

**WEEK SIX
UL MONROE AT OLE MISS**

OXFORD, Miss. -- Mississippi coach Matt Luke believed his Rebels had not lost confidence despite disappointing performances against Alabama and LSU in Southeastern Conference competition. As it turned out, he was absolutely correct.

"We had shown flashes of being really good offensively, even in our losses. Today, we were really consistent," said Ole Miss coach Matt Luke, as the Rebels scored touchdowns on their opening nine possessions Saturday in a 70-21 win over Louisiana-Monroe.

Jordan Ta'amu was 21-of-24 for 374 yards and accounted for five touchdowns. Ta'amu threw touchdown passes to A.J. Brown, D.K. Metcalf and DaMarkus Lodge for 20, 62 and 16 yards, respectively. Ta'amu added touchdown runs of 1 and 39 yards, individually accounting for 437 yards of total offense before sitting out the second half.

"I'm very, very proud of Jordan," Luke said. "Am I excited about the way we started offensively? Absolutely I am. I could sense our team's focus and confidence was there. They were disappointed by how they had played, but I sensed they still felt good about themselves and our goals."

The Rebels (4-2) scored on drives of 78, 61, 97, 66, 72 and 74 yards to build an insurmountable 49-7 halftime lead.

Ole Miss freshman quarterback Matt Corral extended the touchdown streak to nine with drives of 75 and 92 yards in the third quarter. Corral passed 11 yards to Phillips before breaking a 61-yard run to cap the opening touchdown series. Corral finished the scoring with a 24-yard TD pass to Elijah Moore.

Corral finished 10-of-10 passing for 143 yards and had six rushes for a game-high 78 yards.

"Matt looked really good on those scoring drives to open the second half," Luke said. "What I saw in him today was really strong, really positive."

ULM (2-4, 0-2 Sun Belt Conference) dropped its fourth consecutive game and never seriously threatened. The Warhawks pulled within 28-7 on an 11-yard scoring run by Derrick Gore. Marcus Green scored on a 71-yard punt return and reserve quarterback Colby Suits threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Zachari Jackson in the second half.

"From an offensive standpoint, I thought we could move the ball and we did," ULM coach Matt Viator said. "We never really got into a rhythm. We just didn't finish enough drives."

Caleb Evans was 17-of-28 passing for 206 yards and rushed for 37 yards on 13 carries. The Warhawks finished with 427 yards of offense, but they were largely ineffective in the red zone. R.J. Turner had five receptions for 112 yards.

The Rebels finished with a school-record 826 yards of total offense, 536 in the first half. Lodge and Brown had nine catches apiece for 179 and 133 yards, respectively. Metcalf added four receptions for 115 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Louisiana-Monroe: Green, with four career kickoff-return touchdowns, was impressive as a receiver and returner. The nifty punt return touchdown highlighted a 198-yard performance in all-purpose yards, including a team-high seven receptions for 60 yards.

Ole Miss: Lost in the overwhelming offensive performance were encouraging signs of improvement by the Rebels defense. Ole Miss stopped ULM twice in the red zone, had 11 tackles for loss, five sacks and forced three fumbles. Donta Evans and Kevontae Ruggs had fumble recoveries.

OFFENSE TO DEFENSE

Injuries forced the conversion of Armani Linton and Tylan Knight from the Ole Miss offense to the defensive secondary. Both responded impressively and disrupted ULM with speed on the pass rush. Knight had three tackles and a quarterback hurry. Linton had six tackles, including a sack, 1.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry.

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ULM	0	7	7	7	21
MISS	21	28	14	7	70

