

WEEK EIGHT
MEMPHIS AT MISSOURI

COLUMBIA, Mo. -- Defense came at a premium in Missouri's homecoming game against Memphis. The teams combined for 68 points in the first half, and continued to keep the scoreboard operator busy in the second.

When it was all said and done, Missouri rolled over Memphis. Drew Lock threw for 350 yards and four touchdowns on 23-for-29 passing, and Missouri defeated Memphis 65-33 in its homecoming game on Saturday.

After losing three straight Southeastern Conference contests, Missouri (4-3) responded with a much-needed victory. It jumped out to a 21-0 lead less than six minutes into the game, and never relinquished it.

"I thought the offensive staff leading up to today, they did a heck of a job of putting together a game plan, finding a way to get us some matchups," Missouri coach Barry Odom said. "Some one-on-one matchups. And formationally, we were able to do some things that really gave us an advantage."

Albert Okwuegbunam took advantage of one-on-one coverage multiple times throughout the contest. He caught six passes for 159 yards and three touchdowns and Jalen Knox had five catches for 104 yards and a score.

All of Memphis' scoring came without star running back Darrell Henderson, who exited the game after four carries in the first quarter. He was seen riding on a stationary bike and left to the locker room in the second quarter.

Henderson entered the game leading the nation with 1,133 rushing yards, 15 total touchdowns and 10.3 yards per carry. Tony Pollard and Patrick Taylor Jr. split carries the rest of the way, and Memphis' rushing attack was limited to 4.6 yards per carry.

Missouri sprinted out of the gates by blocking a punt on Memphis' first drive and Christian Holmes intercepted Brady White's pass for a 42-yard touchdown return on Memphis' second drive.

Memphis (4-4) climbed back with 17 straight points, but Missouri responded with 20 consecutive of its own. Missouri's defense slowed down the visiting Tigers in the second half, and the home Tigers cruised to their first victory since Sept. 15 against Purdue.

THE TAKEAWAY

Memphis: Contrary to its close game against No. 10 Central Florida last week, Memphis looked thoroughly outplayed against Missouri. Memphis fans will be closely watching the status of Henderson's injury.

"Not the showing we wanted to have," Memphis coach Mike Norvell said. "Got off to a slow start, turned the ball over, had miscues in every phase and gave up too many explosive plays defensively and had some missed assignments that really cost us."

Missouri: The Tigers broke out of their three-game losing streak in a big way. Lock and the Missouri offense found its form, and the Tigers look to carry momentum into the second half of SEC play.

TURNING POINT

After 17 unanswered Memphis points, Missouri faced a fourth-and-1 on its own 34. Lock completed a pass to Jonathon Johnson. The next play was a 58-yard touchdown pass to Albert Okwuegbunam. Missouri scored 20 consecutive points to open up its lead.

"It's a pretty gutsy call," Lock said. "The tides turned. We picked that up, we scored. Came back, scored again. The momentum swung in our way. It was a big point in the game."

HENDERSON HURT

Against Missouri, Henderson spent more time riding the bike than running the ball. Memphis coach Mike Norvell described the injury as a "tweak" and declined to be more specific. Pollard was prepared to come in relief.

"It's a 'next man' mentality," Pollard said. "That's how we go about things. You've just got to be ready when your number's called."

UNLOCKED

Lock threw for just one touchdown and five interceptions in his previous three games. The last time he tossed for over 300 yards and four touchdowns came against Wyoming in week two, when he compiled 398 yards and four touchdowns.

"I thought he was smart with the ball," Odom said. "He's continuing to grow, he's such a talented kid and player. In-game adjustments, I thought, was maybe one of the best ways that he's done up to this point."

