

# MISSISSIPPI REBELS



WR Laquon Treadwell

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2014

**QUARTERBACKS** - Eli Manning (PS#12) set or tied 47 UM records before he departed after the '03 ssn (#1DC, 2 Super Bowl wins). Over the next 8Y, UM QB's comb to hit 48-56% each ssn. In '12 WV trans Barry Brunetti (PS#9) battled PS#27JC Bo Wallace who was orig at Ark St w/Freeze in '10. Wallace set an NJCAA single ssn record for pass yds (4604). He won the job and the tm improved to 63.5%. Wallace had plenty of spectacular plays but also some poor ones (only 22-17 ratio). He had UM's 3rd highest passing total (2994) and was the #2 rusher (390). Wallace became just the 4th QB in UM history to top 400 in a gm (31-49-403 vs VU). Brunetti ply'd in 12 (196 pass, 277 rush). LY Wallace finished with an 18-10 ratio but over the L/6 it was just 7-9. He threw for 3,346 (64.8%, 355 rush) setting UM's tfl off record (Manning 3572 '03). TY they lose Brunetti (310 rush, 5.2) who threw 41 times (294, 56.1%, 6-0). Battling for the bkp spot are rFr Ryan Buchanan (PS#35), DeVante Kincade (PS#43) and true frosh Kendrick Doss (IFS). Jeremy Liggins (PS#34JC) who is 296 lbs signed as an ATH, was also getting snaps in spg. I look for continued improvement in Wallace's overall numbers.

**RUNNING BACKS** - In '11 speedy Jeff Scott led in rushing but with only 529 (4.6). In '12 he led with 846 (4.3) topping 100 four times. True frosh Jaylen Walton (PS#41) had 3 td's on his first 11 touches (1 rec, 1 rush, 1 KR) but finished with just 118 rush (5.1, 700 rec & KR). True frosh I'Tavius Mathers (PS#30) had 208 (7.7) incl 96 in the bowl. LY they added in 3 VHT true frosh in Kailo Moore (PS#17), Mark Dodson ('510" 198, PS#30), Eugene Brazley ('59" 183, PS#46) plus PS#29 Jordan Wilkins. HT Scott had 330 in the first 3 incl the GW 75 yd td run vs Vandy but then was banged up and finished #3 w/493 (7.4, 107 rec). Mathers had just 188 yds in the F/7 but had 138 (9.9) vs ID and led w/563 (5.9). Walton had 106 (5.6) vs LSU and was #2 (523, 4.6) while adding 322 (11.1) rec. Dodson played in 11 (124, 5.6) and Moore played in 12 (69, 3.8) while Brazley and Wilkins RS. TY they lose Scott and Moore moves to CB, but I like the talent level here as they also add VHT Akeem Judd ('60" 215, PS#30JC). The unit should remain healthier and I'll call for increased production.

**RECEIVERS** - LY Ole Miss ret'd its top 3 rec's with the top 2 being VHT's in Donte Moncrief (PS#28, 979, 14.8) and Vince Sanders (PS#33, 504, 12.9). 6'3" Ja-Mes Logan was #3 (490, 11.4). Their TE's were gutted before the ssn. That left true frosh Evan Ingram (PS#40) as the st'r there. Ingram was on the way to a frosh TE rec yds record but was inj'd (268, 12.8, 8 gm). RB Nicholas Parker (PS#44) took over for him (2 rec). Exciting 6'2" true frosh Laquon Treadwell (PS#2) had 9-82 in the opener, but that would be his ssn high. While Treadwell led in rec's (72) he was a distant #2 in yds (608, 8.4) and became UM's first ever SEC FPOY. Moncrief had 13 less rec's but led w/938 (15.9). Vince Sanders missed the first 3, had 10 rec in

