



2025 Mississippi State Football Postgame Notes

Starkville, Miss. // Davis Wade Stadium

Mississippi State 38, #22 Texas 45

General Notes

- Mississippi State and Texas met for the 6th time, 2nd as SEC foes.
- Texas leads the all-time series, 4-2.
- When the game is played in Starkville, the series is tied, 1-1.
- **Uniform Combo:** Mississippi State wore a Maroon helmet, Maroon jersey, and Gray pants. The helmet at the Interlocking MSU logo on it.
 - This was the second time this season that MSU wore Maroon, Maroon, Gray. The other game was Northern Illinois. State is 1-1 in this combo in 2025.
 - This is the first time the Bulldogs have worn the Maroon helmet with the Interlocking logo this season and just the second time since 2023 when State wore their 1998 throwback uniforms for homecoming against Kentucky.
 - This is the first time in program history that Mississippi State has worn the Maroon Interlocking MSU helmets with gray pants.
- **Attendance:** 52,680
- Mississippi State has scored in 64 consecutive games dating back to October 21, 2020.
- This was the first time since the 2013 season that the Bulldogs have played in multiple games that have gone into overtime.
 - The Bulldogs are now 0-2 under Lebby in overtime games.
 - The Bulldogs won the toss and elected to defend first.
 - State is now 4-5 all-time in home overtime games.

Game Captains & Coin Toss

- **Game Captains for State:** #0 Brenen Thompson (WR), #3 Brylan Lanier (S), #75 Jacoby Jackson (OL)
- Mississippi State won the toss and elected to receive.
- Mississippi State has received the opening kickoff in 24 of the last 25 games and 20 of 21 games under Coach Lebby.
- Mississippi State is 10-10 on the coin toss under Jeff Lebby.

Offensive Team Notes

- Mississippi State has outscored its opponents 79-26 in the first quarter this season and 137-74 in the first half.
- This is the third time since 1995 that Mississippi State has had five players with 50+ receiving yards in the same game.

Offensive Player Notes

Blake Shapen

- Extended his consecutive start streak to 33 games.
- Has completed a pass of 40+ yards in every game this season.



- This is the second time in Shapen's career that he has thrown four passing touchdowns in the same game, and the first as a Bulldog.
- Shapen becomes the seventh QB at Mississippi State since 1995 to throw for 350+ yards and 4+ touchdowns.
 - The first since Will Rogers in 2022.
 - It is the third time with zero interceptions.
- Shapen threw for 300+ passing yards for the second time this season and the third time as a Bulldog.
 - Eighth time throwing over 300 yards in his career.
 - It was the first time since Will Rogers in 2022 that an MSU quarterback has thrown for 300+ yards in back-to-back games.

Anthony Evans III

- With Evans' five receptions, he now has had at least four receptions in every game this season.

Brenen Thompson

- Thompson had two touchdown receptions in this game, marking the second time this season that he hauled in 2+ touchdowns in the same game.
 - He is the first Bulldog to have multiple games with 2+ touchdowns in the same season since Caleb Ducking in 2022.

Davon Booth

- Booth becomes the fourth Mississippi State player since 1995 to have 75+ rushing yards and 75+ receiving yards in the same game.
 - The first since Kylin Hill in 2019.

Sam West

- West scored his first career receiving touchdown in the first quarter.
 - The touchdown catch was his first reception as a Bulldog.

Seydou Traore

- Recorded his fourth touchdown catch of the season in the second quarter, tying his career best for most in a single season.

Defensive Team Notes

- First time since 1999, MSU recorded an interception in each of its first eight games.
- State recorded their eleventh interception of the year.
 - MSU entered Saturday leading the SEC in interceptions (10).
- This is the first time the Bulldogs have had multiple players with two or more tackles for loss in a game since September 9th, 2023 versus Arizona.
 - **Jahron Manning** (2), **Malick Sylla** (3).
- MSU has recorded a sack in eight straight games.
 - In 2022, the Bulldogs opened the season with sacks in nine straight games.



