

MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS



LB RICHIE BROWN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2016

QUARTERBACKS - In '12 Tyler Russell (PS#7) broke/tied 11 schl records (13 st, 2897, 59%, 24-10), RfR Dak Prescott (PS#47) played in 12 (194, 62%, 4-0, 118 rush). Russell played in just 7 (inj) in '13. The team had been built around Russell's throwing and it took new HC Dan Mullen a few gms to tailor the offense to the more mobile Prescott. Prescott threw for 1,940 (58%, 10-7) and was the #1 rusher (829, 6.2, 13 td, 2 id rec). He was a Heisman candidate in '14, (3449, 62%, 27-11, 986 rush). LY they added 6'6" rFr Elijah Staley (PS#60) and Nick Fitzgerald (PS#89). Prescott (turned down NFL) took the team on his shoulders in '15 (3793, 66%, 29-5, #1 rusher). He set almost every QB schl record. He did not throw his first int until the 8th game (288 passes) and topped John Bond's QB career rush record (80-'83, 2280). Prescott had 554 tfl yds and 7 tds vs Ark. Fitzgerald got in 8 gms (11-14-235, 127 rush) while Staley saw action in 2 (69 total yd). Damian Williams (RS '15) was the bkp in '13 & '14 (1 st, 37-70-434-3-2, 175 rush). Naturally with the loss of a talent like Prescott (#40C DAL), this group goes from a strength to a ? although all 4 QB's looked good in the spring.

RUNNING BACKS - In '14 Josh Robinson had 197 vs LSU and 198 vs UK but just 316 (52.6 pg) over the last 6. He still led w/1,203 (6.3, 370 rec). Bruiser Ashton Shumpert (PS#27, 190, 4.1 '13) had 232 over the L/5 (274, 5.8). Soph Brandon Holloway was #3 w/294 (6.5). LY Robinson left early for the NFL (#6DC). I was surprised, not that Holloway led, but that it was with just 413 (4.5). Shumpert meanwhile, had just 228 (3.9). Aeris Williams (6'1" 205 So, PS#33) added 206 (5.2) while Dontavien Lee (6'1" 227 So, PS#88) had 137 (6.2). TY the group returns intact and adding depth are a pair of rFr in Nick Gibson (5'11" 195, PS#31) and Alec Murphy (6'0" 225, PS#66). Mullen figures to lean on them a lot more so look for a large increase in production.

