



MISSISSIPPI STATE 41 | SOUTH CAROLINA 34

WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

General Notes

- This was the 18th meeting between the Bulldogs and the Gamecocks.
- Mississippi State improved to 8-10 against South Carolina with Saturday's 41-34 win.
- State won its first road game against an opponent who had received votes or was ranked since Nov. 24, 2022, at Ole Miss.
- MSU won its first SEC opener on the road since Sept. 26, 2020, at LSU.
- The Bulldogs earned their second conference road win under Jeff Lebby.
- Jeff Lebby is now the 20th coach in MSU history to reach double-digit wins in his career.
- Mississippi State has scored in 72 consecutive games dating back to Nov. 7, 2020.
- **Uniform Combo:** The Bulldogs wore their maroon, white, gray uniform combo with the interlocking logo on the helmets.
 - Under Lebby, the Bulldogs are 1-1 in this uniform combo.
- It's the first time the Bulldogs have won back-to-back road games since 2014.
- MSU rallied from a 16-point deficit, which is the largest comeback on the road since Nov. 13, 2021, at Auburn (25).
- It is the largest comeback victory of the Jeff Lebby era.
- The Bulldogs won in Columbia, South Carolina for the first time since a 38-0 victory on Sept. 26, 1998.
- MSU scored 40+ points on the road for the first time since Nov. 13, 2021, at Auburn.
- It is the first time scoring 40+ points against an SEC opponent since Oct. 1, 2022, versus Texas A&M.

Game Captains & Coin Toss

- Saturday's game captains were safety Jardin Gilbert, offensive lineman DJ Chester and running back Fluff Bothwell.
- Mississippi State lost the coin toss and South Carolina elected to receive.
- Mississippi State is 14-14 on the coin toss under Lebby.

Offensive Team Notes

- MSU scored a touchdown on four consecutive drives for the third game in a row (not including kneel downs).
- Mississippi State has scored double figures in the second quarter of every game this season.
- The Bulldogs have scored on 23-of-32 drives this season, not including kneel downs.
- Four different receivers caught a touchdown from Kamario Taylor (Sanfrisco Magee, Zion Ragins, Marquis Johnson, Anthony Evans III).
- It is the third consecutive game MSU has recorded three passing touchdowns in a half.



- It's the first time since 2022 that Mississippi State has gained 400 or more total yards in three consecutive games.
- Five different Bulldogs recorded an explosive play of 20 or more yards (Fluff Bothwell, Sanfrisco Magee, Zion Ragins, Marquis Johnson, Anthony Evans III).

Offensive Player Notes

Kamario Taylor

- Ten of his sixteen career passing touchdowns have been for 20+ yards.
 - Has recorded a 20+ yard touchdown pass in every game this year.
- Has scored a touchdown (rushing or passing) in nine consecutive games.
- Recorded three or more passing touchdowns in every game this season.
- First Bulldog quarterback to score three-plus touchdowns in the first three games of the season since Nick Fitzgerald in 2017.
- First Mississippi State quarterback ever with 11+ passing touchdowns and one-plus rushing touchdowns in the opening three games of the season, according to digitally available statistics (1985).
- First MSU quarterback to cross the 225-yard passing mark in four consecutive games since Will Rogers accomplished the feat in 2022.

Zion Ragins

- Third consecutive game with a receiving touchdown.

Sanfrisco Magee

- Fourth game in a row with a receiving touchdown dating back to last year's Duke's Mayo Bowl.
 - Has scored a touchdown in every game this season.

Anthony Evans III

- Has recorded a touchdown reception in three-straight games.

Fluff Bothwell

- Second game in a row recording 100+ yards on the ground (second time at MSU).

Defensive Team Notes

- Fourth game in a row, the Bulldogs have recorded a sack dating back to the Duke's Mayo Bowl last season.
 - Most sacks since Nov. 1, 2025 (3).
- Fewest points MSU has allowed on the road at South Carolina since Nov. 2, 2013 (34).
- Jalen Smith and Dre Riley both recorded their first career interceptions.
 - First multi-interception game since Oct. 18, 2025.
- Fewest points per game allowed through the first three games when playing more than one power four team since 2016 (19.3).
- Amaree Williams recorded the first double digit tackle game of the season (10).
- Recorded most pass breakups since Oct. 25, 2025 (6).

