, So.**Manning Award Stars of the Week (Weeks 1, 5, 11)
Manning Award Quarterback of the Week (Week 11)
Davey O'Brien Great 8 (Weeks 5, 8)
SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Weeks 5, 9, 11)
Walter Campbell FBS Off. Player of the Week (Week 11)
CFPA National Player of the Week Hon. Mention (Weeks 11, 12)
Athlon Sports National Off. Player of the Week (Week 11)
Manning Award Watch List
Dave O'Brien Award Class of 2021 Semifinalist
CFPA National Performer of the Year Midseason Watch List
Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Conerly Trophy Candidate**OL LaQuinston Sharp, Sr.**

SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (Weeks 9)

WR Rara Thomas, Fr.

SEC Freshman of the Week (Week 8)

RECORD RALLIES

► **Mike Leach** has led record-setting comebacks at Texas Tech, Washington State and now Mississippi State.

► The Bulldogs have broken the school record for the largest comeback twice this season. In the season-opener against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4), MSU trailed by 20 points in the fourth quarter before securing a one-point victory. State then scored 40 straight points to erase a 25-point deficit at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13).

► Leach's Texas Tech team overcame a 31-point deficit in the 2006 Insight Bowl, which is tied for the largest come-back in a bowl game in FBS history.

► WR **Jamire Calvin** played in the record-setting comebacks under Leach at both Mississippi State and Washington State.

SCHOOL-RECORD COMEBACK VICTORIES UNDER MIKE LEACH

School	Opponent (Date)	Deficit	Score	Time	Final
Mississippi State	at Auburn (11-13-2021)	25	3-28	6:10 (2nd)	43-34
Washington State	Boise State (9-10-2017)	21	10-31	10:53 (4th)	47-44 (3 OT)
Texas Tech	vs. Minnesota (12-29-2006)	31	7-38	7:47 (3rd)	44-41 (OT)

RANKED ROAD RECORDS

► **Mike Leach** has already defeated four AP-ranked opponents in road or neutral site contests with wins at then-No. 6 LSU (Sept. 26, 2020), vs. then-No. 22 Tulsa (Dec. 31, 2020), at then-No. 15 Texas A&M (Oct. 2, 2021) and at No. 16 Auburn (Nov. 13, 2021). He's also added a fifth at home in the win against then-No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30, 2021).

► Leach's five total ranked wins are the most of any Bulldog head coach in his first 21 games and his four away from Starkville are tied for the most by an MSU head coach in program history.

► Leach is tied for third in the nation since 2020 in wins over AP Top 15 opponents (3).

MSU RECORD BOOK: COACHES' AP-RANKED WINS

Rank	Head Coach	Total	Rank	Head Coach	Road/Neutral
1.	Dan Mullen	9	1.	Mike Leach	4
	Jackie Sherril	9	2.	Emory Bellard	4
3.	Emory Bellard	7		Allyn McKeen	3
4.	Mike Leach	5	4.	Rocky Felker	2
5.	Sylvester Croom	4		Dan Mullen	2
	Allyn McKeen	4			

BOWL BOUND

► Mississippi State is now bowl eligible, extending its streak of bowl game appearances to 12 years. MSU is one of four SEC programs to make a bowl trip in each of the last dozen years, joining Alabama, Georgia and Texas A&M.

► Every player currently on MSU's roster was in elementary school when State's streak started.

► The Bulldogs are 7-4 in the postseason during the streak.

► **Mike Leach** has now reached 18 bowl games in 20 years as a head coach with an 9-8 record so far in such games. His squads have reached the postseason in seven consecutive years, and he is one of three State coaches to take the Bulldogs to a bowl in each of his first two seasons.

TOP GAMES »

400-YARD PASSING GAMES

QB Will Rogers, So.

419, at Memphis

417, at Arkansas

415, at Auburn

408, at Texas A&M

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

QB Will Rogers, So.

391, Tennessee State

384, at Vanderbilt

371, LSU

370, Louisiana Tech

344, Kentucky

300, Alabama

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

WR Makai Polk, Jr.

136, Louisiana Tech

126, at Texas A&M

117, at Arkansas

110, Tennessee State

150-YARD ALL-PURPOSE GAMES

WR Lideatrick Griffin, So.

173, Louisiana Tech

RB Jo'quavious Marks, So.

159, at Arkansas

2021 STAT LEADERS »

Points Scored.....	WR Makai Polk (54)
Touchdowns.....	WR Makai Polk (9)
Rushing Yards.....	RB Dillon Johnson (397)
Rushing Touchdowns.....	RB Jo'quavious Marks (5)
Receiving Yards.....	WR Makai Polk (891)
Receiving TD.....	WR Makai Polk (9)
Passing Yards.....	QB Will Rogers (4,133)
Passing TD.....	QB Will Rogers (34)
Tackles.....	LB Jett Johnson (74)
Tackles For Loss.....	LB Tyrus Wheat (10.0)
Sacks.....	LB Tyrus Wheat (7.0)
Interceptions.....	DB Emmanuel Forbes (3)

GRADUATES ON ROSTER »

- ▶ Jack Abraham (R-Sr., QB)
- ▶ Jamire Calvin (Gr., WR)
- ▶ Tucker Day (R-Sr., P)
- ▶ Landon Guidry (R-Sr., S)
- ▶ Scott Lashley (R-Sr., OL)
- ▶ C.J. Morgan (R-Sr., S)
- ▶ Fred Peters (Sr., S)
- ▶ Jaylon Reed (R-Jr., CB)
- ▶ Brandon Ruiz (R-Sr., K)
- ▶ LaQuinston Sharp (Sr., OL)
- ▶ Sherman Timbs (R-Sr., LB)
- ▶ Austin Williams (R-Sr., WR)

LEADING THE NATION

FBS STATISTICAL LEADERS (TOP 35)

Player	Statistic	Value	FBS	SEC
DB Emmanuel Forbes	Total Interceptions	3	22	4
WR Lideatrick Griffin	Kick Return Touchdowns	1	9	2
RB Jo'quavious Marks	Receptions/Game	6.6	17	4
WR Makai Polk	Receiving Touchdowns	9	17	3
	Receiving Yards	891	33	5
	Receiving Yards/Game	10.1	34	5
	Receptions/Game	8.0	5	1
QB Will Rogers	Completion Pct.	.760	1	1
	Completions/Game	39.55	1	1
	Passing Efficiency	153.3	32	6
	Passing Touchdowns	34	6	2
	Passing Yards	4,113	2	1
	Passing Yards/Game	373.9	3	1
	Points Responsible For	206	9	2
	Total Offense/Game	367.2	4	1
WR Jaden Walley	Punt Returns	8.7	24	5

MAKING THE GRADES

- ▶ MSU has the FBS' No. 5 pass blocking grade (82.6), No. 6 passing grade (90.2) and No. 9 offense grade (78.5) per PFF.
- ▶ QB **Will Rogers** leads the SEC and is tied for ninth in the FBS with 26 "Big Time Throws," which PFF defines as a pass with excellent ball location and timing, generally thrown further down the field and/or into a tighter window.
- ▶ LT **Charles Cross** ranks fifth among SEC linemen in overall offensive grade (86.4) and second in pass blocking grade (86.2). He is fifth in run blocking grade (85.4).
- ▶ LB **Nathaniel Watson** is tied for fourth in the FBS with a 91.0 tackling grade, which is second nationally among linebackers and leads all SEC players.
- ▶ RB **Jo'quavious Marks** boasts the fifth-highest hands/drop grade (87.5) among FBS running backs and his 86.0 receiving grade is 11th among running backs.
- ▶ WR **Austin Williams** boasts the third-highest hands grade (91.6) in the FBS per PFF. He has caught 45 of his 50 targets (90.0 percent), which ranks second in the nation among players with at least 35 targets.
- ▶ S **Jalen Green** has allowed a reception on just 46.7 percent of his snaps in coverage which ranks third among SEC safeties and corners with at least 300 coverage snaps.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

- ▶ Freshmen and sophomores have scored 33 of State's 45 touchdowns. When including QB **Will Rogers'** passing scores, underclassmen have been responsible for 67 touchdowns.
- ▶ True freshmen were responsible for 76 percent of the Bulldogs' touchdowns (22 of 29) in 2020, scoring 14 in 2020. Freshmen scored all of State's touchdowns at Georgia (Nov. 28 - 3) and vs. Tulsa (Dec. 31 - 4).
- ▶ 34 Bulldogs have made their MSU debuts in 2021 (WR Carson Banks, WR **Jamire Calvin**, S **Kyle Cass**, DE **Randy Charlton**, LB **Ty Cooper**, LS **Colby Cox**, S **Janari Dean**, WR **Caleb Ducking**, S **Corey Ellington**, WR **Christian Ford**, S **Jalen Green**, LS **Hayes Hammond**, CB **William Hardrick**, RB **Ke'Travion Hargrove**, WR **Antonio Harmon**, WR **Rufus Harvey**, RB **J.J. Jernighan**, OL **Nick Jones**, DE **Izuchukwu King Ani**, WR **Teddy Knox**, LB **John Lewis**, QB **Chance Lortvich**, K **Aidan Martin**, DL **Matai Mata'afa**, K **Nolan McCord**, LB **Nic Mitchell**, LB **DeShawn Page**, CB **Tre Phillips**, WR **Makai Polk**, RB **Simeon Price**, WR **Rara Thomas**, P **Archer Trafford**, WR **Trip Wilson** and OL **JT Zakkak**).

50 BURGER

- With its 55-10 victory against Tennessee State on Nov. 20, Mississippi State has now scored 50+ points in at least one game in 11 consecutive seasons. The 55 points were MSU's most in a game since a 56-10 victory against Louisiana on Sept. 15, 2018.
- State has put up 50+ points six times since 2018, with three of those games coming against SEC opponents. MSU has scored 50+ points 19 times over the last 16 seasons and is 19-0 in those games.

ON THE LINE

- MSU's offensive line has shuffled this year, with almost every lineman playing a new position.
- LT **Charles Cross** is the only lineman returning to the same position he played previously. He played 738 snaps at left tackle last year and has played 833 snaps there this year.
- Not including Cross, the remaining four regular starting linemen entered 2021 with a combined total of 53 snaps played at their current positions.
- The starting five on the O-line have played a total of 3,886 snaps this year after playing a total of 2,289 snaps across all positions in their careers prior to this season.
- State's offensive line has been much improved in the second year of the Air Raid as the Bulldogs have posted the nation's No. 5 pass blocking grade per PFF and allowed the fourth-fewest number of tackles for loss (50.0) in the SEC this season.
- The Bulldogs' 92.8 pass blocking efficiency rating from PFF is No. 8 in the nation and is second in the SEC.
- Cross and C **LaQuinston Sharp** have combined to win three SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week awards in eight games. MSU is tied with Texas A&M and Kentucky for the most weekly conference offensive line honors this season.

REGULAR OFFENSIVE LINE STARTERS SNAP COUNTS

Pos.	Name	2021	Prior At Position	Prior Career
LT	Charles Cross	833	738	738
LG	Kameron Jones	825	0	416
C	LaQuinston Sharp	842	1	697
RG	Kwatrivous Johnson	575	0	247
RT	Scott Lashley	811	52*	191
TOTAL		3,655	791	2,289

*at Alabama | Cole Smith has started three games at right guard and has now played 284 career snaps at the position after entering the year with zero.

SEC OFFENSIVE LINES COMBINED CAREER STARTS

Rank	School	Starts	Rank	School	Starts
1.	Arkansas	160	8.	Tennessee	120
2.	Vanderbilt	153	9.	Ole Miss	114
3.	LSU	143	10.	Kentucky	112
4.	Auburn	139	11.	Alabama	104
	Florida	139	12.	Mississippi St.	92
7.	Missouri	138	13.	Texas A&M	90
6.	South Carolina	134	14.	Georgia	88

CHUNK PLAYS

- The Bulldogs lead the SEC and are sixth nationally with 158 passes of 10 or more yards this year. 50 of those have gone for 20 yards or more, which is second in the league and 10th nationally.
- Defensively, MSU has allowed just 113 plays to go for more than 10 yards this season, which is second in the SEC and tied for fifth in the FBS. That includes just 33 runs of 10 or more yards this season, which is tied for ninth in the nation.

NEW AIR

- There have been 15 games of 400-plus passing yards in Mississippi State history. Eight of those performances occurred in the first 22 games of the **Mike Leach** era.
- MSU had thrown for 400-plus yards just seven total times in the previous 1,193 games prior to Leach's arrival in Starkville.
- The Bulldogs lead the nation with six 400-yard passing games and are one of 15 schools nationally and the only SEC team with multiple such games in 2021. State is one of four teams nationally with 10 300-yard passing games.
- State's most recent 400-plus passing yard performance came against Tennessee State on Nov. 20, 2021. QBs **Will Rogers** and Chance **Lovertich** completed 36 of 46 passes for 493 yards and five touchdowns in that game.
- Rogers is the seventh SEC quarterback to ever record a 4,000-yard passing season and holds the MSU school record. He is the 10th different passer that Leach has coached to the 4,000-yard mark.

MSU RECORD BOOK: 400-YARD PASSING GAMES

Yds	Opponent	Date	Stats
623	at LSU	9-26-2020	36-of-60, 5TD
508	at Arkansas	11-21-2015	38-of-51, 5TD
493	Tennessee State	11-20-2021	36-of-46, 5TD
466	Tulane	10-22-1994	21-of-30, 4TD
461	at Vanderbilt	10-23-2021	46-of-64, 5TD
456	vs. Alabama (Birmingham)	11-4-1978	31-of-53, 1TD
453	vs. Georgia Tech (Miami)	12-31-2014	33-of-51, 5TD
440	at Ole Miss	11-28-2020	45-of-62, 3TD
421	at Arkansas (Little Rock)	11-17-2007	29-of-51, 4TD
419	at Memphis	9-18-2021	50-of-67, 3TD
417	at Arkansas	11-6-2021	36-of-48, 4TD
417	Samford	10-29-2016	20-of-35, 5TD
415	at Auburn	11-13-2021	44-of-56, 6TD
408	at Texas A&M	10-2-2021	46-of-59, 3TD
405	at Florida	10-2-1993	24-of-44, 2TD

SEC RECORD BOOK: 4,000-YARD PASSERS

Rank	Yards	Name	School	Year
1.	5,671	Joe Burrow	LSU	2019
2.	4,500	Mac Jones	Alabama	2020
3.	4,283	Kyle Trask	Florida	2020
4.	4,275	Tim Couch	Kentucky	1998
5.	4,114	Johnny Manziel	Texas A&M	2013
6.	4,113	Will Rogers	Mississippi State	2021
7.	4,042	Chad Kelly	Ole Miss	2015

AIRING IT OUT

- QB **Will Rogers** completed a school-record and SEC-record 50 passes at Memphis (Sept. 18) and completed 47 against LSU (Sept. 25), which ranks second in SEC history. Rogers holds eight of the top nine single-game marks in program history, including each of the top five.
- Rogers became the 12th passer nationwide with 50 completions in a game since 2000, and **Mike Leach** has coached five of the 12. The 50 completions at Memphis are tied for the sixth-most by any team under **Mike Leach** in his 20-year career.
- MSU passed for 493 yards against Tennessee State (Nov. 20), which ranks third in program history and is the second-highest Bulldog total under Leach.
- MSU surpassed the 1,000 yards passing milestone after just three games, which is tied with the 2020 season for the fewest games needed to reach 1,000 yards through the air in school history.
- State completed 215 passes in just five games, the fewest number of games needed to reach the 200-completion mark in program history. The 2021 team has broken the MSU single-season record with 449 completions.
- State's 67 passing attempts against Memphis trail only its 70 attempts at Kentucky last year and LSU's 69 attempts against Auburn in 1999 for the most in a single game in SEC history.

MSU RECORD BOOK: SINGLE-GAME COMPLETIONS				
Rank	Comp.	Name	Opponent	Date
1.	50	Will Rogers	at Memphis	9-18-2021
2.	47	Will Rogers	LSU	9-25-2021
3.	46	Will Rogers	at Texas A&M	10-2-2021
4.	45	Will Rogers	at Ole Miss	11-28-2020
5.	44	Will Rogers	at Auburn	11-13-2021

ROGERS ON A ROLL

- QB **Will Rogers** has thrown for at least 300 yards in nine straight games, which is the nation's longest active streak, while averaging 383.2 yards in that span and completing 76.2 percent of his passes (362-of-475) with 29 touchdowns.
- Since 2004, the only quarterbacks with a longer streak are Graham Harrell (16) and Gardner Minshew (11).
- Has tossed a touchdown in 16 of his last 17 games with 42 scores in that span. Since 2020, Rogers has tossed multiple touchdowns in 11 different games, which is tied for second among active SEC quarterbacks.
- Is the only QB in the SEC with 400 or more passing yards and multiple touchdowns in the same game, and he's done so four times. He is one of four players nationally with four such games.
- Has connected with 14 different receivers this season and thrown touchdown passes to nine of them.

LONGEST 300-YARD PASSING GAME STREAKS (COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA)				
Name	School	Dates	Total Yds.	Avg.
Gardner Minshew*	Washington St.	09/01/18-11/17/18	4,328 (11 gm)	393.5
Joe Burrow	LSU	10/19/19-01/13/20	3,514 (10 gm)	351.4
Luke Falk*	Washington St.	09/12/15-11/14/15	3,778 (9 gm)	419.8
Will Rogers*	Mississippi St.	09/18/21-present	3,449 (9 gm)	383.2
Anthony Gorgon*	Washington St.	10/12/19-12/27/19	3,433 (8 gm)	429.1
*coached by Mike Leach				

RECORDS FOR ROGERS

- QB **Will Rogers** has broken the school record for completions in a season with 436 this year, surpassing Dak Prescott's 316 in 2015. He has 675 career completions, which is second in MSU history, trailing Prescott's 734 (2012-15).
 - Has also broken Prescott's single-season records for passing yardage (3,793) and passing touchdowns (29) with 4,113 yards and 34 touchdowns this year.
 - Broke the school record with six passing touchdowns at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13).
 - Against No. 12 Kentucky, Rogers broke MSU and SEC records for completion percentage with a 92.3 percent mark. The previous MSU record (min. 35 att.) was his 83.0 percent mark in the season opener against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4). The previous SEC mark (min. 30 comp.) was 91.2 percent by Josh Dobbs (Tennessee) vs. Vanderbilt (2016).
 - Currently MSU's career leader in completion percentage: 73.4 percent (675-of-919). Career No. 2: 64.1 percent by K.J. Costello (134-of-209; 2020) Career No. 3: 62.8 percent by Dak Prescott (734-of-1169; 2012-15).
 - Broke his own MSU single-game record for consecutive completions twice against No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30) with two streaks of 15 completions. Previous: 14 at Vanderbilt (Oct. 23, 2021) and 12 vs. Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4, 2021).
 - Broke his own MSU single-game-record with 50 completions at Memphis, which stands as the SEC record (Previous MSU: 45 by Rogers, at Ole Miss, 2020; Previous SEC: 47 by Tim Couch, Kentucky, vs. Arkansas, 1998).
 - Riding an 11-game streak with 30 or more completions.
 - Now boasts 12 career 300-yard passing games, which is an MSU career record (Previous: 9 by Dak Prescott, 2012-15) and 15 career 30-completion games, also an MSU record (Previous: 5 by Dak Prescott, 2012-15).
- EARLY RETURNS ON ROGERS**
- Through just 20 games and 17 starts, QB **Will Rogers** has moved to the top of State's career leaderboard in total offense. His 298.7 yards per game (5,974 total yards) currently leads all Bulldogs.
 - Bulldog legend Dak Prescott held the record previously, averaging 242.8 yards per game of total offense (11,897 yards in 49 games), but Prescott recorded more than half of his career yardage in his senior season. With his senior year removed, Prescott averaged 155.1 yards per game (5,583 yards in 36 games).
 - In 16 career starts, Rogers has thrown just 11 interceptions despite having 848 passing attempts (1.3 percent).

MSU RECORD BOOK: ROGERS' RANKS SO FAR

Statistic	2021	Season Rank	Career	Career Rank
300-yard passing games	10	1st	12	1st
200-yard passing games	11	3rd	16	2nd
Completions	436	1st	675	2nd
Pass attempts	573	1st	919	3rd
Passing yards	4,113	1st	6,089	4th
Passing yards/game	373.9	1st	--	--
Passing touchdowns	34	1st	45	3rd
Passing efficiency	153.17	1st	142.00	2nd

BULLDOGS' YAC ATTACK

- The Bulldogs lead the nation in yards after catch in 2021.
- Four players are averaging more than 6.5 yards after the catch this season: RB **Dillon Johnson** (7.5), RB **Jo'quavious Marks** (7.2), WR **Lideatrick Griffin** (6.7) and RB **Omni Wells** (24.0 on two catches).
- Mississippi State was one of eight Power Five teams in the nation with more than 1,500 yards after catch in 2020. The Bulldogs ranked second in the SEC in yards after catch and third nationally.

MSU YARDS AFTER CATCH BY GAME

Date	Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	YAC	Pct.
Sept. 4	LOUISIANA TECH	39	370	228	61.6
Sept. 11	NC STATE	33	294	152	51.7
Sept. 18	at Memphis	50	419	201	48.0
Sept. 25	LSU	47	371	291	78.4
Oct. 2	at No. 15 Texas A&M	46	408	252	61.8
Oct. 16	No. 5 Alabama	35	300	127	42.3
Oct. 23	at Vanderbilt	46	461	249	54.0
Oct. 30	No. 12 Kentucky	36	344	224	65.1
Nov. 6	at Arkansas	36	417	173	41.5
Nov. 13	at No. 17 Auburn	44	415	203	48.9
Nov. 20	Tennessee State	36	493	317	64.3
	TOTAL	449	4,292	2,417	56.3

POWER 5 LEADERS IN YARDS AFTER CATCH PER PFF

Rank	School	YAC	GP	YAC/G
1.	Mississippi State	2,357	11	214.3
2.	Alabama	2,095	11	190.5
3.	Maryland	1,988	11	180.7
4.	Ohio State	1,908	11	173.5
5.	Purdue	1,873	11	170.3

SPREADING THE LOVE

- Mississippi State is the only school in the nation with multiple players who have made 70-plus receptions this season (WR **Makai Polk**, 88 and RB **Jo'quavious Marks**, 73) and one of six with multiple 60-catch receivers.
- Polk, Marks and RB **Dillon Johnson** (53) have given State three 50-catch receivers in the same year for the first time in program history. MSU had just four prior seasons with two 50-catch players: 2020 - Marks and Jaden Walley, 2015 - Fred Ross and De'Runnya Wilson, 1969 - Sammy Milner and David Smith.

- MSU is one of 10 teams nationally with 10 players with 10-plus catches.

- The Bulldogs have multiple 500-yard receivers for just the seventh time on record (since 1961) and have seen three receivers reach that mark for the first time in program history: Polk, 891; WR **Jaden Walley**, 569 and WR **Austin Williams**, 519.

MSU RECORD BOOK: 500-YARD RECEIVER PAIRS (SINCE 1961)

Year	Leading Receiver	Yds.	Second Receiver	Yds.
2021	Makai Polk	891	Jaden Walley	569
			Austin Williams	519
2020	Jaden Walley	718	Osirus Mitchell	505
2016	Fred Ross	917	Donald Gray	709
2015	Fred Ross	1,007	De'Runnya Wilson	918
2012	Chad Bumphis	922	Chris Smith	564
2002	Terrell Grindle	608	Ray Ray Bivines	511

RELIABLE RECEIVERS

- Six Bulldogs boast streaks of 10 or more consecutive games with a reception.
- RB **Jo'quavious Marks** has the longest active streak at 22 games, which includes every game of his collegiate career. WR **Makai Polk**, WR **Jaden Walley** and WR **Austin Williams** all have catches in 20 straight contests. Meanwhile, WR **Jamire Calvin** has a reception in 16 consecutive games and RB **Dillon Johnson** is on a 12-game streak.

MOVING THE CHAINS

- MSU is the only school in the SEC with three players with 25 or more catches for a first down.
- WR **Makai Polk** is second in the league with 42 such catches. WR **Jaden Walley** is eighth (29), and WR **Austin Williams** is tied for ninth (28).

POINTS ON POLK

- WR **Makai Polk** (891) is one of five Bulldogs to eclipse 800 receiving yards through 11 games since 2000. He already ranks 10th in MSU single-season history.
- Polk has tied Fred Ross' (2015) MSU single-season record with 88 catches this season.
- One of four receivers in the SEC with four 100-yard receiving games this year.
- Caught a career-high 13 passes at Texas A&M (10/2), which is fourth-most in MSU single-game history, for 126 yards. It was his third career double-digit reception game, which is tied for second in school history.
- Against the Aggies, Polk also recorded the first multi-touchdown game of his career and caught 11 passes for first downs after entering the game with 11 total for the season.
- Polk is one of four Bulldogs ever to record multiple double-digit reception games in his career and the first with multiple in the same season since Fred Ross posted a school-record four double-digit reception games in 2015.

► Polk has made 10 or more catches in three games this year, which leads the SEC and is tied for fourth nationally. A Bulldog has caught 10 or more passes just 19 times in school history.

► Polk is one of 15 players nationally and three in the SEC with multiple games posting 10-plus receptions, 100-plus receiving yards and at least one receiving touchdown.

MSU RECORD BOOK: SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTIONS

Rank	Rec.	Name	Year	Yds.	Avg.
1.	88	Makai Polk	2021	891	10.1
	88	Fred Ross	2015	1,007	11.4
3.	74	David Smith	1970	987	13.3
4.	73	Jo'quavious Marks	2021	435	6.0
5.	72	Fred Ross	2016	917	12.7

SEC INDIVIDUAL RECEPTIONS LEADERS THROUGH 11 GAMES (SINCE 2000)

Rank	Name	Year	School	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
1.	DeVonta Smith (Sr.)	2020	ALA	98	1511	15.4	17
2.	Jordan Matthews (Sr.)	2013	VAN	96	1209	12.6	5
3.	Amari Cooper (Jr.)	2014	ALA	90	1349	15.0	11
	Josh Reed (Jr.)	2001	LSU	90	1680	18.7	7
5.	Makai Polk (RSo.)	2021	MSU	88	891	10.1	9

MSU RECORD BOOK: RECEIVING YARDS THROUGH 11 GAMES (SINCE 2000)

Rank	Yds.	Name	Year	Rec.	Avg.
1.	891	Makai Polk	2021	88	10.1
2.	871	Justin Jenkins	2003	60	14.5
3.	835	Fred Ross	2016	67	12.5
4.	825	Tony Burks	2006	33	25.0
5.	816	Fred Ross	2015	69	11.8

MAKING HIS MARKS

► RB **Jo'quavious Marks** is second on the team with 73 receptions, which leads all FBS running backs and is 17th overall. He has broken his own school record for the most catches by a running back in a single-season set last year (60).

► Has 133 career receptions, which is tied for sixth in MSU history, and holds the MSU career record for receptions by a running back.

► His 87.5 hands/drop grade is fifth among FBS running backs and his 86.0 receiving grade is 11th among running backs.

► Has caught 69 of 78 targets for a 88.5 percent reception percentage, which is fifth nationally among players with at least 35 targets per PFF.

► Marks posted his first career multi-touchdown game (2 rush, 1 rec) against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4), including his first career receiving score.

► Carried a career-high 18 times against No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30) for 53 yards. Also caught nine passes for a career-high 57 yards to account for a then-career-high 115 all-purpose yards.

► In 2020, Marks broke MSU's single-season records for receptions by both freshmen and running backs. Marks finished the season with 60 catches which was tied for ninth in program history.

WALLEY WATCH

► WR **Jaden Walley** is second on the team with five receiving touchdowns and has a touchdown in catch in five different games this season. His seven games with a touchdown reception are tied for ninth among active players in the SEC since 2020.

► Caught a season-high seven passes for a season-high 87 yards at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13) with four receptions for first downs.

► Against No. 12 Kentucky, turned in a then-season-high and team-leading 95 receiving yards, including a season-long reception of 29 yards.

► Posted a season-high 119 all-purpose yards against Tennessee State (Nov. 20) while returning four punts for 73 yards (18.3 average).

MR. RELIABLE

► WR **Austin Williams** tied the school record with three receiving touchdowns against Tennessee State (Nov. 20). He caught four passes for a career-high 75 yards, including 21-yard and 30-yard scores.

► Williams is having a career year, posting the highest season totals of his career in receptions (45), yards (519), first downs (28) and touchdowns (4) along with a career-best 11 catches of 15 or more yards and four of 25-plus yards.

► Of his 109 career receptions, 61.5 percent have led to a touchdown or first down. He is now tied for 10th in MSU career history with 12 receiving touchdowns.

► Williams boasts the third-highest hands grade (91.6) in the FBS per PFF. He has caught 45 of his 50 targets (90.0 percent), which ranks second in the nation among players with at least 35 targets.

► Williams hauled in a career-long 34-yard reception against NC State (Sept. 11). He also made a 30-yard reception against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4), which was his longest catch since his previous career-long of 33 yards on a touchdown against Arkansas (Nov. 17, 2018).

► Williams posted a then-career-high 72 receiving yards at Arkansas (Nov. 6) while all four of his receptions went for first downs. He has recorded a career-high 444 receiving yards this season.

AUSTIN WILLIAMS' CAREER RECEPTIONS

Year	Rec.	TDs	1st	15+	25+
2021	45	4	28	11	4
2020	43	3	17	7	0
2019	11	2	5	2	1
2018	10	3	5	4	2
Total	109	12	55	24	7

JOHNSON'S RUNS

► RB **Dillon Johnson** scored on a career-long 32-yard run against Tennessee State (Nov. 20), which is MSU's longest run of the year.

► Also has carries of 22- and 20-yards this season, and leads the team in runs of 20-plus yards.

DAWG DEFENSE QUICK HITS

- Mississippi State is third in the SEC and seventh in the nation in rushing defense (96.4). MSU is one of five SEC schools to allow 10 or fewer rushing touchdowns this season.
- MSU leads the SEC lead and is eighth in the nation in total plays against, allowing opponents just 657 snaps this season.
- State has allowed just 172 first downs this year, which is second in the SEC and seventh in the nation. The Bulldogs' 61 rushing first downs allowed are seventh in the FBS.
- State has allowed only 113 plays of 10+ yards from scrimmage this season, which ranks second in the SEC and is tied for fifth in the FBS.
- LB **Aaron Brule** ranks third in the SEC in pass rush productivity score from PFF (10.8) among players with at least 100 pass rushes.
- CB **Emmanuel Forbes** is tied for ninth in the SEC with eight pass defenses and S **Jalen Green** is second among SEC safeties with six pass defenses this year.
- The Bulldog defense held consecutive SEC opponents to fewer than 50 total plays against Vanderbilt and Kentucky, marking just the third time since 2000 that an SEC team has held conference opponents to fewer than 50 plays in consecutive weeks. Kentucky did so in 2019 against Tennessee (Nov. 9) and at Vanderbilt (Nov. 16), and LSU did so in 2011 against Florida (Oct. 8) and at Tennessee (Oct. 15).
- Three Bulldogs posted career highs with double-digit tackles against No. 5 Alabama. It was the first time this season that State has seen multiple players record 10 or more tackles in a game.
- State's defense held Memphis, which entered the matchup as the nation's leader in total offense (633.5 yards per game), to just 246 total yards. MSU allowed just 12 first downs, which was then tied for the seventh-fewest allowed by any **Mike Leach**-coached team.

ANALYZING ARNETT'S DEFENSE

- Since his arrival in 2020, defensive coordinator **Zach Arnett's** defense has been one of the best in the country.
- Since 2020, MSU has allowed fewer than 150 rushing yards in 15 games, which is third in the SEC and tied for 11th in the Power Five during that span. MSU is holding its opponents to just 111.4 rushing yards per game, which ranks third in the SEC during that span.
- State is tied for 10th among Power Five teams with 21 rushing touchdowns allowed since 2020.
- The Bulldogs are tied for fourth in the SEC in turnovers forced (33) since the start of 2020.

STATE HAS A TAKEAWAY IN 43 OF ITS LAST 51 GAMES

- The Bulldogs have collected at least one takeaway in 43 of their last 51 games dating back to the 2017 season at Arkansas on Nov. 18. State has compiled 82 takeaways over the 51-game stretch and forced three or more turnovers 11 times in that span.
- In that span, the Bulldogs had a takeaway streak of 22 straight games (Nov. 18, 2017-Oct. 12, 2019) and a streak of nine games (Nov. 23, 2019-Nov. 7, 2020).
- MSU has forced multiple turnovers in 16 games since the start of 2019, going 12-4 when doing so.

MSU HAS AN INTERCEPTION IN 31 OF ITS LAST 47 GAMES

- State has collected an interception in 31 of its last 47 games dating back to Sept. 1, 2018 and has 45 total interceptions during that stretch. Ten active players have collected 25 total interceptions in their careers.
- MSU has 11 multi-interception games since the start of 2018 and has gone 10-1 when doing so in that span.
- Not included in that total is S **Fred Peters'** pick on a two-point conversion attempt at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13).

HOLDING TEAMS TO FEWER THAN 200 YARDS RUSHING

- Since the start of the 2018 season, MSU has held 42 of its 48 opponents below the 200-yard rushing mark, which is the third-most in the SEC and tied for ninth in the nation during that stretch. 31 of those 42 games holding teams below 200 yards have been SEC games.
- In 2020, MSU held four opponents to fewer than 100 yards on the ground. MSU held opponents to 126.4 rushing yards per game, which was fourth in the SEC. Just 41 of opponents' 391 rushing attempts went for 12 or more yards in 2020.
- The Bulldogs have held six opponents below 100 yards on the ground in 2021.
- Only two teams rushed for 200+ yards on the Bulldogs in 2020 - Alabama (208) and Auburn (218). Arkansas (202) is the only team to do so this season.

SEC LEADERS HOLDING TEAMS BELOW 200 YARDS RUSHING (SINCE 2018)

Rank	School	Opp. Below 200+ Rushing	Record When
1.	Alabama	48	44-4
	Georgia	48	42-6
3.	Mississippi State	42	25-17
4.	Texas A&M	40	29-11
5.	Florida	39	31-8

HOLDING TEAMS TO FEWER THAN 100 YARDS RUSHING

- The Bulldogs have held 10 opponents to less than 100 rushing yards in 22 games under defensive coordinator **Zach Arnett**, which is the fourth-most games in the SEC and tied for 10th in the FBS.
- MSU held Vanderbilt (Oct. 23) to just six yards rushing, marking the lowest total under Arnett, surpassing an eight-yard performance at then-No. 13 Georgia on Nov. 21, 2020.
- State has held six opponents, including three SEC teams, to fewer than 100 yards on the ground this year, and allowed just 101 yards in the season opener against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4). MSU held four opponents to fewer than 100 rushing yards in 2020 including each of its first three games.
- Since 1976, MSU has held opponents under 100 yards rushing in at least three straight games on five occasions. Prior to Arnett's arrival State had held three straight opponents under 100 yards rushing just three times - with the last coming in 2000 - and the Bulldogs have already done so twice under his leadership.
- The last time MSU held four conference opponents below the century mark on the ground was the 2018 season. State finished that year with seven games of less than 100 rushing yards allowed. (Auburn: 90 yards; Texas A&M: 61 yards; Arkansas: 69 yards; at Ole Miss: 37 yards).

MSU RECORD BOOK: MOST GAMES HOLDING OPPONENTS TO FEWER THAN 100 RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON

Rank	Games	Year	Opponents
1.	7	2018	Stephen F. Austin, Louisiana, Auburn, Texas A&M, Arkansas, Ole Miss, Iowa
2.	6	2021	NC State, Memphis, LSU, Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Tennessee State
	6	2009	Jackson State, Vanderbilt, LSU, Middle Tennessee, Arkansas, Ole Miss
	6	2000	Memphis, BYU, South Carolina, Florida, Auburn, Alabama
5.	5	2010	Memphis, Houston, Kentucky, Ole Miss, Michigan

GOT HIM FOR A LOSS

- Mississippi State recorded a season-high 12 tackles for loss against Tennessee State (Nov. 20). The Bulldogs had surpassed their previous season high by halftime with nine in the first half.
- The 12 tackles for loss are MSU's highest since recording 17 against Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 1, 2018.
- 11 different Bulldogs had at least 0.5 tackles for loss in that game and 27 different Bulldogs made a tackle.
- LB **Tyrus Wheat** posted a career-best 3.0 tackles for loss and matched his career high with 2.0 sacks. He is now tied for fifth among SEC linebackers with 10.0 tackles for loss this year and sixth among all league players with 7.0 sacks.

SECONDARY SECURITY

- S **Jalen Green** has allowed a reception on just 46.7 percent of his snaps in coverage which ranks third among SEC safeties and corners with at least 300 coverage snaps.
- Green is second among such players in passer rating allowed (42.5) despite being targeted on every 10.8 snaps. He has allowed just 50 total yards after catch on 14 total receptions.
- S **Fred Peters** is tied for the second-fewest targets in the league (18) among players with 300 coverage snaps.
- CB **Emmanuel Forbes** is tied for 17th in the SEC with five forced incompletions per PFF.

NO FLY FORBES

- DB **Emmanuel Forbes** is the nation's active career leader (FBS only) in interception return touchdowns (3) and the SEC's active career leader in defensive scores trailing only Iowa State's Jaquan Amos (4) for the national lead.
- SEC's active career leader with eight interceptions, which is tied for 17th in the FBS. Eight interceptions is third-most in the FBS since the start of the 2020 season. Fifth in the FBS in career interception return yards (216) and sixth in interceptions per game (0.36).
- Boasts eight total pass defenses on the year, which is tied for ninth in the SEC.
- Leads the team in 2021 with 36 solo tackles and tied for second with 24 "stops" per PFF, which are tackles that constitute a "failure" for the offense. Has recorded a single-season career-high 3.5 tackles for loss and is fourth on the team in total tackles (47).
- Made a career-high 11 tackles against NC State (Sept. 11) along with a career-high 1.5 tackles for loss and his first career sack.
- Was named a Freshman All-American in 2020 after leading the nation in interception touchdowns (3) and leading the SEC in total interceptions (5). His five interceptions led all true freshmen nationally and were tied for third overall.
- Tied for third among FBS freshmen with 11 total pass defenses in 2020 and was 12th overall.
- First Bulldog with five or more interceptions in a season since Mark McLaurin tied the school record with six in 2017, and he is tied for eighth in MSU single-season history.
- Tied for the MSU career record for interception return touchdowns (3) with Johnthan Banks (2009-12), Corey Broomfield (2009-12) and Derek Pegues (2005-08).
- Took an interception back 90 yards against Tulsa, setting an Armed Forces Bowl record and matching the sixth-longest interception return in school history (Anthony Derricks vs. Auburn on Nov. 1, 1997).
- Picked off two passes against Missouri, returning one 29 yards for his second touchdown. First Bulldog with multiple interceptions in a game since the 2017 TaxSlayer Bowl win against Louisville (Mark McLaurin, 3).

