



## 2025 Mississippi State Football Postgame Notes

Charlotte, N.C. // Bank of America Stadium

Mississippi State 29, Wake Forest 43

### General Notes

- Mississippi State and Wake Forest met for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the series history with both meetings have been in bowl game. The previous meeting was in the 2011 Music City Bowl.
- The all-time series is tied, 1-1.
- **Uniform Combo:** Mississippi State wore a black helmet, black jersey and black pants. The helmet had the white Interlocking MSU logo on it.
  - This was the first time ever that Mississippi State wore the interlocking logo on a black helmet.
  - First time in program history that State has worn black uniforms more than once in a single season. State wore the all-black uniforms against Arizona State.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> all-time game that Mississippi State has worn all black, first bowl game.
- **Attendance:** 29,328
- Mississippi State has scored in 69 consecutive games dating back to October 21, 2020.

### Game Captains & Coin Toss

- **Game Captains for State:** #0 Brenen Thompson (WR), #22 Kedrick Bingley-Jones, #40 Nic Mitchell (LB)
- Mississippi State won the toss and elected to receive
- Mississippi State is 12-13 on the coin toss under Jeff Lebby.

### Offensive Team Notes

- It was the seventh time this season having 400+ yards of total offense.
- Second straight game, fourth time this season, that Kamario Taylor led the team in rushing yards.
- The Bulldogs' 294 passing yards gave them a total of 3,135 passing yards on the season which is 7<sup>th</sup> most in program history.
- The Mississippi State offense had 5,189 total yards which was 9<sup>th</sup> most in a single season.
- Thompson and Evans finished the season with a combined 1,885 receiving yards which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most for a receiving duo behind Fred Ross and De'Rynnya Wilson in 2015 with 1,925 yards.

### Offensive Player Notes

#### Kamario Taylor

- Made his second career & consecutive start
- Seven rushing touchdowns in the final five games of the season
- Has scored a touchdown, rushing or passing, in seven consecutive games
- First career 200+ yard passing game ... Ended the game with 241 yards

#### Brenen Thompson

- Had 4 receptions, which was the ninth time this season, having 3+ receptions.



- Surpassed the 1,000 receiving yard mark for the season with his second catch in the first quarter. Thompson becomes the fourth player in program history with a 1,000-yard receiving season, the first since Makai Polk in 2021 and the first player under Jeff Lebby.
- In the fourth quarter, Thompson set a Mississippi State single-season receiving yards record, passing Makai Polk with 1,054 yards
- This marked the fourth time this season that Thompson had 100+ receiving yards in the same game, and the 7<sup>th</sup> time overall that a wide receiver had 100+ yards.  
Became the 12<sup>th</sup> player in MSU history to have 4+ 100+ yard receiving games in a single season, and the second under Lebby.

#### **Anthony Evans III**

- Evans' four receptions in the game gave him 67 receptions this season, which is 7<sup>th</sup> most in a single season for the Bulldogs.
- Evans' had 100 all-purpose yards in the game which is the 5<sup>th</sup> time this season he had over 100 all-purpose yards.

#### **Sanfrisco Magee**

- Caught his first career touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 42-yard reception from Taylor ... Was also his first reception of the game.

#### **Kolin Wilson**

- Had his first career reception for eight yards in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

#### **Defensive Team Notes**

- State has recorded a sack in eleven of thirteen games this season.
- The Bulldawgs tallied an interception in the second quarter, making it the tenth game of the season with an interception.
- This was the seventh time this season an MSU player has recorded double digit tackles in a game.
  - **Isaac Smith (2), Jahron Manning(2), Nic Mitchell, Branden Jennings, Jalen Smith.**

#### **Defensive Player Notes**

##### **Brylan Lanier**

- Grabbed his 4<sup>th</sup> interception of the season, first INT since Oct. 18 at Florida.

##### **Jalen Smith**

- First career double-digit tackle game (12).

#### **Special Teams Notes**

##### **Kyle Ferrie**

- Ferrie was 1-1 in PATs, extending his streak to 72 straight makes ... 44 straight makes this season.
  - His 44 PAT makes set the single-season record for an MSU kicker.
  - He is 109-for-110 in PATs in his career.
- Ferrie was 4-4 for FGs with makes of 33, 50, 23, and 36 yards.



- Ferrie now has 238 career points which is 4<sup>th</sup> place all-time, and 1<sup>st</sup> among kickers.
- Connected on his third career, 50-yard field goal and the third of the season. Made a 55-yarder at Southern Miss on Aug. 30 and a 51-yarder against Tennessee on Sept. 27.
  - In his career, Ferrie is 3-4 on field goals of 50+ yards.
- His 4<sup>th</sup> field goal of the day tied Ferrie for 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time at State for made field goals with 43 career makes. He tied Brian Hazelwood (1995-98).
- Third career game, first this season, with at least three made field goals in a single game. It's the first time he's done it since 2023 against Southern Miss (4-4).
- Third straight game with 2+ made field goals.
- Dating back to Oct. 25, Ferrie has made 10 consecutive field goals ... (4-4 today)
- Scored 12 points, tied forth most in a bowl game for State.
- His 4 made field goals, and his 4 attempts, are the second-most in a bowl game in program history.
- His 17 made field goals this season is tied for the 2<sup>nd</sup> most in a single-season at Mississippi State.

#### **Ethan Pulliam**

- 10 straight games with a punt of 50+ yards.
- Finished the season with a average punt of 46.75 yards, which is the most in a single season for a MSU punter.

#### **Explosive Plays (6)**

*(plays of 20+ yards)*

##### **Brenen Thompson**

- 51-yard reception from Taylor, first quarter
- 31-yard reception from Taylor, second quarter

##### **Ayden Williams**

- 21-yard reception from Taylor, first quarter

##### **Anthony Evans III**

- 20-yard reception from Taylor, first quarter
- 39-yard reception from Kromenhoek, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

##### **Sanfrisco Magee**

- 42-yard reception from Taylor, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

#### **Career Highs**

##### **Kamario Taylor**

- Passing Yards – 241 yards

##### **Sanfrisco Magee**

- Receiving yards – 47 yards
- Receiving Touchdowns – 1
- Longest Reception – 42 yards

##### **Jalen Smith**

- Tackles — 12



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