

MISSISSIPPI STATE

FOOTBALL

SERIES HISTORY

Overall	25-24*
In Starkville	15-6
In Lexington	9-16
Neutral Sites	1-2*
Last Meeting	MSU won 31-17 (10/30/2021 in Starkville, Miss.)

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THE MATCHUP >>



16/17 MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS (5-1, 2-1 SEC)

Head Coach: Mike Leach (BYU '83)
Career Record: 155-104 (21st Season)
Mississippi State Record: 16-14 (3rd Season)

VS



22/22 KENTUCKY WILDCATS (4-2, 1-2 SEC)

Head Coach: Mark Stoops (Iowa '90)
Career Record: 63-55 (10th Season)
Kentucky Record: 63-55 (10th Season)

TALKING POINTS

▶ State is off to its best start since going 6-0 on its way to a No. 1 ranking in 2014. The Bulldogs are now 5-1 for the first time since 1998 when they won eight regular season games and went 6-2 in SEC play. MSU is 2-1 in SEC games for the first time since 2000.

▶ A win at Kentucky would push State to 3-1 in league play for the first time since 2012, excluding the Bulldogs' 5-0 start to SEC play in 2014. The 2014 campaign was the last time MSU won in Lexington.

▶ At No. 16 in this week's AP Top 25, MSU has its highest ranking since Week 3 of the 2020 season following its upset victory at then-No. 6 and reigning national champion LSU.

▶ Through six games in 2022, MSU is outscoring opponents 66-7 in the first quarter. The Bulldogs are 12-3 when scoring first under **Mike Leach**.

▶ QB **Will Rogers** (69) is one passing touchdown shy of Dak Prescott's (2012-15) MSU career record (70).

▶ Last week, Rogers broke Aaron Murray's (Georgia, 2010-13) SEC career completions record. Murray completed 921 passes in 52 career games. Rogers surpassed that mark in just 28 games and finished against Arkansas (Oct. 8) with 946 career completions.

▶ In SEC games this season, RB **Dillon Johnson** ranks fifth in the conference in rushing yardage (218). He is one of three players to log 200 or more rushing yards and three or more rushing touchdowns in league play.

▶ MSU is leading all Power 5 teams in yards after catch once again (1,233) after leading the nation in 2021.



RB Dillon Johnson became the first Bulldog to run for 100 yards under Mike Leach against Arkansas and just the 10th player to do so in Leach's career. In his last two games, he has 168 yards on 31 carries (84.0 ypg, 5.4 ypc) with three TDs.

PROVEN WINNER

One of the most successful coaches in the history of college football, **Mike Leach's** 155 career wins as an FBS head coach are the second-most among active SEC coaches and fifth among active Power 5 coaches.

Coach	Wins
1. Nick Saban	275
2. Mike Leach	155
3. Brian Kelly	149
4. Jimbo Fisher	120
5. Bryan Harsin	85

2022 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS >>

MEMPHIS Sept. 3 ESPNU	Arizona Sept. 10 FS1	LSU Sept. 17 ESPN	BOWLING GREEN Sept. 24 SEC Network	TEXAS A&M Oct. 1 SEC Network	ARKANSAS (HC) Oct. 8 SEC Network	Kentucky Oct. 15 6:30 p.m. CT	Alabama Oct. 22 6 p.m. CT	AUBURN Nov. 5 TBA	GEORGIA Nov. 12 TBA	ETSU Nov. 19 TBA	Ole Miss Nov. 24 6 p.m. CT
W, 49-23	W, 39-17	L, 16-31	W, 45-14	W, 42-24	W, 40-17	SEC Network	ESPN				ESPN

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HEAD COACH MIKE LEACH

Alma Mater: BYU, 1983
 Career Record: 155-104
 Record at Mississippi State: 16-14
 Record at Washington State: 55-47
 Record at Texas Tech: 84-43

ASSISTANT COACHES

LOCATION

Tony Hughes (Associate HC/Nickelbacks)	PB
Zach Arnett (Defensive Coordinator/Safeties)	SL
Matt Brock (Linebackers)	SL
Drew Hollingshead (Inside Receivers)	SL
Darcel McBath (Cornerbacks)	SL
Eric Mele (Special Teams Coordinator)	SL
Mason Miller (Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line)	SL
Jeff Phelps (Defensive Line)	PB
Steve Spurrier Jr. (Pass Game Coord./Outside Receivers)	PB
Jason Washington (Running Backs)	SL

TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Football: 1895
 Current Season: 123rd
 All-Time Overall Record: 577-599-39 (.491)
 All-Time SEC Record: 208-384-13 (.355)
 All-Time Bowl Record: 14-11 (.560)

STADIUM INFORMATION

Name: Davis Wade Stadium
 Field Name: Scott Field
 Capacity: 60,311
 Surface: Hybrid Bermuda Grass (Certified Tifway 419)
 Constructed: 1914

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Starkville, Miss.
 Founded: February 28, 1878
 Enrollment: 22,986
 Colors: Maroon (PMS 202) and White
 President: Dr. Mark Keenum
 Athletics Director: John Cohen

TALKING POINTS CONTINUED

- ▶ State has scored on 20-of-21 red zone opportunities (95.2 percent) this season with 19 touchdowns. The Bulldogs have scored on 17 straight red zone trips with 14 straight touchdowns. MSU leads the nation in red zone touchdown percentage (90.48 percent).
- ▶ RB **Jo'quavious Marks** has caught a pass in 29 consecutive games, which is the second-longest active streak in the SEC and tied for No. 14 nationally. He has at least one reception in every game of his collegiate career.
- ▶ Marks set a career high with 11 receptions against Arkansas (Oct. 8), which was tied for eighth in MSU single-game history. He's now second in MSU career history with 166 catches over his three seasons and 23rd among active FBS players.
- ▶ Rogers has thrown for 300-plus yards and at least three touchdowns in 14 of his 28 career games. The closest active player to him since 2020 is Wake Forest's Sam Hartman at 10 games.
- ▶ Rogers has tossed a touchdown in 24 of his last 25 games with 68 scores in that span. Since 2020, Rogers has tossed multiple touchdowns in 16 different games, which trails only Tennessee's Hendon Hooker (18) and Alabama's Bryce Young (17) among active SEC quarterbacks.
- ▶ State is running the ball at the highest clip (106.7 ypg) of a Mike Leach-coached team since the 2016 Washington State team (120.0 ypg). The Bulldogs already have 19 runs of 10-plus yards through six games after posting just 23 in 13 games last year and 20 in 11 games in 2020.
- ▶ Six Bulldog receivers have caught at least 20 balls. No other SEC school has more than three (Georgia), and only four other FBS teams have four (Georgia Southern, Tusla, Washington State and Western Kentucky).
- ▶ WR **Caleb Ducking** has caught a touchdown in five of six games, which is tied for the FBS lead. His seven receiving touchdowns are second in the SEC and tied for fourth nationally this season.
- ▶ WR **Lideatrick Griffin** is sixth nationally in yards per kick return (31.1). His career average (33.3) is tops among active FBS players and would exceed the school record by 6.6 yards.
- ▶ State's kickoff return unit is fourth in the nation and second in the SEC, averaging 30.2 yards per return. Since 2020, MSU leads the nation, averaging 27.9 yards per kickoff return.
- ▶ MSU has 30 total picks in 30 games under defensive coordinator **Zach Arnett**. The Bulldogs have nine multi-interception games and are 9-0 in them. Ten active players have collected 26 total interceptions in their careers.
- ▶ MSU has a takeaway in 24 of 30 games under Arnett including all six games of 2022. State's 12 turnovers forced are tied for the SEC lead and No. 14 in the FBS this season.
- ▶ CB **Emmanuel Forbes** is now tied for fourth in MSU career history with 12 interceptions. He has three picks in his last two games and is tied for second in the nation in total passes defended (10). Forbes leads the SEC with four interceptions this year and boasts the No. 8 coverage grade in the conference per PFF.
- ▶ Forbes is the MSU career record holder and is tied for the FBS active career lead in interceptions returned for a touchdown. He is just the fifth SEC player with four or more career pick-sixes and is one shy of the conference record held by Tennessee's Jackie Walker (5, 1969-71).
- ▶ Under **Mike Leach**, the Bulldogs are 12-0 when scoring at least 30 points and 12-3 when scoring first. State has scored 40-plus points in each of its last three games, averaging 42.3 points per game on its most-recent homestand while going 3-0.
- ▶ According to ESPN's preseason FPI, MSU will play the second-toughest schedule in the nation in 2022. The Bulldogs play all six SEC teams that were ranked in the preseason AP poll.
- ▶ MSU is one of the most-experienced teams in college football this fall, with a total of 16 starters returning on offense and defense.

ENTERING YEAR 3 UNDER LEACH

- ▶ **Mike Leach** was hired as the 34th head coach in program history on Jan. 9, 2020. He previously spent eight seasons at Washington State where he was twice named Pac-12 Coach of the Year. In 2018, he was tabbed the AFCA National Coach of the Year for the second time in his career. Prior to his stint with the Cougars, Leach took Texas Tech to a bowl game in 10 consecutive seasons, setting a program record with 84 victories in his tenure.
- ▶ One of the most successful coaches in the history of college football, Leach's 155 career wins as an FBS head coach are the second-most among active SEC coaches and the fifth-most among active Power 5 coaches. Leach is the only active Power 5 head coach to produce an 11-win season at two different programs since 2008 and one of two active FBS head coaches to win 50-plus games at multiple Power 5 programs.

50 BURGER

- ▶ MSU came one point shy of scoring 50 points against Memphis (Sept. 3) in its season opener, a 49-23 victory. The Bulldogs' 49 points were their highest scoring total in a season opener since a 63-6 win against Stephen F. Austin in 2018.
- ▶ With its 55-10 victory against Tennessee State on Nov. 20, 2021, Mississippi State has now scored 50+ points in at least one game in 11 consecutive seasons. The 55 points were MSU's most in a game since a 56-10 victory against Louisiana on Sept. 15, 2018.
- ▶ State has put up 50+ points six times since 2018, with three of those games coming against SEC opponents. MSU has scored 50+ points 19 times over the last 16 seasons and is 19-0 in those games.

MISSISSIPPI STATE'S RECORD >>

WHEN PLAYING IN	2022	LEACH	STREAK
August	0-0	0-0	W2
September	3-1	6-3	W1
October	2-0	5-5	W3
November	0-0	3-4	L1
December-January	0-0	2-2	L1

IN SEC PLAY

At home	2-0	5-6	W2
On the road	0-1	4-6	L1

VS RANKED OPPONENTS (AP UNTIL CFP)

Overall	1-0	6-5	W1
At home	1-0	2-3	W1
On the road	0-0	3-2	W2
Neutral	0-0	1-0	W1
vs. Top 10	0-0	1-3	L3

IN GAMES

Decided by 7 pts or less	0-0	4-6	L1
Decided by 3 pts or less	0-0	2-3	L3
Road during the day	0-0	3-3	W1
Road at night	1-1	2-4	L1
Home during the day	3-0	7-2	W4
Home at night	1-0	3-4	W1

WHEN SCORING

Less than 21 points	0-1	0-8	L18
21 or more points	5-0	16-6	W5
24 or more points	5-0	16-5	W7
30 or more points	5-0	12-0	W14

WHEN ALLOWING

Less than 21 points	3-0	8-0	W10
21 or more points	2-1	8-13	W1
24 or more points	1-1	6-12	W1
30 or more points	0-1	4-9	L3

WHEN SCORING

MSU scores first	4-1	12-3	W3
Opponent scores first	1-0	4-11	W1

WHEN LEADING

After the 1st qtr	4-1	13-3	W2
At halftime	5-1	14-2	W3
After the 3rd qtr	5-1	14-2	W3

WHEN TRAILING

After the 1st qtr	0-0	2-8	L1
At halftime	0-0	2-12	L2
After the 3rd qtr	0-0	2-11	L2

WITH

Less than 300 yards	0-1	2-5	L2
400+ yards total offense	5-0	13-6	W5
500+ yards total offense	2-0	5-0	W10
600+ yards total offense	0-0	2-0	W8
less than 100 yards rush	2-1	10-13	W1
100+ yards rushing	3-0	6-1	W4
250+ yards passing	5-0	14-9	W5
300+ yards passing	5-0	12-8	W5
400+ yards passing	2-0	7-3	W4

RECORD RALLIES

- ▶ **Mike Leach** has led record-setting comebacks at Texas Tech, Washington State and now Mississippi State.
- ▶ The Bulldogs broke the school record for the largest comeback twice in 2021. In the season-opener against Louisiana Tech, MSU trailed by 20 points in the fourth quarter before securing a one-point victory. State then scored 40 straight points to erase a 25-point deficit at No. 17 Auburn.
- ▶ Leach's Texas Tech team overcame a 31-point deficit in the 2006 Insight Bowl, which is tied for the largest comeback in a bowl game in FBS history.
- ▶ WR **Jamire Calvin** played in the record-setting comebacks under Leach at both MSU and Washington State.

SCHOOL-RECORD COMEBACK VICTORIES UNDER MIKE LEACH

School	Opponent (Date)	Deficit	Score	Time	Final
Mississippi State	at Auburn (11-13-2021)	25	3-28	6:10 (2md)	43-34
Washington State	Boise State (9-10-2017)	21	10-31	10:53 (4th)	47-44 (3 OT)
Texas Tech	vs. Minnesota (12-29-2006)	31	7-38	7:47 (3rd)	44-41 (OT)

RIVALING THE RANKINGS

- ▶ Last fall, MSU was the only school in the country that faced six teams ranked in the final College Football Playoff Top 25 and was one of four teams with three wins against teams ranked in the final poll. **Mike Leach** became the first MSU head coach, at least in the modern era, to beat three teams in one season who finished ranked in a final poll.
- ▶ Over the last six seasons, Leach's teams have defeated 10 opponents ranked inside the AP Top 25, which is tied for eighth in that span. Only three current SEC head coaches have more such wins in that span. Since he arrived at MSU in 2020, Leach's six Top 25 wins are tied for sixth nationally.
- ▶ Under Leach, State has already defeated four AP-ranked opponents in road or neutral site contests with wins at then-No. 6 LSU (2020), vs. then-No. 22 Tulsa (2020), at then-No. 15 Texas A&M (2021) and at No. 16 Auburn (2021).
- ▶ Leach's six total ranked wins are the most of any Bulldog head coach in his first three years, and his four away from Starkville are tied for the most by an MSU head coach in program history.
- ▶ Leach is eighth in the nation since 2001 in wins over AP Top 25 opponents (26).

MSU RECORD BOOK: COACHES' AP-RANKED WINS

Head Coach	Total	All Games	Head Coach	Road/Neutral
1. Dan Mullen	9	115	1. Mike Leach	4
Jackie Sherril	9	152	Emory Bellard	4
2. Emory Bellard	7	79	2. Allyn McKeen	3
3. Mike Leach	6	29	3. Rocky Felker	2
4. Sylvester Croom	4	59	Dan Mullen	2
Allyn McKeen	4	87		

LEACH REACHING 6 AP WINS

School	Games Needed
Mississippi State	29
Texas Tech	58
Washington State	71

LEADING THE NATION

FBS STATISTICAL LEADERS (TOP 25)

Player	Statistic	Value	FBS	SEC
WR Caleb Ducking	Receiving Touchdowns	7	4	2
	Total Touchdowns	7	24	4
CB Emmanuel Forbes	Interceptions/Game	0.7	4	1
	Total Interceptions	4	3	1
	Passes Defended/Game	1.7	5	1
WR Lideatrick Griffin	Combined Kick Returns	280	17	4
	Kickoffs Yards/Return	31.1	6	2
LB Jett Johnson	Total Tackles/Game	9.5	24	4
QB Will Rogers	Completion Pct.	.716	9	1
	Completions/Game	33.67	1	1
	Passing Touchdowns	22	2	1
	Passing Yards	2,110	1	1
	Passing Yards/Game	351.7	4	1
	Points Responsible For	132	4	1
	Points Responsible For/Game	22.0	4	1
	Total Offense/Game	341.7	5	1
WR Zavion Thomas	Punts Yards/Return	10.7	16	5
LB Tyrus Wheat	Fumbles Recovered	2	3	1

RELIABLE RECEIVERS

- ▶ RB **Jo'quavious Marks** has caught a pass in 29 consecutive games, which is the second-longest active streak in the SEC and tied for No. 14 nationally. He has at least one reception in every game of his collegiate career.
- ▶ There are just 21 players nationally in the FBS with active streaks of 25 or more games and only two in the SEC.

▶ BULLDOGS IN THE NFL »

NAME	MSU	TEAM	YR.	POS.
Johnathan Abram*	2017-18	Las Vegas	4	S
Denico Autry*	2012-13	Tennessee	9	DE
Logan Cooke	2014-17	Jacksonville	5	P
Fletcher Cox*	2009-11	Philadelphia	11	DT
Charles Cross	2020-21	Seattle	R	OT
Cameron Dantzler	2016-19	Minnesota	3	CB
Greg Eiland+	2016-20	Seattle	1	OT
Martin Emerson Jr.	2019-21	Cleveland	R	CB
Willie Gay Jr.*	2017-19	Kansas City	3	LB
J.T. Gray^	2014-17	New Orleans	5	DB
Gerri Green+	2014-18	Tennessee	1	DE
Kylin Hill (PUP)	2017-20	Green Bay	2	RB
Gabe Jackson*	2009-13	Seattle	9	OG
Elgton Jenkins	2014-18	Green Bay	4	OG
Chris Jones**	2013-15	Kansas City	7	DE
Kobe Jones+	2017-20	Green Bay	1	LB
Tyre Phillips	2017-19	NY Giants	3	OG
Makai Polk+	2021	NY Giants	R	WR
Dak Prescott*	2011-15	Dallas	7	QB
Jeffery Simmons**	2016-18	Tennessee	4	DT
Darius Slay**	2011-12	Philadelphia	10	CB
Preston Smith*	2011-14	Green Bay	8	LB
Montez Sweat*	2017-18	Washington	4	DE
Darryl Williams+	2015-19	Jacksonville	1	C
Isaiah Zuber+	2019	Las Vegas	1	WR

* - 2021 Regular Starter (50 percent of games)
 ^ - 2021 Pro Bowl Selection
 + - Practice Squad

▶ 2022 TOP GAMES »

400-YARD PASSING GAMES

QB Will Rogers, Jr.
 450, Memphis
 409, Bowling Green

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

QB Will Rogers, Jr.
 450, Memphis
 409, Bowling Green
 395, Arkansas
 329, No. 17 Texas A&M
 313, at Arizona

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

RB Dillon Johnson, Jr.
 100, Arkansas

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

WR Rara Thomas, So.
 134, No. 17 Texas A&M

100-YARD ALL-PURPOSE GAMES

WR Lideatrick Griffin, Jr.
 127, Bowling Green

RB Dillon Johnson, Jr.
 149, Arkansas
 106, Memphis

RB Jo'quavious Marks, Jr.
 132, Arkansas

WR Rara Thomas, So.
 134, No. 17 Texas A&M

RULING THE RETURN GAME

▶ Mississippi State boasts some of the best special teams return units in the nation. State's kickoff return unit is fourth in the nation and second in the SEC, averaging 30.2 yards per return.

