



POSTGAME NOTES

Game Nine • Texas A&M (7-2, 4-2 SEC) at Mississippi State (7-2, 3-2 SEC) • Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 • Davis Wade Stadium

TEAM NOTABLES

- In two of the last three seasons, Mississippi State has started 7-2, which is the best record by the Bulldogs through nine games since the start of the 2001 season.
- The Bulldogs threw their 18th touchdown pass of 2012, tying the 2010 squad for second all-time at MSU in a single season. The mark is one passing score shy of the school record of 19 set last season.
- Mississippi State's three-game SEC home winning streak and six-game overall home winning streak came to an end. The streaks were the longest since 1998-2000, when MSU won 11-straight SEC games at Scott Field and 16-straight home games overall.
- The Bulldogs blocked their first field goal of the season and their first since the 2011 Music City Bowl.
- Davis Wade Stadium recorded its 22nd-consecutive sellout with an attendance of 55,240.
- Head Coach Dan Mullen has yet to be shutout in 47 games as MSU head coach, the third-longest stretch without being shutout in school history (90 from 1978 to 1986; 76 from 1990-1997).

PLAYER NOTABLES

- In his last 13 SEC games, senior linebacker Cam Lawrence has 137 tackles (10.5 per game), 10.5 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks, three forced fumbles, two interceptions & six pass breakups. The team captain racked up a season high tying 13 tackles vs. Texas A&M and now has 5.5 tackles for loss in his last three contests.
- Senior wide receiver Chad Bumphis extended his school record with his 19th-career touchdown reception. Bumphis leads all SEC wide receivers this season with seven touchdowns, which is tied for third most in a single season in school history.
- With 50 yards receiving, Bumphis moved into ninth place all-time in school history with 2,988 all-purpose career yards.
- Junior quarterback Tyler Russell tied the single-season school record set by Derrick Taite in 1995 with his 16th touchdown pass of the season. The signal caller also moved into sixth-place all-time in school history for completions in a single season (156).
- Russell had his fifth 200-yard passing game of 2012, which is one game shy of tying the single-season school record set by Tommy Pharr in 1968 and tied by Dave Marler in 1978.
- Redshirt freshman linebacker Benardrick McKinney tied a career high with 14 tackles.
- Senior wide receiver Chris Smith tallied four catches for 60 yards, becoming the first MSU player with three or more catches in seven-straight games since Chad Bumphis did it from Nov. 21, 2009 to Oct. 9, 2010.
- Senior wide receiver Arceto Clark tallied a career-high tying five catches for 64 yards.
- Senior defensive tackle Josh Boyd blocked his first kick of the season, a field-goal attempt in the second quarter.
- Sophomore wide receiver Jameon Lewis returned his first punt of 2012 for a gain of 13 yards.
- Midseason All-American left guard Gabe Jackson has started all 35 games of his career, marking the longest streak on the team.
- Redshirt freshman Josh Robinson pulled down his first career pass reception for nine yards in the fourth quarter.



TEXAS A&M

2012 AGGIE FOOTBALL

Postgame Notes

Texas A&M at Mississippi State + Davis Wade Stadium, Starkville, Miss. + Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012

ABOUT THE WIN

- + The Aggies improved to 7-2 overall and 4-2 in the Southeastern Conference with today's 38-13 win over Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss.
- + It was A&M's first-ever victory in Starkville, Miss. It was also A&M's first trip to Starkville.
- + The win improves the Aggies' record away from Kyle Field in 2012 to 5-0.
- + Head coach Kevin Sumlin's winning streak away from his home field improved to 11 straight -- six at Houston in 2011 and five at Texas A&M in 2012.
- + Sumlin improved his overall record to 5-3 against top 25 teams, and the 2012 Aggies improved to 2-2 against the top 25.
- + The win over No. 17 Mississippi State (Associated Press) was the Aggies highest ranked road win since beating No. 11 Texas in Austin, 12-7, in 2006.

OFFENSE ROLLS AGAIN

The Texas A&M offense rolled again with 693 total yards on 90 plays. It was the eighth straight game with 400-plus yards, which is a school record (previous best was six games).

400+ Total Yards Streak

at SMU _____	605
South Carolina State ___	448
Arkansas _____	716
at Ole Miss _____	481
vs. Louisiana Tech ____	678
LSU _____	410
at Auburn _____	671
at Mississippi State ___	693

MISCELLANEOUS

- + Redshirt freshman QB Johnny Manziel accounted for 440 total yards, including 129 on the ground and 311 through the air.
- + Senior WR Ryan Swope had his second

- straight 100-yard receiving game with 121 yards on nine catches. Last week, he had 140 yards and two scores on six catches. In his last three games, Swope has contributed 25 catches for 342 yards and two TDs.
- + The Aggies scored first against Mississippi State marking the 14th straight game that A&M has scored the initial points of the game.
- + With a 1-yard TD run by Ben Malena on the Aggies' first offensive possession of the game, A&M has now scored a TD on its first drive in six straight games.
- + A&M has scored on its first drive in seven of nine games in 2012.
- + In the first half of the past two games, A&M scored on 10 of 12 drives with nine TDs and a field goal. Both non-scoring drives ended with missed field goals.

