



2025 Mississippi State Football Postgame Notes

Starkville, Miss. // Davis Wade Stadium

Mississippi State 19, #7 Ole Miss 38

General Notes

- Mississippi State and Ole Miss met for the 122nd time, and the 43rd time in Starkville ... This was the 98th version of the “Battle For The Golden Egg”.
 - The Egg Bowl rivalry is the 10th longest running rivalry game in the nation, second-longest in the SEC.
- Ole Miss leads the all-time series, 67-49-6
- When the game is played in Starkville, Ole Miss leads, 25-15-3.
- Since 1991, the rivalry is led by Ole Miss at 18-17.
- **Uniform Combo:** Mississippi State wore a maroon helmet, maroon jersey and gray pants. The helmet had the white Interlocking MSU logo on it.
 - This was the first Egg Bowl to feature the Interlocking logo since 2002
 - This is the 4th time this century that Mississippi State has worn gray pants for the Egg Bowl ... State is 2-1 when wearing gray pants in the Egg Bowl.
 - This is the third game in 2025 that has featured the maroon-maroon-gray combo.
- **Attendance:** 60,417
- Mississippi State has scored in 68 consecutive games dating back to October 21, 2020.

Game Captains & Coin Toss

- **Game Captains for State:** #0 Brenen Thompson (WR), #2 Isaac Smith (S), #40 Nic Mitchell (LB)
- Ole Miss won the toss and elected to receive
- This is only the third time under Lebby that the Bulldogs have started the game on defense, all three were in 2025.
- Mississippi State is 11-13 on the coin toss under Jeff Lebby.

Offensive Team Notes

- Second-straight Egg Bowl that Mississippi State has started a true freshman at quarterback. Kamario Taylor (2025) joined Michael Van Buren Jr. who started that 2024 Egg Bowl.
 - Just the 6th MSU true freshman to start at QB since 1989 in the Egg Bowl.
- The Bulldogs rushed for 262 yards, which marked the 4th time this season that State rushed for more than 200 yards and the third over 250.
 - Is the 11th team since 1995 and the first since 2019 to have 3+ games of 250 yards rushing in the same season.
- The MSU offense combined for 440 yards, which was the 6th time this season going over 400 yards.
- Taylor’s 173 rushing yards was the most yards Ole Miss has allowed in a game to a QB since Nick Fitzgerald in 2016.

Offensive Player Notes

Kamario Taylor



- Made his first career start ... Started at quarterback
- Rushed for two touchdowns, which is his second career multi-touchdown game.
 - Six rushing touchdowns in the final four games of the season.
 - Becomes the 10th player for MSU in the Egg Bowl to run for 2+ touchdowns.
- Taylor's 39-yard run was the 8th longest run in Egg Bowl history
- Taylor's 173 rushing yards are the 4th most for a Bulldog player in the Egg Bowl.
 - 5th most for a MSU QB since 1995.
 - Only the 4th QB to have 150+ passing and rushing yards in the same game since 1995.
- Had his first career 100-yard rushing performance.
 - The first MSU QB to have 100+ rushing yards since Garrett Schrader in 2019 against Kentucky, who was also a true freshman.

Fluff Bothwell

- Bothwell's 43-yard run in the second quarter was his longest run as a Bulldog.

Brenen Thompson

- Had 6 receptions, which was the sixth time this season, having 6+ receptions.
- Had 80 receiving yards putting his season total at 948 yards, which is the 5th most in MSU history and the most under Jeff Lebby.

Defensive Team Notes

- **Isaac Smith** is the third player to have two twelve or more tackles in an Egg Bowl twice in their career since 1995.

Defensive Player Notes

Isaac Smith

- 2nd Egg Bowl in a row with 10+ tackles.

Special Teams Notes

Kyle Ferrie

- Ferrie was 1-1 in PATs, extending his streak to 71 straight makes ... 43 straight makes this season.
 - His 43 PAT makes set the single-season record for an MSU kicker.
 - He is 108-for-109 in PATs in his career.
- Ferrie was 2-2 for FGs with makes of 40 and 36 yards.
- Ferrie now has 225 career points which moves him to 4th place all-time, and 1st among kickers.

Ethan Pulliam

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

Explosive Plays (6)

(plays of 20+ yards)

Seydou Traore

- 29-yard reception from Kamario Taylor, first quarter



Kamario Taylor

- 22-yard rushing touchdown, first quarter
- 39-yard run, second quarter
- 35-yard rushing touchdown, fourth quarter
- 25-yard run, fourth quarter

Fluff Bothwell

- 43-yard run, second quarter

Career Highs

Kamario Taylor

- Longest rush – 39 yards
- Rushing yards – 173 yards
- Passing Yards – 178 yards
- Completions – 15
- Attempts – 31
- Carries - 20

Malick Sylla

- Pass Breakups – 1

Branden Jennings

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Kedrick Bingley-Jones

- QB Hurrie – 1

Nic Mitchell

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