RECEIVERS - In '14 the unit ret'd intact. De'Runnya Wilson had 548 yds (81% of his yds) in 6 gms vs ranked tms and led with 680 (14.5). Fred Ross (PS#29) was #2 w/489 (16.3). LY they lost 3 of the top 5 (3 str's incl a #6DC TE) but had the top 2 back. They added in PS#5JC WR Donald Gray. Ross became the go-to guy as all 4 of his DD rec gms were vs SEC tms and he was just the 2nd WR in schl history to top 1,000 (1007, 11.4). He broke the schl rec for rec's with 88 (David Smith '74 '70). Wilson was #2 (918, 15.3) with Fred Brown #3 (412, 15.3) and Gray #5 (386, 18.4). True frosh Malik Dear (PS#23) had 327 total yds. TY they lose Wilson (13 st), Brown (13 sts), WR Joe Morrow (6 rec), TE Darriion Hutcherson (6 st, 164, 10.2) & TE Gus Walley (7 st, 146, 7.7). They lose 2 of the top 3 but return 53.3% of the receiving yds from this unit and have 3 VHT starters.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year MSU lost a 1st Tm SEC 2Y st'g RG, 3Y st'g LT and a 4Y st'g C. They had 114 career starts gone (32 ret). The Bulldogs had the least exp'd line of the Mullen era and allowed the most sacks (32) while tying for lowest rush ypg (144, 4.4) of his 7 years despite having mobile QB Prescott. This year they lose LG Justin Malone (13/29), LT Rufus Warren (11/11) and Damien Robinson. They go from 2 returning starters to 3, the career starts climb to 57 and they add in PS#10JC Martinas Rankin who RS in '15.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '14 MSU ret'd 7 of their top 8. After 11 gms they had yielded just 119 rush ypg (3.5) but were then gashed for 657 (7.1) over the final 2 (152, 4.2) however the sks did rise to 37. LY they had to replace a 1st Tm SEC DE (#2DC, 9 sk) and 3 DT's (26 st, 82 tkl, 4 sk). They do rotate plenty of players but went from 3 ret str's to 1. They only dropped a little to 175 ypg rush (4.3, 30 sk). TY they lose DE Chris Jones (13 st, 44 tkl, 7.5 tfl, #2DC KC) and DE Ryan Brown (12 st, 39 tkl, 2.5 sk, UFA CIN). Even with the loss of their top guy, with 6 of the top 8 back they will be stronger up front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2014 the Bulldogs had to replace their #2 tkl'r but had 5 of the top 6 back including Beniquez Brown (PS#50) and Richie Brown (PS#70) who comb for 77 tkl's (7.5 tfl) as bkps. My computer projected MSU to allow 22.0 ppg (pg 43) and the Bulldogs allowed 21.7. Last year they lost a 1st Tm AA LB, (#1 tkl'r, #2DC) along with their #3 and #9 (#6DC) tkl's. They returned their #2, #6 and #13 tkl's and did a solid job, allowing just 23.2 ppg. This year they lose Beniquez Brown (13 st, #2 tkl'r, 4 sk, UFA CHI) and SLB Zach Jackson (8 st, #9 tkl'r, 4 tfl). They return 3rd Tm SEC Richie Brown (#1 tkl'r) and bkps JT Gray and PS#31 Gerri Green (#4, #6 tkl's). They add in PS#8 and PS#47 rFr and are in better shape for 2016.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2014 MSU had 3 starters back and while they allowed 273 ypg pass, they were up big in the 2H of most games. They only allowed 52.3% comp and a 17-16 ratio, so they were #39 in my PDR (highest s/10). Last year they lost 3 starters but returned their #4, #5, #7 and #11 tkl's. CB Will Redmond and S Kendrick Market were both OFY early and MSU slipped to #50 (217 ypg, 60.6%, 16-13 ratio). This year they lose Redmond (7 st, 25 tkl, #3DC SF), Market (4 st, 23 tkl) and CB Taveze Calhoun (11 st, 39 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu, UFA GB). They return 3 DB's who started the last 7 (#3, #5 #10 tkl's). This group should remain healthier and improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2014 I called for a good sized climb in their ST rankings (#120 in '13). Logan Cooke had 15 TB on 54 KO (41.4 avg on 10 punts). Devon Bell (6-14 fg '13) concentrated solely on P and improved to 43.2 (39.5 tm net!) and MSU rose to #53. Last year they lost their K and KR plus Bell was injured with Cooke taking over those duties (42.2, tm 35.9 net). Soph Westin Graves did great hitting 15-18 FG (long 44) Brandon Holloway had a KR td (567, 23.6) with Malik Dear having a 97 yd KR td called back (99, 19.8). Miss St avg 11.3 on PR and climbed to #34. This year they only lose Bell and could climb again.

COACHES - With Dan Mullen as head coach, the profile of Mississippi ST football has soared through the roof! Mullen was the first Bulldogs coach to take a team to #1 & rack up a 10-win season as they did in 2014. Now in his 8th year here, Mullen was on staff w/Urban Meyer as QB coach at both BG & Utah & his OC/QB cch at Florida. While Mullen will continue to call his own plays, the 3rd year co-OC's are Billy Gonzales (WR cch '13, Illinois co-OC '12) and John Hevesy (MSU OL cch 5Y). DC Manny Diaz left for Miami while new DC Peter Sirmon was assoc HC at USC ('14-'15) and LB cch at Washington ('12-'13). Greg Knox has been the RB cch here s/09 and in 2014 added the ST coach duties to his resume.

