MISSISSIPPI STATE
FOOTBALL

69 ALL-AMERICANS // 27 BOWL GAMES // 1 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP // 212 NFL DRAFT PICKS

2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Overall: 2-0 | SEC: 0-0 | H: 1-0 | A: 1-0 | N: 0-0

September (2-0)			
5	ULM	ESPNU	W, 62-13
12	at Minnesota	CBS	W, 38-13
19	at South Carolina*	SECN	3:15 p.m.
26	Missouri*	SECN	6:45 p.m.
October (0-0)			
3	Alabama*	TBA	Early
17	at LSU*	TBA	Early
24	Oklahoma*	TBA	Flex
31	at Texas*	TBA	Night
November (0-0)			
7	Vanderbilt [HC]*	TBA	Flex
14	Auburn*	TBA	Early
21	Tennessee Tech	TBA	12 p.m.
27	Ole Miss*	ABC	11 a.m.

** SEC game | All Times Central | HC - homecoming*
Rankings: AP/Coaches/CFP
TV Windows: Early (11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) // Afternoon (2:30-3:30 p.m.)
Night (5:00-7:00 p.m.) // Flex (2:30-3:30 or 5:00-7:00 p.m.)

BY THE NUMBERS

MISSISSIPPI STATE		SOUTH CAROLINA
50.0	Points	51.0
13.0	Points Allowed	4.5
298.5	Rush Yards	341.5
75.5	Rush Yards Allowed	60.5
322.0	Pass Yards	232.0
209.5	Pass Yards Allowed	130.5
620.5	Total Offense	573.5
285.0	Total Defense	191.0

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THE MATCHUP

MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

vs

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

	MISSISSIPPI STATE	SOUTH CAROLINA
Record	2-0	2-0
SEC Record	0-0	0-0
Rankings	AP: RV / Coaches: RV / CFP: NR	AP: RV / Coaches: RV / CFP: NR
Last Game	Win at Minnesota, 38-13	Win vs. Towson, 45-9
Streak	W2	W2
Head Coach	Jeff Lebby (Oklahoma, 2007)	Shane Beamer (Virginia Tech, 1999)
Record at MSU:	9-18 (3rd Season)	**Record at South Carolina:** 35-30 (6th Season)
Career Record:	Same	Same
Record vs. South Carolina:	First Meeting	**Record vs. MSU:** 1-0

SERIES HISTORY

All-time Series	South Carolina leads 10-7
Home	4-4
Away	3-6
Neutral	n/a
MSU Streak	L1
First Meeting	10/17/1992 (Columbia) L, 21-6
Last Meeting	9/23/2023 (Columbia) L, 37-30
Last MSU Win	9/10/2016 (Starkville) 27-14
Last South Carolina Win	9/23/2023 (Columbia) 37-30

Last Five Games	
9/23/2023 (Columbia)	L, 37-30
9/10/2016 (Starkville)	W, 27-14
11/2/2013 (Columbia)	L, 34-16
10/15/2011 (Starkville)	L, 14-12
9/29/2007 (Columbia)	L, 38-21

Scoring Average vs. South Carolina	21.4 ppg
Largest Margin of Victory	38-0, 9/26/1998
Smallest Margin of Victory	14-10, 9/28/1996

STORYLINES

Dominant road win in Big Ten country

» Mississippi State's week two win at (RV) Minnesota marked the largest margin of victory on the road since Oct. 23, 2021 when the Bulldogs beat Vanderbilt by 39.
See more on page 7.

Scoring from far. Scoring often.

» The Bulldog offense is off to a historically hot start in 2026. The Dawgs lead the SEC and are second in the nation in total offense at 620.5 yards per game.
See more on page 7.

Best in class in Week Two

» **Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins** was named the highest-graded right tackle in college football in week two according to Pro Football Network with a grade of 90.1.
See more on page 7.

K1. QB1. H1M.

» **Kamario Taylor** is fourth nationally in total yards per game (363) and points responsible for (48) and became the first Bulldog quarterback since **Dak Prescott** in 2014 to open a season with 7+ passing touchdowns and 1+ rushing touchdowns in his team's first two games.
See more on page 9.

Ant-Man: The Sequel

» **Anthony Evans III** is ninth nationally in receiving yards per game (119.5) and leads all SEC pass catchers with 14 receptions through two weeks. Evans is eyeing his old teammate's single season receiving yards record.
See more on page 10.

The Family Business

» State head coach **Jeff Lebby** will coach against his brother-in-law and former coworker **Kendal Briles** when the Bulldogs and Gamecocks take the field on Saturday. Lebby and Briles shared the sideline at Baylor as assistants from 2008-16.

A return to Williams-Brice

» Eleven Bulldogs on this year's roster were also on that 2023 roster when State made its last trip to South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium.

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
33	Douglas Adams III	EDGE
48	Chris Addison	EDGE
38	Jaylen Antoine	CB
25	Kolby Barrett	S
9	Jaray Bledsoe	DL
72	Canon Boone	OL
24	Fluff Bothwell	RB
30	Camron Brown	CB
91	Lorenz Cammon	DL
9	Camden Capehart	WR
48	Hayden Chambers	K
78	DJ Chester	OL
55	Colin Coates	DL
40	Gus Cordova	DL
39	Kallen Cosper	LS
4	Zayion Cotton	TE
16	Jayden Cration	WR
88	Tico Crittendon Jr.	DL
25	Cooper Crosby	RB
81	Zion Crumpton	WR
56	Wesley Davis	OL
75	Isaiah Dent	OL
35	Kalvin Dinkins	DL
3	Kendel Dolby	S
65	Spencer Dowland	OL
14	Dealyn Evans	DL
3	Anthony Evans III	WR
80	Kyle Ferrie	K
83	Oisin Flynn	P
0	Fatt Forrest	LB
62	Jamari Freeman	OL
5	Xavier Gayten	RB
49	Shawn Gee	DL
5	Jardin Gilbert	S
26	Jamroc Grimsley	CB
16	Derion Gullette	LB
0	Gracen Harris	WR
45	James Heard Jr.	LB
19	Junior Henderson	WR
21	J.J. Hill	RB
44	Gav Holman	LB
85	Luke Hutchinson	TE
13	LaKendrick James	EDGE
20	Jett Jefferson	CB
97	Jayson Jenkins	DL
29	Boogie Johnson	S
17	Kyle Johnson	CB
2	Marquis Johnson	WR
28	Tanner Johnson	S
36	Terrell Johnson Jr.	CB
1	Kelley Jones	CB
84	Adam Land	TE
60	Matthew LeFeau	OL
77	TJ Lockhart	OL
11	Tyler Lockhart	LB
31	Terrance Love	S
13	Sanfrisco Magee	WR

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
0	Fatt Forrest	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	1L	Kilmichael, Miss.	Winona HS
0	Gracen Harris	WR	5-11	175	RFr.	RS	Ennis, Texas	Ennis HS
1	Kelley Jones	CB	6-4	205	Sr.	2L	Clarksdale, Miss.	Clarksdale HS
1	Kamario Taylor	QB	6-4	230	So.	1L	Macon, Miss.	Noxubee County HS
2	Isaac Smith	S	6-0	220	Sr.	3L	Fulton, Miss.	Itawamba Agricultural HS
2	Marquis Johnson	WR	5-11	190	Sr.	TR	Dickinson, Texas	Dickinson HS (Missouri)
3	Anthony Evans III	WR	5-11	190	Sr.	1L	Converse, Texas	Judson HS (Georgia)
3	Kendel Dolby	S	5-11	195	6th	TR	Springfield, Ohio	Springfield HS (Oklahoma)
4	Amaree Williams	EDGE	6-4	240	Jr.	TR	North Palm Beach, Fla.	The Benjamin School (Florida State)
4	Zayion Cotton	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	HS	Grenada, Miss.	Grenada HS
5	Xavier Gayten	RB	6-0	210	Jr.	2L	Brookhaven, Miss.	Brookhaven HS
5	Jardin Gilbert	S	6-1	195	6th	TR	White Castle, La.	University Lab HS (LSU)
6	Kolin Wilson	RB	5-9	200	RFr.	RS	Gulf Shores, Ala.	Gulf Shores HS
6	Bralan Womack	S	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	Brandon, Miss.	Hartfield Academy HS
7	Zakari Tillman	LB	6-2	235	Sr.	3L	Florence, Miss.	Florence HS
7	Zion Ragins	WR	5-8	170	RSo.	TR	Macon, Ga.	Jones County HS (Oklahoma)
8	Jaden Rashada	QB	6-4	195	RJr.	TR	Pittsburg, Calif.	Pittsburg HS (Sacramento State)
8	Kaylib Singleton	CB	6-1	190	So.	TR	Jacksonville, Fla.	Oakleaf HS (Syracuse)
8	Ethan Pulliam	P	6-1	190	RJr.	1L	Starkville, Miss.	Starkville HS
9	Jaray Bledsoe	DL	6-4	315	5th	1L	Marlin, Texas	Marlin HS (Texas)
9	Camden Capehart	WR	5-8	180	Fr.	HS	Winnsboro, Texas	Winnsboro HS
10	Bull Mitchell	WR	5-11	180	RFr.	RS	Fort Valley, Ga.	Houston County HS
10	Jalen Smith	LB	6-2	230	RJr.	1L	Grayson, Ga.	Grayson HS (Tennessee)
11	Tyler Lockhart	LB	6-2	230	So.	1L	Kilmichael, Miss.	Winona HS
11	Ayden Williams	WR	6-3	205	Sr.	1L	Ridgeland, Miss.	Ridgeland HS (Ole Miss)
12	Ja'Bryis Stewart	LB/S	6-1	215	Sr.	RS	Crystal Springs, Miss.	Crystal Springs HS (Mississippi Delta CC)
12	Matt Mayfield	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	JC	Sunset, La.	Beau Chene HS (Copiah-Lincoln CC)
13	LaKendrick James	EDGE	6-2	250	RJr.	RS	Shelby, Miss.	Northside HS (Copiah-Lincoln CC)
13	Sanfrisco Magee	WR	6-2	200	RSo.	1L	McComb, Miss.	McComb HS
14	Brodie McWhorter	QB	6-2	220	Fr.	HS	Kingston, Ga.	Cass HS
14	Dealyn Evans	DL	6-5	310	RSo.	TR	Longview, Texas	Pine Tree HS (Texas A&M)
15	Parker "Billy" Puckett	QB	6-0	200	RFr.	RS	Madison, Miss.	Jackson Prep
15	Marcus Williams	S	5-11	200	6th	TR	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover HS (Rice)
16	Derion Gullette	LB	6-3	240	RJr.	1L	Marlin, Texas	Teague HS (Texas)
16	Jayden Cration	WR	6-3	200	Fr.	HS	Canton, Miss.	Canton HS
17	Kyle Johnson	CB	5-11	185	RFr.	RS	Cotton Port, La.	Bunkie HS
17	AJ Swann	QB	6-2	220	5th	TR	Canton, Ga.	Cherokee HS (App State)
18	Sekou Smith Jr.	S	6-0	180	RFr.	RS	Miami, Fla.	Miami Central HS
18	Riley Williams	TE	6-5	270	RJr.	TR	Portland, Ore.	IMG Academy (Oregon State)
19	Junior Henderson	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	HS	Carthage, Texas	Carthage HS
19	Micah Nickerson	DL	6-5	260	Fr.	HS	Magnolia, Miss.	South Pike HS
20	Jett Jefferson	CB	6-1	200	RJr.	RS	Tylertown, Miss.	Parklane Academy (East Central CC)
21	Dre Riley	S	6-1	185	Jr.	JC	Charleston, Miss.	Charleston HS (NW Mississippi CC)
21	J.J. Hill	RB	6-0	220	Fr.	HS	Tupelo, Miss.	Tupelo HS
22	Brinston Williams	RB	6-2	215	RSr.	TR	Suwanne, Ga.	North Gwinnett HS (Western Illinois)
22	Jayytee Taylor	ATH	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Macon, Miss.	Noxubee County HS
23	Trevion Williams	DL	6-4	295	5th	2L	Crystal Springs, Miss.	Crystal Springs HS
24	Fluff Bothwell	RB	5-10	230	Jr.	1L	Oneonta, Ala.	Oneonta HS (South Alabama)
24	Quentin Taylor	CB	6-0	205	RSo.	TR	Apopka, Fla.	Lake Minneola HS (Iowa State)
25	Cooper Crosby	RB	6-0	205	Fr.	HS	Gulfport, Miss.	Gulfport HS
25	Kolby Barrett	S	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Baylor HS
26	Jamroc Grimsley	CB	6-2	200	RSo.	TR	Tampa, Fla.	Tampa Catholic HS (Florida)
27	Antavious Watts	S	6-0	210	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Ga.	Carver HS
28	Tanner Johnson	S	6-0	195	RSr.	2L	Kyle, Texas	Lehman HS
29	Boogie Johnson	S	6-2	210	RSo.	SQ	Hooks, Texas	Hooks HS
30	Camron Brown	CB	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Valdosta, Ga.	Valdosta HS
31	Terrance Love	S	6-2	210	RJr.	TR	Atlanta, Ga.	Langston Hughes HS (Colorado)
32	AJ Rice	LB	6-1	240	RFr.	RS	Crawford, Miss.	Madison Academy
33	Douglas Adams III	EDGE	6-3	240	RJr.	JC	San Francisco, Calif.	Menlo-Atherton HS (Foothill CC)
34	Vic Sutton	S	6-3	215	RJr.	SQ	Madison, Miss.	Madison Central HS
35	Kalvin Dinkins	DL	6-2	320	5th	1L	Lake, Miss.	Lake HS
36	Terrell Johnson Jr.	CB	6-2	195	Fr.	HS	Lexington, Miss.	Holmes County Central HS
37	Dre Otey	CB	6-2	185	Fr.	HS	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Riverdale HS
38	Jaylen Antoine	CB	5-11	180	RFr.	RS	Bay St. Louis, Miss.	Bay HS
39	Kallen Cosper	LS	6-4	225	RFr.	RS	Kingwood, Texas	Kingwood Park HS
40	Gus Cordova	DL	6-4	270	So.	TR	Austin, Texas	Lake Travis HS (USC)
41	Tyshun Willis	DL	6-2	260	RFr.	RS	Camden, Miss.	Velma Jackson HS
42	DJ Reed	DL	6-4	295	RJr.	1L	Columbus, Ga.	Carver HS (Auburn)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
43	Will Whitson	DL	6-5	295	7th	RS	Cincinnati, Ohio	Winton Woods HS (Coastal Carolina)
44	Gav Holman	LB	6-1	245	RFr.	TR	Uniondale, N.Y.	Berkeley Prep (Florida State)
45	James Heard Jr.	LB	6-2	230	RJr.	TR	Camden, N.J.	Camden HS (Syracuse)
46	Kyle Rushing	LS	6-1	200	Fr.	HS	McComb, Miss.	Parklane Academy
47	William Wilkinson	K	6-2	185	RSo.	SQ	Oxford, Miss.	Oxford HS
48	Chris Addison	EDGE	6-3	250	Fr.	HS	Winnsboro, La.	Franklin Parish HS
48	Hayden Chambers	K	6-1	205	Fr.	HS	Fort Payne, Ala.	Fort Payne HS
49	Shawn Gee	DL	6-4	280	So.	JC	Birmingham, Ala.	Shades Valley HS (Mississippi Delta)
50	LJ Prudhomme	OL	6-3	330	RFr.	TR	Shreveport, La.	Captain Shreve HS (Arkansas)
53	Dylan Steen	OL	6-5	315	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas HS
54	Blake Steen	OL	6-6	340	RSr.	RS	Miami, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas (Virginia)
55	Colin Coates	DL	6-2	320	RJr.	RS	Baltimore, Md.	Saint Frances HS (Charlotte)
55	Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins	OL	6-5	340	RJr.	RS	Plantersville, Miss.	Shannon HS (NW Mississippi CC)
56	Wesley Davis	OL	6-4	300	5th	1L	Collierville, Tenn.	Briarcrest Christian HS
58	Miles McVay	OL	6-6	305	RJr.	TR	East St. Louis, Ill.	East St. Louis HS (North Carolina)
59	Tyler Miller	OL	6-6	335	RFr.	TR	Laurel, Miss.	Laurel HS (LSU)
60	Matthew LeFeau	OL	6-5	340	RJr.	RS	Tacoma, Wash.	Washington HS (Shasta College)
62	Jamari Freeman	OL	6-4	310	RSr.	TR	Fairburn, Ga.	Langston Hughes HS (Mercer)
65	Spencer Dowland	OL	6-6	315	RFr.	RS	Athens, Ala.	Athens HS
66	Ja'Elyne Matthews	OL	6-6	325	RFr.	TR	Toms River, N.J.	Toms River HS (Florida State)
70	Breyden Turnage	OL	6-7	330	RFr.	RS	Dyersburg, Tenn.	Dyersburg HS
71	Saquon Miles	OL	6-5	320	RJr.	RS	Greenville, Ala.	Greenville HS (Hinds CC)
72	Canon Boone	OL	6-4	325	6th	3L	Kemah, Texas	Dickinson HS
73	Leon Noil Jr.	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	HS	New Orleans, La.	Edna Karr HS
74	Kison Shepard	OL	6-7	350	Jr.	JC	Somerville, Tenn.	Germantown HS (East Mississippi CC)
75	Isaiah Dent	OL	6-6	330	RSo.	TR	Fulton, Miss.	Itawamba Agricultural HS
76	Jayden Ross	OL	6-6	320	Fr.	HS	Ocean Springs, Miss.	Ocean Springs HS
77	TJ Lockhart	OL	6-5	350	RSo.	SQ	Kilmichael, Miss.	Winona HS
78	DJ Chester	OL	6-6	315	RJr.	TR	Conyers, Ga.	Eagle's Landing Christian Academy (LSU)
79	Dalton Toothman	OL	6-5	320	Fr.	HS	Vancleave, Miss.	Vancleave HS
80	Kyle Ferrie	K	6-1	205	Sr.	3L	Searcy, Ark.	Harding Academy
80	Fisher Southall	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	HS	Fairhope, Ala.	Fairhope HS
81	Zion Crumpton	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Montgomery, Ala.	Carver HS
83	Oisin Flynn	K/P	6-3	200	Fr.	HS	Ireland	
84	Adam Land	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	HS	Panama City, Fla.	Mosley HS
85	Luke Hutchinson	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn.	Avon Old Farms HS
87	Sam West	TE	6-4	250	RJr.	1L	Greensburg, Ind.	Greensburg Community HS (Indiana)
88	Joeseph Skipworth	TE	6-5	240	RFr.	RS	Pace, Fla.	Pace HS
88	Tico Crittendon Jr.	DL	6-4	310	Fr.	HS	Lithonia, Ga.	Lithonia HS
89	Jessie Primer IV	WR	6-0	175	RSo.	RS	Canton, Miss.	Canton Academy HS
90	Davon Young	DL	6-3	320	Fr.	HS	Mobile, Ala.	Theodore HS
91	Lorenz Cammon	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	JC	Upland, Calif.	Upland HS (Victory Valley CC)
92	Kaleb Morris	DL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Semmes, Ala.	Mary G. Montgomery HS
97	Jayson Jenkins	DL	6-6	280	RSr.	TR	Bordentown, N.J.	Notre Dame HS (Florida State)
99	Diesel Moye	DL	6-5	330	RSr.	1L	Phenix City, Ala.	Smiths Station HS (Tyler JC)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
66	Ja'Elyne Matthews	OL
12	Matt Mayfield	WR
58	Miles McVay	OL
14	Brodie McWhorter	QB
71	Saquon Miles	OL
59	Tyler Miller	OL
10	Bull Mitchell	WR
92	Kaleb Morris	DL
99	Diesel Moye	DL
19	Micah Nickerson	DL
73	Leon Noil Jr.	OL
37	Dre Otey	CB
89	Jessie Primer IV	WR
50	LJ Prudhomme	OL
15	Parker "Billy" Puckett	QB
8	Ethan Pulliam	P
7	Zion Ragins	WR
8	Jaden Rashada	QB
42	DJ Reed	DL
32	AJ Rice	LB
21	Dre Riley	S
76	Jayden Ross	OL
46	Kyle Rushing	LS
74	Kison Shepard	OL
55	Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins	OL
8	Kaylib Singleton	CB
88	Joeseph Skipworth	TE
2	Isaac Smith	S
10	Jalen Smith	LB
18	Sekou Smith Jr.	S
80	Fisher Southall	WR
54	Blake Steen	OL
53	Dylan Steen	OL
12	Ja'Bryis Stewart	LB/S
34	Vic Sutton	S
17	AJ Swann	QB
22	Jayytee Taylor	ATH
1	Kamario Taylor	QB
24	Quentin Taylor	CB
7	Zakari Tillman	LB
79	Dalton Toothman	OL
70	Breyden Turnage	OL
27	Antavious Watts	S
87	Sam West	TE
43	Will Whitson	DL
47	William Wilkinson	K
4	Amaree Williams	EDGE
11	Ayden Williams	WR
22	Brinston Williams	RB
15	Marcus Williams	S
18	Riley Williams	TE
23	Trevion Williams	DL
41	Tyshun Willis	DL
6	Kolin Wilson	RB
6	Bralan Womack	S
90	Davon Young	DL

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

1	**Kamario** Taylor	Kuh-MARR-ee-oh
4	**Zayion** Cotton	ZAY-on
5	**Xavier Gayten**	ZAY-vee-er Gay-Ten
7	Zion **Ragins**	RAY-gans (like Reagans)
7	**Zakari** Tillman	ZUH-car-E
8	Jaden **Rashada**	Ruh-SHAH-duh
8	Ethan **Pulliam**	Pull-E-um
9	**Jaray** Bledsoe	Juh-RAY
12	**Ja'Bryis** Stewart	JUH-bry-is
16	**Derion Gullette**	dair-EE-on guh-LET
16	Jayden **Cration**	CRAY-shun
18	**Sekou** Smith Jr.	SAY-koo
23	**Trevion** Williams	TRAY-vee-on
26	**Jamroc Grimsley**	JAM-rock GRIMS-lee
41	**Tyshun** Willis	Ty-SHUN
49	Shawn **Gee**	G-ee
50	LJ **Prudhomme**	PRUDE-home
55	**Jakheem** Shumpert-Perkins	Ja-KEEM
60	Matthew **LeFeau**	Le-Foo
65	Spencer **Dowland**	DOW-land
66	**Ja'Elyne** Matthews	JAY-len
70	**Breyden** Turnage	BRAY-don
83	**Oisin** Flynn	OY-sin
90	**Davon** Young	Duh-VON

DEPTH CHART

Offense

QB	1	Kamario Taylor (6-4, 230, So.)	
	15	Parker "Billy" Puckett (6-0, 180, RFr.)	-OR-
	17	AJ Swann (6-2, 220, 5th)	
RB	24	Fluff Bothwell (5-10, 230, Jr.)	
	6	Kolin Wilson (5-9, 190, RFr.)	-OR-
	5	Xavier Gayten (6-0, 205, Jr.)	
WR	7	Zion Ragins (5-8, 170, RSo.)	
	11	Ayden Williams (6-3, 205, Sr.)	
	81	Zion Crumpton (6-1, 180, Fr.)	
SLOT	3	Anthony Evans III (5-11, 190, Sr.)	
	0	Gracen Harris (5-11, 175, RFr.)	
	9	Camden Capehart (5-8, 180, Fr.)	
WR	13	Sanfrisco Magee (6-2, 200, Jr.)	
	2	Marquis Johnson (5-11, 190, Sr.)	
	12	Matt Mayfield (6-2, 200, Jr.)	
TE	87	Sam West (6-4, 250, RJr.)	
	88	Joeseph Skipworth (6-5, 225, RFr.)	
LT	58	Miles McVay (6-6, 335, RJr.)	-OR-
	54	Blake Steen (6-6, 340, RSr.)	
LG	78	DJ Chester (6-6, 315, RJr.)	
	62	Jamari Freeman (6-4, 310, RSr.)	-OR-
	66	Ja'Elyne Matthews (6-6, 325, RFr.)	
C	72	Canon Boone (6-4, 325, 6th)	
	79	Dalton Toothman (6-5, 320, Fr.)	
RG	50	LJ Prudhomme (6-3, 330, RFr.)	
	77	TJ Lockhart (6-5, 350, RSo.)	
RT	55	Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins (6-5, 340, RJr.)	
	75	Isaiah Dent (6-6, 330, RSo.)	-OR-
	71	Saquon Miles (6-5, 320, RJr.)	

