



MISSISSIPPI STATE 3 | TEXAS 31

DARRELL K ROYAL-TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM | AUSTIN, TEXAS

General Notes

- **Uniform Combo:** The Bulldogs wore their white helmet, white jersey, white pants uniform combo with the interlocking logo on the helmets.
 - Under Lebby, the Bulldogs are 1-6 in this uniform combo.

Game Captains & Coin Toss

- Saturday's game captains were center Canon Boone, running back Fluff Bothwell and nose tackle Jaray Bledsoe.
- Mississippi State won the coin toss and deferred, so Texas received the opening kickoff of the game.
- Mississippi State is 18-15 on winning the coin toss under Lebby.

Offensive Team Notes

- Transfers Marquis Johnson and AJ Swann recorded their best performance for MSU so far this season.

Offensive Player Notes

AJ Swann

- Earned his first start as a Bulldog at quarterback.

Marquis Johnson

- Recorded the most receptions he has had in a game as a Bulldog.

Fluff Bothwell

- For the tenth time in his tenure as a Bulldog he has had 17 or more rushing attempts.

Anthony Evans III

- Anthony Evans III is putting together a historic, record-breaking season as the premier weapon for the Bulldogs' passing attack.
 - His 666 receiving yards through seven games put him on a blazing pace for 1,109 receiving yards, which would put him 5th in the single-season program history behind Fred Ross' 1,007 yard season.
 - His 56 receptions have him on pace for a 84-catch season, putting him third behind Fred Ross 88 reception season in 2015.

Canon Boone

- Has started 21 consecutive games at center.
- Through eight games this season has not been responsible for a penalty on the Bulldogs.

Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins

- Has not been flagged for a penalty against Mississippi State through eight games.

Defensive Team Notes

- Ninth game in a row, the Bulldogs have recorded a sack dating back to the Duke's Mayo Bowl last season.



- Seven players tied or set a new career high.
- The team set a new high this season in sacks (5.0) and tackles for loss (8.0).
- MSU has forced and recovered a fumble in four straight games for the first time since 2012.

Defensive Player Notes

Zakari Tillman

- In his third game this season, due to injury, he led the team in tackles for loss (2.5).
 - Recorded the most tackles for loss in a game this season.

Fatt Forrest

- Second straight game he has at least shared the lead in total tackles.

Jaray Bledsoe

- One of three players that has recorded at least half a tackle for loss in five of the eight games this season.
 - Stripped the ball for his second forced fumble this season.

Amaree Williams

- Logged half a tackle for loss which is the fifth game he's recorded a stat in that category.

Will Whitson

- Joins Amaree Williams and Jaray Bledsoe with at least half a tackle for loss in five games this season.

Special Teams notes

Kyle Ferrie

- Ferrie scored one field goal in the game from 30 yards.
- Ferrie now has 287 career points, which is the record for most points scored by a single player in their career.

Ethan Pulliam

- Recorded seven punts for 337 yards with a long of 56.
- Kicked three punts for over 50 yards and two inside the 20.
- Set his career high in punt yards with 337.

Explosive Plays (1)

(plays of 20+ yards)

- **AJ Swann**
 - 23-yard pass to Marquis Johnson, first quarter
- **Marquis Johnson**
 - 23-yard reception from AJ Swann, first quarter

Career Highs

Fatt Forrest

- Tackles for Loss – 0.5

Jaray Bledsoe

- QB Hurries – 1
- Forced Fumbles - 1

DJ Reed



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- Tackles for Loss – 1.5

Tanner Johnson

- QB Hurries – 1

Zakari Tillman

- Tackles for Loss – 2.5
- Fumble Recovery - 1

Dealyn Evans

- Sacks – 1.0

Micah Nickerson

- Tackles - 1

Ethan Pulliam

- Punt Yards – 337
- Punt Attempts - 7