

WEEK FOUR
KENT STATE AT OLE MISS

OXFORD, Miss. -- Jordan Ta'amu threw for 442 yards, two touchdowns and ran for another score to lead Mississippi over Kent State 38-17 on Saturday.

Ole Miss (3-1) had some good moments, especially in the second half, but struggled to shake the malaise from last week's 62-7 loss to No. 1 Alabama. The Rebels and Golden Flashes went into halftime tied at 7.

The game had two delays for lightning, a 53-minute stoppage at the beginning of the second half and another 1-hour, 43-minute delay in the fourth quarter.

Kent State (1-3) pulled within 21-17 midway through the third quarter on Woody Barrett's 2-yard touchdown run, but couldn't get closer. Ole Miss responded with two lengthy offensive drives that added 10 points and gave the Rebels a comfortable advantage.

Barrett completed 24 of 42 passes for 224 yards and an interception. He also ran for 53 yards, including the 2-yard touchdown.

Ole Miss got off to a decent start when Ta'amu threw a short swing pass to Scottie Phillips, who ran for a 38-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead. But then the Rebels' offense inexplicably went cold.

The usual long passes from Ta'amu to his talented receivers weren't connecting and the running game wasn't able to offset that problem. That kept the Golden Flashes in the game, but they weren't able to totally capitalize.

Kent State had 264 total yards in the first half, but managed just one touchdown. It came on a Barrett lateral to Kavious Price, who threw for an 18-yard touchdown to a wide open Jo-El Shaw.

Ole Miss' D.K. Metcalf caught five passes for 102 yards, including a stunning one-handed catch on a 41-yard touchdown. A.J. Brown caught seven passes for 96 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kent State is certainly battle tested after playing Illinois, Penn State and Ole Miss in nonconference play. The Golden Flashes had some opportunities to put a lot of pressure on Ole Miss during the first half, but squandered too many opportunities to get a win over an SEC team.

Ole Miss will certainly take the win, but the team's strengths and weaknesses haven't really changed. The Rebels' offense can be awesome, and D.K. Metcalf's one-handed catch on a 41-yard touchdown will certainly make the highlight reels, but the defense still looks too inconsistent for Ole Miss to have much success in SEC play.

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KENT	0	7	10	0	17
MISS	7	0	17	14	38

Scoring Summary -----

	KENT	MISS
FIRST QUARTER		
MISS TD 11:20		
J. Ta'amu pass, to S. Phillips for 38 yds for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)	0	7
6 plays, 77 yards, 1:41		
SECOND QUARTER		
KENT TD 12:28		
K. Price pass, to J. Shaw for 18 yds for a TD, (M. Trickett KICK)	7	7
5 plays, 85 yards, 1:23		
THIRD QUARTER		
MISS TD 13:20		
S. Phillips run for 2 yds for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)		14
5 plays, 76 yards, 1:35	7	
KENT FG 11:00		
M. Trickett 32 yd FG GOOD	10	14
8 plays, 50 yards, 2:20		
MISS TD 10:18		
J. Ta'amu pass, to D. Metcalf for 41 yds for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)	10	21
2 plays, 71 yards, 0:32		
KENT TD 6:45		
W. Barrett run for 2 yds for a TD, (M. Trickett KICK)		21
11 plays, 53 yards, 3:23	17	
MISS FG 0:03		
L. Logan 27 yd FG GOOD		24
13 plays, 65 yards, 4:42	17	
FOURTH QUARTER		
MISS TD 9:55		
J. Ta'amu run for 4 yds for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)		31
7 plays, 88 yards, 2:40	17	
MISS TD 7:06		
I. Woullard run for 7 yds for a TD, (L. Logan KICK)		38
5 plays, 34 yards, 2:19	17	

Team Stats	KENT	MISS
First Downs	23	26
Total Yards	390	651
Total Plays	84	75
Avg Gain Per Play	4.6	8.7
Net Yards Rushing	148	209
Rushes	41	37
Yards Per Rush	3.6	5.6
Net Yards Passing	242	442
Comp-Att	25-43	28-38
Yards Per Pass	5.6	11.6
Times Sacked	2	7
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	-43
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	5	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	8
Penalty Yards	55	90
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	27:52	32:08

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
KENT					
Justin Rankin	15	64	4.3	0	26
Woody Barrett	19	53	2.8	1	18
Jo-El Shaw	5	22	4.4	0	14
Trey Harrell	1	12	12.0	0	12
Will Matthews	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
MISS					
Scottie Phillips	19	112	5.9	1	21
Tylan Knight	6	62	10.3	0	41
Eric Swinney	2	19	9.5	0	22
Isaiah Woullard	4	16	4.0	1	7
Jordan Ta'amu	6	0	0.0	1	4

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
KENT							
Woody Barrett	24	42	224	5.3	0	1	97.2
Kavious Price	1	1	18	18.0	1	0	581.2
MISS							
Jordan Ta'amu	28	38	442	11.6	2	1	183.5

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
KENT					
Mike Carrigan	6	88	14.7	0	49
Trey Harrell	5	55	11.0	0	29
Antwan Dixon	6	36	6.0	0	12
Jo-El Shaw	2	33	16.5	1	18
Isaiah McKoy	3	30	10.0	0	16
Justin Rankin	1	9	9.0	0	9
Adam Dulka	1	2	2.0	0	2
Woody Barrett	1	-11	-11.0	0	0
MISS					
D.K. Metcalf	5	102	20.4	1	41
A.J. Brown	7	96	13.7	0	42
DaMarkus Lodge	6	81	13.5	0	30
Dawson Knox	2	79	39.5	0	45
Scottie Phillips	2	44	22.0	1	38
Elijah Moore	4	30	7.5	0	11
Isaiah Woullard	1	6	6.0	0	6
Alex Weber	1	4	4.0	0	4