THIS DECADE 50-28 (64.1%) #33 - Prior to the Dan Mullen era, MSU went through 7 losing seasons in 8 years, avg just 4 wins per season, despite the 8 in '07. The Bulldogs' highest finish in the SEC West had been tied at #3 and in 6 of those 8 yrs finished #5 or worse (basement 5x's). They were 42-76 in the first decade of the millennium. In '09 Mullen inherited a 4-8 team and his first squad went 5-7 but he's now been to 6 consecutive bowls. It's ironic that had Mullen lost the Egg Bowl in '13 and had the team go 5-7, they probably would have let him go. After winning the Egg Bowl and their bowl over Rice (44-7), MSU was not ranked at the start of 2014

and was picked 5th in the SEC West (media). MSU was the first team in history to go from unranked to ranked #1 in just 3 wks as they were NR vs LSU, #12 vs A&M, #3 vs Auburn and #1 vs Kentucky. They won their next 3 before losing at #4 Alabama. They followed that up with a loss in the Egg Bowl. MSU, with an excellent defensive front 7 and extra time to prepare for GTEch's option surprisingly yielded 452 yds rushing to lose 49-34 and finish #11 at 10-3. LY they were picked 7th in the West by the media but were 9-4. They are 50-28 this decade, the polar opposite of the previous one.

2015 ANALYSIS 9-4 - Last year MSU had the fewest returning starters in the SEC (7) but they had QB Prescott and a physical front 7 on D. Miss St rolled over a SMiss team that ended up 9-3 (CUSA Title gm). They trailed LSU 21-6 into the 4Q and at the end missed a GW 52 yd FG to lose by 2 at home. They led by DD's vs Auburn until a FG w/1:07 left. MSU trailed A&M 24-10 at half and lost by 13. They clobbered Troy 45-17 and after LTeach jumped out to a 14-0 lead, MSU outscored them 45-6. The Bulldogs dominated their East crossovers Kentucky and Missouri. Big plays did them in vs Bama as they had a 20-13 FD edge but lost by 25. MSU got a TD with 3:05 left to get past Ark by 1. Ole Miss won the Egg Bowl for a 2nd straight year. This time Miss St dominated the bowl beating NCSt 51-28 to finish 9-4 and #28.

ALSO ON ROSTER: RB Tierias Lampkin 5'9" 215 Jr DB Brandon Davis 5'9" 170 Sr QB Josiah Phillips 6'4" 236 So DL Devin Hadley 6'3" 240 Jr DB Zak Neary 6'1" 192 So RB Bennie Braswell 5'9" 170 Jr DL Rodney Lacy 5'11" 290 Sr DB Wyatt Powell 5'9" 193 Jr

PHIL'S FORECAST

OFFENSE - The Bulldogs go from just 4 ret str's to 5 but lose the straw that stirred the drink in QB Dak Prescott. LY was the 1st time s/78 that Miss St had a 1st Tm SEC QB and WR (Fred Ross). The run game struggled but with a more exp'd O-line they should be better. I don't see them matching the 35.7 ppg of '14-'15 without Prescott but they still could top 30 ppg.

DEFENSE - Manny Diaz's '15 D set the school record with 98 tfl with the old record being Joe Lee Dunn's '99 defense (95). New DC Sirmon inherits 6 of the top 7 tkl's from '15. Miss St has not allowed over 23.3 ppg in the last 6 yrs (21.7 ppg avg) and my computer (pg 42) is calling for 22.1 this year.