the first 6 he ply'd in before grabbing 11 in the final 3 to finish #4 (325, 15.5). Versus Ark, Moncrief and Logan each topped 100 yds for the first time here s/'03. TY they lose 2x 3rd Tm SEC Moncrief (13 st, #3DC IND), Logan (11 st, 583, 13.2), Jordan Holder (2 st, 128, 8.5) and 2 bkp TE's (24 gm, 0 rec). Added in at TE is DL Channing Ward (PS#13). They lose 2 of the top 3 but are in better shape at TE.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In '12 UM's O-line had just 2 ret st's (45 car st) but still improved to 174 ypg (4.1) with 34 sks (8.3%). In '13 they had 82 car sts back and added in PS#1 true frosh Laremy Tunsil and PS#16 Austin Golson. They were not as exp'd as their ret sts would suggest as LT Emmanuel McCray (13 st '12) eventually lost his spot to Tunsil and LG Aaron Morris (PS#48, 19 car st) was OFY (ACL) in the opener so only 2 that st'd were actually ret st's. They still opened holes for 190 ypg (4.7) while all'g 27 sks (5.5%). TY they lose RT Pierce Burton (PS#44JC, 13 st, 2Y st'r), Jared Duke (12 st), C Evan Swindall (13 st, 3Y st'r), McCray (4 st) and Golson (12 gm, trans). While the car sts drop to 61 (6 on DL by Carlton Martin), the Rebels could improve for a 3rd str yr.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - In '11 Ole Miss had to replace 2 st's (#6DC) and the top 3 DL's were banged up having just 9, 8 & 7 sts. With that mixture, they allowed 225 ypg rush (5.4) with just 13 sks (lowest 6 yrs). In '12 they had to replace 3 DL's (22 st, 99 tkl, 11 tfl). They ret'd 26 sts from '11 so they were more exp'd. CJ Johnson (PS#11) led with 6.5 sks. Ole Miss went 12 deep on the D-line. The Rebels improved to 129 ypg rush (3.5) while nearly tripling the sks (38). LY they had to replace 4 DL (comb 16 st). They ret'd the unit's top 2 tkl's in Johnson & Issac Gross and added the nation's top overall recruit in Robert Nkemdiche (PS#1) and PS#4JC Lavon Hooks. Injuries hit again as Johnson (#6 tkl'r '12) was OFY after 4 (ankle). Nkemdiche missed a couple and Carlos Thompson missed the last 8. TY they lose DE Cameron Whigham (8 st, 37 tkl, 2.5 sk, 2 tfl) and Channing Ward (24 tkl, 1 sk) moves to TE. They have 10 of the top 12 back, figure to stay healthier and should improve upon LY's 155 ypg (3.9, 20 sk).

**LINEBACKERS** - In '12 the top 6 LB's (incl #1, #4, #5, #6 and #7) all ret'd plus 2 of '11's true frosh that comb'd for 4 sts (72 tkl). Two ret st's lost their jobs and UM had a new S/LB hybrid pos called Husky. The more veteran unit all'd 27.6 ppg and a rFr, Denzel Nkemdiche, led in tkl's (82, 13 tfl). Basically they had 2 new st's in '12 but ret'd all 3 LY incl their #1 and #3 tkl's as the Husky pos was split by 3 ply'r's (all 3 were back). Freeze recruited PS#4 true frosh Tony Conner for the Husky pos and while Mike Hilton st'd Wk 1, Conner took over and finished as the #3 tkl'r. Nkemdiche inj'd his knee (6 st, 10 gm) & dropped from the #1 tkl'r to #11 but still earned 2nd Tm SEC. UM still improved to 23.7 ppg. TY they lose MLB Mike Marry (12 st, t+5 tkl'r, 4.5 tfl). Serderius Bryant took over when Nkemdiche was inj'd and while he was also banged up (conc) he still led w/78 tkl (3 sk, 9.5 tfl) earning 2nd Tm SEC. This is very reminiscent of '08 when I rated Ole Miss' LB's one of the best in the SEC and that year UM, coming off a 3-9 season, all'd just 307 ypg and 19.0 ppg. Nkemdiche, Bryant & Conner are a solid trio and they add VHT PS#25JC Christian Russell while Deterrian Shackelford received a 6th yr.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In '09 I called for UM with 3 ret st's to have their best finish since at least '04 (#30) in my PDR and they moved up to #13. In '10 they had to replace 3 st's and plummeted to #104 (61%, 24-6) but have climbed slowly back up to #77 in '11, #61 in '12 and #51 in '13. LY they had 7 of the top 8 back but CB Charles Sawyer (13 st '12) had a lingering inj and only st'd 3. FS Cody Prewitt is the teams fastest ply'r and was the #2 tkl'r (6 int, 7 pbu). TY they lose Sawyer (7 gm, 11 tkl, 1 int) and CB Dehendret Collins (1 st, 20 tkl, 2 pbu) but 8 of the top 10 are back incl 3rd Tm AA Prewitt (6 int) and they add in a PS#20JC, a PS#26 true frosh and RB Kailo Moore (PS#17). The Rebels will improve in my PDR for the 4th straight year.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - In '11 Ole Miss was #41 in my ST rankings. Freeze opted to RS P Tyler Campbell ('09-'11: 44.0, 46.4 & 43.6) and had a new PR and KR. The unit slipped to #105. LY they had to replace their P (36.6 net) but got Campbell back and he avg 44.4 (37.7 net). They did lose K Bryson Rose who hit 18-28 (L53) with misses from 52, 53, 56 and 58. Andrew Ritter (PS#21) was 16-24 (2-4 50+) and had an outstanding 45 TB on 78 KO. Jeff Scott was the top PR in '11 but concentrated at RB in '12. He was the top PR again LY (12.7). The team was -2.5 on KR's. Ole Miss moved up to #55. TY they lose Campbell, Ritter and Scott and figure to drop a few notches but do add a PS#6 true frosh K/P.

