



MISSISSIPPI STATE 38 | MINNESOTA 13

HUNTINGTON BANK STADIUM | MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

General Notes

- This was the first meeting between the Bulldogs and the Gophers.
- Mississippi State improved to 1-0 against Minnesota with Saturday's 38-13 win.
- Mississippi State becomes the first active SEC team to defeat Minnesota on its home turf.
 - Missouri and Vanderbilt have previously beaten the Gophers in Minneapolis; both did so before joining the SEC.
- State snapped Minnesota's eight-game home winning streak after the Golden Gophers were 7-0 at Huntington Bank Stadium last season and began the 2026 campaign with a 59-7 win over Eastern Illinois last week.
- The Bulldogs earned their first non-conference Power Four road win since Sept. 10, 2022, at Arizona.
- Mississippi State has scored in 71 consecutive games dating back to October 21, 2020.
- **Uniform Combo:** The Bulldogs wore their white, white, gray uniform combo with the interlocking logo on the helmets.
 - Under Lebby, the Bulldogs are 2-1 in this uniform combo.
- Largest halftime lead on the road since Nov. 2, 2019, at Arkansas.

Game Captains & Coin Toss

- Today's game captains were linebacker Jalen Smith, defensive lineman Trevion Williams and tight end Sam West.
- Mississippi State won the toss and elected to receive the opening kick.
 - State has received the opening kickoff in 24 of 27 games under Jeff Lebby
- Mississippi State is 14-13 on winning the coin toss under Lebby.

Offensive Team Notes

- For the second year in the row, Mississippi State has opened both games to start the season with a touchdown.
- It's the fourth time that the Bulldogs have started a game with consecutive touchdown drives under Jeff Lebby.
- MSU scored a touchdown on four consecutive drives for the second game in a row.
- The Bulldogs have scored on 16-of-21 drives this season, not including kneel downs.
- Mississippi State scored on the first twelve drives of the year with **Kamarrio Taylor** at quarterback this season.
 - Ten of the 12 were touchdowns.
- Most passing touchdowns through the first two games (7) of a season since 2022 (9).
- It's the first time in school history that the Bulldogs have converted every third down opportunity in a half according to digitally available box scores since 1985.
- For the first time since drive-by-drive statistics began being recorded (2001), Mississippi State has opened back-to-back games with four consecutive touchdown drives.



- Fifth time under Lebby MSU rushed for more than 250 yards.
- It is the second time under Lebby, MSU have rushed for 250+ yards in consecutive games.
- Second game in a row a Bulldog player recorded over one hundred yards and multiple touchdowns on the ground.

Offensive Player Notes

Kamario Taylor

- Seven of his 11 career passing touchdowns have been for 20+ yards.
- Has scored a touchdown (rushing or passing) in nine consecutive games.
- Third consecutive game with a rushing and passing touchdown.
- Second game in a row with three passing touchdowns in a half.
- First Mississippi State quarterback with 7+ passing touchdowns and 1+ rushing touchdowns in the opening two games of the season since 2014. (Dak Prescott)

Zion Ragins

- Second consecutive game with a receiving touchdown.

Fluff Bothwell

- Scored his first touchdown of the season in the first quarter.
- Ninth time in his career recording a multi-touchdown game.
- Seventh 100-yard rushing game in his career (third at MSU)

Sanfrisco Magee

- Third game in a row with a receiving touchdown dating back to last year's Duke's Mayo Bowl.

Anthony Evans III

- First time in his career recording back-to-back games with 100+ yards receiving

Defensive Team Notes

- Second-straight game holding the opponent to three points or less in the first quarter.
- Third game in a row, the Bulldogs have recorded a sack dating back to the Duke's Mayo Bowl last season.
- According to digitally available records dating back to 1985, the Bulldogs allowed the fewest points in the first half to a Big Ten team.
- Mississippi State gave up the fewest rushing yards under Jeff Lebby.
 - 13 yards allowed on the ground is the fewest since playing Vanderbilt (Oct. 23, 2021).

Defensive Player Notes

Jett Jefferson

- Set a career high for tackles with six.

Kyle Johnson

- Recorded his first career tackle.

Tyler Lockhart

- Recorded his first-career sack.
- Set his career high for tackles with seven.
- Led the team in total tackles (7).

Kelley Jones



- Back-to-back games with a pass breakup

Special Teams Notes

Kyle Ferrie

- Ferrie was 5-5 in PATs, extending his streak to 85 straight makes.
 - He is 123-for-124 in PATs in his career.
- Ferrie was 1-2 for FGs with a make from 52 yards.
- Ferrie now has 260 career points which is fourth place all-time, and first among kickers.

Ethan Pulliam

- Recorded one punt for 62 yards.

Explosive Plays (7)

(plays of 20+ yards)

- **Kamrio Taylor**
 - 37-yard pass to Anthony Evans III, first quarter
 - 22-yard touchdown pass to Zion Ragins, first quarter
 - 39-yard pass to Anthony Evans III, first quarter
 - 30-yard passing touchdown to Sanfrisco Magee, second quarter
 - 25-yard pass to Zion Ragins, fourth quarter
 - 26-yard rush, fourth quarter
- **Anthony Evans III**
 - 37-yard reception from Kamrio Taylor, first quarter
 - 39-yard reception from Kamario Taylor, first quarter
- **Zion Ragins**
 - 22-yard touchdown reception from Kamario Taylor, first quarter
 - 25-yard reception from Kamario Taylor, fourth quarter
- **Sanfrisco Magee**
 - 30-yard touchdown reception from Kamario Taylor, second quarter
- **Fluff Bothwell**
 - 30-yard rush, third quarter

Career Highs

Zion Ragins

- Longest Reception – 25
- Receiving Yards – 53
- Receiving Touchdowns - 1

Sanfrisco Magee

- Receiving Touchdowns – 1
- Receptions - 4

Anthony Evans III

- Receiving Yards - 121

Fluff Bothwell

- Rushing Touchdowns – 2



Kolin Wilson

- Rushing Attempts - 11

Tyler Lockhart

- Sacks - 1
- Tackles For Loss - 1
- Tackles - 7

Jett Jefferson

- Pass Breakups – 1
- Tackles - 6

Dre Riley

- Tackles – 5

Kyle Johnson

- Tackles - 1