GREEN'S GREAT DAY

- S **Jalen Green** had a career day against NC State (Sept. 11). The transfer from Texas picked up his first takeaways in the Maroon and White and matched his career high with two pass breakups.
- Green made his first MSU interception in the end zone to save a touchdown against the Wolfpack. It was his second career pick following one while playing for Texas on Oct. 31, 2020, at Oklahoma State.
- He also recovered a fumble for the first time in his career.
- Became the third Bulldog in as many years with multiple takeaways in a game joining DB **Emmanuel Forbes** (2 INT) against Missouri on Dec. 19, 2020, and Leo Lewis (2 FR) at Auburn on Sept. 28, 2019.

TURN ON THE JETTS

- LB **Jett Johnson** leads the team with 74 total tackles and is tied for fourth on the team with 5.0 tackles for loss. Also tied for second the team with 24 "stops" per PFF, which are tackles that constitute a "failure" for the offense.
- Recovered his first fumble against No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30) after having a previous recovery in that game erased upon review. Also recovered a fumble against Tennessee State (Nov. 20)
- Posted a career-high 10 tackles against No. 5 Alabama (Oct. 16).
- He posted a breakout game against NC State (Sept. 11) when he recorded a then-career-high nine tackles, more than any of his previous season totals. He entered 2021 with five career tackles and made five solo stops against the Wolfpack.
- Johnson also forced his first career fumble and added a pass breakup in that game.

EMERSON ONE OF SEC'S TOP CORNERS

- DB **Martin Emerson** was named a Pro Football Focus All-American in 2020 after leading the SEC with 11 pass breakups, which was also tied for fourth in the FBS.
- Ranks 14th among SEC corner backs with at least 300 snaps in coverage with a 75.2 coverage grade from PFF.
- Has only been targeted on 45 of 335 snaps in coverage (13.4 percent) this year and was only targeted on 59 of his 388 snaps in coverage (15.2 percent) in 2020.
- Ranked eighth among Power Five cornerbacks and third in the SEC at the position in coverage grade (82.9) (min. 200 snaps) in 2020.
- One of 16 SEC cornerbacks in 2020 with one or fewer TDs allowed in coverage per PFF (min. 200 coverage snaps).

BOOKIE'S BEST

- LB **Nathaniel Watson** made a career-high 16 tackles against No. 5 Alabama (Oct. 16). That stands as the most tackles by a Bulldog in a single game since Brandon Wilson recorded 18 vs. Louisiana Tech on Sept. 24, 2011.
- Watson had a season-high nine tackles in the first half alone and recorded his second career sack.

SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

- K **Brandon Ruiz** boasts an active streak of 134 consecutive extra points made in his career.
- The Bulldogs blocked a field goal in the season opener against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4) to preserve a one-point victory on the game's final play.
- State also blocked a field goal at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13) in the middle of a run of 40 unanswered points.

ABOUT THOSE BLOCKS...

- Mississippi State completed its comeback against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4) by blocking a game-winning field goal attempt on the final snap. DT **Jaden Crumedy** was credited with the block.
- It was the first blocked field goal for the Bulldogs since Nelson Adams did so in the St. Petersburg Bowl against Miami (Ohio) on Dec. 26, 2016.
- DT **Cameron Young** then blocked a 35-yard field goal at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13) which led to a touchdown on the ensuing drive to take a 29-28 lead, erasing a 25-point deficit.
- The last time MSU blocked multiple kicks in one season came in 2018 when DL Jeffery Simmons blocked three (2 punts, 1 extra point).
- The one-point victory against Louisiana Tech (35-34) was MSU's narrowest margin of victory since the 2019 Egg Bowl win on a missed field goal against Ole Miss. The Bulldogs have now won at least one game by three points or less in each of the last three seasons.

COMEBACK ON THE PLAINS

- Mississippi State erased a 25-point deficit with 6:10 to play in the second quarter for its largest comeback on record in a 43-34 victory at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13). It was the second time this year that State had broken its record for largest comeback.
- MSU scored 40 unanswered points and outscored Auburn, 33-6, in the second half. The Bulldogs scored touchdowns on six of their final eight drives.
- That marked the most unanswered points scored by MSU since putting up 49 straight in a 56-10 victory at Louisiana on Sept. 15, 2018.
- After the first quarter, QB **Will Rogers** threw consecutive incompletions just once across 37 passing attempts.

- Rogers became the first SEC passer since at least 2000 with 400 passing yards, six passing touchdowns and zero interceptions while completing at least 80 percent of his passes.
- State's defense held Auburn to minus-14 rushing yards in the second half with just seven first downs. The Bulldogs forced three fumbles in the game, recovering one and blocked a field goal attempt.
- A turning point in the game was a 98-yard scoring drive capped by a receiving touchdown from RB **Dillon Johnson**. That drive was MSU's longest scoring drive since a 99-yard march for a touchdown against Samford on Oct. 29, 2016.

WILL ROGERS BY HALF AT NO. 17 AUBURN

	First Half	Second Half
Passing Yards	144	271
Completions-Attempts	20-30	24-26
Completion Percentage	66.7	92.3
Passing Touchdowns	1	5

MAJOR MARGIN

- The Bulldogs' 39-point margin of victory at Vanderbilt (W, 45-6) is State's eighth-largest margin ever in a game outside of Davis Wade Stadium.
- It was State's fourth-largest margin on record in a true road game and second-largest in a true road game against an SEC opponent.
- Largest road or neutral site margin since a 45-point win at Memphis on Sept. 1, 2011 (W, 59-14).
- Largest margin of victory in a road or neutral site SEC game since a 40-point win at Kentucky on Oct. 29, 1994 (W, 47-7).

DEFENSE DOMINATES 'DORES

- Mississippi State became one of nine SEC teams since 2000 to hold a conference opponent to 42 or fewer total plays in its 45-6 win at Vanderbilt (Oct. 23). The Bulldogs held the Commodores to 42 plays, coming seven snaps shy of school record.
- Vanderbilt picked up just five first downs, which stands as the fewest allowed by a **Mike Leach**-coached team. Previously, Leach's Texas Tech teams had held SE Louisiana (2002) and North Texas (2000) to seven first downs. The Bulldogs have allowed 12 or fewer first downs three times since Leach arrived in 2020.
- The Commodores ran just 16 plays in the first half, compared to MSU's 50. They picked up just 73 total yards and had minus-3 rushing yards in the first half.
- MSU held Vanderbilt to just 152 yards of total offense. That's the sixth-lowest total allowed by a Leach-coached team and the second time that MSU has held a team below 160 yards under Leach.
- State showed up on third down, allowing just one conversion in 11 tries. The Bulldogs did not allow a third-down conversion in the first half.
- Vanderbilt's 17 rushing attempts were second only to Houston's 16 on Oct. 4, 1969 for the fewest allowed by MSU in program history.

NOTING STATE'S OFFENSE AT VANDY

- The Bulldogs posted their second 500-yard game under **Mike Leach** last week in a 45-6 win at Vanderbilt. MSU totaled 522 yards with 461 coming through the air, which was the fourth-highest passing total in school history.
- State has won seven straight games when posting 500 or more yards of total offense. MSU has now passed for 400-plus yards five times under Leach and passed the 300-yard passing mark in 10 games.
- The Bulldogs collected a then-school-record-tying five touchdown passes for the 10th time in program history and second time under Leach.
- MSU possessed the ball for a season-high 39:02, which is also MSU's high under Mike Leach. It was the Bulldogs highest possession total since 40:09 at Arkansas, Nov. 2, 2019, and State ran 50 plays in the first half alone.
- Completed 47 passes, which is tied for second in MSU single-game history with Leach's first game at the helm at LSU on Sept. 25, 2021. The Bulldogs set the school record with 50 at Memphis (Sept. 18) earlier this year.
- Completed passes to 13 different receivers, which stands as the most by a Bulldog offense in the last 25 years.

HONOR ROLL

- A trio of Bulldogs collected weekly honors following State's 45-6 win at Vanderbilt (Oct. 23). QB **Will Rogers** was selected to the Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 for the second time this year, and OL **Charles Cross** and WR **Rara Thomas** earned SEC Player of the Week honors.
- Cross was named the league's Offensive Lineman of the Week for the second time this fall, and Thomas was the conference's Freshman of the Week. It marked the first time since Nov. 26, 2018, that a pair of Bulldogs received SEC weekly honors in the same week (DT Jeffery Simmons - defensive lineman; OL Elgton Jenkins - offensive lineman). State also had a pair win weekly honors the prior week on Nov. 19, 2018 (OL Deion Calhoun - offensive lineman; S Jonathan Abram - defensive).

RECEIVERS SHINE IN DAWG DEBUTS

- WR **Jamire Calvin**, WR **Makai Polk** and WR **Rara Thomas** were given starting nods in their MSU debut against Louisiana Tech. The trio combined for 179 receiving yards on 16 catches.
- Calvin led the team with 67 yards in his first game for the Maroon and White. The graduate transfer who spent four years in **Mike Leach's** system while at Washington State led MSU with 40 yards after catch and averaged 10.0 yards after catch per reception. He also registered a 20-yard touchdown.
- Polk, a transfer from California, led the team with 10 receptions for 57 yards. He currently leads the SEC and ranks fourth in the FBS in receptions (63).
- Thomas caught his first career target for a 21-yard gain and his second for a 25-yard haul. At Vanderbilt (Oct. 23), his third career catch was a touchdown.

“TULU” TAKES IT BACK

- WR **Lideatrick Griffin** returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown against NC State (Sept. 11). It was the fifth 100-yard kick return in program history and the first 100-yard return since Brandon Holloway did so against Southern Miss (Sept. 5, 2015).
- Griffin's kick return was the first time MSU had scored on its first kickoff return of a game since Jameon Lewis returned the second kickoff of the game 100 yards against Ole Miss on Nov. 24, 2012 following the Rebels' game-opening scoring drive.
- It was the first opening kickoff return for a touchdown since Kevin Prentiss returned the opening kick 91 yards at South Carolina on Sept. 26, 1998.
- Griffin also posted a career-best 144 kick return yards against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4) along with a then-career-long 70-yard return.
- Boasts three 100-yard kick return games and is one of five Bulldogs since 1992 with three or more 100-yard kick return games in their careers trailing Leon Berry, Fred Reid, Derek Pegues and Pig Prather, who all have four.
- Became the first Bulldog with 100+ kick return yards since Keith Mixon (106 yards, 5 returns) vs. Arkansas on Nov. 19, 2016.

MSU RECORD BOOK: SINGLE-GAME KICK RETURN YARDS (SINCE 1998)

Rank	Name	Opponent (Date)	Ret.	Yds.	Yds./Ret.
1.	Leon Berry	at Auburn (9-12-2009)	7	186	26.6
2.	Leon Berry	Florida (10-24-2009)	7	184	26.3
3.	Fred Reid	Kentucky (11-2-2002)	7	176	25.1
4.	Derek Pegues	at LSU (9-27-2008)	7	166	23.7
5.	Nick Turner	at Tennessee (11-15-2003)	7	163	23.3
6.	Leon Berry	Alcorn State (10-2-2010)	3	153	51.0
7.	Derek Pegues	vs. Arkansas (11-17-2007)	5	149	29.8
8.	Leon Berry	Georgia Tech (10-3-2009)	3	145	48.3
9.	Lideatrick Griffin	Louisiana Tech (9-4-2021)	4	144	36.0
10.	Lideatrick Griffin	vs. Tulsa (12-31-2020)	4	138	34.5

REVIEWING 2020

- MSU played in a bowl game for a school-record 11th straight year a season ago, defeating Tulsa, 28-26, in the 2020 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl. State is 7-4 in bowl games in that span. MSU is one of only four SEC programs to go to a bowl each of the last 11 seasons, joining Alabama, Georgia and Texas A&M.
- MSU claimed its first win over a ranked opponent in a bowl game since 1940 when State defeated then-No. 13 Georgetown, 14-7. **Mike Leach** is the first head coach in MSU history to win a bowl game in his first year leading the program.
- The 2020 season saw MSU claim victories over multiple AP-ranked opponents away from home for the first time since 1980. State defeated No. 6 LSU, 44-34, in Baton Rouge to open the season and No. 22 Tulsa, 28-26, in a neutral matchup at the Armed Forces Bowl. In 1980, the Bulldogs toppled No. 18 Miami (Fla.) on the road, 34-31, before defeating No. 1 Alabama, 6-3, on a neutral field.
- State's 11 opponents in 2020 combined to win 57.1 % of their games, good for the second-highest percentage in the SEC. Based on opponent's record and opponents' record, the Bulldogs played the second-strongest schedule in the SEC in 2020.

- With its 51-32 victory against Missouri on Dec. 19, Mississippi State has now scored 50+ points in at least one game in 10 consecutive seasons. The 51 points were MSU's most in a game since the Bulldogs' 54-24 victory at Arkansas on Nov. 2, 2019.
- WR **Jaden Walley** and CB **Emmanuel Forbes** marked Mississippi State's first duo in program history to earn Freshman All-American accolades in the same season.
- WR **Jaden Walley** became the first true freshman to lead MSU in receiving yardage since Chad Bumphis (375) in 2009, and his 718 yards were an MSU freshman record. He ranked third among all FBS freshmen. Walley was the only true freshman in the nation last season to record 50+ receptions and 700+ receiving yards.
- CB **Emmanuel Forbes** returned three interceptions for touchdowns in his freshman season which led the nation and is already tied for State's career record with Johnthan Banks (2009-12), Corey Broomfield (2009-12) and Derek Pegues (2005-08). Forbes led the SEC and all true freshmen nationally with five interceptions. Forbes also earned a spot on both The Associated Press and ESPN.com All-Bowl teams after delivering his fifth interception of the season and returning it 90 yards for a touchdown in last season's finale.
- For the first time in school history last season, MSU finished with four players recording 40+ catches. The Bulldogs were the only team in the nation with four players with 40+ catches in 2020. **Mike Leach** has had at least four players catch 40+ passes in each of his 19 seasons as a head coach.
- QB **Will Rogers** finished last season with a 69.1 completion percentage, the second highest by a true freshman in FBS history. RB **Jo'quavious Marks** collected 60 receptions last season, which tied for the most in the country among freshmen. SEC All-Freshman LT **Charles Cross** played 720 offensive snaps in 2020 per PFF, the most snaps in the SEC among freshman offensive lineman, and 90 more snaps than the next closest. Armed Forces Bowl MVP and WR **Lideatrick Griffin** became just the second player in the country last season with 135+ kickoff return yards and one receiving touchdown in a single game.
- RB **Jo'quavious Marks**, WR **Jaden Walley**, RB **Dillon Johnson** and WR **Lideatrick Griffin** combined for 158 receptions in 2020, the most by any true freshmen group in the nation.
- State was one of six teams in the FBS with four defensive touchdowns in 2020 (3 INT, 1 FR).

ONE OF THE YOUNGEST TEAMS IN FBS LAST YEAR

- A total of 27 players made their MSU debuts last season, including nine true freshmen. Twenty-six Bulldogs made their first career start last year, 15 on offense and 11 on defense. That was tied for the most in the FBS. MSU's first-time starters played an impressive 8,563 snaps last season after combining for just 635 career snaps entering the season with only two members of that group playing more than 100 career snaps.
- MSU totaled 1,541 plays for 16,951 total snap opportunities with 50.5 percent of snaps being taken up by first-time starters. On average, MSU had 5.6 first-time starters on the field for every play.
- The first-time starters from last season returning in 2021 are: LB **Aaron Brule**, S **London Craft**, OL **Charles Cross**, WR **Brad Cumbest**, S **Collin Duncan**, CB **Emmanuel Forbes**, CB **Esaías Furdge**, WR **Lideatrick Griffin**, S **Landon Guidry**,

WR **Malik Heath**, S **Jay Jimison**, RB **Dillon Johnson**, OL **Kwatrivous Johnson**, OL **Kameron Jones**, RB **Jo'quavious Marks**, DE **Aaron Odom**, S **Fred Peters**, QB **Will Rogers**, OL **Cole Smith**, WR **Jaden Walley**, LB **Nathaniel Watson**, LB **Tyrus Wheat**.

THE RISE OF ROGERS

- QB **Will Rogers** broke nearly every freshman passing record last year despite starting just six games.
- Holds the MSU freshman record with 1,976 yards, breaking Wayne Madkin's 1998 mark of 1,532 and ranking ninth in MSU single-season history.
- Holds MSU freshman record with 239 completions in 2020, which ranks third in MSU single-season history.
- Broke the single-season completion percentage record with a 69.1 percent mark (239-of-346), surpassing Dak Prescott's 66.2 percent mark in 2015 (316-of-477). Completion percentage ranked 10th nationally and led all FBS freshmen.
- Threw for an MSU freshman-single-game record 440 yards at Ole Miss (Nov. 28, 2020).
- Only MSU freshman to throw for 300-plus yards in multiple games.

TRUE FRESHMAN STARTING AT QB

- Prior to QB **Will Rogers** in 2020, head coach **Mike Leach** had never started a true freshman at quarterback during his coaching career. Rogers became just the seventh true freshman to start at quarterback for the Bulldogs since the NCAA began allowing freshmen to compete in 1972.
- Rogers threw for 226 yards, the most by a Bulldog true freshman in his first career start. He joined Todd Jordan as the only MSU true freshman quarterbacks to throw a touchdown in their first career start. He completed 35 passes, the most by a freshman in school history.
- MSU won all seven games when a true freshman quarterback made his first career start with four of those victories coming against SEC opponents. Below is a look at how all seven true freshmen passers fared in their first career start:

Player	Opponent (Year)	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Will Rogers	Vanderbilt (2020)	35-46-0	226	1	17
Garrett Shrader	Kentucky (2019)	17-22-1	180	0	25
Keytaon Thompson	Louisville (2017)	11-20-1	127	0	29
Damian Williams	Ole Miss (2013)	8-18-1	82	0	20
Wesley Carroll	Gardner-Webb (2007)	4-8-0	42	0	18
Todd Jordan	Tulane (1989)	9-18-1	105	1	32
John Bond	Vanderbilt (1980)	6-15-0	72	0	--

WALLEY WATCH

- WR **Jaden Walley** posted breakout performances down the stretch in 2020, leading MSU in both receptions and yards at No. 13 Georgia (Nov. 21), at Ole Miss (Nov. 28) and against Auburn (Dec. 12) and Missouri (Dec. 19).
- Turned in four consecutive 100-yard receiving games and became the second

freshman in MSU history with multiple 100-yard receiving games in the same year (Mardye McDole, 2 games, 1977). Averaged 130.0 receiving yards and 7.25 catches per game over the four-game span.

- The last Bulldog with four consecutive 100-yard receiving games was Fred Ross in 2015 (Four straight: at Missouri, Alabama, at Arkansas, Ole Miss).
- Led MSU with 718 receiving yards in 2020, which ranked third nationally among freshmen and became the first freshman to lead State in receiving yardage since Chad Bumphis (375) in 2009.
- Broke Mardye McDole's freshman record of 510 yards set in 1977 and became just the second MSU freshman with a 500-yard season.
- Had a career-high nine catches and 176 receiving yards at Ole Miss, breaking the MSU freshman record for receiving yards in a game (Previous: 148 - Mardye McDole at Auburn, Nov. 5, 1977).
- Posted then-career highs in receptions (7) and receiving yards (115) at Georgia, becoming the first true freshman to reach the century mark since Chad Bumphis (123) against Georgia Tech in 2009.

STAYIN' FRESH

- MSU's true freshmen combined for 158 catches in 2020, the most by any true freshman group in the NCAA.
- RB **Jo'quavious Marks** was tied for the national lead among freshmen with 60 total receptions, which ranked fourth overall in the SEC.
- WR **Jaden Walley** ranked third among FBS freshmen with 52 catches, which trailed only Marks among SEC freshmen and ranked ninth in the league overall. Walley finished second among SEC freshmen with 65.3 receiving yards per game and fourth in yards per catch (13.8).

2020 NCAA TEAM LEADERS IN RECEPTIONS BY TRUE FRESHMEN

Rank	School	Rec.
1.	Mississippi State	158
2.	LSU	112
3.	Texas Tech	80
4.	Penn State	73
5.	Pittsburgh	69

MSU RECORD BOOK: FRESHMAN RECEPTIONS

Rank	Name	Rec.	Year	Yds.
1.	Jo'quavious Marks	60	2020	268
2.	Jaden Walley	52	2020	718
3.	Justin Griffith	37	1999	380
4.	Dillon Johnson	36	2020	157

FRESHMEN FLYING HIGH

- A trio of Bulldogs were named to the SEC All-Freshman Team in 2020, with two earning Freshman All-American honors. OL **Charles Cross**, WR **Jaden Walley** and CB **Emmanuel Forbes** earned conference honors. Walley and Forbes earned All-American recognition, marking the first time in program history that multiple individuals have earned Freshman All-American accolades in the same season.



QB WILL ROGERS »

- NCAA active career leader in completions per game (34.0) and completion percentage (73.1) while ranking third in passing yards per game (299.9) and fifth in total offense per game (293.8) for his career among active players.
- Leading the Power Five in passing yardage (4,113), which also leads the SEC and ranks second in the FBS. Also boasts an FBS-leading completion percentage (.760).
- Just the seventh SEC quarterback to ever record a 4,000-yard passing season and holds the MSU school record. He is the 10th different passer that Leach has coached to the 4,000-yard mark.
- Has broken or is the current leader for 20 different MSU individual school records and has helped set 12 different MSU team records.
- Is the only QB in the SEC with 400+ passing yards and multiple touchdowns in the same game, and he's done so four times. He is one of three players nationally with four such games.
- Has tossed a touchdown in 16 of his last 17 games with 42 scores in that span. Since 2020, Rogers has tossed multiple touchdowns in 11 different games, which is tied for second among active SEC quarterbacks.
- Has passed for 21 touchdowns in conference play.
- Has connected with 14 different receivers this season and thrown touchdown passes to nine of them.
- In 16 career starts, has thrown just 11 interceptions despite 848 pass attempts (1.3 percent).
- Has broken the MSU single-game record for consecutive completions four times this year, most recently with 15 twice against No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30).
- Completed a school-record and SEC-record 50 passes at Memphis (Sept. 18). Holds eight of the top nine single-game marks in program history, including each of the top five.



DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD
SEMIFINALIST



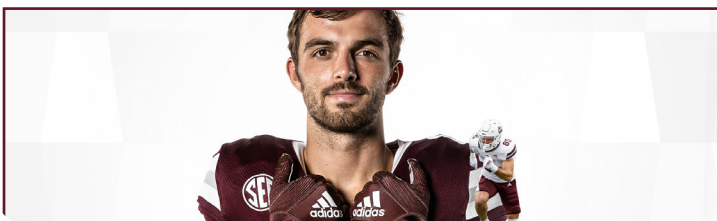
MANNING AWARD
WATCH LIST



CONERLY TROPHY
FINALIST

Has thrown for at least 300 yards in nine straight games, which is the nation's longest active streak, while averaging 383.2 yards in that span and completing 76.2 percent of his passes (362-of-475) with 29 touchdowns.

- Against No. 12 Kentucky, broke MSU and SEC records for completion percentage with a 92.3 percent mark and is currently MSU's career leader in completion percentage (72.5 percent).
- Led MSU to its largest comeback in school history at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13), erasing a 25-point deficit by scoring 40 unanswered points.
- Broke school record with six passing touchdowns against the Tigers.
- Became the first SEC passer since at least 2000 with 400 passing yards, six passing touchdowns and zero interceptions while completing at least 80 percent of his passes in that game.
- Leads the SEC and is tied for ninth in the FBS with 26 "Big Time Throws" per PFF, which are passes with excellent ball location and timing, generally thrown further down the field or into a tighter window.



WR AUSTIN WILLIAMS »



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN
CANDIDATE



WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL
TROPHY SEMIFINALIST



WUERFFEL TROPHY
SEMIFINALIST



JASON WITTEN MAN OF THE
YEAR SEMIFINALIST

- CoSIDA First Team Academic All-American in 2020 and four-time SEC Honor Roll member with a 4.0 GPA who has already completed his undergraduate (finance) and first graduate (MBA) degrees.
- Boasts the No. 3 hands grade (91.6) in the FBS per PFF. He has caught 45 of his 50 targets (90.0 percent), which ranks second in the nation among players with at least 35 targets.
- Of his 109 career receptions, 61.5 percent have led to a touchdown or first down and tied the school record with three receiving touchdowns against Tennessee State.
- Unquestioned leader of MSU's football program and respected by all players and coaches in the locker room who has served as MSU's game captain in each of the last 10 contests.
- Has posted the highest season totals of his career in receptions (45), yards (519), first downs (28) and touchdowns (4).
- Served on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic over spring break during his sophomore year and has volunteered through Faithworks for Vacation Bible School with local elementary children.
- Visited the Palmer Home for Children and Batson Children's Hospital to socialize with children and read to children at the Emerson Family School in Starkville.
- Will mentor a student from Starkville Partnership Middle School next semester.



WR MAKAI POLK »

Leads MSU in receiving touchdowns, receptions and receiving yards. Ranks second in the SEC with 42 receptions for a first down.

- ▶ Leads the SEC and ranks seventh nationally with 8.0 receptions per game.
- ▶ Has tied Fred Ross' (2015) MSU single-season record with 88 catches this season.
- ▶ Has 891 receiving yards and is one of five Bulldogs to eclipse 800 receiving yards through 11 games since 2000. He already ranks 10th in MSU single-season history.
- ▶ Caught a career-high 13 passes at Texas A&M (10/2), which is fourth-most in MSU single-game history, for 126 yards. It was his third career double-digit reception game, which is tied for second in school history.
- ▶ Against the Aggies, he also recorded the first multi-touchdown game of his career and caught 11 passes for first downs after entering the game with 11 total for the season.
- ▶ Leads the SEC with seven touchdowns in conference play and is sixth in receiving yards.
- ▶ Has made 10 or more catches in three games this year, which leads the SEC and is tied for fourth nationally. A Bulldog has caught 10 or more passes just 19 times in school history.
- ▶ One of 15 players nationally and three in the SEC with multiple games posting 10-plus receptions, 100-plus receiving yards and at least one receiving touchdown.



RB JO'QUAVIOUS MARKS »

Leads all FBS running backs in receptions (73) and ranks second in yards after catch (500).

- ▶ Second on the team with 73 receptions, which leads all FBS running backs and is 17th overall.
- ▶ Has broken his school record for the most catches by a running back in a single-season and is tied for sixth in MSU history with 133 career catches. Holds the MSU career record for receptions by a running back.
- ▶ His 87.5 hands/drop grade is fifth among FBS running backs and his 86.0 receiving grade is 11th among running backs.
- ▶ Has caught a pass in 22 consecutive games, which includes every game of his career.
- ▶ Has caught 69 of 78 targets per PFF for a 88.5 percent reception percentage, which is fifth nationally among players with at least 35 targets.
- ▶ Key to MSU's nation-leading yards after catch attack and leads the team with 500 yards after catch (7.2 yards per reception), which is leads all FBS running backs and is 14th overall.
- ▶ Leads MSU in rushing attempts and touchdowns and is second in rushing yards.
- ▶ Posted his first career multi-touchdown game (2 rush, 1 rec) against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4), including his first career receiving score. He added two rushing scores against No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30) as well.



OL CHARLES CROSS »

Has allowed just two sacks in 833 snaps this season according to PFF.



KENT HULL TROPHY
WINNER

- ▶ Ranks fifth among SEC linemen in overall offensive grade (86.4) and second in pass blocking grade (86.2) per PFF.
- ▶ Recorded a season-high 90.1 pass blocking grade at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13), which led.
- ▶ Posted a season run blocking grade of 85.4, which is fifth in the SEC.
- ▶ Pass blocking grade ranks ninth among tackles with at least 700 snaps nationally.
- ▶ Two-time SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week this season.
- ▶ Has five weekly pass blocking grades and two weekly run blocking grades of 80.0 or higher.



DB MARTIN EMERSON »

Has made a career-high 3.0 tackles for loss so far this season after entering the year with 3.0 total for his career.



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN
CANDIDATE

- Ranks 14th among SEC cornerbacks with at least 300 snaps in coverage with a 75.2 coverage grade from PFF.
- Has only been targeted on 45 of 335 snaps in coverage (13.4 percent) this year and was only targeted on 59 of his 388 snaps in coverage (15.2 percent) in 2020.
- State's top-graded defender (75.0) on the SEC's No. 4 defense.
- Boasts an 79.8 tackling grade from PFF, which ranks eighth among SEC cornerbacks.

- Named a Pro Football Focus All-American in 2020 after leading the SEC with 11 pass breakups, which was also tied for fourth in the FBS.



DB EMMANUEL FORBES »

Third in the FBS in interceptions since the start of his freshman year in 2020 with eight total picks and leads the nation with three interception touchdowns.

- Tied for ninth in the SEC with eight passes defended and tied for fourth with three interceptions. Tied for 20th nationally in interceptions.
- SEC's active career leader in interceptions (8) and is third in the FBS lead since the start of his freshman season in 2020.
- Fifth in the FBS in career interception return yards (216) and sixth in career interceptions per game (0.36).
- Nation's active career leader (FBS only) in interception return touchdowns (3) and the SEC's active career leader in defensive scores.

- Leads the team in 2021 with 36 solo tackles and is tied for second with 24 "stops" per PFF, which are tackles that constitute a "failure" for the offense. Has recorded a single-season career-high 3.5 tackles for loss.
- Tied for 15th in the SEC with five forced incompletions per PFF.
- Made a career-high 11 tackles against NC State (Sept. 11) along with a career-high 1.5 tackles for loss and his first career sack.
- Freshman All-American in 2020 after leading the nation in interception touchdowns (3) and leading all true freshmen nationally with five total interceptions, which was tied for third overall.



LB TYRUS WHEAT »

- Leads the team in tackles for loss (10.0) and sacks (7.0) for a total loss of 56 yards and 50 yards on sacks.
- Has an interception and two pass breakups for three total pass defenses.
- Leads the team with 28 "stops" and third on the team with 20 total pressures per PFF.
- Has 16.0 career tackles for loss and 12.0 career sacks in two years at MSU.



DT CAMERON YOUNG »

- Recorded his first interception against No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30) and has added a pass breakup this season.
- Holds the No. 2 run defense grade (79.1) from PFF for the nation's No. 11 rushing defense. Grade ranks ninth among SEC interior defensive linemen.
- Tied for eighth among SEC defensive linemen with 18 "stops" per PFF, which are tackles that constitute a failure for the offense.
- Stop percentage (11.3) ranks fourth among SEC defensive linemen with at least 100 run snaps.

SERIES SUPERLATIVES

Most points scored by Mississippi State: 65 (1915)
Most points scored by Ole Miss: 51 (1972)
Largest margin of victory by Mississippi State: +65 (1915)
Largest margin of victory by Ole Miss: +48 (1971)
Longest winning streak by Mississippi State: 13 (1911-25)
Longest winning streak by Ole Miss: 6 (1930-35)
Last win by Mississippi State: 21-20 (2019)
Last win by Ole Miss: 31-24 (2020)
Current winning streak: 1, Ole Miss (2020)

TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

INDIVIDUAL 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (24)

Yds.	Player	Date	Att.
258	Nick Fitzgerald	11-26-2016	14
204	Jerious Norwood	11-26-2005	34
191	Aeris Williams	11-26-2016	25
163	John Bond	11-22-1980	15
154	Michael Davis	11-27-1993	40
145	Fred Collins	11-24-1979	16
144	Vick Ballard	11-26-2011	23
141	Kevin Bouie	11-26-1994	27
139	Michael Davis	11-26-1994	24
133	Anthony Dixon	11-28-2009	29
132	Kylin Hill	11-28-2019	27
131	Chris Relf	11-28-2009	15
129	John Bond	11-19-1983	30
125	Anthony Dixon	11-25-2006	25
121	Keytaon Thompson	11-23-2017	26
121	Dontae Walker	11-23-2000	14
121	Dicenzo Miller	11-22-2001	22
119	James Johnson	11-29-1997	21
118	Joe Fortunato	11-29-1952	21
117	Nick Fitzgerald	11-22-2018	18
109	Don Smith	11-22-1986	21
108	Kylin Hill	11-22-2018	17
101	Michael Haddix	11-20-1982	15
100	Wally Beech	12-2-1950	19

INDIVIDUAL 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (12)

Yds.	Player	Date	Rec.
194	David Smith	11-27-1969	14
176	Jaden Walley	11-28-2020	9
146	Chad Bumphis	11-24-2012	6
143	Mardye McDole	11-25-1978	7
140	LaDarius Perkins	11-27-2010	3
126	Mardye McDole	11-19-1977	6
117	Fred Ross	11-28-2015	12
117	De'Runya Wilson	11-29-2014	8
116	Justin Jenkins	11-22-2001	7
115	Ray Ray Bivines	11-28-2002	6
110	Danny Knight	11-20-1982	3
103	Bill Buckley	11-25-1972	6
101	Anthony Dixon	11-23-2007	7

INDIVIDUAL 250-YARD PASSING GAMES (8)

Yds.	Player	Date
440	Will Rogers	11-28-2020
340	Kevin Fant	11-28-2002
306	Dave Marler	11-25-1978
290	Tommy Pharr	11-27-1969
288	Chris Relf	11-27-2010
282	Dak Prescott	11-29-2014
268	Tyler Russell	11-24-2012
263	Kevin Fant	11-22-2001
254	Dak Prescott	11-28-2015

EGG BOWL RECORDS

TEAM RECORDS

Points Scored	65 by MSU (1915)
Margin of Victory	65 [65-0] by MSU (1915)
Passing Yards	440 by MSU (2020)
Rushing Yards	457 by MSU (2016)
Total Offensive Yards	566 by MSU (2016)
Sacks	11 by Ole Miss (2008)
Interceptions Thrown	5 by MSU (1950, 1972)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Rushes	40 by Deuce McAllister, Ole Miss (1998)
	Michael Davis, MSU (1993)
	Kayo Dottley, Ole Miss (1949)
Rushing Yards	258 by Nick Fitzgerald, MSU (2016)
Rushing Touchdowns	7 by Showboat Boykin, Ole Miss (1951)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Passing Attempts	61 by Will Rogers, MSU (2020)
Passing Yards	440 by Will Rogers, MSU (2020)
Passing Touchdowns	4 by Jevan Sneed, Ole Miss (2008)
Receptions	14 by David Smith, MSU (1969)
Receiving Yards	194 by David Smith, MSU (1969)
Field Goals	3 by Artie Cosby, MSU (1983)
	Kinney Jordan, MSU (1976)
	James C. Elmer, Ole Miss (1906)

LONGEST PLAYS

Rush	91 by Jaylen Walton, Ole Miss (2014)
Pass	84 by Omarr Conner to Ty Freeman, MSU (2004)
Punt	77 by John Bruce, Ole Miss (1944)
Field Goal	51 by Artie Cosby, MSU (1983)
Kickoff Return	100 by Jameon Lewis, MSU (2012)
Punt Return	78 by Ray Hapes, Ole Miss (1937)

2021 TEAM COMPARISONS

Statistic	MISSISSIPPI STATE			OLE MISS		
	Value	FBS	SEC	Value	FBS	SEC
3rd Down Conversion Pct	0.472	11	4	0.371	86	12
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense	0.385	64	8	0.386	65	9
4th Down Conversion Pct	0.700	13	1	0.641	32	2
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense	0.455	42	6	0.517	69	9
Blocked Kicks	2	26	5	--	--	--
Blocked Kicks Allowed	1	36	5	0	1	1
Blocked Punts	--	--	--	--	--	--
Blocked Punts Allowed	1	70	8	0	1	1
Completion Percentage	0.757	1	1	0.672	14	3
Defensive TDs	--	--	--	2	19	6
Fewest Penalties	87	120	12	100	128	14
Fewest Penalties Per Game	7.91	119	12	9.09	128	14
Fewest Penalty Yards	650	84	9	861	127	14
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	59.09	83	9	78.27	126	14
First Downs Defense	172	7	2	282	128	14
First Downs Offense	282	6	2	295	4	1
Fumbles Lost	7	86	11	5	34	5
Fumbles Recovered	5	75	4	9	15	1
Kickoff Return Defense	22.53	91	12	20.77	63	7
Kickoff Returns	30.94	3	2	20.62	67	7
Net Punting	31.97	129	14	39.86	53	6
Passes Had Intercepted	8	45	6	3	3	1
Passes Intercepted	10	44	6	10	44	6
Passing Offense	390.2	2	1	286.4	20	3
Passing Yards Allowed	229.7	68	9	237.6	83	12
Passing Yards per Completion	9.58	130	14	13.02	40	5
Punt Return Defense	22.08	129	14	3.77	19	2
Punt Returns	8.35	61	9	11.14	27	2
Red Zone Defense	0.808	47	5	0.822	61	7
Red Zone Offense	0.880	35	5	0.758	112	13
Rushing Defense	95.9	7	3	191.2	108	13
Rushing Offense	62.1	129	14	231.1	6	1
Sacks Allowed	2.45	85	10	2.09	57	8
Scoring Defense	24.7	54	8	25.4	60	9
Scoring Offense	31.8	44	6	36.4	18	4
Tackles for Loss Allowed	4.45	28	4	5.18	56	9
Team Passing Efficiency	153.38	23	6	156.47	19	5
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	137.66	80	9	126.55	45	5
Team Sacks	2.36	59	10	3.36	6	2
Team Tackles for Loss	5.5	67	11	6.0	55	9
Time of Possession	34:00	6	1	26:51	122	13
Total Defense	325.6	21	4	428.8	100	12
Total Offense	452.3	21	5	517.5	5	1
Turnover Margin	0	68	9	1	5	1
Turnovers Gained	15	62	6	19	24	2
Turnovers Lost	15	64	9	8	6	1

MISSISSIPPI STATE VS. OLE MISS: ALL-TIME RESULTS (OLE MISS LEADS, 63-47-6*&)