▶ **WR Lideatrick Griffin** is sixth nationally in yards per kick return (31.1), and **WR Zavion Thomas** is 16th in yards per punt return (10.7). Griffin's career average (33.3) is tops among active FBS players and would exceed the school record by 6.6 yards.

▶ Since 2020, MSU leads the nation, averaging 27.9 yards per kickoff return. Georgia is the closest SEC team at 23.7 yards (ninth nationally).

BALL HOGS

▶ Since **Mike Leach** arrived in 2020, Mississippi State ranks 14th nationally in time of possession, averaging 32:20 per game.

▶ State held the ball for 41:11 in the season opener against Memphis (Sept. 3). That was State's highest total under **Mike Leach**, surpassing last year's game against Kentucky (41:10).

▶ Thanks in large part to its stout defense, Mississippi State dominated time of possession last year. The Bulldogs led the SEC and ranked 10th in the FBS at 33:12 of possession per game.

▶ MSU's defense allowed the fewest first downs in the SEC and played the second-fewest snaps in the conference. State's offense ran 975 total plays which was third in the SEC and 13th nationally.

▶ The Bulldogs averaged +6:53 in time of possession differential and 12.9 more plays per game than their opponent in 2021.

MOST POSSESSION TIME BY MIKE LEACH-COACHED TEAMS (SINCE 2005)

Rank	School	Opponent	Result	Date	TOP
1.	Washington State	at Colorado	W, 31-7	11-10-2018	41:46
2.	Mississippi State	Memphis	W, 49-23	9-3-2022	41:11
3.	Mississippi State	Kentucky	W, 31-17	10-30-2021	41:10

BULLDOGS' YAC ATTACK

▶ Mississippi State has ranked among the top five Power 5 teams in the nation in yards after catch in back-to-back seasons under head coach **Mike Leach**. The Bulldogs led the nation in yards after catch in 2021, and State ranked second in the SEC and third nationally in 2020.

POWER 5 LEADERS IN YARDS AFTER CATCH PER PFF

Rank	School	YAC	GP	YAC/G
1.	Mississippi State	1,233	6	205.5
2.	UCLA	1,174	6	195.7
3.	Georgia	1,002	6	188.8
4.	Maryland	1,084	6	180.7
5.	Washington	1,023	6	170.5

CHUNK PLAYS

▶ Mississippi State is second in the SEC with 85 passes for 10-plus yards. Overall, State's 104 plays of 10-plus yards rank fourth in the conference. The Bulldogs were second in the SEC with 101 passes of 15 or more yards last year. 29 of those went for 25 yards or more.

▶ MSU totaled 10 passing plays longer than 15 yards for a total of 242 yards against Memphis (Sept. 3) in the season opener with four resulting in touchdowns. The Bulldogs then flipped the script with seven runs for 10 or more yards at Arizona (Sept. 10).

▶ The Bulldogs have turned in the three longest runs of the **Mike Leach** era this season. RB **Dillon Johnson** turned in a 40-yard sprint against Bowling Green (Sept. 24). Prior to that, RB **Jo'quavious Marks** scored on a 37-yard scamper at LSU (Sept. 17), and Johnson broke free for 35 yards against the Tigers.

▶ **QB Will Rogers** connected with **WR Rara Thomas** for a 75-yard touchdown pass that was tied for State's longest passing play under Leach. It was tied with a 75-yard strike in Leach's first game at then-No. 6 LSU in 2020.

▶ Against Bowling Green (Sept. 24), the Bulldogs turned in their longest rush (40 yards), kick return (42 yards) and field goal (53 yards) of the season.

RETURNING TO RUSHING

▶ Mississippi State posted 173 rushing yards against Arkansas (Oct. 8), which is the Bulldogs' highest total under **Mike Leach**.

▶ The Bulldogs are running the ball at the highest clip (106.7 ypg) of a Leach-coached team since the 2016 Washington State team (120.0 ypg). The current rate ranks fifth in Leach's career. State has rushed on 35 percent of their plays, its highest rate under Leach.

▶ State already has 19 runs of 10-plus yards through six games after posting just 23 in 13 games last year and 20 in 11 games in 2020.

▶ **RB Dillon Johnson** became the first Bulldog to run for 100 yards under Leach against Arkansas (Oct. 8) and just the 10th player to do so in Leach's career. He has rushed for 402 yards, which ranks eighth in the SEC, and his 6.00 yards per carry rank 11th.

HONORS & AWARDS »

DT Jaden Crumedy, Gr.

Senior Bowl Watch List

CB Emmanuel Forbes, Jr.

Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List

Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List

Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week - Week 5

SEC Defensive Player of the Week - Week 5

RB Dillon Johnson, Jr.

Doak Walker Award Watch List

RB Jo'quavious Marks, Jr.

Paul Hornung Award Watch List

Doak Walker Award Watch List

QB Will Rogers, Jr.

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List

Manning Award Watch List

Maxwell Award Watch List

Athlon Preseason All-SEC (QB)

SEC Offensive Player of the Week - Week 6

Davey O'Brien Great 8 - Week 1

Manning Award Stars of the Week - Weeks 1, 2, 5

Manning Award QB of the Week - Weeks 2, 5

OL LaQuinston Sharp, Gr.

Rimington Trophy Watch List

SEC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week - Weeks 1, 2

LB Tyrus Wheat, Gr.

Senior Bowl Watch List

WR Austin Williams, Gr.

2021-22 SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Student-Athlete of the Year

2021-22 First Team CoSIDA Academic All-American

William V. Campbell Trophy Semifinalist

Wuerffel Trophy Watch List

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Nominee

DT Cameron Young, R-Sr.

Senior Bowl Watch List

2022 STAT LEADERS »

Points Scored.....	WR Caleb Ducking (42)
Touchdowns.....	WR Caleb Ducking (7)
Rushing Yards.....	RB Dillon Johnson (402)
Rushing Touchdowns.....	RB Jo'quavious Marks (5)
Receiving Yards.....	WR Rara Thomas (368)
Receiving TD.....	WR Caleb Ducking (7)
Passing Yards.....	QB Will Rogers (2,110)
Passing TD.....	QB Will Rogers (22)
Tackles.....	LB Jett Johnson (57)
Tackles For Loss.....	LB Nathaniel Watson (4.5)
Sacks.....	LB Nathaniel Watson (3.0)
Interceptions.....	CB Emmanuel Forbes (4)

GRADUATES ON ROSTER »

▶ Massimo Biscardi (K)	▶ Jackie Matthews (S)
▶ Jamire Calvin (WR)	▶ Ben Raybon (K)
▶ Jaden Crumedy (DT)	▶ LaQuinston Sharp (OL)
▶ Jordan Davis (LB)	▶ Cole Smith (OL)
▶ George Georgopoulos (P)	▶ Sherman Timbs (LB)
▶ J.J. Jernighan (RB)	▶ Nathaniel Watson (LB)
▶ Jett Johnson (LB)	▶ Tyrus Wheat (LB)
▶ Chance Lovertich (QB)	▶ Austin Williams (WR)

NEW AIR

- ▶ There have been 17 games of 400-plus passing yards in Mississippi State history. Ten of those performances occurred in the first 30 games of the **Mike Leach** era.
- ▶ MSU had thrown for 400-plus yards just seven total times in the previous 1,193 games prior to Leach's arrival in Starkville.
- ▶ State and Arizona are the only Power 5 teams with multiple 400-yard passing games this season and there are only six in the FBS.
- ▶ The Bulldogs were second in the nation with six 400-yard passing games and one of 18 schools nationally and three SEC teams with multiple such games in 2021. State was one of five teams nationally with at least 11 300-yard passing games.
- ▶ State's most recent 400-plus passing yard performance came last time out against Bowling Green (Sept. 24). QB **Will Rogers** threw for 409 yards and tied the school record with six touchdowns. It was his seventh career 400-yard game, which leads the nation among active players since 2020.
- ▶ Rogers is the eighth SEC quarterback to ever record a 4,000-yard passing season, ranks third in conference history and holds the MSU school record. He is the 10th different passer that Leach has coached to the 4,000-yard mark.

MSU RECORD BOOK: 400-YARD PASSING GAMES

Yds	Opponent	Date	Stats
623	at LSU	9-26-2020	36-of-60, 5TD
508	at Arkansas	11-21-2015	38-of-51, 5TD
493	Tennessee State	11-20-2021	36-of-46, 5TD
466	Tulane	10-22-1994	21-of-30, 4TD
461	at Vanderbilt	10-23-2021	46-of-64, 5TD
456	vs. Alabama (Birmingham)	11-4-1978	31-of-53, 1TD
453	vs. Georgia Tech (Miami)	12-31-2014	33-of-51, 5TD
450	Memphis	9-3-2022	38-of-49, 5TD
440	at Ole Miss	11-28-2020	45-of-62, 3TD
421	at Arkansas (Little Rock)	11-17-2007	29-of-51, 4TD
420	Bowling Green	9-24-2022	42-of-54, 6TD
419	at Memphis	9-18-2021	50-of-67, 3TD
417	at Arkansas	11-6-2021	36-of-48, 4TD
417	Samford	10-29-2016	20-of-35, 5TD
415	at Auburn	11-13-2021	44-of-56, 6TD
408	at Texas A&M	10-2-2021	46-of-59, 3TD
405	at Florida	10-2-1993	24-of-44, 2TD

SEC RECORD BOOK: 4,000-YARD PASSERS

Rank	Yards	Name	School	Year
1.	5,671	Joe Burrow	LSU	2019
2.	4,872	Bryce Young	Alabama	2021
3.	4,739	Will Rogers	Mississippi State	2021
4.	4,500	Mac Jones	Alabama	2020
5.	4,283	Kyle Trask	Florida	2020

AIRING IT OUT

- ▶ QB **Will Rogers** completed a school-record and SEC-record 50 passes at Memphis last year. He holds eight of the top nine single-game marks in program history, including each of the top five.
- ▶ Rogers became the 12th passer nationwide with 50 completions in a game since 2000, and **Mike Leach** has coached five of the 12. The 50 completions at Memphis are tied for the sixth-most by any team under **Mike Leach** in his 20-year career.
- ▶ State's 67 passing attempts against Memphis last year trail only its 70 attempts at Kentucky in 2020 and LSU's 69 attempts against Auburn in 1999 for the most in a single game in SEC history.

MSU RECORD BOOK: SINGLE-GAME COMPLETIONS

Rank	Comp.	Name	Opponent	Date
1.	50	Will Rogers	at Memphis	9-18-2021
2.	47	Will Rogers	LSU	9-25-2021
3.	46	Will Rogers	at Texas A&M	10-2-2021
4.	45	Will Rogers	at Ole Miss	11-28-2020
5.	44	Will Rogers	at Auburn	11-13-2021

RED ALERT

- ▶ Mississippi State has scored on 20-of-21 red zone opportunities (95.2 percent) this season with 19 touchdowns. The Bulldogs have scored on 17 straight red zone trips with 14 straight touchdowns.
- ▶ MSU leads the nation in red zone touchdown percentage (90.48 percent) and is second nationally in both red zone passing touchdown percentage (61.90 percent) and points per red zone drive (5.57).

ON THE LINE

- ▶ MSU's offensive line has shuffled this year, with multiple linemen playing new positions. However, the line allowed just one sack in the season opener against Memphis (Sept. 3).
- ▶ **C LaQuinston Sharp** is the only lineman returning to the same position he played in 2021. Sharp snapped the ball 1,002 times last year, and is the most-veteran of the group with 1,699 snaps across the line in his career.
- ▶ Last season, Sharp, who was named to the Rimington Trophy watch list, earned a career-best 83.8 percent pass blocking grade from PFF. He surrendered only two sacks in 786 passing snaps.
- ▶ The offensive line entered 2022 with 5,175 career snaps, but only 1,893 (36.6 percent) of those had been taken at their current positions.
- ▶ Head coach **Mike Leach** and offensive line tutor **Mason Miller** are no strangers to development on the line, however. In fact, with the first-round selection of OT Charles Cross in the 2022 NFL Draft, Leach and Miller are one of just three coaching tandems with a first-round offensive lineman in two of the last four Drafts.

OFFENSIVE LINE SNAP COUNTS
(ENTERING 2022)

Pos.	Name	2021 All Pos.	Prior At Current Pos.	Career Total
LT	Kwatrivous Johnson	616	24	863
LG	Nick Jones	105	5	105
C	LaQuinston Sharp	1,002	1,003	1,699
RG	Cole Smith	472	346	1,130
RT	Kameron Jones	985	515	1,378
	TOTAL	3,180	1,893	5,175

ROGERS FOR SIX... TIMES SIX

- ▶ **QB Will Rogers** tied his own school record with six passing touchdowns against Bowling Green (Sept. 24) while throwing for 409 yards, marking his seventh career 400-yard passing game. No other SEC passer has had more than five 400-yard games in his career dating back to 2000.
- ▶ Since 2000, only 13 quarterbacks have had more games with six passing touchdowns than Rogers, and only one of those (C.J. Stroud, Ohio State) is active.
- ▶ Since 2020, Rogers is tied for second nationally among active players with four games of five or more passing touchdowns. He also leads the nation in passing yards (8,825) and passing touchdowns (69).
- ▶ The game against the Falcons marked the third time this year that Rogers has thrown at least four touchdown passes, which is tied for second in the FBS. It is also just the third year in school history that a Bulldog has passed for four or more touchdowns in three games. Rogers threw four touchdowns in four games last year, and Dak Prescott did so three times in 2015.

ROGERS ON A ROLL

- ▶ **QB Will Rogers** threw for at least 300 yards in ten straight games in 2021, while averaging 378.7 yards during the streak and completing 75.1 percent of his passes (402-of-535) with 30 touchdowns before the streak was snapped in State's bowl game.
- ▶ Since 2004, the only quarterbacks with a longer streak are Graham Harrell (16) and Gardner Minshew (11).
- ▶ Rogers has tossed a touchdown in 24 of his last 25 games with 68 scores in that span. Since 2020, Rogers has tossed multiple touchdowns in 16 different games, which trails only Tennessee's Hendon Hooker (18) and Alabama's Bryce Young (17) among active SEC quarterbacks.
- ▶ Rogers has thrown for 300-plus yards and at least three touchdowns in 14 of his 28 career games. The closest active player to him since 2020 is Wake Forest's Sam Hartman at 10 games.

LONGEST 300-YARD PASSING GAME STREAKS
(COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA)

Name	School	Dates	Total Yds.	Avg.
Gardner Minshew*	Washington St.	09/01/18-11/17/18	4,328 (11 gm)	393.5
Will Rogers*	Mississippi St.	09/18/21-11/25/21	3,787 (10 gm)	378.7
Joe Burrow	LSU	10/19/19-01/13/20	3,514 (10 gm)	351.4
Luke Falk*	Washington St.	09/12/15-11/14/15	3,778 (9 gm)	419.8
Anthony Gorgon*	Washington St.	10/12/19-12/27/19	3,433 (8 gm)	429.1

* coached by Mike Leach

REVIEWING ROGERS' RUN ON THE RECORD BOOKS

- ▶ In 2021, **QB Will Rogers** – at only 20 years old – became the first MSU quarterback to lead the SEC in passing yards per game (364.5). His 4,739 passing yards were the third most in SEC single-season history (the two quarterbacks ahead of Rogers played in two more games than he did during their respective seasons).
- ▶ Rogers joined 2019 Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow of LSU as the only QBs in college football over the last 22 seasons to throw for 4,700+ yards and 35+ touchdowns while completing at least 73 percent of their passes.
- ▶ After breaking nearly every freshman passing mark in MSU history in 2020, Rogers broke 25 more records, including Dak Prescott's records set as a fourth-year junior and fifth-year senior for single-season total offense, passing yards and passing touchdowns.
- ▶ Rogers passed for at least 300 yards with completing 70 percent of his passes and tossing three touchdowns in eight separate games in 2021, which was three more than any other Power 5 passer.
- ▶ Rogers broke the school record with six passing touchdowns at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13, 2021). He's since tied that mark on Sept. 24 against Bowling Green.
- ▶ Against No. 12 Kentucky, Rogers broke MSU and SEC records for completion percentage with a 92.3 percent mark. The previous MSU record (min. 35 att.) was his 83.0 percent mark in the season opener against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4). The previous SEC mark (min. 30 comp.) was 91.2 percent by Josh Dobbs (Tennessee) vs. Vanderbilt (2016).
- ▶ Rogers stands as MSU's career leader and the FBS active career leader in completion percentage: 72.2 percent (946-of-1,311). He also leads the FBS among active players in career passes per game (46.8) and career completions per game (33.8).
- ▶ He broke his own MSU single-game record for consecutive completions twice against No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30, 2021) with two streaks of 15 completions. Previous: 14 at Vanderbilt (Oct. 23, 2021) and 12 vs. Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4, 2021).
- ▶ Broke his own MSU single-game-record with 50 completions at Memphis (2021), which stands as the SEC record (Previous MSU: 45 by Rogers, at Ole Miss, 2020; Previous SEC: 47 by Tim Couch, Kentucky, vs. Arkansas, 1998).
- ▶ Now boasts 18 career 300-yard passing games, which is an MSU career record (Previous: 9 by Dak Prescott, 2012-15) and 22 career 30-completion games, also an MSU record (Previous: 5 by Dak Prescott, 2012-15).
- ▶ Through just 28 games and 25 starts, **QB Will Rogers** has moved to the top of State's career leaderboard in total offense. His 308.1 yards per game (8,627 total yards) currently leads all Bulldogs.
- ▶ Bulldog legend Dak Prescott held the record previously, averaging 242.8 yards per game of total offense (11,897 yards in 49 games), but Prescott recorded more than half of his career yardage in his senior season. With his senior year removed, Prescott averaged 155.1 yards per game (5,583 yards in 36 games).
- ▶ In 25 career starts, Rogers has thrown just 15 interceptions despite having 1,242 passing attempts (1.21 percent).

MSU RECORD BOOK: ROGERS' RANKS SO FAR

Statistic	2022	MSU Rank	Career	MSU Rank (Rec.)	SEC Rank (Rec.)
300-yard passing games	5	--	18	1st	--
200-yard passing games	6	--	24	2nd	--
Completions	202	6th	946	1st	1st
Pass attempts	282	--	1,311	1st	10th (1,533)
Completion Pct.	71.6	2nd	72.2	1st	2nd (74.3)
Passing yards	2,110	10th	8,825	2nd (9,376)	--
Passing yards/game	351.7	2nd	315.2	--	--
Passing touchdowns	22	5th	69	2nd (70)	--
Passing efficiency	158.10	1st	143.17	2nd (146.10)	--

HIGHEST ADJUSTED COMPLETION PCT. IN A SEASON BY SEC QB'S
(SINCE 2014 PER PFF)

Rank	Name	School	Year	Adj. Cmp. Pct.
1.	Mac Jones	Alabama	2020	84.2%
2.	Joe Burrow	LSU	2019	81.9%
3.	Will Rogers	Mississippi State	2021	81.4%

RECORD WATCH

- QB **Will Rogers** (69) is one passing touchdown shy of Dak Prescott's (2012-15) MSU career record (70). He is five 200-yard passing games from matching Prescott's school record of 29 in his career.
- Rogers' 8,825 career passing yards are second in school history to Prescott (9,376). He needs 551 yards to tie the school record.
- Last week, Rogers broke Aaron Murray's (Georgia, 2010-13) SEC career completions record. Murray completed 921 passes in 52 career games. Rogers surpassed that mark in just 28 games and finished the game against Arkansas (Oct. 8) with 946 career completions.