Defensive Player Notes

Kelley Jones

- Recorded his first career tackle for loss.



Jalen Smith

- Recorded his first career interception.

Will Whitson

- Three-straight games with a tackle for loss.

Jardin Gilbert

- Set his career-high for sacks (1).
- Recorded a high in QB hits (1).

Dealyn Evans

- Recorded his first career pass breakup.

Dre Riley

- Notched his first career interception.

Amaree Williams

- Recorded career-highs in sacks (1), tackles (10), tackles for loss (2) and QB hits (1).
 - First Bulldog to achieve double digit tackles this season.

Boogie Johnson

- Recorded his first career tackle.

Special Teams Notes

Kyle Ferrie

- Ferrie was 5-5 in PATs, extending his streak to 90 straight makes.
 - He is 128-for-129 in PATs in his career.
- Ferrie was 2-2 on field goals with makes from 36 and 49 yards.
- Ferrie now has 271 career points, which is third all-time and first among kickers in school history.
 - Ferrie passed Dak Prescott (266) for third all-time in career points scored for MSU.
- Ferrie is now tied for the most in field goals made in a career for the Bulldogs (48) with Artie Cosby (1983-86).
- Ferrie now has 127 PATs in his career, which ties Jace Christmann (2017-20) for the most in MSU history.

Ethan Pulliam

- Recorded three punts for 114 yards.

Explosive Plays (7)

(plays of 20+ yards)

- **Kamario Taylor**
 - 30-yard touchdown pass to Sanfrisco Magee, second quarter
 - 43-yard passing touchdown to Zion Ragins, second quarter
 - 25-yard pass to Sanfrisco Magee, third quarter
 - 23-yard touchdown pass to Marquis Johnson, third quarter
 - 22-yard pass to Fluff Bothwell, third quarter
 - 21-yard pass to Anthony Evans III, third quarter
- **Fluff Bothwell**
 - 43-yard rush, second quarter



- 22-yard reception from Kamario Talyor, third quarter
- **Sanfrisco Magee**
 - 30-yard touchdown reception from Kamario Taylor, second quarter
 - 25-yaard reception from Kamario Taylor, third quarter
- **Zion Ragins**
 - 43-yard receiving touchdown from Kamario Taylor, second quarter
- **Marquis Johnson**
 - 23-yard receiving touchdown from Kamario Taylor, third quarter
- **Anthony Evans III**
 - 21-yard pass from Kamario Taylor, third quarter

Career Highs

Kamario Taylor

- Passing touchdowns - 4

Sanfrisco Magee

- Receiving touchdowns – 1
- Receiving yards - 55

Zion Ragins

- Receiving touchdowns – 1
- Receiving yards - 61
- Longest reception – 43

Anthony Evans III

- Pass attempts – 1
- Passing yards – 22
- Longest pass – 22
- Completions –1

Gracen Harris

- Passing attempts – 1
- Passing yards – 7
- Completions – 1
- Passing Touchdowns – 1
- Longest pass – 7

Sam West

- Receiving touchdowns – 1
- Receptions – 3

Jardin Gilbert

- Sacks – 1
- Tackles for loss – 1
- QB hits - 1

Amaree Williams

- Sacks – 1
- Tackles – 10
- Tackles for loss – 2



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- QB hits - 1

Kelley Jones

- Tackles for loss – 0.5

Jett Jefferson

- Pass breakups – 1
- Tackles - 7

Dre Riley

- Pass breakups – 1
- Interceptions - 1

Dealyn Evans

- Pass breakups - 1

Jayson Jenkins

- QB hits – 1

Jalen Smith

- Interceptions – 1

Issac Smith

- Tackles for loss -

Boogie Johnson

- Tackles – 1

LaKendrick James

- Pass breakups - 1