10/28/1901: MSU, 17-0 at Starkville	11/26/1960: UM, 35-9 at Oxford, Miss.	11/26/2016: MSU, 55-20 at Oxford, Miss.
10/25/1902: UM, 21-0 at Starkville	12/2/1961: UM, 37-7 at Starkville	11/23/2017: ^UM, 31-28 at Starkville
11/14/1903: Tied, 6-6 at Oxford, Miss.	12/1/1962: UM, 13-6 at Oxford, Miss.	11/22/2018: ^&MSU, 35-3 at Oxford, Miss.
10/22/1904: UM, 17-5 at Columbus, Miss.	11/30/1963: Tied, 10-10 at Starkville	11/28/2019: ^MSU, 21-20 at Starkville
11/30/1905: ^MSU, 11-0 at Jackson, Miss.	12/5/1964: MSU, 20-17 at Oxford, Miss.	11/28/2020: UM, 31-24 at Oxford, Miss.
11/25/1906: UM, 29-5 at Jackson, Miss.	11/27/1965: UM, 21-0 at Starkville	
11/28/1907: ^MSU, 15-0 at Jackson, Miss.	11/26/1966: UM, 24-0 at Oxford, Miss.	at Starkville: UM, 22-15-3
11/20/1908: MSU, 44-6 at Jackson, Miss.	12/2/1967: UM, 10-3 at Starkville	at Oxford: UM, 24-12-3
11/25/1909: ^UM, 9-5 at Jackson, Miss.	11/30/1968: Tied, 17-17 at Oxford, Miss.	at Neutral Sites: UM, 19-18
11/24/1910: ^UM, 30-0 at Jackson, Miss.	11/27/1969: ^UM, 48-22 at Starkville	
11/30/1911: ^MSU, 6-0 at Jackson, Miss.	11/21/1970: MSU, 19-14 at Oxford, Miss.	^ - on Thanksgiving Day
11/6/1915: MSU, 65-0 at Tupelo, Miss.	11/25/1971: ^UM, 48-0 at Starkville	* - forfeited
11/3/1916: MSU, 36-0 at Tupelo, Miss.	11/25/1972: UM, 51-14 at Oxford, Miss.	& - vacated
11/3/1917: MSU, 41-14 at Tupelo, Miss.	11/24/1973: UM, 38-10 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/28/1918: ^MSU, 34-0 at Starkville	11/23/1974: MSU, 31-13 at Jackson, Miss.	
12/7/1918: MSU, 13-0 at Oxford, Miss.	11/22/1975: UM, 13-7 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/8/1919: MSU, 33-0 at Clarksdale, Miss.	11/20/1976: ^MSU, 28-11 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/6/1920: MSU, 20-0 at Greenwood, Miss.	11/19/1977: ^MSU, 18-14 at Jackson, Miss.	
10/29/1921: MSU, 21-0 at Greenwood, Miss.	11/25/1978: UM, 27-7 at Jackson, Miss.	
10/21/1922: MSU, 19-13 at Jackson, Miss.	11/24/1979: UM, 14-9 at Jackson, Miss.	
10/20/1923: MSU, 13-6 at Jackson, Miss.	11/22/1980: MSU, 19-14 at Jackson, Miss.	
10/18/1924: MSU, 20-0 at Jackson, Miss.	11/21/1981: UM, 21-17 at Jackson, Miss.	
10/24/1925: MSU, 6-0 at Jackson, Miss.	11/20/1982: MSU, 27-10 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/25/1926: ^UM, 7-6 at Starkville	11/19/1983: UM, 24-23 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/25/1927: ^UM, 20-12 at Oxford, Miss.	11/24/1984: UM, 24-3 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/29/1928: ^UM, 20-19 at Starkville	11/23/1985: UM, 45-27 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/28/1929: ^Tied, 7-7 at Oxford, Miss.	11/22/1986: UM, 24-3 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/27/1930: ^UM, 20-0 at Starkville	11/21/1987: MSU, 30-20 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/26/1931: ^UM, 25-14 at Oxford, Miss.	11/26/1988: UM, 33-6 at Jackson, Miss.	
11/24/1932: ^UM, 13-0 at Starkville	11/25/1989: UM, 21-11 at Jackson, Miss.	
12/2/1933: UM, 31-0 at Oxford, Miss.	11/24/1990: UM, 21-9 at Jackson, Miss.	
12/1/1934: UM, 7-3 at Jackson, Miss.	11/23/1991: MSU, 24-9 at Starkville	
11/30/1935: UM, 14-6 at Oxford, Miss.	11/28/1992: UM, 17-10 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/21/1936: MSU, 26-6 at Starkville	11/27/1993: MSU, 20-13 at Starkville	
11/30/1937: ^MSU, 9-7 at Oxford, Miss.	11/26/1994: MSU, 21-17 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/26/1938: UM, 19-6 at Starkville	11/25/1995: UM, 13-10 at Starkville	
11/25/1939: MSU, 18-6 at Oxford, Miss.	11/30/1996: MSU, 17-0 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/23/1940: MSU, 19-0 at Starkville	11/29/1997: UM, 15-14 at Starkville	
11/29/1941: MSU, 6-0 at Oxford, Miss.	11/26/1998: ^MSU, 28-6 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/28/1942: MSU, 34-13 at Starkville	11/25/1999: ^MSU, 23-20 at Starkville	
11/25/1944: UM, 13-8 at Oxford, Miss.	11/23/2000: ^UM, 45-30 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/24/1945: UM, 7-6 at Starkville	11/22/2001: ^MSU, 36-28 at Starkville	
11/23/1946: MSU, 20-0 at Oxford, Miss.	11/28/2002: ^UM, 24-12 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/29/1947: UM, 33-14 at Starkville	11/27/2003: ^UM, 31-0 at Starkville	
11/27/1948: UM, 34-7 at Oxford, Miss.	11/27/2004: UM, 20-3 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/26/1949: UM, 26-0 at Starkville	11/26/2005: MSU, 35-14 at Starkville	
12/2/1950: UM, 27-20 at Oxford, Miss.	11/25/2006: UM, 20-17 at Oxford, Miss.	
12/1/1951: UM, 49-7 at Starkville	11/23/2007: MSU, 17-14 at Starkville	
11/29/1952: UM, 20-14 at Oxford, Miss.	11/28/2008: UM, 45-0 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/28/1953: Tied, 7-7 at Starkville	11/28/2009: MSU, 41-27 at Starkville	
11/27/1954: UM, 14-0 at Oxford, Miss.	11/27/2010: MSU, 31-23 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/26/1955: UM, 26-0 at Starkville	11/26/2011: MSU, 31-3 at Starkville	
12/1/1956: UM, 13-7 at Oxford, Miss.	11/24/2012: UM, 41-24 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/30/1957: Tied, 7-7 at Starkville	11/28/2013: ^MSU, 17-10 (OT) at Starkville	
11/29/1958: UM, 21-0 at Oxford, Miss.	11/29/2014: UM, 31-17 at Oxford, Miss.	
11/28/1959: UM, 42-0 at Starkville	11/28/2015: UM, 38-27 at Starkville	

MISSISSIPPI STATE VS. OLE MISS SERIES NOTABLES

- This is the 118th meeting between Mississippi State and Ole Miss.
- This is the 94th edition of the Battle for the Golden Egg.
- The Golden Egg trophy has been given to the winning team every year since 1927 as a joint agreement by the student bodies.
- Given the nickname "Egg Bowl" by Clarion-Ledger sportswriter Tom Patterson in 1979.
- Ole Miss leads the all-time on-field series 61-50-6.
- Since 2004, the home team has won every game but five.
- The visiting team won four consecutive meetings from 2015-18.
- In 2016 in Oxford, State recorded the largest margin of victory in the series since 1916 in a 55-20 win ... The 55 points were the most by MSU since 1915.
- The teams have met on Thanksgiving 26 times.
- MSU owns a 11-14-1 on-field record on Thanksgiving against the Rebels but has won two of the last three played on the holiday.
- It was first played on Thanksgiving in 1905, a game won by MSU 11-0.
- 96 miles separate the two campuses.
- The two teams first played in 1901 with the Bulldogs winning 17-0.
- The Egg Bowl is the 10th longest uninterrupted rivalry in college football.
- While then-Mississippi A&M began playing football in 1885, and Mississippi two years earlier, the schools did not meet until October 28, 1901.
- In 1901, the Mississippi Rebels were returning from playing Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and stopped in Starkville for a game with the A&M Aggies.
- The inaugural meeting was contested on the south end of campus, on a field used until recently for practice by the Famous Maroon Band. The Aggies, who had played only seven previous football games, scored the first points in school history that day and shut out the visitors 17-0.
- The series has been interrupted only twice, with no games from 1912-14 and in 1943.
- There were two meetings in one season, in 1918, with A&M winning both: 34-0 at Starkville and 13-0 at Oxford.
- Two of the three largest fourth-quarter comebacks in MSU history have come against Ole Miss ... Most recently, in 2007, State trailed 14-0 with 7:51 to go before it took the lead with 12 seconds left to win 17-14 ... In 1999, MSU trailed 20-6 at the 12:49 mark and came back to win 23-20.
- The Bulldogs also erased a 14-point deficit with 5:22 to go in the second quarter in 1977 and won 18-14.
- MSU has won on its last possession three times ... In 1999, Scott Westerfield kicked a 44-yard FG with 4 seconds left ... In 2007, Adam Carlson kicked a 48-yard FG with 12 seconds remaining ... In 2013, Dak Prescott scored the game winner on a 3-yard run in overtime (the only overtime game in the all-time series)
- MSU claimed the smallest margin of victory in the history of the series with its 21-20 win in 2019. The Rebels missed a game-tying extra-point with four seconds left in that game.
- State's 457 yards rushing in 2016 at Ole Miss are its most against the Rebels and its fifth-most in a single game in school history.
- The most yards the Bulldogs have ever totaled in a single game against Ole Miss also came in 2016, 566 yards.
- Nick Fitzgerald set the MSU single-game rushing record with 258 yards in 2016.
- LaDarius Perkins owns the most all-purpose yardage in a single game against Ole Miss with 319 - 140 receiving, 98 rushing, 65 kick return, 16 punt return
- Greg Favors set State's single-game sack record with 5.5 against Ole Miss in 1996.
- One Bulldog has recorded three interceptions in the same game against the Rebels three different times in school history - Jeramie Johnson in 2005, Billy Stacy in 1958 and Billy Murphy in 1946

NOTABLE GAMES IN THE SERIES

2019: With both programs needing a win to reach the postseason, the Bulldogs escaped with a one-point victory in Starkville. The 21-20 final score was the narrowest margin of victory in the series. The previous mark was a 9-7 decision on Nov. 30, 1937 in Oxford, Mississippi. State led 21-14 going into the fourth quarter, but surrendered a touchdown with four seconds left in the game. Ole Miss took an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty celebrating the score to back up the extra-point attempt. That kick missed, and State held on to win its seventh Golden Egg in its last 11 tries. With the win, State became bowl eligible for the 10th straight season.

2018: Nick Fitzgerald ran for two touchdowns and threw for another score to lead No. 22 Mississippi State over Ole Miss 35-3 on Thanksgiving night. MSU thrived in the ground game, racking up 309 yards behind 100-yard games from both Fitzgerald and Kylin Hill, who pounded out 117 and 108 yards, respectively. Through the air, State amassed 111 yards to total 420 yards of offense in the victory. Fitzgerald accounted for 228 yards and three touchdowns. Hill and Aeris Williams each had touchdown runs in the contest and Dedrick Thomas had a scoring reception. Defensively, the Maroon and White was as dominant as ever—especially against the Rebels' running game. The Bulldogs' stout defensive unit held Ole Miss to just 189 yards of total offense and a staggering 37 on the ground.

2017: Nick Fitzgerald fractured his right ankle with MSU trailing 7-0 with 9:13 remaining in the first quarter, and five turnovers proved to be costly for the Bulldogs in a 31-28 loss to Ole Miss on a cold Thanksgiving night in Davis Wade Stadium. Fitzgerald was carted off the field and then spelled by true freshman Keytaon Thompson, who registered his first career 100-yard rushing game. Thompson ran for a score and threw for a score. MSU outgained the Rebels 501-355 on the night. The Bulldogs nearly rallied from a 31-13 fourth-quarter deficit.

2016: MSU recorded its largest Egg Bowl victory since 1916 as quarterback Nick Fitzgerald accounted for 367 yards and five touchdowns in a 55-20 romp of Ole Miss in Oxford. Fitzgerald shattered the MSU single-game record for rushing yards, carrying 14 times for 258 yards and two touchdowns to break Anthony Dixon's mark. Fitzgerald averaged a school-record 18.4 yards per carry, which was the highest by an SEC player in a conference game in league history. A home victory for the Rebels would have clinched bowl eligibility, while a win for MSU have gave the 5-7 Bulldogs a chance to play in a bowl game due to the MSU's superior Academic Progress Rate.

2014: No. 4 Mississippi State fell to No. 18 Ole Miss by a score of 31-17 on the road at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. State came in with a 10-1 overall record, 6-1 in SEC play. A win for the Bulldogs, plus a loss by Alabama in the Iron Bowl, would have given MSU the SEC West Championship and a berth in the SEC Championship Game. Ole Miss entered the game at No. 19, marking only the fifth time in the series history, and the first since 1999, that both teams entered the Egg Bowl ranked. The win was highlighted by a dominant performance from Ole Miss running back Jaylen Walton, who had a career-high with 148 yards rushing including a 91-yard touchdown.

2013: In below freezing temperatures and in front of a raucous home crowd, Mississippi State powered its way to an overtime victory against arch rival Ole Miss Thanksgiving night, winning the 110th edition of the Egg Bowl 17-10 at Davis Wade Stadium to close out the 2013 regular season. MSU's defense was key in securing an overtime victory for State, stripping the ball away from Ole Miss quarterback Bo Wallace and recovering it in the end zone to end the game. Sophomore quarterback Dak Prescott didn't make an appearance until the fourth quarter, but his late-game drive led to the tying field goal at 10-10 and then he took the ball into the end zone himself in overtime to score the winning points, before the drive on which the Rebels' Wallace fumbled. Prescott, who was not expected to play the game at all, relieved freshman Damian Williams.

2009: Chris Relf ran for a career-high 131 yards and senior running back Anthony Dixon set MSU's single-season rushing record as State (5-7, 3-5 SEC) reclaimed the Golden Egg with a 41-27 win against No. 25 Ole Miss (8-4, 4-4 SEC). Relf scored on his feet and in the air, rushing for one touchdown and passing for two more as he completed three of his five attempts for 43 yards. Relf also combined with Dixon for 264 of the Bulldogs' 317 rushing yards as the pair became the first MSU duo to rush for 100 or more yards in a game since Fred Reid and Jerious Norwood each passed the century mark against Kentucky in 2004. Cornerback Corey Broomfield sealed the 41-27 win by returning an interception for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

2007: State's offense couldn't get in sync for three-and-a-half quarters, but the Bulldogs manufactured three scores in the final 7:51 to rally and post an improbable 17-14 comeback victory in the 104th meeting between the teams at Davis Wade Stadium. The game-turning play was Derek Pegues' 75-yard punt return TD to tie the game, 14-14. Adam Carlson's 48-yard field goal with just 12 seconds to go proved to be the game-winner.

1999: In one of the most miraculous comebacks in school history and commonly known as "The Kick and the Pick," State earned a dramatic 23-20 victory over Ole Miss on Thanksgiving in Starkville. Trailing 20-6, MSU tied the game thanks to a fourth-quarter rally. With the score at 20-20 and 20 seconds remaining, instead of playing for overtime, the Rebels decided to run a play, deep in their own territory. Ole Miss QB Romero Miller tossed a deep pass, which was deflected by the hands and then the foot of MSU CB Robert Bean before being intercepted by Eugene Clinton and returned deep into the Rebels' territory. On the next play, with 8 seconds left, Bulldog kicker Scott Westerfield kicked a 44-yard game-winning field goal.

1998: The Bulldogs earned a spot in the SEC Championship Game with a 28-6 win over the Rebels in Oxford. James Johnson ran for two touchdowns in the first half as the Bulldogs won their third straight game and captured the SEC West title.



THE LEACH FILE

Hometown: Cody, Wyoming
 Education: BYU, 1983 (Bachelor's); Pepperdine, 1986 (J.D.);
 U.S. Sports Academy, 1988 (Master's)
 Wife: Sharon
 Children: Janeen, Kim, Cody and Kiersten
 Birthday: March 9, 1961

COACHING CAREER

2020-p: Mississippi State (Head Coach)
 2012-19: Washington State (Head Coach/OC/QBs)
 2000-09: Texas Tech (Head Coach/OC/QBs)
 1999: Oklahoma (OC/QBs)
 1997-98: Kentucky (OC/QBs)
 1994-96: Valdosta State (OC/WRs/QBs)
 1992-93: Valdosta State (OC/Offensive Line)
 1989-91: Iowa Wesleyan (OC/Offensive Line)
 1989: Pori, Finland – European League (Head Coach)
 1988: College of the Desert [Calif.] (Linebackers)
 1987: Cal Poly (Offensive Line)

BOWL GAMES AS A HEAD COACH

2020: Armed Forces Bowl (Mississippi State)
 2019: Cheez-It Bowl (Washington State)
 2018: Alamo Bowl (Washington State)
 2017: Holiday Bowl (Washington State)
 2016: Holiday Bowl (Washington State)
 2015: Sun Bowl (Washington State)
 2013: New Mexico Bowl (Washington State)
 2009: Alamo Bowl* (Texas Tech)
 2008: Cotton Bowl (Texas Tech)
 2007: Gator Bowl (Texas Tech)
 2006: Insight Bowl (Texas Tech)
 2005: Cotton Bowl (Texas Tech)
 2004: Holiday Bowl (Texas Tech)
 2003: Houston Bowl (Texas Tech)
 2002: Tangerine Bowl (Texas Tech)
 2001: Alamo Bowl (Texas Tech)
 2000: GalleryFurniture.com Bowl (Texas Tech)
 * - denotes did not coach in game

MIKE LEACH

Second Season
 @Coach_Leach

34TH HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AT MISSISSIPPI STATE 2018 & 2008 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Leach, a two-time national coach of the year, three-time conference coach of the year and the mastermind behind the NCAA record-setting "Air Raid" offense, was tabbed Mississippi State's 34th head football coach on January 9, 2020.

The accomplishments for Leach in his 20th year as a head coach are long and distinguished. He has compiled a 149-101 (.596) record, guided his squads to 17 bowl games, produced seven seasons of at least nine victories, captured two division titles, become the winningest coach in Texas Tech history and set school records for bowl appearances at both Texas Tech (10) and Washington State (6). During 10 of those 19 seasons, Leach's passing attack led the FBS – six at Texas Tech and four at Washington State.

Of the 50 most productive passing yardage seasons in FBS history, 11 came from quarterbacks coached by Leach since his hiring as head coach at Texas Tech in 2000. That includes three seasons by Graham Harrell (2006-08), two by Luke Falk (2015-16), one by Gardner Mishew II (2018) and one by Anthony Gordon (2019).

Leach, 59, arrived in Starkville after eight seasons at the helm at Washington State where he compiled a 55-47 (.539) record and was named the 2018 American Football Coaches Association National Coach of the Year and two-time Pac-12 Coach of the Year (2015, 2018). Leach spearheaded WSU to a school-record six bowl appearances and became the first coach in school history to lead the Cougars to five consecutive bowl games. They also led the nation in passing offense in four out of his last six seasons in charge.

The 2018 campaign saw Leach produce one of the finest coaching performances as WSU posted its first 11-win season in school history and a share of the Pac-12 North Division. The Cougars were ranked in the top 13 of each College Football Playoff rankings, including four consecutive weeks at No. 8. WSU capped the season with a win over Iowa State in the Alamo Bowl and finished No. 10 in the Associated Press and Coaches polls. Senior quarterback and Mississippi native Minshew captivated the nation, leading the FBS in passing yards per game (367.6).

Leach previously spent 10 seasons as head coach at Texas Tech (2000-09) where his squads produced bowl appearances all 10 years. He compiled a school-record 84 victories, a school-record five bowl wins and eight consecutive seasons of at least eight victories.

The architect of the most prolific passing offense in the country, Leach received three national coach of the year awards in 2008 – the Woody Hayes Award, Howie Long/Fieldturf Coach of the Year and George Munger Award. Leach's offense captured six NCAA passing titles and three total offense titles during his 10 seasons in Lubbock.

Leach led Texas Tech to one of the most memorable seasons in school history in 2008 as the team set a program record with 11 regular-season wins en route to an 11-2 record. The win total tied the mark, set previously by the 1953 and 1973 Red Raider squads. Numerous accolades poured in from across the country as an unprecedented four players earned first-team All-America status, in addition to Leach's three coach of the year honors. Harrell, offensive tackle Rylan Reed and offensive guard Brandon Carter each garnered first-team honors, while wide receiver Michael Crabtree was honored as a unanimous All-American for the second-straight season.

A total of 18 players were drafted at Texas Tech under Leach's watch and 21 others signed free agent contracts. In the spring of 2009, four players were selected among the first four rounds of the NFL Draft, marking the most successful draft for Texas Tech in the Leach era. The program made strides academically as well under Leach. During his 10 years, Texas Tech was recognized as one of the nation's top institutions for consistently being above a 70 percent graduation rate, according to the AFCA.

Prior to coming on board at Texas Tech, Leach, in just one season at Oklahoma, directed a Sooner offense that went from 11th in the Big 12 in 1998 to first in 1999 and 101st in the nation to 11th.

Prior to joining Bob Stoops' Oklahoma staff, Leach served as offensive coordinator for Hal Mumme at the University of Kentucky and Valdosta (Ga.) State University. Under Mumme and Leach, the Kentucky offense set six NCAA records, 41 Southeastern Conference records and 116 school records in 22 games.

Leach and Mumme first teamed up at Iowa Wesleyan College in 1989 where he served as offensive coordinator and line coach until 1991. He has also made stops in Pori, Finland, where he served as a head coach in the European Football League (1989), as well as one-year stints at College of the Desert (1988) and Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo (1987).

LEACH'S YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Overall	Conf.	Notable
2000	Texas Tech	7-6	3-5	
2001	Texas Tech	7-6	4-4	
2002	Texas Tech	9-5	5-3	Beat No. 4 Texas, Tangerine Bowl Champions
2003	Texas Tech	8-5	4-4	Houston Bowl Champions
2004	Texas Tech	8-4	5-3	No. 18 in AP/No. 17 in Coaches, Holiday Bowl Champions
2005	Texas Tech	9-3	6-2	No. 20 in AP/No. 19 in Coaches
2006	Texas Tech	8-5	4-4	Insight Bowl Champions
2007	Texas Tech	9-4	4-4	Beat No. 3 Oklahoma, No. 22 in AP/No. 23 in Coaches
2008	Texas Tech	11-2	7-1	No. 7 in BCS, Two top-10 wins including No. 1 Texas
2009	Texas Tech	8-4	5-3	Beat No. 15 Nebraska
2012	Washington State	3-9	1-8	Beat No. 25 Washington
2013	Washington State	6-7	4-5	Beat No. 25 USC
2014	Washington State	3-9	2-7	
2015	Washington State	9-4	6-3	Sun Bowl Champions
2016	Washington State	8-5	7-2	Beat No. 15 Stanford
2017	Washington State	9-4	6-3	Beat No. 5 USC and No. 18 Stanford
2018	Washington State	11-2	7-2	AFCA Coach of the Year, Pac-12 North Co-Champions
2019	Washington State	6-7	3-6	Fifth straight bowl appearance at WSU
2020	Mississippi State	4-7	3-7	Beat No. 5 LSU, Armed Forces Bowl Champions
2021	Mississippi State	6-4	4-3	
TOTALS	(20th season)	149-101	90-80	
MSU Record	(2nd season)	10-11	7-10	
TTU Record	(10 seasons)	84-43	47-33	
WSU Record	(8 seasons)	55-47	36-36	

ASSISTANT COACHES »



TONY HUGHES

Associate Head Coach/Nickelbacks | 10th season (second stint)

IN THE BOOTH

Veteran coach and heralded recruiter with three decades of experience in his home state of Mississippi ... Spent seven seasons (2009-15) as recruiting coordinator and safeties coach at Mississippi State prior to becoming the head coach at Jackson State University ... Boasting a reputation as being one of the top recruiters in college football, Hughes played a pivotal role in helping State land 22 signees for the 2020 class, including 11 top-30 prospects from Mississippi ... A teacher and mentor to his student-athletes, Hughes has excelled at identifying players in the state of Mississippi that leave MSU as NFL prospects, including Super Bowl Champions Fletcher Cox and Chris Jones, three-time Pro Bowl defensive back Darius Slay, 2012 Jim Thorpe Award winner Johnthan Banks and first-team All-American Benardrick McKinney.



ZACH ARNETT

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers | 2nd season

Rising star in college football's coaching ranks ... Learned under one of the game's great defensive minds in former New Mexico and San Diego State head coach Rocky Long ... Member of the prestigious AFCA 35 Under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute in 2020 ... Spent the first nine years of his coaching career at San Diego State, beginning as a defensive graduate assistant in 2011 before being elevated to linebackers coach in 2014 and eventually promoted to defensive coordinator in 2018 ... Led an SDSU defense that ranked in the top 10 nationally in rushing defense (No. 2), scoring defense (No. 3), interceptions (No. 4), first downs allowed (No. 4), total defense (No. 6), passing efficiency defense (No. 6) and takeaways (No. 8) in 2019 ... Logged 200 career tackles as a linebacker at New Mexico from 2005-08 and helped the Lobos to consecutive bowl appearances in 2006 and 2007.



MATT BROCK

Special Team Coordinator/Outside Linebackers | 2nd season

Selected to the AFCA's prestigious 35 Under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute for 2020 ... In 2019 at Washington State, coached kicker Blake Mazza who led the Pac-12 in scoring (115 points) on his way to first-team All-Pac-12 honors ... Mazza was a Lou Groza Award finalist and midseason All-America second team selection by The Athletic and made a program-record 18 straight field goals to start the season ... Tutored eight all-conference performers and a pair of All-Americans during his coaching career, with six specialists and two linebackers earning the honor ... Played and began his coaching career at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas ... A two-time all-conference pick and two-time NAIA Academic All-American who tallied 277 career tackles and seven interceptions.



DARCEL McBATH

Cornerbacks | 2nd season

Spent three seasons at Washington State (2017-19), including part of the 2019 season as interim co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach ... Led a defense in 2019 as co-interim defensive coordinator that finished the year No. 5 in the Pac-12 in takeaways (19) and tied for second in fumbles gained (9) ... Cornerbacks unit combined for five takeaways in 2018, highlighted by four interceptions while breaking up 18 passes on the year and adding 3.0 sacks ... Earned his degree in four years while playing for Mike Leach at Texas Tech from 2004-08 and spent five seasons in the NFL after being selected in the second round of the 2009 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos ... Played five seasons in the NFL with two seasons in Denver, one in Jacksonville and two in San Francisco ... Appeared in Super Bowl XLVII as a member of the 49ers and made one tackle.



ERIC MELE

Running Backs | 2nd season

Spent eight seasons at Washington State, coaching the running backs during his final two seasons (2018-19) ... Spent three seasons coaching special teams (2015-17) after three seasons as an offensive quality control (2012-14) ... Tutored three All-Pac-12 honorees at WSU, including running back Max Borghi who was named Pac-12 Freshman of the Year honorable mention in 2018 ... Kicker Erik Powell earned All-Pac-12 second team honors in 2017 and finished No. 3 on WSU's all-time points kicking list with a school-record 164 career extra points ... Powell ranked third in school history in field goals made (51) and career field goal percentage (72.8) ... Helped WSU's special teams reach multiple milestones in 2016, as the Cougars recorded a kick return TD and punt return for a score for the first time in the same season since 1968, and the punt return unit finished No. 9 nationally (13.48 yd/rtn).



MASON MILLER

Offensive Line | 2nd season

No stranger to the Air Raid system, after working with both Mike Leach and Hal Mumme, two of the Air Raid's architects ... Has coached at all three levels of the NCAA and been a key part in establishing lethal offenses at each stop ... In two seasons at Washington State, three student-athletes earned All-Pac-12 honors and the offensive line allowed the fewest sacks in the Pac-12 during that span while protecting college football's top passing attack in consecutive seasons, generating 437.2 passing yards per game during the 2019 campaign ... Helped Andre Dillard become the top pass-blocking tackle in the country per Pro Football Focus and earn first-team All-Pac-12 and second-team All-America honors in 2019 before becoming the highest drafted Cougar offensive lineman in program history when the Philadelphia Eagles selected him in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft.



DAVE NICHOL

Inside Receivers | 2nd season

Has spent 10 of his 20 years as a collegiate coach under Mike Leach, including five at Texas Tech and four at Washington State ... Owns 12 career bowl game appearances ... In four seasons at WSU, helped Gabe Marks become the Pac-12 all-time receptions leader (316) and finish No. 2 all-time in receiving touchdowns (37), while earning first-team All-Pac-12 honors in 2016 ... Helped Brandon Arconado finish with a Cougars single-season-record seven 100-yard receiving games on his way to leading the conference in receiving yards per game (100.8) in 2019 ... Spent four seasons at ECU, taking on the offensive coordinator role in his final season with the Pirates, and played a vital role in guiding an offense that established successive single-season school records for passing yards and total offense, and combined to break 70 individual or team single-game, season and career records.



JEFF PHELPS

Defensive Line | 2nd season

IN THE BOOTH

Has been a part of vaunted defensive fronts at nearly every stop of his coaching career, helping produce NFL talent and All-American pass rushers in the Pac-12, Mid-American and Big 10 conferences ... In 2018, saw the Cougar "Speed D" lead the Pac-12 with 38.0 sacks and finish No. 2 in the league with 88.0 tackles for loss ... Tutored Hercules Mata'afa to Consensus All-American and AP Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2017 after totaling a WSU-record 22.5 tackles for loss that season ... In six seasons as the defensive line coach at Minnesota, the Gophers earned five bowl berths ... Coached four All-Big Ten performers, including 2013 third-team All-American and 2014 second-round NFL Draft pick Ra'Shede Hagemen ... Helped Larry English to a pair of MAC Most Valuable Player honors, the 2008 MAC Defensive Player of the Year award and the No. 16 pick in the 2009 NFL Draft.



STEVE SPURRIER JR.

Outside Receivers | 2nd season

IN THE BOOTH

Collegiate coaching career includes 17 postseason bowl games, including the Sugar Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl, and two national championships (Oklahoma, 2000; Florida, 1996) ... In two seasons at Washington State, helped three receivers top the 60-catch mark, including Easop Winston Jr.'s 85-catch, 11-touchdown campaign in 2019 ... Spent one season as the assistant head coach/quarterbacks coach at Western Kentucky and developed Mike White who led the nation in completions (368) and ranked fourth in passing yards (4,177) ... No stranger to the SEC, he coached 11 seasons at South Carolina (2005-15) and spent five seasons at Florida (1994-98), helping develop numerous All-SEC performers and NFL Draft picks ... At South Carolina, coached NFL stars Sidney Rice, Alshon Jeffery and Kenny McKinley ... Worked with Mike Leach during his first stint at Oklahoma (1999).



JASON WASHINGTON

Safeties | 2nd season

Spent three seasons at Texas as the recruiting coordinator and cornerbacks coach, where he was tabbed the top Big 12 recruiter in 2018 by 247Sports ... In 2018, both Longhorn starting cornerbacks garnered All-Big 12 honors, as Kris Boyd grabbed first-team honors and Davante Davis was an honorable mention pick after combining for two interceptions, 24 pass breakups and 109 tackles ... With 23 all-conference honorees coached over his 17 years as a collegiate coach, he has also seen 10 pupils reach the NFL ... Spent a week during the 2009 season with the Minnesota Vikings as part of the Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Fellowship program ... Four-year letterwinner at Texas State in both football and baseball, starting at cornerback and in centerfield, respectively. Still ranks tied for No. 9 on the Bobcats' career stolen base charts (38).

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB	2	Will Rogers (6-2, 210, So.) OR
	9	Chance Lovernich (5-11, 190, Sr.)
RB	32	J.J. Jernighan (5-11, 215, R-Jr.)
	7	Jo'quavious Marks (5-10, 205, So.) OR
	23	Dillon Johnson (6-0, 215, So.)
X	4	Malik Heath (6-3, 220, Sr.)
	5	Lideatrick Griffin (5-10, 180, So.)
H	6	Jamire Calvin (5-10, 160, Gr.)
	82	Rufus Harvey (5-10, 170, R-Fr.)
LT	67	Charles Cross (6-5, 310, R-So.)
	66	Nick Jones (6-3, 300, R-So.)
LG	58	Kameron Jones (6-5, 305, R-Jr.)
	57	Cole Smith (6-3, 305, R-Jr.)
C	63	LaQuinston Sharp (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	57	Cole Smith (6-3, 305, R-Jr.)
RG	69	Kwatrivous Johnson (6-7, 320, R-Jr.)
	77	Cordavien Suggs (6-6, 305, R-Sr.)
RT	78	Scott Lashley (6-7, 315, R-Sr.)
	76	Albert Reese IV (6-7, 315, Fr.)
Y	85	Austin Williams (6-3, 200, R-Sr.) OR
	11	Jaden Walley (6-0, 185, So.)
	24	Christian Ford (5-11, 175, R-Jr.)
Z	10	Makai Polk (6-3, 200, R-So.)
	17	Caleb Ducking (6-5, 205, R-Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	5	Randy Charlton (6-3, 265, R-Jr.)
	9	De'Monte Russell (6-4, 265, R-So.)
NG	93	Cameron Young (6-3, 310, R-Jr.)
	22	Nathan Pickering (6-4, 300, Jr.)
DT	94	Jaden Crumedy (6-5, 310, R-Jr.)
	15	Jack Harris (6-3, 270, R-So.)
SAM	2	Tyrus Wheat (6-2, 265, Sr.)
	34	Sherman Timbs (6-2, 265, R-Sr.)
MIKE	14	Nathaniel Watson (6-2, 240, R-Jr.)
	16	DeShawn Page (6-2, 225, So.)
WILL	3	Aaron Brule (6-1, 230, R-Jr.)
	44	Jett Johnson (6-2, 235, R-Jr.)
CB	1	Martin Emerson (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	30	Decamerion Richardson (6-2, 195, So.)
FS	19	Collin Duncan (6-0, 205, Jr.)
	36	Jay Jimison (6-0, 200, R-Sr.)
SS	0	Jalen Green (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	24	Dylan Lawrence (6-4, 205, R-So.)
DOG	38	Fred Peters (5-10, 205, Sr.)
	12	Shawn Preston Jr. (6-0, 205, R-Jr.)
CB	13	Emmanuel Forbes (6-0, 180, So.)
	27	Esaias Furdge (6-0, 185, R-Jr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	8	Brandon Ruiz (5-10, 180, R-Sr.)
	91	Nolan McCord (6-0, 170, R-Fr.)
P	37	Tucker Day (6-0, 215, R-Sr.) OR
	56	Archer Trafford (6-2, 240, R-So.)
KO	8	Brandon Ruiz (5-10, 180, R-Sr.)
	48	Scott Goodman (5-10, 205, R-Jr.)
KR	5	Lideatrick Griffin (5-10, 180, So.)
	7	Jo'quavious Marks (5-10, 205, So.)
PR	85	Austin Williams (6-3, 200, R-Sr.)
	13	Emmanuel Forbes (6-0, 180, So.)
LS	43	Hayes Hammond (5-10, 205, R-Fr.) OR
	41	Colby Cox (6-1, 235, R-Fr.)
H	37	Tucker Day (6-0, 215, R-Sr.)

GAME 1: LOUISIANA TECH

Louisiana Tech
Mississippi State

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Sept. 4, 2021
Davis Wade Stadium
Starkville, Miss.
44,669

MISSISSIPPI STATE								
RUSHING								
Jo'quavious Marks	12	71	0	71	2	23	5.9	
Dillon Johnson	2	12	0	12	0	8	6.0	
Will Rogers	5	7	25	(-18)	0	6	(-3.6)	
PASSING								
Will Rogers	39	47	1	370	3	40	3	
RECEIVING								
Makai Polk	10	57	0	10				
Jo'quavious Marks	9	27	1	14				
Austin Williams	5	57	0	30				
Jaden Walley	4	64	1	17				
Jamire Calvin	3	67	1	40				
Rara Thomas	3	55	0	25				
Dillon Johnson	3	14	0	8				
Lideatrick Griffin	2	29	0	18				
PUNTING								
Tucker Day	5	210	42.0	46	0	0		
FIELD GOALS								
Brandon Ruiz	1	0	--	missed 52				
ALL RETURNS								
Lideatrick Griffin	0	0	0	4	144	70	0	0
Tyrus Wheat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

LOUISIANA TECH								
RUSHING								
Austin Kendall	5	77	9	68	1	59	13.6	
Marcus Williams Jr.	13	34	13	21	0	7	1.6	
Greg Garner	4	11	0	11	0	5	2.8	
Keyon Brooks	2	1	0	1	0	1	0.5	
Harlan Dixon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
PASSING								
Austin Kendall	20	36	1	269	2	72	1	
Aaron Allen	1	1	0	(-1)	0	0	0	
RECEIVING								
Smoke Harris	4	52	1	24				
Isaiah Graham	3	41	0	29				
Marcus Williams Jr.	3	25	0	9				
Griffin Hebert	3	20	0	15				
Bub Means	2	94	1	72				
Tre Harris	2	7	0	7				
Harlan Dixon	2	7	0	5				
Tahj Magee	1	12	0	12				
Keyon Brooks	1	10	0	10				
PUNTING								
Cesar Barajas	7	270	38.6	51	2	1		
FIELD GOALS								
Jacob Barnes	3	2	33	made 20, made 33, blocked 46				
ALL RETURNS								
Smoke Harris	0	24	14	0	0	0	0	0
Bub Means	0	0	0	1	18	18	0	0
Trey Baldwin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35

Bulldogs Complete Largest Comeback In MSU History

Mississippi State found itself facing a 20-point deficit with just over 12 minutes remaining in its season opener against Louisiana Tech on Saturday. Undeterred, MSU finished with a flurry in all three phases to complete the largest comeback in school history. The 35-34 victory was sealed on the final play as LA Tech's 46-yard field goal fell short to send 44,669 maroon and white faithful home happy. Louisiana Tech took a 34-14 lead following a field goal early in the fourth quarter before State began mounting its comeback. The spark was started on special teams as **Lideatrick Griffin** returned the ensuing kickoff 70 yards to setup the homestanding Bulldogs at the 31-yard line. Three plays later, **Jo'quavious Marks** leapt into the end zone to start the rally with 12:01 left. MSU's defense forced a three-and-out to get the ball back quickly. The offense marched 77 yards in seven plays with quarterback **Will Rogers** completing all five of his passes on the drive to setup Marks again for a 5-yard scoring run to pull MSU within six. Another three-and-out by the defense gave State the ball back with just over six minutes remaining. Rogers was again perfect on all five throws, with the last going to **Jaden Walley** for a 15-yard touchdown to tie things at 34 before the extra point. In the fourth quarter, Rogers was a perfect 10-of-10 for 128 yards and a touchdown. Louisiana Tech still had 3:37 to make something happen and kept its hopes alive by converting a crucial 4th-and-11 from the MSU 43-yard line. Tech then ran the ball three straight plays - netting just six yards - and called timeout with two ticks remaining. Tech's 46-yard potential game-winner was blocked by **Jaden Crumedy** to give State its fifth consecutive season-opening win. The Bulldogs finished with 435 total yards, including 370 through the air.

