

MISSISSIPPI STATE

FOOTBALL

2024 POSTGAME NOTES

Florida 45, Mississippi State 28

Game	04
Date	Sept. 21, 2024
Location	Starkville, Miss.
Stadium	Davis Wade Stadium
Kickoff Time	11:08 a.m. CT
End Time	2:30 p.m. CT
Total Time	3:22
Attendance	49,655
Weather	Sunny, Wind: SE 2 mph, 89 degrees
TV	ESPN
Records	
Mississippi State	1-3 Overall 0-1 SEC
Florida	2-2 Overall 1-1 SEC

Score By Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Florida	7	21	7	10	-	45
Mississippi State	7	7	7	7	-	28

Series History vs. Florida (56th Meeting)

- » Florida leads the all-time series 35-19-2
- » 13th meeting in Starkville, Miss. ... Mississippi State leads the series 7-6 when the game is played in Starkville.
- » Today's game marked the 13th meeting all-time in Starkville.
- » Saturday's contest vs. Florida is Mississippi State's first SEC game of the 2024 season.
- » This is the first time since 1985 that Mississippi State has opened its SEC slate against Florida. UF won that contest 36-22.

GENERAL NOTES

- » Game Captains: Kevin Coleman Jr. (WR), Isaac Smith (S) and Brylan Lanier (S).
- » Coin Toss: Florida won the toss and elected to defer. This was the fourth straight game that Mississippi State has received the opening kickoff.
- » Uniform Combo (Record): White (H) / White (J) / White (P) | (Since 2015: 9-9 / Since 2000: 12-25).
- » Wearing unique "iced out" white uniforms from Adidas.
- » Today's game marked the 56th meeting between Mississippi State and Florida.

TEAM NOTES

- » Mississippi State has scored in 48 consecutive games dating back to Oct. 21, 2020.
- » The Bulldogs rushed for 115 yards in the first half, their most rushing yards in the opening half this season. The previous high was 107 vs. Eastern Kentucky (08/31/2024).
- » MSU ran for 240 yards, the most in a game this season.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- » Davon Booth capped off an eight-play Mississippi State drive with a rushing touchdown late in the first quarter. This was his second touchdown of the season and eighth of his career.
- » Blake Shapen ran in a three-yard touchdown to cap off a MSU two-minute drill at the end of the first half.
- » Jordan Mosley caught a six-yard touchdown pass from Blake Shapen in the third quarter to cap a 13-play, 76-yard drive.
- » Blake Shapen has thrown a touchdown pass in 15 straight games dating back to Nov. 19, 2022.
- » State's touchdown drive in the third quarter was the longest scoring drive of the year by time at 6:43.
- » Michael Van Buren Jr. completed his first pass as a Bulldog to Kelly Akharaiyi in the fourth quarter.
- » Johnnie Daniels ran in a 10-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter, the touchdown was the first of his career.
- » Kevin Coleman Jr. has caught a pass in 21 straight games. This is his third game this season with five or more receptions.
- » Keyone Lee ran for 52 yards, the most he has rushed for in a game as a Bulldog.
- » Mario Craver set a new season-high in receiving yards (62) and receptions (3). His previous high for receiving yards was 54 yards against Eastern Kentucky and Toledo. Craver has caught a pass in all four career games he has played.
- » Johnnie Daniels' 77 yards rushing are the most in a single game by an MSU player this season.
- » Mario Craver led the team in receiving yards, the first time a freshman has led the team in receiving yards in a game since Creed Whittmore against Southeastern Louisiana on September 2, 2023.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- » Isaac Smith led State in tackles for the fourth straight game. He joins former Bulldog Jett Johnson as the most recent to achieve that feat. Johnson most recently did it Sept. 9-30, 2023.
- » Corey Ellington made his 2024 Mississippi State debut in the first quarter.
- » Isaac Smith earned his first career forced fumble in the second quarter.
- » Kelley Jones made his first career fumble recovery for the Bulldogs. It was State's second fumble recovery of the season and the second-straight game with a fumble recovery.
- » Tanner Johnson and Corey Clark both made their first career tackle for loss.
- » Kelley Jones, Nic Mitchell, and Ashun Shepphard set career highs in tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- » Hayes Hammond has served as the team's long snapper in 30 straight games dating back to Nov. 25, 2021.
- » Davon Booth returned a kickoff for 38 yards in the first quarter, this was the Bulldogs longest kick return of the season.
- » Nick Barr-Mira had five punts vs. Florida, and only one returned. On the season, 12 of his 14 punts have been either downed inside the 20 or fair caught.