2016 - The Bulldogs have been to 6 consec bowl games under Mullen (4-2 in those). They were also the least penalized tm in the SEC in '15 (#7 in FBS). Miss St has outperformed the SEC media's expectations 4 straight years (picked last '15). The big question this year is who will replace QB Dak Prescott. Prescott took an inexp'd team to 9-4 (4-4 tie 5th SEC West) in '15. Watching the spring game, I thought Mullen had 4 capable QB's to choose from and the new guy should perform well, just not up to Prescott's standards. The D should be solid. The schedule is the best of the West as they draw Kentucky and South Carolina and are the only West team to avoid all 3 of the top East teams. They get Arkansas, Auburn and A&M all at home. Two of my 9 sets of power ratings are calling for a 9 win season and coach Mullen always gets the most out of his teams.

OFFENSE

JERSEY #
IN MAROON

2016 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

JERSEY #
IN MAROON

DEFENSE

QB 7 Nick Fitzgerald So. 6-5 227 PS#89.8 gm, 235 (79%, 3-0), 127 rush (5.5) LY. 11 Damian Williams (6'1" 228 Jr) PS#96. 1 st, 12 gm, 434 (53%, 3-2) F2Y. RS LY. 2 Elijah Staley (6'6" 248 So) PS#60. 14 Nick Tiano (6'4" 231 rFr).
RB 10 BRANDON HOLLOWAY SR. 5-8 165 PS#184, 24 gm, 371 (7.1), 272 KR (24.7) 2Y.8 st, 413 (4.5), 396 rec (12.0), 567 KR (23.6), 2nd Tm SEC KR LY. 32 Ashton Shumpert (6'2" 218 Sr) PS#27. 12 gm, 274 (5.8) '14 5 st, 228 (3.9) LY.
WR 6 Donald Gray Jr. 5-10 193 PS#5JC. 13 gm, 386 (18.4) LY. 85 Jonnas Spivey (6'0" 182 rFr) PS#120. 23 Keith Mixon (5'8" 175 rFr) PS#108. Nate Gieb (6'2" 175 So), Danoris McWilliams (5'11" 160 rFr).
WR 8 FRED ROSS SR. 6-2 207 PS#29. 11 gm, 115 (12.8) as true. 2 st, 489 (16.3) '14. 13 st, 1107 (11.4), 157 PR (10.5) LY. 35 Gabe Myles (6'0" 192 Jr) PS#161. 3 st, 178 (8.1) '14. 10 gm, 175 (14.6) LY. Jamal Couch is PS#55.
WR 22 Malik Dear So. 5-9 220 PS#23. 11 gm, 217 (9.9), 110 rush (10.0) as true. 86 Jesse Jackson (6'2" 210 So) PS#56. 12 gm LY. 18 Dedrick Thomas (5'9" 184 rFr) PS#79. Jefferson Teal (6'5" 200 Jr).
TE 84 Dontea Jones Fr. 6-4 250 PS#48. 81 Justin Johnson (6'3" 229 So) PS#109. 11 gm, 41 (8.2) as true. Jordan Thomas (6'6" 275 Jr) PS#48JC. 80 Aaron Hamaker (6'5" 253 So). 82 Farrod Green (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#62.
C 60 JAMAAL CLAYBORN JR. 6-4 315 PS#169. 7 gm as true. 4 gm '14. 12 st LY. 64 Jacquell Johnson (6'4" 300 Sr) PS#80JC. 7 gm LY. 69 Darryl Williams (6'2" 305 rFr) PS#76. LS 53 Hunter Bradley (6'3" 235 Sr) PS#195. 15 gm LY. 2.
RG 62 DEVON DESPER SR. 6-4 305 PS#128. 6 gm '13 to '14. 13 st last season. 72 Ronald Cochran (6'4" 308 So) PS#323. 4 gm last season. Stewart Reese (6'5" 340 Fr) PS#31. 79 Evans Wilkerson (6'5" 285 rFr).
LG 61 Deion Calhoun So. 6-3 303 PS#232. 1 st, 13 gm last season. 67 Michael Story (6'4" 305 rFr) PS#454. 54 Lawrence Brown (6'4" 292 Sr) PS#74TE. DNP last season. LS 59 Nathan Swanson (6'5" 210 rFr).
RT 58 JUSTIN SENIOR SR. 6-5 295 PS#418. 1 st LT, 11 gm Fr. 13 st at RT '14. 12 st at RT last season.
LT 75 Harrison Moon (6'4" 281 rFr) PS#160. Dareuan Parker (6'5" 326 Fr) PS#157. 65 Brett Armour (6'1" 262 rFr).
LS 55 Martinas Rankin Jr. 6-5 302 PS#10JC. RS last season. 74 Elgton Jenkins (6'4" 304 So) PS#278. 3 st (2LT, 1RT), 11 gm last season. Greg Eiland (6'7" 320 Fr) PS#108. LS 66 Joel Baldwin (6'3" 220 So) PS#11.
K 25 WESTIN GRAVES JR. 6-0 163 4 gm, 1 missed fg, 4-5 PAT '14. 13 st, 15 lbs 18's, 4/40, 52-54 PAT LY.
43 Logan Cooke (6'5" 216 Jr) PS#8. 44 punts (42.2), tm net 35.9 LY. 37 Bryce Brown (6'2" 180 So) W/O & RS LY.