Louisiana Tech		7	14	10	3	34
Mississippi State		14	0	0	21	35
1st	08:09	MS	Jo'quavious Marks 1 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)			
	00:35	MS	Jamire Calvin 20 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)			
	00:00	LATC	Bub Means 72 yd pass from Austin Kendall (Jacob Barnes kick)			
2nd	11:55	LATC	Austin Kendall 59 yd run (Jacob Barnes kick)			
	03:06	LATC	Smoke Harris 24 yd pass from Austin Kendall (Jacob Barnes kick)			
3rd	03:06	LATC	Jacob Barnes 20 yd field goal			
	01:50	LATC	Trey Baldwin 35 yd interception return (Jacob Barnes kick)			
4th	13:11	LATC	Jacob Barnes 33 yd field goal			
	12:01	MS	Jo'quavious Marks 1 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)			
	07:24	MS	Jo'quavious Marks 5 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)			
	03:37	MS	Jaden Walley 15 yd pass from (Brandon Ruiz kick)			

Team Stats		LATC	MS
FIRST DOWNS		14	22
Rushing		2	5
Passing		10	17
Penalty		2	0
NET YARDS RUSHING		101	65
Rushing Attempts		25	19
Average Per Rush		4.0	3.4
Rushing Touchdowns		1	2
Yards Gained Rushing		123	90
Yards Lost Rushing		22	25
NET YARDS PASSING		268	370
Completions-Attempts-Int		21-37-1	39-47-1
Average Per Attempt		7.2	7.9
Average Per Completion		12.8	9.5
Passing Touchdowns		2	3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS		369	435
Total offense plays		62	66
Average Gain Per Play		6.0	6.6
Fumbles: Number-Lost		1-1	3-3
Penalties: Number-Yards		7-36	12-96
PUNTS-YARDS		7-270	5-210
KICKOFFS-YARDS		7-413	6-385
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD		3-24-0	0-0-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD		1-18-0	4-144-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD		1-35-1	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time		27:40	32:20
Third-Down Conversions		4 of 15	2 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions		1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances		2-2	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards		3-29	1-9
PAT Kicks		4-4	5-5
Field Goals		2-3	0-1
Points off turnovers		3	14

GAME 2: NC STATE

NC State

Mississippi State

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Sept. 11, 2021

Davis Wade Stadium

Starkville, Miss.

45,834

MISSISSIPPI STATE									
RUSHING									
Dillon Johnson	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.		
Dillon Johnson	6	18	0	18	0	8	3.0		
Jo'quavious Marks	6	12	1	11	0	6	1.8		
TEAM	1	0	2	(-2)	0	0	(-2.0)		
Will Rogers	2	0	5	(-5)	0	0	(-2.5)		
PASSING									
Will Rogers	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks		
Will Rogers	33	49	0	294	2	34	1		
RECEIVING									
Jo'quavious Marks	No.	Yds.	TD	Long					
Jo'quavious Marks	7	28	0	15					
Dillon Johnson	6	70	0	26					
Jaden Walley	5	44	1	13					
Makai Polk	4	33	0	17					
Austin Williams	3	48	0	34					
Lideatrick Griffin	3	22	0	11					
Malik Heath	2	29	1	21					
Jamire Calvin	2	17	0	11					
Rara Thomas	1	3	0	3					
PUNTING									
Tucker Day	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB			
Tucker Day	7	251	35.9	56	1	1			
FIELD GOALS									
Nolan McCord	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS					
Nolan McCord	1	1	32	made 32					
ALL RETURNS									
Jaden Walley	Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted			
Jaden Walley	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Jaden Walley	3	31	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austin Williams	2	18	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lideatrick Griffin	0	0	0	1	100	100	0	0	0
Fred Peters	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jalen Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

NC STATE									
RUSHING		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.	
Zonovan Knight		8	34	3	31	0	10	3.9	
Ricky Person		8	25	6	19	0	13	2.4	
Jordan Houston		1	0	2	(-2)	0	0	(-2.0)	
Devin Leary		8	12	27	(-15)	0	8	(-1.9)	
PASSING		Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks	
Devin Leary		30	49	1	303	1	38	4	
Ricky Person		0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Ben Finley		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	TD	Long				
Thayer Thomas		7	39	1	15				
Emeka Emezie		6	92	0	38				
Devin Carter		5	79	0	37				
Ricky Person		3	9	0	6				
Porter Rooks		2	58	0	37				
Zonovan Knight		2	7	0	7				
Trent Pennix		2	5	0	5				
Dylan Parham		1	7	0	7				
C.J. Riley		1	4	0	4				
Jordan Houston		1	3	0	3				
PUNTING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB		
Trenton Gill		7	305	43.6	55	1	0		
FIELD GOALS		Att.	Made	Long	KICKS				
Christopher Dunn		2	1	45	missed 48, made 45				
ALL RETURNS		Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted		
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
-- None --									

Griffin And Defense Pave Way To Win Over NC State

Lideatrick Griffin electrified the home crowd as he returned the games' opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown to set the stage for a 24-10 victory over NC State. Griffin became only the fifth Bulldog all-time to record a 100-yard kickoff return, and in the process, he laid the foundation for a successful night across the board for the Maroon and White. The Bulldog defense was stout, holding NC State out of the end zone until late in the fourth quarter. **Emmanuel Forbes** paced Mississippi State with a career-high 11 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss. MSU finished the evening with nine total tackles for loss, including four sacks. State also forced three turnovers. **Jalen Green** recorded an interception and fumble recovery. **Jett Johnson** forced the fumble that was recovered by Green, and **Fred Peters** also recorded a pick to seal the win with only seconds to play. On the other side of the ball, **Will Rogers** completed 33 of his 49 pass attempts for 294 yards and two touchdowns. It marked the sophomore's seventh career 200-plus-yard passing game, a total that is tied for ninth in Mississippi State history. Nine different Bulldogs caught passes from Rogers with **Jo'quavious Marks** hauling in a team-high seven catches and **Dillon Johnson** pacing State with a career-high 70 receiving yards. Griffin's game-starting touchdown return had the Bulldogs off and running from the opening bell. State led 7-0 after one quarter of play. Following a 45-yard field goal from NC State in the opening moments of the second quarter, the Bulldogs increased their lead just before halftime when Rogers found **Malik Heath** for a 21-yard scoring pass that completed a 13-play, 83-yard drive. MSU rode its offensive momentum right into the second half. Following Jett Johnson's forced fumble and Green's recovery, State took advantage of a short field. With 8:59 left in the third quarter, Rogers found **Jaden Walley** on a four-yard touchdown toss to go up 21-3. The Bulldogs added to their advantage in the fourth quarter when **Nolan McCord** drilled a 32-yard field goal with 12:30 left to play to make it 24-3. NC State was able to close the gap with a touchdown with 1:06 remaining, but after the Wolfpack recovered an onside kick, Peters cemented the MSU win with his interception.

NC State	0	3	0	7	10
Mississippi State	7	7	7	3	24
1st	14:47	MS	Lideatrick Griffin 100 yd kickoff return (Brandon Ruiz kick)		
2nd	12:46	NCST	Christopher Dunn 45 yd field goal		
	01:09	MS	Malik Heath 21 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)		
3rd	08:59	MS	Jaden Walley 4 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)		
4th	12:30	MS	Nolan McCord 32 yd field goal		
	01:06	NCST	Thayer Thomas 4 yd pass from Devin Leary (Christopher Dunn kick)		

Team Stats		NCST	MS
FIRST DOWNS		16	15
Rushing		2	1
Passing		13	14
Penalty		1	0
NET YARDS RUSHING		34	22
Rushing Attempts		25	15
Average Per Rush		1.4	1.5
Rushing Touchdowns		0	0
Yards Gained Rushing		72	30
Yards Lost Rushing		38	8
NET YARDS PASSING		303	294
Completions-Attempts-Int		30-51-2	33-49-0
Average Per Attempt		5.9	6.0
Average Per Completion		10.1	8.9
Passing Touchdowns		1	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS		335	316
Total offense plays		76	64
Average Gain Per Play		4.4	4.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost		2-1	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards		6-59	9-60
PUNTS-YARDS		7-305	7-251
KICKOFFS-YARDS		2-130	5-300
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD		0-0-0	5-49-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	1-100-1
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	2-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time		28:57	31:03
Third-Down Conversions		6 of 20	3 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions		1 of 3	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances		1-3	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards		1-3	4-31
PAT Kicks		1-1	3-3
Field Goals		1-2	1-1
Points off turnovers		0	7

GAME 3: AT MEMPHIS

Mississippi State
Memphis

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Sept. 18, 2021
Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
Memphis, Tenn.
43,461

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Dillon Johnson	7	49	0	49	1	14	7.0
J.J. Jernighan	2	5	0	5	0	4	2.5
J. Marks	4	7	5	2	0	5	0.5
Will Rogers	3	8	14	-6	0	8	(-2.0)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Rogers	50	67	0	419	3	41	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Makai Polk	11	136	1	41
Malik Heath	9	88	1	29
Dillon Johnson	7	32	0	15
Austin Williams	6	44	0	12
Joquavius Marks	6	39	0	9
Jaden Walley	5	58	1	24
J.J. Jernighan	3	15	0	9
Jamire Calvin	3	7	0	9

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Archer Trafford	5	211	42.2	57	1	1

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS
Nolan McCord	1	1	39	made 39

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted		Yds.	Lg.
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.		
Dillon Johnson	0	0	0	3	42	17	0	0	0
Jaden Walley	2	-3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lideatrick Griffin	0	0	0	1	19	19	0	0	0
Emmanuel Forbes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	21
Sherman Timbs	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	0

MEMPHIS

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Brandon Thomas	16	83	0	83	0	19	5.2
Rodrigues Clark	1	16	0	16	0	16	16.0
Seth Henigan	4	6	3	3	0	5	0.8
Gabriel Rogers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	3	0	15	-15	0	0	(-5.0)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Seth Henigan	16	28	1	159	2	25	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Calvin Austin III	9	105	2	25
Brandon Thomas	2	19	0	10
Javon Ivory	2	15	0	11
Gabriel Rogers	1	8	0	8
Sean Dykes	1	7	0	7
Rodrigues Clark	1	5	0	5

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Joe Doyle	5	231	46.2	65	3	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS
Joe Doyle	1	1	51	made 51

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted		Yds.	Lg.
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.		
Calvin Austin III	2	107	94	0	0	0	0	0	0

Late Surge Falls Short At Memphis

MSU scored a pair of touchdowns in the final minutes to nearly complete a late comeback, but the Bulldogs ultimately came up short and fell on the road to Memphis, 31-29. Down 28-17 with just over three minutes to play, **Will Rogers** bookended a Memphis field goal with a nine-yard touchdown pass to **Malik Heath** and a 36-yard scoring toss to **Makai Polk**. However, the Bulldogs failed on a potential game-tying two-point conversion attempt when Rogers' scramble came up about a yard short of the goal line. The State signal caller passed for 419 yards, which stands as the eighth-best single-game mark in MSU history. Rogers also threw for three touchdowns as he set new State single-game records in completions and attempts by connecting on 50 of his 67 passes. Polk set career highs in both catches and yardage, hauling in 11 passes for 136 yards. **Emmanuel Forbes** came through with his sixth career interception. **Martin Emerson** and **Jett Johnson** tied for the team lead with eight total tackles each. The Bulldogs scored 17 unanswered points following a Memphis 49-yard fumble return on State's first drive of the game. MSU first clawed into the Tiger lead by putting together its longest scoring drive of the season. **Nolan McCord** drilled a career-long 39-yard field goal to cap a 17-play series and pull State within four points at 7-3. Early in the second quarter, the Bulldogs surged ahead. Polk hauled in five receptions on MSU's go-ahead drive. With 9:58 left in the period, **Dillon Johnson's** three-yard run into the end zone put State in front 10-7. Less than five minutes of game action later, the Bulldogs added to their advantage when Rogers connected with Walley on a six-yard touchdown pass that put MSU up 17-7. The score held until the late in the third quarter. Memphis' Seth Henigan threw a pair of touchdown passes – one in the third quarter and one in the fourth – to put the Tigers up 21-17. Then, Memphis later returned a punt 94 yards for a score to go up 28-17 with only 5:36 to play. Following State's failed two-point attempt with 1:32 left, MSU's chances were ended when the Bulldogs weren't able to an onside kick.

Mississippi State	3	14	0	12	29
Memphis	7	0	7	17	31

1st	12:02	MEM	Sanchez Blake 49 yd fumble recovery (Joe Doyle kick)
	03:20	MS	Nolan Mccord 39 yd field goal
2nd	09:58	MS	Dillon Johnson 3 yd run (Nolan Mccord kick)
	05:07	MS	Jaden Walley 6 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan Mccord kick)
3rd	06:15	MEM	Calvin Austin III 21 yd pass from Seth Henigan (Joe Doyle kick)
4th	07:48	MEM	Calvin Austin III 25 yd pass from Seth Henigan (Joe Doyle kick)
	05:36	MEM	Calvin Austin III 94 yd punt return (Joe Doyle kick)
	03:03	MS	Malik Heath 9 yd pass from Will Rogers (Will Rogers pass failed)
	02:02	MEM	Joe Doyle 51 yd field goal
	01:32	MS	Makai Polk 36 yd pass from Will Rogers (Will Rogers rush failed)

Team Stats

	MS	MEM
FIRST DOWNS	26	12
Rushing	6	5
Passing	18	6
Penalty	2	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	50	87
Rushing Attempts	16	25
Average Per Rush	3.1	3.5
Rushing Touchdowns	1	0
Yards Gained Rushing	69	105
Yards Lost Rushing	19	18
NET YARDS PASSING	419	159
Completions-Attempts-Int	50-67-0	16-28-1
Average Per Attempt	6.3	5.7
Average Per Completion	8.4	9.9
Passing Touchdowns	3	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	469	246
Total offense plays	83	53
Average Gain Per Play	5.7	4.6
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-59	6-55
PUNTS-YARDS	5-211	5-231
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-271	6-307
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-(-3)-0	2-107-1
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	5-64-0	0-0-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-21-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-49-1
Possession Time	36:57	23:03
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 17	2 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-3	2-14
PAT Kicks	2-2	4-4
Field Goals	1-1	1-1
Points off turnovers	0	7

GAME 4: LSU

LSU

Mississippi State

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Sept. 25, 2021

Davis Wade Stadium

Starkville, Miss.

50,298

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.		
Dillon Johnson		8	51	0	51	0	12	6.4		
Joquavius Marks		13	49	3	46	0	14	3.5		
Will Rogers		5	20	2	18	0	10	3.6		
PASSING		Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks		
Will Rogers		47	62	1	371	3	29	1		
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	TD	Long					
Joquavius Marks		9	67	1	16					
Dillon Johnson		9	58	0	15					
Makai Polk		8	78	1	29					
Austin Williams		6	62	1	22					
Malik Heath		5	48	0	22					
Lideatrick Griffin		3	18	0	10					
Jamire Calvin		2	21	0	13					
Christian Ford		2	14	0	9					
Jaden Walley		2	9	0	7					
Will Rogers		1	-4	0	0					
PUNTING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB			
Archer Trafford		3	131	43.7	53	1	0			
FIELD GOALS		Att.	Made	Long	KICKS					
Nolan McCord		2	1	23	made 23					
ALL RETURNS		Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted		Yds.	
		No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Jaden Walley		2	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel Forbes		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-10	0

LSU										
RUSHING		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.		
Tyron Davis-Price		13	54	3	51	0	18	3.9		
Corey Kiner		4	15	1	14	0	7	3.5		
Armoni Goodwin		3	11	0	11	0	9	3.7		
TEAM		3	0	3	(-3)	0	0	(-1.0)		
Max Johnson		4	5	15	(-10)	0	5	(-2.5)		
PASSING		Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks		
Max Johnson		17	27	1	280	4	64	2		
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	TD	Long					
Kayshon Boutte		4	85	2	64					
Brian Thomas Jr.		3	43	0	20					
Deion Smith		2	19	0	12					
Jaray Jenkins		2	15	0	10					
Jack Bech		2	13	0	9					
Trey Palmer		1	58	1	58					
Kole Taylor		1	41	1	41					
Malik Nabers		1	4	0	4					
Armoni Goodwin		1	2	0	2					
PUNTING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB			
Avery Atkins		5	197	39.4	52	2	1			
FIELD GOALS		Att.	Made	Long	KICKS					
-- None --										
ALL RETURNS		Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted			
		No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Trey Palmer		2	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cordale Flott		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

State Drops 28-25 Decision To LSU

Mississippi State fell 28-25 to LSU at Davis Wade Stadium in the SEC opener. The Bulldogs trailed 7-3 at halftime, but the Tigers used three second half touchdowns to claim the win. MSU outgained LSU in total yardage in defeat. The Bulldogs posted 486 yards of total offense, paced by **Will Rogers'** 371 yards passing. The State signal caller completed 47 of 62 attempts and had three touchdown passes. Rogers has now thrown for 300 or more yards in a game five times already in his career, the second-most in school history behind only Dak Prescott. **Makai Polk**, **Joquavius Marks** and **Austin Williams** served as three of Rogers' favorite targets. Each caught touchdown passes as Polk finished with 78 yards, Marks tallied 67 and Williams ended with 62. On the ground, **Dillon Johnson** and Marks led the way for the Bulldogs, who set a new season high in team rushing yardage with 115 yards. Johnson totaled 51 rushing yards on eight attempts while Marks had 46 yards on 13 runs. Defensively, **Fred Peters** led MSU with nine tackles. The Bulldogs created a turnover as **Emmanuel Forbes** notched his seventh career pick – a total that leads all the FBS since the start of the 2020 season. LSU took a 7-0 lead less than six minutes into the game and led from that point on. State accumulated its points with a **Nolan McCord** 23-yard field goal in the second quarter that pulled MSU to within four at 7-3. After falling behind 21-3 in the third, State clawed closer on a 29-yard touchdown pass from Rogers to Polk. LSU went up 28-10 early in the fourth. Rogers would again narrow the margin with his two-yard scoring toss to Williams with 6:48 left and 16-yard touchdown pass to Marks with 1:53 left, but the comeback attempt fell short.

LSU	7	0	14	7	28
Mississippi State	0	3	7	15	25
1st	09:04	LSU	Kayshon Boutte 11 yd pass from Max Johnson (Cade York kick)		
2nd	08:19	MS	Nolan McCord 23 yd field goal		
3rd	14:22	LSU	Kayshon Boutte 64 yd pass from Max Johnson (Cade York kick)		
	03:35	LSU	Trey Palmer 58 yd pass from Max Johnson (Cade York kick)		
	00:26	MS	Makai Polk 29 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)		
4th	11:32	LSU	Kole Taylor 41 yd pass from Max Johnson (Cade York kick)		
	06:48	MS	Austin Williams 2 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)		
	01:53	MS	Joquavius Marks 16 yd pass from Will Rogers (Malik Heath pass from Will Rogers)		

Team Stats			LSU	MS
FIRST DOWNS			15	29
Rushing			6	10
Passing			8	18
Penalty			1	1
NET YARDS RUSHING			63	115
Rushing Attempts			27	26
Average Per Rush			2.3	4.4
Rushing Touchdowns			0	0
Yards Gained Rushing			85	120
Yards Lost Rushing			22	5
NET YARDS PASSING			280	371
Completions-Attempts-Int			17-27-1	47-62-1
Average Per Attempt			10.4	6.0
Average Per Completion			16.5	7.9
Passing Touchdowns			4	3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS			343	486
Total offense plays			54	88
Average Gain Per Play			6.4	5.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost			0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards			5-32	6-36
PUNTS-YARDS			5-197	3-131
KICKOFFS-YARDS			5-325	4-255
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD			2-26-0	2-7-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD			0-0-0	0-0-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD			1-0-0	1-(-10)-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD			1-35-0	0-0-0
Possession Time			24:52	35:08
Third-Down Conversions			5 of 13	12 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions			1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances			1-1	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards			1-2	2-15
PAT Kicks			4-4	2-2
Field Goals			0-0	1-2
Points off turnovers			7	0

GAME 5: AT TEXAS A&M

Mississippi State

#15 Texas A&M

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Sept. 25, 2021

Davis Wade Stadium

Starkville, Miss.

50,298

MISSISSIPPI STATE									
RUSHING		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.	
Dillon Johnson		6	20	1	19	0	7	3.2	
Joquavius Marks		5	16	0	16	0	11	3.2	
Will Rogers		4	10	5	5	0	10	1.2	
TEAM		2	0	10	(-10)	0	0	(-5.0)	
PASSING		Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks	
Will Rogers		46	59	0	408	3	25	3	
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	TD	Long				
Makai Polk		13	126	2	20				
Joquavius Marks		7	40	0	12				
Dillon Johnson		6	27	0	8				
Christian Ford		4	40	0	16				
Austin Williams		4	38	0	14				
Lideatrick Griffin		3	52	0	23				
Jamire Calvin		3	33	0	23				
Jaden Walley		3	27	1	25				
Malik Heath		3	25	0	22				
PUNTING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB		
Archer Trafford		3	122	40.7	47	2	0		
FIELD GOALS		Att.	Made	Long	KICKS				
Nolan McCord		3	1	24	made 24, missed 46, missed 49				
ALL RETURNS		Punts		Kickoffs		Intercepted			
		No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.
Jaden Walley		2	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Fred Peters		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
								12	12
TEXAS A&M									
RUSHING		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.	
Isaiah Spiller		16	107	7	100	0	44	6.2	
Devon Achane		8	75	7	68	0	40	8.5	
Zach Calzada		6	35	29	6	1	25	1.0	
Ainias Smith		1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0	
TEAM		1	0	16	(-16)	0	0	(-16.0)	
PASSING		Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks	
Zach Calzada		12	20	1	135	1	38	3	
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	TD	Long				
Ainias Smith		5	30	0	9				
Jalen Preston		2	49	0	38				
Devon Achane		2	31	0	29				
Jalen Wydermyer		2	17	1	11				
Demond Demas		1	8	0	8				
PUNTING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB		
Nic Constantinou		3	159	53.0	57	2	0		
FIELD GOALS		Att.	Made	Long	KICKS				
Seth Small		3	3	44	made 40, made 37, made 44				
ALL RETURNS		Punts		Kickoffs		Intercepted			
		No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.
Ainias Smith		1	19	19	0	0	0	0	0
Devon Achane		0	0	0	1	31	31	0	0

Bulldogs Take Down No. 15 Aggies 26-22

The Bulldogs took down the No. 15 Aggies at Kyle Field as MSU knocked off a ranked Texas A&M team yet again. The Bulldogs have now played a ranked Aggie squad four times since Texas A&M entered the Southeastern Conference in 2012 with victories in three of those meetings. Quarterback **Will Rogers** led the way. He completed 46 of his 59 passes for 408 yards and matched a career high with three touchdown tosses. It marked Rogers' sixth career game with more than 300 yards through the air, a total that stands second in MSU history behind only Dak Prescott. Much of Rogers' success came on throws to receiver **Makai Polk**. Polk set a trio of new career highs as he hauled in 13 passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Overall, State racked up 438 yards of total offense. Meanwhile MSU's defense held Texas A&M to 297 total yards. It was the State defense that got the Bulldogs going early. After Texas A&M received the opening kickoff, MSU safety **Fred Peters** intercepted an Aggie pass on the first drive of the game. The Bulldogs followed by cashing in with a **Nolan McCord** 24-yard field goal to go up 3-0. From there, it became a back-and-forth affair. Texas A&M and MSU alternated touchdown passes later in the first quarter. After the Aggies took a 7-3 lead, Rogers hit **Jaden Walley** for a one-yard score late in the period and State surged back ahead 10-7. Texas A&M was able to reclaim the lead at 13-10 in the second quarter, courtesy of a pair of field goals. However MSU put together a 12-play, 75-yard drive prior to halftime to shift momentum. State was able to go into the locker room with a 17-13 lead after Rogers hit Polk for a 15-yard score. Rogers and Polk hooked up again in the third quarter. With 6:54 left in the frame, Polk gave MSU a 24-13 advantage when he brought down a 20-yard pass. Texas A&M used a third-quarter touchdown and fourth-quarter field goal to pull back within two points at 24-22. However the Aggie comeback was thwarted when MSU cemented its win with a safety with only 2:02 remaining. State followed by recovering an onside kick, then ran out the clock to wrap the game in MSU Maroon and White.

Mississippi State		10	7	7	2	26
Texas A&M		7	6	6	3	22
1st	11:49	MS	Nolan McCord 24 yd field goal			
	09:26	TAMU	Jalen Wydermyer 11 yd pass from Zach Calzada (Seth Small kick)			
	02:58	MS	Jaden Walley 1 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
2nd	14:16	TAMU	Seth Small 40 yd field goal			
	02:47	TAMU	Seth Small 37 yd field goal			
	01:16	MS	Makai Polk 15 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
3rd	06:54	MS	Makai Polk 20 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	01:18	TAMU	Zach Calzada 25 yd run (Jalen Wydermyer pass failed)			
4th	05:39	TAMU	Seth Small 44 yd field goal			
	02:02	MS	TEAM safety			

Team Stats		MS	TAMU
FIRST DOWNS		29	15
Rushing		4	8
Passing		22	6
Penalty		3	1
NET YARDS RUSHING		30	161
Rushing Attempts		17	32
Average Per Rush		1.8	5.0
Rushing Touchdowns		0	1
Yards Gained Rushing		46	220
Yards Lost Rushing		16	59
NET YARDS PASSING		408	135
Completions-Attempts-Int		46-59-0	12-20-1
Average Per Attempt		6.9	6.8
Average Per Completion		8.9	11.2
Passing Touchdowns		3	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS		438	296
Total offense plays		76	52
Average Gain Per Play		5.8	5.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost		0-0	4-0
Penalties: Number-Yards		7-65	8-59
PUNTS-YARDS		3-122	3-159
KICKOFFS-YARDS		5-297	7-403
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD		2-5-0	1-19-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	1-31-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD		1-12-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time		35:06	24:54
Third-Down Conversions		3 of 10	4 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions		0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances		4-5	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards		3-29	3-5
PAT Kicks		3-3	1-1
Field Goals		1-3	3-3
Points off turnovers		3	0

GAME 6: ALABAMA

#5 Alabama

Mississippi State

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Oct. 16, 2021
Davis Wade Stadium
Starkville, Miss.
53,796

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Dillon Johnson	7	25	1	24	0	9	3.4
Joquavius Marks	3	16	0	16	0	10	5.3
Will Rogers	9	12	53	(-41)	0	11	(-4.6)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Rogers	35	55	3	300	0	43	7

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Jaden Walley	6	64	0	17
Makai Polk	7	59	0	20
Malik Heath	3	56	0	43
Joquavius Marks	7	38	0	12
Christian Ford	2	26	0	24
Austin Williams	2	17	0	9
Lideatrick Griffin	2	15	0	11
Jamire Calvin	3	9	0	4
Dillon Johnson	2	9	0	8
Rufus Harvey	1	7	0	7

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Archer Trafford	5	203	40.6	48	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS
Brandon Ruiz	3	3	44	made 44, made 37, made 37

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted			
-- None --	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.

ALABAMA

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Roydell Williams	11	78	0	78	0	29	7.1
Brian Robinson Jr.	19	77	4	73	2	11	3.8
Trey Sanders	4	29	2	27	0	20	6.8
Bryce Young	6	34	16	18	0	13	3.0
TEAM	1	0	1	(-1)	0	0	(-1.0)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Bryce Young	20	28	0	348	4	75	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
John Metchie	7	117	1	46
Jameson Williams	2	77	1	75
Trasheson Holden	3	70	1	29
Brian Robinson Jr.	5	68	1	51
Slade Bolden	2	9	0	5
Roydell Williams	1	7	0	7

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
James Burnip	3	112	37.3	45	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS
-- None --				

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted			
JoJo Earle	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Jameson Williams	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan Battle	0	0	0	2	65	45	0	0	0
Josh Jobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	69	40
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	6

Bulldogs Fall To Alabama

Under the lights at Davis Wade Stadium, Mississippi State fell 49-9 to visiting No. 5 Alabama. The Bulldogs got 300 yards of passing from quarterback Will Rogers and more than 50 yards of receiving from Makai Polk, Jaden Walley and Malik Heath, but it wasn't enough to earn victory against the Crimson Tide. For Rogers, it was the fifth time this season and seventh time in his career that he's cracked the 300-yard mark. He's second in school history in both categories, behind only Dak Prescott. Prescott had seven games with 300-plus yards in 2015 and finished his career with nine total occurrences. Alabama quarterback Bryce Young led the way for his team as he threw for four touchdowns. The Crimson Tide also picked up a pair of rushing scores from Brian Robinson, Jr., and an interception return for a touchdown by Jordan Battle. Meanwhile Mississippi State's points all came from the leg of Brandon Ruiz. The senior kicker tied a career high with three field goals. He drilled a 44-yarder in the first quarter, which stands as State's longest made kick this season. Ruiz also added a pair of 37-yarders with one in the second quarter and one in the third. Defensively, three Bulldogs had 10 or more tackles, led by linebacker Nathaniel Watson's career-best 16 stops. The total stood as the most tackles in a game by an MSU player since Brandon Wilson's 18 tackles against Louisiana Tech in 2011. Watson also added a sack for the second straight game. Linebacker Jett Johnson and safety Fred Peters each set new career highs as well with 10 tackles apiece for State. It's the first time this season the Bulldogs had multiple players hit double digits in tackles.

Alabama	14	7	14	14	49
Mississippi State	3	3	3	0	9

1st	10:34	ALA	John Metchie 46 yd pass from Bryce Young (Will Reichard kick)
	06:52	MS	Brandon Ruiz 44 yd field goal
	03:54	ALA	Jordan Battle 40 yd interception
2nd	03:15	ALA	Brian Robinson Jr. 1 yd run (Will Reichard kick)
	00:59	MS	Brandon Ruiz 37 yd field goal
3rd	14:46	ALA	Jameson Williams 75 yd pass from Bryce Young (Will Reichard kick)
	10:40	MS	Brandon Ruiz 37 yd field goal
	03:24	ALA	Brian Robinson Jr. 51 yd pass from Bryce Young (Will Reichard kick)
4th	12:37	ALA	Brian Robinson Jr. 3 yd run (Will Reichard kick)
	06:20	ALA	Trasheson Holden 29 yd pass from Young,Bryce (Will Reichard kick)

Team Stats

	ALA	MS
FIRST DOWNS	22	24
Rushing	11	6
Passing	11	15
Penalty	0	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	195	(-1)
Rushing Attempts	41	19
Average Per Rush	4.8	(-0.1)
Rushing Touchdowns	2	0
Yards Gained Rushing	218	53
Yards Lost Rushing	23	54
NET YARDS PASSING	348	300
Completions-Attempts-Int	20-28-0	35-55-3
Average Per Attempt	12.4	5.5
Average Per Completion	17.4	8.6
Passing Touchdowns	4	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	543	299
Total offense plays	69	74
Average Gain Per Play	7.9	4.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-60	6-25
PUNTS-YARDS	3-112	5-203
KICKOFFS-YARDS	8-488	4-256
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-2-0	0-0-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-65-0	0-0-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	3-75-1	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	29:53	30:07
Third-Down Conversions	12 of 16	7 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-2	2-15
PAT Kicks	4-4	2-2
Field Goals	0-0	1-2
Points off turnovers	7	0

GAME 7: AT VANDERBILT

Mississippi State
Vanderbilt

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Oct. 23, 2021
Vanderbilt Stadium
Nashville, Tenn.
22,036

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Dillon Johnson	7	34	0	34	0	8	4.9
Joquavious Marks	8	34	1	33	1	9	4.1
Chance Lovertich	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
Will Rogers	6	12	25	(-13)	0	9	(-2.2)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Rogers	41	57	384	4	2	31	3
Chance Lovertich	5	6	77	1	0	28	0
Jaden Walley	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Jaden Walley	5	72	0	19
Makai Polk	5	63	2	31
Christian Ford	5	63	0	24
Rara Thomas	5	52	1	28
Joquavious Marks	4	48	0	21
Caleb Ducking	3	40	0	18
Austin Williams	3	30	0	14
Malik Heath	3	26	1	11
Lideatrack Griffin	4	22	0	7
Dillon Johnson	5	21	0	6
Rufus Harvey	2	17	1	11
J.J. Jernighan	1	4	0	4
Jamire Calvin	1	3	0	3

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Day,Tucker	2	103	51.5	56	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS
Brandon Ruiz	1	1	36	made 36

ALL RETURNS	Punts	No.	Yds.	Lg.	Kickoffs	No.	Yds.	Lg.	Intercepted	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Lideatrack Griffin	0	0	0	0	3	76	35	0	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel Forbes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	22		

VANDERBILT

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Rocko Griffin	7	12	0	12	0	4	1.7
Patrick Smith	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Mike Wright	9	16	21	(-5)	0	5	(-0.6)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Mike Wright	12	17	122	0	1	61	3
Jeremy Moussa	5	8	24	0	0	7	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Devin Boddie	4	69	0	61
Chris Pierce	2	35	0	24
Patrick Smith	2	8	0	7
Ben Bresnahan	1	8	0	8
Cam Johnson	2	7	0	4
Gavin Schoenwald	1	7	0	7
Logan Kyle	1	5	0	5
Amir Abdur-Rahman	1	4	0	4
Will Sheppard	1	4	0	4
Rocko Griffin	2	(-1)	0	3

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Harrison Smith	7	303	43.3	50	2	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS
Joseph Bulovas	2	2	41	made 27, made 41

ALL RETURNS	Punts	No.	Yds.	Lg.	Kickoffs	No.	Yds.	Lg.	Intercepted	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Cam Johnson	1	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocko Griffin	0	0	0	1	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allan George	0	0	0	1	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Ziglor III	0	0	0	1	27	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dashaun Jenkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jaylen Mahoney	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

State Rolls To 45-6 Win Over Vanderbilt

Mississippi State put forth a strong showing on both sides of the ball, all to the tune of a 45-6 victory over Vanderbilt in The Music City. Will Rogers set a new career high with four touchdown passes and the State defense limited Vandy to just 155 yards of offense on the way to the win. Rogers finished with 386 yards of passing. His four scores were not only a single-game career best, but tied him for fifth-most in a single game in MSU history. A total of 13 different Bulldogs caught passes from Rogers. Jaden Walley had a team-high 72 yards of receiving. Makai Polk added 63 yards and had a pair of touchdown catches. Malik Heath, Rufus Harvey and Rara Thomas also found paydirt. Dillon Johnson and Joquavious Marks led MSU on the ground. Johnson had 34 yards rushing, while Marks had 33 yards and a touchdown. MSU's offense racked up 524 total yards. The State defense was as stingy as it has been all year long. The Bulldogs gave up just 146 yards through the air and only nine on the ground. Vanderbilt averaged 3.7 yards per play, including a miniscule 0.5 yards per rush. Mississippi State was in control from beginning to end.