Defense

JACK	4	Amaree Williams (6-4, 240, Jr.)	
	13	LaKendrick James (6-2, 250, RJr.)	-OR-
	40	Gus Cordova (6-4, 270, So.)	
DT	42	DJ Reed (6-4, 295, RJr.)	-OR-
	23	Trevion Williams (6-4, 295, 5th)	
	35	Kalvin Dinkins (6-2, 320, 5th)	
NT	9	Jaray Bledsoe (6-4, 315, 5th)	
	14	Dealyn Evans (6-5, 310, RSo.)	
DE	43	Will Whitson (6-5, 295, 7th)	
	97	Jayson Jenkins (6-6, 280, RSr.)	
MIKE	10	Jalen Smith (6-2, 230, RJr.)	
	0	Fatt Forrest (6-2, 235, Jr.)	-OR-
	32	AJ Rice (6-1, 240, RFr.)	
WILL	7	Zakari Tillman (6-2, 235, Sr.)	
	11	Tyler Lockhart (6-2, 230, So.)	
CB	20	Jett Jefferson (6-1, 200, RJr.)	
	26	Jamroc Grimsley (6-2, 200, RSo.)	-OR-
	24	Quentin Taylor (6-0, 205, RSo.)	
CB	1	Kelley Jones (6-4, 205, Sr.)	
	8	Kaylib Singleton (6-1, 190, So.)	
S	5	Jardin Gilbert (6-1, 195, 6th)	
	28	Tanner Johnson (6-0, 195, RSr.)	-OR-
	6	Bralan Womack (6-1, 210, Fr.)	
S	15	Marcus Williams (5-11, 200, 6th)	
	21	Dre Riley (6-1, 185, Jr.)	
DAWG	2	Isaac Smith (6-0, 220, Sr.)	
	3	Kendel Dolby (5-11, 195, 6th)	

Specialists

P	8	Ethan Pulliam (6-1, 190, RJr.)
	83	Oisin Flynn (6-3, 200, Fr.)
K	80	Kyle Ferrie (6-1, 205, Sr.)
	83	Oisin Flynn (6-3, 200, Fr.)
H	47	William Wilkinson (6-1, 185, RSo.)
	8	Ethan Pulliam (6-1, 190, RJr.)
LS	46	Kyle Rushing (6-1, 200, Fr.)
	39	Kallen Cosper (6-4, 215, RFr.)
PR	3	Anthony Evans III (5-11, 190, Sr.)
	6	Kolin Wilson (5-9, 190, RFr.)
KR	2	Marquis Johnson (5-11, 190, Sr.)
	6	Kolin Wilson (5-9, 190, RFr.)

CAREER STARTS AT STATE

Pos.	NAME	2026	GS
S	Isaac Smith	2	21
CB	Kelley Jones	2	19
OL	Canon Boone	2	15
WR	Anthony Evans III	2	15
LB	Zakari Tillman	0	11
DL	Trevion Williams	0	10
DL	Kalvin Dinkins	0	9
RB	Fluff Bothwell	2	7
DL	Jaray Bledsoe	2	6
QB	Kamario Taylor	2	4
TE	Sam West	1	3
DL	Will Whitson	2	3
LB	Tyler Lockhart	2	3
LB	Derion Gullette	0	2
WR	Ayden Williams	0	2
EDGE	Amaree Williams	2	2
S	Jardin Gilbert	2	2
WR	Zion Ragins	2	2
LB	Jalen Smith	2	2
WR	Sanfrisco Magee	2	2
S	Marcus Williams	2	2
CB	Jett Jefferson	2	2
DL	DJ Reed	2	2
OL	LJ Prudhomme	2	2
OL	Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins	2	2
OL	Miles McVay	2	2
OL	DJ Chester	2	2
OL	Blake Steen	0	1
WR	Marquis Johnson	1	1

ACTIVE STARTS STREAK

Pos.	Name	GS
OL	Canon Boone	15
WR	Anthony Evans III	15
CB	Kelley Jones	15
RB	Fluff Bothwell	5
QB	Kamario Taylor	4
LB	Tyler Lockhart	3
S	Isaac Smith	2
EDGE	Amaree Williams	2
S	Jardin Gilbert	2
WR	Zion Ragins	2
DL	Jaray Bledsoe	2
LB	Jalen Smith	2
WR	Sanfrisco Magee	2
S	Marcus Williams	2
CB	Jett Jefferson	2
DL	DJ Reed	2
DL	Will Whitson	2
OL	LJ Prudhomme	2
Ol	Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins	2
OL	Miles McVay	2
OL	DJ Chester	2
WR	Marquis Johnson	1

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

1	**Kamario** Taylor	Kuh-MARR-ee-oh
4	**Zayion** Cotton	ZAY-on
5	**Xavier Gayten**	ZAY-vee-er Gay-Ten
7	Zion **Ragins**	RAY-gans (like Reagans)
7	**Zakari** Tillman	ZUH-car-E
8	Jaden **Rashada**	Ruh-SHAH-duh
8	Ethan **Pulliam**	Pull-E-um
9	**Jaray** Bledsoe	Juh-RAY
12	**Ja'Bryis** Stewart	JUH-bry-is
16	**Derion Gullette**	dair-EE-on guh-LET
16	Jayden **Cration**	CRAY-shun
18	**Sekou** Smith Jr.	SAY-koo
23	**Trevion** Williams	TRAY-vee-on
26	**Jamroc Grimsley**	JAM-rock GRIMS-lee
41	**Tyshun** Willis	Ty-SHUN
49	Shawn **Gee**	G-ee
50	LJ **Prudhomme**	PRUDE-home
55	**Jakheem** Shumpert-Perkins	Ja-KEEM
60	Matthew **LeFeau**	Le-Foo
65	Spencer **Dowland**	DOW-land
66	**Ja'Elyne** Matthews	JAY-len
70	**Breyden** Turnage	BRAY-don
83	**Oisin** Flynn	OY-sin
90	**Davon** Young	Duh-VON

MISSISSIPPI STATE vs. SOUTH CAROLINA

LAST MEETING vs. SOUTH CAROLINA

Sept. 23, 2023 | Columbia, S.C. | Williams-Brice Stadium | (78,311)

Mississippi State 30
South Carolina 37

Scoring	1	2	3	4	-	F
Mississippi State	0	17	10	3	-	30
South Carolina	7	13	7	10	-	37

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

9:46	USC	Legette 76 yd pass from Rattler (Jeter kick), 6-98, 2:18

Second Quarter

14:53	USC	Knox 17 yd pass from Rattler (Jeter kick), 16-99, 7:15
14:39	MSU	Griffin 65 yd pass from Rogers (Ferrie kick), 2-65, 0:14
7:02	MSU	Marks 7 yd run (Ferrie kick), 3-68, 1:05
0:38	USC	Joyner 3 yd run (PAT no good), 13-75, 6:24
0:00	MSU	Ferrie 49 yd FG, 6-44, 0:38

Third Quarter

14:50	USC	Legette 75 yd pass from Rattler (Jeter kick), 1-75, 0:10
10:26	MSU	Wright 1 yd run (Ferrie kick), 9-75, 4:24
2:00	MSU	Ferrie 23 yd FG, 9-39, 5:12

Fourth Quarter

12:35	USC	Jeter 35 yd FG, 10-58, 4:25
9:36	USC	Anderson 9 yd run (Jeter kick), 4-22, 1:43
2:13	MSU	Ferrie 47 yd FG, 13-68, 2:42

Rushing (No.-Yds-TD)
USC: Anderson 26-88-1; Rattler 8-43; Joyner 10-24-1
MSU: Marks 12-27-1; Rogers 6-0; Griffin 1-9; Wright 3-(-2)-1, Pittman 1-(-2)

Passing (C-A-Yds-TD-I)
USC: Rattler 18-20-288-3-0
MSU: Rogers 30-48-487-1-1

Receiving (No.-Yds-TD)
USC: Legette 5-189-2; Knox 4-53-1; Blake 2-13; Anderson 1-10; Lewis 2-8; Joyner 2-6; Russell 1-5; Doty 1-4
MSU: Griffin 7-256-1; Robinson 6-91; Thomas 5-56; Mosley 1-19; Whittemore 2-17; Marks 5-15; Pittman 2-13; Roberson 1-11; Harmon 1-9

Defense (Tkls-Sks)
USC: Fortune 6-0; Smith 5-0; Emmanwori 5-0
MSU: Johnson 14-1; Pickering 8-2; Watson 5-1; Morant 5-0

Turnovers (TO, No.-Yds)
USC: Collier, FR, 1-25; Spaulding, INT, 1-0
MSU: Watson, FR, 1-0

INSIDE THE SERIES

18th All-Time Meeting
South Carolina leads 10-7
In Starkville: 4-4
In Columbia: 3-6
At Neutral Site: n/a
Most MSU Points: 41 (1994)
Most South Carolina Points: 65 (1995)
Most Combined Points: 104 (1995)
Largest MSU Win: 38-0 (9/26/1998)
Largest MSU Loss: 66-39 (10/14/1995)
Current Streak: South Carolina - 1 game
Longest Winning Streak: 4 games (1996-99)
Longest Losing Streak: 7 games (2000-2013)

LAST 10 MEETINGS

Date	Location	Result	Score
Sept. 23, 2023	Columbia	L	37-30
Sept. 10, 2016	Starkville	W	27-14
Nov. 2, 2013	Columbia	L	34-16
Oct. 15, 2011	Starkville	L	14-12
Sept. 29, 2007	Columbia	L	38-21
Aug. 31, 2006	Starkville	L	15-0
Oct. 5, 2002	Columbia	L	34-10
Sept. 20, 2001	Starkville	L	16-14
Sept. 23, 2000	Columbia	L	23-19
Sept. 25, 1999	Starkville	W	17-0

TOP PERFORMANCES VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

100+ Yard Rushers (6)

195 (17)	Nick Fitzgerald	9/10/2016
144 (16)	James Johnson	9/26/1998
130 (29)	Keffer McGee	10/14/1995
128 (33)	Michael Davis	10/16/1993
120 (21)	Michael Davis	10/15/1994
108 (24)	Keffer McGee	9/28/1996

100+ Yard Receivers (4)

256 (7)	Lideatrick Griffin	9/23/2023
127 (8)	Willie Harris	10/17/1992
106 (5)	Terrell Grindle	10/5/2002
101 (2)	Kevin Prentiss	9/27/1997

300+ Yard Passers (1)

487 (30-48)	Will Rogers	9/23/2023

STAT COMPARISON

	Mississippi State			South Carolina		
Category	FBS Rank	SEC Rank	Total	FBS Rank	SEC Rank	Total
3rd Down Conversion Pct	25	5	0.524	7	2	0.636
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense	21	7	0.241	27	8	0.267
4th Down Conversion Pct	1	1	1.000	40	9	0.667
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense	88	13	0.667	113	16	1.000
Completion Percentage	55	7	0.672	71	9	0.644
Fewest Penalties Per Game	74	7	7.00	27	2	4.50
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	108	12	69.00	26	3	37.50
Fumbles Lost	46	1	1	46	1	1
Passing Offense	19	4	322.0	65	10	232.0
Passing Yards Allowed	72	11	209.5	18	4	130.5
Passing Yards Per Comp.	21	2	14.98	72	12	12.21
Punt Returns	122	14	0.00	9	3	23.00
Red Zone Defense	7	1	0.500	89	9	1.000
Red Zone Offense	54	9	0.900	69	11	0.875
Rushing Defense	21	5	75.5	11	4	60.5
Rushing Offense	9	3	298.5	3	1	341.5
Sacks Allowed Per Game	11	3	0.50	34	6	1.00
Scoring Defense	31	8	13.0	1	1	4.5
Scoring Offense	14	5	50.0	12	3	51.0
Team Sacks Per Game	57	11	2.00	33	7	2.50
Team Time of Possession	92	11	29:14	108	15	27:58
Total Defense	48	9	285.0	8	4	191.0
Total Offense	2	1	620.5	5	4	573.5
Turnover Margin	91	11	-0.50	91	11	-0.50

MISSISSIPPI STATE FOOTBALL FACTS & INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Starkville, Miss. 39762
Population	24,168
Founded	February 28, 1878
Nickname	Bulldogs
Enrollment	23,563
Colors	Maroon (PMS 202) and White
Band	The Famous Maroon Band
Mascot	Bully
Live Mascot (Bully XXII)	Dak
President	Dr. Mark Keenum
Director of Athletics	Zac Selmon
Faculty Athletics Representative	Brent J. Fountain
Football Sport Administrator	Terry Prentice
Conference	Southeastern

1 of 10 original members of the SEC in 1933

TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Football	1895
Season of Football	127th
All-Time Record	619-610-40 (.503)^
All-Time SEC Record	218-400-14 (.356)^
All-Time Home Record	324-173-14 (.647)^
All-Time Bowl Record	15-12 (.556)
SEC Championships	1
All-Americans	69
First Team All-SEC Selections	134
First Round NFL Draft Picks	16

^ Win/Loss reflect State's on-field record
Home record reflects ONLY games played in Starkville, Miss.

STADIUM INFORMATION

Name	Davis Wade Stadium
Field Name	Scott Field
Capacity	60,311
Surface	Hybrid Bermuda Grass (Certified Tifway 419)
Constructed	1914
	Second oldest on-campus stadium in America
Largest Crowd	62,945 vs. Auburn (10-11-2014)

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HEAD COACH JEFF LEBBY

Alma Mater	Oklahoma, 2007
Record at MSU	9-18 (3rd Season)
Career Record	Same
SEC Record	1-15 (3rd Season)
Year in Coaching	20th (3rd at Mississippi State)

ASSISTANT COACHES / SUPPORT STAFF

Associate Head Coach/WRs	Philip Montgomery
Assistant Head Coach/RBs	Anthony Tucker
Defensive Coordinator	Zach Arnett
Co-Defensive Coordinator/LBs	Matt Brock
Quarterbacks	Kevin Johns
Tight Ends	Jon Cooper
Offensive Line	Phil Loadholt
Defensive Line	Ty Warren
Defensive Ends/Outside LBs	Vincent Dancy
Cornerbacks	Corey Bell
Defensive Backs/Nickels	Kevie Thompson
Safeties	Evan Harvey
Special Teams Coordinator	Cliff Odom
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach	Shaud Williams
Head Trainer	Thomas Callans

TEAM INFORMATION

Letterwinners Returning	**24**
Offense	9
Defense	13
Specialist	2
Letterwinners Lost	**38**
Offense	17
Defense	18
Specialist	3
Starters Returning *(min. 6 starts)*	**7**
Offense	2
Defense	5
Starters Lost *(min. 6 starts)*	**14**
Offense	8
Defense	6

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By Class	
Freshman	30
Redshirt Freshman	17
Sophomore	5
Redshirt Sophomore	10
Junior	8
Redshirt Junior	19
Senior	8
Redshirt Senior	6
Fifth-Year	5
Sixth-Year	4
Seventh-Year	1
Transfers (FBS/FCS/D2/NAIA)	25
JUCO	6

By State/Country			
Mississippi	37	Ohio	2
Texas	13	Arkansas	1
Georgia	13	Illinois	1
Alabama	12	Indiana	1
Florida	9	Maryland	1
Louisiana	6	New York	1
Tennessee	6	Oregon	1
California	3	Washington	1
New Jersey	3	Ireland	1

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BULLDOGS IN THE NFL (22)

as of Aug. 4

Name	Pos.	Exp.	Current Team
Davon Booth	RB	R	Browns
Logan Cooke	P	9	Jaguars
Charles Cross	OT	5	Seahawks
Jaden Crumedy	DT	3	Packers
Martin Emerson Jr.	CB	5	Saints
Emmanuel Forbes Jr.	CB	4	Rams
Willie Gay Jr.	ILB	7	Dolphins
Elgton Jenkins	C/G	8	Browns
Chris Jones	DT	11	Chiefs
Jo'Quavious "Woody" Marks	RB	2	Texans
Dak Prescott	QB	11	Cowboys
Albert Reese	OT	R	Panthers
Decamerion Richardson	CB	3	Raiders
Jeffery Simmons	DT	8	Titans
Montez Sweat	DL	8	Bears
Brenen Thompson	WR	R	Chargers
Seydou Traore	TE	R	Dolphins
Nathaniel Watson	LB	3	Browns
Tyrus Wheat	OLB	4	Cowboys

** Reserve / Injured // ^ Practice Squad*

BULLDOG GRADUATES (11)

Name
Canon Boone
Wesley Davis
Blake Steen
Kalvin Dinkins
Will Whitson
Trevion Williams
Kendel Dolby
Jardin Gilbert
Tanner Johnson
Marcus Williams
Ethan Pulliam

NOTEBOOK

Dominant road win in Big Ten country

» Mississippi State's week two win at (RV) Minnesota marked the largest margin of victory on the road since Oct. 23, 2021 when the Bulldogs beat Vanderbilt by 39.

» The 13 yards rushing allowed is also the least given up since that 2021 matchup at Vanderbilt.

» The Bulldog offense, typically known for its quick tempo and short scoring drives, engineered a drive of 10:27 on Saturday, State's longest since a 12:29 drive vs. Kentucky on Nov. 4, 2023.

Scoring from far. Scoring often.

» The Bulldog offense is off to a historically hot start in 2026. The Dawgs lead the SEC and are second in the nation in total offense at 620.5 yards per game.

» State is also second in the SEC in yards per completion at 14.98, third in rushing offense (298.5) and fourth in passing offense (322.0) in the league.

» MSU's 100 points through two games is the third-most in program history, trailing the 2017 season (106) and the 1914 season (131).

Best in class in Week Two

» **Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins** was named the highest-graded right tackle in college football in week two according to Pro Football Network with a grade of 90.1.

» State's offensive line, led by SEC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week **Canon Boone**, dominated the trenches to reach 250+ rushing yards in back-to-back games.

Never Forget: 25 Years Since a Memorable Bulldogs-Gamecocks Game

» The nation recently reflected on the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of 2,977 individuals. On Thursday, Sept. 20, 2001, the Gamecocks traveled to Starkville to play in the first major sporting event following those attacks, providing a dose of normalcy after so much tragedy.

» **Read more from Joel Coleman: "Red, Maroon, White And Blue"**

State starts fast in season-opener

» The uptempo Mississippi State offense scored on each of its first eight drives for the first time on record in the week one win over ULM. State finished with a program-record 762 total yards.

» State's 41 first half points were four shy of a program record for points in a half. The 459 first half yards of offense were the most in the **Jeff Lebby** era.

» Freshman **J.J. Hill**'s two touchdown performance makes him the first Bulldog with a multi-rushing touchdown game in his collegiate debut since **Ashton Shumpert** ran it in twice against Alcorn State on Sept. 7, 2013. Hill was the highest graded true freshman from week one according to Pro Football Focus with a grade of 95.8.

» State's penalty-free first half against ULM marked its first half of football without a penalty in the last four seasons (vs. Southeast Louisiana on Sept. 2, 2023).

Inter-locked In Once Again

» Mississippi State will feature the MSU Interlocking mark as the primary logo on its helmet in 2026 for the first time since 2003.

» Originally introduced in 1979, the mark was updated in 1986 and again in 1996. The logo returning as State's primary football mark for the 2026 season is the version presented in 1996.

» The MSU Interlocking logo is synonymous with the Bulldogs' success of the late 1990s when State appeared in the Cotton Bowl and Peach Bowl.

» After being discontinued at the end of the 2003 season, the Interlocking logo returned in 2023 as a tribute to the 1998 SEC West Championship team. The 2025 season saw the regular return of the Interlocking logo before it once again became the primary football mark for the 2026 season.

Fast as Hail

» The speed limit on Mississippi State's campus is 20 miles per hour. The Bulldogs have 46 players on the roster whose top running speed exceeds the driving speed limit on campus.

» MSU's speed and quickness program - aptly named 'Fast as Hail' - is headed up by **Jarwarski Beckum**. Beckum holds the title of Director of Speed.

Return of the Zach

» **Zach Arnett** was the mastermind behind some of the best defenses in recent memory for Mississippi State. Arnett served as the Bulldogs' defensive coordinator under **Mike Leach** from 2020-22 and produced three consecutive top five SEC defenses.

» During Arnett's tenure as defensive coordinator, MSU ranked inside the top five in the SEC in 28 different defensive efficiency and production categories including No. 5 in total defense each year, third in limiting explosive plays, fourth in forced turnovers and fifth in points per possession allowed.

» The Bulldogs had seven defenders drafted by the NFL during Arnett's four-year stint in Starkville: CB **Emmanuel Forbes** (1st), CB **Martin Emerson**, DT **Cameron Young** (4th), LB **Nathaniel Watson** (6th), CB **Decamerion Richardson** (6th), DT **Jaden Crumedy** (6th) and DL **Marquiss Spencer** (6th).

OFFENSIVE STAT NOTABLES

100+ Yard Rushing Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Fluff Bothwell	--	--	4*	2	1	7
Kamario Taylor	--	--	--	1	--	1
J.J. Hill	--	--	--	--	1	1

2+ Rushing Touchdown Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Fluff Bothwell	--	--	5*	3	1	9
Kamario Taylor	--	--	--	2	--	2
J.J. Hill	--	--	--	--	1	1

100+ Yard Receiving Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Anthony Evans III	--	--	--	3	2	5
Marquis Johnson	--	--	1*	1*	--	2

2+ Receiving Touchdown Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Anthony Evans III	--	--	--	1	--	1

300+ Yard Passing Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
AJ Swann	--	2*	--	2*	--	4*
Kamario Taylor	--	--	--	--	1	1

3+ Passing Touchdown Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
AJ Swann	1*	3*	--	1*	--	5*
Kamario Taylor	--	--	--	--	2	2

Career 300+ Yard Passing Games

AJ Swann (4)

Date	Yards (TD)	Comp-Att-Int	Opponent
Aug. 29, 2025*	368(3)	31-46-0	at Charlotte
Nov. 6, 2025*	348(2)	34-51-1	Georgia Southern
Sept. 16, 2023*	335(3)	17-35-1	at UNLV
Sept. 9, 2023*	314(3)	26-39-2	at Wake Forest

Kamario Taylor (1)

Date	Yards (TD)	Comp-Att-Int	Opponent
Sept. 5, 2026	354(4)	22-34-0	ULM

**Not at Mississippi State*

NOTEBOOK

Emerson, Forbes and Watson were also All-Americans in Arnett's defense.

» State also had the top two leading tacklers in the SEC during three of his four seasons. **Jett Johnson** (115) and Watson (113) finished first and second in the conference in tackles in 2022. The following year, the dynamic linebacking duo did it again with Watson making 137 tackles and Johnson recording 130. In 2024, **Isaac Smith** (127) and **Stone Blanton** (125) topped the league in tackling.

Brotherly Bulldogs

» Mississippi State has three sets of brothers on its 2026 roster: Kamario (QB) and Jayytee Taylor (ATH), Blake (OL) and Dylan (OL) Steen and TJ (OL) and Tyler Lockhart (LB).

» The three sets of brothers are tied for the second-most football siblings in the nation this season.

Oregon (4)
Mississippi State (3)
Arizona (3)
Illinois (3)
Auburn (3)
USC (3)
Hawai'i (3)
North Dakota State (3)

Former Dawgs on Staff

» **Jeff Lebby** hasn't been shy about bringing former Bulldog players on board to his coaching staff. Lebby currently has five former State players on his staff in various roles.

» **Erroll Thompson** - Linebackers Analyst - (Lettered at MSU: 2017-20). Thompson led all SEC linebackers in tackles as a freshman, earning Freshman All-SEC honors. He was also a second team All-SEC selection in 2018 and a team captain from 2019-20 playing for **Dan Mullen**, **Joe Moorhead** and **Mike Leach**.

» **Jett Johnson** - Linebackers Analyst - (Lettered at MSU 2020-23). Johnson led the SEC with 115 tackles in 2022 and finished second in the conference with 130 stops in 2023. He earned second team All-SEC honors at linebacker in 2023 and spent the past two seasons as an assistant linebackers coach at UConn under **Matt Brock**. Johnson played for Moorhead, Leach and **Zach Arnett**.

» **Hayes Hammond** - Special Teams Fellow - (Lettered at MSU: 2021-24). Hammond spent four seasons at MSU's starting long snapper for Leach, Arnett and Jeff Lebby.