- Mississippi State racked up five sacks in a game for the first time since January 2nd, 2023 versus Illinois.
- State had a season-high in tackles for loss (12).
 - Most in a game since November 24th, 2022 versus Ole Miss.
- There were eight different players who contributed to a tackle for loss.
 - **Jahron Manning** (2), **Derion Gullette** (1.5), **Nic Mitchell** (1.5), **Malick Sylla** (3), **Red Hibbler** (0.5), **Jamil Burroughs** (1), **Trevion Williams** (1), **Jaray Bledsoe** (1.5).
- **Jahron Manning** is only the fourth player since 2005, to have 14+ tackles and two tackles for loss in the same game.
 - The last player to do it was **Jett Johnson** against Southern Mississippi on November 18th, 2023.
- The Bulldogs had six pass breakups which is tied for the most this season in an SEC game.

Defensive Player Notes

Jahron Manning

- Second time this year he has posted double-digit tackles
- Fourth time this season leading the team in tackles.

Malick Sylla

- First State player since November 5th, 2022 versus Auburn to have three or more tackles for loss in a single game.

Kedrick Bingley-Jones

- Recorded his first ever pass break up.

Derion Gullette

- Earned his first ever sack and tackle for loss in the first quarter.

Kelley Jones

- Tallied his second career interception in the second quarter.

Nic Mitchell

- Earned first career sack.

Jaray Bledsoe

- Earned first career sack.

Trevion Williams

- Earned his first sack of the year.

Special Teams Notes

Kyle Ferrie

- Ferrie was 5-5 in PATs, extending his streak to 59 straight makes.
 - He is 96-for-97 in PATs in his career.
- Ferrie went 1-2 on FGs with a made attempt of 24 yards.
 - This was Ferrie's 34th career make, which ties him for 4th all-time in MSU history.
- Ferrie's eight points moved him within one point of 7th place in MSU history.

Ethan Pulliam

- Five straight games with a punt of 50+ yards.
- Had 3 punts for over 50+ yards, and two downed inside the 20-yard line.

Nathan Tiyce

- Had a 54-ayrd punt that was pinned on the 1-yard line in the fourth quarter.



Explosive Plays (8)

(plays of 20+ yards)

- **Anthony Evans III**
 - 20-yard reception from Blake Shapen, first quarter
 - 26-yard reception from Blake Shapen, second quarter
- **Brenen Thompson**
 - 24-yard reception from Blake Shapen, second quarter
 - 23-yard receiving touchdown from Blake Shapen, second quarter
- **Davon Booth**
 - 22-yard run, second quarter
 - 21-yard reception from Blake Shapen, third quarter
 - 62-yard receiving touchdown from Blake Shapen, fourth quarter
- **Ayden Williams**
 - 33-yard reception from Blake Shapen, third quarter

Career Highs

- **Davon Booth**
 - Receiving yards – 83 yards
 - Longest reception – 62 yards
- **Blake Shapen**
 - Passing Yards – 351 yards
- **Kedrick Bingley – Jones**
 - Pass Breakups – 1
- **Derion Gullette**
 - Tackles for loss – 1.5
 - Sacks – 1.5
 - Tackles -- 6
- **Malick Sylla**
 - Tackles for loss – 3
- **Jahron Manning**
 - Tackles -- 14
 - Tackles for Loss – 2
- **Kelley Jones**
 - Interceptions – 1
- **Jalen Smith**
 - QB Hurries – 2
- **Nic Mitchell**
 - Sacks – 0.5
 - Tackles for loss – 1.5
- **Jaray Bledsoe**
 - Sacks – 1.5



- **Jamil Burroughs**
 - Tackles for loss – 1
- **Trevion Williams**
 - Sacks – 1
- **Deonte Anderson**
 - Pass Breakup – 1
- **Jalen Smith**
 - QB Hurries – 2