GO DEEP

- MSU has found success with the deep ball this season. QB **Will Rogers** has thrown seven touchdowns on passes where the ball was in the air for more than 20 yards, which leads the SEC and ranks sixth nationally.
- Rogers leads the SEC with 26 passing plays for 20-plus yards.
- Rogers' 95.4 passing grade on passes of 20-plus air yards also leads the SEC and is seventh in the nation per PFF. His 10 "big time throws" are second in the league.
- WR **Caleb Ducking** leads all SEC receivers with three touchdowns on 20-plus-yard passes, and his 94.3 receiving grade from PFF on such throws ranks ninth in the conference.

SPREADING THE LOVE

- Nine different Bulldogs have caught a touchdown this season, which is tied second in the FBS. Only NC State (12) has had more receivers score.
- Six State receivers have caught at least 20 balls. No other SEC school has more than three (Georgia), and only four other FBS teams have four (Georgia Southern, Tulsa, Washington State and Western Kentucky).
- Last year, WR Makai Polk (105), RB **Jo'quavious Marks** (83), RB **Dillon Johnson** (65), WR **Jaden Walley** (55) and WR **Austin Williams** (52) gave State four 50-catch receivers in the same year for the first time in program history. The Bulldogs return four of the five.
- MSU had just four prior seasons with two 50-catch players: 2020 - Marks and Jaden Walley, 2015 - Fred Ross and De'Runnya Wilson, 1969 - Sammy Milner and David Smith.
- The Bulldogs had multiple 500-yard receivers for just the seventh time on record (since 1961) and saw three receivers reach that mark for the first time in program history: Polk, 989; Walley, 610 and Williams, 543.

SEC TEAM LEADERS
RETURNING PERCENTAGE OF 2021 RECEPTIONS

Rank	School	Rec. Returning	2021 Rec.	Pct.
1.	LSU	190	262	72.5
2.	Mississippi State	374	518	72.2
3.	Georgia	187	264	70.8
4.	South Carolina	148	211	70.1
5.	Tennessee	158	243	65.0

MSU RECORD BOOK: 500-YARD RECEIVER PAIRS
(SINCE 1961)

Year	Leading Receiver	Yds.	Second Receiver	Yds.
2021	Makai Polk	989	Jaden Walley Austin Williams	610 543
2020	Jaden Walley	718	Osirus Mitchell	505
2016	Fred Ross	917	Donald Gray	709
2015	Fred Ross	1,007	De'Runnya Wilson	918
2012	Chad Bumphis	922	Chris Smith	564
2002	Terrell Grindle	608	Ray Ray Bivines	511

RECEIVING LEADERS

- RB **Dillon Johnson** has caught 27 passes, which is sixth in the SEC and third nationally among FBS running backs.
- WR **Rara Thomas** is 10th in the SEC with 368 receiving yards.
- WR **Caleb Ducking**'s seven receiving touchdowns trail only Vanderbilt's Will Sheppard (8).

DUCKING DANCING

- WR **Caleb Ducking** is one of three SEC players and 26 players nationally to turn in multiple receiving touchdowns in multiple games this season. He has caught a touchdown in five of six games, which is tied for the FBS lead.
- He caught a 22-yard and a 26-yard touchdown pass against Bowling Green (Sept. 24). Ducking also caught nine-yard and two-yard passes in the end zone at Arizona (Sept. 10).
- His seven receiving touchdowns are second in the SEC and tied for fourth nationally this season. He has caught 28 passes, which leads the team and is tied for fourth in the conference.

MOVE THOSE CHAINS

- Entering 2022, WRs **Austin Williams** (35) and **Jaden Walley** (33) were the SEC's returning leaders in receptions for a first down from a year ago. Both are among the top five active SEC players in career first-down receptions.
- RB **Dillon Johnson** is the SEC's active career leader in missed tackles forced after a reception (35), and Walley is second (34) per PFF. Meanwhile, Williams is tied for second among active SEC players with 19 career contested catches per PFF.
- Of the Bulldogs' 156 first downs this year, 100 have come through the air, which is third in the FBS.

SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS:
FIRST-DOWN RECEPTIONS

Rank	Name	School	Rec.	1st
1.	Ainias Smith	Texas A&M	127	76
2.	Jaden Walley	Mississippi State	119	72
3.	Austin Williams	Mississippi State	128	70
4.	Kayshon Boutte	LSU	100	57
5.	Josh Vann	South Carolina	95	50

RACING FOR THE RECEPTIONS RECORD

- RB **Jo'quavious Marks** and WR **Austin Williams** entered 2022 among the MSU career top 10 for total receptions, and RB **Dillon Johnson** has now cracked the leaderboard. Marks holds the career record for a running back.

MSU RECORD BOOK: CAREER RECEPTIONS

Rank	Rec.	Name	Years	Yds.	Avg.
1.	199	Fred Ross	2013-16	2,528	12.7
2.	166	Jo'quavious Marks	2020-p	910	5.5
3.	162	David Smith	1968-70	2,168	13.4
4.	159	Chad Bumphis	2009-12	2,270	14.3
5.	146	Sammy Milner	1968-70	1,806	12.4
6.	139	Justin Jenkins	2000-03	1,974	14.2
7.	133	De'Runnya Wilson	2013-15	1,758	13.2
8.	128	Austin Williams	2018-p	1,352	10.6
	128	Dillon Johnson	2020-p	778	6.1
10.	119	Terrell Grindle	1999-02	1,724	14.5

VERIFIED VETERAN

- WR **Austin Williams** broke the school record for games played at LSU (Sept. 10). Williams is one of eight players in MSU history to play in 52 or more career games in the maroon and white.
- Only 31 Bulldogs have ever played in 50 career games.

MSU RECORD BOOK: CAREER GAMES

Rank	GP	Name	Years	Starts
1.	56	Austin Williams	2017-pr.	32
2.	52	Gerri Green	2014-18	27
	52	Nelson Adams	2012-16	16
	52	Richie Brown	2012-16	26
	52	Kaleb Fulls	2010-14	52
	52	Christian Holmes	2010-14	1
	52	Matthew Wells	2010-14	33
	52	Gabe Jackson	2009-13	52

WILLIAMS' CAREER AT A GLANCE

► WR **Austin Williams** has the lowest drop rate of any active SEC wide receiver with a minimum of 100 targets since 2019 (1.6 percent). His 92.3 hands grade from PFF ranked second in the FBS in 2021 and was the highest among players returning for 2022.

► Williams is in his final campaign following a career year in 2021 that saw him set new personal season highs with 52 catches for 617 yards and four touchdowns. He caught 52 of his 59 targets (88.1 percent), which ranked fifth in the nation among players with at least 40 targets.

► Of his 128 career receptions, 66.4 percent have led to a touchdown or first down. He is now sixth in MSU career history with 15 receiving touchdowns.

► Williams tied the school record with three receiving touchdowns against Tennessee State (Nov. 20) last year. He caught four passes for a career-high 75 yards, including 21-yard and 30-yard scores.

► Williams has excelled in the classroom, already completing a bachelor's degree in finance and his master's in business administration. He is working on a third degree and was recently named a semifinalist for the NFF Campbell Trophy for the second straight year. This summer he became first reigning SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award winner to represent his school at SEC Media Days.

► He is an outstanding example in the community, reaching the semifinalist stage for both the Wuerffel Trophy and Witten Man of the Year Award in 2021.

AUSTIN WILLIAMS' CAREER RECEPTIONS

Year	Rec.	TDs	1st	15+	25+
2022	12	3	8	1	0
2021	52	4	35	13	5
2020	43	3	17	7	0
2019	11	2	5	2	1
2018	10	3	5	4	2
Total	128	15	70	27	8

MSU RECORD BOOK: CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Rank	TDs	Name	Years	Rec.
1.	24	Chad Bumphis	20012-12	159
2.	22	Fred Ross	2013-16	199
		De'Runnya Wilson	2013-15	133
4.	17	Justin Jenkins	2000-03	139
		Eric Moulds	1993-95	118
6.	15	Austin Williams	2017-pr.	128

WALLEY WATCH

► WR **Jaden Walley** caught 55 passes for 628 yards and six touchdowns in 2021. He's the top returning MSU wide receiver in all three of those categories.

► Walley had a touchdown catch in six different games last season and has three this year. His 10 games with a touchdown reception are tied for the SEC lead among active players since 2020.

► He caught a season-high seven passes for a season-high 87 yards last year at No. 17 Auburn (Nov. 13, 2021) with four receptions for first downs.

MAKING HIS MARKS

► RB **Jo'quavious Marks** was named to the watch list for the Paul Hornung Award, which recognizes the most-versatile player in college football. He has not only proven he can pick up yardage by carrying the football but can also be an effective option in the passing game as both a blocker and receiver out of the backfield.

► Marks was second on the team with 83 receptions in 2021, which led all FBS running backs and broke his own MSU record for the most catches in a season by a running back. He totaled 502 yards through the air.

► Marks' 106 rushes and six touchdowns on the ground were both team highs for the Bulldogs in 2021. He has rushed 228 times for 985 yards and 14 touchdowns in his career.

► His 166 career receptions are second in MSU history, and he holds the MSU career record for receptions by a running back. He ranks 23rd among active players in the FBS.

ANALYZING ARNETT'S DEFENSE

► Since his arrival in 2020, defensive coordinator **Zach Arnett's** defense has been one of the best in the country. In both 2020 and 2021 with Arnett at the helm of the defense, State finished inside the top five in the SEC in total defense, fewest first downs allowed, takeaways, rushing defense and yards allowed per rush.

► Against SEC teams, Arnett's defense ranked third in total defense (352.3) in 2021 and fourth in total defense (380.3) in 2020 after ranking 11th (419.3) in 2019 before his arrival at MSU.

► Since 2020, MSU has allowed fewer than 150 rushing yards in 19 games, which trails only Alabama (31) and Georgia (30) in the SEC during that span. MSU is holding its opponents to just 126.08 rushing yards per game, which ranks 18th in the FBS during that span.

DAWG DEFENSE ONE OF THE MOST-EXPERIENCED

► MSU returns 79.1 percent of its defensive snaps from 2021. The Bulldogs played 807 snaps with 11 players on the field for a total of 8,877 snaps. Bulldog returners combined for 7,020 snaps last year.

► Of the 22 players on defensive side of the two-deep, 17 have been playing for the past two years under defensive coordinator **Zach Arnett**. Three more have at least played a season in Arnett's system.

► Only one starter on the depth chart was not on the roster last year, and nine of the 11 starters have been in the system since 2020.

STATE HAS A TAKEAWAY IN 24 OF ITS LAST 30 GAMES

► The Bulldogs have collected at least one takeaway in 24 of 30 games under defensive coordinator Zach Arnett with 46 total takeaways in that span. State has forced multiple turnovers 11 times in that span, going 10-1 when doing so.

► Under Arnett, the Bulldogs had a takeaway streak of nine straight games (Nov. 23, 2019-Nov. 7, 2020). Since 2020, the Bulldogs longest takeaway streak is seven consecutive games (Dec. 19, 2020-Oct. 2, 2021). They have forced a turnover in every game of the 2022 season thus far (6).

► MSU has an interception in 17 games under Arnett with multiple picks in nine games for 30 total picks in 30 games. The Bulldogs are 9-0 in multi-interception games.

► Ten active players have collected 26 total interceptions in their careers.

► MSU's 12 turnovers forced in 2022 are tied for the SEC lead and No. 14 nationally.

DAWG DEFENSE QUICK HITS

► CB **Emmanuel Forbes** leads the SEC with four interceptions and 10 total passes defended. He boasts the No. 8 coverage grade in the conference per PFF.

► LB **Tyrus Wheat** is one of five SEC players with multiple fumble recoveries. He now has five in his career, which is tied for eighth in MSU history. Wheat is also tied for seventh in the SEC per PFF with 19 total pressures.

► CB **Decamerion Richardson** boasts the No. 10 tackling grade (86.1) in the SEC per PFF.

► LB **Jett Johnson** is ninth in the SEC with 20 "stops," which are tackles that constitute a failure for the offense per PFF.

► State leads the SEC in fourth-down defense (25.0 percent), which is 11th nationally, and is third in red zone defense (72.2 percent), which ranks 13th in the FBS.

► The Bulldogs lead the SEC with eight interceptions and tied for second in the league with 31 pass defenses this season.

► In 2021, MSU held the following opponents to season lows: No. 12 Kentucky (216 yards of total offense), NC State (337 yards of total offense and 34 yards rushing), No. 15 Texas A&M (135 yards passing), Vanderbilt (9 yards rushing).

► State was third in the SEC and 12th in the nation in rushing defense (113.4) in 2021. Defensively, MSU allowed just 48 runs to go for more than 10 yards, which was tied for second in the SEC. The Bulldogs allowed 84 rushing first downs, which was tied for 15th in the FBS.

► The Bulldog defense held consecutive SEC opponents to fewer than 50 total plays against Vanderbilt and Kentucky in 2021, marking just the third time since 2000 that an SEC team has held conference opponents to fewer than 50 plays in consecutive weeks. Kentucky did so in 2019 against Tennessee (Nov. 9) and at Vanderbilt (Nov. 16), and LSU did so in 2011 against Florida (Oct. 8) and at Tennessee (Oct. 15).

STOP ON RED

- ▶ Mississippi State made two crucial stops in the red zone against Arkansas (Oct. 8), both on fourth down to result in turnovers.
- ▶ State stopped Arkansas on a 4th-and-1 at the MSU eight-yard line in the first quarter. The Bulldogs later held the Razorbacks at the one-yard line on three straight snaps to force a turnover on downs in the third quarter.
- ▶ The Bulldogs are third in the SEC in red zone defense (72.2 percent), which ranks 13th in the FBS, and lead the conference in fourth-down defense (25.0 percent), which is 11th nationally.

HOLDING TEAMS TO FEWER THAN 200 YARDS RUSHING

- ▶ Since the start of the 2018 season, MSU has held 47 of its 56 opponents below the 200-yard rushing mark, which is the third-most in the SEC and tied for 12th in the nation during that stretch. Thirty-three of those 47 games holding teams below 200 yards have been SEC games.
- ▶ Under defensive coordinator **Zach Arnett**, MSU has held the opponent below the 200-yard rushing mark in 24 of 30 games.
- ▶ MSU held opponents to 113.4 rushing yards per game last year, which was third in the SEC. Just 48 of opponents' 406 rushing attempts went for 10 or more yards in 2021.
- ▶ Only two teams rushed for 200+ yards on the Bulldogs in 2021 - Arkansas (202) and Texas Tech (260).

SEC LEADERS HOLDING TEAMS BELOW 200 YARDS RUSHING (SINCE 2018)

Rank	School	Opp. Below 200+ Rushing	Record When
1.	Alabama	58	53-5
	Georgia	58	51-7
3.	Mississippi State	47	29-18
4.	Texas A&M	45	31-14
5.	LSU	44	36-8
	Kentucky	44	33-11

HOLDING TEAMS TO FEWER THAN 100 YARDS RUSHING

- ▶ The Bulldogs have held 12 opponents to less than 100 rushing yards in 30 games under defensive coordinator **Zach Arnett** since 2020, which is third in the SEC and tied for 13th in the FBS.
- ▶ MSU held Vanderbilt (2021) to just six yards rushing, marking the lowest total under Arnett, surpassing an eight-yard performance at then-No. 13 Georgia (2020).
- ▶ State held six opponents, including three SEC teams, to fewer than 100 yards on the ground in 2021, and allowed just 101 yards in the season opener against Louisiana Tech (Sept. 4).
- ▶ Since 1976, MSU has held opponents under 100 yards rushing in at least three straight games on five occasions. Prior to Arnett's arrival State had held three straight opponents under 100 yards rushing just three times - with the last coming in 2000 - and the Bulldogs have already done so twice under his leadership.

MSU RECORD BOOK: GAMES HOLDING OPPONENTS BELOW 100 RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON (SINCE 2000)

Rank	Games	Year	Opponents
1.	7	2018	Stephen F. Austin, Louisiana, Auburn, Texas A&M, Arkansas, Ole Miss, Iowa
2.	6	2021	NC State, Memphis, LSU, Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Tennessee State
	6	2009	Jackson State, Vanderbilt, LSU, Middle Tennessee, Arkansas, Ole Miss
	6	2000	Memphis, BYU, South Carolina, Florida, Auburn, Alabama
5.	5	2010	Memphis, Houston, Kentucky, Ole Miss, Michigan

NO FLY FORBES

- ▶ CB **Emmanuel Forbes** picked off two passes against No. 17 Texas A&M (Oct. 1) for his second career multi-interception game. He returned the second one 33 yards for a touchdown, breaking the MSU career pick-six record (4) in the process.
- ▶ Forbes also picked off a pass against Arkansas (Oct. 8) and now has three picks in his last two games. He is tied for second in the nation in total passes defended (10) and third in interceptions (4).
- ▶ Forbes is tied for the FBS active career lead in interceptions returned for a touchdown and in overall defensive touchdowns. He is just the fifth SEC player with four or more career pick-sixes and is one shy of the conference record held by Tennessee's Jackie Walker (5, 1969-71).
- ▶ He has four interceptions this year and 12 total picks in his career - a total that also makes him the active career interceptions leader in the SEC and has him third among active players in the FBS. He leads the nation since his career began in 2020 and is now tied for fourth in MSU history.
- ▶ Forbes is also fourth among active FBS players in career interception return yards (249).
- ▶ Forbes has racked up 121 tackles across his career including 5.5 tackles for loss, one sack, one forced fumble, 12 interceptions and 17 pass breakups.
- ▶ The junior was named a Freshman All-American in 2020 after leading the nation in interception touchdowns (3) and leading the SEC in total interceptions (5). His five interceptions led all true freshmen nationally and were tied for third overall. He was also tied for third among FBS freshmen with 11 total pass defenses in 2020 and was 12th overall.
- ▶ In 2020, he was the first Bulldog with five or more interceptions in a season since Mark McLaurin tied the school record with six in 2017, and that total is tied for eighth in MSU single-season history.

SAFETY STRENGTH

- ▶ State's safeties are flooded with experience. Seniors **Jalen Green**, **Collin Duncan** and **Shawn Preston Jr.** bring 93 games and 48 starts to the table along with a combined 314 tackles, 10.5 stops for loss, seven interceptions, 24 pass breakups, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries during their MSU careers.
- ▶ Green began his career as a cornerback at Texas, but started 10 games at safety last fall. He finished as one of three Bulldogs with multiple interceptions last year. Green made a key pass breakup in the end zone against Memphis (Sept. 3) then recorded State's first interception at Arizona (Sept. 10).
- ▶ Green allowed a reception on just 51.4 percent of his targets in coverage in 2021 which ranked 13th among SEC safeties and corners with at least 300 coverage snaps. He was third among such players in passer rating allowed (48.9).
- ▶ Preston's 85.2 pass rush grade from PFF leads all SEC safeties, and Duncan has totaled five pressures, which is tied for second among SEC safeties.

