



2025 Mississippi State Football Postgame Notes

Fayetteville, Ark. // Razorback Stadium

Mississippi State 38, Arkansas 35

General Notes

- Mississippi State and Arkansas met for the 36th time, and just the 9th time in Fayetteville.
- Arkansas leads the all-time series, 19-16-1.
- When the game is played in Fayetteville, Mississippi State leads, 5-4.
- **Uniform Combo:** Mississippi State wore a white helmet, white jersey and gray pants. The helmet had the maroon Interlocking MSU logo on it.
 - Third time in 2025 to wear gray pants, with a record of 2-1.
 - The W-W-G combine is being worn for just the sixth time in program history ... First time the look has been worn with the Interlocking logo and a Maroon Facemask.
- **Attendance:** 68,358
- Mississippi State has scored in 65 consecutive games dating back to October 21, 2020.
- First SEC win since October 21, 2023, against Arkansas. State's win snapped a 16-game SEC losing streak.

Game Captains & Coin Toss

- **Game Captains for State:** #6 Davon Booth (RB), #13 Jahron Manning (S), #22 Kedrick Bingley-Jones (DL)
- Arkansas won the toss and elected to receive.
- Mississippi State kicked off for the second time this season and just the second time under head coach Jeff Lebby.
- Mississippi State has received the opening kickoff in 24 of the last 26 games and 20 of 22 games under Coach Lebby.
- Mississippi State is 10-11 on the coin toss under Jeff Lebby.

Offensive Team Notes

- Mississippi State has outscored its opponents 86-26 in the first quarter this season and 144-87 in the first half.
- Mississippi State had two receivers reach 100 receiving yards, marking the sixth time this season that Bulldog receivers have achieved this milestone. It is just the 5th time since 1995 that MSU has had 6+ 100-yard receiving games.
 - Brenen Thompson and Anthony Evans each have three games of 100+ yards this season. This is the third game this season where both Evans and Thompson went over 100 yards in the same game (Florida and Tennessee).
 - They become the 10th and 11th MSU receivers since 1995 to have 3+ games with 100 receiving yards in a single season.
 - Became the first duo for MSU since at least 1995 to each have 100+ receiving yards in the same game three times.
- The Bulldogs rushed for 106 yards, which is the 6th time this season that MSU has gone over 100 rushing yards as a team.



Offensive Player Notes

Blake Shapen

- Extended his consecutive start streak to 34 games.
- Has thrown for over 200+ passing yards in three straight games.
- Led the game-winning drive for State's first SEC win of the season after missing two series due to injury.

Kamario Taylor

- Threw a touchdown pass in the third quarter and has now thrown a TD pass in back-to-back games for the first time in his career.
- Recorded his second career rushing touchdown. Has rushed for a score in two of the last three games.
- First career multi-touchdown game.

Anthony Evans III

- With Evans' five receptions, he now has had at least four receptions in every game this season.
- Evans had two touchdowns in this game, which is the first time in his career that he has had multiple touchdowns in the same game.
 - 4th time in the Leiby era, a receiver has had 2+ touchdowns in the same game.

Brenen Thompson

- Thompson had 107 receiving yards in this game, marking the third time this season and the second time in the last three games.
- Third game in a row having 6+ receptions.

Davon Booth

- Booth now has a receiving touchdown in back-to-back games after an 8-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter.
- Becomes the first MSU player since Creed Whittmore in 2023 to have a receiving and rushing touchdown in the same game.
 - Just the 30th Bulldog since 1995 to reach this feat.

Defensive Team Notes

- MSU has recorded a sack in nine straight games.
 - In 2022, the Bulldogs opened the season with sacks in nine straight games.
- Most QB Hurries State has recorded in a game since September 30, 2017 at Auburn.
- Fourth game this season where Mississippi State has had a player record double-digit tackles in a game (Issac Smith, 11).

Defensive Player Notes

Nic Mitchell

- Recorded his first career solo sack.
- Second game in a row being involved in a sack.

Isaac Smith



- First game of the season with double-digit tackles (11).

Malick Sylla

- Second game in a row with a tackle for loss.

Jaray Bledsoe

- This is the sixth game in a row he has recorded a tackle for loss.

Kelley Jones

- Fourth game in a row with a pass breakup

Special Teams Notes

Kyle Ferrie

- Ferrie was 5-5 in PATs, extending his streak to 64 straight makes.
 - He is 101-for-102 in PATs in his career.
- Ferrie went 1-1 on FGs with a made attempt of 46 yards.
 - This was Ferrie's 35th career make, which moves him to 4th all-time in MSU history.
- Ferrie's eight points moved him to 7th place in MSU history.

Ethan Pulliam

- Six straight games with a punt of 50+ yards.

Nathan Tiyce

- Fourth game in a row pinning a punt inside the 20-yard line.

Explosive Plays (8)

(plays of 20+ yards)

- **Fluff Bothwell**
 - 39-yard reception from Blake Shapen, first quarter
- **Anthony Evans III**
 - 20-yard reception from Blake Shapen, second quarter
 - 45-yard touchdown reception from Kamario Taylor, third quarter
 - 33-yard reception from Blake Shapen, fourth quarter
- **Brenen Thompson**
 - 20-yard reception from Blake Shapen, second quarter
 - 27-yard reception from Blake Shapen, fourth quarter
 - 32-yard reception from Blake Shapen, fourth quarter
- **Kamario Taylor**
 - 20-yard touchdown run, third quarter

Career Highs

Fluff Bothwell

- Longest Reception— 39 yards



Kamario Taylor

- Longest pass – 45 yards
- Pass Attempts – 4
- Carries – 6
- Rushing Yards – 55 yards
- Longest rush – 20 yards

Anthony Evans III

- Receiving yards – 111 yards
- Touchdown Receptions – 2

Nic Mitchell

- Sacks – 1.0

Isaac Smith

- Pass Breakups – 1

Hunter Washington

- Tackles – 7

Derion Gullette

- Tackles – 6
- QB Hurries – 1

Jalen Smith

- QB Hurries – 1

Branden Jennings

- QB Hurries – 2

Jamil Burroughs

- QB Hurries – 1

Jayven Williams

- QB Hurries – 1

Jaray Bledsoe

- QB Hurries – 1