» **Gerri Green** - Senior Director of the DAWG Program - (Lettered at MSU: 2015-18). Green played both linebacker and defensive end during his time in Starkville. He was a Freshman All-SEC selection in 2015 and was named a team captain as a senior in 2018. He played for Mullen and Moorhead before being drafted in the sixth round by the Colts in the 2019 NFL Draft. Green went on to play four seasons with Indianapolis, Washington, Las Vegas, Tennessee and Chicago.

» **Rod Gibson** - Director of Football Recruiting Engagement - (Lettered at MSU: 1998-99). Gibson is in his 10th year working at his alma mater. He was a fullback on MSU's SEC Western Division championship team in 1998 and its 10-2 Peach Bowl champion squad in 1999 under **Jackie Sherrill**.

Second Stints in Starkville

» Three Mississippi State coaches are beginning their second stints in Starkville. Defensive coordinator **Zach Arnett**, co-defensive coordinator **Matt Brock** were with MSU from 2020-23 and offensive line consultant **Mason Miller** was an assistant from 2020-22.

» Arnett was hired as **Mike Leach**'s defensive coordinator in 2020 and served in that capacity until being named his successor in December 2022 following Leach's untimely death. Arnett guided the Bulldogs to a 19-10 win over Illinois in the Reliaquest Bowl and was the head coach for 10 games in 2023. He spent the past two seasons as a defensive analyst for Ole Miss and Florida State.

» Brock worked under Leach at Texas Tech and Washington State before accompanying him to Mississippi State. He was the Bulldogs special teams coordinator and outside linebackers coach in 2020-21, linebackers coach in 2022 and promoted to defensive coordinator under Arnett in 2023. Brock spent the past two seasons as defensive coordinator at UConn.

» Miller was also on Leach's staff at Washington State as offensive line coach and served in that capacity in Starkville from 2020-21. In 2022, he added run game coordinator to his title for the Bulldogs. Miller coached **Charles Cross** for two seasons at MSU. Cross was drafted ninth overall by the Seahawks in the 2022 NFL Draft. Miller was the offensive coordinator for Tarleton State in 2023 and spent the past two seasons as the offensive line coach at Baylor.

Career 100+ Yard Rushing Games

Fluff Bothwell (7)

Date	Yards (TD)	Attempts	Opponent
Sept. 12, 2024*	143 (2)	7	Northwestern St.
Sept. 27, 2025	134 (2)	23	#15 Tennessee
Oct. 26, 2024*	119 (2)	17	ULM
Sept. 19, 2024*	116 (2)	14	at App State
Nov. 23, 2024*	104 (1)	6	at Southern Miss.
Sept. 20, 2025	101 (0)	17	Northern Illinois
Sept. 12, 2026	113 (2)	18	at (RV) Minnesota

Kamario Taylor (1)

Date	Yards (TD)	Attempts	Opponent
Nov. 28, 2025	173 (2)	20	#6 Ole Miss

J.J. Hill (1)

Date	Yards (TD)	Attempts	Opponent
Sept. 5, 2026	118 (2)	7	ULM

Career 100+ Yard Receiving Games

Anthony Evans III (5)

Date	Yards (TD)	Receptions	Opponent
Nov. 1, 2025	111 (2)	6	at Arkansas
Sept. 6, 2025	108 (1)	9	#12 Arizona State
Oct. 18, 2025	107 (0)	11	at Florida
Sept. 5, 2026	118 (1)	7	ULM
Sept. 12, 2026	121 (1)	7	at (RV) Minnesota

Marquis Johnson (2)

Date	Yards (TD)	Receptions	Opponent
Aug. 28, 2025*	134(1)	5	Central Arkansas
Dec. 30, 2024*	122 (1)	7	vs. Iowa

**Not at Mississippi State*

NOTEBOOK

Wealth of Head Coaching Experience

» **Jeff Lebby** is entering his third year as a head coach but has an abundance of knowledge and head coaching experience on his staff that he can tap into.

» Lebby currently has six former head coaches on his staff, including two-time Mountain West Coach of the Year **Matt Wells** (2013, 2018).

Philip Montgomery, Associate Head Coach for Offense (WRs)
2015-22 Tulsa head coach
2025 Virginia Tech interim head coach

Zach Arnett, Defensive Coordinator
2022 Mississippi State interim head coach
2023 Mississippi State head coach

Paul Rhoads, Senior Defensive Analyst
2009-15 Iowa State head coach

Matt Wells, Senior Offensive Analyst
2013-18 Utah State head coach
2019-21 Texas Tech head coach

Mason Miller, Offensive Line Consultant
2013 McMurry head coach

Greg Knox, Director of Career & Professional Development
2017 Mississippi State interim head coach
2021 Florida interim head coach
2023 Mississippi State interim head coach

K1. QB1. H1M.

» **Kamario Taylor** was the highest-rated quarterback recruit to ever sign with Mississippi State in 2025 out of nearby Noxubee County High School in Macon.

» Taylor appeared in 11 games as a true freshman last year and started the final two games in the Egg Bowl against Ole Miss and the Duke's Mayo Bowl against Wake Forest.

» The 6-foot-4, 230-pounder was tabbed as the SEC Freshman of the Week twice in 2025. He had a rushing and passing touchdown in the Bulldogs' win at Arkansas and later ran for 173 yards and two scores while also throwing for 178 yards against Ole Miss in his first-career start.

» Taylor is a lifelong Bulldog fan who grew up wanting to follow in his uncle **Omarr Conner**'s footsteps. Conner, also a four-star QB recruit from Noxubee County, played quarterback and wide receiver for Mississippi State from 2003-06. Conner is currently the offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach at Hinds Community College.

» Taylor's younger brother, Jayytee, is a freshman athlete at Mississippi State.

» Taylor guided Noxubee County to three-straight Class 3A state championship games from 2022-24. He was named Mississippi's Mr. Football in Class 3A after throwing for over 2,400 yards, 30 touchdowns and just four interceptions as a senior while also adding more than 1,100 yards and 15 scores on the ground.

» Noxubee County also produced former State greats **Deontae Skinner** and **Jeffery Simmons**, both of whom went on to play in the NFL. Skinner won a Super Bowl with the New England Patriots in 2014 and Simmons is a four-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle for the Tennessee Titans.

Fluff is the Stuff

» Don't get it twisted, there's nothing soft about MSU junior running back **Fluff Bothwell**. The 5-foot-10, 230-pounder produced three multi-touchdown games and a pair of 100-yard rushing performances in 2025.

» Bothwell led the Bulldogs with 677 yards on 142 carries and six touchdowns last season. He averaged 4.8 yards per carry and 61.5 yards per game on the ground while splitting time with **Davon Booth** in the backfield.

» Bothwell's real first name is Da'Marion but was nicknamed "Fluff" at birth as an 11-pound baby.

» The Oneonta, Alabama native is an admitted animal lover and has three dogs, two guinea pigs and a snake as pets.

» Bothwell's family home burned down on Dec. 24, 2023 during his senior year of high school. Thankfully, no one was home at the time of the fire but the family lost everything. Bothwell said "You can always get another home, but you can't get somebody back. It was tough, but we all got through it and we're back on our feet now."

"This isn't StarkVegas to me, it's home"

» Senior **Isaac Smith** has been a standout on Mississippi State's defense since his arrival as a true freshman in 2023. Smith has racked up 206 tackles at both safety and linebacker during his stellar career. He led the Southeastern Conference with 127 tackles as a sophomore and was selected as a second team All-SEC performer in 2024.

DEFENSIVE STAT NOTABLES

Double-Digit Tackle Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Isaac Smith	--	--	7	2	--	9
Marcus Williams	--	--	--	2*	--	2
Jalen Smith	--	--	--	1	--	1

15+ Tackle Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Isaac Smith	--	--	3	--	--	3

2+ Sack Games

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Zakari Tillman	--	--	1	--	--	1
Will Whitson	--	1*	--	--	--	1*
Kendel Dolby	--	1*	--	--	--	1*

Games w/ a Takeaway (INT or FR)

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career
Jardin Gilbert	2*	--	2*	--	--	4*
Zakari Tillman	--	--	2	1	--	3
Kelley Jones	--	--	1	2	--	3
Isaac Smith	--	--	--	2	--	2
Kendel Dolby	--	2*	--	--	--	2*
Marcus Williams	--	1*	1*	--	--	2*
Jaray Bledsoe	--	1*	--	--	--	1*
Colin Coates	--	--	1*	--	--	1*
James Heard Jr.	--	--	1*	--	--	1*

Games w/ a Defensive Touchdown

Player	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Career

**Not at Mississippi State*

NOTEBOOK

» During preseason camp, the Fulton native was asked why it was so important for him to finish out his career at MSU in today's transfer portal era. Smith replied "I started here and I want to end it here. Everybody uses the term 'StarkVegas'. This isn't StarkVegas to me, it's home. This place means something special to me. The fans, the people, I wouldn't trade this for anything in the world."

» Ironically enough, Smith's father - Reggie - played football at Ole Miss in the 1990s.

From the Diamond to the Gridiron

» Punter **Ethan Pulliam** began his athletic career at Mississippi State as a member of the baseball team. Pulliam played for the Diamond Dawgs from 2024-25 where he played in 34 games and drew 21 starts.

» The Starkville native made 16 starts at second base, three in right field, one in left field and one as a designated hitter. He was a career .236 hitter with five doubles, one triple, one homer, 11 RBIs and a stolen base.

» Pulliam walked onto the football team in the spring of 2024 and redshirted that fall. He left the baseball team in 2025 to focus on punting full-time.

» During his first football season on the field last fall, Pulliam set a single-season school record averaging 46.8 yards per punt and was named a second team All-American by Sporting News.

» Pulliam has three cousins that have played football professionally - A.J. Brown, Tom Johnson III and Alonzo Lawrence.

Kelley 'Kelley Jones' Jones

» Quarterbacks didn't throw cornerback **Kelley Jones**' way very often in 2025. And the few times that they did, it usually didn't end well for them.

» Jones allowed the fewest receptions (11) among all Southeastern Conference corners last season and his 11 pass breakups were tied for second in the conference. He also picked off two passes leaving his 13 total passes defended also ranking tied for second in the SEC.

» In the 2026 season opener, Jones deflected one pass and did not allow a reception.

Ant-Man: The Sequel

» **Anthony Evans III**'s first season at Mississippi State was one of the most productive in the program's history. Evans' 67 catches were the seventh-most in the school's annals and tied for third in the SEC in 2025.

» Evans also finished 10th in the conference in receiving yards (831) and 10th in receiving yards per game (63.9). He recorded at least four catches in 12 of 13 games for the Bulldogs last fall, including three 100-yard performances against Arizona State, Florida and Arkansas.

» Evans topped all State players with 18 explosive plays of 20+ yards in 2025 and was just the third Bulldog since 2016 to exceed 60 catches in a single season.

» Picking up where he left off last season, Evans leads the SEC in receptions (14) and is ninth nationally in receiving yards (119.5).

Featured on Feldman's Freaks List

» At 6-foot-4, 315 pounds and a former high school basketball and shot put star, defensive lineman **Jaray Bledsoe** enters the 2026 season on Bruce Feldman's Freaks List.

» Fellow D-Lineman Trevion Williams calls him "rubber band man" because of his flexibility.

Full Circle for Jardin Gilbert

» After three seasons at Texas A&M followed by two more at LSU, safety **Jardin Gilbert** is closing his college career where the opportunity of an SEC experience was first offered to him. Mississippi State was Gilbert's first SEC scholarship offer while at University Lab School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

» "Mississippi State is my home now. They accepted me with welcoming hands, welcoming arms, so (I'm) making sure I'm doing what I have to do to pour back," Gilbert said.

Snaking His Way to the Backfield

» Defensive lineman **DJ Reed** hopes to ensnare quarterbacks this season just as his pet snakes devour their frozen mice snacks.

» Reed has four ball python snakes — the longest of which is a four-foot long albino named Penelope. Reed grew up with snapping turtles and fish as pets as a child.

» Reed hopes to open his own psychology practice up after football ends.

NOTEBOOK - RECORD WATCH

Ferrie Chasing Multiple MSU Records

» After 8 points in week two at Minnesota, **Kyle Ferrie** enters week three 17 points shy of breaking Nick Fitzgerald's Mississippi State record for career points.

» Last season, Ferrie set the all-time scoring record for a kicker at MSU in his 36th career game on Nov. 28, 2025 against Ole Miss.

» The left-footer who is married to former MSU and current AUSL softball standout Sierra Sacco, also kicked the longest field goal in program history - a 55-yarder in the 2025 season opener against Southern Miss.

» Ferrie has made 122 of his 123 career PATs (99%). His 99% made PATs would rank top 3 in a career at State.

» Ferrie has made 85 straight PATs entering week three.

» Ferrie was 44-44 in PATs in 2025, which was a program record for consecutive made PATs in a single-season.

	Career Points	Player	Season
1.	276	Nick Fitzgerald	2015-18
2.	276	Anthony Dixon	2006-09
3.	266	Dak Prescott	2012-15
4.	***260***	***Kyle Ferrie***	***2023-pres.***
5.	223	Jace Christmann	2017-20
6.	218	Brian Hazelwood	1995-98
7.	211	Artie Cosby	1983-86
8.	199	Joel Logan	1987-90
9.	186	Vick Ballard	2010-11
10.	185	Jackie Parker	1952-53

» ***Most made field goals in an MSU career:***

	FGM	Player	FGA	Seasons
1.	48	Artie Cosby	81	1983-86
2.	***46***	***Kyle Ferrie***	***58***	***2023-pres.***
3.	43	Brian Hazelwood	73	1995-98
4.	41	Joel Logan	61	1987-90
5.	34	Dana Moore	51	1979-82
6.	32	Jace Christmann	40	2017-20
	32	Derek DePasquale	42	2009-11
8.	30	Scott Westerfield	42	1999-00
9.	27	Evan Sobiesk	30	2013-15
10.	26	Westin Graves	38	2014-16

» ***Most made extra points in an MSU career:***

	PAT	Player	ATT	Seasons
1.	127	Jace Christmann	128	2017-20
2.	***122***	***Kyle Ferrie***	***123***	***2023-pres.***
3.	104	Westin Graves	108	2014-16
4.	89	Adam Carlson	91	2005-08
	89	Brian Hazelwood	94	1995-99
6.	87	Derek DePasquale	88	2009-11
7.	76	Joel Logan	84	1987-90
8.	74	Bob Morgan	78	1980-82
9.	71	Evan Sobiesk	75	2013-14
10.	70	Devon Bell	72	2012-15

NOTEBOOK

2026 Season Honors

Kelley Jones
- Associated Press Preseason All-America
- On3 Preseason All-America (first team)
- Preseason Media All-SEC (second team)
- Preseason Coaches All-SEC (second team)
- Bronko Nagurski Preseason Watch List
- Pro Football Network Preseason All-America (second team)
- Jim Thorpe Award Preseason Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300
- Chuck Bednarik Award Preseason Watch List

Ethan Pulliam
- Sporting News Preseason All-America (second team)
- Preseason Media All-SEC (third team)
- Preseason Coaches All-SEC (third team)
- Ray Guy Award Preseason Watch List

Canon Boone
- Rimington Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Sept. 14 | SEC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week

Kyle Ferrie
- Lou Groza Award Preseason Watch List

Anthony Evans III
- Paul Hornung Award Preseason Watch List
- Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List
- Senior Bowl Top 300
- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Preseason Watch List
- Sept. 15 | Paul Hornung Award Weekly Honor Roll
- Sept. 15 | Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Honorable Mention

DJ Chester
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Nominee

Isaac Smith
- Senior Bowl Top 300

Bralan Womack
- Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award Watch List

Kamario Taylor
- Sept. 8 | Manning Award Stars of the Week
- Sept. 14 | Davey O'Brien Great 8
- Davey O'Brien Midseason Watch List
- Sept. 15 | Maxwell Award Player of the Week

Jeff Lebby
- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Nominee

NIL for Good

- Many Bulldogs have chosen to lift up others in their community this past offseason, including Wuerffel Trophy Watch List member **DJ Chester**.
- Chester and his JDC Thrive Foundation organized more than 20 of his teammates for a bed-building community service project benefiting the Golden Triangle's Bedz 4 Kidz drive to provide a safe and comfortable place for kids in need to lay their head every night.
- As for the reason behind his service efforts Chester said "I just want everybody to be on the same playing field so they can be whatever they want to be."
- Additionally, Starkville native **Ethan Pulliam** donated $4,000 for school supplies to two Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District elementary schools in July.
- Pulliam said of the gift: " I just wanted to give back to the school teachers and support staff that do all they can for us. Looking back at it, they did a lot for us, all the way around."

Thompson, Traore Drafted

- Mississippi State produced a pair of 2026 NFL Draft picks. Wide receiver **Brenen Thompson** was selected in the fourth round by the Los Angeles Chargers while tight end **Seydou Traore** was taken in the fifth round by the Miami Dolphins.
- Thompson posted the fastest 40-yard dash time at the NFL Combine in a blazing 4.26 second. During his lone season in Starkville, Thompson set the program's single-season receiving record with 1,054 yards while also becoming the first Bulldog to ever lead the SEC in receiving yardage.
- Traore, a native of London, England, also made history becoming the first player ever to be drafted via the NFL's International Player Pathway Program.

A Cowbell Tale

- The most unique and certainly the most resounding symbol of Mississippi State tradition is the cowbell. Despite decades of attempts by opponents and authorities to banish it from scenes of competition, diehard State fans still celebrate Bulldog victories loudly and proudly with the distinctive sound of ringing cowbells.
- The precise origin of the cowbell as a fixture of Mississippi State sports tradition remains unclear to this day. The best records have cowbells gradually introduced to the MSU sports scene in the late 1930s and early 1940s, coinciding with the 'golden age' of Mississippi State football success prior to World War II.
- The most popular legend is that during a home football game between State and arch-rival Mississippi, a jersey cow wandered onto the playing field. Mississippi State soundly whipped the Rebels that Saturday, and State College students immediately adopted the cow as a good luck charm. Students are said to have continued bringing a cow to football games for a while, until the practice was eventually discontinued in favor of bringing just the cow's bell.
- In 1974, the SEC adopted a rule against artificial noisemakers that made it illegal to ring a cowbell during games. Despite creative efforts by MSU fans to circumvent the ruling and continue the tradition, the ban was in effect until 2010. That spring, the 16 schools of the SEC agreed to a compromise on artificial noisemakers, acknowledging the role cowbells play in the history of Mississippi State University by amending the conference by-law. In the fall of 2010, on a one-year trial with specified restrictions, cowbells were permitted in Davis Wade Stadium for the first time in 36 years. And due to MSU fans' notable adherance to the rules outlined by the league, cowbells have been allowed at MSU home football games since with similar restrictions in place.

Best Small Town In The South

- Starkville has been named the "Best Small Town In The South" each of the last three years by USA Today.
- Starkville is also featured nationally in other publications such as Southern Living, New York Post, and Miami Herald.
- Starkville natives enjoy unmatched community support, great quality of life, and full buy-in for Mississippi State Football.

Facility Enhancements

- A new Indoor Practice Facility project was announced back in May and is backed by Howard Industries. The facility will be named in honor of Billy W. Howard Sr., a beloved alumnus, former student-athlete, and pillar of the MSU community.
- The new facility includes a new 110,000-sq. ft. indoor training facility. Additionally, there will be renovations and expansions to the current Leo Seal Jr. Football Complex that will enhance key areas such as sports medicine, nutrition and locker rooms. The project includes specialized areas for sports science, designed to advance recovery, reduce injuries and optimize performance.
- Construction is expected to begin in 2027. More Information can be found **HERE**.

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OPPONENT	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	TE/WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
ULM	K. Taylor	Bothwell	Evans III	Ragins	Magee	West (TE)	McVay	Chester	Boone	Prudhomme	Shumpert-Perkins
at Minnesota	K. Taylor	Bothwell	Evans III	Ragins	Magee	M. Johnson (WR)	McVay	Chester	Boone	Prudhomme	Shumpert-Perkins
at South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
at LSU											
Oklahoma											
at Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
at Ole Miss											

OPPONENT	JACK	DT	NT	DE	MIKE	WILL	CB	CB	S	S	DAWG
ULM	A. Williams	Reed	Bledsoe	Whitson	J. Smith	Ty. Lockhart	Jones	Jefferson	Gilbert	M. Williams	I. Smith
at Minnesota	A. Williams	Reed	Bledsoe	Whitson	J. Smith	Ty. Lockhart	Jones	Jefferson	Gilbert	M. Williams	I. Smith
at South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
at LSU											
Oklahoma											
at Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
at Ole Miss											

CAREER STARTS (* OTHER SCHOOL)

Offense	Pos.	'22	'23	'24	'25	'26	Total
Jamari Freeman	OL	--	9*	12*	12*	--	33*
Blake Steen	OL	--	5 *	12 *	1	--	18
AJ Swann	QB	6*	6*	--	6*	--	18*
DJ Chester	OL	--	--	13*	1*	2	16
Canon Boone	OL	--	--	--	13	2	15
Anthony Evans III	WR	--	--	--	13	2	15
Marquis Johnson	WR	--	--	2*	7*	1	10
Fluff Bothwell	RB	--	--	--	5	2	7
Zion Ragins	WR	--	--	5*	--	2	7
Ayden Williams	WR	--	1 *	1 *	2	--	4
Kamario Taylor	QB	--	--	--	2	2	4
Sam West	TE	--	--	--	2	1	3
Jaden Rashada	QB	--	--	--	2*	--	2*
Riley Williams	TE	--	--	--	1*	--	1*
Sanfrisco Magee	WR	--	--	--	--	2	2
LJ Prudhomme	OL	--	--	--	--	2	2
Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins	OL	--	--	--	--	2	2
Miles McVay	OL	--	--	--	--	2	2

Defense	Pos.	'22	'23	'24	'25	'26	Total
Jardin Gilbert	S	10*	2*	9*	3*	2	26
Isaac Smith	S	--	--	11	9	2	22
Kelley Jones	CB	--	--	4	13	2	19
Marcus Williams	S	--	2*	1*	12*	2	17
Will Whitson	DL	--	9 *	4 *	1	2	16
Zakari Tillman	LB	--	--	1	10		11
Trevion Williams	DL	--	--	3	7		10
Kalvin Dinkins	DL	--	--	--	9		9
Kendel Dolby	S	--	3*	3*	1*		7*
Quentin Taylor	CB	--	--	--	6*		6*
Jayson Jenkins	DL	--	--	--	5*		5*
Jaray Bledsoe	DL	--	--	--	4	2	6
Amaree Williams	EDGE	--	--	--	2*	2	4
Derion Gullette	LB	--	--	--	2		2
Tyler Lockhart	LB	--	--	--	1	2	4
Colin Coates	DL	--	1 *	--	--		1*
Jamroc Grimsley	CB	--	--	--	1*		1*
Jalen Smith	LB	--	--	--	--	2	2
Jett Jefferson	CB	--	--	--	--	2	2
DJ Reed	DL	--	--	--	--	2	2

TEAM GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON

2026-27 Mississippi St. Football
Team Game-by-Game Comparison
All games

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Opponent	Score	First Downs Total	First Downs Rush	First Downs Pass	First Downs Pen	Rushing Number-Yards	Passing Comp-Att.-Int	Passing Yards	Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn-Overs
ULM	62-13	35 / 14	14 / 5	21 / 7	0 / 2	37-345 / 40-138	27-42-0 / 16-28-0	417 / 140	79-762 / 68-278	0 / 0	0 / 0
Minnesota	38-13	28 / 18	15 / 3	8 / 12	5 / 3	46-252 / 15-13	16-22-0 / 31-48-0	227 / 279	68-479 / 63-292	0 / 55	1 / 0
Totals	**100-26**	**63 / 32**	**29 / 8**	**29 / 19**	**5 / 5**	**83-597 / 55-151**	**43-64-0 / 47-76-0**	**644 / 419**	**147-1241 / 131-570**	**0 / 55**	**1 / 0**

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
ULM	5-11 / 3-16	1-1 / 2-3	28:13 / 31:47	-03:34	9.3 / 3.5	9.9 / 5.0	9.6 / 4.1	2-35.5 / 7-44.6	8-78.0 / 5-55.0	2 / 0
Minnesota	6-10 / 4-13	1-1 / 2-3	30:15 / 29:45	00:30	5.5 / 0.9	10.3 / 5.8	7.0 / 4.6	1-62.0 / 5-38.6	6-60.0 / 12-115.0	2 / 1
Totals	**11-21 / 7-29**	**2-2 / 4-6**	**58:28 / 61:32**	**-03:04**	**7.2 / 2.7**	**10.1 / 5.5**	**8.4 / 4.4**	**3-44.3 / 12-42.1**	**14-138.0 / 17-170.0**	**4 / 1**