Final	1	2	3	4	T
MEM	3	17	7	6	33
MIZ	21	27	14	3	65

Scoring Summary -----

	MEM	MIZ
FIRST QUARTER		
Larry Rountree III 2 Yd Run (Tucker McCann Kick)		
3 plays, 27 yards, 0:57	0	7
MIZ TD 9:18		
Christian Holmes 42 Yd Interception Return (Tucker McCann Kick)		
6 plays, 32 yards, 2:31	0	14
MIZ TD 5:55		
Damarea Crockett 14 Yd Run (Tucker McCann Kick)		
5 plays, 76 yards, 1:57	0	21
MEM FG 2:15		
Riley Patterson 26 Yd Field Goal		
13 plays, 66 yards, 3:40	3	21
SECOND QUARTER	MEM	MIZ
MEM TD 13:01		
Patrick Taylor Jr. 1 Yd Run (Riley Patterson Kick)		
10 plays, 80 yards, 3:17	10	21
MEM TD 10:52		
Tony Pollard 30 Yd pass from Brady White (Riley Patterson Kick)		
2 plays, 38 yards, 0:41	17	21
MIZ TD 8:47		
Albert Okwuegbunam 58 Yd pass from Drew Lock (Tucker McCann PAT failed)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:05	17	27
MIZ TD 8:28		
Jalen Knox 44 Yd pass from Drew Lock (Tucker McCann Kick)		
1 play, 44 yards, 0:08	17	34
MIZ TD 5:27		
Larry Rountree III 2 Yd Run (Tucker McCann Kick)		
4 plays, 65 yards, 1:58	17	41
MEM FG 2:41		
Riley Patterson 52 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 40 yards, 2:46	20	41
MIZ TD 1:07		
Albert Okwuegbunam 47 Yd pass from Drew Lock (Tucker McCann Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 1:34	20	48
THIRD QUARTER	MEM	MIZ
MEM TD 8:55		
Patrick Taylor Jr. 9 Yd Run (Riley Patterson Kick)		
10 plays, 80 yards, 2:56	27	48
MIZ TD 4:26		
Albert Okwuegbunam 23 Yd pass from Drew Lock (Tucker McCann Kick)		
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:29	27	55
MIZ TD 3:13		
Larry Rountree III 59 Yd Run (Tucker McCann Kick)		
1 play, 59 yards, 0:12	27	62
FOURTH QUARTER	MEM	MIZ
MIZ FG 11:27		
Tucker McCann 37 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 53 yards, 5:35	27	65
MEM TD 8:32		
Damonte Coxie 20 Yd pass from Brady White (Riley Patterson PAT failed)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:55	33	65

Team Stats	MEM	MIZ
First Downs	25	30
Total Yards	408	646
Total Plays	81	72
Avg Gain Per Play	5.0	9.0
Net Yards Rushing	200	273
Rushes	43	40
Yards Per Rush	4.7	6.8
Net Yards Passing	208	373
Comp-Att	15-38	24-32
Yards Per Pass	5.5	11.7
Times Sacked	0	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-7
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	5	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	8	12
Penalty Yards	65	122
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	35:08	24:52

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
MEM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Patrick Taylor Jr.	26	115	4.4	2	21		
Tony Pollard	8	75	9.4	0	21		
Darrell Henderson	4	15	3.8	0	8		
Brady White	5	-5	-1.0	0	1		
MIZ	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Larry Rountree III	9	118	13.1	3	59		
Damarea Crockett	13	56	4.3	1	14		
Tyler Badie	7	41	5.9	0	12		
Drew Lock	4	36	9.0	0	19		
Jalen Knox	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Micah Wilson	5	12	2.4	0	12		
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
PASSING							
MEM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brady White	15	37	208	5.6	2	2	21.8
John Pop Williams	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	1.6
MIZ	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Drew Lock	23	29	350	12.1	4	0	98.8
Taylor Powell	1	3	23	7.7	0	0	64.2
RECEIVING							
MEM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Damonte Coxie	8	111	13.9	1	20		
Tony Pollard	2	44	22.0	1	30		
Darrell Henderson	1	20	20.0	0	20		
John Pop Williams	3	18	6.0	0	9		
Kedarian Jones	1	15	15.0	0	15		
MIZ	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Albert Okwuegbunam	6	159	26.5	3	58		
Jalen Knox	5	104	20.8	1	44		
Jonathon Johnson	4	46	11.5	0	19		
Richaud Floyd	3	28	9.3	0	17		
Kendall Blanton	3	27	9.0	0	13		
Tyler Badie	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Dominic Gicinto	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Damarea Crockett	1	1	1.0	0	1		