



## 2025 Mississippi State Football Post Game Notes

Starkville, Miss. // Davis Wade Stadium

Mississippi State 63, Alcorn State 0

### General Notes

- Mississippi State and Alcorn State met for the 3rd time, and State improved to 3-0 against the Braves.
- **Uniform Combo:** The Bulldogs wore their most traditional Maroon, Maroon, White uniform combo against Alcorn State. The Maroon helmets featured the white Script State logo.
- **Attendance:** 49,158
- Mississippi State has scored in 59 consecutive games dating back to October 21, 2020.
- This was Mississippi State's first 3-0 start to a season since 2018.
- Mississippi State & Alcorn State agreed to play 10 minutes quarters in both the third and fourth quarters.

### Game Captains & Coin Toss

- **Game Captains for State:** #2 Isaac Smith (S/LB), #21 Hunter Washington (S), #0 Brenen Thompson (WR)
- Mississippi State lost the toss and Alcorn State elected to defer to the second half, MSU chose to receive the opening kick.
- Mississippi State has received the opening kickoff in 19 straight games dating back to October 28, 2023.
- Mississippi State is now 7-8 on the coin toss under Jeff Lebby.

### Offensive Team Notes

- The Bulldogs started their third different offensive line combination in as many games.
- Mississippi State has scored in 59 consecutive games.
- The opening drive touchdown was the 14th time under Lebby that the Bulldogs have scored a touchdown in four or fewer plays.
  - State's first score was a 2-play, 75-yard reception by Jordan Mosley from Blake Shapen.
- MSU has scored on the opening possession of the game in three straight games for the first time under Lebby.
- State's 28 points scored in the first quarter was the most since Sept. 2, 2017, against Charleston Southern when the Bulldogs scored 23 in the first.
  - It was also the first time since Sept. 24, 2016, against UMass that MSU has scored 28 points in a single quarter.
- Bothwell's 25-yard touchdown run in the second quarter was the team's first rushing attempt over 20 yards this season.
  - Xavier Gayten's 25-yard touchdown run in the third quarter was the team's second this season. These two runs are tied for the longest of the season.
- Evans' 22-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter was the first passing touchdown for State of less than 40 yards this season.
- The Bulldogs had rushing touchdowns by Bothwell, Shapen, Gayten, Kromenhoek, and Davis. This was the second time under Lebby the Bulldogs have had at least four different players score a rushing touchdown in the same game.
  - This was the first time since at least 1995 that Mississippi State had five different players score a rushing touchdown in the same game.



- Was the first time since Sept. 15, 2018, that the Bulldogs had six rushing touchdowns in the same game.
- State has scored 17 touchdowns in four plays or fewer under Coach Lebby.
- Mississippi State had 232 passing yards as a team. It's the fourth game in a row that Mississippi State has thrown for 200+ yards in a game.
- This was the first time Mississippi State has scored at least 63 points in a game since Sept. 1, 2018, against Stephen F. Austin when the Bulldogs won 63-6.
- Mississippi State's 282 rushing yards are the most yards on the ground in the Lebby era.
  - It is the most rushing yards for MSU since Sept. 2, 2023, against Southeastern Louisiana when the Bulldogs rushed for 298 yards.
- Mississippi State had 514 total yards on offense which is the first time under Lebby.
  - This was the first time since Sept. 23, 2023, at South Carolina that MSU has had 500 yards of offense in a single game.
- Offensive players who made their debut:
  - Parker Puckett, Sam Paxton, Alex Lopez, Spencer Dowland, Bradyen Turnage, Saquon Miles, Jaekwon Bouldin (MSU), Bull Mitchell, Joseph Skipworth.
- This was the fourth time since 1995 that the Bulldogs have scored nine touchdowns.

#### **Offensive Player Notes**

##### **Blake Shapen**

- Has thrown a touchdown pass in 18 consecutive games, the second-longest active streak at the FBS level behind Iowa State's Rocco Becht (22 games).
- Extended his consecutive start streak to 28 games.
- Shapen's 75-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Mosely was his fifth touchdown pass of over 45 yards this season.

##### **Fluff Bothwell**

- Bothwell's 93 rushing yards are a season-high rushing total for any Bulldog this season.
- Fluff had his seventh career multi-touchdown performance of his career and his second this season.

##### **Brenen Thompson**

- Thompson's 42-yard touchdown catch was his third touchdown reception this season, a career high.

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

- Evans' 22-yard touchdown reception was his second touchdown this season, a career-high.

##### **Kamario Taylor**

- Taylor threw his first career touchdown pass on a 42-yard throw to Brenen Thompson in the first quarter.
  - The touchdown pass was his first career passing attempt.

##### **Gracen Harris**

- Caught his first career pass in the third quarter for a gain of four yards.

##### **Max Reese**

- Caught his first pass as a Bulldog.



**Luke Kromenhoek**

- Scored his first touchdown in a Mississippi State uniform with a 3-yard touchdown run.
  - Was also his first career rushing touchdown.