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

FIRST DOWNS
MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRST DOWNS

Opponent	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
ULM	**9**	**16**	**5**	5	--	**35**
Minnesota	6	10	2	**10**	--	28
South Carolina						
Missouri						
Alabama						
LSU						
Oklahoma						
Texas						
Vanderbilt						
Auburn						
Tennessee Tech						
Ole Miss						

YARDAGE BY QUARTER
MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYS / YARDAGE GAINED BY QTR

Opponent	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT
ULM	**20/187**	**30/272**	**15/154**	**14/149**	--
Minnesota	14/140	19/143	14/60	21/136	--
South Carolina					
Missouri					
Alabama					
LSU					
Oklahoma					
Texas					
Vanderbilt					
Auburn					
Tennessee Tech					
Ole Miss					

FIRST DOWNS
OPPONENT FIRST DOWNS

Opponent	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
ULM	4	0	6	**4**	--	14
Minnesota	**5**	**5**	**8**	0	--	**18**
South Carolina						
Missouri						
Alabama						
LSU						
Oklahoma						
Texas						
Vanderbilt						
Auburn						
Tennessee Tech						
Ole Miss						

YARDAGE BY QUARTER
OPPONENT PLAYS / YARDAGE GAINED BY QTR

Opponent	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT
ULM	**20/88**	11/19	19/101	**18/70**	--
Minnesota	17/54	**15/102**	**26/122**	5/14	--
South Carolina					
Missouri					
Alabama					
LSU					
Oklahoma					
Texas					
Vanderbilt					
Auburn					
Tennessee Tech					
Ole Miss					

GAME-BY-GAME LEADERS

Opponent	Rushing Attempts	Rushing Yards	Passing Yards	Receptions	Receiving Yards	All-Purpose Yards	Tackles	Tackles For Loss	Sacks
ULM	Bothwell (9)	Hill (118)	K. Taylor (354)	Evans III (7)	Evans III (118)	Hill/Evans III (118)	J. Smith (8)	Bledsoe (1.5)	T. Williams (1.0)
Minnesota	Bothwell (18)	Bothwell (113)	K. Taylor (227)	Evans III (7)	Evans III (121)	Evans III (127)	Ty. Lockhart (7)	Ty. Lockhart/Bledsoe/Whitson (1.0)	Ty. Lockhart/Bledsoe (1.0)
South Carolina									
Missouri									
Alabama									
LSU									
Oklahoma									
Texas									
Vanderbilt									
Auburn									
Tennessee Tech									
Ole Miss									
Leaders (Gms)	Bothwell (2)	Hill (1) Bothwell (1)	K. Taylor (2)	Evans III (2)	Evans III (2)	Hill (1) Evans III (2)	J. Smith (1) Ty. Lockhart (1)	Bledsoe (2) Ty. Lockhart (1) Whitson (1)	T. Williams (1) Ty. Lockhart (1) Bledsoe (1)

MISSISSIPPI STATE ON THE COIN TOSS

	Toss	Decision	Result
ULM	W	Receive	W, 62-13
Minnesota	W	Receive	W, 38-13
South Carolina			
Missouri			
Alabama			
LSU			
Oklahoma			
Texas			
Vanderbilt			
Auburn			
Tennessee Tech			
Ole Miss			

UNIFORM COMBOS

	Helmet	Jersey	Pants
ULM	Maroon	Maroon	White
Minnesota	White	White	Gray
South Carolina			
Missouri			
Alabama			
LSU			
Oklahoma			
Texas			
Vanderbilt			
Auburn			
Tennessee Tech			
Ole Miss			

Record By Combo (Helmet-Jersey-Pants):
(M-M-W): 1-0
(W-W-G): 1-0

MISSISSIPPI STATE GAME CAPTAINS

	Names
ULM	#1 Jones, #2 I. Smith, #72 Boone
Minnesota	#10 J. Smith, #23 T. Williams, #87 West
South Carolina	
Missouri	
Alabama	
LSU	
Oklahoma	
Texas	
Vanderbilt	
Auburn	
Tennessee Tech	
Ole Miss	

MISSISSIPPI STATE GIVEAWAYS / TAKEAWAYS

	Giveaway			Takeaway			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot	Diff.
ULM	0	0	0	0	0	0	EVEN
Minnesota	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1
South Carolina							
Missouri							
Alabama							
LSU							
Oklahoma							
Texas							
Vanderbilt							
Auburn							
Tennessee Tech							
Ole Miss							
Total	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-1**

MISSISSIPPI STATE INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
ULM	0	--	--	--	--
Minnesota	0	--	--	--	--
South Carolina					
Missouri					
Alabama					
LSU					
Oklahoma					
Texas					
Vanderbilt					
Auburn					
Tennessee Tech					
Ole Miss					
Totals					

MISSISSIPPI STATE FUMBLES

Player	No.-Lost
Kamario Taylor	1-1
Totals	**1/1**

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

RECEIVING

Games w/ a Reception	Career	Streak	2026	2025	2024	2023
Marquis Johnson	29	2	2	8*	11*	8*
Anthony Evans III	22	3	2	12	4*	4*
Ayden Williams	18	--	--	13	2*	3*
Fluff Bothwell	18	7	2	10	6*	--
Riley Williams	14	--	1	1*	6*	6*
Zion Ragins	9	2	2	0	7*	--
Sam West	7	3	2	4	1*	--
Amaree Williams	6*	--	--	2*	4*	--
Sanfrisco Magee	6	3	2	3	1	--
Brinston Williams	5	--	--	5*	--	--
Xavier Gayten	4	--	--	3	1	--
Gracen Harris	2	--	1	1	--	--
Zion Crumpton	1	--	1	--	--	--
Kolin Wilson	1	--	1	--	--	--
Matt Mayfield	1	--	1	--	--	--

Games w/ 5+ Receptions	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Anthony Evans III	9	2	7	--	--
Marquis Johnson	4*	--	2*	2*	--

Receptions of 20+ Yards	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Anthony Evans III	20	4	15	1*	--
Marquis Johnson	15	1	2*	5*	7*
Riley Williams	5*	--	--	4*	1*
Ayden Williams	4	--	3	--	1*
Amaree Williams	3*	--	1*	2*	--
Fluff Bothwell	2	--	1	1*	--
Sam West	1	--	--	1*	--
Brinston Williams	1	--	1*	--	--
Zion Ragins	3	3	--	--	--
Zion Crumpton	1	1	--	--	--
Sanfrisco Magee	1	1	--	--	--

Receptions of 50+ Yards	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Marquis Johnson	3	1	--	--	2*
Anthony Evans III	1	--	1	--	--

100+ Yards Receiving	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Anthony Evans III	5	2	3	--	--
Marquis Johnson	2*	--	1*	1*	--

Games w/ a Receiving TD	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Marquis Johnson	7	1	2*	1*	3*
Anthony Evans III	6	2	3	--	1*
Amaree Williams	3*	--	1*	2*	--
Sanfrisco Magee	3	2	1	--	--
Sam West	1	--	1	--	--
Riley Williams	1*	--	--	--	1*
Zion Ragins	2	2	--	--	--

Games w/ Multiple Receiving TDs	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Anthony Evans III	1	--	1	--	--

RUSHING

Runs of 10-19 Yards	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Fluff Bothwell	32	2	17	12*	--	--
Kamario Taylor	16	3	13	--	--	--
Xavier Gayten	10	1	6	3	--	--
AJ Swann	4*	--	3*	--	1*	--
Anthony Evans III	2	--	2	--	--	--
Brinston Williams	2	--	2*	--	--	--
Sam West	1	--	1	--	--	--
Kolin Wilson	1	--	1	--	--	--
Jaden Rashada	1*	--	1*	--	--	--

Runs of 20+ Yards	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Fluff Bothwell	16	1	4	11*	--
Kamario Taylor	8	2	6	--	--
Xavier Gayten	3	--	2	1	--
Anthony Evans III	1*	--	--	1*	--
AJ Swann	1*	--	--	--	1*

100+ Yards Rushing	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Fluff Bothwell	7	1	2	4*	--
Kamario Taylor	1	--	1	--	--
J.J. Hill	1	1	--	--	--

Games with a Rushing TD	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Fluff Bothwell	12	1	3	8*	--
Kamario Taylor	6	1	5	--	--
Xavier Gayten	4	1	2	1	--
Brinston Williams	1	--	1*	--	--
J.J. Hill	1	1	--	--	--

Games w/ Multiple Rushing TDs	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023
Fluff Bothwell	9	1	3	5*	--
Kamario Taylor	2	--	2	--	--
J.J. Hill	1	1	--	--	--

PASSING

Games w/ 300 yards passing	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
AJ Swann	4*	--	2*	--	2*	--
Kamario Taylor	1	1	--	--	--	--

Games w/ 30+ completions	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
AJ Swann	2*	--	2*	--	--	--

Completions of 20+ yards	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
AJ Swann	50*	--	12*	--	20	18
Kamario Taylor	18	9	9	--	--	--
Jaden Rashada	10*	--	4*	--	6*	--

Games w/ a Passing TD	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
AJ Swann	14*	--	5*	--	5*	4*
Kamario Taylor	7	2	5	--	--	--
Jaden Rashada	4*	--	1*	--	3*	

Games w/ Multiple TDs	Career	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
AJ Swann	12*	--	4*	--	4*	4*
Jaden Rashada	1*	--	--	--	1*	--
Kamario Taylor	2	2	--	--	--	--

** not at Mississippi State*

EXPLOSIVE PLAYS (20+ YARDS)

20+ YARD PLAYS
By Mississippi State (15)

Offense (15)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.
22*	Pass	K. Taylor to Ragins	ULM
25	Pass	K. Taylor to Evans	ULM
26*	Rush	K. Taylor	ULM
24	Pass	K. Taylor to Evans	ULM
48	Rush	Wilson	ULM
70*	Pass	K. Taylor to M. Johnson	ULM
20	Pass	Puckett to Crumpton	ULM
57*	Rush	Hill	ULM
22	Rush	Hill	ULM
22*	Pass	K. Taylor to Ragins	MINN
39	Pass	K. Taylor to Evans	MINN
30*	Pass	K. Taylor to Magee	MINN
30	Rush	Bothwell	MINN
25	Pass	K. Taylor to Ragins	MINN
26	Rush	K. Taylor	MINN

Defense (0)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.

Special Teams (0)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.

* Touchdown

20+ YARD PLAYS
By Opponent (4)

Offense (4)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.
40*	Pass	Carlisle to Jameson	ULM
20	Pass	Lindsey to Smith	MINN
22	Pass	Lindsey to Jennings	MINN
34	Pass	Lindsey to Jennings	MINN

Defense (0)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.

Special Teams (0)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.

* Touchdown

LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Plays by Yardage	No.	TDs
100+		
90-99		
80-89		
70-79	1	1
60-69		
50-59	1	1
40-49	1	
30-39	3	1
20-29	9	3

By Play Type	No.	TDs
Rushing	6	2
Passing	9	4
Punt Returns		
Kick Returns		
Interceptions		
Fumble Returns		
Other		
TOTAL	**15**	**6**

20+ YARD PLAYS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	Rush	Rec.	KR	PR	IR	FR	XP
Anthony Evans III	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Ragins	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
J.J. Hill	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kamario Taylor	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kolin Wilson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marquis Johnson	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Crumpton	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fluff Bothwell	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanfrisco Magee	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	**15**	**6**	**6**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

20+ YARD PLAYS BY GAME - MISSISSIPPI STATE

Opponent	No.	TD	Rush	Rec.	KR	PR	IR	FR	XP
ULM	9	4	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	6	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina									
Missouri									
Alabama									
LSU									
Oklahoma									
Texas									
Vanderbilt									
Auburn									
Tennessee Tech									
Ole Miss									
TOTAL	**15**	**6**	**6**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

20+ YARD PLAYS BY GAME - OPPONENT

Opponent	No.	TD	Rush	Rec.	KR	PR	IR	FR
ULM	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
South Carolina								
Missouri								
Alabama								
LSU								
Oklahoma								
Texas								
Vanderbilt								
Auburn								
Tennessee Tech								
Ole Miss								
TOTAL	**4**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

	Yardage	Player(s) (Opponent)
Rushing	57	J.J. Hill (ULM)
Rushing TD	57	J.J. Hill (ULM)
Passing	70	Kamario Taylor to Marquis Johnson (ULM)
Passing TD	70	Kamario Taylor to Marquis Johnson (ULM)
Punt Return		
Kick Return		
Interception Return		
Fumble Return		
Field Goal	52	Kyle Ferrie (Minnesota)
Punt	62	Ethan Pulliam (Minnesota)
Extra Point Return		

MISSISSIPPI STATE SCORING DRIVES

Scoring Drive Superlatives

Most Plays: 12, Minnesota (TD)
Most Yards: 96, Minnesota (TD)
Longest TOP: 5:03, Minnesota (TD)
Fewest Plays: 2, ULM (TD)
Fewest Yards: 34, ULM (TD)
Shortest Time: 0:14, ULM (TD)

Opponent	Plays	Yards	TOP	Res.	Qtr./Clock	How Scored
ULM	10	75	2:39	TD	1st/12:21	Magee 6 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
	3	34	0:32	TD	1st/10:20	Ragins 22 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
	7	78	2:32	TD	1st/5:58	K. Taylor 26 yd TD rush
	7	75	1:41	TD	2nd/13:15	Evans III 10 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
	7	51	3:03	FG	2nd/8:32	Ferrie 26 yd FG
	11	66	2:59	FG	2nd/3:59	Ferrie 32 yd FG
	7	80	1:17	TD	2nd/0:35	Gayten 14 yd TD rush
	2	70	0:14	TD	3rd/13:36	M. Johnson 70 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
	4	78	1:32	TD	4th/7:50	Hill 57 yd TD rush
	7	69	3:49	TD	4th/2:44	Hill 8 yd TD rush
Minnesota	5	75	1:48	TD	1st/13:12	Ragins 22 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
	9	75	2:36	TD	1st/0:22	Bothwell 5 yd TD rush
	7	72	2:38	TD	2nd/11:27	Magee 30 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
	12	76	5:03	TD	2nd/4:32	Evans III 15 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
	6	41	1:08	FG	3rd/9:53	Ferrie 52 yd FG
	10	96	4:58	TD	4th/12:32	Bothwell 3 yd TD rush
South Carolina						
Missouri						
Alabama						
LSU						
Oklahoma						
Texas						
Vanderbilt						
Auburn						
Tennessee Tech						
Ole Miss						

GAME OPENING DRIVES

	Mississippi State		Opponent	
	Result / Pts	Yards	Result / Pts	Yards
ULM	TD / 7	75	Turnover on Downs / 0	9
Minnesota	TD / 7	75	FG / 3	58
South Carolina				
Missouri				
Alabama				
LSU				
Oklahoma				
Texas				
Vanderbilt				
Auburn				
Tennessee Tech				
Ole Miss				
TOTALS	**2 TD / 14 pts**		**1 Turnover on Downs / 3 pts** **1 FG**	

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

	Mississippi State		Opponent	
	Result / Pts	Yards	Result / Pts	Yards
ULM	TD / 7	70	Punt / 0	2
Minnesota	Fumble / 0	-4	Punt / 0	36
South Carolina				
Missouri				
Alabama				
LSU				
Oklahoma				
Texas				
Vanderbilt				
Auburn				
Tennessee Tech				
Ole Miss				
TOTALS	**1 TD / 7 pts** **1 Fumble**		**2 Punts / 0 pts**	

OPENING DRIVE BREAKDOWN

Opponent	Plays	Yards	TOP	Res.	Qtr./Clock	How Scored
ULM	10	75	2:39	TD	1st/12:21	Magee 6 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
Minnesota	5	75	1:48	TD	1st/13:12	Ragins 22 yd TD pass from K. Taylor
South Carolina						
Missouri						
Alabama						
LSU						
Oklahoma						
Texas						
Vanderbilt						
Auburn						
Tennessee Tech						
Ole Miss						

DRIVE BREAKDOWN

Opponent	Drives	TD	FG	MFG	Punts	Turnovers	4th Dwns
ULM	13	8	2	0	2	0	0
Minnesota	9	5	1	1	1	1	0
South Carolina							
Missouri							
Alabama							
LSU							
Oklahoma							
Texas							
Vanderbilt							
Auburn							
Tennessee Tech							
Ole Miss							
TOTALS	**22**	**13**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	2026	Lebby Era
Overall Record	2-0	9-18
Home	1-0	6-9
Road	1-0	3-8
SEC	0-0	1-15
Home	0-0	0-8
Road	0-0	1-7
Non-Conference	2-0	7-4
Day Games	1-0	5-12
Night Games *(5 p.m. or later)*	1-0	4-5
August	0-0	2-0
September	2-0	5-5
October	0-0	0-6
November	0-0	2-6
December-January	0-0	0-1
As Top 25 Team *(AP)*	0-0	0-0
vs Top 25 Teams *(AP)*	0-0	1-10
at home	0-0	1-5
on the road	0-0	0-5
vs Top 10 Teams *(AP)*	0-0	0-6
Overtime Games	0-0	0-2
State Scores First	2-0	7-8
State Scores on 1st Possession	2-0	9-6
Opponent Scores First	0-0	2-10
Opp. Scores on 1st Possession	0-0	2-13
Leading at the Half	2-0	8-1
Trailing at the Half	0-0	1-17
Tied at the Half	0-0	0-1
Scoring less than 20 pts	0-0	0-6
Scoring 20-29 points	0-0	1-9
Scoring 30-39 Points	1-0	4-3
Scoring 40-49 Points	0-0	1-0
Scoring 50+ Points	1-0	3-0
Allow Fewer Than 20 Points	2-0	6-0
Allow 20-29 Points	0-0	2-2
Allow 30-39 Points	0-0	1-7
Allow 40-49 Points	0-0	0-8
Allow 50+ Points	0-0	0-1
Decided By 1-3 Points	0-0	1-1
Decided By 4-7 Points	0-0	1-3
Decided By 8-10 Points	0-0	0-2
Decided By 11-20 Points	0-0	1-7
Decided By 20+ Points	2-0	6-5
Rushing: State Has More Yards	2-0	7-3
Rushing: State Has Less Than Opp.	0-0	2-15
Rushing Over 200 Yards	2-0	6-2
Rushing Less Than 200 Yards	0-0	3-16
Opp. Rushing Over 200 Yards	0-0	2-9
Opp. Rushing Less Than 200 Yards	2-0	7-9
Passing: State Has More Yards	1-0	8-7
Passing: State Has Less Than Opp.	1-0	1-11
Passing Over 300 Yards	1-0	1-5
Passing Less Than 300 Yards	1-0	7-13
Opp. Passing Over 300 Yards	0-0	0-7
Opp. Passing Less Than 300 Yards	2-0	9-9
Total Offense: State Has More Yards	2-0	8-3
Total Offense: State Has Less Than Opp.	0-0	1-15
Total Offense Over 400 Yards	2-0	7-6
Total Offense Less Than 400 Yards	0-0	2-12
Opp. Total Offense Over 400 Yards	0-0	1-16
Opp. Total Offense Less Than 400 Yards	2-0	8-2
State Has 100-Yard Rusher	2-0	3-5
State Has 300-Yard Passer	1-0	1-5
State Has 100-Yard Receiver	2-0	6-6
Turnovers: Win Margin	0-0	5-4
Turnovers: Lose Margin	1-0	2-10
Turnovers: Tied	1-0	2-4
State has more time of possession	1-0	3-4
Opp. has more time of possession	1-0	6-13
State defense scores	0-0	1-0
Opp. defense scores	1-0	1-4
State returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-0
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-2
Playing on natural grass	1-0	7-15
Playing on turf	1-0	2-3
Wins Coin Toss	2-0	4-11
Loses Coin Toss	0-0	5-7

THE LAST TIME...

RUSHING

100 yards	*Fluff Bothwell; at (RV) Minnesota, 2026 (113)*
150 yards	*Kamario Taylor; #6 Ole Miss, 2025 (173)*
200 yards	Kylin Hill; at Arkansas, 2019 (234)
2 TDs	*Fluff Bothwell; at (RV) Minnesota, 2026 (2)*
3 TDs	*Kamario Taylor; #5 Georgia, 2025 (3)*
4 TD	Nick Fitzgerald; Louisiana, 2018 (4)
30 attempts	Vick Ballard; Arkansas, 2010 (33)
40 attempts	Michael Davis; Ole Miss, 1993 (40)

PASSING

300 yards	*Kamario Taylor; ULM, 2026 (354)*
400 yards	Will Rogers; at South Carolina, 2023 (487)
500 yards	Dak Prescott; at Arkansas, 2015 (508)
600 yards	K.J. Costello; at LSU, 2020 (623)
40+ completions	Will Rogers; Auburn, 2022 (42)
50+ attempts	Will Rogers; Georgia, 2022 (51)
3 TDs	*Kamario Taylor; at (RV) Minnesota, 2026 (3)*
4 TDs	*Kamario Taylor; ULM, 2026 (4)*
5 TDs	Will Rogers; East Tennessee State, 2022 (5)
6 TDs	Will Rogers; Bowling Green, 2022 (6)

RECEIVING

10 receptions	*Anthony Evans III; at Florida, 2025 (11)*
100 yards	*Anthony Evans III; at (RV) Minnesota, 2026 (121)*
200 yards	Lideatrick Griffin; at South Carolina, 2023 (256)
2 TDs	Brenen Thompson; #22 Texas, 2025 (2)
3 TDs	Austin Williams; Tennessee State, 2021 (3)

TOTAL OFFENSE

400 yards	*Kamario Taylor; ULM, 2026 (413)*
450 yards	Will Rogers; at South Carolina, 2023 (487)
500 yards	K.J. Costello; at LSU, 2020 (585)

FIELD GOALS MADE

3	*Kyle Ferrie; vs. Wake Forest, 2025 (4)*
4	*Kyle Ferrie; vs. Wake Forest, 2025 (4)*
5	Derek DePasquale; UAB, 2010 (5)
50-yarder	*Kyle Ferrie; vs. Wake Forest, 2025 (50)*

PUNTING

70-yarder	Tucker Day; LSU, 2019 (70)

TACKLES

15	Stone Blanton; Missouri, 2024 (18)
20	*Isaac Smith; at Tennessee, 2024 (20)*

SACKS

2.0	Zakari Tillman; at Ole Miss, 2024 (2.0)
3.0	Montez Sweat; Auburn, 2018 (3.0)
4.0+	Greg Favors; at Ole Miss, 1996 (5.5)

INTERCEPTIONS

2	Brylan Lanier; at Florida, 2025 (2)
3	Mark McLaurin; vs. Louisville, 2017 (3)

FUMBLES

Forced 2 fumbles	Jett Johnson; Southeastern Louisiana, 2023 (2)
Recovered 2 fumbles	Leo Lewis; at Auburn, 2019 (2)

BLOCKS

Blocked punt	Nevaeh Sanders; vs. Northern Illinois, 2025
Blocked PAT	Nevaeh Sanders; vs. Wake Forest, 2025
Blocked FG	Emmanuel Forbes Jr.; Texas A&M, 2022

NON-OFFENSIVE SCORING PLAYS

Kickoff return TD	Zavion Thomas; at Texas A&M, 2023 (94-yards)
Punt return TD	Zavion Thomas; Georgia, 2022 (63-yards)
INT return TD	Elijah Cannon; Eastern Kentucky, 2024
Fumble return TD	Marcus Banks; Illinois, 2023 (60-yards)
Recorded a safety	[TEAM] at Texas A&M, 2021
Blocked Punt Return TD	Mario Craver; Eastern Kentucky, 2024
Blocked Field Goal Return TD	Decamerion Richardson; Texas A&M, 2022
Blocked Extra Point Return	*Kelley Jones, vs. Wake Forest, 2025*