**COACHES** - MS native and SM Alum Hugh Freeze was just the 14th FBS HC to earn 10 wins in his 1st ssn as a HC (Ark St '11). He was UM's recruiting coor from '05-'07 before taking the HC job at NAIA Lambuth ('08-'09) then was Ark St's OC in '10. Also back for a 3rd year are co-OC's alum Matt Luke (Duke's OC 4Y) and Dan Werner, who was the QB cch at Mia, FL ('01-'05), here ('06-'07) and spent 3Y at the HS level. The DC is 33 yr vet Dave Wommack who has been a DC at 7 diff schls incl Ark St ('11), Ga Tech ('08-'09) and Ark ('01-'04). Jason Jones was hired as a co-DC LY after spending 5Y at Okla St as well as stints at Rice ('06) and Tulsa ('05).

ALSO ON ROSTER:			
QB Will Easter 6'0" 183 Jr	TE Taz Zettergren 6'3" 234 So	LS Garrett Kalem 6'0" 233 Jr	
WR Jimmy Potea 5'8" 193 Jr	TE Brandon Bell 6'0" 205 Jr	DL Tyler Gray 6'1" 284 So	
RB Nathan Vanderburg 5'7" 160 Jr	TE Charlie Scott 6'0" 241 Jr	LB Taylor Pook 5'11" 200 Fr	
WR Jordan Gallegos 5'7" 170 So	TE Elliott Markuson 6'0" 235 rFr	DB LaKedrick King 5'8" 171 Sr	
WR Josh Johnson 5'10" 180 rFr	TE Dylan Dyer 6'4" 240 Jr	DB Zachary Toups 6'2" 213 Sr	
WR Jarius Henderson 5'9" 191 rFr	TE Matt Brown 6'3" 237 So	DB Justin Anderson 5'9" 190 Fr	
WR Cale Luke 6'1" 195 rFr	TE Jameel Best 6'8" 240 So	DB Andrew Soper 5'11" 208 Fr	
	LS Ty Quick 6'3" 253 Jr		