TURN ON THE JETTS

- ▶ LB **Jett Johnson** has led MSU in tackles in four games and has a team-high 57 this season. Johnson posted a career-best 13 tackles against Memphis (Sept. 3), collected 11 against Arkansas (Oct. 8) and racked up 10 against No. 17 Texas A&M (Oct. 1) to give him five career double-digit tackle games.
- ▶ He also led State in tackles in 2021 with 87 total stops, including six tackles for loss. He had an interception and a team-high two fumble recoveries last fall.
- ▶ Johnson returned his first career interception 48 yards against No. 9 Ole Miss (Nov. 25) while making a then-career-high 11 tackles. He recovered his first fumble against No. 12 Kentucky (Oct. 30) after having a previous recovery in that game erased upon review. Also recovered a fumble against Tennessee State (Nov. 20)

BOOKIE'S BEST

- ▶ LB **Nathaniel Watson** leads the Bulldogs with 3.0 sacks, which is tied for eighth in the SEC.
- ▶ Watson made a career-high 16 tackles against No. 5 Alabama (2021). That stands as the most tackles by a Bulldog in a single game since Brandon Wilson recorded 18 vs. Louisiana Tech on Sept. 24, 2011. He had a season-high nine tackles in the first half alone and recorded his second career sack.
- ▶ He was second on the team in total tackles (84), second in sacks (5.0) and tied for fourth in tackles for loss (6.0) last year. Watson has led MSU in tackles twice against Bowling Green (10, Sept. 24) and at LSU (11, Sept. 17), giving him four career double-digit tackle games.

“TULU” TAKES IT BACK

► WR **Lideatrick Griffin** finished the 2021 season averaging 32.8 yards per kickoff return which tied Eric Moulds’ mark in 1994 for the highest single-season average in school history and was third in the FBS last year. He has returned nine times this season, averaging 31.1 yards, and his career average is now 33.3 yards, which would exceed the school record by 6.6 yards (minimum 30 attempts).

► Griffin had three games with 100-plus kick return yards last season and four individual returns of 35 or more yards (100, 70, 38 and 35 yards). He boasts four 100-yard kick return games, which is tied for the MSU career record (since 1979) along with Leon Berry, Fred Reid, Derek Pegues and Pig Prather.

► Through the first two games of 2021, Griffin ranked second nationally in kickoff return yardage averaging 48.8 yards on his five returns. In the remaining eight games in which Griffin played, however, he only had nine more return opportunities as teams started kicking away from him.

► Of the 46 kickoffs in Griffin’s final eight contests, 23 went for touchbacks, four were fair caught, one was an onside kick and nine were kicked to players other than him.

► In the 10 games in which he was the primary kickoff returner, the Bulldogs’ offense started drives with an average field position at the 27.7 yard line and averaged beginning at the 35.1 yard line when he was the one actually returning the kickoff.

► He returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown against NC State (Sept. 11). It was the fifth 100-yard kick return in program history and the first 100-yard return since Brandon Holloway did so against Southern Miss (Sept. 5, 2015).

► Griffin’s kick return was the first time MSU had scored on its first kickoff return of a game since Jameon Lewis returned the second kickoff of the game 100 yards against Ole Miss on Nov. 24, 2012 following the Rebels’ game-opening scoring drive. It was the first opening kickoff return for a touchdown since Kevin Prentiss returned the opening kick 91 yards at South Carolina on Sept. 26, 1998.

MSU RECORD BOOK: SINGLE-GAME KICK RETURN YARDS (SINCE 1998)

Rank	Name	Opponent (Date)	Ret.	Yds.	Yds./Ret.
1.	Leon Berry	at Auburn (9-12-2009)	7	186	26.6
2.	Leon Berry	Florida (10-24-2009)	7	184	26.3
3.	Fred Reid	Kentucky (11-2-2002)	7	176	25.1
4.	Derek Pegues	at LSU (9-27-2008)	7	166	23.7
5.	Nick Turner	at Tennessee (11-15-2003)	7	163	23.3
6.	Leon Berry	Alcorn State (10-2-2010)	3	153	51.0
7.	Derek Pegues	vs. Arkansas (11-17-2007)	5	149	29.8
8.	Leon Berry	Georgia Tech (10-3-2009)	3	145	48.3
9.	Lideatrick Griffin	Louisiana Tech (9-4-2021)	4	144	36.0
10.	Lideatrick Griffin	vs. Tulsa (12-31-2020)	4	138	34.5

SPECIAL SPECIAL TEAMS

► Mississippi State’s special teams have been outstanding in the past two weeks. The Bulldogs have a 90.9 special teams grade from PFF, which ranks fifth in the FBS.

► In the last two weeks, State has returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown and downed three of six punts inside the 20, with two inside the 10-yard line.

► Against Arkansas (Oct. 8), State downed a punt on the one, forced a punt return for a loss of three yards and trapped the Razorbacks at their own 1-yard line on a kickoff.

BEN’S BIG BOOT

► K **Ben Raybon** made a 53-yard field goal against Bowling Green (Sept. 24) that is tied for the second-longest field goal in program history. He was one yard shy of Artie Cosby’s school record from 1985 (54 yards vs. Memphis, Oct. 5).

► Raybon’s kick is tied with four others, and the most-recent make of that length came on from Brent Smith against Tennessee on Nov. 16, 2002.

► The kick was State’s first 50-plus-yarder since 2019 when Jace Christman made a 51-yard attempt at Tennessee (Oct. 12).

► Raybon (4-for-4) is one of 25 kickers nationally to be perfect on field goals this year.

► His 53-yard make is tied for the sixth-longest made field goal in the FBS this year.

TOPPLING TEXAS A&M

► MSU upset a ranked Aggie team for the fourth time in five such meetings with a 42-24 win over then-No. 17 Texas A&M (Oct. 1). The Bulldogs scored in all three phases and forced four turnovers, marking the fourth time MSU has forced four or more turnovers since 2020.

► CB **Emmanuel Forbes** blocked a field goal that was returned 50 yards by CB **Decamerion Richardson**. It was the first blocked field goal returned for a touchdown by the Bulldogs since Jay Hughes went 70 yards against Southern Miss in 2014.

► Forbes also returned an interception 33 yards for a touchdown.

► It was MSU’s first game with multiple non-offensive touchdowns since Dec. 19, 2020 against Missouri (INT and FR).

► State’s 42 points were the sixth-most the Bulldogs had ever scored against an AP-ranked opponent.

► The win marks just the third time that MSU has defeated the same AP-ranked opponent in back-to-back seasons along with the 1940-41 wins against Ole Miss and the 1980-81 upsets of Miami.

GROUNDING IN THE DESERT

► Mississippi State’s pass defense turned in one of the best performances in school history at Arizona (Sept. 10). State’s nine pass breakups were tied for the third-most in program history since 2000.

► MSU picked off three passes, marking its fourth time intercepting three or more passes under defensive coordinator Zach Arnett. The three picks are tied for the seventh-most by the Bulldogs in a game since 2000.

► The Bulldogs have 31 pass defenses (INT+PBU) this year, which is tied for second in the SEC.

MSU RECORD BOOK: SINGLE-GAME PASS DEFENSES (SINCE 2000)

Rank	PDs	Opponent	Date	Int.	PBUs
1.	14	Kentucky	9-21-2019	1	13
2.	12	at Arizona	9-10-2022	3	9
3.	11	vs. Tulsa	12-31-2020	2	9
	11	Troy	10-12-2002	6	5
	11	Middle Tennessee	10-28-2000	3	8
	11	at BYU	9-14-2000	2	9

IT JUST MEANS MORE

SEC GRADUATES PLAYING IN 2022

Rank	School	Graduates
1.	South Carolina	21
2.	Arkansas	17
	Auburn	17
4.	Mississippi State	16
	LSU	16
	Tennessee	16

2021 IN REVIEW

► Last fall, MSU was the only school in the country that faced six teams ranked in the final College Football Playoff Top 25 and was one of four teams with three wins against teams ranked in the final poll.

► **Mike Leach** became the first MSU head coach, at least in the modern era, to beat three teams in one season who finished ranked in a final poll.

► Over the last five seasons, **Mike Leach**’s teams have defeated nine opponents ranked inside the AP Top 25. Only two current SEC head coaches have more such wins in that span.

► The Bulldogs were one of four teams to rank inside the top 25 nationally in both total offense and total defense during the 2021 regular season, joining Alabama, Michigan and Coastal Carolina.

► Following the 2021 regular season, MSU was the third most improved scoring offense in the SEC and 10th most improved nationally at +9.5 from 2020 (21.4 ppg to 30.9 ppg).

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SERIES SUPERLATIVES

Most points scored by Mississippi State: 47 (1994)
Most points scored by Kentucky: 48 (1950)
Largest margin of victory by Mississippi State: +40 (1994)
Largest margin of victory by Kentucky: +28 (1973)
Longest winning streak by Mississippi State: 7 (2009-15)
Longest winning streak by Kentucky: 8 (1958-90)
Last win by Mississippi State: 31-17, (2021)
Last win by Kentucky: 24-2 (2020)
Current winning streak: 1, MSU (2021)

TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

INDIVIDUAL 200-YARD RUSHING GAMES (3)

Yds.	Player	Date	Att.
252	Anthony Dixon	10-31-2009	33
217	Kevin Bouie	10-29-1994	23
209	James Johnson	11-7-1998	28

INDIVIDUAL 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (21)

Yds.	Player	Date	Att.
198	Josh Robinson	10-25-2014	23
165	Jerious Norwood	10-30-2004	24
138	Jerious Norwood	10-25-2003	11
138	Jerious Norwood	11-2-2002	15
134	Sleepy Robinson	10-12-1991	23
133	Jerious Norwood	10-25-2003	11
127	Keffer McGee	10-28-1995	29
121	Jerious Norwood	10-29-2005	20
120	Kylin Hill	9-21-2019	26
119	Christian Ducre	10-27-2007	19
117	Dak Prescott	10-24-2015	13
117	Dicenzo Miller	11-4-2000	19
110	LaDarius Perkins	10-6-2012	25
109	Dennis Johnson	10-9-1976	23
105	Bruce Threadgill	10-9-1976	24
103	Vick Ballard	10-30-2010	14
101	Dontae Walker	11-4-2000	15
131	Dicenzo Miller	11-3-2001	26
115	Nick Fitzgerald	10-21-2017	12
107	Nick Fitzgerald	10-22-2016	16
100	Michael Davis	10-31-1992	8

INDIVIDUAL 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES (8)

Yds.	Player	Date	Att.
192	Tony Burks	10-28-2006	7
147	Kelvin Love	11-4-1999	6
113	Willie Harris	10-13-1990	5
114	Bill Buckley	10-6-1973	9
153	Louis Clark	10-12-1985	7
136	Bill Buckley	10-7-1972	8
108	Terrell Grindle	11-2-2002	3
104	Chad Bumphis	10-6-2012	9

INDIVIDUAL 250-YARD PASSING GAMES (8)

Yds.	Player	Date	Cmp.-Att.-Int.
384	Mike Henig	10-28-2006	22-41-2
348	Dak Prescott	10-24-2015	25-35-1
344	Will Rogers	10-30-2021	36-39-0
309	Tony Shell	10-13-1990	16-30-0
287	Don Smith	11-12-1985	13-39-1
269	Tyler Russell	10-6-2012	23-39-0
268	Dak Prescott	10-24-2013	23-34-0
261	Tyson Lee	11-01-2008	26-42-1

SERIES NOTABLES

MSU and Kentucky are meeting for the 50th time and the 33rd straight year ... MSU leads the series narrowly, 25-24, though MSU has won 26 games on the field ... The Bulldogs won six in a row to tie the series in 2014, and the teams have traded victories since with the home team winning every matchup ... The 2014 season was also the last time MSU won in Lexington, and State is 10-18 all-time on the road against the Wildcats ... The Bulldogs have won 10 of the last 13 meetings with seven of those coming of the double-digit variety ... Kentucky is Mississippi State's permanent SEC Eastern Division opponent ... The Bulldogs have held double-digit halftime leads in seven of the last ten meetings ... MSU has scored at least 20 points in the first half in four of the last 10 meetings ... MSU completed a then-school-record 45 passes and set an SEC single-game record with 70 passing attempts in the 2020 meeting ... The 45 completions are now rank tied for fourth in school history and seventh SEC history ... Nine of the top 10 totals in SEC history belong to Mike Leach's Bulldogs or Kentucky when he was the Wildcats' offensive coordinator ... 496 miles separate the two campuses.

2022 TEAM COMPARISONS

Statistic	MISSISSIPPI STATE			KENTUCKY		
	Value	FBS	SEC	Value	FBS	SEC
3rd Down Conversion Pct	0.446	41	6	0.432	52	8
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense	0.333	37	6	0.313	28	4
4th Down Conversion Pct	0.692	20	3	0.625	31	6
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense	0.25	11	1	0.385	28	5
Blocked Kicks	1	32	5	2	12	3
Blocked Kicks Allowed	0	1	1	2	110	13
Blocked Punts	--	--	--	2	6	2
Blocked Punts Allowed	0	1	1	1	98	12
Completion Percentage	0.718	5	1	0.667	35	5
Defensive TDs	1	33	4	1	33	4
Fewest Penalties	35	54	6	27	18	2
Fewest Penalties Per Game	5.83	46	6	4.50	13	2
Fewest Penalty Yards	388	99	11	162	2	1
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game	64.67	96	11	27.00	1	1
First Downs Defense	110	51	7	86	14	2
First Downs Offense	156	9	2	116	82	9
Fumbles Lost	7	120	14	5	90	5
Fumbles Recovered	4	47	8	2	96	12
Kickoff Return Defense	19.07	56	8	23.20	104	12
Kickoff Returns	30.10	4	2	31.60	2	1
Net Punting	40.43	41	6	37.33	97	11
Passes Had Intercepted	3	31	4	5	71	7
Passes Intercepted	8	13	1	5	52	5
Passing Offense	354.7	5	1	263.8	43	4
Passing Yards Allowed	219.5	58	10	174.2	16	3
Passing Yards per Completion	10.33	114	14	14.13	21	5
Punt Return Defense	5.88	50	5	6.75	57	7
Punt Returns	8.33	59	10	5.67	96	11
Red Zone Defense	0.722	19	3	0.769	36	5
Red Zone Offense	0.952	12	4	0.792	85	12
Rushing Defense	138.5	63	8	133.00	52	5
Rushing Offense	106.7	115	13	92.5	123	14
Sacks Allowed	1.50	41	5	4.17	129	14
Scoring Defense	21.0	39	8	16.3	18	4
Scoring Offense	37.5	25	5	26.3	87	11
Tackles for Loss Allowed	4.00	16	5	7.00	111	12
Team Passing Efficiency	157.27	29	4	167.36	14	2
Team Passing Efficiency Defense	112.67	19	4	106.47	11	3
Team Sacks	2.33	46	5	1.33	110	12
Team Tackles for Loss	4.3	118	14	4.5	112	12
Time of Possession	30:48	54	6	33:35	12	3
Total Defense	358.0	54	8	307.2	20	3
Total Offense	461.3	27	6	356.3	99	13
Turnover Margin	0.33	43	3	-0.50	99	11
Turnovers Gained	12	14	1	7	88	11
Turnovers Lost	10	86	8	10	86	8

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MISSISSIPPI STATE VS. KENTUCKY: ALL-TIME RESULTS (25-24*)

10/17/1914:	UK, 19-13	at Lexington, Ky.	9/21/2019:	MSU, 28-13	at Starkville
10/16/1915:	MSU, 12-0	at Starkville	10/10/2020:	UK, 24-2	at Lexington, Ky.
11/18/1916:	UK, 13-3	at Lexington, Ky.	10/30/2021:	MSU, 31-17	at Starkville
11/10/1917:	MSU, 14-0	at Starkville			
11/4/1944:	MSU, 26-0	at Memphis, Tenn.			
11/11/1950:	UK, 48-21	at Starkville			
10/13/1951:	UK, 27-0	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/18/1952:	MSU, 27-14	at Starkville			
10/17/1953:	UK, 32-13	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/15/1955:	MSU, 20-14	at Lexington, Ky.			
11/1/1958:	UK, 33-12	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/7/1972:	UK, 17-13	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/6/1973:	UK, 42-14	at Jackson, Miss.			
10/9/1976:	*MSU, 14-7	at Jackson, Miss.			
10/8/1977:	UK, 23-7	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/13/1984:	UK, 17-13	at Starkville			
10/12/1985:	UK, 33-19	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/13/1990:	UK, 17-15	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/12/1991:	MSU, 31-6	at Starkville			
10/31/1992:	MSU, 37-36	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/30/1993:	UK, 26-17	at Starkville			
10/29/1994:	MSU, 47-7	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/28/1995:	MSU, 42-32	at Starkville			
11/9/1996:	UK, 24-21	at Lexington, Ky.			
9/6/1997:	MSU, 35-27	at Starkville			
11/7/1998:	UK, 37-35	at Lexington, Ky.			
11/4/1999:	MSU, 23-22	at Starkville			
11/4/2000:	MSU, 35-17	at Lexington, Ky.			
11/3/2001:	MSU, 17-14	at Starkville			
11/2/2002:	UK, 45-24	at Starkville			
10/25/2003:	UK, 42-17	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/30/2004:	MSU, 22-7	at Starkville			
10/29/2005:	UK, 13-7	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/28/2006:	UK, 34-31	at Starkville			
10/27/2007:	MSU, 31-14	at Lexington, Ky.			
11/1/2008:	UK, 14-13	at Starkville			
10/31/2009:	MSU, 31-24	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/30/2010:	MSU, 24-17	at Starkville			
10/29/2011:	MSU, 28-16	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/6/2012:	MSU, 27-14	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/24/2013:	MSU, 28-22	at Starkville			
10/25/2014:	MSU, 45-31	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/24/2015:	MSU, 42-16	at Starkville			
10/22/2016:	UK, 40-38	at Lexington, Ky.			
10/21/2017:	MSU, 45-7	at Starkville			
9/22/2018:	UK, 28-7	at Lexington, Ky.			

at Starkville: 15-6

at Lexington: 9-16

at Neutral Sites: 1-2*

* Denotes wins which were forfeited due to NCAA infractions

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LAST GAME VS. KENTUCKY

#12 Kentucky 17
Mississippi State 31

Oct. 30, 2021
 Davis Wade Stadium
 Starkville, Miss.
 49,487

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Jo'quavious Marks	20	64	6	58	1	10	2.9
Dillon Johnson	11	44	3	41	2	12	3.7
Will Rogers	4	7	12	(-5)	0	6	(-1.3)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Rogers	36	39	0	344	1	29	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Jaden Walley	6	95	0	29
Jo'quavious Marks	9	57	0	14
Makai Polk	5	51	0	23
Austin Williams	4	32	0	13
Dillon Johnson	4	30	0	11
Rara Thomas	1	25	1	25
Christian Ford	1	17	0	17
Lideatrick Griffin	2	16	0	9
Jamire Calvin	1	11	0	11
Malik Heath	1	4	0	4
Omni Wells	1	3	0	3
J.J. Jernighan	1	3	0	3

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Tucker Day	3	111	37.0	50	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Brandon Ruiz	2	1	27	missed 47, made 27

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs			Intercepted		
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Jaden Walley	1	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jalen Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shawn Preston Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Cameron Young	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	5

KENTUCKY

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Chris Rodriguez	8	39	5	34	0	15	4.3
Kavosiey Smoke	8	19	0	19	0	6	2.4
Will Lewis	3	9	0	9	0	5	3.0
Wan'Dale Robinson	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Lewis	17	28	3	150	1	21	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Wan'Dale Robinson	9	79	0	21
Demarcus Harris	2	30	1	17
Chris Rodriguez	2	23	0	12
Josh Ali	2	9	0	5
Izayah Cummings	1	5	0	5
Justin Rigg	1	4	0	4

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Cotin Goodfellow	3	161	53.7	70	1	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Matt Ruffolo	1	1	41	made 41

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs			Intercepted		
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Wan'Dale Robinson	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Ali	1	74	74	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zach Johnson	0	0	0	3	50	18	0	0	0

Dawgs Earn 31-17 Homecoming Win Over Kentucky

Facing a 10-0 first-half deficit, State scored 31 unanswered points to ultimately earn a 31-17 Homecoming victory over No. 12 Kentucky. MSU was sparked by a stellar showing from QB Will Rogers, and a defense that forced four turnovers. Rogers set an SEC record for completion percentage (in a single game with more than 30 attempts), connecting on 36 of his 39 throws (92 pct.). Rogers threw for 344 yards, marking the 7th time this year he has thrown for 300-plus yards, tying Dak Prescott's single-season record for 300-plus-yard games. MSU rushed 35 times, which stands as the team's most runs in a single game since head coach Mike Leach took over the program prior to the 2020 season. Jo'quavious Marks ran for 58 yards and touchdown, while Dillon Johnson totaled 41 rushing yards and two scores. The Bulldogs picked up key interceptions from Shawn Preston, Jr., Jalen Green and Cameron Young. The takeaways led to 14 of State's points. UK surged ahead early with a 74-yard punt return for a touchdown in the first and a 41-yard field goal early in the second. State cut into the UK lead midway through the second quarter when Marks capped off an 8-play, 75-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown run. Prior to half, the Bulldogs claimed the lead with a 75-yard drive, ending with a 9-yard scoring run from Johnson. That made it 14-10 State. MSU used a huge third quarter to put the game out of reach. Brandon Ruiz connected on a 27-yard field goal midway through the period as the Bulldogs went up 17-10. Following Jett Johnson's fumble recovery, Dillon Johnson rumbled into the end zone from a yard out to make it 24-10. The Bulldogs added one more touchdown with 2:51 left in the third on a 25-yard strike from Rogers to Thomas to make it 31-10.