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Mississippi St. - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	18	Fluff Bothwell at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	118	J.J. Hill vs ULM (09/05/2026)
TD RUSHES	2	Fluff Bothwell at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	2	J.J. Hill vs ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG RUSH	57	J.J. Hill vs ULM (09/05/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	34	Kamario Taylor vs ULM (09/05/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	22	Kamario Taylor vs ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS PASSING	354	Kamario Taylor vs ULM (09/05/2026)
TD PASSES	4	Kamario Taylor vs ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG PASS	70	Kamario Taylor vs ULM (09/05/2026)
RECEPTIONS	7	Anthony Evans III at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	7	Anthony Evans III vs ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS RECEIVING	121	Anthony Evans III at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Anthony Evans III at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	1	Sanfrisco Magee at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	1	Zion Ragins at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	1	Anthony Evans III vs ULM (09/05/2026)
	1	Marquis Johnson vs ULM (09/05/2026)
	1	Sanfrisco Magee vs ULM (09/05/2026)
	1	Zion Ragins vs ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG RECEPTION	70	Marquis Johnson vs ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTS	2	Ethan Pulliam vs ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTING AVG	62.0	Ethan Pulliam at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
LONG PUNT	62	Ethan Pulliam at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Ethan Pulliam vs ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	none	
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	none	
TACKLES	8	Jalen Smith vs ULM (09/05/2026)
SACKS	1	Jaray Bledsoe at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	1	Tyler Lockhart at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	1	Trevion Williams vs ULM (09/05/2026)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	1.5	Jaray Bledsoe vs ULM (09/05/2026)

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Mississippi St. - Game Highs

RUSHES	46	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	345	ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS PER RUSH	9.3	ULM (09/05/2026)
TD RUSHES	4	ULM (09/05/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	42	ULM (09/05/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS PASSING	417	ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS PER PASS	10.3	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
TD PASSES	4	ULM (09/05/2026)
TOTAL PLAYS	79	ULM (09/05/2026)
TOTAL OFFENSE	762	ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS PER PLAY	9.6	ULM (09/05/2026)
POINTS	62	ULM (09/05/2026)
SACKS BY	2	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	2	ULM (09/05/2026)
FIRST DOWNS	35	ULM (09/05/2026)
PENALTIES	8	ULM (09/05/2026)
PENALTY YARDS	78	ULM (09/05/2026)
TURNOVERS	1	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
PUNTS	2	ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTING AVG	62.0	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
LONG PUNT	62	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	0	ULM (09/05/2026)

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Opponent - Game Highs

RUSHES	40	ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	138	ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS PER RUSH	3.5	ULM (09/05/2026)
TD RUSHES	0	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	0	ULM (09/05/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	48	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	31	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
YARDS PASSING	279	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
YARDS PER PASS	5.8	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
TD PASSES	1	ULM (09/05/2026)
TOTAL PLAYS	68	ULM (09/05/2026)
TOTAL OFFENSE	292	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.6	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
POINTS	13	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	13	ULM (09/05/2026)
SACKS BY	1	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
FIRST DOWNS	18	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
PENALTIES	12	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
PENALTY YARDS	115	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
TURNOVERS	0	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	0	ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTS	7	ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTING AVG	44.6	ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT	53	ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	10	at Minnesota (09/12/2026)

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Opponent - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	12	Bryson Roland vs ULM (09/05/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	50	Austin Carlisle vs ULM (09/05/2026)
TD RUSHES	none	
LONG RUSH	18	Austin Carlisle vs ULM (09/05/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	48	Drake Lindsey at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	31	Drake Lindsey at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
YARDS PASSING	279	Drake Lindsey at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
TD PASSES	1	Austin Carlisle vs ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG PASS	40	Austin Carlisle vs ULM (09/05/2026)
RECEPTIONS	7	Javon Tracy at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	7	Noah Jennings at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
YARDS RECEIVING	88	Noah Jennings at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Derrick Jameson vs ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG RECEPTION	40	Derrick Jameson vs ULM (09/05/2026)
FIELD GOALS	2	Luke Drzewiecki at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
	2	Abram Murray vs ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG FIELD GOALS	52	Abram Murray vs ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTS	7	Makenzie Ryan vs ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTING AVG	44.6	Makenzie Ryan vs ULM (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT	53	Makenzie Ryan vs ULM (09/05/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Tom Weston at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	10	Javon Tracy at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	36	Quayd Hendryx at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
TACKLES	10	Kerry Brown at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
SACKS	1	Joey Gerlach at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Riley Sunram at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
INTERCEPTIONS	none	

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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/05/2026	ULM	W	62-13	48771
	09/12/2026	at Minnesota	W	38-13	48048

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Fluff Bothwell	2	27	168	3	165	6.1	2	30	82.5
Kamario Taylor	2	19	153	8	145	7.6	1	26	72.5
J.J. Hill	1	7	118	0	118	16.9	2	57	118.0
Kolin Wilson	2	15	94	7	87	5.8	0	48	43.5
Xavier Gayten	2	6	41	0	41	6.8	1	14	20.5
Parker Puckett	1	2	24	0	24	12.0	0	17	24.0
Cooper Crosby	1	4	13	3	10	2.5	0	6	10.0
Anthony Evans III	2	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
Camden Capehart	2	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	3.0
Team	2	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-2.5
Total	**2**	**83**	**623**	**26**	**597**	**7.2**	**6**	**57**	**298.5**
Opponents	**2**	**55**	**187**	**36**	**151**	**2.7**	**0**	**18**	**75.5**

Team Statistics

	MS	OPP
First Downs	**63**	**32**
Rushing	29	8
Passing	29	19
Penalty	5	5
Rushing Yardage	**597**	**151**
Rushing attempts	83	55
Average per rush	7.2	2.7
Average per game	298.5	75.5
TDs Rushing	6	0
Passing Yardage	**644**	**419**
Comp-Att-Int	43-64-0	47-76-0
Average per pass	10.1	5.5
Average per catch	15.0	8.9
Average per game	322.0	209.5
TDs Passing	7	1
Total offense	**1241**	**570**
Average per play	8.4	4.4
Average per game	620.5	285.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	**0-0**	**2-51**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**0-0**	**1-4**
Int returns: #-Yards	**0-0**	**0-0**
Fumbles-Lost	**1-1**	**2-0**
Penalties-Yards	**14-138**	**17-170**
Punts-Avg	**3-44.3**	**12-42.1**
Time of possession / game	**29:14**	**30:46**
3rd-down conversion	**11/21**	**7/29**
4th-down conversion	**2/2**	**4/6**
PAT-attempts	**(13-13) 100%**	**(2-2) 100%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(0-0) 0%**	**(0-0) 0%**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Kamario Taylor	2	196.3	38-56-0	67.9	581	7	70	290.5
Parker Puckett	1	128.7	5-8-0	62.5	63	0	20	63.0
Total	**2**	**187.8**	**43-64-0**	**67.2**	**644**	**7**	**70**	**322.0**
Opponents	**2**	**112.5**	**47-76-0**	**61.8**	**419**	**1**	**40**	**209.5**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Anthony Evans III	2	14	239	17.1	2	39	119.5
Sanfrisco Magee	2	8	77	9.6	2	30	38.5
Zion Ragins	2	6	98	16.3	2	25	49.0
Marquis Johnson	2	4	107	26.8	1	70	53.5
Fluff Bothwell	2	2	19	9.5	0	16	9.5
Gracen Harris	2	2	21	10.5	0	11	10.5
Kolin Wilson	2	2	19	9.5	0	12	9.5
Zion Crumpton	1	2	35	17.5	0	20	35.0
Riley Williams	2	1	9	9.0	0	9	4.5
Sam West	2	1	11	11.0	0	11	5.5
Matt Mayfield	2	1	9	9.0	0	9	4.5
Total	**2**	**43**	**644**	**15.0**	**7**	**70**	**322.0**
Opponents	**2**	**47**	**419**	**8.9**	**1**	**40**	**209.5**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**

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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Kyle Ferrie	3-4	75.0	0-0	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	52	1
Opponents	**4-5**	**80.0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**3-4**	**1-1**	**52**	**0**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Kyle Ferrie	-	3-4	13-13	-	-	-	-	-	22
Anthony Evans III	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Sanfrisco Magee	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Fluff Bothwell	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Zion Ragins	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
J.J. Hill	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Marquis Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Xavier Gayten	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kamario Taylor	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	**13**	**3-4**	**13-13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**100**
Opponents	**2**	**4-5**	**2-2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**26**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Mississippi St.	35	34	10	21	0	100
Opponents	3	6	17	0	0	26

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Ethan Pulliam	3	133	44.3	62	0	2	2	1	0
Total	**3**	**133**	**44.3**	**62**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Opponents	**12**	**505**	**42.1**	**53**	**0**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**0**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**1**	**4**	**4.0**	**0**	**10**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0**	**0**
Opponents	**2**	**51**	**25.5**	**0**	**36**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Anthony Evans III	2	6	239	0	0	0	245	122.5
Fluff Bothwell	2	165	19	0	0	0	184	92.0
Kamario Taylor	2	145	0	0	0	0	145	72.5
J.J. Hill	1	118	0	0	0	0	118	118.0
Marquis Johnson	2	0	107	0	0	0	107	53.5
Kolin Wilson	2	87	19	0	0	0	106	53.0
Zion Ragins	2	0	98	0	0	0	98	49.0
Sanfrisco Magee	2	0	77	0	0	0	77	38.5
Xavier Gayten	2	41	0	0	0	0	41	20.5
Zion Crumpton	1	0	35	0	0	0	35	35.0
Parker Puckett	1	24	0	0	0	0	24	24.0
Gracen Harris	2	0	21	0	0	0	21	10.5
Sam West	2	0	11	0	0	0	11	5.5
Cooper Crosby	1	10	0	0	0	0	10	10.0
Riley Williams	2	0	9	0	0	0	9	4.5
Matt Mayfield	2	0	9	0	0	0	9	4.5
Camden Capehart	2	6	0	0	0	0	6	3.0
Total	**2**	**597**	**644**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1241**	**620.5**
Opponents	**2**	**151**	**419**	**4**	**51**	**0**	**625**	**312.5**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Kamario Taylor	2	75	145	581	726	363.0
Fluff Bothwell	2	27	165	0	165	82.5
J.J. Hill	1	7	118	0	118	118.0
Parker Puckett	1	10	24	63	87	87.0
Kolin Wilson	2	15	87	0	87	43.5
Xavier Gayten	2	6	41	0	41	20.5
Cooper Crosby	1	4	10	0	10	10.0
Anthony Evans III	2	1	6	0	6	3.0
Camden Capehart	2	1	6	0	6	3.0
Total	**2**	**147**	**597**	**644**	**1241**	**620.5**
Opponents	**2**	**131**	**151**	**419**	**570**	**285.0**

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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
10	Jalen Smith	2	4	8	12	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Marcus Williams	2	6	5	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Tyler Lockhart	2	5	6	11	1-4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Isaac Smith	2	5	5	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
43	Will Whitson	2	3	6	9	1.5-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
3	Kendel Dolby	2	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Jett Jefferson	2	5	3	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
21	Dre Riley	2	6	2	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	Jaray Bledsoe	2	3	3	6	2.5-14	1-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Fatt Forrest	2	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Bralan Womack	2	1	5	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
5	Jardin Gilbert	2	3	2	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Jayson Jenkins	2	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Kalvin Dinkins	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	LaKendrick James	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Kaylib Singleton	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Tanner Johnson	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Trevion Williams	2	1	2	3	1-8	1-8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
42	DJ Reed	2	1	2	3	0.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
24	Quentin Taylor	2	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	AJ Rice	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Kelley Jones	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
14	Dealyn Evans	2	.	2	2	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	Amaree Williams	2	.	2	2	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Jamroc Grimsley	1	2	.	2	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Tyshun Willis	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Brinston Williams	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Derion Gullette	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Kyle Johnson	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Oisin Flynn	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Kyle Ferrie	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**2**	**58**	**88**	**146**	**10-37**	**4-22**	**0-0**	**7**	**3**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	Opponents	2	63	86	149	8-20	1-5	0-0	7	1	1-0	1	1	0

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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
09/05/2026	ULM	W	62-13	5-11	45.5	3-3	100.0	0-3	0.0	1-4	25.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
09/12/2026	at Minnesota	W	38-13	6-10	60.0	1-1	100.0	3-3	100.0	1-3	33.3	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0
	Mississippi St.			**11-21**	**52.4**	**4-4**	**100.0**	**3-6**	**50.0**	**2-7**	**28.6**	**2-4**	**50.0**	**0-0**	**0.0**
	Opponents			**7-29**	**24.1**	**3-8**	**37.5**	**0-6**	**0.0**	**3-9**	**33.3**	**1-6**	**16.7**	**0-0**	**0.0**

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
09/05/2026	ULM	W	62-13	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/12/2026	at Minnesota	W	38-13	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
	Mississippi St.			**2-2**	**100.0**	**0-0**	**0.0**	**1-1**	**100.0**	**0-0**	**0.0**	**1-1**	**100.0**	**0-0**	**0.0**
	Opponents			**4-6**	**66.7**	**1-2**	**50.0**	**1-1**	**100.0**	**1-2**	**50.0**	**1-1**	**100.0**	**0-0**	**0.0**

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/05/2026	ULM	W	62-13	28:13	05:43	09:00	06:19	07:11	00:00
09/12/2026	at Minnesota	W	38-13	30:15	04:24	07:41	02:45	15:25	00:00
	Mississippi St.		**Total**	**58:28**	**10:07**	**16:41**	**09:04**	**22:36**	**00:00**
			Avg.	**29:14**	**05:03**	**08:20**	**04:32**	**11:18**	**00:00**
	Opponents		**Total**	**61:32**	**13:44**	**19:28**	**17:24**	**10:56**	**00:00**
			Avg.	**30:46**	**06:52**	**09:44**	**08:42**	**05:28**	**00:00**

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Mississippi St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/05/2026	ULM	W	62-13	6	6	34	4	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	at Minnesota	W	38-13	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals 9 of 10 (90.0%)			**10**	**9**	**55**	**7**	**4**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Opponents Inside Mississippi St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/05/2026	ULM	W	62-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Minnesota	W	38-13	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Totals 1 of 2 (50.0%)			**2**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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Passing Game-by-Game
All games

#1 Kamario Taylor	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
ULM	22	34	0	64.7	354	4	70	0-0	191.0
Minnesota	16	22	0	72.7	227	3	39	1-5	204.4
Totals	**38**	**56**	**0**	**67.9**	**581**	**7**	**70**	**1-5**	**196.3**

#15 Parker Puckett	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
ULM	5	8	0	62.5	63	0	20	0-0	128.7
Totals	**5**	**8**	**0**	**62.5**	**63**	**0**	**20**	**0-0**	**128.7**

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Rushing/Receiving Game-by-Game
All games

Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	ULM	MINN
Fluff Bothwell	27-165/2	9-52/0	18-113/2
Kamario Taylor	19-145/1	6-59/1	13-86/0
Kolin Wilson	15-87/0	4-53/0	11-34/0
J.J. Hill	7-118/2	7-118/2	DNP
Xavier Gayten	6-41/1	3-28/1	3-13/0
Cooper Crosby	4-10/0	4-10/0	DNP
Parker Puckett	2-24/0	2-24/0	DNP
Anthony Evans III	1-6/0	-	1-6/0
Camden Capehart	1-6/0	1-6/0	-

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	ULM	MINN
Anthony Evans III	14-239/2	7-118/1	7-121/1
Sanfrisco Magee	8-77/2	4-35/1	4-42/1
Zion Ragins	6-98/2	3-45/1	3-53/1
Marquis Johnson	4-107/1	3-99/1	1-8/0
Zion Crumpton	2-35/0	2-35/0	DNP
Gracen Harris	2-21/0	2-21/0	-
Kolin Wilson	2-19/0	2-19/0	-
Fluff Bothwell	2-19/0	1-16/0	1-3/0
Sam West	1-11/0	1-11/0	-
Matt Mayfield	1-9/0	1-9/0	-
Riley Williams	1-9/0	1-9/0	-

2026-27 Mississippi St. Football
Total Tackles Game-by-Game
All games

Total Tackles

Player	S-A	Total	ULM	MINN
Jalen Smith	4-8	12	1-7	3-1
Marcus Williams	6-5	11	0-5	6-0
Tyler Lockhart	5-6	11	1-3	4-3
Isaac Smith	5-5	10	2-3	3-2
Will Whitson	3-6	9	1-5	2-1
Dre Riley	6-2	8	3-0	3-2
Jett Jefferson	5-3	8	2-0	3-3
Kendel Dolby	3-5	8	2-4	1-1
Jaray Bledsoe	3-3	6	1-2	2-1
Fatt Forrest	1-5	6	1-5	-
Bralan Womack	1-5	6	0-5	1-0
Jardin Gilbert	3-2	5	-	3-2
Jayson Jenkins	2-3	5	1-3	1-0
Kaylib Singleton	2-2	4	1-1	1-1
LaKendrick James	1-3	4	1-2	0-1
Kalvin Dinkins	1-3	4	0-3	1-0
Trevion Williams	1-2	3	1-2	-
Quentin Taylor	1-2	3	1-2	-
DJ Reed	1-2	3	1-1	0-1
Tanner Johnson	0-3	3	0-2	0-1
AJ Rice	0-3	3	0-3	-
Kelley Jones	2-0	2	-	2-0
Jamroc Grimsley	2-0	2	2-0	DNP
Amaree Williams	0-2	2	0-1	0-1
Dealyn Evans	0-2	2	0-2	-
Tyshun Willis	0-2	2	0-2	-
Derion Gullette	0-1	1	0-1	-
Kyle Johnson	0-1	1	-	0-1
Brinston Williams	0-1	1	-	0-1
Oisin Flynn	0-1	1	-	0-1

2026-27 Mississippi St. Football
Tackles For Loss Game-by-Game
All games

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Player	UA-A	Total	ULM	MINN
Jaray Bledsoe	2-1	2.5	1.5-6	1.0-8
Will Whitson	1-1	1.5	0.5-0	1.0-4
Tyler Lockhart	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-4
Trevion Williams	1-0	1.0	1.0-8	-
Jamroc Grimsley	1-0	1.0	1.0-1	DNP
Jalen Smith	0-2	1.0	0.5-1	0.5-1
Amaree Williams	0-1	0.5	0.5-1	-
Jardin Gilbert	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-0
Dealyn Evans	0-1	0.5	0.5-1	-
DJ Reed	0-1	0.5	0.5-2	-

2026-27 Mississippi St. Football
Sacks Game-by-Game
All games

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Player	UA-A	Total	ULM	MINN
Jaray Bledsoe	1-0	1	-	1-8
Tyler Lockhart	1-0	1	-	1-4
Trevion Williams	1-0	1	1-8	-
Amaree Williams	0-1	0.5	0.5-1	-
Dealyn Evans	0-1	0.5	0.5-1	-

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Returns Game-by-Game
All games

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Punt Returns

Player	No-Yds	ULM	MINN

Kick Returns

Player	No-Yds	ULM	MINN

Interceptions Returns

Player	No-Yds	ULM	MINN

Fumble Returns

Player	No-Yds	ULM	MINN

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Fumbles Game-by-Game
All games

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Fumbles

Player	No-Lost	ULM	MINN
Kamario Taylor	1-1	-	1-1

Fumbles Forced

Player	Number	ULM	MINN

Fumbles Recovered

Player	Number	ULM	MINN

2026-27 Mississippi St. Football
Games Played
All games

##	Player	GP-GS	ULM	MINN
0	Fatt Forrest	2/0	XXX	XXX
0	Gracen Harris	2/0	XXX	XXX
1	Kelley Jones	2/2	START	START
1	Kamario Taylor	2/2	START	START
2	Isaac Smith	2/2	START	START
2	Marquis Johnson	2/1	XXX	START
3	Anthony Evans III	2/2	START	START
3	Kendel Dolby	2/0	XXX	XXX
4	Amaree Williams	2/2	START	START
4	Zayion Cotton	1/0	XXX	...
5	Jardin Gilbert	2/2	START	START
5	Xavier Gayten	2/0	XXX	XXX
6	Kolin Wilson	2/0	XXX	XXX
6	Bralan Womack	2/0	XXX	XXX
7	Zakari Tillman	0/0	...	...
7	Zion Ragins	2/2	START	START
8	Jaden Rashada	1/0	XXX	...
8	Ethan Pulliam	2/0	XXX	XXX
8	Kaylib Singleton	2/0	XXX	XXX
9	Jaray Bledsoe	2/2	START	START
9	Camden Capehart	2/0	XXX	XXX
10	Jalen Smith	2/2	START	START
10	Bull Mitchell	0/0	...	...
11	Ayden Williams	0/0	...	...
11	Tyler Lockhart	2/2	START	START
12	Ja'Bryis Stewart	1/0	XXX	...
12	Matt Mayfield	2/0	XXX	XXX
13	Sanfrisco Magee	2/2	START	START
13	LaKendrick James	2/0	XXX	XXX
14	Dealyn Evans	2/0	XXX	XXX
14	Brodie McWhorter	0/0	...	...
15	Marcus Williams	2/2	START	START
15	Parker Puckett	1/0	XXX	...
16	Derion Gullette	2/0	XXX	XXX
16	Jayden Cration	0/0	...	...
17	AJ Swann	0/0	...	...
17	Kyle Johnson	2/0	XXX	XXX
18	Riley Williams	2/0	XXX	XXX
18	Sekou Smith Jr.	0/0	...	...
19	Junior Henderson	0/0	...	...
19	Micah Nickerson	0/0	...	...
20	Jett Jefferson	2/2	START	START
21	J.J. Hill	1/0	XXX	...
21	Dre Riley	2/0	XXX	XXX
22	Brinston Williams	2/0	XXX	XXX
22	Jayytee Taylor	0/0	...	...
23	Trevion Williams	2/0	XXX	XXX
24	Fluff Bothwell	2/2	START	START
24	Quentin Taylor	2/0	XXX	XXX
25	Kolby Barrett	0/0	...	...
25	Cooper Crosby	1/0	XXX	...
26	Jamroc Grimsley	1/0	XXX	...
27	Antavius Watts	0/0	...	...
28	Tanner Johnson	2/0	XXX	XXX
29	Boogie Johnson	2/0	XXX	XXX
30	Camron Brown	0/0	...	...
31	Terrance Love	0/0	...	...
32	AJ Rice	2/0	XXX	XXX
33	Douglas Adams III	0/0	...	...
34	Vic Sutton	0/0	...	...

2026-27 Mississippi St. Football
Games Played
All games

##	Player	GP-GS	ULM	MINN
35	Kalvin Dinkins	2/0	XXX	XXX
36	Terrell Johnson Jr.	0/0	...	...
37	Dreien Otey	0/0	...	...
38	Jaylen Antoine	0/0	...	...
39	Kallen Cosper	0/0	...	...
40	Gus Cordova	2/0	XXX	XXX
41	Tyshun Willis	2/0	XXX	XXX
42	DJ Reed	2/2	START	START
43	Will Whitson	2/2	START	START
44	Gav Holman	0/0	...	...
45	James Heard Jr.	0/0	...	...
46	Kyle Rushing	2/0	XXX	XXX
47	William Wilkinson	2/0	XXX	XXX
48	Chris Addison	0/0	...	...
48	Hayden Chambers	0/0	...	...
49	Shawn Gee	0/0	...	...
50	LJ Prudhomme Jr	2/2	START	START
53	Dylan Steen	0/0	...	...
54	Blake Steen	2/0	XXX	XXX
55	Colin Coates	0/0	...	...
55	Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins	2/2	START	START
56	Wesley Davis	1/0	XXX	...
58	Miles McVay	2/2	START	START
59	Tyler Miller	0/0	...	...
60	Matthew Lefeau	0/0	...	...
62	Jamari Freeman	1/0	XXX	...
65	Spencer Dowland	0/0	...	...
66	Ja'Elyne Matthews	1/0	XXX	...
70	Breyden Turnage	0/0	...	...
71	Saquon Miles	1/0	XXX	...
72	Canon Boone	2/2	START	START
73	Leon Noil Jr.	1/0	XXX	...
74	Kison Shepard	0/0	...	...
75	Isaiah Dent	2/0	XXX	XXX
76	Jayden Ross	0/0	...	...
77	TJ Lockhart	2/0	XXX	XXX
78	DJ Chester	2/2	START	START
79	Dalton Toothman	2/0	XXX	XXX
80	Kyle Ferrie	2/0	XXX	XXX
80	Fisher Southall	0/0	...	...
81	Zion Crumpton	1/0	XXX	...
83	Oisin Flynn	2/0	XXX	XXX
84	Adam Land	0/0	...	...
85	Luke Hutchinson	0/0	...	...
87	Sam West	2/1	START	XXX
88	Joeseph Skipworth	0/0	...	...
88	Tico Crittendon Jr.	0/0	...	...
89	Jessie Primer IV	0/0	...	...
90	Davon Young	0/0	...	...
91	Lorenz Cammon	0/0	...	...
92	Kaleb Morris	1/0	XXX	...
97	Jayson Jenkins	2/0	XXX	XXX
99	Diesel Moye	1/0	XXX	...

