

WEEK FOUR  
SOUTHERN MISS AT AUBURN

AUBURN, Ala. -- Jarrett Stidham threw for 245 yards and two touchdowns and No. 10 Auburn beat Southern Miss 24-13 on Saturday night in a game disrupted for nearly three hours by lightning.

Playing behind a shuffled offensive line, Stidham completed 19 of 33 attempts, including touchdowns of 46 yards to Seth Williams and 2 yards to Chandler Cox, while enduring three sacks.

The Tigers (4-1) had built a 14-3 lead in the first half before the game was delayed for two hours, 44 minutes at the 4:27 mark of the second quarter as lightning forced players and fans to take shelter.

Williams finished with two receptions for 60 yards, including the freshman's first career score. Darius Slayton led Auburn with five catches for 91 yards.

"The big thing is consistency," said Auburn head coach Gus Malzahn. "We did hit a couple big plays. We talked about the need for more explosive plays . but it's just the overall consistency."

Stidham was forced to work behind a shuffling offensive line. Freshman Nick Brahm made his second straight start at center only to be replaced by Kaleb Kim, who started the team's first three games. Both of Auburn's starting tackles were also helped to the locker room in the second half. Left tackle Prince Tega Wanogho was replaced by junior Bailey Sharp, and right tackle Jack Driscoll by freshman Calvin Ashley.

The Tigers' ground game produced just 96 yards as Auburn failed to break the 100-yard mark in back-to-back games for the first time since 2012. JaTarvious Whitlow left the game with a shoulder injury before the delay and returned without pads. Junior Kam Martin led the Tigers with 90 yards on 24 carries.

"Anytime you can run the football, it really helps everything else," Malzahn said. "We had trouble running tonight . it got ugly with our protection when they knew we were passing the football."

Entering the game as the No. 8 passing offense in the nation, Southern Miss (2-2) relied heavily on sophomore quarterback Jack Abraham, who completed 30 of 44 passes for 215 yards, a score and two interceptions. Auburn limited the Golden Eagles to 45 yards on the ground.

THE TAKEAWAY

Southern Miss held Auburn to its lowest yards per rush average (2.7) since Week 2 of last season. The team came in with two sacks before tallying three Saturday.

Auburn was flagged nine times for 78 yards after leading the conference in penalty yardage entering the game.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
USM	0	3	3	7	13
AUB	7	7	7	0	21

Scoring Summary -----

	USM	AUB
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
AUB TD 3:39		
J. Stidham pass,to S. Williams for 46 yds for a TD, (A. Carlson KICK)	0	7
2 plays, 47 yards, 0:39		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
USM FG 12:51		
P. Shaunfield 44 yd FG GOOD	3	7
7 plays, 20 yards, 2:47		
AUB TD 6:43		
A. Schwartz run for 6 yds for a TD, (A. Carlson KICK)	3	14
13 plays, 73 yards, 6:07		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
USM FG 7:20		
P. Shaunfield 51 yd FG GOOD	6	14
11 plays, 63 yards, 4:15		
AUB TD 5:39		
J. Stidham pass,to C. Cox for 2 yds for a TD, (A. Carlson KICK)	6	21
4 plays, 71 yards, 1:41		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
USM TD 13:47		
J. Abraham pass,to Q. Watkins for 12 yds for a TD, (P. Shaunfield KICK)	13	21
6 plays, 65 yards, 2:12		

Team Stats	USM	AUB
First Downs	12	19
Total Yards	226	332
Total Plays	60	66
Avg Gain Per Play	3.8	5.0
Net Yards Rushing	48	87
Rushes	20	33
Yards Per Rush	2.4	2.6
Net Yards Passing	178	245
Comp-Att	26-40	19-33
Yards Per Pass	4.5	7.4
Times Sacked	3	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-26	-9
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	7	8
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	9
Penalty Yards	46	78
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	27:21	30:14

Individual Stats

RUSHING

USM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
De'Michael Harris	2	25	12.5	0	24
Trivenskey Mosley	4	25	6.3	0	17
Darian Yancey	1	7	7.0	0	7
Tez Parks	5	5	1.0	0	4
Kwadra Griggs	1	2	2.0	0	2
Steven Anderson	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Jack Abraham	5	-2	-0.4	0	4
Tim Jones	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
- Team	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Demarrio Smith	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
AUB	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kam Martin	24	90	3.8	0	13
JaTarvious Whitlow	4	23	5.8	0	15
Anthony Schwartz	2	8	4.0	1	6
Shaun Shivers	2	1	0.5	0	4
Jarrett Stidham	4	-26	-6.5	0	0

PASSING

USM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jack Abraham	26	40	178	4.4	1	2	100.6
AUB	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jarrett Stidham	19	33	245	7.4	2	0	139.9

RECEIVING

USM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Quez Watkins	4	48	12.0	1	24
Jaylond Adams	8	47	5.9	0	28
Tim Jones	4	38	9.5	0	21
Jay'Shawn Washington	1	21	21.0	0	21
Tez Parks	2	20	10.0	0	13
Tate Whatley	1	7	7.0	0	7
Trivenskey Mosley	5	3	0.6	0	3
Jordan Mitchell	1	1	1.0	0	1
De'Michael Harris	1	0	0.0	0	0
AUB	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Darius Slayton	5	91	18.2	0	53
Seth Williams	2	60	30.0	1	46
Malik Miller	1	30	30.0	0	30
JaTarvious Whitlow	2	20	10.0	0	15
Kam Martin	1	17	17.0	0	17
Sal Cannella	3	16	5.3	0	7
Ryan Davis	2	12	6.0	0	9
Asa Martin	1	3	3.0	0	3
Chandler Cox	1	2	2.0	1	2
Shaun Shivers	1	-6	-6.0	0	0