MISSISSIPPI STATE 17 | OLE MISS 41

VAUGHT HEMINGWAY STADIUM | OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

General Notes

- Mississippi State and Ole Miss met for the 123rd time, and the 42nd time in Oxford.
  - The Egg Bowl rivalry is the 10th longest running rivalry game in the nation, second-longest in the SEC.
  - This was the 99th version of the "Battle for the Golden Egg"
- The two teams have played every year since 1944 for 83 consecutive seasons, which is the second longest streak in the SEC among rivalry games.
- Ole Miss leads the all-time series 68-49-6.
  - When the game is played in Oxford, Ole Miss leads the series 26-14-3.
- Mississippi State lead for the first time in an SEC game since September 26th.
- MSU led at halftime of the Egg Bowl for the first time since 2018.
- **Uniform Combo:** The Bulldogs wore their maroon helmet, white jersey, white pants uniform combo with the interlocking logo on the helmets.
  - Under Lebby, the Bulldogs are 1-2 in this uniform combo.
  - MSU is 7-6 when wearing maroon, white, and white in the Egg Bowl since 1974.

Game Captains & Coin Toss

- Friday's game captains were wide receiver Sanfrisco Magee, cornerback Kelley Jones and linebacker Zakari Tillman.
- Mississippi State lost the coin toss and received the opening kickoff of the game.
- Mississippi State is 19-18 on winning the coin toss under Lebby.
  - MSU is 7-5 on winning the coin toss this year.

Offensive Team Notes

- This was the seventh game this season the Bulldogs had a single player rush for over 100 yards, which is the most since 2019.

Offensive Player Notes

QB Billy Puckett

- Second consecutive game recording a 45+ yard pass.

RB Fluff Bothwell

- Earned his first rushing and receiving touchdowns since week four vs Missouri.
- First running back to have two games in a season with a rushing and receiving touchdowns for the Bulldogs since Kylin Hill in 2018.
- Since 1995, he has been the only Mississippi State player to have 17+ rushing attempts and 3+ receptions in three different games in the same season.
- Has become the 27th player to have a 100+ yard rushing game against Ole Miss in program history.

- With his 129 rushing yards, he is tied for the 15th most rushing yards in program history against Ole Miss.

SLOT Anthony Evans III

- Made his 25th consecutive start as a Bulldog.

C Canon Boone

- Has started 25 consecutive games at center.

RT Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins

- Recorded his first career reception for two yards.

RG LJ Prudhomme

- Recorded his first career fumble recovery and advanced it for three yards.

Defensive Team Notes

- Thirteenth game in a row, the Bulldogs have recorded a sack dating back to the Duke's Mayo Bowl last season.
- Seven Bulldogs set or tied a career high.
- Mississippi State has recorded multiple sacks in 11 games this season, which is the most through 12 games in Bulldog history when playing a 12-game regular season.
  - The six tackles for loss mark the 46th 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 12 games which is the first time they have accomplished this feat since 2023.

Defensive Player Notes

CB Kelley Jones

- Made his 25th consecutive start for the Bulldogs.

WILL Zakari Tillman

- Picked up a tackle for loss for the second straight game.

CB Jett Jefferson

- Got behind the line of scrimmage for his first career tackle for loss.

Special Teams Notes

K Kyle Ferrie

- Ferrie was two-for-two in PATs, extending his streak to 106 straight makes.
- Ferrie scored one field goal in the game from 42 yards.
- Ferrie now has 308 career points, which is the record for most points scored by a single player in their career.

P Ethan Pulliam

- Recorded five punts for 183 yards with a long of 46.

Explosive Plays (3)
(plays of 20+ yards)

- **QB Billy Puckett**
  - 45-yard pass to Marquis Johnson, second quarter

- **RB Fluff Bothwell**
  - 24-yard rush, third quarter
  - 25-yard rush, fourth quarter
- **WR Marquis Johnson**
  - 45-yard reception from Billy Puckett, second quarter
- **RB Kolin Wilson**
  - 34-yard kickoff return, third quarter

Career Highs

QB Billy Puckett
- Completions – 22
- Attempts - 27

RB Fluff Bothwell
- Receiving touchdowns - 1

WR Camden Capehart
- Receptions – 2

RG LJ Prudhomme
- Fumble recovery – 1

RT Jakheem Shumpert-Perkins
- Receptions – 1
- Receiving yards - 2

CB Kelley Jones
- Tackles for Loss - 1.0

S Bralan Womack
- Pass Breakups – 1

DT DJ Reed
- QB Hurry – 1

CB Jett Jefferson
- Tackles for Loss – 1.0

S Dre Riley
- Tackles for Loss –1.0

S Jardin Gilbert
- Tackles for Loss – 1.0
- Sacks - 1.0

EDGE Amaree Williams
- Pass Breakups - 2