



# POSTGAME NOTES

Game Thirteen • Mississippi State (8-5, 4-4 SEC) vs. Northwestern (10-3, 5-3 Big Ten) • Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 • EverBank Field

## TEAM NOTABLES

- In its first-ever meeting against Northwestern, Mississippi State's FBS-best tying streak of five-straight bowl game victories was snapped.
- Mississippi State fell to 9-7 in bowl games, including 2-1 under current Head Coach Dan Mullen.
- State's 383 points scored in 2012 mark a new school record, surpassing the 377 points scored in 2010. The 2012 squad also broke the single-season school record for overall touchdowns scored (49), while tying the single-season MSU record for touchdowns scored rushing and passing (46).
- With an overall record of 29-22, the Mississippi State 2012 senior class finished as the winningest senior class in over a decade (the 2001 class went 29-19), and only the fourth senior class to win 29 games since the end of World War II.
- The 2012 offense finished the season breaking four single-season passing school records: yards (3,091), completion percentage (.587) and touchdowns (28). The Bulldogs also moved up to second all-time in single-season pass attempts (424)
- The 2012 defense became the fourth in school history with 19 interceptions in a single season (22 in 1994, 19 in 1970, 2000, and 2012).
- Mullen has yet to be shutout in 51 games as MSU head coach, the third-longest stretch without being shutout in school history (90 from 1978 to 1986; 76 from 1990-1997).
- For the first time all season, MSU lost despite rushing for over 100 yards (8-1). The Bulldogs' 12-game winning streak when rushing for triple-digit yards was also snapped.

## PLAYER NOTABLES

- Junior quarterback Tyler Russell broke the 60-year old single-season school record for touchdowns responsible for (26) and will enter his senior campaign in 2013 tied for fifth all-time in the same category (40). Russell finished the 2012 season with 11 school records broken or tied: attempts, completions, completion percentage (min. 200 attempts), yards, touchdowns, attempts without an interception, 200-yard passing games, attempt/interception ratio, total offense, touchdowns responsible for and passing efficiency (min. 200 attempts).
- In his first year as a starter, Russell tied Tommy Pharr (1967-1969) for career completions (339).
- All-SEC linebacker Cameron Lawrence finished with 120 tackles, becoming the first Bulldog since James Williams in 1988-89 to tally 120-plus tackles in back-to-back seasons.
- All-SEC running back LaDarius Perkins became the ninth 1,000-yard rusher in school history, finishing his junior campaign with 1,024, good for 10th all-time. Perkins ended 2012 with 1,509 all-purpose yards, fifth most all-time at State, and 205 rushing attempts, tied for fifth at State for a single season.
- Senior wide receiver Arceto Clark ended his career as the only player in school history with a touchdown in three different bowl games and the only non-quarterback at MSU with three career touchdowns in bowl games.
- Junior safety Nickoe Whitley set a bowl game school record with a career-high two interceptions.
- Freshman kicker Devon Bell became the third true freshman in school history to lead MSU in scoring (Joel Logan in 1989, Anthony Dixon in 2006), while breaking Brian Hazelwood's 14-year old school record for points scored scored by a kicker (85). Bell tied his career long set at LSU Nov. 10 with a 47-yard field goal in the third quarter.
- Redshirt freshman running back Josh Robinson recorded a career-high 59-yard rush in the second quarter and finished with a career-best and game-high 91 yards on the ground.