DE 47 AJ JEFFERSON SR. 6-3 277 PS#117. 13 gm, 19 tkl, 4 tfl '13. 13 gm, 28 tkl, 7 tfl, 9 qbh '14. 13 st, 47 tkl, 5 sk, 8.5 tfl, 3 pbu, 7 qbh LY. 49 Torrey Dale (6'6" 270 Sr) PS#254. 26 gm, 15 tkl 3Y. 43 Fletcher Adams (6'2" 267 rFr) PS#36.
DT 88 NICK JAMES SR. 6-5 325 PS#44. 8 gm, 6 tkl as true. RS '13. 13 gm, 11 tkl '14. 10 st, 26 tkl, 3 tfl LY.
44 Nelson Adams (6'3" 310 Sr) PS#148. 13 gm, 11 tkl '13. 13 gm, 19 tkl, 5 qbh '14. 3 st, 25 tkl LY. Jeffery Simmons is PS#13.
DE 97 JONATHAN CALVIN SR. 6-3 263 PS#35JC. 1 st, 27 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 5 qbh LY. 34 Cory Thomas (6'5" 301 So) PS#84. 8 gm, 3 tkl LY. 95 Braxton Hoyett (6'3" 300 So) PS#219. 7 gm, 4 tkl LY. Kendall Jones (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#89.
WFR 57 Will Coleman Sr. 6-5 250 PS#55JC. 13 gm, 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. 3 Traver Jung (6'3" 225 Jr) PS#47JC.
DNP LY. 90 Grant Harris (6'3" 273 So) PS#113. Marquiss Spencer (6'4" 223 Fr) PS#68. Anfernee Perkins (6'3" 259 Fr).
MLB 44 Leo Lewis rFr. 6-2 240 PS#8. 50 Tim Washington (6'2" 198 Fr) PS#47. 28 DeAndre Ward (6'1" 217 Sr) 2 gm '13. 13 gm, 6 tkl '14. 13 gm, 17 tkl LY. Errol Thompson is PS#60. 56 Allen Perkins (6'0" 230 rFr).
MLB 39 RICHIE BROWN SR. 6-2 245 PS#70. 13 gm, 38 tkl, 3 tfl '13. 13 gm, 50 tkl, 3 pbu, 3 int '14. 13 st, 109 tkl, 6.5 sk, 6.5 tfl, 3 qbh, 3rd Tm SEC LY. 4 Gerri Green (6'4" 243 So) PS#31. 1 st, 49 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 3 pd LY.
ILB 45 JT Gray Jr. 6-0 196 PS#100. 6 gm, 9 tkl as true. 13 gm, 65 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 3 qbh LY. 46 Desmond Harris (6'4" 239 Jr) PS#156. 6 gm, 10 tkl '14. 7 gm, 9 tkl LY. 51 Kelan Chairs (6'0" 220 Jr) 7 gm, 5 tkl '14. 12 gm, 3 tkl LY.
CB 7 TOLANDO CLEVELAND SR. 6-0 190 PS#301. 25 gm, 38 tkl, 10 pd 2Y. 10 st, 42 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 3 pbu LY. 25 Lashard Durr (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#65JC. 30 Chris Stamps (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#100. Maurice Smithner (5'9" 178 rFr) PS#126.
CB 5 Cedric Jiles Sr. 5-10 182 PS#192. 3 st '13. DNP '14. 12 gm, 15 tkl LY. 9 Jamoral Graham (5'10" 173 Jr) PS#39. 9 gm at WR as true. 12 gm, 21 tkl LY. 24 Chris Rayford (6'0" 194 So) PS#203. 13 gm, 5 tkl LY.
SS 1 BRANDON BRYANT SO. 5-11 205 PS#185. L/8 st, 63 tkl, 3 pbu, 3 int LY. 17 Deontay Evans (5'10" 204 Sr) PS#77. 3 st, 53 tkl 2Y. 1 st, 33 tkl, 2 pbu LY. Hayes Walker (5'11" 195 So) PS#104. Alan Worsham (5'10" 190 Fr).
FS 11 KIVON COMAN SR. 6-3 196 PS#271. 13 gm, 15 tkl as true. 13 gm, 39 tkl, 6 pbu '14. 13 st, 76 tkl, 4 tfl, 8 pd LY. 12 Jamal Peters (6'2" 206 So) PS#8. 2 st, 25 tkl as true. 41 Mark McLaurin (6'2" 210 So) PS#162.
P 43 LOGAN COOKE JR. 6-5 216 PS#8. 9 gm, 10 punts (41.4), L/51, 39.5 tm net as true. 44 punts (42.2), L/65, tm net 35.9, 16 In20, 12 of 50+, 4 KO/2 TB LY. 37 Bryce Brown (6'2" 180 So). Michael Newman (5'10" 180 Sr).

