# MISSISSIPPI STATE

# FOOTBALL

## **2024 POSTGAME NOTES**

### Missouri 39, Mississippi State 20

Game 12
Date Nov. 23, 2024
Location Starkville, Miss.
Stadium Davis Wade Stadium
Kickoff Time 3:20 p.m. CT
End Time 6:22 p.m. CT
Total Time 3:02
Attendance 47,824

Weather Sunny, 59 degrees, Winds 2mph N

**TV** SEC Network

Records

Missouri 8-3 Overall 4-3 SEC
Mississippi State 2-9 Overall 0-7 SEC

Score By Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Missouri	14	14	3	8	-	39
Mississippi State	10	3	7	0	-	20

#### Series History vs. Missouri (5th Meeting)

- » This was the 6th all-time meeting between Mississippi State and Missouri
- » Mississippi State is 2-1 against Missouri since Missouri joined the SEC
- » The series is tied 1-1 when the game is played in Starkville

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

- » Game Captains: Corey Eillington (S), Hayes Hammond (LS), Nick Lauderdale (TE), JP Purvis (LB)
- » Coin Toss: Mississippi State won the toss and has elected to receive.
- » It was the eleventh straight game that Mississippi State has received the opening kickoff.
- » Mississippi State is 5-6 on the coin toss this season.
- » Uniform Combo: Maroon (H) / Maroon (J) / White (P)
- » Since 1973, Mississippi State is 132-86-3 when wearing the classic M/M/W combo

#### **TEAM NOTES**

- » Mississippi State has scored in 55 consecutive games dating back to Oct. 21, 2020.
- » The Bulldogs scored on their opening possession for the first time since game seven vs. Texas A&M. It was the third opening drive score of the season for State.
- » State's 18 rushing touchdowns are the most since rushing for 27 in 2019.
- » State scored 10 points in the first quarter, this is the first time since August 31, 2024 against Eastern Kentucky that State has scored 10+ points in the opening quarter of a game.
- » Following Kelly Akharaiyi's 43-yard reception, Mississippi State has 10 receptions this season of 40+ yards; the Bulldogs combined for six in 2022 & 2023. It's also the most in a season since at least 2019.

#### **OFFENSIVE NOTES**

- » Kevin Coleman Jr. has caught a pass in 28 straight games.
- » Coleman Jr. has caught 5+ passes in nine straight games and 10 of the team's 11 games this season.
- » Mississippi State has 15 scoring drives this season that have resulted in a touchdown lasting less than two minutes. Against Missouri, the Bulldogs had one scoring drive that lasted 43 seconds (2 plays, 65 yards).
- » Mississippi State has 14 scoring drives that have resulted in a touchdown in five plays or less on the season. Against Missouri, the Bulldogs had one scoring drive that lasted 2 plays and went for 65 yards
- » Mississippi State has 10 runs of 30+ yards this season, including at least one in five straight games.
- » Kevin Coleman Jr. has recorded 50+ receiving yards in ten of eleven games this season.
- » Davon Booth has recorded 75+ rushing yards in five straight games and six times this season.
- » Davon Booth has scored a touchdown, rushing or receiving, in six straight games.
- » Michael Van Buren Jr. found Jordan Mosley in the endzone from 11 yards out to cap a seven-play, 75-yard touchdown drive at the end of the first quarter. This marks the tenth passing touchdown Van Buren Jr. has thrown this season.
- » Davon Booth exploded for a 43-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter; the rush tied his longest of the season.
- » Davon Booth ran for 124 yards, the most by a Bulldog in a single game this season.
- » Davon Booth became the first State player to run for 100+ yards in back-to-back games since Jo'quavious Marks did it against Southeastern Louisiana (9/2/23) and Arizona (9/9/23).
- » Kelly Akharaiyi caught a 49-yard pass from Michael Van Buren Jr. in the third quarter. This was his longest reception of the year.
- » Coleman Jr.'s six receptions give him 68 on the season. He now ranks 7th on the Mississippi State top 10 list for a single season.
- » Coleman Jr.'s 58 yards gives 814 on the season. He is 96 yards shy of cracking the top 10 list at State for single-season receiving yards.
- » With his 151 all-purpose yards, Davon Booth has 1,153 on the season, the most for a Bulldog since 2019.

#### **DEFENSIVE NOTES**

- » This is the first time since game seven against Texas A&M the Bulldogs stopped an opponent from scoring during their first drive. This is also the fourth time we have held an opponent scoreless for their first drive all season.
- » State recorded their first sack in an SEC game since Texas.
- » Hunter Washington recorded his first career pass breakup.
- » Stone Blanton led State with 18 tackles.
- » Stone Blanton, Issac Smith, Nic Mitchell and Corey Ellington all had double-digit tackles. First time since Fred Peters (14), Nathaniel Watson (14), Jalen Green (11) and Jett Johnson (11) in 2021 against Ole Miss that the Bulldogs had four players with 10+ tackles in a single game.
- » Stone Blanton, Sulaiman Kpaka, Hunter Washington and Nic Mitchell all tied or set career-highs in tackles.
- » De'Monte Russell and Corey Ellington set season-highs in tackles.

#### **SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

- » Hayes Hammond has served as the team's long snapper in 35 straight games, dating back to Nov. 25, 2021.
- » Nick Barr-Mira has 13 punts this season of 50+ yards. Had one 50+ yard punt vs. Missouri
- » Kyle Ferrie knocked through a 38-yard field goal to cap off State's opening drive of the game.
- » Kyle Ferrie's 26-yard field goal at the end of the second quarter was his 10th made field goal this season.