Kentucky	7	3	0	7	17
Mississippi State	0	14	17	0	31

1st	07:14	UK	Josh Ali 74 yd punt return (Matt Ruffolo kick)
2nd	12:14	UK	Matt Ruffolo 41 yd field goal
	07:45	MS	Jo'quavious Marks 7 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)
	01:40	MS	Dillon Johnson 9 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)
3rd	06:34	MS	Brandon Ruiz 27 yd field goal
	04:44	MS	Dillon Johnson 1 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick)
	02:51	MS	Rara Thomas 25 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick)
4th	13:37	UK	Demarcus Harris 17 yd pass from Will Lewis (Matt Ruffolo kick)

Team Stats

	UK	MS
FIRST DOWNS	14	27
Rushing	5	7
Passing	8	15
Penalty	1	5
NET YARDS RUSHING	66	94
Rushing Attempts	20	35
Average Per Rush	3.3	2.7
Rushing Touchdowns	0	3
Yards Gained Rushing	71	115
Yards Lost Rushing	5	21
NET YARDS PASSING	150	344
Completions-Attempts-Int	17-28-3	36-39-0
Average Per Attempt	5.4	8.8
Average Per Completion	8.8	9.6
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	216	438
Total offense plays	48	74
Average Gain Per Play	4.5	5.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-68	11-88
PUNTS-YARDS	3-161	3-111
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-235	6-376
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-77-1	1-11-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-50-0	0-0-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	3-6-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	18:50	41:10
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 10	7 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-12	0-0
PAT Kicks	2-2	4-4
Field Goals	1-1	1-2
Points off turnovers	0	14



MIKE LEACH

Third Season
@Coach_Leach

34TH HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AT MISSISSIPPI STATE 2018 & 2008 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Leach, a two-time national coach of the year, three-time conference coach of the year and the mastermind behind the NCAA record-setting "Air Raid" offense, was tabbed Mississippi State's 34th head football coach on January 9, 2020.

The accomplishments for Leach in his 21st year as a head coach are long and distinguished. He has compiled a 155-104 (.598) record, guided his squads to 18 bowl games, produced seven seasons of at least nine victories, captured two division titles, become the winningest coach in Texas Tech history and set school records for bowl appearances at both Texas Tech (10) and Washington State (6). During 10 of those 19 seasons, Leach's passing attack led the FBS – six at Texas Tech and four at Washington State.

One of the most successful coaches in the history of college football, Leach's 155 career wins as an FBS head coach are the second-most among active SEC coaches and the fifth-most among active Power 5 coaches. Leach is the only active Power 5 head coach to produce an 11-win season at two different programs since 2008 and one of two active FBS head coaches to win 50-plus games at multiple Power 5 programs.

Of the 50 most productive passing yardage seasons in FBS history, 10 have come from quarterbacks coached by Leach since his hiring as head coach at Texas Tech in 2000. That includes one season by Kliff Kingsbury, one by B.J. Symons (2003), one by Sonny Cumbie, three by Graham Harrell (2006-08), one by Connor Halliday, one by Luke Falk (2015), one by Gardner Minshew II (2018) and one by Anthony Gordon (2019).

During Leach's second season in Starkville, MSU was the only school in the country that faced six teams ranked in the final College Football Playoff Top 25 and was one of four teams with three wins against teams ranked in the final poll. Leach became the first MSU head coach, at least in the modern era, to beat three teams in one season who finished ranked in a final poll.

In 2021, quarterback Will Rogers – at only 20 years old – became the first MSU quarterback to lead the SEC in passing yards per game (364.5). His 4,739 passing yards are the third most in SEC single-season history (the two quarterbacks ahead of Rogers played in two more games than he did during their respective seasons). Rogers joined 2019 Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow of LSU as the only QBs in college football over the last 22 seasons to throw for 4,700+ yards and 35+ touchdowns while completing at least 73 percent of their passes. After breaking nearly every freshman passing mark in MSU history in 2020, Rogers broke 25 more records, including Dak Prescott's records set as a fourth-year junior and fifth-year senior for single-season total offense, passing yards and passing touchdowns. It was the 20th consecutive season that Leach's

offense eclipsed the 3,000-yard passing mark (every season of his head coaching career).

The Bulldogs were one of four teams to rank inside the top 25 nationally in both total offense and total defense during the 2021 regular season, joining Alabama, Michigan and Coastal Carolina.

Following the 2021 regular season, MSU was the third most improved scoring offense in the SEC and 10th most improved nationally at +9.5 from 2020 (21.4 ppg to 30.9 ppg).

Leach, 59, arrived in Starkville after eight seasons at the helm at Washington State where he compiled a 55-47 (.539) record and was named the 2018 American Football Coaches Association National Coach of the Year and two-time Pac-12 Coach of the Year (2015, 2018). Leach spearheaded WSU to a school-record six bowl appearances and became the first coach in school history to lead the Cougars to five consecutive bowl games. They also led the nation in passing offense in four out of his last six seasons in charge.

The 2018 campaign saw Leach produce one of the finest coaching performances as WSU posted its first 11-win season in school history and a share of the Pac-12 North Division. The Cougars were ranked in the top 13 of each College Football Playoff rankings, including four consecutive weeks at No. 8. WSU capped the season with a win over Iowa State in the Alamo Bowl and finished No. 10 in the Associated Press and Coaches polls. Senior quarterback and Mississippi native Minshew captivated the nation, leading the FBS in passing yards per game (367.6).

Leach previously spent 10 seasons as head coach at Texas Tech (2000-09) where his squads produced bowl appearances all 10 years. He compiled a school-record 84 victories, a school-record five bowl wins and eight consecutive seasons of at least eight victories.

The architect of the most prolific passing offense in the country, Leach received three national coach of the year awards in 2008 – the Woody Hayes Award, Howie Long/Fieldturf Coach of the Year and George Munger Award. Leach's offense captured six NCAA passing titles and three total offense titles during his 10 seasons in Lubbock.

Leach led Texas Tech to one of the most memorable seasons in school history in 2008 as the team set a program record with 11 regular-season wins en route to an 11-2 record. The win total tied the mark, set previously by the 1953 and 1973 Red Raider squads. Numerous accolades poured in from across the country as an unprecedented four players earned first-team All-America status, in addition to Leach's three coach of the year honors. Harrell, offensive tackle Rylan Reed and offensive guard Brandon Carter each garnered first-team honors, while wide receiver Michael Crabtree was honored as a unanimous All-American for the second-straight season.

THE LEACH FILE

Hometown: Cody, Wyoming
 Education: BYU, 1983 (Bachelor's); Pepperdine, 1986 (J.D.); U.S. Sports Academy, 1988 (Master's)
 Wife: Sharon
 Children: Janeen, Kim, Cody and Kiersten
 Birthday: March 9, 1961

COACHING CAREER

- 2020-p: Mississippi State (Head Coach)
- 2012-19: Washington State (Head Coach/OC/QBs)
- 2000-09: Texas Tech (Head Coach/OC/QBs)
- 1999: Oklahoma (OC/QBs)
- 1997-98: Kentucky (OC/QBs)
- 1994-96: Valdosta State (OC/WRs/QBs)
- 1992-93: Valdosta State (OC/Offensive Line)
- 1989-91: Iowa Wesleyan (OC/Offensive Line)
- 1989: Pori, Finland – European League (Head Coach)
- 1988: College of the Desert [Calif.] (Linebackers)
- 1987: Cal Poly (Offensive Line)

BOWL GAMES AS A HEAD COACH

- 2021: Liberty Bowl (Mississippi State)
 - 2020: Armed Forces Bowl (Mississippi State)
 - 2019: Cheez-It Bowl (Washington State)
 - 2018: Alamo Bowl (Washington State)
 - 2017: Holiday Bowl (Washington State)
 - 2016: Holiday Bowl (Washington State)
 - 2015: Sun Bowl (Washington State)
 - 2013: New Mexico Bowl (Washington State)
 - 2009: Alamo Bowl* (Texas Tech)
 - 2008: Cotton Bowl (Texas Tech)
 - 2007: Gator Bowl (Texas Tech)
 - 2006: Insight Bowl (Texas Tech)
 - 2005: Cotton Bowl (Texas Tech)
 - 2004: Holiday Bowl (Texas Tech)
 - 2003: Houston Bowl (Texas Tech)
 - 2002: Tangerine Bowl (Texas Tech)
 - 2001: Alamo Bowl (Texas Tech)
 - 2000: GalleryFurniture.com Bowl (Texas Tech)
- * - denotes did not coach in game

LEACH'S YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Overall	Conf.	Notable
2000	Texas Tech	7-6	3-5	
2001	Texas Tech	7-6	4-4	
2002	Texas Tech	9-5	5-3	Beat No. 4 Texas, Tangerine Bowl Champions
2003	Texas Tech	8-5	4-4	Houston Bowl Champions
2004	Texas Tech	8-4	5-3	No. 18 in AP/No. 17 in Coaches, Holiday Bowl Champions
2005	Texas Tech	9-3	6-2	No. 20 in AP/No. 19 in Coaches
2006	Texas Tech	8-5	4-4	Insight Bowl Champions
2007	Texas Tech	9-4	4-4	Beat No. 3 Oklahoma, No. 22 in AP/No. 23 in Coaches
2008	Texas Tech	11-2	7-1	No. 7 in BCS, Two top-10 wins including No. 1 Texas
2009	Texas Tech	8-4	5-3	Beat No. 15 Nebraska
2012	Washington State	3-9	1-8	Beat No. 25 Washington
2013	Washington State	6-7	4-5	Beat No. 25 USC
2014	Washington State	3-9	2-7	
2015	Washington State	9-4	6-3	Sun Bowl Champions
2016	Washington State	8-5	7-2	Beat No. 15 Stanford
2017	Washington State	9-4	6-3	Beat No. 5 USC and No. 18 Stanford
2018	Washington State	11-2	7-2	AFC A Coach of the Year, Pac-12 North Co-Champions
2019	Washington State	6-7	3-6	Fifth straight bowl appearance at WSU
2020	Mississippi State	4-7	3-7	Beat No. 5 LSU, Armed Forces Bowl Champions
2021	Mississippi State	7-6	4-4	Three top-20 wins
2022	Mississippi State	5-1	2-1	
TOTALS	(21st season)	155-104	92-81	
MSU Record	(3rd season)	16-14	9-12	
TTU Record	(10 seasons)	84-43	47-33	
WSU Record	(8 seasons)	55-47	36-36	

ASSISTANT COACHES »



TONY HUGHES
Associate Head Coach/Nickelbacks | 11th season (second stint)

IN THE BOOTH

Veteran coach and heralded recruiter with three decades of experience in his home state of Mississippi ... Spent seven seasons (2009-15) as recruiting coordinator and safeties coach at Mississippi State prior to becoming the head coach at Jackson State University ... Boasting a reputation as being one of the top recruiters in college football, Hughes played a pivotal role in helping State land 22 signees for the 2020 class, including 11 top-30 prospects from Mississippi ... A teacher and mentor to his student-athletes, Hughes has excelled at identifying players in the state of Mississippi that leave MSU as NFL prospects, including Super Bowl Champions Fletcher Cox and Chris Jones, three-time Pro Bowl defensive back Dariusz Slay, 2012 Jim Thorpe Award winner Johnthan Banks and first-team All-American Benardrick McKinney.



ZACH ARNETT
Defensive Coordinator/Safeties | 3rd season

Rising star in college football's coaching ranks who was hired as defensive coordinator at Mississippi State in January 2020 ... Worked with linebackers during his first two seasons before transitioning to leading the safeties unit in 2022 ... Runs a signature 3-3-5 scheme and has as a reputation for aggressive play, heavy blitzing and a commitment to physicality ... The Bulldogs have ranked in the top five of the SEC in each of his first two seasons in total defense, rushing defense, yards per rush, first downs allowed per game, and takeaways ... State led the SEC in fewest first downs allowed in 2021 (219), and the Bulldogs were one of the best in the league at getting off the field as they allowed the second fewest total plays on the year (807) ... Prior to MSU, spent the previous nine seasons at San Diego State under the mentorship of one of the game's great defensive minds in Rocky Long.



MATT BROCK
Linebackers | 3rd season

Selected to the AFCA's prestigious 35 Under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute for 2020 ... In 2019 at Washington State, coached kicker Blake Mazza who led the Pac-12 in scoring (115 points) on his way to first-team All-Pac-12 honors ... Mazza was a Lou Groza Award finalist and midseason All-America second team selection by The Athletic and made a program-record 18 straight field goals to start the season ... Tutored eight all-conference performers and a pair of All-Americans during his coaching career, with six specialists and two linebackers earning the honor ... Played and began his coaching career at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas ... A two-time all-conference pick and two-time NAIA Academic All-American who tallied 277 career tackles and seven interceptions.



DREW HOLLINGSHEAD
Inside Receivers | 1st season

Has served as an offensive assistant under Mike Leach for the last six seasons working primarily with quarterbacks ... Boasts more than a decade's worth of experience in the record-setting Air Raid offense ... Was instrumental in helping develop Air Raid quarterbacks Luke Faulk (WSU), Gardner Minshew II (WSU), Anthony Gordon (WSU) and most recently Will Rogers (MSU) into some of the most prolific passers in college football ... All four have each posted 4,000-plus-yard passing seasons while ranking top five nationally in passing yards per game ... Minshew II led the nation in passing in 2018 (367.6 ypg), and Gordon continued the trend in 2019 (429.2 ypg) ... In 2021, Rogers became the first MSU quarterback to lead the SEC in passing yards per game (364.5) ... His 4,739 passing yards are the third most in SEC single-season history.



DARCEL MCBATH
Cornerbacks | 3rd season

Spent three seasons at Washington State (2017-19), including part of the 2019 season as interim co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach ... Led a defense in 2019 as co-interim defensive coordinator that finished the year No. 5 in the Pac-12 in takeaways (19) and tied for second in fumbles gained (9) ... Cornerbacks unit combined for five takeaways in 2018, highlighted by four interceptions while breaking up 18 passes on the year and adding 3.0 sacks ... Earned his degree in four years while playing for Mike Leach at Texas Tech from 2004-08 and spent five seasons in the NFL after being selected in the second round of the 2009 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos ... Played five seasons in the NFL with two seasons in Denver, one in Jacksonville and two in San Francisco ... Appeared in Super Bowl XLVII as a member of the 49ers and made one tackle.



ERIC MELE
Special Teams Coordinator | 3rd season

Coached running backs in his first two years at MSU before moving to special teams this spring ... Spent eight seasons at Washington State, coaching the running backs during his final two seasons (2018-19) ... Spent three seasons coaching special teams (2015-17) after three seasons as an offensive quality control (2012-14) ... Tutored three All-Pac-12 honorees at WSU, including running back Max Borghi who was named Pac-12 Freshman of the Year honorable mention ... Kicker Erik Powell earned All-Pac-12 second team honors and finished No. 3 on WSU's all-time points kicking list with a school-record 164 career extra points ... Powell ranked third in school history in field goals made and career field goal percentage ... Helped WSU's special teams record a kick return TD and punt return for a score for the first time in the same season since 1968 ... Punt return unit finished No. 9 nationally (13.48 yd/rtn).



MASON MILLER
Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator | 3rd season

No stranger to the Air Raid system, after working with both Mike Leach and Hal Mumme, two of the Air Raid's architects ... Has coached at all three levels of the NCAA and been a key part in establishing lethal offenses at each stop ... In two seasons at Washington State, three student-athletes earned All-Pac-12 honors and the offensive line allowed the fewest sacks in the Pac-12 during that span while protecting college football's top passing attack in consecutive seasons, generating 437.2 passing yards per game during the 2019 campaign ... Helped Andre Dillard become the top pass-blocking tackle in the country per Pro Football Focus and earn first-team All-Pac-12 and second-team All-America honors in 2019 before becoming the highest drafted Cougar offensive lineman in program history when the Philadelphia Eagles selected him in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft.



JEFF PHELPS
Defensive Line | 3rd season

IN THE BOOTH

Has been a part of vaunted defensive fronts at nearly every stop of his coaching career, helping produce NFL talent and All-American pass rushers in the Pac-12, Mid-American and Big 10 conferences ... In 2018, saw the Cougar "Speed D" lead the Pac-12 with 38.0 sacks and finish No. 2 in the league with 88.0 tackles for loss ... Tutored Hercules Mata'afa to Consensus All-American and AP Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2017 after totaling a WSU-record 22.5 tackles for loss that season ... In six seasons as the defensive line coach at Minnesota, the Gophers earned five bowl berths ... Coached four All-Big Ten performers, including 2013 third-team All-American and 2014 second-round NFL Draft pick Ra'Shede Hagemen ... Helped Larry English to a pair of MAC Most Valuable Player honors, the 2008 MAC Defensive Player of the Year award and the No. 16 pick in the 2009 NFL Draft.