Mississippi State	10	14	7	14	45
Vanderbilt	0	3	3	0	6

1st	11:18	MS	Makai Polk 9 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)
	01:48	MS	Brandon Ruiz 36 yd field goal
2nd	14:55	VAN	Joseph Bulovas 27 yd field goal
	09:01	MS	Makai Polk 31 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)
	02:00	MS	Rufus Harvey 6 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)
3rd	08:37	VAN	Joseph Bulovas 41 yd field goal
	03:52	MS	Malik Heath 9 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)
4th	11:38	MS	Joquavious Marks 5 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)
	00:51	MS	Rara Thomas 28 yd pass from Chance Lovertich (Brandon Ruiz kick)

Team Stats

	MS	VAN
FIRST DOWNS	29	5
Rushing	6	1
Passing	21	4
Penalty	2	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	61	9
Rushing Attempts	22	17
Average Per Rush	2.8	0.5
Rushing Touchdowns	1	0
Yards Gained Rushing	87	30
Yards Lost Rushing	26	21
NET YARDS PASSING	461	146
Completions-Attempts-Int	46-64-2	17-25-1
Average Per Attempt	7.2	5.8
Average Per Completion	10.0	8.6
Passing Touchdowns	5	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	522	155
Total offense plays	86	42
Average Gain Per Play	6.1	3.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	9-70	5-40
PUNTS-YARDS	2-103	7-303
KICKOFFS-YARDS	8-499	3-193
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-24-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-76-0	3-62-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-22-0	2-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	39:02	20:58
Third-Down Conversions	10 of 16	1 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-21	3-25
PAT Kicks	6-6	0-0
Field Goals	1-1	2-2
Points off turnovers	7	3

GAME 8: KENTUCKY

#12 Kentucky

Mississippi State

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Oct. 30, 2021
Davis Wade Stadium
Starkville, Miss.
49,487

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Jo'quavious Marks	20	64	6	58	1	10	2.9
Dillon Johnson	11	44	3	41	2	12	3.7
Will Rogers	4	7	12	(-5)	0	6	(-1.3)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Rogers	36	39	0	344	1	29	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Jaden Walley	6	95	0	29
Jo'quavious Marks	9	57	0	14
Makai Polk	5	51	0	23
Austin Williams	4	32	0	13
Dillon Johnson	4	30	0	11
Rara Thomas	1	25	1	25
Christian Ford	1	17	0	17
Lideatrick Griffin	2	16	0	9
Jamire Calvin	1	11	0	11
Malik Heath	1	4	0	4
Omni Wells	1	3	0	3
J.J. Jernighan	1	3	0	3

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Tucker Day	3	111	37.0	50	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS
Brandon Ruiz	2	1	27	missed 47, made 27

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs			Intercepted		
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Jaden Walley	1	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jalen Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shawn Preston Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Cameron Young	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	5

KENTUCKY

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Chris Rodriguez	8	39	5	34	0	15	4.3
Kavosiey Smoke	8	19	0	19	0	6	2.4
Will Lewis	3	9	0	9	0	5	3.0
Wan'Dale Robinson	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Lewis	17	28	3	150	1	21	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Wan'Dale Robinson	9	79	0	21
Demarcus Harris	2	30	1	17
Chris Rodriguez	2	23	0	12
Josh Ali	2	9	0	5
Izayah Cummings	1	5	0	5
Justin Rigg	1	4	0	4

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Colin Goodfellow	3	161	53.7	70	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS
Matt Ruffolo	1	1	41	made 41

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs			Intercepted		
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Wan'Dale Robinson	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Ali	1	74	74	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zach Johnson	0	0	0	3	50	18	0	0	0

Dawgs Earn 31-17 Homecoming Win Over UK

Facing a 10-0 first-half deficit, State scored 31 unanswered points to ultimately earn a 31-17 Homecoming victory over No. 12 Kentucky. MSU was sparked by a stellar showing from QB Will Rogers, and a defense that forced four turnovers. Rogers set an SEC record for completion percentage (in a single game with more than 30 attempts), connecting on 36 of his 39 throws (92 pct.). Rogers threw for 344 yards, marking the 7th time this year he has thrown for 300-plus yards, tying Dak Prescott's single-season record for 300-plus-yard games. MSU rushed 35 times, which stands as the team's most runs in a single game since head coach Mike Leach took over the program prior to the 2020 season. Jo'quavious Marks ran for 58 yards and touchdown, while Dillon Johnson totaled 41 rushing yards and two scores. The Bulldogs picked up key interceptions from Shawn Preston, Jr., Jalen Green and Cameron Young. The takeaways led to 14 of State's points. UK surged ahead early with a 74-yard punt return for a touchdown in the first and a 41-yard field goal early in the second. State cut into the UK lead midway through the second quarter when Marks capped off an 8-play, 75-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown run. Prior to half, the Bulldogs claimed the lead with a 75-yard drive, ending with a 9-yard scoring run from Johnson. That made it 14-10 State. MSU used a huge third quarter to put the game out of reach. Brandon Ruiz connected on a 27-yard field goal midway through the period as the Bulldogs went up 17-10. Following Jett Johnson's fumble recovery, Dillon Johnson rumbled into the end zone from a yard out to make it 24-10. The Bulldogs added one more touchdown with 2:51 left in the third on a 25-yard strike from Rogers to Thomas to make it 31-10.

Kentucky	7	3	0	7	17
Mississippi State	0	14	17	0	31

1st	07:14	UK	Josh Ali 74 yd punt return (Matt Ruffolo kick)
2nd	12:14	UK	Matt Ruffolo 41 yd field goal
	07:45	MS	Jo'quavious Marks 7 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)
	01:40	MS	Dillon Johnson 9 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)
3rd	06:34	MS	Brandon Ruiz 27 yd field goal
	04:44	MS	Dillon Johnson 1 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)
	02:51	MS	Rara Thomas 25 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)
4th	13:37	UK	Demarcus Harris 17 yd pass from Will Lewis (Matt Ruffolo kick)

Team Stats

	UK	MS
FIRST DOWNS	14	27
Rushing	5	7
Passing	8	15
Penalty	1	5
NET YARDS RUSHING	66	94
Rushing Attempts	20	35
Average Per Rush	3.3	2.7
Rushing Touchdowns	0	3
Yards Gained Rushing	71	115
Yards Lost Rushing	5	21
NET YARDS PASSING	150	344
Completions-Attempts-Int	17-28-3	36-39-0
Average Per Attempt	5.4	8.8
Average Per Completion	8.8	9.6
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	216	438
Total offense plays	48	74
Average Gain Per Play	4.5	5.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-68	11-88
PUNTS-YARDS	3-161	3-111
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-235	6-376
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-77-1	1-11-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-50-0	0-0-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	3-6-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	18:50	41:10
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 10	7 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-12	0-0
PAT Kicks	2-2	4-4
Field Goals	1-1	1-2
Points off turnovers	0	14

GAME 9: AT ARKANSAS

#17 Mississippi State28Arkansas31

Nov. 6, 2021Reynolds StadiumFayetteville, Ark.68,818

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING							
	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Jo'quavious Marks	11	40	0	40	0	9	3.6
Dillon Johnson	8	31	0	31	0	9	3.9
Will Rogers	7	7	9	(-2)	0	2	(-0.3)
PASSING							
	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Rogers	36	48	417	4	1	42	3
RECEIVING							
	No.	Yds.	TD	Long			
Makai Polk	8	117	0	42			
Austin Williams	4	72	0	28			
Christian Ford	3	65	0	29			
Rara Thomas	4	63	2	37			
Jo'quavious Marks	6	46	1	15			
J.J. Jernighan	4	28	0	15			
Dillon Johnson	5	12	0	5			
Jamire Calvin	1	11	0	11			
Jaden Walley	1	3	1	3			
Malik Heath	0	0	0	0			
PUNTING							
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB	
Archer Trafford	2	88	44	44	0	0	0
FIELD GOALS							
	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS			
Brandon Ruiz	2	0	--	missed 23, made 46			
Nolan McCord	1	0	--	missed 40			
ALL RETURNS							
Punts				Kickoffs		Intercepted	
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.
Jaden Walley	1	(-2)	0	0	0	0	0
Jo'quavious Marks	0	0	0	3	73	33	0

ARKANSAS

RUSHING									
	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.		
Dominique Johnson	17	108	1	107	2	24	6.3		
Treyton Burks	3	43	4	39	0	26	13.0		
Raheim Sanders	8	26	0	26	0	11	3.3		
Trelon Smith	5	17	0	17	0	6	3.4		
K.J. Jefferson	11	28	14	14	0	8	1.3		
TEAM	1	0	1	(-1)	0	0	(-1.0)		
PASSING									
	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks		
K.J. Jefferson	19	23	191	1	0	25	3		
De'Vion Warren	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Treyton Burks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
RECEIVING									
	No.	Yds.	TD	Long					
Treyton Burks	6	82	1	25					
Raheim Sanders	3	41	0	24					
Trey Knox	4	26	0	13					
Tyson Morris	2	19	0	13					
Warren Thompson	2	12	0	7					
Dominique Johnson	1	7	0	7					
Hudson Henry	1	4	0	4					
De'Vion Warren	0	0	0	0					
PUNTING									
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB			
Reid Bauer	2	101	50.5	56	0	1			
FIELD GOALS									
	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS					
Cam Little	4	3	51	made 46, made 48, made 51, missed 42					
ALL RETURNS									
	Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted			
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Nathan Parodi	1	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Bulldogs Fall 31-28 At Arkansas

Mississippi State battled back from two-score deficits on two different occasions, but ultimately fell 31-28 on the road at Arkansas. Quarterback Will Rogers connected with Joquavious Marks on a 15-yard TD pass with just 2:22 left to put the Bulldogs up 28-23, but the Razorbacks responded with a 10-play, 75-yard scoring drive that accounted for the game's winning points. The Bulldogs had a shot to tie the game in the final seconds, but kicker Nolan McCord's 40-yard field goal try was no good. State trailed by scores of 13-0 and 23-14 earlier in the contest, but each time, fought back to take leads. Rogers threw a 3-yard TD pass to Jaden Walley in the second quarter and had a six-yard strike to Rara Thomas early in the third to put MSU in front 14-13. After Arkansas jumped back ahead with a field goal and touchdown, Rogers and Thomas hooked up again – this time from 37 yards out – to pull State within two points at 23-21 in the fourth quarter. Later, Rogers had his go-ahead TD toss to Marks before Arkansas found the end zone for the game's deciding score with only 21 seconds remaining. Rogers finished the game completing 36 of his 48 passes for 417 yards and four touchdowns. For the season, Rogers cracked the 3,000-yard mark. Rogers is only the second quarterback in MSU history to pass for more than 3,000 yards in a single season. Rogers joined Dak Prescott, who accomplished the feat twice. Marks led the Bulldogs on the ground with 40 rushing yards. Makai Polk had a team-best 117 receiving yards. Safety Shawn Preston, Jr. totaled nine tackles for State. Tyrus Wheat and Cameron Young each had eight.

Mississippi State		0	7	7	14	28
Arkansas		10	3	3	15	31
1st	07:52	ARK	Cam Little 46 yd field goal			
	03:56	ARK	Dominique Johnson 1 yd run (Cam Little kick)			
2nd	03:21	ARK	Cam Little 48 yd field goal			
	00:07	MS	Jaden Walley 3 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)			
3rd	08:15	MS	Rara Thomas 6 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)			
	04:38	ARK	Cam Little 51 yd field goal			
4th	14:10	ARK	Treyton Burks 14 yd pass from K.J. Jefferson (Cam Little kick)			
	11:41	MS	Rara Thomas 37 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	02:22	MS	Joquavious Marks 15 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	00:21	ARK	Dominique Johnson 4 yd run (Dominique Johnson rush)			

Team Stats		MS	ARK
FIRST DOWNS		28	23
Rushing		5	10
Passing		20	10
Penalty		3	3
NET YARDS RUSHING		69	202
Rushing Attempts		26	45
Average Per Rush		2.7	4.5
Rushing Touchdowns		0	2
Yards Gained Rushing		78	222
Yards Lost Rushing		9	20
NET YARDS PASSING		417	191
Completions-Attempts-Int		36-48-1	19-25-0
Average Per Attempt		8.7	7.6
Average Per Completion		11.6	10.1
Passing Touchdowns		4	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS		486	393
Total offense plays		74	70
Average Gain Per Play		6.6	5.6
Fumbles: Number-Lost		0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards		10-77	11-84
PUNTS-YARDS		2-88	2-101
KICKOFFS-YARDS		5-294	7-451
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD		1-(-2)-0	1-8-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD		3-73-0	0-0-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time		32:14	27:46
Third-Down Conversions		6 of 12	6 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions		2 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances		3-4	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards		3-13	3-9
PAT Kicks		4-4	2-2
Field Goals		0-3	3-4
Points off turnovers		0	0

GAME 10: AT AUBURN

Mississippi State

#17 Auburn

43

34

Nov. 13, 2021

Jordan-Hare Stadium

Auburn, Ala.

87,451

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING								
	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.	
Dillon Johnson	8	63	1	62	0	22	7.8	
Jo'quavious Marks	6	18	1	17	0	7	2.8	
Will Rogers	5	8	15	-7	0	4	-1.4	
PASSING								
	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks	
Will Rogers	44	55	0	415	6	31	2	
TEAM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
RECEIVING								
	No.	Yds.	TD	Long				
Makai Polk	8	61	2	19				
Jaden Walley	7	87	0	29				
Jo'quavious Marks	7	30	0	11				
Malik Heath	5	74	1	31				
Austin Williams	4	44	0	17				
Dillon Johnson	4	40	1	20				
Jamire Calvin	4	20	2	16				
Christian Ford	2	22	0	17				
Rara Thomas	2	22	0	18				
J.J. Jernighan	1	15	0	15				
PUNTING								
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB		
Archer Trafford	1	43	43.0	43	0	0		
TEAM	1	37	37.0	37	0	0		
FIELD GOALS								
	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS				
Nolan McCord	2	1	--	made 34, missed 40				
ALL RETURNS								
	Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted		
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Jo'quavious Marks	0	0	0	2	37	22	0	0

AUBURN

RUSHING									
	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.		
Ja'Varrius Johnson	1	57	0	57	1	57	57.0		
Tank Bigsby	16	54	13	41	2	12	2.6		
Jarquez Hunter	4	12	0	12	0	12	3.0		
Shaun Shivers	2	7	0	7	0	5	3.5		
Demet Robertson	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0		
Bo Nix	2	5	8	(-3)	0	5	(-1.5)		
TJ Finley	1	0	10	(-10)	0	0	(-10.0)		
PASSING									
	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks		
Bo Nix	27	41	0	377	2	48	1		
TJ Finley	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		
Oscar Chapman	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
RECEIVING									
	No.	Yds.	TD	Long					
Kobe Hudson	8	107	1	31					
Ja'Varrius Johnson	4	102	0	44					
Shedrick Jackson	3	72	0	48					
Shaun Shivers	3	19	0	8					
Tyler Fromm	3	11	0	5					
Demet Robertson	2	40	0	23					
John Sa Shenker	2	14	0	9					
Mal Johnson Jr.	1	8	0	8					
Luke Deal	1	4	1	4					
PUNTING									
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB			
Oscar Chapman	2	91	45.5	52	1	0			
FIELD GOALS									
	Att.	Made	Long	KICKS					
Anders Carlson	2	0	--	missed 55, blocked 35					
ALL RETURNS									
	Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted			
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Demet Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nehemiah Pritchett	0	0	0	1	46	28	0	0	0
Jarquez Hunter	0	0	0	3	50	36	0	0	0

Largest Comeback Ever Gets MSU Bowl Eligible

Not even a 25-point deficit could deny Mississippi State. Down 28-3 in the second quarter, MSU came roaring back with 40 unanswered points on the way to an eventual 43-34 victory over No. 16 Auburn. It marked the largest come-from-behind victory in MSU history and got the Bulldogs bowl eligible setting the stage for them to play in a postseason game for a 12th-straight season. **Will Rogers** set a new MSU single-game best with six touchdown passes and totaled 415 yards through the air to lead the Bulldogs offensively. On the defensive side, State limited Auburn to only six second-half points. The Tigers built a 28-3 advantage by midway through the second quarter. Auburn built its lead courtesy of a pair of touchdown rushes – one each by Tank Bigsby and Ja'Varrius Johnson – and Auburn quarterback Bo Nix also threw a pair of touchdown passes to give Auburn a cushion. State's lone points in the early going came on a 34-yard **Nolan McCord** field goal. Just before halftime though, Rogers' first touchdown pass of the day gave the Bulldogs a spark. Rogers hit **Makai Polk** from four yards out and MSU trailed just 28-10 at the intermission. The Bulldogs kept scoring when they emerged from the locker room. Rogers threw a pair of touchdown passes in the third quarter, both on three-yard strikes. **Jamire Calvin** caught one, and **Dillon Johnson** hauled in the other to pull MSU within five points at 28-23. The Bulldogs surged ahead in the fourth quarter. Rogers hit Polk, **Malik Heath** and Calvin for touchdown passes in the period and MSU led 43-28. Auburn added a late score, but the Bulldogs held on for the triumph. With the victory, State head coach **Mike Leach** has now won four road or neutral-site games against AP-ranked opponents, tying Emory Bellard for the school record. Leach now has five ranked wins in his 21 games as MSU's leader, becoming the fastest in school history to notch five wins over ranked foes.

Mississippi State		0	7	7	14	28
Arkansas		10	3	3	15	31
1st	12:37	AU	Tank Bigsby 5 yd run (Anders Carlson kick)			
	07:21	MS	Nolan McCord 34 yd field goal			
	04:26	AU	Ja'Varrius Johnson 57 yd run (Anders Carlson kick)			
2nd	11:59	AU	Luke Deal 4 yd pass from Bo Nix (Anders Carlson kick)			
	06:10	AU	Kobe Hudson 15 yd pass from Bo Nix (Anders Carlson kick)			
	01:55	MS	Makai Polk 4 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
3rd	11:25	MS	Jamire Calvin 3 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	04:28	MS	Dillon Johnson 3 yd pass from Will Rogers (Will Rogers pass failed)			
4th	13:28	MS	Makai Polk 6 yd pass from Will Rogers (Jo'quavious Marks rush failed)			
	09:35	MS	Jamire Calvin 3 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	05:31	MS	Malik Heath 6 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	03:37	AU	Tank Bigsby 1 yd run (Bo Nix pass intcpt)			

Team Stats			MS	AUB
FIRST DOWNS			31	22
Rushing			5	7
Passing			21	15
Penalty			5	0
NET YARDS RUSHING			72	106
Rushing Attempts			19	27
Average Per Rush			3.8	3.9
Rushing Touchdowns			0	3
Yards Gained Rushing			89	137
Yards Lost Rushing			17	31
NET YARDS PASSING			415	377
Completions-Attempts-Int			44-56-0	27-43-0
Average Per Attempt			7.4	8.8
Average Per Completion			9.4	14.0
Passing Touchdowns			6	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS			487	483
Total offense plays			75	70
Average Gain Per Play			6.5	6.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost			1-0	4-1
Penalties: Number-Yards			5-40	9-86
PUNTS-YARDS			2-80	2-91
KICKOFFS-YARDS			8-499	6-329
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD			0-0-0	1-0-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD			2-37-0	4-96-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD			0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD			0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time			35:01	24:59
Third-Down Conversions			3 of 10	6 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions			2 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances			7-8	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards			2-18	2-12
PAT Kicks			4-4	4-4
Field Goals			1-2	0-2
Points off turnovers			6	0

GAME 11: TENNESSEE STATE

Tennessee State

#25 Mississippi State

1055

Nov. 20, 2021
Davis Wade Stadium
Starkville, Miss.
46, 770

MISSISSIPPI STATE									
RUSHING		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.	
Dillon Johnson		5	56	0	56	1	32	11.2	
J. Marks		5	43	0	43	1	22	8.6	
J.J. Jernighan		2	10	0	10	0	8	5.0	
C. Lovertich		2	3	0	3	0	2	1.5	
PASSING		Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks	
Will Rogers		28	34	0	391	5	56	0	
C. Lovertich		8	12	0	102	0	40	0	
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	TD	Long				
Makai Polk		9	110	1	50				
Austin Williams		4	75	3	30				
Caleb Ducking		4	26	0	13				
Jaden Walley		3	46	0	25				
Malik Heath		2	87	1	56				
Dillon Johnson		2	21	0	17				
J.J. Jernighan		2	19	0	12				
J. Marks		2	15	0	9				
Rufus Harvey		2	15	0	8				
Jamire Calvin		2	11	0	8				
Brodie King		2	5	0	5				
Omni Wells		1	40	0	40				
Carson Banks		1	23	0	23				
PUNTING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB		
Totals...		0	0	0.0	0	0	0		
FIELD GOALS		Att.	Made	Long	KICKS				
Nolan McCord		2	2	43	made 33, made 43				
ALL RETURNS		Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted		Lg.
		No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	
Austin Williams		1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Jaden Walley		4	73	29	0	0	0	0	0
J. Marks		0	0	0	2	55	30	0	0
Teddy Knox		0	0	0	1	31	31	0	0

TENNESSEE STATE									
RUSHING		Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.	
Starling,Devon		11	35	2	33	0	9	3.0	
Mitchell,Michea		11	35	8	27	1	6	2.5	
Bryant,Deveon		5	11	4	7	0	4	1.4	
Rouse,Jalen		1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0	
TEAM		1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0	
Garnett,Chayil		5	0	33	-33	0	0	-6.6	
PASSING		Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks	
Garnett,Chayil		10	16	0	42	0	10	4	
Bryant,Deveon		9	11	0	128	0	55	0	
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	TD	Long				
Wyche,Cam		4	88	0	55				
Johnson,Dayron		4	29	0	9				
Starling,Devon		4	9	0	7				
Thornton,Zaire		3	32	0	18				
Rahmaan,Rodell		3	7	0	6				
Mitchell,Michea		1	5	0	5				
PUNTING		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB		
Mosley,Kaleb		7	289	41.3	50	3	0		
FIELD GOALS		Att.	Made	Long	KICKS				
Lowery, James		1	1	43	made 43				
ALL RETURNS		Punts			Kickoffs		Intercepted		
		No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Johnson,Dayron		0	0	0	5	106	27	0	0

Bulldogs Roll To 55-10 Win Over Tennessee State

Mississippi State scored early and often, and the Bulldogs put forth a dominant defensive showing in a 55-10 win over Tennessee State. The Maroon and White racked up 600 yards on the offensive side of the football and held the Tigers to just 205 yards to pave the way to victory. Quarterback **Will Rogers** set a new MSU single-season record for passing yardage. The sophomore signal caller threw for 391 yards, pushing him to 4,113 for the year. Rogers surpassed Dak Prescott's previous single-season high of 3,793 yards. Rogers also set a new single-season record for touchdown passes. He threw five of them on Saturday, giving him 34 in 2021. Three of Rogers' scoring tosses went to receiver **Austin Williams**. Williams finished with 75 receiving yards and his three touchdown catches tied a single-game State record. Williams' fellow receiver, **Makai Polk**, also had a big day. Polk totaled 110 yards and had a touchdown. His nine catches tied him with Fred Ross for the most single-season receptions in school history (88). Defensively, State was led by linebacker **Tyrus Wheat** and defensive tackle **Nathan Pickering**. The duo combined to rack up eight tackles, four sacks and five tackles for loss. State put up 21 first-quarter points and never let up. Rogers sandwiched a pair of touchdown passes to Williams (a 21-yarder and a five-yarder) around a **Jo'quavious Marks** seven-yard scoring run to build the Bulldog lead. MSU continued to increase the margin as the day went along. **Malik Heath** and Williams both caught second-quarter touchdown passes from Rogers. Heath had a 56-yard catch and run, and Williams crossed the goal line from 30 yards out. Rogers found Polk in the end zone in the third quarter on a 50-yard pass, in addition to Dillon Johnson notching a 32-yard rushing touchdown. In the fourth quarter, Tennessee State scored its lone points of the day on a 43-yard field goal and a five-yard touchdown run, but Bulldog kicker **Nolan McCord** answered with a pair of field goals, a 33-yarder and a 43-yarder, to put the exclamation point on the MSU triumph.

Tennessee State		0	0	0	10	10
#25 Mississippi State		21	14	14	6	55
1st	11:28	MS	Austin Williams 21yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	06:54	MS	Jo'quavious Marks 7yd run (Nolan McCord kick)			
	01:49	MS	Austin Williams 5yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
2nd	07:52	MS	Malik Heath 56 yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	01:21	MS	Austin Williams 30yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
3rd	09:10	MS	Makai Polk 50yd pass from Will Rogers (Nolan McCord kick)			
	02:04	MS	Dillon Johnson 32yd run (Nolan McCord kick)			
4th	11:19	TNST	James Lowery 43 yd field goal			
	07:09	MS	Nolan McCord 33yd field goal			
	03:03	TNST	Michea Mitchell 5yd run (James Lowery kick)			
	00:27	MS	Nolan McCord 43yd field goal			

Team Stats		TNST	MS
FIRST DOWNS		14	23
Rushing		4	5
Passing		8	18
Penalty		2	0
NET YARDS RUSHING		35	107
Rushing Attempts		34	15
Average Per Rush		1.0	7.1
Rushing Touchdowns		1	2
Yards Gained Rushing		84	112
Yards Lost Rushing		49	5
NET YARDS PASSING		170	493
Completions-Attempts-Int		19-27-0	36-46-0
Average Per Attempt		6.3	10.7
Average Per Completion		8.9	13.7
Passing Touchdowns		0	5
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS		205	600
Total offense plays		61	61
Average Gain Per Play		3.4	9.8
Fumbles: Number-Lost		1-1	3-2
Penalties: Number-Yards		4-25	3-29
PUNTS-YARDS		7-289	0-0
KICKOFFS-YARDS		3-182	10-613
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD		0-0-0	5-75-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD		5-106-0	3-86-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD		0-0-0	1-12-0
Possession Time		35:20	24:40
Third-Down Conversions		5 of 14	5 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions		0 of 1	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances		2-3	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards		0-0	4-33
PAT Kicks		1-1	7-7
Field Goals		1-1	2-2
Points off turnovers		3	0

THE LAST TIME MISSISSIPPI STATE...

TEAM

Defense

Allowed 60+ points	South Carolina, 1995 (65)
Allowed 50+ points	at Auburn, 2019 (56)
Allowed 40+ points	Alabama, 2021 (49)
Allowed 30+ points	at Arkansas, 2021 (31)
Held opponent scoreless	Charleston Southern, 2017 (49-0)
Held opponent scoreless at Scott Field	Charleston Southern, 2017 (49-0)
Held opponent scoreless on the road	at South Carolina, 1998 (38-0)
Held opponent scoreless at neutral site	vs. Kansas, 1981 (10-0)
Held two opponents scoreless in one season	2014 (Southern Miss, 49-0; Vanderbilt, 51-0)
Held three opponents scoreless in one season	1963 (Samford, 43-0; at Tennessee, 7-0; Houston, 20-0)
Held an SEC opponent scoreless	Vanderbilt, 2014 (51-0)
Held two SEC opponents scoreless in one season	1998 (Vanderbilt, 42-0; at South Carolina, 38-0)
Held opponent without an offensive touchdown	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (45-6)
Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (5)
Held opponent to 0 or fewer yards rushing	vs. Iowa, 2018 (-15 yds, 20 att.)
Held opponent to 25 or fewer yards rushing	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (9 yds., 17 att.)
Held opponent to 50 or fewer yards rushing	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (9 yds., 17 att.)
Held opponent to 50 or fewer yards passing	Charleston Southern, 2017 (15)
Held opponent to 100 or fewer yards passing	at Kentucky, 2020 (73)
Held opponent to 100 or fewer yards total offense	Charleston Southern, 2017 (33)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (155)
Held opponent to 250 or fewer yards total offense	Kentucky, 2021 (216)
Recorded six+ takeaways	at Kentucky, 2007 (6; 3 INT, 3 fumbles)
Recorded five+ takeaways	Vanderbilt, 2020 (5; 3 INT, 2 fumbles)
Intercepted five+ passes	at Memphis, 2002 (5)
Intercepted four+ passes	at Middle Tennessee, 2009 (4)
Intercepted three+ passes	Kentucky, 2021 (3)
Returned three+ interceptions for TDs	Arkansas State, 1994 (Walt Harris, 41 yards; Jimmy Lipscomb, 28 yards; Dwayne Curry, 29 yards)
Returned two+ interceptions for TDs	Jackson State, 2012 (Darius Slay, 52 yards; Matthew Wells, 22 yards)
Returned one interception for a TD	vs. Tulsa, 2020 (Emmanuel Forbes, 90 yards)
Two players had 2+ interceptions	at Middle Tennessee State, 2009 (Corey Broomfield, 2; Johnthan Banks, 2)
Returned a fumble for a TD	at Louisiana Tech, 2017 (Jeffery Simmons, 90 yards)
Scored a safety	at Texas A&M, 2021
Scored two+ safeties	Charleston Southern, 2017 (2)
Recorded nine+ sacks	at Ole Miss, 1996 (9)
Recorded eight+ sacks	Oklahoma State, 1999 (8)
Recorded seven+ sacks	at LSU, 2020 (7)
Recorded six+ sacks	at LSU, 2020 (7)
Recorded five+ sacks	vs. Tulsa, 2020 (5)
Did not record a sack	Kentucky, 2021
Recorded 10+ tackles for loss	at Georgia, 2020 (11)
Had four players record 10+ tackles	Texas A&M, 2012 (B. McKinney, 14; C. Lawrence, 13; N. Whitley, 12; M. Wells, 10)
Had three players record 10+ tackles	Alabama, 2021 (N. Watson, 16; F. Peters, 10; J. Johnson, 10)
Had two players record 10+ tackles	Alabama, 2021 (N. Watson, 16; F. Peters, 10; J. Johnson, 10)

Passing

Had 500+ yards passing	at LSU, 2020 (623)
Had 450+ yards passing	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (461)
Had 400+ yards passing	at Auburn, 2021 (415)
Had 300+ yards passing	at Auburn, 2021 (415)
Had 70+ pass attempts	at Kentucky, 2020 (70)
Had 60+ pass attempts	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (64)
Had 50+ pass attempts	at Auburn, 2021 (56)
Had 40+ pass attempts	at Auburn, 2021 (56)
Had 30+ pass attempts	at Auburn, 2021 (56)
Had 45+ pass completions	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (46)
Had 40+ pass completions	at Auburn, 2021 (44)
Had 35+ pass completions	at Auburn, 2021 (44)
Had 30+ pass completions	at Auburn, 2021 (44)
Had five+ passing TDs	at Auburn, 2021 (6)
Had four+ passing TDs	at Auburn, 2021 (6)
Had three+ passing TDs	at Auburn, 2021 (6)

Rushing

Had 400+ yards rushing	at Arkansas, 2019 (460)
Had 300+ yards rushing	Abilene Christian, 2019 (372)
Had 250+ yards rushing	Abilene Christian, 2019 (372)
Had 70+ rushing attempts	Arkansas, 2010 (70)
Had 60+ rushing attempts	Ole Miss, 2017 (62)
Had 50+ rushing attempts	at Arkansas, 2019 (57)
Had seven+ rushing TDs	Middle Tennessee State, 2010 (7)
Had six+ rushing TDs	Louisiana, 2018 (6)
Had five+ rushing TDs	Louisiana, 2018 (6)
Had four+ rushing TDs	at Arkansas, 2019 (4)
Had three+ rushing TDs	Kentucky, 2021 (3)
Had two+ players with 100 yards rushing	at Arkansas, 2019 (Kylan Hill, 234; Nick Gibson, 129)
Had three+ players with 100 yards rushing	ULM, 1996 (Tony Buckhalter, 119; Nakia Greer, 110; Robert Isaac, 103)

Receiving

Had two players with 100+ yards receiving	at LSU, 2020 (Kylan Hill, 158; Osirus Mitchell, 183; JaVonta Payton, 122)
Had three players with 100+ yards receiving	at LSU, 2020 (Kylan Hill, 158; Osirus Mitchell, 183; JaVonta Payton, 122)
Had 10+ different receivers catch a pass	at Auburn, 2021 (10)
Had eight+ different receivers catch a pass	at Auburn, 2021 (10)

Total Offense/Scoring

Had 600+ yards total offense	at LSU, 2020 (632)
Had 550+ yards total offense	at LSU, 2020 (632)
Had 500+ yards total offense	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (522)
Had 400+ yards total offense	at Auburn, 2021 (487)
Totaled 100+ plays	Arkansas, 2010 (100)
Totaled 90+ plays	Ole Miss, 2017 (94)
Totaled 80+ plays	at Vanderbilt, 2021 (87)
Totaled 70+ plays	at Auburn, 2021 (75)
Had 40 minutes+ of possession time	Kentucky, 2021 (41:10)
Had 35 minutes+ of possession time	at Auburn, 2021 (35:01)
Had 30+ first downs	at Auburn, 2021 (31)
Had 20+ first downs	at Auburn, 2021 (31)
Scored 60+ points	Stephen F. Austin, 2018 (63)
Scored 50+ points	Missouri, 2020 (51)
Scored 40+ points	at Auburn, 2021 (43)
Scored 30+ points	at Auburn, 2021 (43)
Scored a two-point conversion passing	LSU, 2021 (Will Rogers to Malik Heath)
Scored a two-point conversion rushing	Ole Miss, 2017 (Keytaon Thompson rush)
Attempted a two-point conversion	at Auburn, 2021 (Joquavious Marks rush failed)
Was held scoreless	at Alabama, 2020 (0-41)
Was held scoreless at Scott Field	LSU, 2007 (0-45)
Was held scoreless on the road	at Alabama, 2020 (0-41)
Was held scoreless at a neutral site	vs. Florida, 1989 (0-21)
Had 20+ penalties	vs. Clemson, 1999 (21)
Had 10+ penalties	at Arkansas, 2021 (10)
Had 100+ yards in penalties	vs. Tulsa, 2020 (102)
Had 300-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game	BYU, 2001 (Kevin Fant 346 pass & Dicenso Miller 119 rush)
Had 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game	Stephen F. Austin, 2018 (Osirus Mitchell 114 receiving & Keytaon Thompson 109 rush)

Turnovers

Did not commit a turnover	at Auburn, 2021
Did not commit a turnover in back-to-back games	Vanderbilt & at Georgia, 2020
Committed eight+ turnovers	at Arkansas, 2003 (8; 6 INT; 2 fumbles)
Committed seven+ turnovers	LSU, 2007 (7; 6 INT, 1 fumble)
Committed six+ turnovers	at Kentucky, 2020 (6; 6 INT)
Committed five+ turnovers	at Kentucky, 2020 (6; 6 INT)
Had five+ fumbles	Georgia Tech, 2009 (5)
Lost four+ fumbles	Georgia Tech, 2009 (4)
Lost three+ fumbles	Louisiana Tech, 2021 (3)
Threw six+ interceptions	at Kentucky, 2020 (6)
Threw five+ interceptions	at Kentucky, 2020 (6)
Threw four+ interceptions	at Kentucky, 2020 (6)
Threw three+ interceptions	Alabama, 2021 (3)
Did not cause a turnover	at Arkansas, 2021

Special Teams

Returned a punt for a TD	UMass, 2017 (Dedrick Thomas - 82)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	at Louisiana Tech, 2017 (Jeffery Simmons - 90)
Returned a kickoff for a TD	NC State, 2021 (Lideatrick Griffin - 100)
Returned a blocked FG for a TD	Southern Miss, 2014 (Jay Hughes - 70)
Returned a blocked PAT kick	vs. Texas A&M, 2000 (Julius Griffith)
Blocked three punts	LSU, 1999 (3; Robert Bean, Eugene Clinton, Rob Knight)
Blocked two punts	LSU, 1999 (3; Robert Bean, Eugene Clinton, Rob Knight)
Blocked one punts	at Louisiana Tech, 2017 (Jeffery Simmons)
Blocked a field goal	at Auburn, 2021 (Cameron Young)
Blocked a PAT kick	vs. Miami (Ohio), 2016 (Johnathan Calvin)
Punted 10+ times	at Alabama, 2020 (10)
Did not punt	Troy, 2013
Had a punt blocked	at Auburn, 2021
Had a field goal blocked	at Arkansas, 2013 (Devon Bell; 28-yard attempt)
Had a kicking PAT blocked	at Louisiana Tech, 2017
Missed a kicking PAT	at Auburn, 2019
Recovered an onside kick	vs. Tulsa, 2020
Recovered two onside kicks	Missouri, 2020

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Defense

Intercepted three+ passes	Mark McLaurin; vs. Louisville, 2017 (3)
Intercepted two+ passes	Emmanuel Forbes; Missouri, 2020 (2)
Returned two interceptions for a touchdown	Johnthan Banks; at Florida, 2009
Returned one interception for a touchdown	Emmanuel Forbes; vs. Tulsa, 2020
Recovered two+ fumbles	Leo Lewis; at Auburn, 2019 (2)
Forced two+ fumbles	Tyrus Wheat; Vanderbilt, 2020 (2)
Recorded five+ sacks	Greg Favors; at Ole Miss, 1996 (5.5)
Recorded four+ sacks	Greg Favors; at Ole Miss, 1996 (5.5)
Recorded three+ sacks	Montez Sweat; Auburn, 2018 (3.0)
Recorded two+ sacks	Tyrus Wheat; at Vanderbilt, 2021 (2.0)
Recorded five+ tackles for loss	Deljuan Robinson; Auburn, 2006 (5.0)
Recorded four+ tackles for loss	A.J. Jefferson; South Alabama, 2016 (4.0)
Recorded three+ tackles for loss	Kobe Jones; vs. Louisville, 2019 (3.5)
Recorded 20+ tackles	Mario Haggan; Arkansas, 2000 (20)
Recorded 10+ tackles	N. Watson (16), F. Peters (10), J. Johnson (10); vs. Alabama, 2021
Recorded 10+ tackles in back-to-back games	Erroll Thompson, 2020; Texas A&M (11), at Alabama (11)

Passing

Passed for 600+ yards	K.J. Costello; at LSU, 2020 (623)
Passed for 500+ yards	K.J. Costello; at LSU, 2020 (623)
Passed for 400+ yards	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (415)
Passed for 300+ yards	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (415)
Attempted 60+ passes	Will Rogers; LSU, 2021 (62)
Attempted 50+ Passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (55)
Attempted 40+ passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (55)
Attempted 30+ passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (55)
Completed 40+ passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (44)
Completed 35+ passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (44)
Completed 30+ passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (44)
Threw five+ touchdown passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (6)
Threw four+ touchdown passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (6)
Threw three+ touchdown passes	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (6)
Threw six+ interceptions	Michael Henig; LSU, 2007 (6)
Threw five+ interceptions	Michael Henig; LSU, 2007 (6)
Threw four+ interceptions	K.J. Costello; at Kentucky, 2020 (4)
Threw three+ interceptions	Will Rogers; Alabama, 2021 (3)
Completed pass for 90+ yards	Kevin Fant to Terrell Grindle; Kentucky, 2002 (91)
Completed pass for 80+ yards	Tommy Stevens to Kylin Hill; Abilene Christian, 2019 (88)
Completed pass for 70+ yards	K.J. Costello to Kylin Hill; at LSU, 2020 (75)
Completed pass for 60+ yards	K.J. Costello to Kylin Hill; at LSU, 2020 (75)
Completed pass for 50+ yards	Will Rogers to Jaden Walley; at Georgia, 2020 (51)

Rushing

Rushed 40+ times	Michael Davis; Ole Miss, 1993 (40)
Rushed 35+ times	James Johnson; Alabama, 1998 (36)
Rushed 30+ times	Vick Ballard; Arkansas, 2010 (33)
Rushed for 250+ yards	Nick Fitzgerald; at Ole Miss, 2016 (258)
Rushed for 200+ yards	Kylin Hill; at Arkansas, 2019 (234)
Rushed for 150+ yards	Kylin Hill; Abilene Christian, 2019 (153)
Rushed for 100+ yards	Kylin Hill; Ole Miss, 2019 (132)
Rushed for 100+ yards (QB)	Garrett Shrader; Kentucky, 2019 (125)
Rushed for four+ touchdowns	Nick Fitzgerald; Louisiana, 2018 (4)
Rushed for three+ touchdowns	Kylin Hill; at Arkansas, 2019 (3)
Rushed for two+ touchdowns	Dillon Johnson; Kentucky, 2021 (2)
Had a run of 80+ yards	James Johnson; at Alabama, 1997 (83)
Had a run of 70+ yards	Nick Fitzgerald; Texas A&M, 2018 (76)
Had a run of 60+ yards	Kylin Hill; at Arkansas, 2019 (62)
Had a run of 50+ yards	Kylin Hill; at Arkansas, 2019 (62)