ALL-BLACK UNIS

The Aggie players were surprised to learn when they arrived at Davis Wade Stadium today that they were wearing specially-designed all-black uniforms for the matchup with Mississippi State. Designed by adidas, the uniform is a mirror image of the Aggies' usual uniform except with black as the primary colors and maroon trim. The helmet design was a collaborative effort between Riddell and Hydro Graphics Inc., and fades from black to maroon. The Lone Star logo design on the helmet is a fusion of the school's traditional "TAM" mark within the state of Texas outline, which was unveiled as a part of the base adidas uniform back in July.

"With Mississippi State receiving a special exemption to wear white uniforms at home, we were approached by adidas with an opportunity to do something very exciting and distinctive for this game, without straying too far away

from our traditional look," Texas A&M head football coach Kevin Sumlin said. *"I know the players are pumped and ready for this big game, and I think the recruits will like the new look."*

Today's game marked the first time the Aggies haven't worn maroon or white in a game in more than 80 years when A&M's school colors were red and white.

CAPTAINS, 12TH MAN

- + Game captains for the Aggies were: senior center **PATRICK LEWIS**, senior safety **STEVEN TERRELL**, senior linebacker **SEAN PORTER**, senior wide receiver **RYAN SWOPE** and senior 12th Man **CJ JONES**. Mississippi State won the toss and elected to receive. A&M has lost the toss in seven straight games. It was the first time the Aggies have kicked off first in 2012.
- + Making his fifth 2012 start and 17th of his career at 12th Man was defensive back **C.J. JONES**, a senior from Klein Forest HS in Houston.



HEAD COACH DAN MULLEN QUOTES

Nov. 3, 2012

Mississippi State vs. Texas A&M

Opening Statement:

“We as a team played very poorly today—that’s 100 percent my fault. As head football coach, that all falls on my shoulders. In every phase, we played very poorly. I will give them credit; their kids played very well. They have a good football team and they play hard. That was as bad as of a performance that I think we’ve had here in a long time.”

On offensive execution:

“We’re going to go and watch the film this afternoon and go back and figure out what happened. One, did we have guys in the right position? Did we have the right guys in the right position to make plays? We’re going to evaluate that as a staff. If guys can’t make the plays, then we have to put them in a better position to make plays.”

On MSU’s slow start:

“We’ve got to come out and we’ve got to execute right from the beginning. I can explain it: we didn’t execute very well. We did very poorly on offense, and then you combine that with the fact we did not do very well on defense and that’s your slow start.”



MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYER QUOTES

Nov. 3, 2012

Mississippi State vs. Texas A&M

13 – Johnthan Banks –Sr. –CB

On this this week’s game versus last week’s game:

“It was very different from last week; very different offense; very different pace; very different style. Manziel, he is a ball player. He did a great job managing the offense. They (Texas A&M) got the job done.”

On the frustration of the last two games:

“It’s very frustrating, being the older guy on the team. I have to keep my poise, keep my defense and keep everyone in good spirits.”

On Coach Mullen’s comment:

“It’s not Coach Mullen’s fault. If he said it’s his fault, then it’s mine too. He made me captain of the team and it’s my job to help him get our team ready, prepared and ready to play.”

40 –LaDarius Perkins - Jr. - RB

On today’s game:

“We have to make sure we stay focused. I felt like we weren’t focused. Everyone has to do their job.”

On TAMU defense:

“They had a great defensive line. They did a lot of things; they made different types of blitzes, different types of pressures. We just have to make sure we execute and do our jobs.”

On the fourth-down play:

“It could have made a difference in the game. We can get it. We have to make sure we come back next week and work on those things like that.”



KEVIN SUMLIN QUOTES

Nov. 3, 2012

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On the play of Johnny Manziel:

“There are a number of great plays he has made for us over the course of the year. Johnny has the green light to take off when he wants. He was able to do some great things with his feet this game, especially on third downs. We were also getting some great down field blocks for him.”

On if the team is playing to their max potential:

“There are a lot of things that we can improve at in each game. Today’s second half was a little sloppy. We missed some tackles in the second half. We need to continue to work on our kicking game. We left some points out there.”

On preparing for Alabama:

“We have done things the same way every week. The more you win the bigger the games get week by week. Consistency in preparation is the key for us. We will approach this week just like we have done every other week.”



TEXAS A&M PLAYER QUOTES

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11 –Jonathan Stewart –Sr. –LB

On team's performance:

“Defensively, we had a couple of lapses on the two touchdowns we gave up, but we played a great game overall. Our offense played great. Whenever our offense gets up 21-0, it kind of forces the other team to panic.”

On the late interception by Russell:

“That was a huge turnover, after Johnny fumbled going into the end zone. It is good for us as a defense to come back out there and stop them. We can handle adversity regardless. Whether a team has to go 90 yards or 10, we have to keep them out of the end zone and fortunately we were able to do that.”

94 –Damontre Moore –Jr. –DE

On pressuring Russell:

“It was preparation. We knew Russell was a poised quarterback and he doesn't get rattled too easily. He just sits there; which is a good thing and a bad thing. Sometimes he will stay in there and make an extended play, but if you get a good pass rush and he is still standing there when we are coming its bad thing. It's a mixture of that, preparation and great coaching on our end.”

On wearing the all-black uniforms:

“We were excited, but honestly I was too focused on the game. After the game was over though, I thought they were pretty cool. I didn't want to get too caught out of my mindset, but when they first brought the uniforms in there was screaming and yelling like we had just won a game. There were rumors we would have the all-black uniforms at the beginning of the season, so when we didn't get them we were disappointed. When they brought these out they caught us off guard. It was an exciting and over whelming experience. ”