**Seth Davis**

- Saw his first game action since suffering an injury in 2023 against Ole Miss.
- Scored a 23-yard touchdown run, which was his second career touchdown run.

**Defensive Team Notes**

- First time holding three straight opponents to 20-points or fewer since 2018 when State opened the year allowing point totals of 6, 10 and 10 points in its first three contests.
- This is the first time since 2017 vs Charleston Southern that the Bulldogs have held a team scoreless throughout the entire game.
  - Second game in a row MSU has held their opponents scoreless in the first quarter.
- First time since Eastern Kentucky (Aug. 31, 2024) and Ole Miss (Nov. 23, 2023) that the Bulldogs have held a team scoreless in the first quarter in back-to-back games.
- This is the seventh time since 2000 MSU has held its opponent to 155 total yards or less.
  - First time since November 19, 2022, against East Tennessee State
- With **DeAgo Brumfield's** interception in the first quarter the Bulldogs extend their interception streak to three games
  - First time since 2021 that the Bulldogs have opened a season with an interception in the first three games.
- Mississippi State recovered its first fumble of the season in the second quarter.
  - First since November 9, 2024 at Tennessee.
- Mississippi State recovered two fumbles in the game for the first time since September 28, 2024 at Texas.
  - First time forcing three fumbles in a game since September 9, 2023 vs. Southeastern Louisiana.
- Second game in a row the Bulldogs have had multiple turnovers.
- The first time since September 9, 2023, vs Arizona that MSU has recorded three or more turnovers in a game.
- Last time the Bulldogs had multiple turnovers in a game was against Texas A&M (Oct. 19, 2024) and Georgia (Oct. 12, 2024).
- This is the fifth game in a row that the Bulldogs have recorded a sack.
- There were five players who made their debut.
  - **Kyle Johson, Ray Thomas (MSU), AJ Rice, Vic Sutton, Tyshun Willis**

**Defensive Player Notes**

**Nic Mitchell**

- Recovered his first career fumble

**Trevion Williams**

- Forced his first career fumble



**DJ Reed**

- Recorded his first ever sack in the second quarter

**DeAgo Brumfield**

- Had his first interception of the season and second in his career

**Dwight Lewis III**

- First career fumble recovery returned for 33 yards.

**Tanner Johnson**

- Tallied his first career forced fumble

**Ray Thomas**

- Forced the third fumble of the game and his first of the season in the fourth quarter.

**Special Teams Notes**

- William Wilkinson and Kallen Cosper made their career debuts

**Kyle Ferrie**

- He was 7-7 in PATs, extending his streak to 42 straight makes.
  - He is 79-for-80 in PATs in his career.
  - His 79<sup>th</sup> PAT moves him to sixth all-time, passing Bob Morgan and Joel Logan.

**Marlon Hauck**

- He was 2-2 on PATs
  - These were his first two career points

**Explosive Plays (9)**

*(plays of 20+ yards)*

- **Anthony Evans III**
  - 41-yard punt return, first quarter
  - 43-yard punt return, first quarter
  - 34-yard reception from Blake Shapen, first quarter
  - 22-yard touchdown reception from Blake Shapen, second quarter
- **Jordan Mosely**
  - 75-yard receiving touchdown from Blake Shapen, first quarter
- **Brenen Thompson**
  - 42-yard receiving touchdown from Kamario Taylor, first quarter
- **Fluff Bothwell**
  - 25-yard touchdown run, second quarter
- **Xavier Gayten**
  - 25-yard touchdown run, third quarter



- **Seth Davis**
  - 23-yard touchdown run, fourth quarter

#### Career Highs

- **Jordan Mosley**
  - Longest Reception – 75 yards
- **Kamario Taylor**
  - Passing yards – 46 yards
  - Rushing yards – 40 yards
  - Longest rush – 19 yards
  - Longest pass – 42 yards
  - Passing TD – 1 TD
- **Gracen Harris**
  - Receptions – 1 reception
  - Longest reception – 4 yards
- **Anthony Evans III**
  - Punt return yards – 97 yards
- **DeAgo Brumfield**
  - Interceptions – 1
- **Nic Mitchell**
  - Fumble Recovery – 1
- **Trevion Williams**
  - Forced Fumbles – 1
- **DJ Reed**
  - Tackles – 4
  - Sacks – 1
- **Dwight Lewis III**
  - Tackles – 1
  - Fumble Recoveries – 1
  - Pass Breakup – 1
- **Tanner Johnson**
  - Forced Fumbles -- 1
- **Kedrick Bingley-Jones**
  - Tackles – 3
- **Ja'Bryis Stewart**
  - Tackles – 4
- **Joseph Head Jr**
  - Tackles – 3
- **Jayven Williams**
  - Tackles – 2
- **Tony Mitchell**
  - Tackles – 2
- **Cyrus Reyes**
  - Tackles – 2