HEAD COACH JEFF LEBBY

Jeff Lebby, a dynamic playcaller and the mastermind behind many of college football's most feared offenses, was named the 36th head football coach in Mississippi State history on Nov. 26, 2023.

One of college football's top offensive minds, Lebby has orchestrated high-octane offenses at every career stop. Since becoming an offensive coordinator at the FBS level in 2019, he led all active coordinators in 50+ point games (14). His 2023 unit at Oklahoma scored an FBS-best 65+ points three times and ranked No. 4 nationally in scoring offense (41.7 ppg). His offense was also one of only three to rank inside the top six nationally in total offense, scoring offense and passing offense.

Explosive plays have been a trademark of Lebby-coached offenses. Since 2019, he has produced five individual 3,000-yard passing seasons and four individual 1,000-yard receiving seasons. His offensive units finished in the top six nationally in total offense three times since 2019, highlighted by a trio of top 3 finishes at UCF (No. 2 in 2019 with 540.5 ypg), Ole Miss (No. 3 in 2020 with 555.5 ypg) and Oklahoma (No. 3 in 2023 with 507.0 ypg).

Lebby is no stranger to the Southeastern Conference, having spent two seasons in Oxford directing the Ole Miss offense and coaching quarterbacks. Under his direction, the offense led the SEC in total offense in 2020 and again in 2021 (492.5 ypg; ranked No. 6 nationally), twice earning him semifinalist honors for the Broyles Award.

Prior to Ole Miss, Lebby spent two seasons at UCF under current Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel. He coached the quarterbacks in 2018 before being elevated to offensive coordinator in 2019. During the 2019 season, UCF ranked second nationally in total offense (540.5 ypg) and fifth in scoring offense (43.4 ppg). His unit was one of only two in the country to average more than 300 passing yards and 200 rushing yards per game.

Lebby has found offensive success everywhere he has coached. In 2017, he guided Southeastern University to the NAIA's best scoring offense (55.1 ppg) and ranked third in total offense (557.4 ypg).

While at Baylor, he coached running backs from 2012-16 and was also the passing game coordinator and offensive recruiting coordinator in 2015 and 2016. In Lebby's five seasons as Baylor's running backs coach, he coached five 1,000-yard rushers. Baylor's 2015 squad ranked No. 2 in the nation in rushing offense with two 1,000-yard rushers. In 2013, he earned the FootballScoop Running Backs Coach of the Year award after coaching Baylor's first back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher.

A 2007 graduate of Oklahoma, Lebby was a four-year student assistant for the football program.

BY THE NUMBERS

Total Offense

Year	Avg./G	FBS Rk.	Conf. Rk.
2025 - MSU	398.8	55th	8th (SEC)
2024 - MSU	377.2	78th	16th (SEC)
2023 - Oklahoma	507.0	3rd	1st (Big 12)
2022 - Oklahoma	474.0	13th	1st (Big 12)
2021 - Ole Miss	492.5	6th	1st (SEC)
2020 - Ole Miss	555.5	3rd	1st (SEC)
2019 - UCF	540.5	2nd	1st (AAC)

Scoring Offense

Year	PPG	FBS Rk.	Conf. Rk.
2025 - MSU	30.4	42nd	8th (SEC)
2024 - MSU	25.8	86th	14th (SEC)
2023 - Oklahoma	41.7	4th	1st (Big 12)
2022 - Oklahoma	32.8	31st	5th (Big 12)
2021 - Ole Miss	33.7	24th	4th (SEC)
2020 - Ole Miss	39.2	14th	3rd (SEC)
2019 - UCF	43.4	5th	1st (AAC)

Passing Offense

Year	Avg./G	FBS Rk.	Conf. Rk.
2025 - MSU	241.2	52nd	8th (SEC)
2024 - MSU	239.3	50th	7th (SEC)
2023 - Oklahoma	324.8	6th	1st (Big 12)
2022 - Oklahoma	254.6	41st	5th (Big 12)
2021 - Ole Miss	274.8	22nd	3rd (SEC)
2020 - Ole Miss	344.9	7th	3rd (SEC)
2019 - UCF	316.7	8th	1st (AAC)

Rushing Offense

Year	Avg./G	FBS Rk.	Conf. Rk.
2025 - MSU	157.6	68th	9th (SEC)
2024 - MSU	137.9	87th	14th (SEC)
2023 - Oklahoma	182.2	34th	7th (Big 12)
2022 - Oklahoma	219.4	10th	1st (Big 12)
2021 - Ole Miss	217.6	12th	3rd (SEC)
2020 - Ole Miss	210.6	26th	1st (SEC)
2019 - UCF	223.8	19th	3rd (AAC)

3,000+ Yard Passers Under Coach Lebby

Player	Yards	Cmp-Att-Int	TDs	Season
Dillon Gabriel	3,660	266-384-6	30	2023
Dillon Gabriel	3,163	229-366-6	25	2022
Matt Corral	3,349	262-386-5	20	2021
Matt Corral	3,337	231-326-14	29	2020
Dillon Gabriel	3,653	236-398-7	29	2019

Plays of 20+ Yards From Scrimmage

Year	No.	FBS Rk.	Conf. Rk.
2025 - MSU	60	50th	7th (SEC)
2024 - MSU	50	87th	12th (SEC)
2023 - Oklahoma	73	9th	2nd (Big 12)
2022 - Oklahoma	75	25th	3rd (Big 12)
2021 - Ole Miss	74	17th	3rd (SEC)
2020 - Ole Miss	71	9th	3rd (SEC)
2019 - UCF	95	6th	2nd (AAC)

1,000+ Yard Receivers Under Coach Lebby

Player	Yards	Rec.	TDs	Season
Brenen Thompson	1,054	57	6	2025
Marvin Mims	1,083	54	6	2022
Dontario Drummond	1,028	76	8	2021
Elijah Moore	1,193	86	8	2020
Gabriel Davis	1,241	72	12	2019

1,000+ Yard Rushers Under Coach Lebby

Player	Yards	Att.	TDs	Season
Eric Gray	1,366	213	11	2022

COACH LEBBY'S FILE

Hometown	Andrews, Texas
College	Oklahoma, 2007
High School	Andrews HS, 2002
X/Twitter	@Coach_Leb
Birthday	Jan. 5, 1984
Wife	Staley
Children	Daughter, Kora & Son, Kane

RECORD AS A HEAD COACH

Record at Mississippi State	9-18 (3rd Season)
Career Record	Same
SEC Record	1-15 (3rd Season)
Record at Davis Wade Stadium	6-9 (3rd Season)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2024-present
Mississippi State, Head Coach

2022-2023
Oklahoma, Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks

2020-2021
Ole Miss, Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks

2019
UCF, Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks

2018
UCF, Quarterbacks / Passing Game Coordinator

2017
Southeastern, Offensive Coordinator

2015-16
Baylor, Passing Game / Offensive Recruiting Coordinator

2012-16
Baylor, Running Backs Coach

2008-11
Baylor, Assistant Director of Football Operations

2007
Victoria Memorial HS (TX), Offensive Line / Tight Ends Coach

2003-06
Oklahoma, Student Assistant

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (2)

2014 - Big 12	Baylor (Running Backs Coach)
2013 - Big 12	Baylor (Running Backs Coach)

BOWL GAMES (17)

2026	Duke's Mayo Bowl (Mississippi State) *
2022	Cheez-It Bowl (Oklahoma)
2021	Sugar Bowl (Ole Miss)
2021	Outback Bowl (Ole Miss)
2019	Gasparilla Bowl (UCF)
2019	Fiesta Bowl (UCF)
2016	Cactus Bowl (Baylor)
2015	Russell Athletic Bowl (Baylor)
2015	Cotton Bowl (Baylor)
2014	Fiesta Bowl (Baylor)
2012	Holiday Bowl (Baylor)
2011	Alamo Bowl (Baylor)
2010	Texas Bowl (Baylor)
2007	Fiesta Bowl (Oklahoma)
2005	Holiday Bowl (Oklahoma)
2005	Orange Bowl (Oklahoma)
2004	Sugar Bowl (Oklahoma)

** Bowl game as a Head Coach*

COACHING STAFF

Philip Montgomery

Associate Head Coach for Offense
Wide Receivers • 1st Season

Zach Arnett

Defensive Coordinator
5th Season

Corey Bell

Assistant Coach
Cornerbacks • 3rd Season

Vincent Dancy

Assistant Coach
Defensive Ends & Outside Linebackers • 2nd Season

Phil Loadholt

Assistant Coach
Offensive Line • 2nd Season

Evan Harvey

Assistant Coach
Safeties • 2nd Season

Ty Warren

Assistant Coach
Defensive Line • 1st Season

Anthony Tucker

Assistant Head Coach / Passing Game Coordinator
Running Backs • 3rd Season

Matt Brock

Co-Defensive Coordinator
Linebackers • 5th Season

Jon Cooper

Assistant Coach / Run Game Coordinator
Tight Ends • 3rd Season

Kevin Johns

Assistant Coach
Quarterbacks • 1st Season

Cliff Odom

Assistant Coach
Special Teams Coordinator • 3rd Season

Kevie Thompson

Assistant Coach
Defensive Backs/Nickels • 1st Season

ADDITIONAL STAFF

Paul Rhoads	Senior Defensive Analyst
Ryan McKim	Director of Advanced Scouting
Desmond Lindsey	Assistant Wide Receivers Coach
Jermauria Rasco	Assistant Defensive Line Coach
Joey Connors	Assistant Special Teams Coach
Matt Wells	Senior Offensive Consultant
Tanner Schafer	Quarterback Analyst
Ben Tawwater	Offensive Line Analyst
Mason Miller	Offensive Line Consultant
Brandon Fusco	Offensive Line Analyst
Dalton White	Offensive Analyst
Nick Licostie	Defensive Analyst
Chad Stalnaker	Defensive Analyst
Erroll Thompson	Linebacker Analyst
Jett Johnson	Linebacker Analyst
Nate Klien	Offensive Fellow
Hayes Hammond	Special Teams Fellow
Shaud Williams	Director of Sports Performance
Erich Anthony	Sports Performance Coach
Jarwarski Beckum	Director of Speed
Christian Buchanan	Program Integration Coordinator
David Underwood	Sports Performance Coach
Mason Walters	Director of Football Sports Science
Bilal Ilahi	Sports Science Fellow
David Wilczewski	Chief of Staff
Marc Votteler	General Manager
Alena Rivers	Football Operations
Makenzie Votteler	Football Operations
Gerri Green	Senior Director/DAWG Program
Greg Knox	Career & Professional Development
Ravon Collier	Director of Life Skills
Courtney Williams	Assistant General Manager
Lee Wilbanks	Senior Director/Football Recruiting
Rod Gibson	Football Recruiting Engagement
Marshall Levenson	Director/Player Personnel
Andrew Lutz	Director/Player Personnel
Andrea Hollis	Director/Recruiting Strategy
Shelby Howell	Director/On-Campus Recruiting
Kalyn Robinson	On-Campus Recruiting Specialist
Kiki Edwards	On-Campus Recruiting Fellow

QUARTERBACKS

#1 • Kamario Taylor

Quarterback

6-4 • 230 • So.

Macon, Miss. • Noxubee County HS

2026 Week 2 Maxwell Award Player of the Week
2026 Week 2 Davey O'Brien Great 8
2026 Davey O'Brien Midseason Watch List
2026 Week 1 Manning Award Stars of the Week
2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2025 SEC Freshman of the Week (Week 14 vs. #7 Ole Miss)
2025 SEC Freshman of the Week (Week 10 at Arkansas)

- Currently fourth nationally in total yards per game (363) and tied for ninth nationally in passing touchdowns (7).
- Is ranked fourth nationally in points responsible for with 48.
- Seven of his 12 career passing touchdowns have been for 20+ yards.
- First Mississippi State quarterback with 7+ passing touchdowns and 1+ rushing touchdowns in the opening two games of the season since 2014 (Dak Prescott).
- Earned his First career win vs. ULM (09/05/2026).
- 6th Bulldog player to have 4+ passing touchdowns and 1+ rushing touchdowns in a game since 1995 (week 1 vs. ULM).
- Highest-rated quarterback recruit in MSU history.
- Made his first career start in 2025 Egg Bowl and rushed for 173 yards and two TDs
- Lifelong MSU fan from nearby Macon, Mississippi.
- Came from the same high school that produced Bulldog greats Jeffery Simmons, Deontae Skinner and his uncle Omarr Conner (2003-06 MSU QB/WR).

Career Highs

Attempts.....34, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Completions.....22, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Passing Yards.....345 yards, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Passing Touchdowns.....4, vs. ULM (09/05/2026))
Longest Pass.....70 yards, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Rushing Attempts.....20, vs. Ole Miss (11/28/2025)
Rushing Touchdown.....3, vs. Georgia (11/08/2025)
Rushing Yards.....173 yards, vs. Ole Miss (11/28/2025)
Longest Rush.....39 yards, vs. Ole Miss (11/28/2025)

Game-by-Game

		Passing				Rushing			
	GP/GS	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	ATT	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/1	22-34-0	354	4	70	6	59	1	26
Minnesota	1/1	16-22-0	227	3	39	13	86	--	26
South Carolina									
Missouri									
Alabama									
LSU									
Oklahoma									
Texas									
Vanderbilt									
Auburn									
Tennessee Tech									
Ole Miss									

Career Passing Stats

	GP/GS	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC
2025	11/2	43-77-1	629	5	57	55.8	14.6	57.2	143.3
2026	2/2	38-56-0	581	7	70	67.9	15.3	290.5	196.3
TOTALS	**13/4**	**81-133-1**	**1210**	**12**	**70**	**60.9**	**14.9**	**93.1**	**165.6**

Career Rushing Stats

	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2025	11/2	82	458	8	39	5.6	41.6
2026	2/2	19	145	1	26	7.6	72.5
TOTALS	**13/4**	**101**	**603**	**9**	**39**	**6.0**	**46.4**

Kamario Taylor is set for big things inside the SEC, but the Mississippi State star quarterback came from humble beginnings and hasn't forgotten them.

Step inside this documentary as the world gets to know Taylor more. STATE 1878 goes back to his roots in Noxubee County to see how Taylor has become the talk of all those that follow maroon and white.

Watch on YouTube

Kamario Taylor Welcoming High Expectations
By Joel Coleman | HailState.com | July 1, 2026

"He's impressive in every way," one reporter posted of Kamario Taylor.

"I'm buying as much stock as I possibly can," wrote another.

Praise for Taylor was abundant and coming from all corners of the football-covering universe.

Taylor is of course getting ready for his first full season as the starting signal caller for the Bulldogs. As the top-rated quarterback recruit in MSU history, he needed no help amplifying the expectations for him in Starkville.

Despite Taylor's youth, his undeniable skill and athleticism combined with his aura has the State faithful believing a promising era of Bulldog football has arrived with Taylor as the tip of the spear.

It might be a lot to put on a guy with just two career starts under his belt. Yet, when you talk to Taylor, you won't find him running from any of the hype. He refuses to offer up any kind of deflection of the attention being thrown his way.

He's fully embracing it. He welcomes it. He wants it.

"My whole life I was always taught pressure either makes diamonds or busts pipes," Taylor said. "And I love when the pressure is on me, so I can show everyone that I can make diamonds."

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QUARTERBACKS

#15 • Parker "Billy" Puckett

Quarterback

6-0 • 180 • R-Fr.

Madison, Miss. • Jackson Prep

- Made his collegiate debut in the second half against ULM and completed more than 50% of his passes.
- Served as scout team quarterback in 2025.
- Threw for 4,822 yards and 46 touchdowns in high school, where he won the 2022 State Championship.

Career Highs

Attempts....8, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Completions....5, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Passing Yards....63, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Passing Touchdowns....
Longest Pass....20, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Rushing Attempts....2, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Rushing Touchdown....
Rushing Yards....24, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Longest Rush....17, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)

Game-by-Game

		Passing				Rushing			
	GP/GS	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	ATT	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/0	5-8-0	63	--	20	2	24	--	17
Minnesota	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
South Carolina									
Missouri									
Alabama									
LSU									
Oklahoma									
Texas									
Vanderbilt									
Auburn									
Tennessee Tech									
Ole Miss									

Career Passing Stats

	GP/GS	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC
2026	1/0	5-8-0	63	--	20	62.5	12.6	63	128.7
TOTALS	1/0	5-8-0	63	--	20	62.5	12.6	63	128.7

Career Rushing Stats

	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2026	1/0	2	24	--	17	12	24
TOTALS	1/0	2	24	--	17	12	24

#17 • AJ Swann

Quarterback

6-2 • 220 • 5th

Canton, Ga. • Cherokee HS (App State)

- Started in 12 of his 15 games played for Vanderbilt in 2022 and 2023.
- Earned a redshirt after appearing in two games for LSU in 2024.
- Started in six of his seven games for Appalachian State in 2025.

Career Highs

Attempts....51, vs. Georgia Southern (11/06/25)*
Completions....34, vs. Georgia Southern (11/06/25)*
Passing Yards....368, at Charlotte (08/29/25)*
Passing Touchdowns....4, at Northern Illinois (09/17/22)^
Longest Pass....72 yards, vs. Lindenwood (09/06/25)*
Rushing Attempts....11, at UNLV (09/16/23)^
Rushing Touchdown....1, vs. Alabama A&M (09/02/23)^
Rushing Yards....27, at UNLV (09/16/23)^
Longest Rush....25 yards, vs. Alabama A&M (09/02/23)^

** Set at Appalachian State*
^ Set at Vanderbilt

Game-by-Game

		Passing				Rushing			
	GP/GS	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	ATT	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Minnesota	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
South Carolina									
Missouri									
Alabama									
LSU									
Oklahoma									
Texas									
Vanderbilt									
Auburn									
Tennessee Tech									
Ole Miss									

Career Passing Stats

	GP/GS	COMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LNG	PCT	AVG/P	AVG/G	EFFIC
2022 (Vanderbilt)	9/6	115-198-2	1274	10	66	58.1	6.4	141.6	126.8
2023 (Vanderbilt)	6/6	107-196-7	1457	12	56	54.6	7.4	242.8	130.1
2024 (LSU)	2/0	2-4-0	10	0	8	50.0	2.5	5.0	71.0
2025 (App State)	7/6	130-222-8	1495	10	72	58.6	6.7	213.6	122.8
2026	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	**24/18**	**354-620-17**	**4236**	**32**	**72**	**57.1**	**6.8**	**176.5**	**126.0**

Career Rushing Stats

	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2022 (Vanderbilt)	9/6	21	-76	0	7	-3.6	-8.4
2023 (Vanderbilt)	6/6	27	16	1	25	0.6	2.7
2024 (LSU)	2/0	0	0	0	--	--	--
2025 (App State)	7/6	20	-12	0	19	-0.6	-1.7
2026	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	**24/18**	**68**	**-72**	**1**	**25**	**-1.1**	**-3.0**

RUNNING BACKS

#24 • Fluff Bothwell

Running Back

5-10 • 230 • Jr.

Oneonta, Ala. • Oneonta HS (South Alabama)

Name Pronunciation: *Bothwell* = Bawth-well

2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2024 Third Team All-Sun Belt / Led Sun Belt Conference In Rushing TDs

- Recorded his seventh career 100-yard rushing game at Minnesota.
- Eclipsed the century mark on the ground twice and had three multi-touchdown games in 2025.
- Real first name is Da'Marion. Nicknamed "Fluff" by mother at birth as an 11-pound baby.
- Pet lover: has five dogs, two snakes and one cat.
- Family home burned down on Dec. 24, 2023 during his senior year of high school. No one was home but the family lost everything in the fire. "You can always get another home, but you can't get somebody back. It was tough, but we all got through it and we're back on our feet now." - Fluff Bothwell

Career Highs

Rushing Attempts . . . . . 23, vs. Tennessee (09/27/2025)
Rushing Yards . . . . . 143, vs. Northwestern St. (09/12/2024)*
Rushing Touchdowns . . . . . 2, 9x, last at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
Longest Rush . . . . . 59 yards, at Southern Miss (11/23/2024)*
Receptions . . . . . 4, at Arkansas St. (10/5/2024)*
Receiving Yards . . . . . 39, at Arkansas (11/1/2025)
Longest Reception . . . . . 39 yards, at Arkansas (11/1/2025)
** Set at South Alabama*

Game-by-Game

		Rushing				Receiving			
	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/1	9	52	--	14	1	16	--	16
Minnesota	1/1	18	113	2	30	1	3	--	3
South Carolina									
Missouri									
Alabama									
LSU									
Oklahoma									
Texas									
Vanderbilt									
Auburn									
Tennessee Tech									
Ole Miss									

Career Rushing Stats

	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2024 (USA)	12/0	111	832	13	59	7.5	69.3
2025	11/5	142	677	6	43	4.8	61.6
2026	2/2	27	165	2	30	6.1	82.5
TOTALS	**25/7**	**280**	**1,674**	**21**	**59**	**6.0**	**67.0**

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2024 (USA)	12/0	13	92	0	28	1.1	7.1	7.7
2025	11/5	14	105	0	39	1.3	7.5	9.6
2026	2/2	2	19	--	16	2	9.5	9.5
TOTALS	**25/7**	**29**	**216**	**0**	**39**	**1.2**	**7.4**	**8.6**

#6 • Kolin Wilson

Running Back

5-9 • 190 • R-Fr.

Gulf Shores, Ala. • Gulf Shores HS

2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- Set six new career highs in a single game versus ULM.
- Played in five games with zero starts in 2025.

Career Highs

Rushing Attempts . . . . . 11, at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
Rushing Yards . . . . . 53, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Rushing Touchdowns . . . . . .
Longest Rush . . . . . 48 yards, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Receptions . . . . . 2, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Receiving Yards . . . . . 19, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Longest Reception . . . . . 12 yards, vs. ULM (09/05/2026)

Game-by-Game

		Rushing				Receiving			
	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/0	4	53	--	48	2	19	--	12
Minnesota	1/0	11	34	--	9	--	--	--	--
South Carolina									
Missouri									
Alabama									
LSU									
Oklahoma									
Texas									
Vanderbilt									
Auburn									
Tennessee Tech									
Ole Miss									

Career Rushing Stats

	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2025	5/0	6	26	0	17	4.3	5.2
2026	2/0	15	87	--	48	5.8	43.5
TOTALS	**7/0**	**21**	**113**	**0**	**48**	**5.4**	**16.1**

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2025	5/0	1	8	0	8	0.2	8.0	1.6
2026	2/0	2	19	--	12	2	9.5	19
TOTALS	**7/0**	**3**	**27**	**0**	**12**	**0.5**	**9.0**	**4.5**

RUNNING BACKS

#5 • Xavier Gayten

Running Back

6-0 • 205 • Jr.

Brookhaven, Miss. • Brookhaven HS

2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- His 72-yard TD run vs. UMass in 2024 is the longest rush by a Bulldog in the past three seasons.
- Owns several horses and dogs back home in Brookhaven.

Career Highs

Rushing Attempts . . . . . 6, at Florida (10/18/2025)
Rushing Yards . . . . . 72, vs. UMass (11/02/2024)
Rushing Touchdowns. . . . . 1, 4x, last vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Longest Rush . . . . . 72 yards, vs. UMass (11/02/2024)
Receptions . . . . . 1, 4x, last at Missouri (11/15/2025)
Receiving Yards . . . . . 10, vs. Arkansas (10/26/2024)
Longest Reception. . . . . 10 yards, vs. Arkansas (10/26/2024)

Game-by-Game

		Rushing				Receiving			
	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/0	3	28	1	14	--	--	--	--
Minnesota	1/0	3	13	--	11	--	--	--	--
South Carolina									
Missouri									
Alabama									
LSU									
Oklahoma									
Texas									
Vanderbilt									
Auburn									
Tennessee Tech									
Ole Miss									

Career Rushing Stats

	GP/GS	ATT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2024	11/0	8	115	1	72	14.4	10.5
2025	13/0	29	157	2	25	5.4	12.1
2026	2/0	6	41	1	14	6.8	20.5
TOTALS	**26/0**	**43**	**313**	**4**	**72**	**7.3**	**12.0**

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2024	11/0	1	10	0	10	0.1	10.0	0.9
2025	12/0	3	2	0	5	0.3	0.7	0.2
2026	2/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	**26/0**	**4**	**12**	**0**	**10**	**0.2**	**3.0**	**0.5**

WIDE RECEIVERS

#3 • Anthony Evans III

Wide Receiver

5-11 • 190 • Sr.

