



2025 Mississippi State Football Postgame Quotes

Starkville, Miss. // Davis Wade Stadium

Mississippi State 63, Alcorn State 0

Jeff Lebby

On the saying of scoring from far –

“That had kind of been a part of offensives I’ve been able to go call and run and manage. It’s been something I’ve always thought, and it is without a doubt a huge determining factor in football games. Explosive plays matter in a huge way. Explosive plays create touchdown opportunities and so that will be a big part of us. Again, I think I maybe talked about it on Monday, the score from far deal is all good and well. We are going to have to sustain, we are going to have to get into situations where we are in short yard situations, in goal line situations and be able to get done what we need to get done so I do, I think that’s a huge part of who we are and what we do but I think we are going to have to find ways to sustain, run the football and do what we need to do situational.”

On what changes he saw in the last three quarters –

“Really the start of the second quarter is when I saw our guys really turn it on and start playing really, really fast. And again, we gave up some things defensively but then when we settled in and were able to keep them out of the endzone and create a turnover, whatever it was. We did not start exactly how we wanted to start, I think it was the second series and the third series where we gave up a couple of first downs but then being able to find ways to get off the field and get the ball back to us to be able to go get away from them.”

On Seth Davis’s touchdown --

“Coolest part of the night, it’s not even remotely close man. What that kid has been through, just told the football team, I think our guys understand it. I’ve never been around a young man that’s a better teammate than Seth Davis, like he is exactly what the game of football is all about and that’s why it’s the greatest team sport in the world and it’s because of guys like Seth so having the opportunity to reward him and get a couple of carries late as he’s still working back to get healthy, man it’s special. But all you have to do is look our sideline when he got the opportunity and how they responded, that’s what that dude means to us.”

On how the team performed to his goals --

“Yeah, I think we are healthy so that’s obviously most important after being able to go win. There’ll be a ton of stuff to clean up, I love our energy. I thought that part was probably the best. We didn’t execute well at times offensively. I thought we would put the defense back there a couple times when we didn’t need to. But defensively being able to create the turnovers, get the turnovers and then take advantage of it to be able to get away from them.”

Fluff Bothwell

On how it felt to perform the way he did in the first half –

“It felt good getting there early and trying to improve from last week, and last time, there’s always room for improvement. I’m ust trying to be more detailed in the run game and just get better every week.”

On the message in the team following last week’s win --

“Don’t let that be the topic of the season. Just keep doing what we do, get better every day. Really don’t let that be on our minds or that we beat a ranked team, that we’re this and that. Last week we could’ve had way more points, dismissed assignments and stuff, but the message was really just to keep working.”

Kedrick Bingley-Jones

On seeing success defensively this year --

“It feels great honestly. I mean like you said, last year, just a lot of struggles, a lot of ups and downs, a lot of kind of being unsure of like who we are, but I feel like we feel like we kind of found out our identity. Being able to stop the run more,



being able to play better pass defense. Just like I said, in the offseason, being able to build confidence and have confidence in each other and plenty of rhyme with each other and all eleven hats getting to the ball for sure.”

On the message to the defensive line after Will Witmans season ending injury last week --

“I feel like it was just a next man up mentality. I mean I really hate it for will, especially being someone who got their season cut short last year. I know kind of how he’s feeling, but, like I said, it was kind of like a next man up mentality and we had to step up where his production was lost. The first two weeks, he was our most productive defensive lineman, for sure, so you know, like I said, we just have all got to step up and be able to kind of step up to his level to try and replace that.”

DeAgo Brumfield

On his interception in the second quarter --

“Man really, they had a little motion adjustment for real. I didn’t adjust it the right way I should’ve. Kinda messed up my technique for real for real. I thought I got beat but I kept running to the ball, the ball popped up, took advantage of it. That’s him, that’s brum for real for real.”

On the big moments in the first quarter and cheering on the defense at the end of the game --

“Us and coach always talk about no matter who’s in, one’s, two’s, or three’s, you want to be able to go in and execute. Everybody should be able to execute. I think it was very important for everybody to just do their job. They did pretty well at it.”

Anthony Evans III

On what he saw on film to make him feel like he could make an impact on the punt return game -

“We saw that he got the ball off very quick, as you could see then towards the end of the game, he started holding on to it. It didn’t have a lot of air, so I knew once I got the ball, they’d be far away, and I’d have a lot of space. So, I just knew I had to do what I do when I got that space.”

On the offense’s ability to make explosive plays -

“You know, Coach Lebby is putting us in the right spot to make plays, and we practice all week on those plays. We just go out there and execute, that’s it.”