STEVE SPURRIER JR.
Outside Receivers/Pass Game Coordinator | 3rd season

IN THE BOOTH

Collegiate coaching career includes 17 postseason bowl games, including the Sugar Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl, and two national championships (Oklahoma, 2000; Florida, 1996) ... In two seasons at Washington State, helped three receivers top the 60-catch mark, including Easop Winston Jr.'s 85-catch, 11-touchdown campaign in 2019 ... Spent one season as the assistant head coach/quarterbacks coach at Western Kentucky and developed Mike White who led the nation in completions (368) and ranked fourth in passing yards (4,177) ... No stranger to the SEC, he coached 11 seasons at South Carolina (2005-15) and spent five seasons at Florida (1994-98), helping develop numerous All-SEC performers and NFL Draft picks ... At South Carolina, coached NFL stars Sidney Rice, Alshon Jeffery and Kenny McKinley ... Worked with Mike Leach during his first stint at Oklahoma (1999).



JASON WASHINGTON
Running Backs | 3rd season

Spent his first two seasons at MSU coaching the safeties before moving to running backs this spring ... Previously, spent three seasons at Texas as the recruiting coordinator and cornerbacks coach, where he was tabbed the top Big 12 recruiter in 2018 by 247Sports ... In 2018, both Longhorn starting cornerbacks garnered All-Big 12 honors after combining for two interceptions, 24 pass breakups and 109 tackles ... With 23 all-conference honorees coached over his 17 years as a collegiate coach, he has also seen 10 pupils reach the NFL ... Spent a week during the 2009 season with the Minnesota Vikings as part of the Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Fellowship program ... Four-year letterwinner at Texas State in both football and baseball, starting at cornerback and in centerfield, respectively. Still ranks tied for No. 9 on the Bobcats' career stolen base charts (38).

DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QB	2	Will Rogers (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	12	Sawyer Robertson (6-4, 215, R-Fr.)
RB	7	Jo'quavious Marks (5-10, 205, Jr.) OR
	23	Dillon Johnson (6-0, 215, Jr.) OR
	22	Simeon Price (6-0, 205, R-Fr.)
X	0	Rara Thomas (6-2, 200, So.)
	5	Lideatrick Griffin (5-10, 180, Jr.) OR
	18	Justin Robinson (6-4, 220, R-So.)
H	85	Austin Williams (6-3, 200, Gr.)
	6	Jamire Calvin (5-10, 160, Gr.)
LT	69	Kwatrivous Johnson (6-7, 315, R-Sr.)
	75	Percy Lewis (6-8, 345, Jr.)
LG	66	Nick Jones (6-3, 295, R-Jr.)
	51	Reed Buys (6-4, 295, R-Jr.)
C	63	LaQuinston Sharp (6-3, 305, Gr.)
	64	Steven Losoya III (6-4, 305, R-Jr.)
RG	57	Cole Smith (6-3, 300, R-Sr.)
	76	Albert Reese IV (6-7, 315, R-Fr.)
RT	58	Kameron Jones (6-5, 305, R-Jr.) OR
	76	Albert Reese IV (6-7, 315, R-Fr.)
Y	82	Rufus Harvey (5-10, 165, R-So.)
	11	Jaden Walley (6-0, 185, Jr.) OR
	24	Scoobie Ford (5-11, 175, R-Sr.)
Z	4	Caleb Ducking (6-5, 205, R-Sr.)
	81	Antonio Harmon (6-3, 210, R-Fr.) OR
	8	Jordan Mosley (6-0, 195, R-Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	6	Jordan Davis (6-4, 270, Gr.)
	9	De'Monte Russell (6-4, 265, R-Jr.)
NG	93	Cameron Young (6-3, 310, R-Sr.)
	22	Nathan Pickering (6-4, 285, Sr.)
DT	94	Jaden Crumedy (6-5, 310, Gr.)
	5	Randy Charlton (6-3, 265, 5th)
SAM	2	Tyrus Wheat (6-2, 265, Sr.)
	34	Sherman Timbs (6-2, 260, Gr.)
MIKE	14	Nathaniel Watson (6-2, 240, R-Sr.)
	26	J.P. Purvis (6-2, 225, R-Jr.)
WILL	44	Jett Johnson (6-2, 235, R-Jr.)
	16	DeShawn Page (6-1, 230, R-Jr.)
CB	13	Emmanuel Forbes (6-0, 180, Jr.)
	27	Esaias Furdge (6-0, 185, Gr.)
S	8	Jackie Matthews (6-0, 195, Gr.)
	24	Dylan Lawrence (6-4, 205, R-Jr.)
S	19	Collin Duncan (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	12	Shawn Preston Jr. (6-0, 205, R-Sr.)
S	0	Jalen Green (6-1, 200, 5th)
	10	Corey Ellington (6-3, 205, So.)
CB	3	Decamerion Richardson (6-2, 190, Jr.)
	1	Marcus Banks (6-0, 185, Sr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	29	Massimo Biscardi (5-11, 205, Gr.)
	89	Ben Raybon (5-11, 185, Gr.) OR
	98	Jordan Kennedy (6-0, 175, Fr.)
P	56	Archer Trafford (6-2, 230, R-Sr.) OR
	88	George Georgopoulos (6-2, 225, Gr.)
KO	89	Ben Raybon (5-11, 185, Gr.)
	29	Massimo Biscardi (5-11, 205, Gr.) OR
	90	Hudson Hollenbeck (6-3, 195, Fr.)
KR	5	Lideatrick Griffin (5-10, 180, So.)
	87	Zavion Thomas (5-11, 190, Fr.)
PR	85	Austin Williams (6-3, 200, Gr.) OR
	13	Emmanuel Forbes (6-0, 180, Jr.)
LS	43	Hayes Hammond (5-10, 195, R-So.)
	55	Rex Robich (6-4, 215, R-Fr.)
H	88	George Georgopoulos (6-2, 225, Gr.)
	56	Archer Trafford (6-2, 230, R-Sr.)

LAST TIME OUT: MISSISSIPPI STATE VS. ARKANSAS

Arkansas 17
No. 23 Mississippi State 40

Oct. 8, 2022
 David Wade Stadium
 Starkville, Miss.
 57,849

MISSISSIPPI STATE

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Dillon Johnson	17	100	0	100	2	30	5.9
Jo'quavius Marks	16	52	0	52	1	7	3.2
J.J. Jernighan	3	13	0	13	0	7	4.3
Simeon Price	1	8	0	8	0	8	8.0

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Will Rogers	31	48	0	395	3	38	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Jo'quavius Marks	11	80	0	16
Caleb Ducking	4	50	1	33
Rufus Harvey	3	42	0	20
Austin Williams	3	42	1	20
Dillon Johnson	2	49	0	38
Jordan Mosley	2	43	0	28
Jaden Walley	2	27	1	22
Lideatrick Griffin	1	33	0	33
Justin Robinson	1	11	0	11
Scoobie Ford	1	9	0	9
Rara Thomas	1	9	0	9

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Archer Trafford	2	87	43.5	46	1	0
George Georgopoulos	1	44	44.0	44	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Ben Raybon	1	0	--	Missed 40

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs			Intercepted		
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Zavion Thomas	2	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lideatrick Griffin	0	0	0	2	64	33	0	0	0
Jackie Matthews	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	7
Emmanuel Forbes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

ARKANSAS

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Malik Hornsby	8	116	2	114	0	52	14.2
Raheim Sanders	20	86	0	86	1	12	4.3
Rashod Dubinion	7	30	2	28	0	12	4.0
AJ Green	6	14	0	14	0	5	2.3
Jadon Haselwood	1	8	0	8	0	8	8.0
Dominique Johnson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Cade Fortin	1	0	9	(-9)	0	0	(-9.0)

PASSING	Com	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
Malik Hornsby	8	17	2	234	1	68	1
Cade Fortin	2	6	0	8	0	6	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Raheim Sanders	4	49	0	23
Jadon Haselwood	3	113	0	68
Bryce Stephens	2	59	1	54
Ketron Jackson Jr.	1	21	0	21

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	I20	TB
Reid Bauer	3	139	46.3	53	1	0
Max Fletcher	1	25	25.0	25	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Cam Little	1	1	51	Good 51

ALL RETURNS	Punts			Kickoffs			Intercepted		
	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Bryce Stephens	1	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AJ Green	0	0	0	1	(-2)	1	0	0	0

No. 23 Bulldogs Top Arkansas for Third Straight Win

No. 23 Mississippi State picked up its third consecutive win with a convincing 40-17 victory over Arkansas. The Bulldogs struck early with a pair of first-quarter touchdowns, scored the game's first 21 points and led by at least two scores for most of the day. MSU quarterback **Will Rogers** threw for 395 yards and three touchdowns. Along the way, the junior signal caller also set a new Southeastern Conference career record for completions. While Rogers' had a big day through the air, running back **Dillon Johnson** paced State on the ground. Johnson became the first MSU running back to rack up 100 or more yards rushing in a game under **Mike Leach**. Johnson finished with exactly 100 yards and found the end zone twice. The Bulldogs also finished with their highest single-game team rushing total of the Leach era with 173 yards. Defensively, **Jett Johnson** led the Bulldogs with 11 tackles. **Tyrus Wheat** and **Jack Harris** both had sacks, while **Jackie Matthews** and **Emmanuel Forbes** each had interceptions.

Arkansas	0	10	7	0	17
No. 23 Mississippi State	14	7	13	6	40

1st	11:15	MS	Dillon Johnson 1 yd rush (Raybon kick)
1st	04:10	MS	Jaden Walley 5 yd pass from Will Rogers (Raybon kick)
2nd	09:03	MS	Austin Williams 10 yd pass from Will Rogers (Raybon kick)
2nd	05:56	ARK	Cam Little 51 yd field goal
2nd	01:11	ARK	Raheim Sanders 3 yd rush (Little kick)
3rd	11:16	MS	Caleb Ducking 33 yd pass from Will Rogers (Trafford rush failed)
3rd	03:33	ARK	Bryce Stephens 54 yd pass from Malik Hornsby (Little kick)
3rd	00:54	MS	Dillon Johnson 30 yd rush (Raybon kick)
4th	10:28	MS	Jo'quavius Marks 2 yd rush (Raybon kick)

Team Stats

	ARK	MSU
FIRST DOWNS	18	33
Rushing	11	11
Passing	7	16
Penalty	0	6
NET YARDS RUSHING	241	173
Rushing Attempts	44	37
Average Per Rush	5.5	4.7
Rushing Touchdowns	1	3
Yards Gained Rushing	254	173
Yards Lost Rushing	13	0
NET YARDS PASSING	242	395
Completions-Attempts-Int	10-23-2	31-48-0
Average Per Attempt	10.5	8.2
Average Per Completion	24.2	12.7
Passing Touchdowns	1	3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	483	568
Total offense plays	67	85
Average Gain Per Play	7.2	6.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-84	4-45
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-164	3-131
PUNTS-YARDS	4-253	7-452
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1--3-0	2-7-0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1--2-0	2-64-0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	2-7-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time	24:19	35:41
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	5 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 3	3 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-3	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-11
PAT Kicks	2-2	4-5
Field Goals	1-1	0-1
Points off turnovers	0	6

SCORING SUMMARY

Plays	Yds	Time	Result	Qtr.	Scoring Play	Plays	Yds	Time	Result	Qtr.	Scoring Play
Memphis						at Kentucky					
10	75	05:07	TD	1	Thomas 1-yd pass from Rogers (Biscardi kick)	--	--	--	--	--	--
13	88	06:32	TD	1	Walley 9-yd pass from Rogers (Biscardi kick)	at Alabama					
9	61	03:48	TD	2	Marks 1-yd rush (Biscardi kick)	--	--	--	--	--	--
14	71	07:04	TD	2	Marks 2-yd rush (Biscardi kick)	Auburn					
6	60	02:46	TD	3	Ducking 35-yd pass from Rogers (Biscardi kick)	--	--	--	--	--	--
7	75	04:14	TD	4	Harvey 33-yd pass from Rogers (Biscardi kick)	Georgia					
5	39	01:08	TD	4	Robinson 23-yd pass from Rogers (Biscardi kick)	--	--	--	--	--	--
at Arizona						ETSU					
8	70	03:37	TD	1	Marks 9-yd rush (Biscardi kick missed)	--	--	--	--	--	--
3	22	01:11	TD	1	Ducking 9-yd pass from Rogers (Biscardi kick missed)	at Ole Miss					
7	19	03:46	FG	1	Raybon 39-yd field goal	--	--	--	--	--	--
14	76	06:19	FG	2	Raybon 22-yd field goal						
8	75	04:15	TD	3	Williams 5-yd from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
4	11	01:49	TD	4	Williams 4-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
12	69	05:58	TD	4	Ducking 2-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
at LSU											
9	87	04:55	TD	1	Marks 37-yd rush (Raybon kick missed)						
3	48	00:54	TD	2	Thomas 13-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
10	34	04:19	FG	3	Raybon 45-yd field goal						
Bowling Green											
6	72	01:53	TD	1	Ducking 22-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
3	56	01:06	TD	1	Price 32-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
12	37	06:02	FG	1	Raybon 53-yd field goal						
5	54	02:30	TD	2	Ducking 26-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
5	55	01:53	TD	2	Calvin 2-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
5	65	01:43	TD	3	Griffin 9-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
8	72	03:10	TD	4	Walley 8-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
Texas A&M											
11	94	04:35	TD	2	Ducking 5-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
9	70	03:19	TD	2	Harvey 4-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
--	--	--	TD	3	Richardson 50-yd blocked field goal return (Raybon kick)						
12	75	04:53	TD	4	Johnson 1-yd rush (Raybon kick)						
1	75	00:11	TD	4	Thomas 75-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
--	--	00:14	TD	4	Forbes 33-yd interception return (Raybon kick)						
Arkansas											
9	65	03:45	TD	1	Johnson 1-yd rush (Raybon kick)						
12	55	04:40	TD	1	Walley 5-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
9	40	03:02	TD	2	Williams 10-yd pass from Rogers (Raybon kick)						
6	58	02:08	TD	3	Ducking 33-yd pass from Rogers (Trafford rush failed)						
7	75	02:29	TD	3	Johnson 30-yd rush (Raybon kick)						
6	70	03:16	TD	4	Marks 2-yd rush (Raybon kick failed)						

SCORING BREAKDOWN

MISSISSIPPI STATE DRIVES

Offense: 34 scoring drives (30 TD, 4 FG)
Special Teams/Defensive: 2

LONGEST SCORING DRIVES BY:

Plays:	14	at Arizona (9/10)
	14	MEMPHIS (9/3)
	13	MEMPHIS (9/3)
Yards:	94	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
	88	MEMPHIS (9/3)
Time:	7:04	MEMPHIS (9/3)
	6:32	MEMPHIS (9/3)

OPPONENT DRIVES

Offense: 21 scoring drives (16 TD, 5 FG)
Special Teams/Defensive: 0

LONGEST SCORING DRIVES BY:

Plays:	14	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
	14	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
	14	at LSU (9/17)
Yards:	94	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
	93	BOWLING GREEN (9/24)
Time:	6:05	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
	6:01	at LSU (9/17)

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

RECEIVING

Games with a Reception	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Streak	Career
Calvin, Jamire	12 (17*)	12 (18*)	4	12	4	5	44
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	3	6	7	9
Ford, Scoobie	--	--	--	7	2	2	9
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	4	9	6	8	19
Harmon, Antonio	--	--	--	--	3	1	3
Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	3	6	6	9
Jernighan, J.J.	--	--	--	6	1	1	7
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	9	13	6	20	28
Johnson, Kwatrivous	--	--	1	--	--	--	1
Jones, Kameron	--	--	1	--	--	--	1
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	11	13	5	29	29
Mosley, Jordan	--	--	--	1	1	1	2
Price, Simeon	--	--	--	--	1	1	1
Robinson, Justin	--	--	--	2	4	3	6
Rogers, Will	--	--	--	1	--	--	1
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	7	6	6	13
Walley, Jaden	--	--	10	13	5	1	28
Williams, Austin	7	7	10	13	5	3	42

Games with 5+ Receptions	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Calvin, Jamire	1 (17*)	6 (18*)	1	--	--	8
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	--	2	2
Ford, Scoobie	--	--	--	1	--	1
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	--	1	2	3
Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	--	4	4
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	3	7	3	13
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	6	10	2	18
Robinson, Justin	--	--	--	--	1	1
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	1	3	4
Walley, Jaden	--	--	6	7	--	13
Williams, Austin	--	--	4	4	1	9

Receptions of 20+ Yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Calvin, Jamire	3 (17*)	10 (18*)	1	3	--	17
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	--	5	5
Ford, Scoobie	--	--	--	4	--	4
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	--	11	3	14
Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	--	3	3
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	--	5	1	6
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	--	8	--	8
Mosley, Jordan	--	--	--	--	1	1
Price, Simeon	--	--	--	--	2	2
Robinson, Justin	--	--	--	--	1	1
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	5	6	11
Walley, Jaden	--	--	11	9	2	22
Williams, Austin	3	2	1	9	1	16

Receptions of 50+ Yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Calvin, Jamire	-- (17*)	1 (18*)	--	--	--	1
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	--	1	1
Walley, Jaden	--	--	1	--	--	1

Receptions for a First Down	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Calvin, Jamire	12 (17)	26 (18)	7	12	1	58
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	5	7	12
Ford, Scoobie	--	--	--	13	1	14
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	1	14	9	24
Harmon, Antonio	--	--	--	--	4	4
Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	1	15	16
Jernighan, J.J.	--	--	--	4	--	4
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	6	18	9	33
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	13	19	3	35
Mosley, Jordan	--	--	--	--	2	2
Price, Simeon	--	--	--	--	1	1
Robinson, Justin	--	--	--	1	7	8
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	11	12	23
Walley, Jaden	--	--	32	33	6	71
Williams, Austin	5	5	17	35	5	67

100-Yards Receiving	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Calvin, Jamire	-- (17)	1 (18)	1	--	--	2
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	--	1	1
Walley, Jaden	--	--	4	--	--	4

Games with a Receiving TD	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Calvin, Jamire	3 (17)	1 (18)	1	2	1	8
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	--	5	5
Griffin, Lideatrick	--	--	1	--	1	2
Harvey, Rufus	--	--	--	1	2	3
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	--	3	--	3
Price, Simeon	--	--	--	--	1	1
Robinson, Justin	--	--	--	1	1	2
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	4	3	7
Walley, Jaden	--	--	2	6	3	11
Williams, Austin	2	2	3	2	2	11

Games with Multiple Receiving TDs	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Ducking, Caleb	--	--	--	--	2	2
Thomas, Rara	--	--	--	1	--	1
Williams, Austin	1	--	--	1	1	3

RUSHING

Runs of 10+ Yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	4	11	12	27
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	9	8	5	22
Price, Simeon	--	--	--	--	1	1
Rogers, Will	--	--	5	4	--	9

Runs of 20+ Yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	2	2	2	6
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	--	4	3	7

Rushing First Downs	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Jernighan, J.J.	--	--	--	2	1	3
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	12	26	19	57
Lovertich, Chance	--	--	--	1	--	1
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	18	35	14	67
Price, Simeon	--	--	--	--	1	1
Rogers, Will	--	--	6	6	2	14

Games with a Rushing Touchdown	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	3	3	2	8
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	3	5	4	12
Rogers, Will	--	--	1	--	--	1