Receiving

Caught 15+ passes	Kylin Hill; at Kentucky, 2020 (15)
Caught 10+ passes	Makai Polk; at Texas A&M, 2021 (13)
Had 200+ yards receiving	Donald Gray; Samford, 2016 (207)
Had 150+ yards receiving	Jaden Walley; at Ole Miss, 2020 (167)
Had 100+ yards receiving	Makai Polk; at Arkansas, 2021 (117)
Caught three+ TD passes	Donald Gray; Samford, 2016 (3)
Caught two+ TD passes	Makai Polk and Jamire Calvin; at Auburn, 2021 (2)

Total Offense/Scoring

Had 550+ yards total offense	K.J. Costello; at LSU, 2020 (585)
Had 500+ yards total offense	K.J. Costello; at LSU, 2020 (585)
Had 400+ yards total offense	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (408)
Had 300+ yards total offense	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (408)
Had both 100 yards passing and rushing	Garrett Shrader; Kentucky, 2019 (125 rush, 180 pass)
Scored four+ touchdowns	Nick Fitzgerald; Louisiana, 2018 (4 rush)
Scored three+ touchdowns	Jo'quavious Marks; Louisiana Tech, 2021 (2 rush, 1 receiving)
Scored two+ touchdowns	Makai Polk and Jamire Calvin; at Auburn, 2021 (2 receiving)
Five+ touchdowns responsible for	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (6 pass)
Four+ touchdowns responsible for	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (6 pass)
Three+ touchdowns responsible for	Will Rogers; at Auburn, 2021 (6 pass)
Scored two+ non-offensive TDs	Jeffery Simmons; at Louisiana Tech, 2017 (FR & blocked punt)

Special Teams

Scored 15+ points kicking	Derek DePasquale; UAB, 2010 (17)
Scored 10+ points kicking	Brandon Ruiz; Missouri, 2020 (12)
Attempted five+ field goals	Derek DePasquale; UAB, 2010 (5-for-5)
Attempted four+ field goals	Derek DePasquale; UAB, 2010 (5-for-5)
Attempted three+ field goals	Brandon Ruiz; Alabama, 2021 (3-for-3)
Made one field goal of 50+ yards	Jace Christmann; at Tennessee, 2019 (51)
Attempted two field goals of 50+ yards	Brian Hazelwood; Memphis, 1997 (51, 53)
Attempted one field goal of 50+ yards	Brandon Ruiz; Louisiana Tech, 2021 (52)
80+ yard punt	Mike Patrick; at Alabama, 1974
70+ yard punt	Tucker Day; LSU, 2019 (70)
60+ yard punt	Reed Bowman; Vanderbilt, 2020 (63)
Punted 10+ times	Blake McAdams; at Ole Miss, 2008 (12)
Totaled 175+ kickoff return yards	Jameon Lewis; at Ole Miss, 2012 (183, 5 ret.)
Totaled 150+ kickoff return yards	Jameon Lewis; at Ole Miss, 2012 (183, 5 ret.)
Totaled 100+ kickoff return yards	Lideatrick Griffin, NC State, 2021 (100, 1 ret.)
Returned a kickoff off for a touchdown	Lideatrick Griffin, NC State, 2021 (100 yards)
Returned the opening kickoff off for a touchdown	Lideatrick Griffin, NC State, 2021 (100 yards)

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Defense

Held MSU to 10 or fewer first downs	at Alabama, 2018 (7)
Recorded 10+ sacks	at Ole Miss, 2008 (11)
Recorded nine+ sacks	Alabama, 2019 (9)
Recorded eight+ sacks	Alabama, 2019 (9)
Recorded seven+ sacks	Alabama, 2021 (7)
Recorded six+ sacks	Alabama, 2021 (7)
Recorded five+ sacks	Alabama, 2021 (7)
Scored one safety	Texas A&M, 2013
Scored multiple safeties	Florida, 2005 (2)
Held MSU to 0 or fewer yards rushing	Alabama, 2021 (minus-1)
Held MSU to 25 or fewer yards rushing	Alabama, 2021 (minus-1)
Held MSU to 50 or fewer yards rushing	Alabama, 2021 (minus-1)
Held MSU to 50 or fewer yards passing	Florida, 2010 (33)
Held MSU to 100 or fewer yards passing	Auburn, 2018 (69)
Held MSU to 100 or less yards total offense	at Ole Miss, 2008 (37)
Held MSU to 200 or less yards total offense	at Alabama, 2020 (200)
Held MSU to 300 or less yards total offense	Alabama, 2021 (299)
Held MSU to 100 or fewer yards both rushing & passing	at Ole Miss, 2008 (minus-51 rush, 88 pass)
Returned an interception for a TD	Alabama, 2021 (Jordan Battle; 40 yards)
Returned a fumble for a TD	at Memphis, 2021 (Blake Sanchez 49-yd fumble recovery)

Passing

Had 450+ yards passing	Samford, 2016 (468)
Had 400+ yards passing	at Georgia, 2020 (401)
Had 300+ yards passing	at Auburn, 2021 (377)
Had 60+ pass attempts	Samford, 2016 (70)
Had 50+ pass attempts	Samford, 2016 (70)
Had 40+ pass attempts	at Auburn, 2021 (43)
Had 40+ pass completions	Samford, 2016 (42)
Had 30+ pass completions	NC State, 2021 (33)
Had 20+ pass completions	at Auburn, 2021 (27)
Threw five+ passing TDs	Alabama, 2016 (5)
Threw four+ passing TDs	Alabama, 2021 (4)
Threw three+ passing TDs	Alabama, 2021 (4)

Rushing

Had 400+ yards rushing	Georgia Tech, 2014 (452)
Had 300+ yards rushing	Arkansas, 2016 (357)
Had 200+ yards rushing	at Arkansas, 2021 (202)
Had 70+ rushing attempts	Oklahoma State, 1998 (71)
Had 60+ rushing attempts	Georgia Tech, 2014 (61)
Had 50+ rushing attempts	Auburn, 2016 (58)
Had 40+ rushing attempts	at Arkansas, 2021 (45)
Had six+ rushing TDs	Auburn, 2019 (6)
Had five+ rushing TDs	Auburn, 2019 (6)
Had four+ rushing TDs	Texas A&M, 2019 (4)
Had two players with 100 yards rushing	Arkansas, 2016 (Rawleigh Williams III 205, Dewwah Whaley 112)

Receiving

Had two players with 100 yards receiving in a game	at Auburn, 2021 (Hudson, Kobe, 107; Johnson, JaVarrius, 112)
Had 10+ players catch a pass	Vanderbilt, 2021 (10)
Had eight+ players catch a pass	at Auburn, 2021 (9)

Total Offense/Scoring

Had 600+ yards total offense	Arkansas, 2016 (661)
Had 500+ yards total offense	Alabama, 2021 (543)
Had 400+ yards total offense	at Auburn, 2021 (483)
Totaled 100+ plays	Samford, 2016 (104)
Totaled 90+ plays	Samford, 2016 (104)
Totaled 80+ plays	vs. Tulsa, 2020 (86)
Totaled 70+ plays	at Auburn, 2021 (70)
Successful two-point conversion	at Arkansas, 2021 (rush)
Failed two-point conversion	at Auburn, 2021 (pass)
Had 30+ first downs	Vanderbilt, 2020 (30)
Had 20+ first downs	at Auburn, 2021 (22)
Had 10+ penalties	at Arkansas, 2021 (11)
Had 100+ yards in penalties	LSU, 2017 (112)
Had 35 minutes+ of possession time	Louisiana Tech, 2017 (36:08)
Had two 100-yard rushers and one 100-yard receiver	Georgia Tech, 2014 (Days, 171 rush; Thomas, 121 rush; Waller, 114 rec.)
Had one 100-yard rusher and one 100-yard receiver	Vanderbilt, 2020 (Henry-Brooks, 115 rush; Johnson 114 rec.)

Turnovers

Committed six+ turnovers	at Kentucky, 2007 (6; 3 INT, 2 fumbles)
Committed five+ turnovers	Vanderbilt, 2020 (5; 3 INT, 2 fumbles)
Did not commit a turnover	at Arkansas, 2021
Had five+ fumbles	Ole Miss, 2011 (6)
Had four+ fumbles	Charleston Southern, 2017 (4)
Had three+ fumbles	at Auburn, 2020 (3)
Lost four+ fumbles	LSU, 2004 (4)
Lost three+ fumbles	Auburn, 2019 (3)

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Defense

Intercepted three+ passes	Craig Steltz; LSU, 2007 (3)
Intercepted two+ passes	Jordan Battle; Alabama, 2021 (2)
Recorded three+ sacks	Will Anderson Jr.; Alabama, 2021 (4.0)
Recorded two+ sacks	Tre Williams; at Arkansas, 2021 (2.0)

Passing

Passed for 450+ yards	Devlin Hodges; Samford, 2016 (468)
Passed for 400+ yards	JT Daniels; at Georgia, 2020 (401)
Passed for 300+ yards	Bo Nix; at Auburn, 2021 (377)
Attempted 60+ passes	Devlin Hodges; Samford, 2016 (69)
Attempted 50+ passes	Devlin Hodges; Samford, 2016 (69)
Attempted 40+ passes	Bo Nix; at Auburn, 2021 (43)
Completed 40+ passes	Devlin Hodges; Samford, 2016 (42)
Completed 30+ passes	Ken Seals; Vanderbilt, 2020 (31)
Completed 20+ passes	Bo Nix; at Auburn, 2021 (27)
Threw five+ touchdown passes	Brandon Allen; Arkansas, 2015 (7)
Threw four+ touchdown passes	Bryce Young; Alabama, 2021 (4)
Threw three+ touchdown passes	Bryce Young; Alabama, 2021 (4)
Completed a pass for 80+ yards	Matt Corral to Brayton Sanders; at Ole Miss, 2020 (81)
Completed a pass for 70+ yards	Bryce Young to Jameson Williams; Alabama, 2021 (75)
Completed a pass for 60+ yards	Mike Wright to Devin Boddie; at Vanderbilt, 2021 (61)
Completed a pass for 50+ yards	Mike Wright to Devin Boddie; at Vanderbilt, 2021 (61)

Rushing

Rushed 40+ times	Deuce McAllister; Ole Miss, 1998 (40)
Rushed 35+ times	Kamryn Pettway; Auburn, 2016 (39)
Rushed 30+ times	Kamryn Pettway; Auburn, 2016 (39)
Rushed for 200+ yards	Rawleigh Williams III; Arkansas, 2016 (205)
Rushed for 150+ yards	Tank Bigsby; Auburn, 2020 (192)
Rushed for 100+ yards	Dominique Johnson; at Arkansas, 2021 (108)
Rushed for five+ touchdowns	Carnell Williams; Auburn, 2003 (6)
Rushed for four+ touchdowns	Benny Snell; at Kentucky, 2018 (4)
Had a run of 80+ yards	Marquis Young; UMass, 2016 (83)
Had a run of 70+ yards	Lamar Jackson; vs. Louisville, 2017 (75)
Had a run of 60+ yards	Lamar Jackson; vs. Louisville, 2017 (75)
Had a run of 50+ yards	Ja'Varrius Johnson; at Auburn, 2021 (57)

Special Teams

Returned a punt for a TD	Kentucky, 2021 (Josh Ali - 74)
Returned a blocked punt for a TD	Ole Miss, 2013 (Terrell Grant - 0)
Returned a kickoff for a TD	NC State, 2021 (Lideatrick Griffin - 100)
Punted 10+ times	Vanderbilt, 2009 (11)
Did not punt	Arkansas, 2016
Missed two+ kicking PATs	Tulane, 2006 (2)
Missed one kicking PAT	Ole Miss, 2019
Blocked a field goal	Arkansas, 2013
Blocked a punt	at Auburn, 2021

Receiving

Caught 10+ passes	Elijah Moore; at Ole Miss, 2020 (12)
Caught seven+ passes	Kobe Hudson; at Auburn, 2021 (8)
Had two players with 10+ receptions	Keyon Henry-Brooks (11) and Cam Johnson (10); Vanderbilt, 2020
Had 200+ yards receiving	DeVonta Harris; at Alabama, 2020 (203)
Had 150+ yards receiving	Jermaine Burton; at Georgia, 2020 (197)
Had 100+ yards receiving	Kobe Hudson (107), Ja'Varrius Johnson (102); at Auburn, 2021
Caught four+ TD passes	DeVonta Harris; at Alabama, 2020 (4)
Caught three+ TD passes	DeVonta Harris; at Alabama, 2020 (4)
Caught two+ TD passes	Kayshon Boutte; LSU, 2021 (2)

Total Offense/Scoring

Had 500+ yards total offense	Devlin Hodges; Samford, 2016 (513)
Had 400+ yards total offense	Jalen Hurts; Alabama, 2016 (447)
Had 300+ yards of total offense	Bryce Young; Alabama, 2021 (364)
Had both 100 yards passing and rushing	Lamar Jackson; vs. Louisville, 2017 (171 pass/158 rush)
Scored four+ touchdowns	DeVonta Harris; at Alabama, 2020 (4)
Scored three+ touchdowns	Najee Harris; Alabama, 2019 (3 rush)
Seven+ touchdowns responsible for	Brandon Allen; Arkansas, 2015 (7 pass)
Six+ touchdowns responsible for	Brandon Allen; Arkansas, 2015 (7 pass)
Five+ touchdowns responsible for	Kellen Mond; at Texas A&M, 2019 (3 pass, 2 rush)
Four+ touchdowns responsible for	Bryce Young; Alabama, 2021 (4 pass)

Special Teams

Scored 10+ points kicking	Cam Little; at Arkansas, 2021 (11)
Made five+ field goals	Austin MacGinnis; Kentucky, 2016 (5)
Made four+ field goals	Cole Tracy; at LSU, 2018 (4)

SCORING SUMMARY

Plays	Yds	Time	Result	Qtr.	Scoring Play	Plays	Yds	Time	Result	Qtr.	Scoring Play
Louisiana Tech						at Arkansas					
7	40	3:41	TD	1	Marks 1-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)	11	74	3:08	TD	2	Walley 3-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)
3	33	1:45	TD	1	Calvin 20-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)	13	66	6:36	TD	3	Thomas 6-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)
3	21	0:59	TD	4	Marks 1-yard rush (Ruiz kick)	7	75	2:29	TD	4	Thomas 37-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
7	77	3:25	TD	4	Marks 5-yard rush (Ruiz kick)	9	76	5:05	TD	4	Marks 15-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
5	52	2:30	TD	4	Walley 15-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)	at Auburn					
NC State						14	49	5:16	FG	1	McCord 34-yard field goal
--	--	--	TD	1	Griffin 100-yard kick return (Ruiz kick)	10	75	4:15	TD	2	Polk 4-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
13	83	4:30	TD	2	Heath 21-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)	7	75	3:35	TD	3	Calvin 3-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
7	54	4:12	TD	3	Walley 4-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)	10	98	5:06	TD	3	D. Johnson 3-yard pass from Rogers (Rogers pass failed)
8	51	2:23	FG	4	McCord 32-yard field goal	6	72	2:45	TD	4	Polk 6-yard pass from Rogers (Marks rush failed)
at Memphis						5	55	2:30	TD	4	Calvin 3-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
17	54	8:39	FG	1	McCord 39-yard field goal	4	45	2:59	TD	4	Heath 6-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
10	75	4:28	TD	2	D. Johnson 3-yard rush (McCord kick)	Tennessee State					
9	81	3:41	TD	2	Walley 6-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)	5	60	1:52	TD	1	Williams 21-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
6	57	2:29	TD	4	Heath 9-yard pass from Rogers (Rogers pass failed)	6	31	2:-08	TD	1	Marks 7-yard rush (McCord kick)
2	65	0:29	TD	4	Polk 36-yard pass from Rogers (Rogers rush failed)	6	58	2:43	TD	1	Williams 5-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
LSU						6	86	2:24	TD	2	Heath 56-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
14	80	6:19	FG	2	McCord 23-yard field goal	4	53	1:08	TD	2	Williams 30-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
8	75	3:09	TD	3	Polk 29-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)	5	89	1:48	TD	3	Polk 50-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)
12	75	4:44	TD	4	Williams 2-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)	6	85	2:36	TD	3	D. Johnson 32-yard rush (McCord kick)
12	66	3:43	TD	4	Marks 16-yard pass from Rogers (Rogers pass successful)	11	55	4:03	FG	4	McCord 33-yard field goal
at Texas A&M						5	40	2:27	FG	4	McCord 43-yard field goal
6	19	2:28	FG	1	McCord 24-yard field goal						
12	75	6:28	TD	1	Walley 1-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)						
5	75	1:31	TD	2	Polk 15-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)						
10	77	4:18	TD	3	Polk 20-yard pass from Rogers (McCord kick)						
Alabama											
12	49	4:42	FG	1	Ruiz 44-yard field goal						
9	56	2:16	FG	2	Ruiz 37-yard field goal						
12	56	4:06	FG	3	Ruiz 37-yard field goal						
at Vanderbilt											
8	79	3:37	TD	1	Polk 9-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)						
14	55	7:30	FG	1	Ruiz 36-yard field goal						
10	60	3:38	TD	2	Polk 31-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)						
11	50	5:05	TD	2	Harvey 6-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)						
10	63	4:37	TD	3	Heath 9-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)						
11	71	4:52	TD	4	Marks 5-yard rush (Ruiz kick)						
8	80	3:41	TD	4	Thomas 28-yard pass from Lovertich (Ruiz kick)						
Kentucky											
8	75	4:29	TD	2	Marks 7-yard rush (Ruiz kick)						
9	75	4:21	TD	2	D. Johnson 9-yard rush (Ruiz kick)						
14	66	8:26	FG	3	Ruiz 27-yard field goal						
3	22	1:09	TD	3	D. Johnson 1-yard rush (Ruiz kick)						
3	24	1:45	TD	3	Thomas 25-yard pass from Rogers (Ruiz kick)						

SCORING BREAKDOWN

MISSISSIPPI STATE DRIVES						OPPONENT DRIVES					
Offense: 57 scoring drives (45 TD, 12 FG)						Offense: 44 scoring drives (30 TD, 14 FG)					
Special Teams/Defensive: 1: Griffin 100-yard kick return - NC STATE (9/11).						Special Teams/Defensive: 4: Baldwin 35-yard interception return - LOUISIANA TECH (9/4); Blake 49-yard fumble return - at Memphis (9/18); Austin III 94-yard punt return - at Memphis (9/18); Battle 40-yard interception return - ALABAMA (10/16); Ali 74-yard punt return - Kentucky (10/30)					
LONGEST SCORING DRIVES BY:						LONGEST SCORING DRIVES BY:					
Plays:	17	at Memphis (9/18)				Plays:	16	ALABAMA (10/16)			
	14	LSU (9/25); at Vanderbilt (10/23); Kentucky (10/30); at Auburn (11/13)					14	Kentucky (10/30)			
Yards:	98	at Auburn (11/13)				Yards:	98	at Memphis (9/18)			
	83	NC STATE (9/11)					93	ALABAMA (10/16)			
Time:	8:39	at Memphis (9/18)				Time:	7:17	ALABAMA (10/16)			
	8:26	Kentucky (10/30)					6:32	Kentucky (10/30)			

MISSISSIPPI STATE GAME-BY-GAME

	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
First Downs	22	15	26	29	28	24	30	27	28	31	23	
Rushing	5	1	6	10	4	6	6	7	5	5	5	
Passing	17	14	18	18	22	15	21	15	20	21	18	
Penalty	--	--	2	1	2	3	3	5	3	5	--	
Net Yards Rushing	65	22	50	115	30	(-1)	61	94	69	72	107	
Rushing Attempts	19	14	16	26	17	19	22	35	26	19	15	
Average Per Rush	3.4	1.5	3.1	4.4	1.8	(-0.1)	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.8	7.1	
Rushing Touchdowns	2	--	1	--	--	--	1	3	--	--	2	
Yards Gained	90	30	69	120	46	53	87	115	78	89	112	
Yards Lost	25	8	19	5	16	54	26	21	9	17	5	
Net Yards Passing	370	294	419	371	408	300	461	344	417	415	493	
Completions	39	33	50	47	46	35	46	36	36	44	36	
Attempts	47	49	67	62	59	55	65	39	48	56	46	
Interceptions	1	--	--	1	--	3	2	--	1	--	--	
Yards Per Attempt	7.9	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.9	5.5	7.1	8.8	8.7	7.4	10.7	
Yards Per Completion	9.5	8.9	8.4	7.9	8.9	8.6	9.8	9.6	11.6	9.4	13.7	
Passing Touchdowns	3	2	3	3	3	--	5	1	4	6	5	
Total Offensive Yards	435	316	469	486	438	299	522	438	486	487	600	
Plays	66	64	83	88	76	74	87	74	74	75	61	
Yards Per Play	6.6	4.9	5.7	5.5	5.8	4.0	6.0	5.9	6.6	6.5	9.8	
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-2	
Penalties-Yards	12-96	9-60	8-59	6-36	7-65	6-25	9-68	11-88	10-77	5-40	3-29	
Punts-Yards	5-210	7-251	5-211	3-131	3-122	5-203	2-103	3-111	2-88	2-80	--	
Yards Per Punt	42.0	35.9	42.2	43.7	40.7	40.6	51.5	37.0	44.0	40.0	--	
Net Yards Per Punt	37.2	33.0	46.8	35.0	37.7	40.2	39.5	11.3	40.0	40.0	--	
Inside 20	--	1	3	1	2	2	1	--	--	--	--	
50+ Yard Kicks	--	1	2	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	
Touchbacks	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Fair Catch	2	2	--	--	2	1	1	--	1	1	--	
Kickoffs-Yards	6-385	5-325	6-271	4-255	5-315	4-256	8-458	6-376	5-294	8-499	10-613	
Yards Per Kickoff	64.2	65.0	45.2	63.8	63.0	64.0	57.2	62.7	58.8	62.4	61.3	
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40.3	49.0	28.5	41.2	36.4	37.8	40.1	41.8	38.8	37.9	43.2	
Touchbacks	5	4	4	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	
Punt Returns	--	5	2	2	1	--	--	1	1	--	5	
Yards	--	49	3	7	5	--	--	11	-2	--	75	
Touchdowns	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Yards Per Return	--	9.8	(-1.5)	3.5	5.0	--	--	11.0	-2.0	--	15.0	
Kickoff Returns	4	1	5	--	--	--	3	--	2	--	3	
Yards	144	100	64	--	--	--	76	--	73	--	86	
Touchdowns	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Yards Per Return	36.0	100.0	12.8	--	--	--	25.3	--	24.3	18.5	28.7	
Interceptions	1	2	1	1	1	--	1	3	--	--	--	
Yards	--	--	21	-10	12	--	22	6	--	--	--	
Touchdowns	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Fumble Recoveries	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	
Returns-Yards	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	
Touchdowns	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Miscellaneous Yards	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Possession Times	32:20	31:06	36:57	35:08	34:36	30:07	39:02	41:10	32:14	35:01	24:40	
1st Quarter	11:09	4:52	11:40	8:09	8:56	8:59	11:12	7:27	5:48	8:05	6:43	
2nd Quarter	9:11	11:19	11:36	9:09	6:18	6:44	11:23	9:25	9:18	6:39	3:42	
3rd Quarter	4:55	8:51	3:54	9:23	7:50	7:54	6:55	11:20	9:13	9:54	6:40	
4th Quarter	7:05	6:04	9:47	8:27	11:32	6:30	9:32	12:58	7:55	10:23	7:35	
3rd-Down Conversions	2-8	3-13	9-17	12-18	3-10	7-16	10-16	7-12	6-12	3-10	5-10	
4th-Down Conversions	--	1-2	0-1	--	--	--	1-1	--	2-2	2-2	1-2	
Red Zone Scoring	5-5	2-2	4-5	3-4	4-5	2-2	5-5	4-5	3-4	7-8	4-4	
Touchdowns	5	1	3	2	3	--	4	3	3	6	2	
Field Goals	--	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	--	1	2	
Sacks By-Yards	1-9	4-31	1-3	2-15	3-29	2-16	3-21	--	3-13	2-18	4-33	
PAT Kicks	5-5	3-3	2-2	2-2	3-3	--	6-6	4-4	4-4	4-4	7-7	
Field Goals	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-3	3-3	1-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-2	
Total Points	35	24	29	25	26	9	45	31	28	43	55	
Touchdowns Rushing	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	3	--	--	2	
Touchdowns Passing	3	2	3	3	3	--	5	1	4	6	5	
Touchdown Returns	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Other Touchdowns	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Safeties	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Kick PAT-Attempts	5-5	3-3	2-2	2-2	3-3	--	6-6	4-4	4-4	4-4	7-7	
2pt PAT-Attempts	--	--	0-2	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Field Goals-Attempts	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-3	3-3	1-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-2	
Points Off Turnovers	14	--	7	--	3	--	7	14	--	--	--	

OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME

	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
First Downs	14	16	12	15	15	22	5	14	24	22	14	
Rushing	2	2	5	6	8	11	1	5	10	7	4	
Passing	10	13	6	8	6	11	4	8	10	15	8	
Penalty	2	1	1	1	1	--	--	1	4	--	2	
Net Yards Rushing	101	34	87	63	162	195	6	66	202	106	35	
Rushing Attempts	25	25	25	27	32	41	17	20	45	27	34	
Average Per Rush	4.0	1.4	3.5	2.3	5.1	4.8	0.4	3.3	4.5	3.9	1.0	
Rushing Touchdowns	1	--	--	--	1	2	--	--	2	3	1	
Yards Gained	123	72	105	85	221	218	30	71	222	137	84	
Yards Lost	22	38	18	22	59	23	24	5	20	31	49	
Net Yards Passing	268	303	159	280	135	348	146	150	191	377	170	
Completions	21	30	16	17	12	20	17	17	19	27	19	
Attempts	37	51	28	27	20	28	25	28	25	43	27	
Interceptions	1	2	1	1	1	--	1	3	--	--	--	
Yards Per Attempt	7.2	5.9	5.7	10.4	6.8	12.4	5.8	5.4	7.6	8.8	6.3	
Yards Per Completion	12.8	10.1	9.9	16.5	11.2	17.4	8.6	8.8	10.1	14.0	8.9	
Passing Touchdowns	2	1	2	4	1	4	--	1	1	2	--	
Total Offensive Yards	369	335	246	343	297	543	155	216	393	483	205	
Plays	62	76	53	54	52	69	42	48	70	70	61	
Yards Per Play	6.0	4.4	4.6	6.4	5.7	7.9	3.7	4.5	5.6	6.9	3.4	
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	4-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	4-1	1-1	
Penalties-Yards	7-36	6-59	6-55	5-32	8-59	6-60	5-40	6-68	11-84	9-86	4-25	
Punts-Yards	7-270	7-305	5-231	5-197	3-159	3-112	7-306	3-161	2-101	2-91	7-289	
Yards Per Punt	38.6	43.6	46.2	39.4	53.0	37.3	43.7	53.7	50.5	45.5	41.3	
Net Yards Per Punt	37.3	36.6	46.8	34.0	56.3	37.3	43.7	50.0	41.5	45.5	30.6	
Inside 20	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	--	1	3	
50+ Yard Kicks	1	2	2	1	2	--	2	2	1	1	1	
Touchbacks	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	
Fair Catch	3	1	--	1	1	1	4	1	--	1	2	
Kickoffs-Yards	7-413	2-130	6-307	5-325	6-390	8-488	3-193	4-235	7-451	5-320	3-182	
Yards Per Kickoff	59.0	65.0	51.2	65.0	65.0	61.0	64.3	58.8	64.4	64.0	60.7	
Net Yards Per Kickoff	29.7	5.0	36.3	40.0	40.0	40.0	39.0	40.0	39.7		32.0	
Touchbacks	2	1	1	5	6	5	--	3	4	2	--	
Punt Returns	3	--	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	--	--	
Yards	24	--	107	26	19	2	24	77	8	--	--	
Touchdowns	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	
Yards Per Return	8.0	--	53.5	13.0	19.0	2.0	24.0	38.5	8.0	--	--	
Kickoff Returns	1	--	--	--	1	2	3	3	1	--	5	
Yards	18	--	--	--	31	65	62	50	--	--	106	
Touchdowns	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Yards Per Return	18.0	--	--	--	31.0	32.5	20.7	16.7	0.0	24.0	21.2	
Interceptions	1	--	--	1	--	3	2	--	1	--	--	
Yards	35	--	--	--	--	75	--	--	--	--	--	
Touchdowns	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	
Fumble Recoveries	3	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Returns-Yards	1-0	--	1-49	1-35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Touchdowns	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Miscellaneous Yards	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Possession Times	27:04	28:54	23:03	24:52	24:32	29:53	20:58	18:50	27:46	24:59	35:20	
1st Quarter	3:51	10:08	3:20	6:51	5:42	6:01	3:48	7:33	9:12	6:55	8:17	
2nd Quarter	5:49	3:41	3:24	5:51	8:38	8:16	3:37	5:35	5:42	8:21	11:18	
3rd Quarter	10:05	6:09	11:06	5:37	7:10	7:06	8:05	3:40	5:47	5:06	8:20	
4th Quarter	7:55	8:56	5:13	6:33	3:02	8:30	5:28	2:02	7:05	4:37	7:25	
3rd-Down Conversions	4-15	6-20	2-12	5-13	4-11	12-16	1-11	6-10	6-13	6-12	5-14	
4th-Down Conversions	1-1	1-3	1-3	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	1-2	0-1	
Red Zone Scoring	2-2	2-2	--	1-1	4-4	2-2	1-1	1-2	3-3	4-5	2-3	
Touchdowns	--	1	--	1	1	2	--	1	3	4	1-3	
Field Goals	2	1	--	--	3	--	1	--	--	--	1-3	
Sacks By-Yards	3-29	1-3	2-14	1-2	3-5	7-53	3-25	2-12	3-9	2-12	--	
PAT Kicks	4-4	1-1	4-4	4-4	1-1	7-7	--	2-2	2-2	4-4	1-1	
Field Goals	2-3	1-2	1-1	--	3-3	--	2-2	1-1	3-4	0-2	1-3	
Total Points	34	10	31	28	22	49	6	17	31	34	10	
Touchdowns Rushing	1	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	2	2	1	
Touchdowns Passing	2	1	2	4	1	4	--	1	1	2	--	
Touchdown Returns	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	
Other Touchdowns	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Safeties	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Kick PAT-Attempts	4-4	1-1	4-4	4-4	1-1	7-7	--	2-2	2-2	4-4	1-1	
2pt PAT-Attempts	--	--	--	--	0-1	--	--	--	1-1	--	--	
Field Goals-Attempts	2-3	1-2	1-1	--	3-3	--	2-2	1-1	3-4	0-2	1-1	
Points Off Turnovers	10	--	7	7	--	14	3	--	--	--	--	

INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME

RUSHING

(ATT-YDS-TD)	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Dillon Johnson	2-12/0	6-18/0	7-49/1	8-51/0	6-19/0	7-24/0	7-34/0	11-41/2	8-31/0	8-62/0	5-56/1	
J. Marks	12-71/2	6-11/0	4-1/0	13-46/0	5-16/0	3-16/0	8-33/1	20-58/1	11-40/0	6-17/0	5-43/1	
J.J. Jernighan	0-0/0	0-0/0	2-5/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	2-10/0	
C. Lovertich	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-7/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-3/0	
TEAM	DNP	1-(-2)/0	DNP	DNP	2--10/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-(-5)/0	
Will Rogers	5--18/0	2-(-5)/0	3--6/0	5-18/0	4-5/0	9-(-41)/0	6-(-13)/0	4-(-5)/0	7-(-2)/0	5--7/0	0-0/0	

RECEIVING

(REC-YDS-TD)	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Makai Polk	10-57/0	4-33/0	11-136/1	8-78/1	13-126/2	7-59/0	5-63/2	5-51/0	8-117/0	8-61/2	9-110/1	
Jaden Walley	4-64/1	5-44/1	5-58/1	2-9/0	3-27/1	6-64/0	5-72/0	6-95/0	1-3/1	7-87/0	3-46/0	
Austin Williams	5-57/0	3-48/0	6-44/0	6-62/1	4-38/0	2-17/0	3-30/0	4-32/0	4-72/0	4-44/0	4-75/3	
Malik Heath	DNP	2-29/1	9-88/1	5-48/0	3-25/0	3-56/0	3-26/1	1-4/0	0-0/0	5-74/1	2-87/1	
J. Marks	9-27/1	7-28/0	6-39/0	9-67/1	7-40/0	7-38/0	4-48/0	9-57/0	6-46/1	7-30/0	2-15/0	
Dillon Johnson	3-14/0	6-70/0	7-32/0	9-58/0	6-27/0	2-9/0	5-21/0	4-30/0	5-12/0	4-40/1	2-21/0	
Christian Ford	DNP	0-0/0	DNP	2-14/0	4-40/0	2-26/0	5-63/0	1-17/0	3-65/0	2-22/0	DNP	
Rara Thomas	3-55/0	1-3/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	DNP	0-0/0	5-52/1	1-25/1	4-63/2	2-22/0	DNP	
Jamire Calvin	3-67/1	2-17/0	3-7/0	2-21/0	3-33/0	3-9/0	1-3/0	1-11/0	1-11/0	4-20/2	2-11/0	
L. Griffin	2-29/0	3-22/0	0-0/0	3-18/0	3-52/0	2-15/0	4-22/0	2-16/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	
J.J. Jernighan	0-0/0	0-0/0	3-15/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-4/0	1-3/0	4-28/0	1-15/0	2-19/0	
Caleb Ducking	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-40/0	DNP	0-0/0	DNP	4-26/0	
Omni Wells	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-3/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-40/0	
Rufus Harvey	0-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-7/0	2-17/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-15/0	
Carson Banks	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-23/0	
Brodie King	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-5/0	
Will Rogers	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-(-4)/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	

PASSING							
Will Rogers							
	C-A-I	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Sack-Yards	Efficiency
LOUISIANA TECH	39-47-1	.830	370	3	40	3-29	165.91
NC STATE	33-49-0	.673	294	2	34	1-3	131.22
at Memphis	50-67-0	.746	419	3	41	2-14	141.93
LSU	47-62-1	.758	371	3	29	1-2	138.81
at Texas A&M	46-59-0	.780	408	3	25	3-5	152.83
ALABAMA	35-55-3	.63.6	300	0	43	7-53	98.55
at Vanderbilt	41-57-2	71.9	384	4	31	3-25	144.66
KENTUCKY	36-39-0	92.3	344	1	29	2-12	174.86
at Arkansas	36-48-1	75.0	417	4	42	3-9	171.31
at Auburn	44-55-0	80.0	415	6	31	2-12	179.38
TENNESSEE STATE	28-34-0	82.4	391	5	56	0-0	227.48
OLE MISS							
Chance Lovertich							
	C-A-I	Pct.	Yards	TD	Long	Sack-Yards	Efficiency
LOUISIANA TECH	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NC STATE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
at Memphis	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
LSU	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
at Texas A&M	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
ALABAMA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
at Vanderbilt	5-6-0	83.3	77	1	28	0-0	246.13
KENTUCKY	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
at Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
at Auburn	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TENNESSEE STATE	8-12-0	66.7	102	--	40	0-0	138.07
OLE MISS							

KICKING & PUNTING

KICKOFFS

Season	KO	Total Yards	TB	OB	Kick Avg.	Returns	Rtn. Yds.	Yds./Rtn.
Scott Goodman	43	2495	22	1	55.5	--	--	--
Brandon Ruiz	17	1040	12	0	61.2	--	--	--
Tucker Day	5	312	2	1	64.5	--	--	--
Aiden Martin	2	117	0	1	64.5	--	--	--
OPPONENT	58	3413	29	2	58.8	20	428	21.4

Season	KO	Total Yards	TB	OB	Kick Avg.	Opp Returns	Rtn. Yds.	Yds./Rtn.
LOUISIANA TECH	6	385	5	--	64.2	1	18	18.0
NC STATE	5	325	4	--	65.0	--	--	--
at Memphis	4	260	4	--	65.0	--	--	--
LSU	4	255	2	--	63.8	--	--	--
at Texas A&M	5	315	2	--	63.0	1	31	31.0
ALABAMA	4	256	2	--	64.0	2	65	32.5
at Vanderbilt	8	458	3	--	57.2	3	62	20.7
KENTUCKY	6	376	3	--	62.7	3	50	16.7
at Arkansas	5	294	4	--	58.8	1	0	0.0
at Auburn	8	499	4	--	62.4	4	96	48
TENNESSEE STATE	10	613	3	2	61.3	5	106	21.2
OLE MISS								

PUNTING

Season	No.	Total Yds	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blk
Archer Trafford	19	798	42.0	57	1	6	6	2	0
Tucker Day	17	675	39.7	56	1	5	2	3	0

Game	No.	Total Yds	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blk
LOUISIANA TECH	5	210	42.0	46	--	2	--	--	--
NC STATE	7	251	35.9	56	1	2	1	1	--
at Memphis	5	211	42.2	57	1	1	1	1	--
LSU	3	131	43.7	53	--	--	1	1	--
at Texas A&M	3	122	40.7	47	--	2	2	--	--
ALABAMA	5	203	40.6	48	--	1	2	--	--
at Vanderbilt	2	103	51.5	56	--	1	1	1	--
KENTUCKY	3	111	37.0	50	--	--	--	1	--
at Arkansas	2	88	44.0	44	--	1	--	--	--
at Auburn	2	80	40	43	--	1	--	--	--
TENNESSEE STATE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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TACKLES

