MISSISSIPPI STATE 23 | VANDERILT 25

DAVIS WADE STADIUM AT SCOTT FIELD | STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

General Notes

- This was the 25th meeting between Mississippi State and Vanderbilt.
- Mississippi State recorded two touchdowns within 1:08 seconds of each other, which is the shortest amount of time between two touchdowns since the Bulldogs did it within 43 seconds against Arkansas on October 26, 2024.
- Mississippi State recorded a scoop-and-score TD from Will Whitson, with a forced fumble by Tyshun Willis. It marked the first time since Jan. 2, 2023 the Bulldogs have recovered a fumble for a touchdown.
- **Uniform Combo:** The Bulldogs wore their maroon helmet, maroon jersey, white pants uniform combo with the interlocking logo on the helmets.
    - Under Lebby, the Bulldogs are 2-3 in this uniform combo.
    - On homecoming MSU is 11-4 in this uniform since 2000.

Game Captains & Coin Toss

- Saturday's game captains were wide receiver Sanfrisco Magee, defensive lineman Will Whitson and defensive lineman Jayson Jenkins.
- Mississippi State lost coin toss and received the opening kickoff of the game.
- Mississippi State is 18-16 on winning the coin toss under Lebby.

Offensive Team Notes

- Mississippi State recorded their second 60+ yard scoring play of the season in the third quarter.
- MSU earned the 40th explosive play of the year on a 30-yard completion to Anthony Evans III in the fourth quarter.

Offensive Player Notes

QB AJ Swann

- Recorded his first passing touchdown as a Bulldog on a 65-yard dime to Sanfrisco Magee.
    - This was also the third longest touchdown pass in his career.

RB Fluff Bothwell

- First running back since Kylin Hill in 2019 to have six or more games with 14+ rushing attempts.
- Has become the only player in school history since 1995 to record multiple games with 14+ rushing attempts and five or more receptions in a single season.

WR Sanfrisco Magee

- 11 of his 31 career receptions have been for 20+ yards.
- Of his nine career touchdowns, eight of them have come on plays of 20+ yards.
- Leads the team in explosive plays this season with 10.
- Since 1995, he is only the 11th MSU player to have two multi-touchdown games in a single season.

SLOT Anthony Evans III

- Has earned five or more receptions in eight of the Bulldogs nine games which is the most by a player through that many games since Kevin Coleman Jr. in 2024.
- Evans III is putting together a historic, record-breaking season as the premier weapon for the Bulldogs' passing attack.
    - His 61 receptions have him on pace for a 81-catch season, putting him fourth behind Jo'quavious Marks 83 reception season in 2021.

C Canon Boone

- Has started 22 consecutive games at center.
- Through nine games this season has not been responsible for a penalty on the Bulldogs.

RT Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins

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

Defensive Team Notes

- Tenth game in a row, the Bulldogs have recorded a sack dating back to the Duke's Mayo Bowl last season.
- Mississippi State has recorded multiple sacks in seven games this season which is the most through nine games since 2019.
- The nine tackles for loss mark the 43rd game Zach Arnett's defense has recorded at least three or more in his total tenure as defensive coordinator at Mississippi State.
- The Bulldogs have had at least three tackles for loss every game through nine games which is the first time they have accomplished this feat since 2023.
- The team set a new high this season in tackles for loss with nine.
- MSU has forced and recovered a fumble in five straight games for the first time since 2010.
- The first time since Jan. 2, 2023, the Bulldogs have recovered a fumble for a touchdown.

Defensive Player Notes

JACK Gus Cordova

- Forced a punt with his first tackle as a Bulldog being half a sack.

S Jardin Gilbert

- Became the fourth Bulldog to rack up 10 or more tackles.
    - Recorded the most tackles in a game this season (12).

DL Tyshun Willis

- Stripped the ball for his first forced fumble which was scooped up for a touchdown.

DE Will Whitson

- Recovered his first fumble which he took back to the endzone.

CB Jett Jefferson

- Recorded a pass breakup which takes his total for the season to 10.

MIKE Fatt Forrest

- Second straight week that he has recorded 10 or more tackles.
    - First player to achieve this feat since Issac Smith and Stone Blanton in 2024.

Special Teams notes
K Kyle Ferrie

- Ferrie was 2-for-2 in PATs, extending his streak to 99 straight makes.
- Ferrie scored one field goal in the game from 26 yards.
- Ferrie now has 292 career points, which is the record for most points scored by a single player in their career.

P Ethan Pulliam

- Recorded seven punts for 333 yards with a long of 55.
- He kicked one punt for over 50 yards and two inside the 20.
- Has kicked over 330-yards in two consecutive games which was the first time an MSU punter has accomplished this feat since Blake McAdams in 2007.
- Since 1995 he is only the seventh player to have multiple 330+ yard punting performances in a single season.
- After kicking seven punts for the second time this season he became the first punter since 2018 to accomplish the feat in a single season.

Explosive Plays (4)
(plays of 20+ yards)

- **QB AJ Swann**
  - 65-yard touchdown pass to Sanfrisco Magee, third quarter
  - 30-yard pass to Anthony Evans III, fourth quarter
  - 30-yard touchdown pass complete to Sanfrisco Magee, fourth quarter
- **RB Fluff Bothwell**
  - 21-yard rush, first quarter
- **WR Sanfrisco Magee**
  - 65-yard touchdown reception from AJ Swann, third quarter
  - 30-yard touchdown reception from AJ Swann, fourth quarter
- **WR Anthony Evans III**
  - 30-yard reception from AJ Swann, fourth quarter

Career Highs
WR Sanfirsco Magee

- Longest reception – 65
- Receiving touchdowns – 2
- Receiving yards - 95

JACK Gus Cordova

- Tackles – 6
- Tackles for Loss – 1.5
- Sacks – 0.5

MIKE Fatt Forrest

- Tackles for Loss – 2
- QB Hurries – 3
- Tackles - 11

S Jardin Gilbert
- Tackles – 13

DE Jayson Jenkins
- Tackles – 5

NT Jaray Bledsoe
- Pass Breakups – 1

DL Tyshun Willis
- Forced Fumbles – 1

DE Will Whitson
- Fumble Recovery – 1
- Touchdowns – 1
- Tackles for Loss – 2.5

LB AJ Rice
- Tackles – 4

EDGE LaKendrick James
- Tackles – 4

DAWG Kendel Dolby
- Tackles - 9

P Ethan Pulliam
- Punts - 7