

WEEK SEVEN
OLE MISS AT ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. -- Jordan Ta'amu might have only started 12 games under center for Mississippi, but he's helped guide one of the top offenses in the country during that stretch.

The Rebels senior added yet another dramatic late comeback to his growing resume on Saturday night, helping Ole Miss (5-2, 1-2 Southeastern Conference) rally for a 37-33 win over Arkansas.

Ta'amu accounted for 528 yards of total offense in the win, 387 yards through air and another 141 on the ground. It was his play on a game-winning 97-yard drive in the closing minutes, however, that helped the Rebels overcome a 17-point deficit once and for all -- much like a year ago in a late victory at Kentucky.

After starting the drive at its own 3 with 2:02 remaining, Ta'amu quickly completed passes of 20 and 48 yards to move Ole Miss into Arkansas territory. He then rushed for 15 yards, and Scottie Phillips followed with a pair of runs -- including the game-winning 5-yard run -- to cap the comeback.

"It was so similar to Kentucky last year," Ta'amu said. "The clock is just a clock, and our offense is fast. As soon as we stepped on the field, I had confidence in myself and my team."

Ta'amu's single-game total yardage is the second most in Ole Miss history, trailing only a 540-yard effort by Archie Manning.

Not bad company for the former junior college quarterback who has quickly vaulted himself among the SEC's best in his first full year as the starter. Ta'amu completed 26 of 35 passes and a pair of touchdowns in the win, and he needed 17 rushes on his way to a career-best effort on the ground.

"For him to lead a comeback this year and have that many yards rushing and passing, that's a pretty special night," Ole Miss coach Matt Luke said.

Ty Storey was 12-of-16 passing for 122 yards and a score and also rushed for 70 yards before leaving the game in the second half with an injury for Arkansas (1-6, 0-4). The Razorbacks have now lost six straight games after an opening victory under first-year coach Chad Morris.

Rakeem Boyd added 109 yards rushing on only seven carries before leaving the game with an injury in the second quarter for Arkansas.

"(Ta'amu) had a heck of a night," Morris said. "His ability to see the field when the pocket collapses around him, and keep his eyes open and eyes down the field, that's why he's one of the top quarterbacks in our league."

THE TAKEAWAY

Ole Miss entered the game having scored at least 70 points in a game twice this season but still in search of its first SEC victory. The Rebels now have that win in large part to Ta'amu, who helped Ole Miss put an end to a four-game losing streak to Arkansas and gave the school renewed hope after SEC losses to Alabama and LSU. "I think this is one of my most complete games," Ta'amu said. "I was just being smart with the ball and making right decisions and right reads."

INJURED HOGS

Storey came out of the game briefly in the first half after taking a big hit on a catch he made on a throwback. The junior was unable to return to the game after taking another hit from Ole Miss' Zedrick Woods early in the fourth quarter. Cole Kelley replaced Storey under center for the Razorbacks, who were already without Boyd and running back Devwah Whaley because of injuries and were unable to score again in the game.

Morris said Boyd injured his back and Whaley an ankle in the game, and he said Storey's status moving forward would be reevaluated on Sunday.

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MISS	3	14	7	13	37
ARK	17	10	6	0	33

Scoring Summary -----

	MISS	ARK
FIRST QUARTER		
MISS FG 12:49		
Luke Logan 36 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 56 yards, 2:11	3	0
ARK FG 7:41		
Connor Limpert 43 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 50 yards, 5:08	3	3
ARK TD 3:24		
Cheyenne O'Grady 39 Yd pass from Ty Storey (Connor Limpert Kick)		
7 plays, 78 yards, 3:01	3	10
ARK TD 0:31		
Rakeem Boyd 69 Yd Run (Connor Limpert Kick)		
3 plays, 80 yards, 1:04	3	17
SECOND QUARTER		
MISS TD 12:23		
Jordan Ta'amu 18 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:08	10	17
ARK TD 10:50		
La'Michael Pettway 39 Yd pass from Cole Kelley (Connor Limpert Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:33	10	24
ARK FG 2:36		
Connor Limpert 38 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 52 yards, 4:27	10	27
MISS TD 0:33		
DaMarkus Lodge 6 Yd pass from Jordan Ta'amu (Luke Logan Kick)		
10 plays, 77 yards, 2:03	17	27
THIRD QUARTER		
ARK FG 9:28		
Connor Limpert 38 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 55 yards, 5:32	17	30
MISS TD 7:29		
Octavious Cooley 66 Yd pass from Jordan Ta'amu (Luke Logan Kick)		
5 plays, 79 yards, 1:59	24	30
ARK FG 2:33		
Connor Limpert 36 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 57 yards, 4:56	24	33
FOURTH QUARTER		
MISS TD 4:15		
Isaiah Woullard 2 Yd Run (Luke Logan Kick)		
10 plays, 84 yards, 2:54	31	33
MISS TD 0:42		
Scottie Phillips 5 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
7 plays, 97 yards, 1:20	37	33

Team Stats	MISS	ARK
First Downs	32	27
Total Yards	611	476
Total Plays	73	70
Avg Gain Per Play	8.4	6.8
Net Yards Rushing	224	299
Rushes	38	48
Yards Per Rush	5.9	6.2
Net Yards Passing	387	177
Comp-Att	26-35	15-22
Yards Per Pass	11.1	8.0
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-8	-4
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	1	2
Punt Average	35.0	47.5
Penalties	4	5
Penalty Yards	50	65
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	24:42	35:18

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
10 Jordan Ta'amu	17	141	8.3	27	1
22 Scottie Phillips	18	86	4.8	16	1
26 Isaiah Woullard	2	-1	-0.5	2	1
ARK					
5 Rakeem Boyd	7	109	15.6	69	1
4 Ty Storey	9	70	7.8	23	0
21 Devwah Whaley	12	67	5.6	16	0
2 Chase Hayden	12	30	2.5	17	0
15 Cole Kelley	7	25	3.6	11	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
10 Jordan Ta'amu	26	35	387	11.1	2	1	180.3
ARK							
4 Ty Storey	12	16	122	7.6	1	0	159.7
15 Cole Kelley	2	5	60	12.0	1	1	166.8
1 Jared Cornelius	1	1	-5	-5.0	0	00	58.0

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
15 Octavious Cooley	2	85	42.5	66	1
5 DaMarkus Lodge	10	80	8.0	12	1
9 Dawson Knox	2	65	32.5	48	0
1 A.J. Brown	6	64	10.7	20	0
14 D.K. Metcalf	1	49	49.0	49	0
13 Braylon Sanders	3	35	11.7	18	0
26 Isaiah Woullard	1	11	11.0	11	0
22 Scottie Phillips	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
ARK					
16 La'Michael Pettway	3	77	25.7	39	1
85 Cheyenne O'Grady	3	41	13.7	39	1
5 Rakeem Boyd	2	36	18.0	38	0
8 Michael Woods	2	14	7.0	9	0
21 Devwah Whaley	2	9	4.5	5	0
3 Deon Stewart	2	5	2.5	5	0
4 Ty Storey	1	-5	-5.0	0	0