



POSTGAME NOTES

Game Eleven • Arkansas (4-7, 2-5 SEC) at Mississippi State (8-3, 4-3 SEC) • Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012 • Davis Wade Stadium

TEAM NOTABLES

- The Bulldogs defeated Arkansas for the first time under Head Coach Dan Mullen and the second time in the last 14 seasons. State improved its record to 7-15-1 all-time against the Razorbacks.
- Mississippi State has won eight games for the 16th time in the 113-year history of the program and the eighth time since 1981.
- On Senior Day, the MSU senior class picked up its 29th win, the most by a senior class since the 2001 class went 29-1.
- The six wins in a single season at Scott Field are the second most in school history (7 - 1999).
- With Mullen's 29th career win at MSU, the head coach tied W.D. Chadwick (1909-13) for fourth-most wins by a MSU coach in school history.
- The 45 points scored by MSU vs. Arkansas marked the highest output ever by the Bulldogs in the series, while the 31-point victory was also the largest margin of victory for MSU in the series.
- After allowing a touchdown on each of the first two drives, the Mississippi State defense forced Arkansas to finish the game with five punts, three fumble recoveries, two interceptions, a turnover on downs and an end of half.
- The Bulldog secondary held the nation's ninth-best passer Tyler Wilson to a season-low 225 yards (minimum three-quarters played) and the fifth-lowest output of his career as a starter.
- State has won 23 of 24 games when victorious in the turnover column and currently leads the country with a +18 turnover margin at home (+4 vs. Arkansas).
- With 302 passing yards, the 2012 MSU squad broke the school record for passing yards in a single season (2,682). The Bulldogs threw for four touchdown passes, extending the team single-season school record to 24. The 243.8 yards per game is a school record, surpassing the 239.7 set in 1978.
- The 216 completions rank second all-time in school history for a single season, while the 356 passes attempted rank seventh for a single season in school history. The 60.7 completion percentage is a school record.
- State's offense has totaled 4,430 yards of total offense in 2012, fifth all-time for a single season in school history. The 394.5 yards per game of total offense rank third in school history.
- The Bulldogs' 227 first downs rank fifth in a single season in school history.
- State is just 39 points away from breaking the school record for points in a season (377 in 2010).
- For the first time since Oct. 2-9, 1999, MSU has passed for 300-plus yards in back-to-back games.
- The offense tallied more than 500 yards of total offense in a SEC game for the first time since putting up 531 yards of total offense at Auburn on Sept. 10, 2011.
- Mississippi State won its 16th-straight game when leading at halftime, improving to 25-2 under Mullen. The Bulldogs also captured their 38th-straight game when leading after three quarters, including a perfect 28-0 record during Mullen's tenure.
- All 29 of Mullen's wins have come when rushing for over 100 yards (0-8 when rushing for less than 100 yards).
- The Bulldogs rushed for over 200 yards for the first time since Oct. 20 vs. Middle Tennessee State and the fourth time this season.
- With their 23rd-consecutive sellout (54,836), the Bulldogs finished their 2012 home schedule with a seven-game school-record average of 55,627 fans per home game. A program-best 389,354 MSU fans packed Davis Wade Stadium in 2012, with all seven of the crowds ranking in the top 20 in school history. With two games left, the 662,557 fans to see the Bulldogs play in 2011 are the fourth-most in a 13-game schedule.
- Head Coach Dan Mullen has yet to be shutout in 49 games as MSU head coach, the third-longest stretch without being shutout in school history (90 from 1978 to 1986; 76 from 1990-1997).