Converse, Texas • Judson HS (Georgia)

2026 Week 2 Paul Hornung Award Weekly Honor Roll
2026 Week 2 Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week Honorable Mention
2026 Paul Hornung Award Preseason Watch List
2026 Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List
2026 Senior Bowl Top 300
2026 Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Preseason Watch List
2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2025 Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (Week 10 at Arkansas)
2025 Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Honorable Mention (Week 10 at Arkansas)

- Ranked ninth nationally in receiving yards per game (119.5).
- Recorded back-to-back games with 100+ yards receiving for the first time in his career to start the season.
- Leads all SEC receivers in receiving yards (239) and receptions (14).
- Reached 1,000 career receiving yards after a career-best 118-yard performance against ULM.
- Made at least four catches in 12 of 13 games for the Bulldogs in 2025.
- Produced three 100-yard receiving games in 2025.
- Led MSU with 18 explosive plays of 20+ yards in 2025.
- Became just the third Bulldog since 2016 to make more than 60 catches in a single season.
- Nickname is "Ant."

Career Highs

Rushing Attempts . . . . . 3, vs. Northern Illinois (09/20/2025)
Rushing Yards . . . . . 52, vs. Mississippi State (10/12/2024)*
Longest Rush . . . . . 52 yards, vs. Mississippi State (10/12/2024)*
Receptions . . . . . 11, at Florida (10/18/2025)
Receiving Yards . . . . . 121, at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
Receiving Touchdowns . . . . . 2, at Arkansas (11/01/2025)
Longest Reception . . . . . 57 yards, vs. Northern Illinois (09/20/2025)
Kickoff Returns . . . . . 3, at Alabama (09/28/2024)*
Kickoff Return Yards . . . . . 69, at Alabama (09/28/2024)*
Punt Returns . . . . . 5, vs. Tennessee Tech (09/07/2024)*
Punt Return Yards . . . . . 97, vs. Alcorn State (09/13/2025)
** Set at Georgia*

Game-by-Game

		Receiving				Kickoff Return			Punt Return			
	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	RETYDS	TD	LNG	RET	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/1	7	118	1	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Minnesota	1/1	7	121	1	39	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
South Carolina												
Missouri												
Alabama												
LSU												
Oklahoma												
Texas												
Vanderbilt												
Auburn												
Tennessee Tech												
Ole Miss												

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2023 (UGA)	8/0	4	35	1	15	0.5	8.8	4.4
2024 (UGA)	11/0	9	88	0	21	0.8	9.8	8.0
2025	13/13	67	831	4	57	5.2	12.4	63.9
2026	2/2	14	239	2	39	7	17.1	119.5
TOTALS	**34/15**	**94**	**1,193**	**7**	**57**	**2.8**	**12.7**	**35.1**

Career Kickoff Return Stats

	GP/GS	RET	YDS	TD	LNG	YDS/RET	YDS/G
2023 (UGA)	8/0	0	--	--	--	--	
2024 (UGA)	11/0	7	124	0	28	17.7	11.3
2025	13/13	1	16	0	16	16.0	1.2
2026	2/2	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	**34/15**	**8**	**140**	**0**	**28**	**17.5**	**4.4**

Career Punt Return Stats

	GP/GS	RET	YDS	TD	LNG	YDS/RET	YDS/G
2023 (UGA)	8/0	4	55	0	28	13.8	6.9
2024 (UGA)	11/0	17	129	0	46	7.6	11.7
2025	13/13	10	134	0	43	13.4	10.3
2026	2/2	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	**34/15**	**31**	**318**	**0**	**46**	**10.3**	**9.9**

#7 • Zion Ragins

Wide Receiver

5-8 • 170 • R-So.

Macon, Ga. • Jones County HS (Oklahoma)

- Has earned a receving touchdown in two straight games to start his career as a Bulldog.
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown in his first game as a Bulldog in the week one win over ULM.
- Ranked as a three-star transfer prospect.
- A four-star high school recruit by ESPN, On3 and Rivals, ranked as the nation's No. 181 overall prospect by ESPN.
- Earned two state championships in the 100-meter dash with a personal best time of 10.37.

Career Highs

Receptions . . . . . 4, vs. Navy (12/27/2024)*
Receiving Yards . . . . . 53, at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
Receiving Touchdowns . . . . . 1, 2x, last at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
Longest Reception . . . . . 25, at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
** Set at Oklahoma*

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/1	3	45	1	22
Minnesota	1/1	3	53	1	25
South Carolina					
Missouri					
Alabama					
LSU					
Oklahoma					
Texas					
Vanderbilt					
Auburn					
Tennessee Tech					
Ole Miss					

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2024 (Oklahoma)	13/5	10	68	0	14	0.8	6.8	5.2
2025 (Oklahoma)	2/0	0	0	0	--	--	--	0
2026	2/2	6	98	2	25	3	16.3	49
TOTALS	**17/7**	**16**	**166**	**2**	**25**	**0.9**	**10.4**	**9.8**

WIDE RECEIVERS

#13 • Sanfrisco Magee

Wide Receiver

6-2 • 200 • R-So.

McComb, Miss. • McComb HS

2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- Three games in a row with a receiving touchdown dating back to last year's Duke's Mayo Bowl.
- Made the first start of his career and tallied the first touchdown of the season for the Dawgs vs. ULM.
- Scored his first career touchdown on a 42-yard reception in the Duke's Mayo Bowl against Wake Forest on Jan. 2, 2026.
- Was a three-sport athlete in high school, playing basketball and football while also running track.

Career Highs

Receptions . . . . . 4, 2x, last at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
Receiving Yards . . . . . 47, vs. Wake Forest (01/02/2026)
Receiving Touchdowns . . . . . 1, 2x, last at Minnesota (09/12/2026)
Longest Reception . . . . . 42 yards, vs. Wake Forest (01/02/2026)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/1	4	35	1	14
Minnesota	1/1	4	42	1	30
South Carolina					
Missouri					
Alabama					
LSU					
Oklahoma					
Texas					
Vanderbilt					
Auburn					
Tennessee Tech					
Ole Miss					

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2024	2/0	1	6	0	6	0.5	6.0	3.0
2025	7/0	5	80	1	42	0.7	16.0	11.4
2026	2/2	14	77	2	30	4	9.6	38.5
TOTALS	**11/2**	**14**	**163**	**3**	**42**	**1.3**	**11.6**	**14.8**

#2 • Marquis Johnson

Wide Receiver

5-11 • 190 • Sr.

Dickinson, Texas • Dickinson HS (Missouri)

- Started his Mississippi State career off with a long 70-yard touchdown in the week one win over ULM.
- Appeared in 37 games with nine starts at Missouri prior to transferring to MSU.
- Father Domonique lettered in two seasons at Missouri (2005-06) as a cornerback and kick returner before transferring to Jackson State. Domonique later spent five years in the NFL

Career Highs

Rushing Yards . . . . . 3, vs. Iowa (09/23/2023)*
Longest Rush . . . . . 7 yards, vs. Iowa (12/30/2024)*
Receptions . . . . . 7, 2x last vs. South Carolina (09/20/2025)*
Receiving Yards . . . . . 134, vs. Central Arkansas (08/28/2025)*
Receiving Touchdowns . . . . . 1, 7x last vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
Longest Reception . . . . . 76 yards, vs. Memphis (09/23/2023)*
** Set at Missouri*

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/0	3	99	1	70
Minnesota	1/1	1	8	--	8
South Carolina					
Missouri					
Alabama					
LSU					
Oklahoma					
Texas					
Vanderbilt					
Auburn					
Tennessee Tech					
Ole Miss					

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2023 (Missouri)	13/0	13	383	3	76	1.0	29.5	29.5
2024 (Missouri)	12/2	25	352	1	49	2.1	14.1	29.3
2025 (Missouri)	12/7	28	340	2	49	2.3	12.1	28.3
2026	2/1	4	107	1	70	2.0	26.8	53.5
TOTALS	**39/10**	**70**	**1182**	**7**	**76**	**1.8**	**16.9**	**30.3**

TIGHT ENDS

#87 • Sam West

Tight End

6-4 • 250 • R-Jr.

Greensburg, Ind. • Greensburg Community HS (Indiana)

2024 Academic All-Big Ten

- Made the third start of his career at MSU for the Bulldogs to open the 2026 season.
- Played quarterback for his high school team, accounting for nearly 3,500 yards of offense and 39 touchdowns (18 passing, 17 rushing, 4 receiving).
- A consensus three-star prospect in high school, he also played defense as a senior and posted 64 tackles and 6.0 TFLs.

Career Highs

Receptions . . . . . 2, at Missouri (11/15/2025)
Receiving Yards . . . . . 37, vs. Charlotte (09/21/2024)*
Receiving Touchdowns. . . . . 1, vs. Texas (10/25/2025)
Longest Reception. . . . . 37 yards, vs. Charlotte (09/21/2024)*
** Set at Indiana*

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	1/1	1	11	--	11
Minnesota	1/0	--	--	--	--
South Carolina					
Missouri					
Alabama					
LSU					
Oklahoma					
Texas					
Vanderbilt					
Auburn					
Tennessee Tech					
Ole Miss					

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2023 (Indiana)	2/0	0	0	0	--	--	--	0
2024 (Indiana)	13/0	1	37	0	37	0.1	37.0	2.8
2025	13/2	5	41	1	13	0.4	8.2	3.2
2026	2/1	1	11	0	11	1	11	11
TOTALS	**30/3**	**7**	**89**	**1**	**37**	**0.2**	**12.7**	**3.1**

#88 • Joeseph Skipworth

Tight End

6-5 • 225 • R-Fr.

Pace, Fla. • Pace HS

- Multi-sport athlete that also played basketball and baseball in high school.
- Averaged 8.0 ppg and 8.1 rpg as a junior on the hardwood.

Career Highs

Receptions . . . . . .
Receiving Yards . . . . . .
Longest Reception. . . . . .

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG
ULM	DNP	--	--	--	--
Minnesota	DNP	--	--	--	--
South Carolina					
Missouri					
Alabama					
LSU					
Oklahoma					
Texas					
Vanderbilt					
Auburn					
Tennessee Tech					
Ole Miss					

Career Receiving Stats

	GP/GS	REC	YDS	TD	LNG	REC/G	YDS/R	YDS/G
2025	4/0	0	0	0	--	--	--	0
2026	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	**4/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**--**	**--**	**--**	**0**

OFFENSIVE LINE

#72 • Canon Boone

Center

6-4 • 325 • 6th

Kemah, Texas • Dickinson HS

2026 SEC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week (Week 2 at Minnesota)
SEC Graduate
2026 Rimington Trophy Preseason Watch List
2024 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- Named SEC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week after leading the Bulldogs in the trenches to reach 250+ rushing yards in back-to-back games to open the season.
- Started at center in week two for the fifteenth straight game.
- Started all 13 games at center in 2025.
- Longest tenured Bulldog having began his career as a redshirt in 2021.
- Recruited and played for the late Mike Leach.

Career Games Played / Started

	GP/GS
2022	1/0
2023	8/0
2024	7/0
2025	13/13
2026	2/2
TOTALS	**31/15**

#50 • LJ Prudhomme

Offensive Line

6-3 • 330 • R-Fr.

Shreveport, La. • Captain Shreve HS (Arkansas)

- Made his MSU debut as the starting right guard.
- Rated the No. 7 center in the 2025 class by Rivals.
- Also participated in track & field in high school, winning his district with a discus throw of 160'0.5".

Career Games Played / Started

	GP/GS
2025 (Arkansas)	4/0
2026	2/2
TOTALS	**6/2**

#78 • DJ Chester

Offensive Line

6-6 • 315 • R-Jr.

Conyers, Ga. • Eagle's Landing Christian Academy (LSU)

2026 Wuerffel Trophy Preseason Watch List
2024 Freshman All-SEC
2024 SEC Academic Honor Roll

- Made his Bulldog debut as a starter against ULM as the left guard.
- Led a bed-building community service project over the summer through his JDC Thrive Foundation that involved more than 20 Bulldogs.

Career Games Played / Started

	GP/GS
2023 (LSU)	4/0
2024 (LSU)	13/13
2025 (LSU)	7/1
2026	2/2
TOTALS	**26/16**

#55 • Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins

Offensive Line

6-5 • 340 • R-Jr.

Plantersville, Miss. • Shannon HS (NW Mississippi CC)

2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- Named the highest-graded right tackle in week two nationally by PFN with a grade of 90.1.
- Made his first career start at right tackle for the Bulldogs against ULM in week one.
- Ranked as the No. 2 offensive tackle and No. 22 overall player in the JUCO ranks.
- Only played varsity football for one season in high school, earning First Team All-Region honors.

Career Games Played / Started

	GP/GS
2025	2/0
2026	2/2
TOTALS	**4/2**

OFFENSIVE LINE

#58 • Miles McVay

Offensive Line

6-6 • 335 • R-Jr.

East St. Louis, Ill. • East St. Louis HS (North Carolina)

- Started his first game for the Bulldogs as the left tackle in week one against ULM.
- Played two seasons at Alabama before transferring to North Carolina.
- Rated the No. 16 offensive tackle by ESPN in his high school class.

Career Games Played / Started

	GP/GS
2023 (Alabama)	4/0
2024 (Alabama)	12/0
2025 (UNC)	7/0
2026	2/2
TOTALS	**25/2**

#54 • Blake Steen

Offensive Line

6-6 • 340 • R-Sr.

Miami, Fla. • St. Thomas Aquinas (Virginia)

2025 Shrine Bowl 1000

- Suffered a season-ending injury in the 2025 season opener at Southern Miss after starting at right tackle.
- Younger brother, Dylan, signed with State as part of the 2026 signing class.
- Part of three state championship teams at St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Older brother, Tyler, played at Vanderbilt (2018-21) and Alabama (2022) before being drafted in the third round by the Philadelphia Eagles, helping them win the Super Bowl in 2025.

Career Games Played / Started

	GP/GS
2023 (Virginia)	8/5
2024 (Virginia)	12/12
2025	1/1
2026	2/0
TOTALS	**23/18**

DEFENSIVE LINE

#42 • DJ Reed

Defensive Line

6-4 • 295 • R-Jr.

Columbus, Ga. • Carver HS (Auburn)

- Made his first collegiate start against ULM in week one, securing half of a TFL.
- Played in 16 games with zero starts at Auburn prior to transferring to Mississippi State.
- Rated as a top 20 prospect in Georgia and a four-star high school recruit by 24/7 and Rivals.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 4, 2x, last vs. Tennessee (9/27/2025)
Tackles for Loss . . . . . 1.0, 2x last vs. Tennessee (9/27/2025)
Sacks . . . . . 1.0, 2x, last vs. Tennessee (9/27/2025)
Pass Breakups . . . . . 1, at Southern Miss (8/30/2025)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	1	1	2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2023 (Auburn)	1/0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024 (Auburn)	2/0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	13/0	4	17	21	2-5	1	0	0	0	2.0-5	0
2026	2/2	1	2	3	0.5-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**18/2**	**5**	**19**	**23**	**2.5-7**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2.0-5**	**0**

#23 • Trevion Williams

Defensive Line

6-4 • 295 • 5th

Crystal Springs, Miss. • Crystal Springs HS

- Tallied the Bulldogs' first sack of the season, dropping the ULM quarterback in week one.
- Earned a medical hardship waiver following the 2023 season.
- Also played quarterback in high school along with basketball and throws events in track & field.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 6, 2x, last vs. Toledo (09/14/2024)
Tackles for Loss . . . . . 1.5 vs Arizona (9/9/2023)
Sacks . . . . . 1.0, 2x, last vs. ULM (9/5/2026)
Forced Fumbles. . . . . 1, 2x, last at Missouri (11/15/2025)
Pass Breakups . . . . . 1, 2x, last vs. Georgia (11/8/2025)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/0	1	2	3	1-8	1-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2022	3/0	0	2	2	0.5-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	3/0	1	5	6	1.5-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	11/3	5	28	33	2-4	1	0	0	0	0.5-1	0
2025	13/7	4	16	20	1.5-3	1	2	0	0	1-1	0
2026	2/0	1	2	3	1-8	0	0	0	0	1-8	0
TOTALS	**32/10**	**11**	**53**	**64**	**6.5-19**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2.5-10**	**0**

DEFENSIVE LINE

#9 • Jaray Bledsoe

Defensive Line

6-4 • 315 • 5th

Marlin, Texas • Marlin HS (Texas)

2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2024 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
2023 Academic All-Big 12 First Team
2023 Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (Spring)
2022 Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (Spring)
2022 Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (Fall)

- One of four Bulldogs with a TFL against Minnesota.
- Recorded his first sack of the season against Minnesota.
- Led the Bulldogs in TFLs (1.5) in the week one win over ULM.
- Named to Bruce Feldman's Freaks List entering the 2026 season.
- Registered a tackle in 12 of 13 games in 2025.
- Began his career with three seasons at Texas before transferring to State.
- Also was a running back in high school and played basketball and shot put.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 5, vs. Georgia (11/08/2025)
Tackles for Loss . . . . . 1.5, x2, last vs. ULM (9/5/2026)
Sacks . . . . . 1.5, vs. Texas (10/25/2025)
QB Hurries . . . . . 1, 2x last vs. Wake Forest (01/02/2026)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	1	2	3	1.5-6	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	2	1	3	1-8	1-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2022 (Texas)	1/0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 (Texas)	8/0	2	2	4	1.0-2	0	0	1	0	0	0
2024 (Texas)	3/0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	13/4	8	20	28	5.5-12	0	0	0	0	1.5-6	0
2026	2/2	3	3	6	2.5-14	0	0	0	0	1-8	0
TOTALS	**27/6**	**14**	**27**	**41**	**9-28**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2.5-14**	**0**

EDGE / DEFENSIVE ENDS

#4 • Amaree Williams

Edge

6-4 • 240 • Jr.

North Palm Beach, Fla. • The Benjamin School (Florida State)

- Assisted on a sack in his Bulldog debut.
- Played tight end and defensive line for Florida State prior to transferring to MSU.
- Was the only FBS player in 2025 to have caught a touchdown and at least 0.5 sacks in a game.
- Competed in the 4x100-meter relay and high jump in high school.
- Father, Moe Williams, is in the University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame and played 10 seasons in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings and Baltimore Ravens.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 3, vs. Wake Forest (11/01/2025)*
Tackles for Loss . . . . . 1.0, vs. Wake Forest (11/01/2025)*
Sacks . . . . . 1.0, vs. Wake Forest (11/01/2025)*
QB Hurries . . . . . 1, at NC State (11/21/2025)*
** Set at Florida State*

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	0	1	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2024 (Florida State)	8/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025 (Florida State)	12/2	5	5	10	2.0-11	0	0	0	0	1.5-10	0
2026	2/2	0	2	2	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0.5-1	0
TOTALS	**21/3**	**5**	**7**	**12**	**2.5-12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2-11**	**0**

#43 • Will Whitson

Defensive Line

6-5 • 295 • 7th

Cincinnati, Ohio • Winton Woods HS (Coastal Carolina)

2025 SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (Week 1 at Southern Miss)
2025 Panini Senior Bowl Top 300 Watch List
2025 Shrine Bowl 1000

- One of four Bulldogs with a TFL against Minnesota.
- Returned to the field in the game one win over ULM, starting and assisting on a TFL.
- Transferred to Mississippi State from Coastal Carolina ahead of the 2025 season, when he started two games before suffering a season-ending knee injury against Arizona State.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 8, 2x, last at Army (11/18/2024)*
Tackles for Loss . . . . . 2.5, at Southern Miss (8/30/2025)
Sacks . . . . . 2.0, vs. Texas State (11/11/2023)*
Forced Fumbles. . . . . 1, at Jacksonville State (08/29/2024)*
** Set at Coastal Carolina*

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	1	5	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
Minnesota	1/1	2	1	3	1-4	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2023 (Coastal Car.)	13/9	19	23	42	5.5-14	0	0	0	0	3.0-11	0
2024 (Coastal Car.)	4/4	11	10	21	3.5-20	0	1	0	0	2.0-16	0
2025	2/1	4	4	8	4.5-22	0	0	0	0	2.0-18	0
2026	2/2	3	6	9	1.5-4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**21/16**	**37**	**43**	**80**	**15-60**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**7.0-45**	**0**

LINEBACKERS

#0 • Fatt Forrest

Linebacker

6-2 • 235 • Jr.

Kilmichael, Miss. • Winona HS

- Tallied the first six tackles of his collegiate career in the week one win over ULM.
- Led Winona High School to its first state championship in 2023.
- Earned a spot on the 2023 Army All-American Bowl Team.

Career Highs

Tackles ..... 6, vs. ULM (9/5/2026)
Sacks .....
Tackles for loss .....
QB Hurries .....

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/0	1	5	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2024	3/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	12/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	2/1	1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**17/1**	**1**	**5**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

#10 • Jalen Smith

Linebacker

6-2 • 230 • R-Jr.

Grayson, Ga. • Grayson HS (Tennessee)

2025 Butkus Award Preseason Watch List
2024 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
2024 SEC All-Freshman
2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

- One of four Bulldogs with a TFL against Minnesota.
- Made his first collegiate start and led the Bulldogs in tackles (8) in week one.
- Reached 100 career tackles against ULM in September.
- Appeared in all 13 games in 2025 and led the Bulldogs with a career-high 12 tackles in the Duke's Mayo Bowl
- Set a Grayson High School record with 434 career tackles.

Career Highs

Tackles ..... 12, vs. Wake Forest (1/2/2026)
Tackles for Loss ..... 1.5, vs. UTEP (11/23/2024)*
QB Hurries ..... 1, 2x, last at Arkansas(11/1/2025)
Pass Breakups ..... 1, at Arkansas (11/1/2025)
** set at Tennessee*

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	1	7	8	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	3	1	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2023 (TENN)	5/0	3	1	4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024 (TENN)	12/0	13	21	34	1.5-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	13/0	20	37	57	1.5-3	1	0	0	0	0	0
2026	2/2	4	8	12	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**32/2**	**40**	**57**	**107**	**4-8**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

LINEBACKERS

#11 • Tyler Lockhart

Linebacker

6-2 • 230 • So.

Kilmichael, Miss. • Winona HS

2025 Freshman All-SEC, LB (Coaches)

- Set a career high in tackles while also notching his first career sack and leading the team in tackles against Minnesota.
- Made first career start in the Duke's Mayo Bowl.
- Older brother, TJ, plays offensive line for the Bulldogs.
- High school teammate of fellow linebacker Fatt Forrest.
- Led Winona High School to a perfect 15-0 record and the Class 3A state championship in 2023.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 7, at Minnesota (9/13/2026)
QB Hurries . . . . . 2, vs Tennessee (09/27/2025)
Sacks . . . . . 1, at Minnesota (9/13/2026)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	1	3	4	0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	4	3	7	1-4	1-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2025	13/1	9	25	34	0-0	2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2026	2/2	5	6	11	1-4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	15/3	14	31	45	1-4	2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

#7 • Zakari Tillman

Linebacker

6-2 • 235 • Sr.

Florence, Miss. • Florence HS

Name Pronunciation: *Zakari* = ZUH-car-E

2025 Athlon Sports Preseason All-SEC (4th Team, LB)

- Missed the first two weeks with an injury.
- Has a tackle in each of the last 17 consecutive games that he has played in.
- Mother, LaTonia, served in the Air Force and received numerous medals during her 21-year career.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 7, 2x, last at Arkansas (11/1/2025)
Tackles for Loss . . . . . 2.0, 2x, Last vs Tennessee (09/27/2025)
Sacks . . . . . 2.0, at Ole Miss (11/29/2024)
QB Hurries . . . . . 1, 2x, Last at Missouri (11/15/2025)
Interceptions . . . . . 1, 2x, Last vs Tennessee (09/27/2025)
Pass Breakups . . . . . 1, 3x, last at Missouri (11/15/2025)
Forced Fumble . . . . . 1, 2x, last at Arkansas (11/1/2025)
Fumble Recoveries . . . . . 1, at Texas (09/28/2024)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Minnesota	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2023	11/0	1	4	5	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	12/1	17	13	30	3.5-18	3	1	1	1	3.5-18	1
2025	12/10	15	32	47	3.0-9	2	1	0	0	1.0-7	1
2026	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	**35/10**	**34**	**49**	**82**	**6.5-27**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**4.5-25**	**2**

DEFENSIVE BACKS

#1 • Kelley Jones

Cornerback

6-4 • 205 • Sr.