(UT-AT)	UT-AT	TT	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Jett Johnson	33-41	74	2-2	5-4	5-3	2-6	2-6	0-10	3-0	5-4	3-2	2-0	4-4	
N. Watson	22-42	64	2-5	1-4	DNP	1-5	4-4	5-11	2-3	1-4	3-3	3-0	0-3	
Fred Peters	19-35	54	1-8	2-4	1-2	4-5	1-2	1-9	2-1	DNP	2-3	5-1	DNP	
Emmanuel Forbes	36-11	47	2-1	9-2	2-1	2-2	5-1	3-1	-	5-1	4-0	3-0	1-2	
Aaron Brule	21-25	46	3-4	2-2	1-1	1-3	-	2-6	2-0	0-4	4-2	5-2	1-1	
Martin Emerson	31-15	46	3-2	5-1	5-3	2-1	4-1	4-3	1-2	1-0	2-1	4-0	0-1	
Tyrus Wheat	18-25	43	1-2	0-3	1-1	1-2	1-2	0-4	4-0	1-2	2-6	3-2	4-1	
Cameron Young	14-26	40	2-2	1-5	1-1	1-3	2-3	0-4	-	1-3	4-4	2-1	DNP	
Collin Duncan	17-20	37	0-4	2-3	2-2	0-3	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-0	3-3	5-1	1-1	
Randy Charlton	12-19	31	1-4	2-0	3-1	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-0	0-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	
Jalen Green	16-14	30	3-3	2-2	2-1	1-3	1-1	1-2	1-1	3-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	
Shawn Preston Jr.	9-18	27	1-2	DNP	-	-	-	1-1	0-1	2-2	2-7	0-1	3-4	
Nathan Pickering	11-12	23	0-1	0-2	0-1	-	2-0	0-4	1-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	
Jaden Crumedy	8-12	20	1-2	1-1	1-1	-	0-2	0-2	2-0	0-1	1-2	2-0	0-1	
Aaron Odom	4-11	15	-	1-1	1-0	1-2	-	-	1-0	-	0-2	-	0-6	
Sherman Timbs	3-8	11	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	-	1-0	0-1	-	0-2	1-0	-	
Decameron Richardson	11-0	11	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	-	4-0	
DeMonte Russell	5-5	10	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-0	1-1	-	-	1-0	1-0	1-4	
DeShawn Page	2-8	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	1-0	1-7	
Jack Harris	1-8	9	DNP	0-1	0-1	0-2	-	1-4	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Dylan Lawrence	2-3	5	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	DNP	-	-	-	2-2	
Ty Cooper	0-5	5	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	0-2	-	-	DNP	0-3	
Jevon Banks	2-2	4	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-0	DNP	DNP	-	0-2	
Esaias Furdge	1-3	4	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	
Nic Mitchell	0-3	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-3	
Jay Jimison	2-1	3	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-0	
Janari Dean	2-1	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	2-0	0-1	-	-	-	-	
Corey Ellington	1-2	3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-1	-	-	-	0-1	
John Lewis	1-1	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-1	
J.P. Purvis	1-1	2	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-1	
Makai Polk	2-0	2	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	
Lideatrick Griffin	1-1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Jaden Walley	0-1	1	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rufus Harvey	1-0	1	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	
Aidan Martin	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	
Grant Jackson	1-0	1	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	
Omni Wells	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	0-1	
Tucker Day	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Izuchukwu King Ani	0-1	1	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	

TFL & SACKS

TFL (Sacks)	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Tyrus Wheat	-	-	1.0 (1.0)	0.5 (0.0)	1.5 (1.0)	-	2.0 (2.0)	-	1.0 (1.0)	1.0 (0.0)	3.0 (2.0)	-
Aaron Brule	2.0 (1.0)	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	-	1.0 (1.0)	-	-	2.0 (1.0)	-	0.5 (0.0)	-
Nathan Pickering	-	-	-	-	1.0 (1.0)	0.5 (0.0)	-	1.0 (0.0)	-	1.0 (1.0)	2.0 (2.0)	-
Jett Johnson	-	0.5 (0.0)	1.0 (0.0)	1.0 (0.0)	0.5 (0.0)	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	0.5 (0.0)	-	1.0 (0.0)	-
Randy Charlton	-	1.0 (1.0)	-	1.0 (1.0)	0.5 (0.0)	-	1.0 (1.0)	-	0.5 (0.0)	1.0 (1.0)	-	-
Nathaniel Watson	-	0.5 (0.0)	DNP	0.5 (0.0)	1.0 (1.0)	1.0 (1.0)	-	-	1.0 (1.0)	-	-	-
Emmanuel Forbes	1.0 (0.0)	1.5 (1.0)	-	-	1.0 (0.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aaron Odom	-	0.0 (1.0)	-	1.5 (1.0)	-	-	1.0 (1.0)	-	-	-	0.5 (0.0)	-
Martin Emerson	-	0.5 (0.0)	1.0 (0.0)	-	-	1.0 (0.0)	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	-	-	-
Jaden Crumedy	-	1.5 (1.0)	-	-	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameron Young	-	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	1.0 (0.0)	-	-	-	0.5 (0.0)	-	DNP	-
Jalen Green	1.0 (0.0)	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collin Duncan	-	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	-	-	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	-	0.5 (0.0)	-
Jack Harris	DNP	-	-	0.5-1	-	1.0 (0.0)	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
DeMonte Russell	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0 (0.0)	0.5 (0.0)	-
DeShawn Page	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5 (0.0)	-
Jevon Banks	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	-	1.0 (0.0)	-
Sherman Timbs	-	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5 (0.0)	-	-	-
Ty Cooper	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	0.5 (0.0)	-

TACKLE BREAKDOWN

RUSHING TACKLES	PASSING TACKLES	SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES	Total	KO	Punt
Jett Johnson	Martin Emerson	Jett Johnson	5	5	0
Nathaniel Watson	Emmanuel Forbes	Janari Dean	3	3	0
Cameron Young	Collin Duncan	Aaron Brule	3	1	2
Fred Peters	Jett Johnson	Lideatrick Griffin	2	0	2
Tyrus Wheat	Fred Peters	Sherman Timbs	2	0	2
Aaron Brule	Nathaniel Watson	DeShawn Page	2	1	1
Randy Charlton	Jalen Green	Decameron Richardson	2	2	0
Nathan Pickering	Aaron Brule	Fred Peters	2	0	2
Jaden Crumedy	Shawn Preston Jr.	Tucker Day	1	1	0
Shawn Preston Jr.	Tyrus Wheat	Omni Wells	1	1	0
Jalen Green	Decameron Richardson	Dylan Lawrence	1	1	0
Martin Emerson	Randy Charlton	Collin Duncan	1	0	1
Emmanuel Forbes	Cameron Young	DeMonte Russell	1	1	0
Aaron Odom	Esaias Furdge	Corey Ellington	1	1	0
Collin Duncan	Jack Harris	Cameron Young	1	0	1
Sherman Timbs	DeShawn Page	Martin Emerson	1	0	1
DeMonte Russell	Ty Cooper	Nathaniel Watson	1	1	0
Jack Harris	Jay Jimison	Aidan Martin	1	1	0
DeShawn Page	Nathan Pickering	Grant Jackson	1	0	1
Jevon Banks	Jaden Walley	Jaden Walley	1	0	1
Dylan Lawrence	Sherman Timbs	John Lewis	1	1	0
Ty Cooper	J.P. Purvis	Nic Mitchell	1	1	0
Nic Mitchell	Aaron Odom	TOTALS	35	21	14
Decameron Richardson	Corey Ellington				
J.P. Purvis					
John Lewis					
Jay Jimison					
Corey Ellington					
Esaias Furdge					
Izuchukwu King Ani					
TOTALS	231				

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ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

	Total	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Joquavious Marks	952	98	39	40	113	56	54	81	115	159	84	113	
Makai Polk	891	57	33	136	78	126	59	63	51	117	61	110	
Dillon Johnson	773	26	88	123	109	46	33	55	71	43	102	77	
Jaden Walley	691	64	75	55	16	32	64	72	106	1	87	119	
Austin Williams	539	57	66	44	62	38	17	30	32	72	44	77	
Lideatrick Griffin	513	173	122	19	18	52	15	98	16	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Malik Heath	437	DNP	29	88	48	25	56	26	4	-	74	87	
Christian Ford	247	DNP	-	DNP	14	40	26	63	17	65	22	DNP	
Rara Thomas	220	55	3	-	-	DNP	-	52	25	63	22	DNP	
Jamire Calvin	210	67	17	7	21	33	9	3	11	11	20	11	
J.J. Jernighan	99	-	-	20	-	-	-	4	3	28	15	29	
Caleb Ducking	66	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	40	DNP	-	DNP	26	
Omni Wells	43	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3	-	-	40	
Rufus Harvey	39	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	7	17	DNP	DNP	DNP	15	
Emmanuel Forbes	33	-	-	21	(-10)	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	
Teddy Knox	31	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	31	
Carson Banks	23	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	23	
Fred Peters	12	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	DNP	-	-	DNP	
Chance Lovertich	10	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	7	DNP	DNP	DNP	3	
Cameron Young	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	DNP	
Brodie King	5	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	5	
Sherman Timbs	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shawn Preston Jr.	1	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
TEAM	(-17)	-	(-2)	-	-	(-10)	-	-	-	-	-	(-5)	
Will Rogers	(-78)	(-18)	(-5)	(-6)	(14)	5	(-41)	(-13)	(-5)	(-2)	(-7)	-	

RED ZONE RECAP

MISSISSIPPI STATE				OPPONENT			
Opponent	Scores/Chances	Result	Pct.	Opponent	Scores/Chances	Result	Pct.
LOUISIANA TECH	5/5	5 TD, 0 FG	100%	LOUISIANA TECH	2/2	0 TD, 2 FG	100%
NC STATE	2/2	1 TD, 1 FG	100%	NC STATE	1/3	1 TD, 0 FG	33%
at Memphis	4/5	3 TD, 1 FG	80%	at Memphis	0/0	0 TD, 0 FG	0%
LSU	3/4	2 TD, 1 FG	75%	LSU	1/1	1 TD, 0 FG	100%
at Texas A&M	4/5	3 TD, 1 FG	80%	at Texas A&M	4/4	1 TD, 3 FG	100%
ALABAMA	2/2	0 TD, 2 FG	100%	ALABAMA	2/2	2 TD, 0 FG	100%
at Vanderiblt	5/5	4 TD, 1 FG	100%	at Vanderiblt	1/1	0 TD, 1 FG	100%
KENTUCKY	4/5	3 TD, 1 FG	80%	KENTUCKY	1/2	1 TD, 0 FG	50%
at Arkansas	3/4	3 TD, 0 FG	75%	at Arkansas	3/3	3 TD, 0 FG	100%
at Auburn	7/8	6 TD, 1 FG	87.5%	at Auburn	4/5	4 TD, 0 FG	80%
TENNESSEE STATE	4/4	2 TD, 2 FG	100%	TENNESSEE STATE	2/3	1 TD, 1 FG	67%
OLE MISS				OLE MISS			
TOTAL	43/49	32 TD, 11 FG, 1 Downs 0 Interceptions, 0 Fumbles	88%	TOTAL	21/26	14 TD, 7 FG, 1 Downs 2 Interceptions, 1 Fumbles	81%

GAME LEADERS

Opponent	Rushing Attempts	Rushing Yards	Receptions	Receiving Yards	All-Purpose Yards	Tackles
LOUISIANA TECH	J. Marks - 12	J. Marks - 71	Makai Polk - 10	Jamire Calvin - 67	L. Griffin - 173	Fred Peters - 9
NC STATE	Dillon Johnson - 6	Dillon Johnson - 18	J. Marks - 16	Dillon Johnson - 70	L. Griffin - 122	Emmanuel Forbes - 11
at Memphis	Dillon Johnson - 7	Dillon Johnson - 49	Makai Polk - 11	Makai Polk - 136	Makai Polk - 136	J. Johnson/M. Emerson - 8
LSU	J. Marks - 13	Dillon Johnson - 51	J. Marks/D. Johnson - 9	Makai Polk - 78	J. Marks - 113	Fred Peters - 9
at Texas A&M	Dillon Johnson - 6	Dillon Johnson - 19	Makai Polk - 13	Makai Polk - 126	Makai Polk - 126	J. Johnson/N. Watson - 8
ALABAMA	Will Rogers - 9	Dillon Johnson - 24	M. Polk/J. Marks - 7	Jaden Walley - 64	Jaden Walley - 64	Nathaniel Watson - 16
at Vanderiblt	J. Marks - 8	Dillon Johnson - 34	Five Players - 5	Jaden Walley - 72	L. Griffin - 98	Nathaniel Watson - 5
KENTUCKY	J. Marks - 20	J. Marks - 58	J. Marks - 9	Jaden Walley - 95	J. Marks - 115	Jett Johnson - 9
at Arkansas	J. Marks - 11	J. Marks - 40	Makai Polk - 8	Makai Polk - 117	J. Marks - 159	Shawn Preston Jr. - 9
at Auburn	Dillon Johnson - 8	Dillon Johnson - 63	Jaden Walley - 7	Jaden Walley - 87	Dillon Johnson - 102	Aaron Brule - 7
TENNESSEE STATE	D. Johnson/J. Marks - 5	Dillon Johnson - 56	Makai Polk - 9	Makai Polk - 110	Jaden Walley - 119	J. Johnson/D. Page - 8
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MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

RECEIVING

Games with a Reception	'18	'19	'20	'21	Streak	Career
Calvin, Jamire	12 (17*)	12 (18*)	4	11	16	39
Cumbest, Brad	1	1	2	--	--	4
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	2	2	2
Ford, Christian	--	--	--	7	--	7
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	4	7	--	11
Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	3	1	3
Heath, Malik	--	--	10	9	2	19
Jernighan, J.J.	--	--	--	6	5	6
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	9	11	12	20
Johnson, Kwatntrivous	--	--	1	--	--	1
Jones, Kameron	--	--	1	--	--	1
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	11	11	22	22
Polk, Makai	--	8	4	11	20	23
Rogers, Will	--	--	--	1	--	1
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	6	--	6
Walley, Jaden	--	--	10	11	20	21
Wells, Omni	--	--	--	2	--	2
Williams, Austin	7	7	10	11	20	35

Games with 5+ Receptions	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Calvin, Jamire	1 (17*)	6 (18*)	1	--	8
Ford, Christian	--	--	--	1	1
Heath, Malik	--	--	4	3	7
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	3	6	9
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	6	9	15
Polk, Makai	--	1	1	10	12
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	1	1
Walley, Jaden	--	--	6	6	12
Williams, Austin	--	--	4	3	7

Receptions of 20+ Yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Calvin, Jamire	3 (17*)	10 (18*)	1	3	17
Cumbest, Brad	1	--	--	--	1
Ford, Christian	--	--	--	4	4
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	--	1	1
Heath, Malik	--	--	3	9	12
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	--	2	2
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	--	1	1
Polk, Makai	--	5	1	9	15
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	5	5
Walley, Jaden	--	--	11	7	18
Williams, Austin	3	2	1	7	13

Receptions of 50+ Yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Calvin, Jamire	-- (17*)	1 (18*)	--	--	1
Heath, Malik	--	--	--	1	1
Polk, Makai	--	--	1	1	2
Walley, Jaden	--	--	1	--	1

Receptions for a First Down	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Calvin, Jamire	12 (17)	26 (18)	7	11	56
Cumbest, Brad	1	--	--	--	1
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	3	3
Ford, Christian	--	--	--	13	13
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	1	9	10
Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	1	1
Heath, Malik	--	--	12	17	29
Jernighan, J.J.	--	--	--	4	4
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	6	22	28
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	13	16	29
Polk, Makai	--	11	7	42	60
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	10	10
Walley, Jaden	--	--	31	29	60
Williams, Austin	5	5	17	28	55

100-Yards Receiving	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Calvin, Jamire	-- (17)	1 (18)	1	--	2
Polk, Makai	--	1	--	4	5
Walley, Jaden	--	--	4	--	4

Games with a Receiving TD	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Calvin, Jamire	3 (17)	1 (18)	1	2	7
Cumbest, Brad	--	--	1	--	1
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	1	--	1
Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	1	1
Heath, Malik	--	--	2	4	6
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	--	3	3
Polk, Makai	--	2	1	6	9
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	3	3
Walley, Jaden	--	--	2	5	7
Williams, Austin	2	2	3	2	9

Games with Multiple Receiving TDs	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Heath, Malik	--	--	1	--	1
Polk, Makai	--	--	--	3	3
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	1	1
Williams, Austin	1	--	--	1	2

RUSHING

Runs of 10+ Yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	3	10	13
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	6	7	13
Rogers, Will	--	--	4	3	7

Runs of 20+ Yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	2	2	4
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	--	3	3

Rushing First Downs	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Jernighan, J.J.	--	--	--	4	4
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	10	22	32
Lovertich, Chance	--	--	--	6	6
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	18	29	47
Rogers, Will	--	--	5	6	11

Games with a Rushing Touchdown	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	3	3	6
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	3	4	7
Rogers, Will	--	--	1	--	1

Games with multiple Rushing TDs	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	1	1	2
Marks, Joquavious	--	--	--	1	1

PASSING

Games with 300 yards passing	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Rogers, Will	--	--	2	10	12

Games with 30+ completions	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Rogers, Will	--	--	4	10	14

Completions of 20+ yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Lovertich, Chance	--	--	--	1	1
Rogers, Will	--	--	17	49	66

Games with Multiple Passing TDs	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Rogers, Will	--	--	2	9	11

TURNOVERS GAINED

MISSISSIPPI STATE (15)					
TYPE	QTR	PLAYER	PLAYS/ YDS	1st DOWNS	RESULT
LOUISIANA TECH (2)					
Interception	1	Wheat of Kendall	7/40	3	TD
Fumble	1	Odom of Williams Jr.	3/33	2	TD
NC STATE (3)					
Interception	1	Green of Person	3/(-3)	0	Punt
Fumble	3	Green of Leary	7/54	2	TD
Interception	4	Peters of Leary	1/(-2)	0	End of Game
at Memphis (1)					
Interception	3	Forbes of Henigan	6/12	1	Downs
LSU (1)					
Interception	2	Forbes of Johnson	4/18	1	Downs
at Texas A&M (1)					
Interception	1	Peters of Calzada	6/19	1	FG
at Vanderbilt (1)					
Interception	2	Forbes of Wright	1/0	0	TD
KENTUCKY (4)					
Interception	1	Preston Jr. of Levis	7/35	2	Punt
Interception	2	Green of Levis	5/38	2	End of Half
Fumble	3	J. Johnson by Rodriguez	2/(-3)	0	TD
Interception	3	Young of Levis	1/0	0	TD
at Arkansas (0)					
-- None --					
at Auburn (1)					
Fumble	4	Finley by Charlton	4/6	1	End of Half
Tennessee State (1)					
Fumble	4	Bryant by Lawrence	3/10	0	Fumble

OPPONENT (11)					
TYPE	QTR	PLAYER	PLAYS/ YDS	1st DOWNS	RESULT
LOUISIANA TECH (4)					
Fumble	2	Buchanan by Johnson	6/19	1	Punt
Fumble	2	Bell by Rogers	3/(-6)	--	Punt
Fumble	3	Mason by Williams	7/38	2	FG
Interception	3	Baldwin of Rogers	--	--	TD
NC STATE (0)					
-- None --					
at Memphis (1)					
Fumble	1	Blake by Marks	--	--	TD
LSU (1)					
Fumble	1	Clark by Heath	6/45	1	TD
Interception	1	Flott of Rogers	--	--	Punt
at Texas A&M (0)					
-- None --					
at Vanderbilt (2)					
Interception	2	Mahoney of Rogers	5/9	1	Downs
Interception	3	Jerkins of Rogers	3/2	--	FG
at Arkansas (1)					
Interception	2	Morgan of Rogers	10/54	4	Punt
at Auburn (0)					
-- None --					
Tennessee State (2)					
Fumble	2	Polk by Stewart	8/9	2	Punt
Fumble	4	Jernighan by Green	4/4	--	FG

TURNOVERS BY PLAYER

FUMBLES

(#-Lost)	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Austin Williams	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Will Rogers	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0		
Dillon Johnson	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Malik Heath	DNP	--	--	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Joquavious Marks	--	--	1-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Makai Polk	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1	
J.J. Jernighan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1	
Jaden Walley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	

FORCED FUMBLES

	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Randy Charlton	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1		
Jaden Crumedy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1		
Emmanuel Forbes	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--		
Jett Johnson	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Aaron Odom	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
De Monte Russell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1		
Tyrus Wheat	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--		
Dylan Lawrence	--	--	--	--	--	--	DNP	--	--	--	1	

FUMBLES RECOVERED

	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Jalen Green	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Aaron Odom	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Jett Johnson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	
Tyrus Wheat	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1		

INTERCEPTIONS

(#-Yards)	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM
Emmanuel Forbes	--	--	1-21	1-(-10)	--	--	1-22	--	--	--		
Fred Peters	--	1-0	--	--	1-12	--	--	--	--	--		
Tyrus Wheat	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Jalen Green	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	--	--		
Shawn Preston Jr.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-1	--	--		
Cameron Young	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1-5	--	--		

LONG PLAY BREAKDOWN

BY YARDAGE

OFFENSE (55)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
*56	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST.
*50	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST.
43	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	ALABAMA
42	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	at Arkansas
41	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	at Memphis
40	Pass	Wells, Omni from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST.
40	Pass	Calvin, Jamire from Rogers, Will	LOUISIANA TECH
*37	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	at Arkansas
*36	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	at Memphis
34	Pass	Williams, Austin from Rogers, Will	NC STATE
*32	Rush	Johnson, Dillon	TENNESSEE ST.
31	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	at Auburn
31	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST.
*31	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	at Vanderbilt
*30	Pass	Williams, Austin from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST.
30	Pass	Williams, Austin from Rogers, Will	LOUISIANA TECH
*29	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	LSU
29	Pass	Ford, Christian from Rogers, Will	at Arkansas
29	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	KENTUCKY
29	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	at Auburn
29	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	at Memphis
*28	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Lortvich, Chance	at Vanderbilt
28	Pass	Williams, Austin from Rogers	at Arkansas
26	Pass	Johnson, Dillon from Rogers, Will	NC STATE
*25	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	KENTUCKY
25	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	at Texas A&M
25	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	LOUISIANA TECH
25	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST.
24	Pass	Ford, Christian from Rogers, Will	at Vanderbilt
24	Pass	Ford, Christian from Rogers, Will	ALABAMA
24	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	at Memphis
23	Pass	Williams, Austin from Rogers, Will	at Arkansas
23	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	KENTUCKY
23	Pass	Banks, Carson from Lortvich, Chance	TENNESSEE ST.
23	Pass	Griffin, Lideatrick from Rogers, Will	at Texas A&M
23	Pass	Calvin, Jamire from Rogers, Will	at Texas A&M
23	Rush	Marks, Jo'quavious	LOUISIANA TECH
23	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	KENTUCKY
22	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	at Texas A&M
22	Rush	Johnson, Dillon	at Auburn
22	Rush	Marks, Jo'quavious	TENNESSEE ST.
22	Pass	Williams, Austin from Rogers, Will	LSU
22	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	KENTUCKY
22	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	LSU
*21	Pass	Williams, Austin from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST.
21	Pass	Marks, Jo'quavious from Rogers, Will	at Vanderbilt
*21	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	NC STATE
21	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	LOUISIANA TECH
20	Rush	Johnson, Dillon	at Auburn
20	Pass	Johnson, Dillon from Rogers, Will	at Auburn
20	Pass	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	at Auburn
20	Pass	Ford, Christian from Rogers, Will	at Vanderbilt
20	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	ALABAMA
*20	Pass	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	at Texas A&M
*20	Pass	Calvin, Jamire from Rogers, Will	LOUISIANA TECH

SPECIAL TEAMS (15)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
*100	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	NC STATE
70	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	LOUISIANA TECH
38	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	LOUISIANA TECH
35	KR	Lideatrick Griffin	at Vanderbilt
33	KR	Marks, Jo'quavious	at Arkansas
31	KR	Knox, Teddy	TENNESSEE STATE
30	KR	Marks, Jo'quavious	TENNESSEE STATE
29	PR	Walley, Jaden	TENNESSEE STATE
25	KR	Marks, Jo'quavious	TENNESSEE STATE
25	PR	Walley, Jaden	TENNESSEE STATE
24	KR	Marks, Jo'quavious	at Arkansas
22	KR	Marks, Jo'quavious	at Auburn
21	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	at Vanderbilt
20	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	at Vanderbilt
20	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	LOUISIANA TECH

* - touchdown scored on play

DEFENSE (2)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
22	INT	Forbes, Emmanuel	at Vanderbilt
21	INT	Forbes, Emmanuel	at Memphis

LONG PLAY BREAKDOWN

LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

BY YARDAGE			BY TYPE		
Yards	No.	TD	Type	No.	TD
100+	1	1	Rushing	5	1
90-99	--	--	Passing	50	13
80-89	--	--	Punt returns	2	--
70-79	1	--	Kick returns	13	1
60-69	--	--	Interceptions	2	--
50-59	2	2	Fumble returns	--	--
40-49	5	--	Other	--	--
30-39	14	5	TOTAL	72	15
20-29	49	7			

20+ YARD PLAYS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	Rush	Rec.	KR	PR	IR	FR
Polk, Makai	9	5	--	9	--	--	--	--
Griffin, L.	8	1	--	1	7	--	--	--
Heath, Malik	9	2	--	0	--	--	--	--
Walley, Jaden	9	--	--	7	--	2	--	--
Thomas, Rara	5	3	--	5	--	--	--	--
Marks, J.	8	--	2	1	5	--	--	--
Williams, Austin	7	2	--	7	--	--	--	--
Johnson, Dillon	5	1	3	2	--	--	--	--
Ford, Christian	4	--	--	4	--	--	--	--
Calvin, Jamire	3	1	--	3	--	--	--	--
Forbes, E.	2	--	--	--	--	--	2	--
TOTAL	72	15	5	50	13	2	2	--

LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

Rushing		
32	Johnson, Dillon	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Rushing Touchdown		
32	Johnson, Dillon	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Passing		
56	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Passing Touchdown		
56	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Punt Return		
29	Walley, Jaden	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Kick Return		
100*	Griffin, Lideatrick	NC STATE (9/11)
Interception Return		
22	Forbes, Emmanuel	at Vanderbilt (10/23)
Fumble Return		
12	Johnson, Jett	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Punt		
57	Trafford, Archer	at Memphis (9/18)
Field Goal		
44	Ruiz, Brandon	ALABAMA (10/16)

MISSISSIPPI STATE (72 PLAYS)

Play	#	Long	Play	Opponent
Passing	50	56*	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Rushing	5	32*	Johnson, Dillon	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Kick Return	13	100*	Griffin, Lideatrick	NC STATE (9/11)
Punt Return	2	29	Walley, Jaden	TENNESSEE ST. (11/20)
Interception	2	22	Forbes, Emmanuel	at Vanderbilt (10/23)
Opp.	#	Long	Play	Type
LA TECH	9	70	Griffin, Lideatrick	Kick Return
NC STATE	6	100*	Griffin, Lideatrick	Kick Return
at Memphis	5	41	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	Pass
LSU	3	29	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	Pass
at Texas A&M	5	25	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	Pass
ALABAMA	6	75	J. Williams from Young, Bryce	Pass
at Vanderbilt	9	35	Griffin, Lideatrick	Kick Return
KENTUCKY	5	29	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	Pass
at Arkansas	7	42	Polk, Makai from Rogers, Will	Pass
at Auburn	7	31	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	Pass
TENNESSEE ST.	15	56*	Heath, Malik from Rogers, Will	Pass
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OPPONENTS (52 PLAYS)

Play	#	Long	Play	Opponent
Passing	31	75*	Williams, J. from Young, Bryce	ALABAMA (10/16)
Rushing	8	59*	Kendall, Austin	LOUISIANA TECH (9/4)
Kick Return	2	30	Hunter, Jarquez	at Auburn (11/13)
Punt Return	3	94*	Doyle, Joe	at Memphis (9/18)
Fumble Return	1	35	Clark, Damone	LSU (9/25)
Interception	2	40*	Battle, Jordan	ALABAMA (10/16)
Opp.	#	Long	Play	Type
LA TECH	6	73*	Means, Bub from Kendall, Austin	Pass
NC STATE	5	38	Emezie, Emeka from Leary, Devin	Pass
at Memphis	4	94*	Doyle, Joe	Punt Return
LSU	6	64*	Boutte, Kayshon from Johnson, Max	Pass
at Texas A&M	5	44	Spiller, Isaiah	Rush
ALABAMA	4	75	Williams, J. from Young, Bryce	Pass
at Vanderbilt	2	61	Boddie, Devin from Wright, Mike	Pass
KENTUCKY	2	74*	Ali, Josh	Punt Return
at Arkansas	4	26	Burks, Treyton	Rush
at Auburn	9	57*	Johnson, Ja'Varrius	Rush
TENNESSEE ST.	5	55	Wyche, Cam from Bryant, Deveon	Pass
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* - touchdown scored on play

SEASON SUPERLATIVES

MISSISSIPPI STATE INDIVIDUAL

Rushes	20	Marks, Jo'quavious; Kentucky (10/30)
Yards Rushing	71	Marks, Jo'quavious; Louisiana Tech (9/4)
TD Rushes	2	Marks, Jo'quavious; Louisiana Tech (9/4)
	2	Johnson, Dillon; Kentucky (10/30)
Long Rush	56	Johnson, Dillon; Tennessee State (11/20)
Pass Attempts	67	Rogers, Will; at Memphis (9/18)
Pass Completions	50	Rogers, Will; at Memphis (9/18)
Yards Passing	419	Rogers, Will; at Memphis (9/18)
TD Passes	6	Rogers, Will; at Auburn (11/13)
Long Pass	56	Rogers, Will; Tennessee State (11/20)
Receptions	13	Polk, Makai; at Texas A&M (10/2)
Yards Receiving	136	Polk, Makai; at Memphis (9/18)
TD Receptions	3	Williams, Austin; Tennessee State (11/20)
Long Reception	56	Heath, Malik; Tennessee State (11/20)
Field Goals	3	Ruiz, Brandon; Alabama (10/16)
Long Field Goal	44	Ruiz, Brandon; Alabama (10/16)
Punts	7	Day, Tucker; NC State (9/11)
Punting Avg	51.5	Day, Tucker; at Vanderbilt (10/23)
Long Punt	57	Trafford, Archer; at Memphis (9/18)
Punts Inside 20	2	Twice: Last Trafford, Archer; Alabama (10/16)
Long Punt Return	15	Walley, Jaden; NC State (9/11)
Long Kickoff Return	100	Griffin, Lideatrick; NC State (9/11)
Tackles	16	Watson, Nathaniel; Alabama (10/16)
Sacks	2.0	Wheat, Tyrus; at Vanderbilt (10/23)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Wheat, Tyrus; Tennessee State (11/20)
Interceptions	1	10 times: Last: Three Players; Kentucky (10/30)

MISSISSIPPI STATE TEAM

	Highs	Lows
Yards Rushing	115, LSU (9/25)	(-1), Alabama (10/16)
Yards Per Rush	7.1, Tennessee State (11/20)	(-0.1), Alabama (10/16)
TD Rushes	3, Kentucky (10/30)	0, 4x: Last at Auburn (11/13)
Pass Attempts	67, at Memphis (9/18)	39, Kentucky (10/30)
Pass Completions	50, at Memphis (9/18)	33, NC State (9/11)
Yards Passing	461, at Vanderbilt (10/23)	294, NC State (9/11)
Yards Per Pass Attempt	10.7, Tennessee State (11/20)	5.5, Alabama (10/16)
TD Passes	6, at Auburn (11/13)	0, Alabama (10/16)
Total Plays	88, LSU (9/25)	61, Tennessee State (11/20)
Total Offense	600, Tennessee State (11/20)	299, Alabama (10/16)
Yards Per Play	9.8, Tennessee State (11/20)	4.0, Alabama (10/16)
Points	55, Tennessee State (11/20)	9, Alabama (10/16)
Sacks By	4.0, Twice: Last, Tennessee State (11/20)	1.0, Twice: Last at Memphis (9/18)
First Downs	31, at Auburn (11/13)	15, NC State (9/11)
Penalties	12, Louisiana Tech (9/4)	3, Tennessee State (11/20)
Penalty Yards	96, Louisiana Tech (9/4)	29, at Tennessee State (11/20)
Turnovers	4, Louisiana Tech (9/4)	0, Three times: Last at Auburn (11/13)
Interceptions By	3, Kentucky (10/30)	1, 4x: Last at Texas A&M (10/2)
Punts	7, NC State (9/11)	0, Tennessee State (11/20)
Punting Avg	51.5, at Vanderbilt (10/23)	0.0, Tennessee State (11/20)
Long Punt	57, at Memphis (9/18)	0.0, Tennessee State (11/20)
Punts Inside 20	2, Twice: Last Alabama (10/16)	0, 3x: Last Tennessee State (11/20)
Long Punt Return	15, NC State (9/11)	0, Louisiana Tech (9/4)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL

Rushes	19	Robinson Jr., Brian; Alabama (10/16)
Yards Rushing	107	Johnson, Dominique; at Arkansas (11/6)
TD Rushes	2	Three times: Last Bigsby, Tank; at Auburn (11/13)
Long Rush	59	Kendall, Austin; Louisiana Tech (9/4)
Pass Attempts	49	Leary, Devin; NC State (9/11)
Pass Completions	30	Leary, Devin; NC State (9/11)
Yards Passing	377	Nix, Bo; at Auburn (11/13)
TD Passes	4	Twice: Last Young, Bryce; Alabama (10/16)
Long Pass	75	Young, Bryce; Alabama (10/16)
Receptions	9	Twice: Last Robinson, W.; Kentucky (10/30)
Yards Receiving	105	Calvin III, Austin; at Memphis (9/18)
TD Receptions	2	Twice: Last Boutte, Kayshon; LSU (9/25)
Long Reception	75	Williams, Jameson; Alabama (10/16)
Field Goals	3	Small, Seth; at Texas A&M (10/2)
	3	Little, Cam; at Arkansas (11/6)
Long Field Goal	51	Twice: Last Little, Cam; at Arkansas (11/6)
Punts	7	Four times: Last Mosley, Kaleb; Tennessee State (11/20)
Punting Avg	53.7	Goodfellow, Colin; Kentucky (10/30)
Long Punt	70	Goodfellow, Colin; Kentucky (10/30)
Punts Inside 20	3	Twice: Last Mosley, Kaleb; Tennessee State (11/20)
Long Punt Return	94	Calvin III, Austin; at Memphis (9/18)
Long Kickoff Return	45	Williams, Jameson; Alabama (10/16)
Tackles	18	Jones, Jacquez; Kentucky (10/30)
Sacks	4.0	Anderson Jr., W.; Alabama (10/16)
Tackles For Loss	4.0	Anderson Jr., W.; Alabama (10/16)
Interceptions	2	Battle, Jordan; Alabama (10/16)

OPPONENT TEAM

	Highs	Lows
Yards Rushing	202, at Arkansas (11/6)	6, at Vanderbilt (10/23)
Yards Per Rush	5.0, at Texas A&M (10/2)	0.4, at Vanderbilt (10/23)
TD Rushes	3, at Auburn (11/13)	0, 5x: Last Kentucky (10/30)
Pass Attempts	51, NC State (9/11)	20, at Texas A&M (10/2)
Pass Completions	30, NC State (9/11)	12, at Texas A&M (10/2)
Yards Passing	377, at Auburn (11/13)	135, at Texas A&M (10/2)
Yards Per Pass Attempt	12.4, Alabama (10/16)	5.8, at Memphis (9/18)
TD Passes	4, Twice: Last Alabama (10/16)	0, Tennessee State (11/20)
Total Plays	76, NC State (9/11)	52, at Texas A&M (10/2)
Total Offense	543, Alabama (10/16)	205, Tennessee State (11/20)
Yards Per Play	7.9, Alabama (10/16)	3.4, Tennessee State (11/20)
Points	49, Alabama (10/16)	10, Twice: Last, Tennessee State (11/20)
Sacks By	7.0, Alabama (10/16)	1.0, NC State (9/11)
First Downs	24, at Arkansas (11/6)	12, at Memphis (9/18)
Penalties	11, at Arkansas (11/6)	4, Tennessee State (11/20)
Penalty Yards	86, at Auburn (11/13)	25, Tennessee State (11/20)
Turnovers	4, Kentucky (10/30)	1, at Texas A&M (10/2)
Interceptions By	3, Alabama (10/16)	0, 3x: Last at Texas A&M (10/2)
Punts	7, 3 Times: Last, Tennessee State (11/20)	3, at Texas A&M (10/2)
Punting Avg	53.7, Kentucky (10/30)	38.6, Louisiana Tech (9/4)
Long Punt	70, Kentucky (10/30)	50, Tennessee State (11/20)
Punts Inside 20	3, Twice: Last, Tennessee State (11/20)	1, Twice: Last at Auburn (11/13)
Long Punt Return	94, at Memphis (9/18)	0, Twice: Last, Tennessee State (11/20)

STARTERS

OFFENSE

OPPONENT	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	WR
LOUISIANA TECH	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	K. Johnson	Lashley	Rogers	Marks	Thomas	Calvin	Williams	Polk
NC STATE	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	K. Johnson	Lashley	Rogers	Marks	D. Johnson*	Griffin	Williams	Polk
at Memphis	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	K. Johnson	Lashley	Rogers	Marks	Heath	Walley	Williams	Polk
LSU	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	K. Johnson	Lashley	Rogers	Marks	Heath	Walley	Williams	Polk
at Texas A&M	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	K. Johnson	Lashley	Rogers	Marks	Griffin	Walley	Williams	Polk
ALABAMA	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	K. Johnson	Lashley	Rogers	D. Johnson	Griffin	Walley	Williams	Polk
at Vanderbilt	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	K. Johnson	Lashley	Rogers	Marks	Griffin	Walley	Williams	Polk
KENTUCKY	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	C. Smith	Lashley	Rogers	Marks	Griffin	Walley	Williams	Polk
at Arkansas	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	C. Smith	Lashley	Rogers	D. Johnson	Thomas	Walley	Williams	Polk
at Auburn	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	C. Smith	Lashley	Rogers	Marks	D. Johnson*	Thomas	Ford	Polk
TENNESSEE STATE	Cross	K. Jones	Sharp	C. Smith	Lashley	Rogers	D. Johnson	Calvin	Walley	Williams	Polk
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* started two running backs against NC State and at Auburn.

