

MISSISSIPPI STATE

FOOTBALL

2024 POSTGAME NOTES

#5/4 Georgia 41, Mississippi State 31

Game	06
Date	Oct. 12, 2024
Location	Athens, Ga.
Stadium	Sanford Stadium
Kickoff Time	3:20 p.m. CT
End Time	6:51 p.m. CT
Total Time	3:30
Attendance	93,033
Weather	Sunny & 77 degrees / Wind: W at 3 mph
TV	SEC Network
Records	
Mississippi State	1-5 Overall 0-3 SEC
#5/4 Georgia	5-1 Overall 3-1 SEC

Score By Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Mississippi State	3	7	14	7	-	31
#5/4 Georgia	10	17	7	7	-	41

Series History vs. Georgia (27th Meeting)

- » This was the 27th all-time meeting between Mississippi State and Georgia. It was also the 15th meeting in Athens.
- » Georgia leads the all-time series 21-6 ... Georgia leads the series 13-2 when the game is played in Athens, Ga. ... When just Georgia is ranked in the AP Top 25, UGA leads the series 1-11.
- » This was Mississippi State's 5th trip to Athens since 2006, while UGA has only played in Starkville twice since 2006.

GENERAL NOTES

- » Game Captains: Nick Barr-Mira (K/P), Branden Jennings (LB), Brice Pollock (CB)
- » Coin Toss: Georgia won the toss and elected to defer
- » Mississippi State has lost the coin toss in five straight games
- » Sixth straight game that Mississippi State has received the opening kickoff
- » Uniform Combo (Record): White (H) / White (J) / Gray (P) - (Combo is 2-3 all-time)
- » This season, Mississippi State is the first FBS team to play back-to-back games against AP Top 5 opponents (last game at #1 Texas).
- » Playing #1 Texas and #5 Georgia in consecutive games marks the first time since 1971 that the State has played back-to-back games against teams ranked in the AP Top 5 (#4 Alabama & #5 Auburn).
- » This is the first time since 2019 that State has played multiple games in one season against teams ranked in the AP Top 5 (#2 LSU & #4 Alabama).

TEAM NOTES

- » Mississippi State has scored in 50 consecutive games dating back to Oct. 21, 2020.
- » Since 2021, Mississippi State is one of only three teams in the country to score at least 31 points against Georgia in a game. The others are Alabama and Ohio State.
- » Michael Van Buren Jr. threw for 306 yards in just his second career start. This is the lowest number of starts made to record a 300-yard passing game for State since at least 2013.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- » Luke Work made his first career start and became the third true freshman to start a game this season, joining Mario Craver (WR) and Michael Van Buren Jr. (QB).
- » Mario Craver and Michael Van Buren Jr. connected on a 72-yard reception. It was the longest play of their careers and the second-longest play from scrimmage for Mississippi State this season. This was also the second-longest play from scrimmage Georgia has allowed all season.
- » Mario Craver hauled in his 5th reception of 30+ yards on his 72-yard reception in the 2nd quarter. All five receptions of more than 30+ yards have come in five separate games.
- » Michael Van Buren Jr. connected with Kelly Akharaiyi for a 24-yard score in the second quarter. This was the first career passing touchdown for Van Buren Jr. and Akharaiyi's first touchdown as a Bulldog.
- » Johnnie Daniels ran in a 19-yard touchdown in the third quarter. This was also the longest rush of his career.
- » Davon Booth had a season-long 18-yard rush in the third quarter.
- » Davon Booth caught a two-yard touchdown pass from Michael Van Buren Jr. late in the third quarter. This was the second receiving touchdown of his career.
- » Kelly Akharaiyi hauled in his second touchdown of the game late in the fourth quarter.
- » Kevin Coleman Jr. has caught a pass in 23 straight games. This is his fifth game this season with five or more receptions.
- » Kevin Coleman Jr. recorded his second 100-yard receiving game this season. His 103 yards were also tied a Mississippi State high for him.
- » Seydou Traore, recorded a season-high 5 catches and 51 yards.
- » Mario Craver set a career-high 75 receiving yards.
- » Kelly Akharaiyi hauled in a season-high 72 receiving yards.
- » With 32 yards rushing, Davon Booth earned his 1,000th career rushing yard. He had 805 yards at Utah State and has rushed for 224 yards this season.
- » Van Buren Jr. passed for 300+ yards for the first time in his career. He also threw multiple touchdowns in a single game for the first time.
- » Michael Van Buren Jr.'s 306 passing yards are the most by a MSU true-freshman quarterback since Will Rogers threw for 336 yards on November 21, 2020 against Georgia.
- » Michael Van Buren Jr. became the first MSU true freshman to throw for three touchdowns in a game since Will Rogers on December 19, 2020 against Missouri.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- » DeAgo Brumfield made his Mississippi State debut.
- » Branden Jennings earned his second pass break of the season, the second of his career, that led to a Brice Pollock interception.
- » Brice Pollock earned his first career interception during the first quarter. The interception set up a Kyle Ferrie field goal to give Mississippi State a 3-0 lead.
- » Pollock forced a fumble in the first quarter, his first career forced fumble.
- » Brice Pollock is the first Bulldog to record an interception and force a fumble in the same game since Collin Duncan on Nov. 7, 2020.
- » DeAgo Brumfield picked off a pass from Carson Beck in the endzone during the third quarter. It was Brumfield's first career interception.
- » Corey Ellington earned his first pass break of the season during the first quarter.
- » Stone Blanton led State with nine tackles against Georgia.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- » Hayes Hammond has served as the team's long snapper in 31 straight games dating back to Nov. 25, 2021.
- » Kyle Ferrie connected on a 47-yard field goal in the first quarter.
- » Ferrie has hit seven career field goals of 45+ yards. He is 2 for 2 in 2024.
- » Ferrie is now 9 for 14 in field goals from 40+ yards in his career.
- » Ferrie has made five consecutive field goals on the year.
- » Nick Barr-Mira had punts of 55 & 56 yards in the first quarter. He now has 10, 50+ yard punts of the season.
- » Nick Barr-Mira has placed 16 of his 23 punts inside the 20-yard line this season.