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into '04, Ole Miss was the only team in the SEC West to be bowl eligible for 7 str yrs but ironically, they are still the only original SEC West tm without a trip to the SEC Title gm. Ole Miss' last SEC Title was in 1963. From 1954-1971, the Rebels went to 17 bowls (12 NY's Day). From '05-'11 they had only 2 winning yrs finishing 9-4 (#14) in '08 and 9-4 (#20) in '09. After B2B losing years they let go of Houston Nutt. In '12 I pointed out that my Stock Market Indicator was +4.5 for the Rebels and they had 16 st's back for new HC Hugh Freeze. He clearly got the most out of his '11 Ark St and '12 UM squads. Freeze even admitted midway that he was not really expecting Miss to get to a bowl. Their 77 pts through the first 2 gms was the most for a new cch here since Billy Kinard in '71. Despite their 3-5 SEC record in Freeze's first year, they were +5.4 ypg in SEC play (tie-#7). LY they avoided the big 3 out of the East and had 19 ret st's. UM had a 28-19 FD edge at VU but trailed 28-17 late in the 3Q and got a 75 yd td run by Jeff Scott with 1:07 left for the win. After beating SE MO, they were ranked for the first time s/'09. They trailed Texas 23-17 at half but rallied for a 44-23 win. They talked some smack heading into Alabama and were shutout, 25-0 (1st shutout s/'98). After putting a lot of effort into that game and on their 3rd str road trip they trailed Auburn 20-6 and lost despite a 232-186 yd edge at half. Ole Miss led A&M 38-31 in the 4Q but A&M tied it w/3:07 left then got a 33 yd fg on the final play. LSU QB Zach Mettenberger entered with just 2 int's all year but had 3 vs Ole Miss. The Rebels had a 525-388 yd edge and knocked off #6 LSU. As expected, they beat Idaho, Ark and Troy and at this point, their losses were to teams that were ranked #1, #6 and #12 in the 11/23 poll. Freeze pointed out that they were fortunate on inj's in '12 but their D was banged up starting in mid-Oct. They gave MO a solid game but lost by 14 and Miss ST QB Dak Prescott came off the bench late to lead a win in the Egg Bowl. Ole Miss rebounded to beat GT in the bowl (477-298 yd edge). TY Ole Miss has 15 ret st's incl their top 5 tkl's, QB Wallace and their top 2 RB's. They avoid the big 3 out of the East and are a legitimate contender in the SEC West.

## OFFENSE

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## 2014 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