Games with multiple Rushing TDs	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Johnson, Dillon	--	--	1	1	1	3
Marks, Jo'quavious	--	--	--	1	1	2

PASSING

Games with 300 yards passing	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Rogers, Will	--	--	2	11	5	18

Games with 30+ completions	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Rogers, Will	--	--	4	12	5	21

Completions of 20+ yards	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Lovertich, Chance	--	--	--	1	--	1
Rogers, Will	--	--	17	51	26	94

Games with Multiple Passing TDs	'18	'19	'20	'21	'22	Career
Rogers, Will	--	--	2	9	5	16

LONG PLAY BREAKDOWN**BY YARDAGE****OFFENSE (31)**

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
*75	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	TEXAS A&M
40	Rush	Johnson, Dillon	BOWLING GREEN
38	Pass	Johnson, Dillon from Rogers, Will	ARKANSAS
*37	Rush	Marks, Jo'Quavious	at LSU
35	Rush	Johnson, Dillon	at LSU
*35	Pass	Ducking, Caleb from Rogers, Will	MEMPHIS
*33	Pass	Ducking, Caleb from Rogers, Will	ARKANSAS
33	Pass	Griffin, Lideatrick from Rogers, Will	ARKANSAS
*33	Pass	Harvey, Rufus from Rogers, Will	MEMPHIS
33	Pass	Ducking, Caleb from Rogers, Will	MEMPHIS
*32	Pass	Price, Simeon from Rogers, Will	BOWLING GREEN
*30	Rush	Johnson, Dillon	ARKANSAS
28	Pass	Mostley, Jordan from Rogers, Will	ARKANSAS
27	Pass	Griffin, Lideatrick from Rogers, Will	TEXAS A&M
27	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	MEMPHIS
26	Rush	Marks, Jo'quavious	TEXAS A&M
*26	Pass	Ducking, Caleb from Rogers, Will	BOWLING GREEN
25	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	TEXAS A&M
24	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	at LSU
*23	Pass	Robinson, Justin from Rogers Will	MEMPHIS
*23	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	MEMPHIS
22	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers Will	ARKANSAS
*22	Pass	Ducking, Caleb from Rogers, Will	BOWLING GREEN
22	Pass	Walley, Jaden from Rogers, Will	BOWLING GREEN
21	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	TEXAS A&M
21	Pass	Griffin, Lideatrick from Rogers, Will	BOWLING GREEN
20	Pass	Harvey, Rufus from Rogers, Will	ARKANSAS
20	Pass	Williams, Austin from Rogers, Will	ARKANSAS
20	Pass	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	at LSU
20	Pass	Harvey, Rufus from Rogers, Will	at Arizona
20	Pass	Price, Simeon from Rogers, Will	MEMPHIS

DEFENSE (4)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
51	IR	Watson, Nathaniel	at Arizona
*33	IR	Forbes, Emmanuel	TEXAS A&M
29	IR	Green, Jalen	at Arizona
20	IR	Preston, Shawn	BOWLING GREEN

SPECIAL TEAMS (12)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
*50	BLKF	Richardson, Decamerion	TEXAS A&M
42	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	BOWLING GREEN
37	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	at LSU
37	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	MEMPHIS
31	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	ARKANSAS
30	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	at Arizona
28	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	BOWLING GREEN
27	KR	Griffin, Lideatrick	at LSU
26	PR	Thomas, Zavion	at LSU
22	PR	Thomas, Zavion	at LSU
21	KR	Thomas, Zavion	BOWLING GREEN
20	PR	Thomas, Zavion	at Arizona

* - touchdown scored on play

LONG PLAY BREAKDOWN

LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

BY YARDAGE			BY TYPE		
Yards	No.	TD	Type	No.	TD
100+	--	--	Rushing	5	2
90-99	--	--	Passing	26	9
80-89	--	--	Punt returns	3	--
70-79	1	1	Kick returns	8	--
60-69	--	--	Interceptions	4	1
50-59	2	1	Fumble returns	--	--
40-49	2	--	Other	1	1
30-39	15	7	TOTAL	47	13
20-29	27	4			

20+ YARD PLAYS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	Rush	Rec.	KR	PR	IR	FR	OTH
Ducking, Caleb	5	4	--	5	--	--	--	--	--
Forbes, Emmanuel	1	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
Green, Jalen	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
Griffin, Lideatrick	9	--	--	3	6	--	--	--	--
Harvey, Rufus	3	1	--	3	--	--	--	--	--
Johnson, Dillon	4	1	3	1	--	--	--	--	--
Marks, Jo'quavious	2	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mosley, Jordan	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Preston, Shawn	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
Price, Simeon	2	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
Richardson, Decamerion	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
Robinson, Justin	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Thomas, Rara	6	2	--	6	--	--	--	--	--
Thomas, Zavion	4	--	--	--	1	3	--	--	--
Walley, Jaden	2	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--
Watson, Nathaniel	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
Williams, Austin	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	47	13	5	26	8	3	4	--	1

LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

Rushing			
40	Johnson, Dillon		BOWLING GREEN (9/24)
Rushing Touchdown			
37	Marks, Jo'quavious		at LSU (9/17)
Passing			
75	Thomas, Rara		TEXAS A&M (10/1)
Passing Touchdown			
75	Thomas, Rara		TEXAS A&M (10/1)
Punt Return			
26	Thomas, Zavion		at LSU (9/17)
Kick Return			
42	Griffin, Lideatrick		BOWLING GREEN (9/24)
Interception Return			
51	Watson, Nathaniel		at Arizona (9/10)
Fumble Return			
--	--		--
Punt			
60	Trafford, Archer		at Arizona (9/10)
Field Goal			
53	Raybon, Ben		BOWLING GREEN (9/24)

MISSISSIPPI STATE (47 PLAYS)

Play	#	Long	Play	Opponent
Passing	26	75*	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
Rushing	5	40	Johnson, Dillon	BOWLING GREEN (9/24)
Kick Return	8	42	Griffin, Lideatrick	BOWLING GREEN (9/24)
Punt Return	3	26	Thomas, Zavion	at LSU (9/17)
Interception	4	51	Watson, Nathaniel	at Arizona (9/10)
Other	1	50*	Richardson, Decamerion	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
Opp.	#	Long	Play	Type
MEMPHIS	8	37	Griffin, Lideatrick	Kick Return
at Arizona	5	51	Watson, Nathaniel	Interception
at LSU	8	37	Jo'quavious Marks	Rush
BOWLING GREEN	10	40	Johnson, Dillon	Rush
TEXAS A&M	7	75	Thomas, Rara from Rogers, Will	Pass
ARKANSAS	9	38	Johnson, Dillon from Rogers, Will	Pass
at Kentucky	--	--	--	--
at Alabama	--	--	--	--
AUBURN	--	--	--	--
GEORGIA	--	--	--	--
EAST TENN. ST.	--	--	--	--
at Ole Miss	--	--	--	--

OPPONENTS (34 PLAYS)

Play	#	Long	Play	Opponent
Passing	19	54*	Stephens, Bryce from Hornsby Malik	ARKANSAS (10/8)
Rushing	7	52	Hornsby, Malik	ARKANSAS (10/8)
Kick Return	7	42	Achane, Devon	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
Punt Return	1	20	Muhammad III, Moose	TEXAS A&M (10/1)
Interception	--	--	--	--
Opp.	#	Long	Play	Type
MEMPHIS	7	50*	Ducker, Jevyon	Rush
at Arizona	5	34*	Wiley, Michael	Rush
at LSU	3	47*	Goodwin, Armon	Rush
BOWLING GREEN	3	31	Bench, Andrew from Orth, Camden	Pass
TEXAS A&M	9	42	Achane, Devon	Kick Return
ARKANSAS	7	54*	Stephens, Bryce from Hornsby, Malik	Pass
at Kentucky	--	--	--	--
at Alabama	--	--	--	--
AUBURN	--	--	--	--
GEORGIA	--	--	--	--
EAST TENN. ST.	--	--	--	--
at Ole Miss	--	--	--	--

* - touchdown scored on play

STARTERS

OFFENSE

OPPONENT	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	WR
MEMPHIS	K. Johnson	N. Jones	Sharp	Smith	K. Jones	Rogers	Marks	R. Thomas	A. Williams	Harvey	Ducking
at Arizona	K. Johnson	N. Jones	Sharp	Smith	K. Jones	Rogers	Johnson	R. Thomas	A. Williams	Harvey	Ducking
at LSU	K. Johnson	N. Jones	Sharp	Smith	K. Jones	Rogers	Johnson	R. Thomas	A. Williams	Harvey	Ducking
BOWLING GREEN	K. Johnson	N. Jones	Sharp	Smith	K. Jones	Rogers	Johnson	Griffin	A. Williams	Harvey	Ducking
TEXAS A&M	N. Jones	Losoya	Sharp	Smith	K. Jones	Rogers	Johnson	Griffin	A. Williams	Walley	Ducking
ARKANSAS	N. Jones	Losoya	Sharp	Smith	K. Jones	Rogers	Johnson	R. Thomas	A. Williams	Harvey	Ducking
at Kentucky											
at Alabama											
AUBURN											
GEORGIA											
EAST TENNESSEE ST.											
at Ole Miss											

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	DE	NG	DT	SLB	MLB	WLB	CB	S	S	S	CB
MEMPHIS	Pickering	Young	Charlton	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Forbes	Matthews	Duncan	Green	Richardson
at Arizona	Pickering	Young	Charlton	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Forbes	Matthews	Duncan	Green	Richardson
at LSU	Pickering	Young	Charlton	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Forbes	Matthews	Duncan	Green	Richardson
BOWLING GREEN	Pickering	Young	Charlton	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Forbes	Matthews	Duncan	Green	Richardson
TEXAS A&M	Pickering	Young	Davis	Wheat	Watson	J. Johnson	Forbes	Matthews	Duncan	Green	Richardson
ARKANSAS	Pickering	Young	Charlton	Wheat	Purvis	J. Johnson	Forbes	Matthews	Duncan	Green	Richardson
at Kentucky											
at Alabama											
AUBURN											
GEORGIA											
EAST TENNESSEE ST.											
at Ole Miss											

CAREER STARTS

Player	Total	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR	DE	DT	NG	LB	CB	S	Bulldog
Williams, Austin	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Crumedy, Jaden	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	11	--	--	--	--
Forbes, Emmanuel	28	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	--	--
Sharp, LaQuinston	28	--	4	19	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Charlton, Randy	27*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	5	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat, Tyrus	27	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	--	--	--
Duncan, Collin	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	--
Jones, Kameron	25	--	11	--	--	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rogers, Will	25	--	--	--	--	--	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Green, Jalen	24*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	--
Smith, Cole	21	--	1	9	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Watson, Nathaniel	20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	--	--
Walley, Jaden	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Young, Cameron	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	--	--	--	--
Marks, Jo'quavious	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Johnson, Kwatrivous	15	4	--	--	8	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Matthews, Jackie	15*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	--
Johnson, Dillon	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Johnson, Jett	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	--	--
Preston Jr., Shawn	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	9
Griffin, Lideatrick	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pickering, Nathan	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	--	--	--
Jones, Nick	7	3	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Richardson, Decamerion	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	--
Thomas, Rara	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ducking, Caleb	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Calvin, Jamire	5*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Harvey, Rufus	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Furdge, Esalias	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--
Losoya, Steven	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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* - Total includes starts at previous school | By position starts MSU only

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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/03/2022	Memphis	W	49-23	54360
	09/10/2022	at Arizona	W	39-17	46275
*	09/17/2022	at LSU	L	16-31	98520
	09/24/2022	Bowling Green	W	45-14	48376
*	10/01/2022	Texas A&M	W	42-24	51930
*	10/08/2022	Arkansas	W	40-17	57849

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dillon Johnson	6	67	407	5	402	6.0	3	40	67.0
Jo'quavious Marks	5	52	248	3	245	4.7	5	37	49.0
Simeon Price	6	14	47	5	42	3.0	0	19	7.0
J.J. Jernighan	3	4	19	0	19	4.8	0	7	6.3
Sawyer Robertson	4	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-2.0
Will Rogers	6	14	12	72	-60	-4.3	0	6	-10.0
Total	6	152	733	93	640	4.2	8	40	106.7
Opponents	6	185	961	130	831	4.5	9	52	138.5

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Will Rogers	6	158.1	202-282-3	71.6	2110	22	75	351.7
Sawyer Robertson	4	110.2	4-5-0	80.0	18	0	7	4.5
Total	6	157.3	206-287-3	71.8	2128	22	75	354.7
Opponents	6	112.7	120-211-8	56.9	1317	7	68	219.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Caleb Ducking	6	28	322	11.5	7	35	53.7
Rufus Harvey	6	27	271	10.0	2	33	45.2
Dillon Johnson	6	27	199	7.4	0	38	33.2
Jo'quavious Marks	5	23	140	6.1	0	16	28.0
Rara Thomas	6	21	368	17.5	3	75	61.3
Lideatrick Griffin	6	20	239	12.0	1	33	39.8
Austin Williams	6	12	107	8.9	3	20	17.8
Jaden Walley	6	12	124	10.3	3	22	20.7
Jamire Calvin	6	10	50	5.0	1	9	8.3
Justin Robinson	6	10	104	10.4	1	23	17.3
Antonio Harmon	4	5	61	12.2	0	16	15.3
Scoobie Ford	3	4	29	7.3	0	12	9.7
Simeon Price	6	4	69	17.3	1	32	11.5
Jordan Mosely	3	2	43	21.5	0	28	14.3
J.J. Jernighan	3	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
Total	6	206	2128	10.3	22	75	354.7
Opponents	6	120	1317	11.0	7	68	219.5

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	5-1	4-0	1-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	MSU	OPP
First Downs	156	110
Rushing	41	43
Passing	100	52
Penalty	15	15
Rushing Yardage	640	831
Rushing attempts	152	185
Average per rush	4.2	4.5
Average per game	106.7	138.5
TDs Rushing	8	9
Passing Yardage	2128	1317
Comp-Att-Int	206-287-3	120-211-8
Average per pass	7.4	6.2
Average per catch	10.3	11.0
Average per game	354.7	219.5
TDs Passing	22	7
Total offense	2768	2148
Average per play	6.3	5.4
Average per game	461.3	358.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	10-301	15-286
Punt returns: #-Yards	12-100	8-47
Int returns: #-Yards	8-140	3-29
Fumbles-Lost	10-7	8-4
Penalties-Yards	35-388	39-277
Punts-Avg	21-43.6	31-42.0
Time of possession / game	30:48	27:17
3rd-down conversion	33/74	26/78
4rd-down conversion	9/13	3/12
PAT-attempts	(27-31) 87%	(15-15) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-1) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Emmanuel Forbes	4	33	8.3	1	33
Jalen Green	1	29	29.0	0	29
Shawn Preston Jr.	1	20	20.0	0	20
Nathaniel Watson	1	51	51.0	0	51
Jackie Matthews	1	7	7.0	0	7
Total	8	140	17.5	1	51
Opponents	3	29	9.7	0	18

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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Ben Raybon	4-6	66.7	0-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	53	0
Opponents	5-6	83.3	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-3	1-1	51	1

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Caleb Ducking	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Ben Raybon	-	4-6	20-22	-	-	-	-	-	32
Jo'quavious Marks	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Austin Williams	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Dillon Johnson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Jaden Walley	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Rara Thomas	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Rufus Harvey	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Massimo Biscardi	-	-	7-9	-	-	-	-	-	7
Jamire Calvin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Decamerion Richardson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Emmanuel Forbes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lideatrick Griffin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Justin Robinson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Simeon Price	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	32	4-6	27-31	0	0	0	0	0	231
Opponents	16	5-6	15-15	0	0	0	0	0	126

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Mississippi St.	66	59	44	62	0	231
Opponents	7	30	34	55	0	126

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
George Georgopoulos	12	506	42.2	50	1	3	7	1	0
Archer Trafford	9	410	45.6	60	0	1	5	2	0
Total	21	916	43.6	60	1	4	12	3	0
Opponents	31	1302	42.0	64	2	9	7	7	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Zavion Thomas	9	96	10.7	0	26
Austin Williams	3	4	1.3	0	3
Total	12	100	8.3	0	26
Opponents	8	47	5.9	0	20

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Lideatrick Griffin	9	280	31.1	0	42
Zavion Thomas	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	10	301	30.1	0	42
Opponents	15	286	19.1	0	42

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Dillon Johnson	6	402	199	0	0	0	601	100.2
Lideatrick Griffin	6	0	239	0	280	0	519	86.5
Jo'quavious Marks	5	245	140	0	0	0	385	77.0
Rara Thomas	6	0	368	0	0	0	368	61.3
Caleb Ducking	6	0	322	0	0	0	322	53.7
Rufus Harvey	6	0	271	0	0	0	271	45.2
Jaden Walley	6	0	124	0	0	0	124	20.7
Zavion Thomas	6	0	0	96	21	0	117	19.5
Austin Williams	6	0	107	4	0	0	111	18.5
Simeon Price	6	42	69	0	0	0	111	18.5
Justin Robinson	6	0	104	0	0	0	104	17.3
Antonio Harmon	4	0	61	0	0	0	61	15.3
Nathaniel Watson	6	0	0	0	0	51	51	8.5
Jamire Calvin	6	0	50	0	0	0	50	8.3
Jordan Mosely	3	0	43	0	0	0	43	14.3
Emmanuel Forbes	6	0	0	0	0	33	33	5.5
Scoobie Ford	3	0	29	0	0	0	29	9.7
Jalen Green	6	0	0	0	0	29	29	4.8
J.J. Jernighan	3	19	2	0	0	0	21	7.0
Shawn Preston Jr.	6	0	0	0	0	20	20	3.3
Jackie Matthews	6	0	0	0	0	7	7	1.2
Sawyer Robertson	4	-8	0	0	0	0	-8	-2.0
Will Rogers	6	-60	0	0	0	0	-60	-10.0
Total	6	640	2128	100	301	140	3309	551.5
Opponents	6	831	1317	47	286	29	2510	418.3

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Will Rogers	6	296	-60	2110	2050	341.7
Dillon Johnson	6	67	402	0	402	67.0
Jo'quavious Marks	5	52	245	0	245	49.0
Simeon Price	6	14	42	0	42	7.0
J.J. Jernighan	3	4	19	0	19	6.3
Sawyer Robertson	4	6	-8	18	10	2.5
Total	6	439	640	2128	2768	461.3
Opponents	6	396	831	1317	2148	358.0

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
44	Jett Johnson	6	28	29	57	2.5-5	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
14	Nathaniel Watson	6	20	21	41	4.5-25	3-21	1-51	1	1	.	1	.	.	
3	Decamerion Richardson	6	18	19	37	.	.	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.	
0	Jalen Green	6	14	15	29	.	.	1-29	2	1	