Clarksdale, Miss. • Clarksdale HS

2026 Associated Press All-America
2026 Preseason Media All-SEC (second team)
2026 Preseason Coaches All-SEC (second team)
2026 Bronko Nagurski Preseason Watch List
2026 Pro Football Network Preseason All-Amerca (second team)
2026 Jim Thorpe Award Preseason Watch List
2026 Senior Bowl Top 300
2026 Chuck Bednarik Award Preseason Watch List
2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2025 All-SEC Fourth Team, CB (Phil Steele)
2025 CBS Top 150 Players (#147)
2025 All-SEC First Team, CB (PFSN)
2025 All-SEC Third Team, DB (Coaches)
2024 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- Deflected a pass and did not allow a reception in the week one win over ULM.
- Returned a blocked PAT 86 yards for a two-point score during the Duke's Mayo Bowl last year.
- Picked off two passes in 2025 against Texas and Texas A&M.
- Appeared in three games and redshirted his true freshman season in 2023.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 7, vs. Florida (09/21/2024)
Pass Breakups . . . . . 2, 4x, vs Georgia (11/8/2025)
Fumble Recoveries . . . . . 1, vs. Florida (09/21/2024)
Interceptions . . . . . 1, 2x, last vs Texas (10/25/2025)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
Minnesota	1/1	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2023	3/0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2024	11/4	13	16	29	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
2025	13/13	20	14	34	0	13	0	0	0	0	2
2026	2/2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**29/19**	**35**	**30**	**65**	**0**	**16**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**

Mississippi State's Kelley Jones has been featured on many preseason All-America teams and watch lists, including:

- Nagurski Trophy, Thorpe Award, Bednarik Award Watch Lists
- AP, PFN, Athlon, Walter Camp All-America Teams
- Preseason Media & Coaches All-SEC Team
- Senior Bowl Top 300

Kelley Jones Living In The Moment
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Pull up a chair, open up your favorite search engine or AI chatbot and ask it about Kelley Jones' latest NFL Draft projections.

You won't have to research long to see the general consensus on the star Mississippi State cornerback. Not only is he on the cusp of going from State to Sundays, he's on a path that could very well make him the next Bulldog football player to be taken in the draft's first round, joining the likes of Jeffery Simmons, Emmanuel Forbes, Charles Cross, Montez Sweat, Fletcher Cox, Eric Moulds and so many more.

Greatness is well within reach for Jones, and with a productive 2026 season, he'd solidify himself as a young man that'll hear his name called early when NFL franchises gather next April.

Some folks might be shaken with so much riding on the months ahead. They'd be distracted by the hope and the hype.

Well, that's other folks. That's certainly not Kelley Jones.

"I'm just keeping God first and being thankful for the situation that he's blessed me to be in," Jones said. "I'm not worrying about the draft. I'm not stressing about the little things.

"I'm so glad to be at Mississippi State. All that other talk is heartwarming and special, but I don't worry about any of that. I'm here right now and taking it day by day, staying calm and staying level."

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DEFENSIVE BACKS

#20 • Jett Jefferson

Cornerback

6-1 • 200 • R-Jr.

Tylertown, Miss. • Parklane Academy (East Central CC)

2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- Set a new career high in tackles (6) against Minnesota and secured his first career PBU.
- Started his first collegiate game against ULM in September.
- Injury limited Jefferson to only four games for MSU in 2025, earning a redshirt
- Born Amarien Cordell Jefferson but goes by nickname "Jett."
- Grew up a Mississippi State fan.
- Cousin of former MSU standout wide receiver Jameon Lewis (2011-14).

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 6, at Minnesota (9/13/2026
Pass Breakups . . . . . 1, at Minnesota (9/13/2026)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2025	4/0	5	5	10	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	2/2	5	3	8	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**6/2**	**10**	**8**	**18**	**0-0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

#2 • Isaac Smith

Safety

6-0 • 220 • Sr.

Fulton, Miss. • Itawamba Agricultural HS

2026 Senior Bowl Top 300
2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2025 All-SEC Second Team, WR (PFSN)
2025 PFSN All-American (3rd Team, S)
2025 Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List
2025 SEC Coaches Preseason All-SEC (3rd Team, DB)
2025 SEC Media Days Preseason All-SEC (3rd Team, DB)
2025 Athlon Sports Preseason All-SEC (2nd Team, S)
2025 Phil Steele Preseason All-SEC (2nd Team)
2024 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2024 All-SEC Second Team, DB (Coaches')
2023 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- Led the SEC with 127 tackles as a sophomore in 2024.
- Topped the Bulldogs with 13 tackles during 2025 Egg Bowl vs. Ole Miss.
- Father, Reggie, played football at Ole Miss in the 1990s.
- 2022 Class 4A Mr. Football in Mississippi as a high school senior.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 20, at Tennessee (11/9/2024)
Tackles For Loss . . . . . 1.0, 2x, last at Florida (10/18/2025)
Forced Fumbles. . . . . 1, vs. Florida (09/21/2024)
Fumble Recoveries . . . . . 6, vs Georgia (11/8/2025)
Pass Breakups . . . . . 1, 7x, last at Minnesota (9/13/2026)
Interceptions . . . . . 1, vs Northern Illinois (09/20/2025)
Sacks . . . . . 1, at Florida (10/18/2025)

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2023	12/0	6	9	15	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	11/11	46	81	127	1.5-3	3	1	0	0	0	0
2025	10/9	14	50	64	1.0-4	3	0	1	0	1.0-4	1
2026	2/2	5	5	10	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**35/22**	**71**	**145**	**216**	**2.5-7**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1.0-4**	**1**

DEFENSIVE BACKS

#5 • Jardin Gilbert

Safety

6-1 • 195 • 6th

White Castle, La. • University Lab HS (LSU)

2024 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

- Tallied 145 tackles and three interceptions over his career at Texas A&M (2021-23) and LSU (2024-25).
- Father played college basketball at Nicholls State.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 9, 2x, last at Alabama (2022)*
Tackles for Loss . . . . . 1.0, 2x, last vs. Baylor (2024)^
Interceptions . . . . . 1, 3x, last: vs. UCLA (2024)^
Pass Breakups . . . . . 2, vs. Miami (2022)*
** set at Texas A&M*
^ set at LSU

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	3	2	5	0.5-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2021 (Texas A&M)	11/0	8	5	13	0.5-4	1	0	0	0	0.5-4	0
2022 (Texas A&M)	11/10	38	23	61	1.0-5	4	0	0	0	0	2
2023 (Texas A&M)	2/2	2	3	5	0.5-1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2024 (LSU)	13/9	29	26	55	1.5-7	3	1	1	0	0.5-3	1
2025 (LSU)	5/3	4	7	11	0.5-3	0	0	0	0	0.5-3	0
2026	2/2	3	2	5	0.5-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**44/26**	**84**	**66**	**150**	**4.5-20**	**9**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1.5-10**	**3**

WATCH: Jardin Gilbert Press Conference Previewing South Carolina

#15 • Marcus Williams

Safety

5-11 • 200 • 6th

Hoover, Ala. • Hoover HS (Rice)

2025 American Conference All-Academic Team
2024 American Conference All-Academic Team
2022 CUSA Commissioner's Honor Roll

- Attended Rice from 2021-25 earning a redshirt in his fourth season as an Owl.

Career Highs

Tackles . . . . . 12, at Navy (09/27/2025)*
Tackles For Loss . . . . . 1.0, 6x, last vs Florida Atlantic (10/04/2025)*
Interceptions . . . . . 1 vs. Texas Southern (09/07/2024)*
** set at Rice*

Game-by-Game

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACKS-YDS	FF	FR-YDS	INT-YDS	QBH	PBU
ULM	1/1	0	5	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Minnesota	1/1	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Defensive Stats

	GP/GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	PBU	FF	FR	BLK	SACKS	INT
2021 (Rice)	1/0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 (Rice)	9/0	12	10	22	2.0-7	1	0	0	0	0	0
2023 (Rice)	6/2	16	10	26	1.0-4	1	1	1	0	0	0
2024 (Rice)	3/1	1	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
2025 (Rice)	13/12	46	21	67	3.5-17	5	1	0	0	0	0
2026	2/2	6	5	11	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**34/17**	**82**	**49**	**131**	**6.5-28**	**8**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**

SPECIALISTS

#8 • Ethan Pulliam

Punter (Lefty)

6-1 • 190 • R-Jr.

Starkville, Miss. • Starkville HS

Name Pronunciation: *Pulliam* = Pull-E-um

2026 Sporting News Preseason All-America (second team)
2026 Preseason Media All-SEC (third team)
2026 Preseason Coaches All-SEC (third team)
2026 Ray Guy Award Preseason Watch List
2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2025 All-American Second Team, P (Sporting News)
2025 All-SEC Third Team, P (Phil Steele)
2025 Ray Guy Award Watch List
2025 The Sporting News Midseason All-American

- Has punted three times in the team's first two games and executed two punts inside the 20 and another one with a distance of 62 yards.
- Began athletic career at MSU as a baseball player in 2024-25.
- Played in 34 baseball games with 21 starts. He made 16 starts at second base, three in right field, one in left field and one as a designated hitter.
- Career .236 hitter with five doubles, one triple, one homer, 11 RBIs and one stolen base.
- Walked onto the football team in the spring of 2024 and redshirted that fall.
- Cousins Co-Eric Riley and Mark McLaurin both played football at MSU.
- Three cousins that have played professional football - A.J. Brown, Tom Johnson III, Alonzo Lawrence.
- Led Starkville High School to a Class 6A Football State Championship as a senior in 2022 and a runner-up finish in baseball in 2020.

Career Highs

Punts ..... 7 at Texas A&M (10/4/2025)
Punt Yards ..... 319 yards, at Texas A&M,(10/4/2025)
Longest Punt ..... 67 yards, vs. Tennessee (9/27/2025)
Punts Inside 20 ..... 3, vs. Tennessee, (9/27/2025)
50+ Yard Punts ..... 4, at Texas A&M, (10/4/2025)

Game-by-Game

	GP	ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
ULM	1	2	71	35.5	39	--	2	2	--	--
Minnesota	1	1	62	62	62	--	--	--	1	--
South Carolina										
Missouri										
Alabama										
LSU										
Oklahoma										
Texas										
Vanderbilt										
Auburn										
Tennessee Tech										
Ole Miss										

Career Punting Stats

	GP	ATT	YDS	LNG	AVG	TB	FC	I20	50+	BLK
2024	DNP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2025	13	45	2104	67	46.8	1	16	11	18	0
2026	2	3	133	62	44.3	--	2	2	1	--
TOTALS	**15**	**48**	**2237**	**67**	**46.6**	**1**	**18**	**13**	**19**	**0**

#80 • Kyle Ferrie

Kicker (Lefty)

6-1 • 205 • Sr.

Searcy, Ark. • Harding Academy

Name Pronunciation: *Ferrie* = Fairy

2026 SEC Football Leadership Council
2026 Lou Groza Award Preseason Watch List
2025 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2024 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
2023-24 First Year SEC Academic Honor Roll
2023 SEC Freshman of the Week (Wk 12 vs. Southern Miss)
2023 SEC Freshman of the Week (Wk 1 vs. SE Louisiana)

- His 260 career points are the fourth-most in MSU and the most by a kicker.
- Is currrently 17 points shy from owning the program record.
- Ranks No. 2 in field goals and extra points in program history.
- Connected on all 44 extra point attempts last season, which were the most in MSU history.
- Lifelong Mississippi State fan.
- Married to former All-American MSU softball player Sierra Sacco-Ferrie, who now plays professionally in the AUSL.
- Kicked a program-record 55-yard field goal at Southern Miss in 2024.
- Won three Class 3A state championships in Arkansas and set state records with 313 points, 37 made field goals and a 72-yard punt. Also kicked three of the 10 longest field goals in Arkansas high school history.

Career Highs

Field Goal Attempts ..... 4, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (1/2/2026)
Field Goals Made ..... 4, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (1/2/2026)
Longest Field Goal ..... 55, at Southern Miss (8/30/2024)
PATs Made ..... 8, 2x, last vs. ULM (09/05/2026)
PATs Attempted ..... 8, 2x, last vs. ULM (09/05/2026)

Game-by-Game

		Field Goals / Extra Points						Kickoffs			
	GP	FGM	FGA	LNG	BLK	XPM	XPA	ATT	YDS	AVG	TB
ULM	1	2	2	32	--	8	8	--	--	--	--
Minnesota	1	1	2	52	1	5	5	--	--	--	--
South Carolina											
Missouri											
Alabama											
LSU											
Oklahoma											
Texas											
Vanderbilt											
Auburn											
Tennessee Tech											
Ole Miss											

Career Kicking Stats

		Field Goals / Extra Points							Kickoffs			
	GP	FGM	FGA	LNG	PCT	BLK	XPM	XPA	ATT	YDS	AVG	TB
2023	12	16	22	49	73%	1	27	27	5	215	43.0	0
2024	12	10	12	47	83%	1	38	39	--	--	--	--
2025	12	17	20	55	85%	1	44	44	51	3276	64.2	38
2026	2	3	4	52	75%	1	13	13	--	--	--	--
TOTALS	**39**	**46**	**58**	**55**	**80%**	**4**	**122**	**123**	**56**	**3491**	**62.3**	**38**

62 AT 13

vs. ULM / Sept. 5, 2026 / Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field

Scoring Summary report
ULM vs Mississippi St. (Sep 05, 2026)
ULM (0-1) vs Mississippi St. (1-0)

Date: Sep 05, 2026
Site: ,
Stadium: Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field
Attendance: 48771

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
ULM	0	3	10	0	**13**
Mississippi St.	21	20	7	14	**62**

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	12:21	State - #13 S.Magee 6 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 10-75, 02:39	0-7
1st	10:20	State - #7 Z.Ragins 22 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 3-34, 00:32	0-14
1st	05:58	State - #1 K.Taylor 26 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 7-78, 02:32	0-21
2nd	14:56	ULM - #27 A.Murray 43 yd FG, 14-50, 06:02	3-21
2nd	13:15	State - #3 A.Evans III 10 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 7-75, 01:41	3-28
2nd	08:32	State - #80 K.Ferrie 26 yd FG, 7-51, 03:03	3-31
2nd	03:59	State - #80 K.Ferrie 32 yd FG, 11-66, 02:59	3-34
2nd	00:35	State - #5 X.Gayten 14 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 7-80, 01:17	3-41
3rd	13:36	State - #2 M.Johnson 70 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 2-70, 00:14	3-48
3rd	10:14	ULM - #3 D.Jameson 40 yd pass from #12 A.Carlisle (#27 A.Murray kick), 7-75, 03:22	10-48
3rd	03:45	ULM - #27 A.Murray 52 yd FG, 8-50, 03:07	13-48
4th	07:50	State - #21 J.Hill 57 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 4-78, 01:32	13-55
4th	02:44	State - #21 J.Hill 8 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 7-69, 03:49	13-62

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 06:35 PM
End of Game: 09:58 PM
Total elapsed: 03:23

OFFICIALS

Referee: David Smith
Umpire: Paul Myers
Linesman: Carl Gioia
Line judge: Michael Taylor
Back judge: Paul Schardein
Field judge: Brandon Spencer
Side judge: DJ Hynes
Center judge: Eddie Albritton
Replay Official: Colin Backert

WEATHER

Weather: Clear 91 F
Wind: South East 6 mph

Individual Statistics report
ULM vs Mississippi St. (Sep 05, 2026)

Date: Sep 05, 2026
Site: ,
Stadium: Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field
Attendance: 48771

FULL GAME

ULM

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Austin Carlisle	7	52	2	50	0	18	7.1
Bryson Roland	12	43	1	42	0	15	3.5
Derrick Jameson	8	18	0	18	0	5	2.2
Aidan Armenta	6	27	12	15	0	12	2.5
Trevon Kinchen	2	7	0	7	0	4	3.5
Marcellus Jackson	2	6	0	6	0	4	3.0
Landon Graves	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
CJ Phillip	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	1	0	4	-4	0	0	-4.0
Totals:	**40**	**157**	**19**	**138**	**0**	**18**	**3.4**

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Aidan Armenta	10-16-0	67	0	13	1
Austin Carlisle	6-10-0	73	1	40	1
Landon Graves	0-2-0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	**16-28-0**	**140**	**1**	**40**	**2**

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Marcellus Jackson	9	6	37	36	0	13
Bryce Anderson	3	3	22	18	0	13
Brandon Buckhaulter	4	2	14	0	0	8
JP Coulter	3	2	11	5	0	6
Derrick Jameson	2	1	40	43	1	40
Parker Fulghum	2	1	13	1	0	13
LT Robinson	2	1	3	8	0	3
Nic Trujillo	2	0	0	0	0	0
Javon Campbell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	**28**	**16**	**140**	**111**	**1**	**40**

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Makenzie Ryan	7	312	44.6	53	0	0
Totals:	**7**	**312**	**44.6**	**53**	**0**	**0**

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Totals:	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Abram Murray	2nd	14:56	43	GOOD
Abram Murray	3rd	03:45	52	GOOD
Abram Murray	4th	09:22	40	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Abram Murray	4	260	65.0	4	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Derrick Jameson	18	40	0	0	0	58
Austin Carlisle	50	0	0	0	0	50
Marcellus Jackson	6	37	0	0	0	43
Bryson Roland	42	0	0	0	0	42

FUMBLES
ULM - None
Mississippi St. - None

MISSISSIPPI ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
J.J. Hill	7	118	0	118	2	57	16.9
Kamario Taylor	6	59	0	59	1	26	9.8
Kolin Wilson	4	54	1	53	0	48	13.2
Fluff Bothwell	9	52	0	52	0	14	5.8
Xavier Gayten	3	28	0	28	1	14	9.3
Parker Puckett	2	24	0	24	0	17	12.0
Cooper Crosby	4	13	3	10	0	6	2.5
Camden Capehart	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
TEAM	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0
Totals:	**37**	**354**	**9**	**345**	**4**	**57**	**9.3**

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Kamario Taylor	22-34-0	354	4	70	0
Parker Puckett	5-8-0	63	0	20	0
Totals:	**27-42-0**	**417**	**4**	**70**	**0**

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Anthony Evans III	10	7	118	44	1	25
Sanfrisco Magee	5	4	35	15	1	14
Marquis Johnson	5	3	99	29	1	70
Zion Ragins	7	3	45	18	1	22
Zion Crumpton	2	2	35	28	0	20
Gracen Harris	2	2	21	0	0	11
Kolin Wilson	3	2	19	28	0	12
Fluff Bothwell	2	1	16	12	0	16
Sam West	2	1	11	9	0	11
Riley Williams	2	1	9	4	0	9
Matt Mayfield	1	1	9	4	0	9
Totals:	**41**	**27**	**417**	**191**	**4**	**70**

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Ethan Pulliam	2	71	35.5	39	2	0
Totals:	**2**	**71**	**35.5**	**39**	**2**	**0**

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Totals:	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Kyle Ferrie	2nd	08:32	26	GOOD
Kyle Ferrie	2nd	03:59	32	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Oisin Flynn	11	692	62.9	5	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
J.J. Hill	118	0	0	0	0	118
Anthony Evans III	0	118	0	0	0	118
Marquis Johnson	0	99	0	0	0	99
Kolin Wilson	53	19	0	0	0	72

38 AT 13

at Minnesota / Sept. 12, 2026 / Huntington Bank Stadium

Scoring Summary report
Mississippi St. vs Minnesota (Sep 12, 2026)
Mississippi St. (2-0) vs Minnesota (1-1)

Date: Sep 12, 2026
Site: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stadium: Huntington Bank Stadium
Attendance: 48048

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Mississippi St.	14	14	3	7	**38**
Minnesota	3	3	7	0	**13**

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	13:12	MSST - #7 Z.Ragins 22 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 5-75, 01:48	7-0
1st	02:58	MINN - #12 L.Drzewiecki 44 yd FG, 16-58, 10:11	7-3
1st	00:22	MSST - #24 F.Bothwell 5 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 9-75, 02:36	14-3
2nd	11:27	MSST - #13 S.Magee 30 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 7-72, 02:38	21-3
2nd	04:32	MSST - #3 A.Evans III 15 yd pass from #1 K.Taylor (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 12-76, 05:03	28-3
2nd	00:00	MINN - #12 L.Drzewiecki 41 yd FG, 11-52, 04:32	28-6
3rd	11:01	MINN - #5 A.West 0 yd fumble return (#12 L.Drzewiecki kick), 00:26	28-13
3rd	09:53	MSST - #80 K.Ferrie 52 yd FG, 6-41, 01:08	31-13
4th	12:32	MSST - #24 F.Bothwell 3 yd rush (#80 K.Ferrie kick), 10-96, 04:58	38-13

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 02:38 PM
End of Game: 06:02 PM
Total elapsed: 03:23

OFFICIALS

Referee: Steve Marlowe
Umpire: Rodney Lawary
Linesman: Marc Bovos
Line judge: Colin Gaynor
Back judge: Chris Bikowski
Field judge: Eduardo Balbis
Side judge: Albert Bryant
Center judge: Marc Curles
Replay Official: David Almand

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 73 F
Wind: North West 11 mph

Individual Statistics report
Mississippi St. vs Minnesota (Sep 12, 2026)

Date: Sep 12, 2026
Site: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Stadium: Huntington Bank Stadium
Attendance: 48048

FULL GAME

MISSISSIPPI ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Fluff Bothwell	18	116	3	113	2	30	6.3
Kamario Taylor	13	94	8	86	0	26	6.6
Kolin Wilson	11	40	6	34	0	9	3.1
Xavier Gayten	3	13	0	13	0	11	4.3
Anthony Evans III	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Totals:	**46**	**269**	**17**	**252**	**2**	**30**	**5.5**

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Kamario Taylor	16-22-0	227	3	39	1
Totals:	**16-22-0**	**227**	**3**	**39**	**1**

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Anthony Evans III	9	7	121	47	1	39
Sanfrisco Magee	4	4	42	22	1	30
Zion Ragins	4	3	53	15	1	25
Marquis Johnson	3	1	8	10	0	8
Fluff Bothwell	1	1	3	5	0	3
Sam West	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	**22**	**16**	**227**	**99**	**3**	**39**

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Ethan Pulliam	1	62	62.0	62	0	0
Totals:	**1**	**62**	**62.0**	**62**	**0**	**0**

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Totals:	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Kyle Ferrie	3rd	09:53	52	GOOD
Kyle Ferrie	4th	01:05	20	BLOCKED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Oisin Flynn	7	454	64.9	5	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Anthony Evans III	6	121	0	0	0	127
Fluff Bothwell	113	3	0	0	0	116
Kamario Taylor	86	0	0	0	0	86
Zion Ragins	0	53	0	0	0	53

FUMBLES
Mississippi St. - Kamario Taylor 1-1
Minnesota - Javon Tracy 1-0

MINNESOTA

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Darius Taylor	6	15	0	15	0	5	2.5
Xavier Ford	2	7	0	7	0	4	3.5
A.J. Turner	2	5	1	4	0	5	2.0
TJ Thomas	3	3	4	-1	0	3	-0.3
Drake Lindsey	2	0	12	-12	0	0	-6.0
Totals:	**15**	**30**	**17**	**13**	**0**	**5**	**0.9**

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Drake Lindsey	31-48-0	279	0	34	2
Totals:	**31-48-0**	**279**	**0**	**34**	**2**

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Noah Jennings	11	7	88	20	0	34
Javon Tracy	10	7	51	21	0	13
Jalen Smith	11	5	51	19	0	20
TJ Thomas	7	4	40	38	0	14
Pierce Walsh	3	2	18	1	0	17
Kaden Helms	2	2	13	8	0	7
Hayden Moore	1	1	7	10	0	7
A.J. Turner	1	1	5	3	0	5
Darius Taylor	1	1	5	2	0	5
Julian Johnson	1	1	1	1	0	1
Totals:	**48**	**31**	**279**	**123**	**0**	**34**

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Tom Weston	5	193	38.6	45	2	0
Totals:	**5**	**193**	**38.6**	**45**	**2**	**0**

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Javon Tracy	1	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quayd Hendryx	0	0	0	2	51	36	0	0	0
Totals:	**1**	**4**	**10**	**2**	**51**	**36**	**0**	**0**	**0**

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Luke Drzewiecki	1st	02:58	44	GOOD
Luke Drzewiecki	2nd	00:00	41	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Beckham Sunderland	3	195	65.0	3	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Noah Jennings	0	88	0	0	0	88
Javon Tracy	0	51	0	4	0	55
Jalen Smith	0	51	0	0	0	51
Quayd Hendryx	0	0	51	0	0	51