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Starkville, MS

WEATHER ZIP: 39762

Enrollment: 20,873 (#13/#89)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 4.5

2016 Schedule Difficulty - #26

DATE OPPONENT

Sep. 3 South Alabama

Sep. 10 South Carolina

Sep. 17 at LSU

Sep. 24 at Massachusetts

Oct. 1

Oct. 8 Auburn

Oct. 14 at BYU (Fri)

Oct. 22 at Kentucky

Oct. 29 Samford

Nov. 5 Texas A&M

Nov. 12 at Alabama

Nov. 19 Arkansas

Nov. 26 at Mississippi

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CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Dak Prescott 9,376 '12-'15
2. Wayne Maddin 6,336 '98-'01
3. Kevin Fant 5,631 '00-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Anthony Dixon 3,994 '06-'09
2. Jerious Norwood 3,212 '02-'05
3. Walter Packer 2,820 '73-'76

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chad Bumphis 2,270 '09-'12
2. Marjorie McDole 2,214 '77-'80
3. David Smith 2,168 '68-'70

MSU is 2-0 incl a 35-3 win in the L/mtg ('14, 1st home sellout in USA history). MSU led 28-3 at HT w/a 293-165 yd edge. The Bulldogs are 9-5 in home openers but just 3-5 vs FBS opponents.

Bulldogs last win was in '99. In the L/mtg ('13) MSU lost 34-16 but had 23-12 FD & 385-307 yd edges. MSU had 5 TO's that resulted in 20 SC pts (just 95/199). Bulldogs are 13-4 vs SEC East teams s/09.

LTH MSU upset #8 LSU 34-29, their first win over LSU s/99. Bulldogs led 17-3 at HT & 34-10 early 4Q before LSU scored the final 19 (2 td's in L:1:55). MSU last won 2 str trips to Baton Rouge in '81 & '83.