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##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot				int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
2	Tyrus Wheat	6	12	13	25	2.5-12	2-11	.	2	3	2-6	.	.	.	
19	Collin Duncan	6	9	15	24	2-18	2-18	.	3	1	.	1	.	.	
8	Jackie Matthews	6	14	7	21	1-1	.	1-7	1	.	.	.	.	.
5	Randy Charlton	6	5	13	18	2.5-24	2-22	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
93	Cameron Young	6	4	13	17	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
13	Emmanuel Forbes	6	13	4	17	.	.	4-33	6	.	.	.	1	.	
26	J.P. Purvis	6	6	9	15	1.5-11	1.5-11	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
22	Nathan Pickering	6	5	8	13	2-6	2-6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6	Jordan Davis	4	6	6	12	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
10	Corey Ellington	5	5	6	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Jevon Banks	6	1	9	10	1.5-6	0.5-4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
9	De'Monte Russell	6	2	7	9	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	DeShawn Page	4	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Marcus Banks	6	5	3	8	1-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
12	Shawn Preston Jr.	6	3	4	7	.	.	1-20	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	
15	Jack Harris	6	3	3	6	1-2	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Esaias Furdge	3	.	5	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Sherman Timbs	6	1	3	4	0.5-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	DeCarlos Nicholson	6	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Hunter Washington	5	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Ty Cooper	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Nic Mitchell	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Dylan Lawrence	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Jordan Morant	6	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Trevion Williams	2	.	2	2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Jo'quavious Marks	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
63	LaQuinston Sharp	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	John Lewis	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Lideatrick Griffin	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Ben Raybon	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Hayes Hammond	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Nick Jones	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Dillon Johnson	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		6	190	230	420	26-121	14-95	8-140	23	15	4-6	3	1	0	
Opponents		6	202	282	484	24-102	9-74	3-29	28	12	7-61	8	0	0	

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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
91	Deonte Anderson	DE
92	Jevon Banks	DE
1	Marcus Banks	CB
30	Nicholas Bargains	CB
89	Andrew Berquist	WR
29	Massimo Biscardi	K
72	Canon Boone	OL
35	Javaris Bufford	RB
51	Reed Buys	OL
6	Jamire Calvin	WR
54	Jackson Cannon	OL
70	Hastings Carruth	OL
68	Gabe Cavazos Jr.	OL
5	Randy Charlton	DE
99	Jacarius Clayton	DL
86	Bradren Coffey	WR
32	Audavion Collins	CB
45	Ty Cooper	LB
94	Jaden Crumedy	DT
6	Jordan Davis	DE
56	Wesley Davis	OL
35	Kalvin Dinkins	DL
83	Marquez Dortch	WR
4	Caleb Ducking	WR
38	Ashtanyrein Duncan	RB
19	Collin Duncan	S
10	Corey Ellington	S
13	Emmanuel Forbes	CB
24	Scoobie Ford	WR
27	Esaias Furdge	CB
88	George Georgopoulos	P
31	Javae Gilmore	LB
3	Daniel Greek	QB
0	Jalen Green	S
5	Lideatrick Griffin	WR
43	Hayes Hammond	LS
46	William Hardrick	CB
21	Ke'Travion Hargrove	RB
81	Antonio Harmon	WR
15	Jack Harris	DE
82	Rufus Harvey	WR
49	Marlon Hauck	K
41	Manuel Hillman	LS
90	Hudson Hollenbeck	K
84	Jarnorris Hopson	WR
52	Grant Jackson	OL
32	J.J. Jernighan	RB
23	Dillon Johnson	RB
44	Jett Johnson	LB
69	Kwatrivous Johnson	OL
28	Tanner Duke Johnson	S
58	Kameron Jones	OL
66	Nick Jones	OL
98	Jordan Kennedy	K
80	Kade Kolka	WR
79	Jakson LaHue	OL
88	Nick Lauderdale	WR
24	Dylan Lawrence	S
37	John Lewis	LB
75	Percy Lewis	OL
16	Braedyn Locke	QB
64	Steven Losoya III	OL
9	Chance Lovertich	QB
7	Jo'quavious Marks	RB
50	Matai Mata'afa	DL

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Jalen Green	S	6-1	200	5th	1L	Houston, Texas / Houston Heights HS (Texas)
0	Rara Thomas	WR	6-2	200	So.	1L	Eufaula, Ala. / Eufaula HS
1	Marcus Banks	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	TR	Houston, Texas / Dekaney HS (Alabama)
2	Will Rogers	QB	6-2	210	Jr.	2L	Brandon, Miss. / Brandon HS
2	Tyrus Wheat	LB	6-2	260	Gr.	2L	Amite, La. / Amite HS (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] CC)
3	Daniel Greek	QB	6-4	220	R-Fr.	RS	Argyle, Texas / Liberty Christian School
3	Decamerion Richardson	CB	6-2	190	Jr.	2L	Cullen, La. / Bossier HS
4	Caleb Ducking	WR	6-5	200	R-Sr.	1L	Rolling Fork, Miss. / South Delta HS (Holmes [Miss.] CC)
4	DeCarlos Nicholson	CB	6-3	190	Jr.	JC	Petal, Miss. / Petal HS (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
5	Randy Charlton	DE	6-3	270	5th	1L	Miami, Fla. / Miami Southridge HS (UCF)
5	Lideatrick Griffin	WR	5-10	185	Jr.	2L	Philadelphia, Miss. / Philadelphia HS
6	Jamire Calvin	WR	5-10	160	Gr.	1L	Pasadena, Calif. / Cathedral HS (Washington State)
6	Jordan Davis	DE	6-4	270	Gr.	1L	Memphis, Tenn. / Southwind HS (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] CC)
7	Jo'quavious Marks	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	2L	Atlanta, Ga. / Carver HS
8	Jackie Matthews	S	6-0	195	Gr.	GTR	Pinson, Ala. / Pinson Valley HS (West Virginia)
8	Jordan Mosley	WR	6-0	195	R-Fr.	TR	Mobile, Ala. / McGill Toolen HS (Northwestern)
9	Chance Lovertich	QB	5-11	185	Gr.	1L	Brandon, Miss. / Jackson Prep (South Alabama)
9	De'Monte Russell	DE	6-4	260	R-Jr.	1L	Jackson, Miss. / Provine HS
10	Corey Ellington	S	6-3	200	So.	1L	Lexington, Miss. / Holmes County Central HS
11	Jaden Walley	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	2L	D'Iberville, Miss. / D'Iberville HS
12	Shawn Preston Jr.	S	6-0	205	R-Sr.	3L	St. James, La. / St. James HS
12	Sawyer Robertson	QB	6-4	215	R-Fr.	RS	Lubbock, Texas / Coronado HS
13	Emmanuel Forbes	CB	6-0	180	Jr.	2L	Grenada, Miss. / Grenada HS
14	Nathaniel Watson	LB	6-2	240	R-Sr.	3L	Maplesville, Ala. / Maplesville HS
15	Jack Harris	DE	6-3	265	R-Jr.	2L	Sumrall, Miss. / Oak Grove HS
15	Jake Weir	QB	6-2	205	R-Fr.	RS	Tupelo, Miss. / Tupelo HS
16	Braedyn Locke	QB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	Rockwall, Texas / Rockwall HS
16	DeShawn Page	LB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	1L	Knoxville, Tenn. / Fulton HS (East Mississippi CC)
17	Jordan Morant	S	6-0	210	R-So.	TR	Parsippany, N.J. / Bergen Catholic HS (Michigan)
18	Justin Robinson	WR	6-4	220	R-So.	TR	McDonough, Ga. / Eagles Landing HS (Georgia)
19	Collin Duncan	S	6-0	210	Sr.	2L	Montgomery, Ala. / St. James School
20	Alexander Shaw	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	TR	Vicksburg, Miss. / Warren Central HS (Jackson State)
21	Ke'Travion Hargrove	RB	5-11	200	R-Fr.	RS	Ruston, La. / Ruston HS
21	Hunter Washington	S	5-11	185	R-Fr.	TR	Katy, Texas / Katy HS (Florida State)
22	Nathan Pickering	DT	6-4	290	Sr.	3L	Mount Olive, Miss. / Seminary HS
22	Simeon Price	RB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	RS	Pensacola, Fla. / West Florida HS
23	Dillon Johnson	RB	6-0	215	Jr.	2L	Greenville, Miss. / St. Joseph HS
23	Trevion Williams	DL	6-4	275	Fr.	HS	Crystal Springs, Miss. / Crystal Springs HS
24	Scoobie Ford	WR	5-11	175	R-Sr.	1L	Atlanta, Ga. / Marietta HS (Iowa Central CC)
24	Dylan Lawrence	S	6-4	205	R-Jr.	2L	George County, Miss. / George County HS
25	Wesley Miller	S	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Miss. / Heritage Academy
26	J.P. Purvis	LB	6-1	235	R-Jr.	1L	Pelahatchie, Miss. / Pelahatchie Attendance Center
27	Esaias Furdge	CB	6-0	185	Gr.	1L	Clarksdale, Miss. / Clarksdale HS
28	Tanner Duke Johnson	S	6-0	175	Fr.	HS	Kyle, Texas / Lehman HS
28	Brinston Williams	RB	6-2	220	Fr.	HS	Suwanee, Ga. / North Gwinnett HS
29	Massimo Biscardi	K	5-11	205	Gr.	GTR	Downingtown, Pa. / Downingtown West HS (Coastal Carolina)
29	Kaydin Pope	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	HS	Savannah, Tenn. / Hardin County HS
30	Nicholas Bargains	CB	5-9	165	Fr.	HS	Allen, Texas / Allen HS
31	Javae Gilmore	LB	6-4	215	Fr.	HS	Amite, La. / Amite HS
32	Audavion Collins	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	HS	Covington, Ga. / Newton HS
32	J.J. Jernighan	RB	5-11	215	Gr.	1L	Amory, Miss. / Amory HS (Copiah-Lincoln [Miss.] CC)
33	Trent Singleton	S	6-0	190	Fr.	HS	Edwards, Miss. / Raymond HS
34	Kione Roberson	RB	5-9	185	Fr.	HS	Wesley Chapel, Fla. / Cypress Creek HS
34	Sherman Timbs	LB	6-2	255	Gr.	1L	Indianola, Miss. / Indianola Academy
35	Javaris Bufford	RB	5-11	180	R-Fr.	HS	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Latin School
35	Kalvin Dinkins	DL	6-2	315	Fr.	HS	Lake, Miss. / Lake HS
36	Donterry Russell	DL	6-4	215	Fr.	HS	Jackson, Miss. / Provine HS
37	John Lewis	LB	6-3	230	R-Fr.	RS	Canton, Miss. / Germantown HS
38	Ashtanyrein Duncan	RB	5-10	195	R-So.	HS	Lithia Springs, Ga. / Lithia Springs HS
39	Avery Sledge	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	HS	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Forrest County Agricultural HS
40	Nic Mitchell	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	RS	Jacksonville, Fla. / Mandarin HS
41	Manuel Hillman	LS	6-0	200	Jr.	HS	Petal Miss. / Petal HS (East Central [Miss.] CC)
41	Cody Swanson	S	6-0	195	R-Jr.	SQ	Madison, Miss. / Madison-Ridgeland Academy
43	Hayes Hammond	LS	5-10	190	R-So.	1L	Tupelo, Miss. / Tupelo HS
44	Jett Johnson	LB	6-2	235	Gr.	2L	Tupelo, Miss. / Tupelo HS

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CL	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
45	Ty Cooper	LB	6-4	250	So.	1L	Louisville, Miss. / Louisville HS
46	William Hardrick	CB	6-1	170	R-Fr.	RS	Adamsville, Ala. / Minor HS
49	Marlon Hauck	K	6-3	185	Fr.	TR	Phoenix, Ariz. / Desert Vista HS / Southern Illinois
50	Matai Mata'afa	DL	6-1	235	R-Fr.	RS	Lahaina, Hawaii / Lahainaluna HS
51	Reed Buys	OL	6-4	300	R-Jr.	RS	Vicksburg, Miss. / Warren Central HS (Jones [Miss.] JC)
52	Grant Jackson	OL	6-6	315	R-So.	1L	Brookhaven, Miss. / West Lincoln HS
52	Khalid Moore	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	HS	Poplarville, Miss. / Poplarville HS
54	Jackson Cannon	OL	6-5	315	Fr.	HS	Forsyth, Ga. / Ola HS
55	Rex Robich	LS	6-4	215	R-Fr.	RS	Palm Coast, Fla. / Matanzas HS
55	Michael Robinson	LB	6-2	225	R-Fr.	RS	Vicksburg, Miss. / St. Aloysius
56	Wesley Davis	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	Collierville, Tenn. / Briarcrest Christian HS
56	Archer Trafford	P	6-2	220	R-Sr.	1L	Shreveport, La. / CE Byrd HS (Air Force Prep / Air Force)
57	Cole Smith	OL	6-3	305	R-Sr.	2L	Pontotoc, Miss. / Pontotoc HS (LSU)
58	Kameron Jones	OL	6-5	315	R-Sr.	2L	Starkville, Miss. / Starkville HS
63	LaQuinston Sharp	OL	6-3	310	Gr.	3L	Columbus, Miss. / Columbus HS (East Mississippi CC)
64	Steven Losoya III	OL	6-4	310	R-Jr.	TR	Nashville, Tenn. / John Overton HS (Middle Tennessee)
65	JT Zakkak	OL	6-3	290	R-So.	RS	Gulfport, Miss. / Gulfport HS
66	Nick Jones	OL	6-3	300	R-Jr.	1L	Byhalia, Miss. / Byhalia HS (East Mississippi CC)
68	Gabe Cavazos Jr.	OL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	RS	Lake Cormorant, Miss. / Lake Cormorant HS
69	Kwatrivous Johnson	OL	6-7	320	R-Sr.	2L	Greenwood, Miss. / Greenwood HS
70	Hastings Carruth	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	HS	Summit, Miss. / Parklane Academy
71	Jim Riley	OL	6-4	290	R-Fr.	RS	Iuka, Miss. / Tishomingo County HS
72	Canon Boone	OL	6-4	295	R-Fr.	RS	Kemah, Texas / Dickinson HS
73	Max Ryan	DL	6-4	280	R-Fr.	RS	Key West, Fla. / Key West HS
75	Percy Lewis	OL	6-8	335	Jr.	JC	Sallis, Miss. / McAdams HS (Mississippi Gulf Coast CC)
76	Albert Reese IV	OL	6-7	320	R-Fr.	1L	Edmonton, Alberta / Clearwater (Fla.) Academy International
77	Lucas Taylor	OL	6-5	315	Fr.	HS	Mobile, Ala. / St. Paul's Episcopal School
78	Sam Westmoreland	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	HS	Tupelo, Miss. / Tupelo HS
79	Jakson LaHue	OL	6-5	310	Fr.	HS	Azle, Texas / Azle HS
80	Kade Kolka	WR	5-11	185	R-Jr.	RS	Tallahassee, Fla. / Lawton Chiles HS
81	Antonio Harmon	WR	6-3	215	R-Fr.	RS	Kosciusko, Miss. / Kosciusko HS
82	Rufus Harvey	WR	5-10	165	R-So.	1L	Starkville, Miss. / Starkville HS
83	Marquez Dortch	WR	6-0	165	Fr.	HS	Lucedale, Miss. / George County HS
84	Jarnorris Hopson	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Tunica, Miss. / Horn Lake HS
85	Austin Williams	WR	6-3	205	Gr.	4L	Ocean Springs, Miss. / Ocean Springs HS
86	Braden Coffey	WR	6-4	200	Fr.	HS	Sparta, N.J. / Pope John XXIII HS
87	Zavion Thomas	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Woodmere, La. / John Ehret HS
88	George Georgopoulos	P	6-2	230	Gr.	TR	Greenville, S.C. / J.L. Mann HS (UMass)
88	Nick Lauderdale	WR	6-3	210	Sr.	JC	Jackson, Miss. / Central Hines HS (Hinds [Miss.] CC)
89	Andrew Berquist	WR	6-2	200	R-Fr.	RS	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. / Homeschooled
89	Ben Raybon	K	5-11	185	Gr.	TR	Anvada, Colo. / Ralston Valley HS (Garden City [Kan.] CC / Northern Colorado)
90	Hudson Hollenbeck	K	6-3	195	Fr.	HS	Collierville, Tenn. / Collierville HS
91	Deonte Anderson	DE	6-3	250	R-Fr.	RS	Miami, Fla. / Fort Meade Senior HS
92	Jevon Banks	DE	6-2	300	R-So.	2L	Olive Branch, Miss. / Olive Branch HS
93	Cameron Young	DT	6-3	315	R-Sr.	3L	Crosby, Miss. / Franklin County HS
94	Jaden Crumedy	DT	6-5	315	Gr.	3L	Hattiesburg, Miss. / Oak Grove HS
96	Gavin Nelson	DL	6-0	245	Fr.	HS	Birmingham, Ala. / Oak Mountain HS
98	Jordan Kennedy	K	6-0	175	Fr.	HS	Concord, Calif. / De La Salle HS
99	Jacarius Clayton	DL	6-6	250	Fr.	HS	Tupelo, Miss. / Tupelo HS

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
8	Jackie Matthews	S
25	Wesley Miller	S
40	Nic Mitchell	LB
52	Khalid Moore	LB
17	Jordan Morant	S
8	Jordan Mosley	WR
96	Gavin Nelson	DL
4	DeCarlos Nicholson	CB
16	DeShawn Peking	LB
22	Nathan Pickering	DT
29	Kaydin Pope	WR
12	Shawn Preston Jr.	S
22	Simeon Price	RB
26	J.P. Purvis	LB
89	Ben Raybon	K
76	Albert Reese IV	OL
3	Decamerion Richardson	CB
71	Jim Riley	OL
34	Kione Roberson	RB
12	Sawyer Robertson	QB
55	Rex Robich	LS
18	Justin Robinson	WR
55	Michael Robinson	LB
2	Will Rogers	QB
9	De'Monte Russell	DE
36	Donterry Russell	DL
73	Max Ryan	DL
63	LaQuinston Sharp	OL
20	Alexander Shaw	CB
33	Trent Singleton	S
39	Avery Sledge	LB
57	Cole Smith	OL
41	Cody Swanson	S
77	Lucas Taylor	OL
0	Rara Thomas	WR
87	Zavion Thomas	WR
34	Sherman Timbs	LB
56	Archer Trafford	P
11	Jaden Walley	WR
21	Hunter Washington	S
14	Nathaniel Watson	LB
15	Jake Weir	QB
78	Sam Westmoreland	OL
2	Tyrus Wheat	LB
85	Austin Williams	WR
28	Brinston Williams	RB
23	Trevion Williams	DL
93	Cameron Young	DT
65	JT Zakkak	OL

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3	Decamerion Richardson	Dee-cam-ree-on	29	Massimo Biscardi	Moss-uh-mo	69	Kwatrivous Johnson	Kwa-TRAY-vee-us
5	Lideatrick "Tulu" Griffin	TOO-loo	38	Ashtanyrein Duncan	Ash-tuh-nigh-wren	83	Marquez Dortch	Mar-qwez
6	Jamire Calvin	JAH-meer	49	Marlon Hauck	Hawk (Like the bird)	89	Andrew Berquist	Burr-kwist
7	Jo'quavious Marks	jo-QUAY-vee-US	50	Matai Mata'afa	Muh-tie Mah-tuh-off-uh	94	Jaden Crumedy	Crum-eh-DEE
9	Chance Lovertich	LOVE-er-titch	52	Khalid Moore	Kuh-LID	99	Jacarius Clayton	Juh-care-ee-us
9	De'Monte Russell	Duh-mahn-tay	56	Rex Robich	Row-bick			
15	Jake Weir	Ware	65	JT Zakkak	Zack-ack			