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## DEFENSE

**QB 14 BO WALLACE SR.** 6-4 203 **PS#27JC.** 13 st, 2994 (64%, 22-17), 390 rush (2.7) '12, 13 st, 3346 (65%, 18-10), 355 rush (2.7) LY. **9** Ryan Buchanan (6'3" 201 rFr) **PS#35.** 2 DeVante Kincade (6'0" 200 rFr) **PS#43.**  
**RB 5 I'TAVIUS MATHERS JR.** 5-11 187 **PS#30.** 13 gm, 208 (7.7) true. 1 st, 12 gm, 563 (5.9) LY. **6** Jaylen Walton ('58" 166 Jr) **PS#41.** 13 gm, 118 (5.1) true. 7 st, 13 gm, 523 (4.6), 322 rec (11.1) LY. **22** Jordan Wilkins (6'1" 209 rFr) **PS#29.**  
**WR 10 Vince Sanders Sr.** 6-1 182 **PS#33.** 13 st, 614 (12.5) 2Y. 1 st, 9 gm, 325 (15.5) LY. **16** Collins Moore ('61" 205 Sr) **PS#72.** 3 st, 14 gm, 122 (15.3) 2Y. 13 gm, 67 (13.4) LY. **81** Trey Bledsoe ('61" 208 rFr) **PS#212.**  
**WR 1 LAQUON TREADWELL SO.** 6-2 224 **PS#2.** 13 st, 608 (8.4), **1st Tm Fr AA LY.** 17 Quadarius Mireles ('511" 189 Jr) **PS#66JC.** RS at DB LY. **2** Quintavious Burdette ('511" 183 Jr) **PS#195.** 1 st DB, 25 gm, 18 tkl 2Y. John Ratliff ('61" 186 Jr)  
**WR NA Markell Pack Fr.** 6-3 185 **PS#30.** 8 Quincy Adebayo (6'3" 189 So) **PS#84.** 2 st, 13 gm, 81 (11.6)  
**as true.** **83** Cody Core ('63" 196 Jr) **PS#283.** 13 gm, 1 rec, 8 int, 8 gm, 4 rec, 8 tkl LY. Dayall Harris is **PS#81.**  
**TE 17 EVAN INGRAM SO.** 6-3 217 **PS#40.** 6 st, 8 gm, 268 (12.8), **2nd Tm SEC** as true. **15** Jeremy Liggins **PS#34JC.** IFS. Channing Ward ('64" 274 Jr) **PS#13.** From DL. **34** Nicholas Parker ('60" 248 Sr). DNP rFr. 18 gm, 6 rec 3Y.  
**CB 6 Ben Still Jr.** 6-3 292 **PS#125.** 4 gm true. 4 gm LY. **75** Robert Conyers ('65" 295 So) **PS#189.** 5 gm rFr. Sean Rawlings is **PS#179.** **LS 59** Will Denny ('511" 221 Sr) 38 gm 3Y. **52** Will Few ('63" 250 So) **PS#155.** DNP rFr.  
**RG 68 JUSTIN BELL JR.** 6-2 353 **PS#94.** 6 gm rFr. 13 st **OG LY.** **53** Darone Bailey ('64" 345 Sr) **PS#157JC.**  
**RS** '12, 2 gm LY. **76** Daronte Bouldin ('65" 333 rFr) **PS#158.** **65** Chase Hughes ('62" 308 Sr) **PS#160.** 9 gm 3Y.  
**LG 72 Aaron Morris Sr.** 6-5 355 **PS#48.** 6 st, 11 gm true. 13 st '12. 1 st (ACL) LY. Rod Taylor ('63" 320 Fr)  
**PS#8.** **55** Craig Frigo ('64" 306 Jr) JC LY. **50** Carlton Martin ('61" 296 Sr) **PS#57.** 6 st DT, 32 gm, 16 tkl 3Y. OL spg.  
**RT NA Fahn Cooper Jr.** 6-5 315 **PS#27JC.** 13 st LT at Bowling Green rFr. JC LY. Jordan Sims ('64" 348 Fr) **PS#63.** 81 pkcs, 0 sks all'd as HS Sr. **71** Christian Morris ('66" 320 Fr) **PS#43.** Orig @ UCLA. IFS but Achilles inj.  
**LT 78 LAREMY TUNSIL SO.** 6-5 315 **PS#1.** 9 st, 12 gm, 1 sk all'd, **1st Tm Frosh AA** as true. **77** Talbot Buys ('68" 300 So) JUCO. IFS. **52** Davion Johnson ('64" 309 rFr) **PS#146.** Tyler Putman ('65" 285 Fr) **PS#91.**  
**K 26 Andrew Fletcher Sr.** 5-8 180 **PS#45.** L'ville trans '12. 2-2 PAT LY. Gary Wunderlich is **PS#6.** 19 Andy Pappanastos ('511" 184 rFr) **PS#75.** **91** Nathan Noble ('63" 222 So) 15 TB, 35 KO, 2Y. DNP LY. **39** Kyle Fowler ('57" 177 rFr),