First mtg. This gm will be played at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA (home of the NFL NE Patriots). The last time the Bulldogs dropped a road gm vs a non-P5 school was in '08 at Louisiana Tech 22-14.

Bulldogs are just 4-11 but the home tm is on a 4-1 run. LY MSU set the tone on the opening drive int'g AU at the MSU2 (AU 70/13p) & going 79/10p for a td. MSU led 14-0 at HT & 17-6 into the 4Q.

Visitor has won both prior mtg's. LTH ('00, also only prior trip) the Bulldogs won 44-28. Into '16, MSU is 7-1 s/09 in non-conf road/neutral reg ssn gms (only loss in Houston, TX to open '13 vs Oklahoma State).

Played every yr s/90, with MSU going 17-9 incl 7 str wins. LTH in MSU's first gm ranked #1, they never trailed but could not pull away as they were only up 17-10 at HT & never led by more than 14.

MSU is 16-1 all-time with the loss in 1909 (tie in '22). MSU won the L/mtg 43-0 but that was in 1963. Samford (Bulldogs) went 6-5 LY incl a 45-3 loss at Louisville. MSU is 11-0 vs the FCS s/04's loss vs Maine.

The home tm has won 3 str, all gms decided by DD's. LY the Bulldogs never led & trailed 24-10 at HT (outgd 293-185). The closest MSU got the entire 2H was 10 w/12:24 left, just 7 tll yds in their L/2 poss.

Bulldogs are just 1-8 in Tuscaloosa (lost 4 str). LTH Mississippi St trailed 19-0 but got within 5 w/15 left, their outside attempt failed. LY MSU won 3 SEC away gms, most in one ssn s/94 (under HC Sherrill).

MSU has won 4 str. LY (7 lead changes) Prescott had a record 508 passing yds (his 38th school record!). Down 6, MSU went 82/6pl to lead 51-50 w/3:05 left & blk'd a 29 yd fg w/39 after a 77/9pl UA drive.

LTH the Bulldogs led 10-7 in the 3Q but trailed 24-10 after giving up a 91 yd td run. MSU went on a 75/9pl td drive to make it 24-17 but then allowed a 72/2pl td drive w/9:14.

Down 14, MSU went 61/12pl but was SOD at the UM4.

DL Jeffery Simmons 6-4 275 PS#13
OL Stewart Reese 6-5 340 PS#31
DL Kobe Jones 6-4 262 PS#66
DL Marquiss Spencer 6-4 223 PS#68
RB Corey Charles 5-11 173 PS#36
WR Jamal Couch 6-5 222 PS#55LB
LB Erroll Thompson 6-2 245 PS#60
DB CJ Morgan 6-0 192 PS#84 IFS
CB Nero Nelson 5-11 170 PS#88WR
TE Christian Roberson 6-5 230 PS#33 IFS
TE Jordan Thomas 6-6 275 PS#48JC
OL Greg Eiland 6-7 320 PS#108
DB Cameron Dantzer 6-2 170 PS#131
DL Tre Brown 6-4 290 PS#63JC IFS
DB Lashard Durr 5-11 190 PS#65JC IFS
TE Dontae Jones 6-4 250 PS#48 IFS
OL Daequan Parker 6-5 326 PS#157
WR John Michael-Hankerson 6-1 170 PS#237

SIGNS TO WANT - 6 Ht - 5 Fts

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

ATTENDANCE

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2015 RECORDS

2016 RET STARTERS:

OFF: 5 DEF: 6

LETTERMEN (O/D/ST)

RET: 43 (18,22,3)

LOST: 17 (8,7,2)

SEC - WEST

WR FRED ROSS

LAST 5 BOWLS ALL-TIME RECORD 11-8

YR BOWL/TEAM RANK LINE OPPONENT SCORE

DAN MULLEN

PLAYING EXP: TE at Ursinus ('92-'93)

PRIOR HC EXP: None

8TH Year Here / 8TH Overall

2015 RECORDS

9-4

CONF: 4-4 (TIE #5-6 WEST)