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- Junior quarterback Tyler Russell broke the single-season school record for completions (201), yards (2,523) and 200-yard passing games (seven), while extending his single-season record of 21 passing touchdowns. Russell kept up his single season school records for completion percentage and passing yards per game.
- Russell also moved second all-time for touchdowns responsible for in a single season (23) and total offense for a single season (2,553), while moving into third all-time with 333 pass attempts in a single season.
- In the school's all-time career record book, Russell tied Wayne Madkin (1998-01) for second-most all time in career touchdown passes (34). Russell is currently the school's record holder for career passing efficiency.
- With a career-high tying four touchdown passes, Russell became the first quarterback to throw for four scores in a SEC game since Wesley Carroll did it vs. Arkansas on Nov. 17, 2007.
- All-American corner Johnthan Banks was thrown at twice in man coverage, allowing just one catch for five yards.
- Senior wide receiver Chad Bumphis broke the single-season school record with his SEC-leading 10th touchdown reception, extending his school record to 22 career touchdown receptions.
- Bumphis also moved into second place all-time with 150 career receptions and eighth in history in single-season receptions (49).
- Junior running back LaDarius Perkins moved into ninth place all-time with 1,348 all-purpose yards in a single season, while tying his career high with two touchdown receptions. Perkins is now seventh all time at MSU with 3,302 career all-purpose yards.
- Senior Darius Slay picked off his fifth interception of 2012, which is tied for fourth in the country and tied for seventh at MSU in a single season.
- Sophomore cornerback Jamerson Love recorded his first career interception with a pick in the third quarter.
- Senior linebacker Cameron Lawrence, who was tied for fifth in the country in November tackles coming into the game with 28, registered 11 tackles, a pass breakup and his third career fumble recovery (second of 2012).
- Sophomore running back Nick Griffin notched a career-long 60-yard touchdown run, his first score of 2012.
- Freshman All-American candidate Benardrick McKinney finished the day with eight tackles and his first career fumble recovery.
- Junior linebacker Chris Hughes tallied a career-high eight tackles.
- Midseason All-American left guard Gabe Jackson has started all 37 games of his career, marking the longest streak on the team.
- Sophomore linebacker Christian Holmes recorded his first career fumble forced.
- Sophomore defensive end Preston Smith finished with a career-high 1.5 tackles for loss, a sack and his fourth-career fumble forced.
- Sophomore safety Jay Hughes has a tackle for loss in each of his last three games and collected a career-high seven tackles.
- Junior defensive end Denico Autry recorded a sack, a pass breakup and two quarterback hurries and now has 3.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks his last two games.
- Junior linebacker Deontae Skinner tied a career high with 2.0 tackles for loss (2.0 vs. Wake Forest in 2011 Music City Bowl).

ARKANSAS FOOTBALL

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Individual Notes

Cobi Hamilton moved into 9th on the SEC's single-season receiving yards list. With 88 today, Hamilton now has 1,237 this season, extending his school record

Cobi Hamilton moved into a tie for 10th on the SEC's single-season receptions list. With seven today, Hamilton now has 80 this season, extending his school record

Cobi Hamilton moved into 2nd on UA's career receptions list. With seven today, Hamilton now has 165 in his career, passing Joe Adams (2008-11)

Cobi Hamilton extended his consecutive games with a reception streak to 33 in the first quarter with a 10-yard reception. Hamilton's streak is the longest active in the SEC

Tyler Wilson moved into 4th on UA's single-season completions list. With 23 today, Wilson now has 218 this season, passing Casey Dick (205, 2008)

Tyler Wilson moved into 5th on UA's single-season touchdown passes list. With two today, Wilson now has 20 this season, passing Clint Stoerner (19, 1999)

Tyler Wilson moved into 4th on UA's all-time career total offense plays list. With 61 today, Wilson now has 1,022 plays in his career, passing Quinn Grovey (978, 1987-90) and Brad Taylor (973, 1981-94)

Dennis Johnson moved into 15th on UA's all-time career total rushing yards list. With 88 today, Johnson now has 2,006 in his career, passing Gary Anderson (1,999, 1979-82) and Barry Foster (1,977, 1987-89)

Chris Smith moved into a tie for 8th on UA's single-season sacks list. With 1.5 today, Smith now has 8.0 sacks this season, tied with Henry Ford (1991)

Game Notes

Today's captains for Arkansas were **Knile Davis, Tyler Wilson, Alfred Davis** and **Travis Swanson**

The attendance for today's game was 54,838



HEAD COACH DAN MULLEN QUOTES

Nov. 17, 2012
Mississippi State vs. Arkansas

Opening Statement:

“We had a great win today for our kids. We made some big plays, created some turnovers, and took advantage of those turnovers. We knew we would have to play hard for all 60 minutes, and we did. We battled through the entire game and made some big plays at the end to pull away. I am really proud of our senior class and what they have accomplished in their time here. Four years ago these guys took the opportunity to be a part of what we were trying to build, and they have done a fabulous job. I want to thank our fan base for all that they have done to give us the home field advantage that is so crucial in the Southeastern Conference. Great day, great win for our seniors, and it is great to be back on the winning side.”

