

WEEK THREE
ALABAMA AT OLE MISS

OXFORD, Miss. -- Tua Tagovailoa threw for 191 yards and two touchdowns, Jerry Jeudy caught two scoring passes and No. 1 Alabama buried Mississippi 62-7 on Saturday night.

Alabama (3-0) gave up a touchdown on the first play of the Southeastern Conference opener, but responded by scoring the next 62 points. The Tide's offense had 516 total yards and was so effective that Tagovailoa's evening was over by midway through the second quarter.

The left-handed sophomore completed 11 of 15 passes during his short time on the field. The Tide then turned to Jalen Hurts, who completed 7 of 10 passes for 85 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

It was so lopsided that third-string quarterback Mac Jones was in the game before the end of the third quarter. Alabama coach Nick Saban -- not known as one who gives out compliments easily -- had no complaints about how his team handled its first road game in a hostile environment.

"I'm going to have to give us a good grade in all those areas," Saban said. "I was pleased."

Ole Miss (2-1, 0-1) suffered through a second straight blowout loss to the Crimson Tide. The Rebels fell 66-3 last year in Tuscaloosa.

Jordan Ta'amu completed just 7 of 22 passes for 133 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

The game was in doubt for about 11 seconds. That's the time it took for Ta'amu to find D.K. Metcalf for a 75-yard touchdown on the first play of the game. Ole Miss had a 7-0 lead and a packed Vaught-Hemingway Stadium was rocking.

Alabama wouldn't be fooled again.

"We don't dwell on plays like that," Alabama defensive back Xavier McKinney said. "When that happened, we weren't down about it. We just kept going, kept playing and I feel like we did a great job."

The Tide scored 49 points by halftime, doing whatever it wanted against the Ole Miss defense. There were plenty of clues the Rebels would struggle to slow down the Tide -- including giving up 629 total yards to Southern Illinois last week -- but the onslaught was still stunning.

"We knew we'd have to capitalize off turnovers and execute to make it a four quarter game," Ole Miss coach Matt Luke said. "We didn't do that. We had chances early."

THE TAKEAWAY

Very few people expected Ole Miss to win this game, but a decently close outcome might have built some confidence for the Rebels. Obviously, that didn't happen. The Ole Miss defense has been brutal through three games this season and the offense -- other than the first 75-yard touchdown -- looked out of sync. The Rebels will try to regroup next week against Kent State.

Alabama breezed to its first win of the season, and its most impressive feat was slowing down an Ole Miss offense that looked so good for the season's first two weeks. The secondary was burned on the opening play, but when Ole Miss tried another deep ball on the next drive, Trevon Diggs knocked it away and the Tide cruised to a dominant performance.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
ALA	28	21	10	3	62
MISS	7	0	0	0	7

Scoring Summary -----

	ALA	MISS
FIRST QUARTER		
MISS TD 14:49		
D.K. Metcalf 75 Yd pass from Jordan Ta'amu (Luke Logan Kick)		
1 play, 75 yards, 0:11	0	7
ALA TD 13:39		
Damien Harris 43 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
3 plays, 72 yards, 1:10	7	7
ALA TD 9:51		
Jerry Jeudy 79 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
3 plays, 80 yards, 0:59	14	7
ALA TD 5:43		
Najee Harris 10 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
6 plays, 62 yards, 2:26	21	7
ALA TD 4:40		
Irv Smith Jr. 12 Yd pass from Tua Tagovailoa (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
3 plays, 15 yards, 0:50	8	7
SECOND QUARTER		
ALA TD 7:18		
Josh Jacobs 4 Yd Run (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
4 plays, 52 yards, 1:44	35	7
ALA TD 4:36		
Jerry Jeudy 22 Yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
3 plays, 30 yards, 0:54	42	7
ALA TD 0:55		
Henry Ruggs III 13 Yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
7 plays, 50 yards, 1:52	49	7
THIRD QUARTER		
ALA FG 11:49		
Joseph Bulovas 20 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 21 yards, 3:11	52	7
ALA TD 5:04		
Xavier McKinney 30 Yd Interception Return (Joseph Bulovas Kick)		
4 plays, 20 yards, 1:50	59	7
FOURTH QUARTER		
ALA FG 12:16		
Joseph Bulovas 44 Yd Field Goal		
13 plays, 46 yards, 6:16	62	7

Team Stats	ALA	MISS
First Downs	27	9
Total Yards	516	248
Total Plays	72	59
Avg Gain Per Play	7.2	4.2
Net Yards Rushing	210	115
Rushes	44	37
Yards Per Rush	4.8	3.1
Net Yards Passing	306	133
Comp-Att	19-28	7-22
Yards Per Pass	10.9	6.0
Times Sacked	1	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	-16
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	2	9
Punt Average	37.0	40.6
Penalties	8	8
Penalty Yards	60	67
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	34:20	25:40

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
ALA	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
34 Damien Harris	5	62	12.4	43	1	
13 Tua Tagovailoa	5	47	9.4	15	0	
22 Najee Harris	9	38	4.2	10	1	
24 Brian Robinson Jr.	10	32	3.2	13	0	
2 Jalen Hurts	4	20	5.0	11	0	
8 Josh Jacobs	6	18	3.0	10	1	
5 Ronnie Clark	1	1	1.0	1	0	
27 Jerome Ford	2	0	0.0	1	0	
10 Mac Jones	1	-7	-7.0	0	0	
MISS	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
22 Scottie Phillips	12	44	3.7	12	0	
26 Isaiah Woullard	7	29	4.1	12	0	
4 Tylan Knight	8	20	2.5	6	0	
10 Jordan Ta'amu	8	19	2.4	21	0	
29 Armani Linton	2	3	1.5	3	0	

PASSING

ALA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
13 Tua Tagovailoa	11	15	191	12.7	2	0	224.3
2 Jalen Hurts	7	10	85	8.5	2	1	187.4
10 Mac Jones	1	3	30	10.0	0	0	117.3
MISS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
10 Jordan Ta'amu	7	22	133	6.0	1	2	79.4

RECEIVING

ALA	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
4 Jerry Jeudy	3	136	45.3	79	2
82 Irv Smith Jr.	3	42	14.0	17	1
17 Jaylen Waddle	1	30	30.0	30	0
6 Devonta Smith	3	28	9.3	17	0
11 Henry Ruggs III	3	25	8.3	13	1
34 Damien Harris	4	23	5.8	12	0
8 Josh Jacobs	1	18	18.0	18	0
84 Hale Hentges	1	4	4.0	4	0
MISS	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
14 D.K. Metcalf	2	92	46.0	75	1
1 A.J. Brown	4	34	8.5	13	0
5 DaMarkus Lodge	1	7	7.0	7	0
8 Elijah Moore	0	0	-	-	0