2016 RET STARTERS:

OFF: 5 DEF: 6

LETTERMEN (O/D/ST)

RET: 43 (18,22,3)

LOST: 17 (8,7,2)

SEC - WEST

WR FRED ROSS



LAST 5 BOWLS ALL-TIME RECORD 11-8

YR	BOWL/TEAM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11	Music City	-6'	Wake Forest	23-17
12	Gator	-1	Northwestern - #21	20-34
13	Liberty	-7	Rice	44-7
14	Orange - #8	-6	Georgia Tech - #10	34-49
15	Belk	-4'	NC State	51-28

DAVIS WADE STADIUM - Grass

Built: 1914 - 61,337 (#39) - LY's Capacity: 100.7% (#10)

STRAIGHT UP	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	10yr Total
Home	3-9	8-5	4-8	5-7	9-4	7-6	8-5	7-6	10-3	9-4	70-57
Away	1-6	4-2	4-2	2-5	5-2	3-3	6-1	5-2	7-0	4-3	41-26
Neutral	2-3	3-3	0-6	3-2	3-2	3-3	2-3	1-3	3-2	4-1	24-28
vs Conf	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	5-3
vs Non-Conf	1-7	4-4	2-6	3-5	4-4	2-6	4-4	3-5	6-2	4-4	33-47
ATS	2-2	4-1	2-2	2-2	5-0	5-0	4-1	4-1	4-1	5-0	37-10
Home Fav	5-5	6-6	4-7	7-5	7-6	6-7	6-7	8-5	7-5	8-5	64-58-2
Home Dog	0-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	3-2	2-1	5-1	2-2	3-3	3-1	19-16
Away Fav	1-4	1-2	3-0	3-2	0-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	1-0	1-2	14-15
Away Dog	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-0	2-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	10-6-1
Neutral	4-0	1-1	0-4	2-2	1-2	0-2	0-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	17-17-1
vs Conf	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	4-4
vs Non-Conf	4-3	1-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-2	1-1	43-35-2
Off SU Win	1-2	3-1	0-3	2-2	3-2	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	21-23
Off SU Loss	3-0	3-3	1-3	2-2	4-4	3-3	4-4	3-3	5-4	1-3	33-29-1
Off SU Loss	2-4	1-3	3-3	4-3	2-2	2-4	1-3	5-1	1-1	3-1	26-24-1

2015 STATISTICAL LEADERS	2015 GAME-BY-GAME STATS
RUSHING	ATT GAIN LOST NET TO AVG
Dak Prescott	160 790 202 588 10 3.7
Brandon Holloway	92 428 15 413 0 4.5
Ashton Shumpert	59 247 19 228 1 3.9
Aeris Williams	40 216 10 206 3 5.2
Dontavien Lee	22 138 1 137 0 6.2
Nick Fitzgerald	23 137 10 127 3 5.5
Malik Dear	11 113 3 110 1 10.0
PASSING	ATT COM PCT YDS TO INT QBR
Dak Prescott	477 316 66.2 3793 29 5 151.0
Nick Fitzgerald	14 11 78.6 235 3 0 290.3
RECEIVING	REC YDS AVG TO LING
Fred Ross	88 1007 11.4 5 59
DeRunya Wilson	60 918 15.3 10 63
Fred Brown	27 412 15.3 3 48
Brandon Holloway	33 396 12.0 5 63
Donald Gray	21 386 18.4 2 54
Malik Dear	22 217 9.9 2 27
Gabe Myles	12 175 14.6 2 29
Darriin Hutcherson	16 164 10.2 1 24
Gus Walley	19 146 7.7 1 19
Ashton Shumpert	14 118 8.4 0 18
PUNTING	NO YDS AVG FC NET BLK H20
Logan Cooke	44 1856 42.2 20 35.9(1) 1(1)
KICKING	XP 1-29 30-39 40-49 50+ TLL