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	DE	NG	DT	SLB	MLB	WLB	CB	FS	Bulldog	SS	CB
LOUISIANA TECH	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	Brule	Emerson	Duncan	Peters	Green	Forbes
NC STATE	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	Brule	Emerson	Duncan	Peters	Green	Forbes
at Memphis	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	J. Johnson	Brule	Emerson	Duncan	Peters	Green	Forbes
LSU	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	Brule	Emerson	Duncan	Peters	Green	Forbes
at Texas A&M	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	Brule	Emerson	Duncan	Peters	Green	Forbes
ALABAMA	Harris	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Emerson	Duncan	Peters	Green	Forbes
at Vanderbilt	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Emerson	Duncan	Peters	Green	Forbes
KENTUCKY	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Emerson	Duncan	Preston Jr.	Green	Forbes
at Arkansas	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Emerson	Duncan	Preston Jr.	Peters	Forbes
at Auburn	Charlton	Young	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	Brule	Emerson	Duncan	Preston Jr.	Peters	Forbes
TENNESSEE STATE	Charlton	Pickering	Crumedy	Wheat	Watson	Brule	Emerson	Duncan	Preston Jr.	Green	Forbes
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CAREER STARTS

Player	Total	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR	DE	DT	NG	LB	CB	S	Bulldog
Crumedy, Jaden	29	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	11	--	--	--	--
Emerson, Martin	27	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	--	--
Williams, Austin	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Charlton, Randy	21*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cross, Charles	21	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Forbes, Emmanuel	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	--
Sharp, LaQuinston	19	--	4	10	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Brule, Aaron	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	--	--	--
Green, Jalen	17*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--
Wheat, Tyrus	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	--
Marks, Jo'quavious	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Duncan, Collin	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	--
Polk, Makai	18*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jones, Kameron	16	--	10	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rogers, Will	17	--	--	--	--	--	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Walley, Jaden	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peters, Fred	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	7
Morgan, C.J.	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	--
Smith, Cole	12	--	--	9	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Watson, Nathaniel	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	--	--	--
Johnson, Kwatrivous	10	--	--	--	7	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Preston Jr., Shawn	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	3	6
Young, Cameron	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	--	--	--	--
Lashley, Scott	11	--	--	--	--	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Craft, Londyn	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	--
Heath, Malik	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Griffin, Lideatrick	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Calvin, Jamire	5*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Johnson, Jett	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--
Johnson, Dillon	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Furdge, Esaias	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--
Odom, Aaron	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
Thomas, Rara	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Five Tied	1	Cumbest, Brad, WR; Ford, Christian, WR; Guidry, Landon, S; Harris, Jack, DE; Jimison, Jay, S														

* - Total includes starts at previous school | By position starts MSU only

PARTICIPATION CHART

	GP/GS	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM		GP/GS	LATC	NCST	at MEM	LSU	at TA&M	ALA	VAN	UK	at ARK	at AUB	TNST	OM		
Banks, Jevon	4/0	--	P	P	--	--	--	P	--	--	P	P		Jones, Kameron	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST			
Brule, Aaron	10/6	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	P	P	P	P	ST	ST		Jones, Nick	5/0	--	P	--	P	--	--	P	P	P	--	P			
Buy's, Reed	1/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	P	King Ani, Izuchukwu	1/0	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P		
Calvin, Jamire	10/1	ST	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ST		Lashley, Scott	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		
Cass, Kyle	1/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--		Lawrence, Dylan	9/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	P	P	P	P	P		
Charlton, Randy	10/9	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	P	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		Lewis, John	2/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P		
Cooper, Ty	5/0	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	--	--	P	Lovertich, Chance	1/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	P		
Cox, Colby	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Marks, Jo'quavious	10/8	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	P	ST	ST	P	ST	P	P		
Craft, Londyn	2/0	--	--	--	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--		McCord, Nolan	6/0	--	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	P	P	P		
Cross, Charles	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		Odom, Aaron	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Crumedy, Jaden	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		Page, DeShawn	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Day, Tucker	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Peters, Fred	9/9	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	--	ST	ST	--			
Dean, Janari	7/0	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Pickering, Nathan	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ST		
Ducking, Caleb	5/0	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	--	P	--	--	P	Polk, Makai	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		
Duncan, Collin	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		Preston Jr., Shawn	9/3	P	--	P	P	P	P	P	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		
Ellington, Corey	5/0	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	P		Price, Simeon	4/0	P	--	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Emerson, Martin	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		Purvis, J.P.	3/0	P	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	P	P		
Forbes, Emmanuel	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		Reese, Albert	1/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	P	
Ford, Christian	8/1	--	P	--	P	P	P	P	P	P	ST	--		Richardson, Decamerion	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Furdge, Esaia's	4/0	P	--	--	P	--	--	P	P	--	--	--	P	Rogers, Will	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		
Goodman, Scott	7/0	--	P	P	P	P	--	P	P	--	--	--	P	Ruiz, Brandon	6/0	P	P	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	--	--		
Green, Jalen	10/8	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	P	P	ST		Russell, DeMonte	8/0	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Griffin, Eldric	1/0	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	--		Sharp, LaQuinston	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	
Griffin, Lideatrick	8/5	P	ST	P	P	ST	ST	ST	ST	--	--	--		Smith, Cole	10/3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		
Groce, Jr., Rodney	4/0	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		Swanson, Cody	1/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--		
Hammond, Hayes	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	--		Thomas, Rara	9/3	ST	P	P	P	--	P	P	P	ST	ST	--			
Hampton, Jay	1/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--		Timbs, Sherman	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Hargrove, Ke'Travion	3/0	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		Trafford, Archer	6/0	--	--	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	P	--			
Harris, Jack	5/1	--	P	P	P	P	ST	--	--	--	--	--		Walley, Jaden	10/7	P	P	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	P	ST		
Harvey, Rufus	3/0	P	--	--	--	--	P	P	--	--	--	--	P	Watson, Nathaniel	9/9	ST	ST	--	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST		
Heath, Malik	9/2	--	P	ST	ST	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Wells, Omni	3/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P		
Jackson, Grant	9/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	P	P	P		Wheat, Tyrus	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	
Jernighan, J.J.	10/0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Williams, Austin	10/9	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	P	ST	
Jimison, Jay	5/0	P	P	P	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	P	Wilson, Trip	2/0	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--		
Johnson, Dillon	10/4	P	ST	P	P	P	ST	P	P	ST	ST	ST		Young, Cameron	10/10	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	--		
Johnson, Jett	10/5	P	P	ST	P	P	ST	ST	ST	ST	P	P																	
Johnson, Kwatirivous	8/7	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	ST	--	--	P	P																	

CAREER PARTICIPATION

Games/Starts	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career	Games/Starts	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career	Games/Starts	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	Career
Banks, Jevon	--	--	--	4/0	5/0	12/0	Hammond, Hayes	--	--	--	--	10/0	10/0	Polk, Makai	--	--	13/5*	4/2*	11/11	28/18*
Brule, Aaron	--	4/0	13/0	11/11	11/7	39/18	Hampton, Jay	--	--	--	--	1/0	1/0	Preston Jr., Shawn	--	1/0	7/1	10/6	10/4	28/11
Buy's, Reed	--	--	--	--	2/0	2/0	Hargrove, Ke'Travion	--	--	--	--	4/0	4/0	Price, Simeon	--	--	--	--	4/0	4/0
Calvin, Jamire	13/0*	13/0*	--	4/4*	11/2	41/6*	Harris, Jack	--	--	1/0	9/0	5/1	16/1	Purvis, J.P.	--	--	4/0	5/0	4/0	13/0
Cass, Kyle	--	--	--	--	1/0	1/0	Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	--	4/0	4/0	Reed, Jaylon	--	3/0	--	--	--	3/0
Charlton, Randy	--	13/1*	10/5*	10/5*	11/10	44/21*	Heath, Malik	--	--	--	10/6	10/2	20/8	Reese, Albert	--	--	--	--	2/0	2/0
Cooper, Ty	--	--	--	--	6/0	6/0	Jackson, Grant	--	--	--	3/0	10/0	13/0	Richardson, D.	--	--	--	9/6	11/11	20/17
Cox, Colby	--	--	--	--	11/0	11/0	Jernighan, J.J.	--	--	--	--	11/0	11/0	Rogers, Will	--	--	--	--	11/11	20/17
Craft, Londyn	--	2/0	6/0	10/8	2/0	20/8	Jimison, Jay	--	--	--	5/1	6/0	11/1	Ruiz, Brandon	13/0*	13/0*	--	10/0	6/0	42/0*
Cross, Charles	--	--	3/0	10/10	11/11	24/21	Johnson, Dillon	--	--	--	11/1	11/5	22/6	Russell, DeMonte	--	--	3/0	--	9/0	12/0
Crumedy, Jaden	--	2/0	12/7	11/11	11/11	36/29	Johnson, Jett	--	2/0	--	5/0	11/5	18/5	Sharp, LaQuinston	--	--	9/5	9/4	11/11	29/20
Cumbest, Brad	--	3/0	11/0	7/1	--	21/1	Johnson, Kwatirivous	--	2/0	2/0	8/3	9/7	21/10	Smith, Cole	--	--	--	10/9	11/4	21/13
Davis, Jordan	--	--	--	--	9/0	9/0	Jones, Kameron	--	--	--	6/6	11/11	17/17	Swanson, Cody	--	--	--	1/0	1/0	2/0
Day, Tucker	2/0	13/0	13/0	9/0	11/0	48/0	Jones, Nick	--	--	--	--	6/0	6/0	Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	--	9/3	9/3
Dean, Janari	--	--	--	--	8/0	8/0	King Ani, Izuchukwu	--	--	--	--	2/0	2/0	Timbs, Sherman	--	1/0	12/0	10/0	11/0	34/0
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	--	6/0	6/0	King, Brodie	--	--	--	4/0	1/0	5/0	Trafford, Archer	--	--	--	--	6/0	6/0
Duncan, Collin	--	--	11/0	10/7	11/11	32/18	King, Lashley, Scott	3/0*	8/0*	8/0*	--	11/11	30/11*	Walley, Jaden	--	--	--	11/8	11/8	22/16
Ellington, Corey	--	--	--	--	6/0	6/0	Lawrence, Dylan	--	--	1/0	1/0	10/0	12/0	Watson, Nathaniel	--	2/0	7/0	11/3	10/10	30/13
Emerson, Martin	--	--	13/5	11/11	11/11	35/27	Lewis, John	--	--	--	--	4/0	4/0	Wells, Omni	--	--	--	--	4/0	4/0
Forbes, Emmanuel	--	--	--	11/9	11/11	22/20	Lovertich, Chance	--	--	--	6/1*	2/0	8/1	Wheat, Tyrus	--	--	--	9/8	11/11	20/19
Ford, Christian	--	--	--	--	8/1	8/1	Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	--	11/8	11/8	22/16	Williams, Austin	--	13/5	13/0	11/9	11/10	48/24
Furdge, Esaia's	--	2/0	--	10/2	5/0	17/2	McCord, Nolan	--	--	--	--	7/0	7/0	Wilson, Trip	--	--	--	--	2/0	2/0
Goodman, Scott	--	13/0	12/0	1/0	8/0	34/0	Moore, Jacobi	--	--	--	--	1/0	1/0	Young, Cameron	--	1/0	8/0	8/0	10/10	27/10
Green, Jalen	--	11/0*	10/7*	9/1*	11/9	41/17*	Morgan, C.J.	10/0	13/3	9/9	--	1/0	33/12							
Griffin, Eldric	--	--	--	--	1/0	1/0	Odom, Aaron	--	2/0	3/0	11/2	11/0	27/2							
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	--	9/2	8/5	17/7	Page, DeShawn	--	--	--	--	11/0	11/0							
Groce Jr., Rodney	--	--	--	1/0	4/0	5/0	Peters, Fred	--	--	13/0	4/4	9/9	26/13							
Guidry, Landon	--	8/0	12/0	6/1	--	26/1	Pickering, Nathan	--	--	9/1	5/0	11/1	25/2							

* - Includes prior school

2021 RESULTS & STATISTICS

2021 Mississippi State Football

Mississippi State Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 21, 2021)

All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Sep 04, 2021	LOUISIANA TECH	W 35-34	44669
Sep 11, 2021	NC STATE	W 24-10	45834
Sep 18, 2021	at Memphis	L 29-31	43461
* Sep 25, 2021	LSU	L 25-28	50298
* Oct 02, 2021	at #15 Texas A&M	W 26-22	87973
* Oct 16, 2021	#5 ALABAMA	L 9-49	53796
* Oct 23, 2021	at Vanderbilt	W 45-6	22036
* Oct 30, 2021	#12 KENTUCKY	W 31-17	49487
* Nov 06, 2021	at Arkansas	L 28-31	68818
* Nov 13, 2021	at #17 Auburn	W 43-34	87451
Nov 20, 2021	TENNESSEE ST.	W 55-10	46770

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dillon Johnson	11	75	403	6	397	5.3	4	32	36.1
J. Marks	11	93	370	18	352	3.8	5	23	32.0
J.J. Jernighan	11	4	15	0	15	3.8	0	8	1.4
C. Loevertich	2	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	7	5.0
Total	11	229	889	206	683	3.0	9	32	62.1
Opponents	11	318	1367	311	1056	3.3	10	59	96.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Will Rogers	11	153.27	435-572-8	76.0	4113	34	56	373.9
C. Loevertich	2	174.09	13-18-0	72.2	179	1	40	89.5
TEAM	5	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Jaden Walley	11	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	11	153.38	448-592-8	75.7	4292	35	56	390.2
Opponents	11	137.66	215-339-10	63.4	2527	18	75	229.7

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Makai Polk	11	88	891	10.1	9	50	81.0
J. Marks	11	73	435	6.0	3	21	39.5
Dillon Johnson	11	53	334	6.3	1	26	30.4
Jaden Walley	11	47	569	12.1	5	29	51.7
Austin Williams	11	45	519	11.5	4	34	47.2
Malik Heath	10	33	437	13.2	5	56	43.7
Jamire Calvin	11	25	210	8.4	3	40	19.1
Christian Ford	8	19	247	13.0	0	29	30.9
L. Griffin	8	19	174	9.2	0	23	21.8
Rara Thomas	9	16	220	13.8	4	37	24.4
J.J. Jernighan	11	12	84	7.0	0	15	7.6
Caleb Ducking	6	7	66	9.4	0	18	11.0
Rufus Harvey	4	5	39	7.8	1	11	9.8
Omni Wells	4	2	43	21.5	0	40	10.8
Brodie King	1	2	5	2.5	0	5	5.0
Total	11	448	4292	9.6	35	56	390.2
Opponents	11	215	2527	11.8	18	75	229.7

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Brandon Ruiz	5-9	55.6	0-0	1-2	3-3	1-3	0-1	44	0
Nolan McCord	7-12	58.3	0-0	2-2	4-5	1-5	0-0	43	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Makai Polk	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
J. Marks	8	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	48
Nolan McCord	-	7-12	21-21	-	-	-	-	-	42
Brandon Ruiz	-	5-9	19-19	-	-	-	-	-	34
Malik Heath	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	32
Dillon Johnson	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Jaden Walley	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Austin Williams	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Rara Thomas	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Jamire Calvin	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Rufus Harvey	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
L. Griffin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Total	45	12-21	40-40	0-2	1	1-3	-	1	350
Opponents	33	14-19	30-30	1-1	-	0-2	-	-	272

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Mississippi State	71	90	82	107	0	350
Opponents	73	53	57	89	0	272

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	7-4	4-2	3-2	0-0
Conference	4-3	1-2	3-1	0-0
Non-Conference	3-1	3-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics	MS	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	284	173
Rushing	60	61
Passing	199	99
Penalty	25	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	683	1056
Rushing Attempts	229	318
Average Per Rush	3.0	3.3
Average Per Game	62.1	96.0
TDs Rushing	9	10
PASSING YARDAGE	4292	2527
Comp-Att-Int	448-592-8	215-339-10
Average Per Pass	7.2	7.5
Average Per Catch	9.6	11.8
Average Per Game	390.2	229.7
TDs Passing	35	18
TOTAL OFFENSE	4975	3583
Average Per Play	6.1	5.5
Average Per Game	452.3	325.7
KICK RETURNS: #Yards	21-580	20-428
PUNT RETURNS: #Yards	19-142	14-287
INT RETURNS: #Yards	10-51	8-110
FUMBLES-LOST	9-7	14-5
PENALTIES-Yards	85-642	73-604
PUNTS-AVG	37-40.8	51-43.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	33:53	26:07
3RD-DOWN Conversions	67/141	57/147
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/10	5/11

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Emmanuel Forbes	3	33	11.0	0	22
Fred Peters	2	12	6.0	0	12
Jalen Green	2	0	0.0	0	0
Cameron Young	1	5	5.0	0	5
S. Preston Jr.	1	1	1.0	0	1
Tyrus Wheat	1	0	0.0	0	0

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Archer Trafford	19	798	42.0	57	1	6	6	2	0
Tucker Day	17	675	39.7	56	1	5	2	3	0
TEAM	1	37	37.0	37	0	0	0	0	1

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jaden Walley	15	122	8.1	0	29
Austin Williams	4	20	5.0	0	13
Total	19	142	7.5	0	29
Opponents	14	287	20.5	2	94

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
L. Griffin	9	339	37.7	1	100
J. Marks	7	165	23.6	0	33
Dillon Johnson	3	42	14.0	0	17
Sherman Timbs	1	3	3.0	0	3
Teddy Knox	1	31	31.0	0	31
Total	21	580	27.6	1	100
Opponents	20	428	21.4	0	45

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
J. Marks	11	352	435	0	165	0	952	86.5
Makai Polk	11	0	891	0	0	0	891	81.0
Dillon Johnson	11	397	334	0	42	0	773	70.3
Jaden Walley	11	0	569	122	0	0	691	62.8
Austin Williams	11	0	519	20	0	0	539	49.0
Total	11	683	4292	142	580	51	5748	522.5
Opponents	11	1056	2527	287	428	110	4408	400.7

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Will Rogers	11	622	-74	4113	4039	367.2
Dillon Johnson	11	75	397	0	397	36.1

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All games

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick
44	Jett Johnson	11	33	41	74	5.0-9	.	.	2	1	2-12	1	.	.
14	N. Watson	10	22	42	64	4.0-21	3.0-18	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
38	Fred Peters	9	19	35	54	.	.	2-12	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Emmanuel Forbes	11	36	11	47	3.5-20	1.0-15	3-33	5	.	.	1	.	.
1	Martin Emerson	11	31	15	46	3.0-6	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
3	Aaron Brule	11	21	25	46	6.0-29	3.0-24	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
2	Tyrus Wheat	11	18	25	43	10.0-56	7.0-50	1-0	2	2	1-0	1	.	.
93	Cameron Young	10	14	26	40	2.0-6	.	1-5	2	2	.	.	1	.
19	Collin Duncan	11	17	20	37	1.5-3	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
5C	Randy Charlton	11	12	19	31	5.0-27	4.0-25	.	.	6	.	1	.	.
0	Jalen Green	11	16	14	30	1.5-5	.	2-0	4	.	1-0	.	.	.
12	S. Preston Jr.	10	9	18	27	.	.	1-1	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	N. Pickering	11	11	12	23	5.5-33	4.0-31	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
94	Jaden Crumedy	11	8	12	20	2.0-9	1.0-8	.	1	7	.	1	1	.
17	Aaron Odom	11	4	11	15	3.0-16	3.0-16	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
34	Sherman Timbs	11	3	8	11	1.0-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
30	D. Richardson	11	11	.	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	DeShawn Page	11	2	8	10	1.5-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	DeMonte Russell	9	5	5	10	1.5-3	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.
15	Jack Harris	5	1	8	9	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Dylan Lawrence	10	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
45	Ty Cooper	6	.	5	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Jevon Banks	5	2	2	4	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Esaias Furdge	5	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Corey Ellington	6	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Jay Jimison	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Nic Mitchell	1	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Janari Dean	8	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	J.P. Purvis	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	L. Griffin	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Makai Polk	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	John Lewis	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Grant Jackson	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3D	Tucker Day	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Rufus Harvey	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2R	Omni Wells	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Aidan Martin	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4K	I. King Ani	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Jaden Walley	11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total		11	311	382	693	59-258	26-187	10-51	24	28	5-12	8	2	1
Opponents		11	429	430	859	50-216	27-164	8-110	43	14	7-84	9	1	

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2021 Mississippi State Football
Mississippi State Overall Team Statistics (as of Nov 21, 2021)
All games

Team Statistics	MS	OPP
SCORING	350	272
Points Per Game	31.8	24.7
Points Off Turnovers	45	44
FIRST DOWNS	284	173
Rushing	60	61
Passing	199	99
Penalty	25	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	683	1056
Yards gained rushing	889	1367
Yards lost rushing	206	311
Rushing Attempts	229	318
Average Per Rush	3.0	3.3
Average Per Game	62.1	96.0
TDs Rushing	9	10
PASSING YARDAGE	4292	2527
Comp-Att-Int	448-592-8	215-339-10
Average Per Pass	7.2	7.5
Average Per Catch	9.6	11.8
Average Per Game	390.2	229.7
TDs Passing	35	18
TOTAL OFFENSE	4975	3583
Total Plays	821	657
Average Per Play	6.1	5.5
Average Per Game	452.3	325.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	21-580	20-428
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	19-142	14-287
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-51	8-110
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	27.6	21.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	7.5	20.5
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.1	13.8
FUMBLES-LOST	9-7	14-5
PENALTIES-Yards	85-642	73-604
Average Per Game	58.4	54.9
PUNTS-Yards	37-1510	51-2220
Average Per Punt	40.8	43.5
Net punt average	32.0	39.6
KICKOFFS-Yards	67-3964	58-3413
Average Per Kick	59.2	58.8
Net kick average	39.3	36.3
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	33:53	26:07
3RD-DOWN Conversions	67/141	57/147
3rd-Down Pct	48%	39%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	7/10	5/11
4th-Down Pct	70%	45%
SACKS BY-Yards	26-187	27-164
MISC YARDS	10	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	45	33
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	12-21	14-19
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(43-49) 88%	(21-26) 81%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(32-49) 65%	(14-26) 54%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(40-40) 100%	(30-30) 100%
ATTENDANCE	290854	309739
Games/Avg Per Game	6/48476	5/61948
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Mississippi State	71	90	82	107	0	350
Opponents	73	53	57	89	0	272

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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
16	Jack Abraham	QB
91	Deonte Anderson	DE
88	Carson Banks	WR
92	Jevon Banks	DE
72	Canon Boone	OL
87	Bo Brooks	WR
3	Aaron Brule	LB
51	Reed Buys	OL
6	Jamire Calvin	WR
20	Kyle Cass	S
68	Gabe Cavazos Jr.	OL
5	Randy Charlton	DE
90	Armondous Cooley	DT
45	Ty Cooper	LB
41	Colby Cox	LS
67	Charles Cross	OL
94	Jaden Crumedy	DT
25	Brad Cumbest	WR
6	Jordan Davis	DE
37	Tucker Day	P
18	Janari Dean	S
17	Caleb Ducking	WR
19	Collin Duncan	S
42	Corey Ellington	S
1	Martin Emerson	CB
13	Emmanuel Forbes	CB
24	Christian Ford	WR
27	Esaias Furdge	CB
48	Scott Goodman	P
3	Daniel Greek	QB
0	Jalen Green	S
48	Eldric Griffin	S
5	Lideatrick Griffin	WR
35	Landon Guidry	S
43	Hayes Hammond	LS
39	Jay Hampton	CB
46	William Hardrick	CB
21	Ke'Travion Hargrove	RB
81	Antonio Harmon	WR
15	Jack Harris	DE
82	Rufus Harvey	WR
4	Malik Heath	WR
98	Matthew Huerkamp	K
52	Grant Jackson	OL
53	Nick Jarrett	LB
32	J.J. Jernighan	RB
36	Jay Jimison	S
23	Dillon Johnson	RB
44	Jett Johnson	LB
69	Kwatrivous Johnson	OL
70	Ramble Johnson	OL
58	Kameron Jones	OL
66	Nick Jones	OL
89	Brodie King	WR
4	Izuchukwu King Ani	DE
31	Teddy Knox	WR
80	Kade Kolka	WR
13	Jack Kristofek	QB
78	Scott Lashley	OL
24	Dylan Lawrence	S
37	John Lewis	LB
9	Chance Lovertich	QB
7	Jo'quavious Marks	RB
99	Tre'von Marshall	DE
49	Andrew Berquist	WR

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Jalen Green	S	6-1	200	Sr.	TR	Houston, Texas (Texas)
1	Martin Emerson	CB	6-2	200	Jr.	2L	Pensacola, Fla. (Pine Forest HS)
2	Will Rogers	QB	6-2	210	So.	1L	Brandon, Miss. (Brandon HS)
2	Tyrus Wheat	LB	6-2	265	Sr.	1L	Amite, La. (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] C.C.)
3	Aaron Brule	LB	6-1	230	R-Jr.	2L	New Orleans, La. (Archbishop Rummel HS)
3	Daniel Greek	QB	6-4	225	Fr.	HS	Argyle, Texas (Liberty Christian School)
4	Malik Heath	WR	6-3	220	Sr.	1L	Jackson, Miss. (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] C.C.)
4	Izuchukwu King Ani	DE	6-4	265	R-So.	SQ	Hendersonville, Tenn. (Davidson Academy)
5	Randy Charlton	DE	6-3	265	R-Jr.	TR	Goulds, Fla. (UCF)
5	Lideatrick Griffin	WR	5-10	180	So.	1L	Philadelphia, Miss. (Philadelphia HS)
6	Jamire Calvin	WR	5-10	160	Gr.	GTR	Pasadena, Calif. (Washington State)
6	Jordan Davis	DE	6-4	265	Sr.	1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] C.C.)
7	Jo'quavious Marks	RB	5-10	205	So.	1L	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver HS)
8	Brandon Ruiz	K	5-10	180	R-Sr.	1L	Tempe, Ariz. (Arizona State)
9	Chance Lovertich	QB	5-11	190	Sr.	TR	Brandon, Miss. (South Alabama)
9	De'Monte Russell	DE	6-4	265	R-So.	SQ	Jackson, Miss. (Provine HS)
10	Makai Polk	WR	6-3	200	R-So.	TR	Richmond, Calif. (California)
11	Jaden Walley	WR	6-0	185	So.	1L	D'Iberville, Miss. (D'Iberville HS)
12	Shawn Preston Jr.	S	6-0	205	R-Jr.	2L	St. James, La. (St. James HS)
12	Sawyer Robertson	QB	6-4	210	Fr.	HS	Lubbock, Texas (Coronado HS)
13	Emmanuel Forbes	CB	6-0	180	So.	1L	Grenada, Miss. (Grenada HS)
13	Jack Kristofek	QB	6-4	200	R-So.	TR	Dallas, Texas (Sam Houston State)
14	Nathaniel Watson	LB	6-2	240	R-Jr.	2L	Maplesville, Ala. (Maplesville HS)
15	Jack Harris	DE	6-3	270	R-So.	1L	Sumrall, Miss. (Oak Grove HS)
15	Jake Weir	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	HS	Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo HS)
16	Jack Abraham	QB	6-0	205	R-Sr.	GTR	Oxford, Miss. (Southern Miss)
16	DeShawn Page	LB	6-2	225	So.	JC	Knoxville, Tenn. (East Mississippi CC)
17	Caleb Ducking	WR	6-5	205	R-Jr.	RS	Rolling Fork, Miss. (Holmes [Miss.] C.C.)
17	Aaron Odom	DE	6-3	275	R-Sr.	2L	Jackson, Miss. (Callaway HS)
18	Janari Dean	S	5-11	195	R-Fr.	RS	Batesville, Miss. (South Panola HS)
19	Collin Duncan	S	6-0	205	Jr.	1L	Montgomery, Ala. (St. James School)
20	Kyle Cass	S	6-2	205	R-Jr.	RS	New Orleans, La. (Mississippi Delta C.C.)
20	Trip Wilson	WR	6-2	195	R-Fr.	RS	Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo HS)
21	Ke'Travion Hargrove	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	HS	Ruston, La. (Ruston HS)
21	Jaylon Reed	CB	6-0	190	R-Jr.	SQ	Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch HS)
22	Nathan Pickering	DT	6-4	300	Jr.	2L	Mount Olive, Miss. (Seminary HS)
22	Omni Wells	RB	5-10	200	R-Sr.	RS	Moss Point, Miss. (Mississippi Gulf Coast C.C.)
23	Dillon Johnson	RB	6-0	215	So.	1L	Greenville, Miss. (St. Joseph HS)
24	Christian Ford	WR	5-11	175	R-Jr.	SQ	Atlanta, Ga. (Iowa Central C.C.)
24	Dylan Lawrence	S	6-4	205	R-So.	SQ	George County, Miss. (George County HS)
25	Brad Cumbest	WR	6-5	240	R-Jr.	2L	Hurley, Miss. (East Central HS)
26	J.P. Purvis	LB	6-1	220	R-So.	1L	Pelahatchie, Miss. (Pelahatchie Attendance Center)
27	Esaias Furdge	CB	6-0	185	R-Jr.	1L	Clarksdale, Miss. (Clarksdale HS)
29	C.J. Morgan	S	6-0	205	R-Sr.	3L	Bossier City, La. (Parkway HS)
30	Decamerion Richardson	CB	6-2	195	So.	1L	Cullen, La. (Bossier HS)
31	Teddy Knox	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La. (The Woodlands (Texas) HS)
32	J.J. Jernighan	RB	5-11	215	R-Jr.	RS	Amory, Miss. (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] C.C.)
33	Simeon Price	RB	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Pensacola, Fla. (West Florida HS)
34	Sherman Timbs	LB	6-2	265	R-Sr.	2L	Indianola, Miss. (Indianola Academy)
35	Landon Guidry	S	6-0	195	R-Sr.	3L	Spring Hill, Tenn. (Independence HS)
36	Jay Jimison	S	6-0	200	R-Sr.	1L	Forest, Miss. (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] C.C.)
37	Tucker Day	P	6-0	215	R-Sr.	3L	Brentwood, Tenn. (Brentwood HS)
37	John Lewis	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	HS	Canton, Miss. (Germantown HS)
38	Fred Peters	S	5-10	205	Sr.	2L	Columbia, Miss. (Jones [Miss.] College)
39	Jay Hampton	CB	6-2	175	Fr.	HS	Amory, Miss. (Amory HS)
40	Nic Mitchell	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin HS)
41	Colby Cox	LS	6-1	235	R-Fr.	RS	Woodstock, Ga. (Woodstock HS)
41	Cody Swanson	S	6-0	195	R-So.	SQ	Madison, Miss. (Madison-Ridgeland Academy)
42	Corey Ellington	S	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Lexington, Miss. (Holmes County Central HS)
43	Hayes Hammond	LS	5-10	205	R-Fr.	RS	Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo HS)
44	Jett Johnson	LB	6-2	235	R-Jr.	SQ	Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo HS)
45	Ty Cooper	LB	6-4	240	Fr.	HS	Louisville, Miss. (Louisville HS)
46	William Hardrick	CB	6-1	160	Fr.	HS	Adamsville, Ala. (Minor HS)
47	Marshall Nichols	P	6-1	205	Fr.	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Holy Innocents Episcopal School)
47	Tre Phillips	CB	5-9	175	Fr.	HS	Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch HS)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CL	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
48	Scott Goodman	P	5-10	205	R-Jr.	3L	Brandon, Miss. (Brandon HS)
48	Eldric Griffin	S	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Loganville, Ga. (Grayson HS)
49	Andrew Berquist	WR	6-4	215	Fr.	HS	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. / Homeschooled
49	Aidan Martin	K	6-1	205	R-Fr.	RS	Houston, Texas (Klein Cain HS)
50	Timar Rogers	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	Deland, Fla. (Deland HS)
50	Britain Virden	OL	6-3	285	R-Fr.	RS	Greenville, Miss. (St. Joseph Catholic School)
51	Reed Buys	OL	6-4	300	R-So.	RS	Vicksburg, Miss. (Jones [Miss.] College)
52	Grant Jackson	OL	6-6	310	R-Fr.	RS	Brookhaven, Miss. (West Lincoln HS)
53	Nick Jarrett	LB	6-3	225	R-Jr.	SQ	Harvest, Ala. (Garden City [Kan.] CC)
55	Rex Robich	LS	6-4	210	Fr.	HS	Palm Coast, Fla. (Matanzas HS)
55	Michael Robinson	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Vicksburg, Miss. / Vicksburg Catholic School
56	Archer Trafford	P	6-2	240	R-So.	JC	Shreveport, La. (Air Force Prep)
57	Cole Smith	OL	6-3	305	R-Jr.	1L	Pontotoc, Miss. (LSU)
58	Kameron Jones	OL	6-5	305	R-Jr.	1L	Starkville, Miss. (Starkville HS)
60	William Ryland	OL	6-2	285	R-So.	SQ	Fairhope, Ala. (Fairhope HS)
63	LaQuinston Sharp	OL	6-3	300	Sr.	2L	Columbus, Miss. (East Mississippi C.C.)
65	JT Zakkak	OL	6-3	295	R-Fr.	RS	Gulfport, Miss. (Gulfport HS)
66	Nick Jones	OL	6-3	300	R-So.	JC	Byhalia, Miss. (East Mississippi CC)
67	Charles Cross	OL	6-5	310	R-So.	1L	Laurel, Miss. (Laurel HS)
68	Gabe Cavazos Jr.	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Lake Cormorant, Miss. (Lake Cormorant HS)
69	Kwatrivous Johnson	OL	6-7	320	R-Jr.	1L	Greenwood, Miss. (Greenwood HS)
70	Ramble Johnson	OL	6-4	290	R-Jr.	RS	Purvis, Miss. (Northwest Mississippi C.C.)
71	Jim Riley	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	HS	Juka, Miss. (Tishomingo County HS)
72	Canon Boone	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	Kemah, Texas (Dickinson HS)
73	Max Ryan	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	HS	Key West, Fla. (Key West HS)
74	Carson Williams	OL	6-5	300	R-So.	JC	Forest, Miss. (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
75	Calvin McMillian	OL	6-5	300	R-Fr.	RS	Houston, Miss. (Houston HS)
76	Albert Reese IV	OL	6-7	315	Fr.	HS	Edmonton, Alberta (Clearwater [Fla.] Academy International)
77	Cordavien Suggs	OL	6-6	305	R-Sr.	1L	Jackson, Miss. (Duncan U. Fletcher [Fla.]
78	Scott Lashley	OL	6-7	315	R-Sr.	GTR	West Point, Miss. (Alabama)
80	Kade Kolka	WR	5-11	187	Jr.	HS	Tallahassee, Fla. / Lawton Chiles HS
81	Antonio Harmon	WR	6-3	210	Fr.	HS	Kosciusko, Miss. (Kosciusko HS)
82	Rufus Harvey	WR	5-10	170	R-Fr.	RS	Starkville, Miss. (Starkville HS)
83	Quinton Torbor	WR	6-1	195	R-So.	SQ	Destrehan, La. (Destrehan HS)
84	Rara Thomas	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Eufaula, Ala. (Eufaula HS)
85	Austin Williams	WR	6-3	200	R-Sr.	3L	Ocean Springs, Miss. (Ocean Springs HS)
86	Jacobi Moore	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	HS	Gulfport, Miss. (Harrison Central HS)
87	Bo Brooks	WR	6-1	185	R-Jr.	RS	Madison, Miss. (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] C.C.)
88	Carson Banks	WR	5-10	170	R-Jr.	SQ	Brandon, Miss. (Northeast Mississippi C.C.)
89	Brodie King	WR	5-10	190	R-Jr.	1L	Biola, Miss. (Jones [Miss.] College)
90	Armondous Cooley	DT	6-2	300	R-Fr.	RS	Shubuta, Miss. (Wayne County HS)
91	Deonte Anderson	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Fort Meade, Fla. (Fort Meade Senior HS)
91	Nolan McCord	K	6-0	170	R-Fr.	RS	Litburn, Ga. (Parkview HS)
92	Jevon Banks	DE	6-2	300	R-Fr.	RS	Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch HS)
93	Cameron Young	DT	6-3	310	R-Jr.	2L	Crosby, Miss. (Franklin County HS)
94	Jaden Crumedy	DT	6-5	310	R-Jr.	2L	Hattiesburg, Miss. (Oak Grove HS)
95	Matai Mata'afa	DL	6-1	220	Fr.	HS	Lahaina, Hawaii (Lahainauna HS)
98	Matthew Huerkamp	K	6-3	185	Fr.	HS	Madison, Miss. / Madison Central HS
99	Tre'von Marshall	DE	6-4	260	Fr.	HS	McDonough, Ga. (Locust Grove HS)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
49	Aidan Martin	K
95	Matai Mata'afa	DL
91	Nolan McCord	K
75	Calvin McMillian	OL
40	Nic Mitchell	LB
86	Jacobi Moore	WR
29	C.J. Morgan	S
47	Marshall Nichols	P
17	Aaron Odom	DE
16	DeShawn Page	LB
38	Fred Peters	S
47	Tre Phillips	CB
22	Nathan Pickering	DT
10	Makai Polk	WR
12	Shawn Preston Jr.	S
33	Simeon Price	RB
26	J.P. Purvis	LB
21	Jaylon Reed	CB
76	Albert Reese IV	OL
30	Decamerion Richardson	CB
71	Jim Riley	OL
12	Sawyer Robertson	QB
55	Rex Robich	LS
55	Michael Robinson	LB
50	Timar Rogers	LB
2	Will Rogers	QB
8	Brandon Ruiz	K
9	De'Monte Russell	DE
73	Max Ryan	OL
60	William Ryland	OL
63	LaQuinston Sharp	OL
57	Cole Smith	OL
77	Cordavien Suggs	OL
41	Cody Swanson	S
84	Rara Thomas	WR
34	Sherman Timbs	LB
83	Quinton Torbor	WR
56	Archer Trafford	P
50	Britain Virden	OL
11	Jaden Walley	WR
14	Nathaniel Watson	LB
15	Jake Weir	QB
22	Omni Wells	RB
2	Tyrus Wheat	LB
85	Austin Williams	WR
74	Carson Williams	OL
20	Trip Wilson	WR
93	Cameron Young	DT
65	JT Zakkak	OL

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

2	Tyrus Wheat	TIE-russ
3	Aaron Brule	BREW-lay
4	Izchukwu King Ani	Iz-ooh-choo-kwoo
5	Lideatrick "Tulu" Griffin	TOO-loo
6	Jamire Calvin	JAH-meer
7	Jo'quavious Marks	jo-QUAY-vee-US
9	Chance Loovertich	LOVE-er-titch

9	De'Monte Russell	Duh-mahn-tay
10	Makai Polk	Muh-KY
13	Jack Kristofek	Chris-tuh-feck
18	Janari Dean	Juh-NAR-ee
21	Ke'Travin Hargrove	Kuh-TRAY-vion
27	Esaias Furdge	ee-SIGH-us
35	Landon Guidry	GID-ree

56	Rex Robich	Row-beach
69	Kwatrivous Johnson	Kwa-TRAY-vee-us
77	Cordavien Suggs	COR-day-vee-uhn
94	Jaden Crumedy	Crum-eh-DEE