**DE 10 CJ JOHNSON SR.** 6-2 237 **PS#11.** 13 st, 87 tkl, 7.5 sk 2Y. 4 st, OFY (ankle), 12 tkl, 4 tfl LY.  
**DE 14 ISSAC GROSS JR.** 6-11 250 Jr) **PS#67.** 7 st, 40 tkl, 10 tfl as true. 4 st, 13 gm, 34 tkl, 8 tfl LY. Breeland Speaks is **PS#44.**  
**DT 5 ROBERT NKEMDICHE SO.** 6-4 277 **PS#1.** 10 st DE, 34 tkl, 8 tkl, **2nd Tm Fr AA** true. **95** Bryon Bennett ('62" 281 Sr) **PS#79.** 14 st, 24 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. 7 st, 10 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **30** Fadol Brown ('64" 275 So) 3 st, 8 tkl true at FIU '12. Trans LY.  
**NT 56 WOODROW HAMILTON JR.** 6-3 310 **PS#138.** 8 gm, 9 tkl rFr. 9 st, 31 tkl, 1 sk LY. **45** Lavon Hooks ('63" 310 Sr) **PS#44C.** 2 st, 12 gm, 10 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. Garrald McDowell is **PS#43.** **99** Herbert Moore ('61" 331 rFr) **PS#128.**  
**DE 54 Carlos Thompson Sr.** 6-5 243 **PS#37.** 10 gm, 1 sk 2Y. RS'12. 5 gm, 7 tkl, OFY LY. **27** Marquis Haynes **PS#126.** IFS. **47** John Youngblood ('63" 246 So) 1 st, 12 gm, 4 tkl rFr. **51** Walker Sturgeon ('61" 240 Sr) 1 tkl LY.  
**SLB 14 SERDERIUS BRYANT SR.** 5-9 218 **PS#46.** 89 tkl 2Y. 7 tkl, 12.5 tfl, **2nd Tm SEC** LY. **24** Keith Lewis ('60" 220 Sr) **PS#73.** 4 st, 56 tkl 3Y. **4** Denzel Nkemdiche ('511" 201 Jr) 13 st, 82 tkl, 13 tfl, Fr AA rFr. 6 st, 35 tkl LY.  
**MLB 20 CHRISTIAN RUSSELL JR.** 6-0 235 **PS#25JC.** IFS. **9** Deterrian Shackelford ('61" 252 Sr) **PS#81.** 68 tkl 2Y. ACL '11-'12. 2 st DE, 44 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. **32** Temario Strong ('60" 230 So) **PS#129.** 9 tkl rFr. **22** Ray Rasmussen ('62" 208 rFr) **PS#130.**  
**WLB 12 TONY CONNER SR.** 6-0 217 **PS#4.** L'12 st, 66 tkl, 5 tfl, 7 pd, **2nd Tm Fr AA** true. **40** Josh Gregory ('510" 208 Jr). S. Ala. trans. No gm action here LY. **33** John-Patrick Sherling ('511" 217 rFr) W/O. **41** Billy Busch ('511" 230 Sr).  
**CB 21 SENEQUE GOLSON SR.** 5-9 180 **PS#69.** 10 st, 52 tkl, 8 pd 2Y. 10 st, 41 tkl LY. She Shepard ('61" 195 Jr) **PS#5** w/ND. **PS#20JC.** **4** Kailo Moore ('510" 184 So) **PS#17.** 12 gm RB true. David Kamara ('50" 199 So) **PS#194.** 4 gm true.  
**CB 19 DERRICK JONES SO.** 6-2 188 **PS#143.** 4 st, 27 tkl true. **28** Mike Hilton ('59" 182 Jr) **PS#109.** 5 st, 33 tkl true. 11 st, 52 tkl, 5 pd LY. **6** Cliff Coleman ('50" 186 Sr) **PS#232.** 2 st, 25 tkl 3Y. **20** Carlos Davis ('58" 167 Jr) 20 tkl 2Y.  
**ROV 7 TRAE ELSTON JR.** 6-0 190 **PS#31.** 9 st, 52 gm, 61 tkl, 6 pbu true. 11 st, 13 gm, 62 tkl, 6 pbu LY.  
**FS 25 ANDY CODY PREWITT SR.** 6-2 212 **PS#58.** (15%, 2-4) SM '12. Trans LY. **37** Luke Davis ('62" 212 rFr) **PS#371.**  
**LB 8 Chief Brown ('61" 200 Jr) PS#60.** 1 st, 12 gm, 17 tkl true. 3 st, 38 tkl 3Y. **3** CJ Hampton ('61" 186 Fr) **PS#26.** IFS.  
**P NA Gary Wunderlich rFr.** 6-0 180 **PS#6.** Avg'd 4.6 ypg, 9-14 fg's as HS Sr. **83** Will Gleeson ('63" 189 rFr) Australian. **46** Hayden Lewis ('61" 200 So). **30** Hunter Raines ('62" 200 So). **42** Grant Warren ('61" 207 rFr).