Scoring Summary -----

QUARTER	TIME	TEAM	YARDS	PTS
FIRST QUARTER		ULM		
MISS	TD 10:58			
	Scottie Phillips 2 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		0	7
	6 plays, 78 yards, 1:35			
MISS	TD 7:49			
	A.J. Brown 20 Yd pass from Jordan Ta'amu (Luke Logan Kick)		0	14
	6 plays, 61 yards, 2:13			
MISS	TD 1:18			
	Jordan Ta'amu 1 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		0	21
	10 plays, 97 yards, 3:09			
SECOND QUARTER		ULM		
MISS	TD 12:13			
	Jordan Ta'amu 39 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		0	28
	5 plays, 66 yards, 2:00			
ULM	TD 9:35			
	Derrick Gore 11 Yd Run (Craig Ford Kick)		7	28
	7 plays, 75 yards, 2:38			
MISS	TD 7:07			
	Scottie Phillips 1 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		7	35
	8 plays, 72 yards, 2:21			
MISS	TD 1:43			
	D.K. Metcalf 62 Yd pass from Jordan Ta'amu (Luke Logan Kick)		7	42
	2 plays, 74 yards, 0:30			
ULM	TD 0:04			
	DaMarkus Lodge 16 Yd pass from Jordan Ta'amu (Luke Logan Kick)		7	49
	6 plays, 98 yards, 1:03			
THIRD QUARTER		ULM		
MISS	TD 13:51			
	Scottie Phillips 11 Yd pass from Matt Corral (Luke Logan Kick)		7	56
	4 plays, 75 yards, 1:09			
MISS	TD 10:04			
	Matt Corral 61 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		7	63
	2 plays, 92 yards, 0:29			
ULM	TD 4:59			
	Marcus Green 71 Yd Punt Return (Craig Ford Kick)		14	63
	3 plays, 5 yards, 1:59			
FOURTH QUARTER		ULM		
MISS	TD 12:38			
	Elijah Moore 24 Yd pass from Matt Corral (Luke Logan Kick)		14	70
	11 plays, 75 yards, 7:21			
ULM	TD 1:25			
	Zachari Jackson 8 Yd pass from Colby Suits (Craig Ford Kick)		21	70
	12 plays, 86 yards, 4:07			

Team Stats	ULM	MISS
First Downs	25	35
Total Yards	427	826
Total Plays	76	72
Avg Gain Per Play	5.6	11.5
Net Yards Rushing	130	309
Rushes	38	38
Yards Per Rush	3.4	8.1
Net Yards Passing	297	517
Comp-Att	23-38	31-34
Yards Per Pass	7.8	15.2
Times Sacked	1	5
Yds Lost To Sacks	-4	-41
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	4	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	2	7
Penalty Yards	15	73
Fumbles	3	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Possession	29:42	30:18

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
Player	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
ULM					
Derrick Gore	10	52	5.2	1	20
Caleb Evans	13	37	2.8	0	21
Markis McCray	2	12	6.0	0	7
Javin Myers	3	12	4.0	0	9
Josh Johnson	3	11	3.7	0	6
Colby Suits	4	8	2.0	0	12
Kayin White	1	0	0.0	0	0
Austin Vaughn	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
MISS					
Matt Corral	6	78	13.0	1	61
Scottie Phillips	12	74	6.2	2	29
Jordan Ta'amu	6	63	10.5	2	39
Isaiah Woullard	2	54	27.0	0	46
KeShun Wells	4	21	5.3	0	11
Eric Swinney	8	19	2.4	0	8

PASSING						
Player	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int
ULM						
Caleb Evans	17	28	206	7.4	0	0
Colby Suits	6	10	91	9.1	1	0
MISS						
Jordan Ta'amu	21	24	374	15.6	3	0
Matt Corral	10	10	143	14.3	2	0

RECEIVING						
Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	QBRat
ULM						
R.J. Turner	5	112	22.4	0	35	
Marcus Green	7	60	8.6	0	18	
Perry Carter Jr.	2	55	27.5	0	38	
Zachari Jackson	2	20	10.0	1	12	
Darius Rodrigue	2	16	8.0	0	9	
Austin Vaughn	1	15	15.0	0	15	
D'Marius Gillespie	1	14	14.0	0	14	
Tyler Lamm	1	6	6.0	0	6	
Derrick Gore	2	-1	-0.5	0	2	
MISS						
DaMarkus Lodge	9	179	19.9	1	51	
A.J. Brown	9	133	14.8	1	31	
D.K. Metcalf	4	115	28.8	1	62	
Elijah Moore	4	59	14.8	1	24	
Miles Battle	1	12	12.0	0	12	
Scottie Phillips	1	11	11.0	1	11	
Dawson Knox	1	7	7.0	0	7	
Eric Swinney	1	1	1.0	0	1	
Alex Weber	1	0	0.0	0	0	