On rebounding from a poor defensive start...

“After the poor start early in the game with our defense, I thought we made a lot of plays. I give our staff credit. They overcame dealing with me, and sometimes on the sideline I can be a rough dude to handle. I get fired up, but they did a great job and made some small adjustments while sticking to the game plan. They got the guys coached up through the adjustments without panicking, and we were able to make necessary stops.”

On creating defensive turnovers...

“We got up, and our guys started playing with a lot more confidence. We have not made many defensive turnovers coming into today, with only three in the past five SEC games on the defensive side of the ball. A lot of that can be in your head. We had a great streak of defensive turnovers early in the season until we recently hit a little bit of a slump, but I think once we created that first turnover today the guys decided to switch back into that play-making mentality.”

On anticipation for the Egg Bowl...

“I cannot wait. I absolutely cannot wait. It is always the biggest game of the year for us, and we will be ready to go.”



MISSISSIPPI STATE PLAYER QUOTES
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90 –Denico Autry –Jr. –DE

On getting better each week:

“It’s just about getting adjusted to life in the SEC. It’s all about growing each week as a player.”

On being able to maintain pressure on the QB:

“Coach Mullen just stays on me about perfecting my technique. It’s been working so far.”

1 –Chad Bumphis –Sr. –WR

On his final game at Davis Wade Stadium:

“It was fun. As seniors, we wanted to exit on a big note.”

On the locker room atmosphere at halftime:

“We were frustrated because we didn’t play our best first half, but Coach Mullen made adjustments and we executed better.”



JOHN L. SMITH QUOTES

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Mississippi State vs. Arkansas

Opening Statement:

“It was the tale of two halves, which has been the story of our year. We played good in the first half; the turnover battle was equal in the first half as we traded one-for-one. That is why we were in the game. I felt that in the second half if we kept the turnover battle equal or even picked one up, that we would end up winning the game. We ended up really losing the turnover battle in the second half and that’s the story of the game. From here on out what we are going to do is let these guys finish up, because they have been through a lot. They will continue to battle and fight with class and do it right. We will have a senior class where it will be their last time to play in Razorback stadium and their last time to put on a Razorback uniform. That is a sad deal to see guys go, they are part of your family. So, we are going to try to work our tail off to make it our very best. We have a foe coming in next week that is very good. We will put it all out on the line; we will go out and battle and finish this thing up the right way.”

On Mississippi State’s performance:

“We wore down defensively and Mississippi State was able to throw the ball on us and run the ball on us. They did a good job; you have to give them credit. They are an awfully good football team. They are well coached and they know where to go.”

On Arkansas’ play this year:

“You want to keep it as simple as you can keep it, but yet you still want to have some bullets in your gun. Or else you will get stomped on. So how many bullets do you use? We are asking guys to do things that maybe they can’t do. It’s hard for veteran guys, let alone young guys.”



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64 -Travis Swanson -Jr. -C

On team's turnover issues this season:

"I wish I had the answer for you. You can't really explain it. Situations happen, and you just have to be ready to overcome it."

On playing for pride against LSU:

"Our seniors have done a great job. They've put in four or five good years. Our goal next week is to play well for them."

8 -Tyler Wilson -Sr. -QB

On team's performance:

"We had a really good first half, and we were in the game. I thought a number of those guys in the locker room thought we had a chance of winning. We came out in the second half and turnovers really changed the game. They took advantage of our turnovers and scored a lot more points than we did."

On not meeting preseason expectations...

"It's been tough. Sometimes it's a test of your character, who you are deep down inside, and how long you can stay positive. I feel lucky to be able to go out and play football everyday. I could be in a much different situation. So as far as positive goes, that's how I look at it."